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PRAISE FOR NEW MEN

MILLIGAN AND HIPPERT ARE WELL LIKED IN KEWANEE.

SOUTH BEND LANDS PLAYERS

Dispatches from Illinois Town Confirm Announcements Made Exclusively by The Tribune—Dayton Wants Charley Cogswell.

Announcements given exclusively in The Tribune several days ago regarding the signing of Arthur Hippert and Davy Milligan, two players of unusual promise, by South Bend, have been confirmed by dispatches to The Tribune from Kewanee, Ill., where both men reside and by comment in the Kewanee Star-Courier. Both men are highly praised by this paper and if they are half as good as their friends claim they are they need have no fear of making the South Bend team.

Milligan, according to the opinion of the Kewanee fans, is the best player that has been developed in that town of crack players for some years and the baseball loving population of that city realizes that the signing of their player by the local team means the making of a big hole in their championship team. There is no one at Kewanee who does not think that Milligan will crowd some one out of a position when he reports to Manager Grant for practice in April.

In regard to him the Kewanee Star-Courier says: "He has natural hitter there have been few ball players in this section of the country to equal him. As an infielder he is sure fast and the chances he has of his throwing to first. The same paper speaks of Hippert as follows:

"Arthur Hippert is the second ball player from Kewanee claimed by South Bend. Hippert has had considerable experience in fast company and there is no doubt but what he will be able to travel in any company in the Central League.

"Hippert's first engagement was with Saginaw, Mich., in the Michigan state league in 1902. Duggie Miller was manager of the team and he was a leader in the league. The league broke up late in the season and he finished the season with Iola, Kan., in the Missouri Valley league. He was with San Antonio, Texas, in 1903, and he won the pennant of the South Texas league.

"The season of 1904 he was with Bloomington and finished the season with Dubuque, Iowa, in the Three Eye League. Hippert has a good hitter, a strong batter and a speedy man in the Three I leagues last season given him .276. He batted .310 for the season of 1903. He also has an offer from Peoria for the coming season, under Hugh Nicol, formerly of South Bend.

Christian to Join Benedictines.

Pitcher Tyler Christian, of the local Central league team, has signed a new contract for 1905, the same containing a reserve clause which will tie him to his new managerial home for many years to come. Christian has been associated with the Greens, but with a handsome young lady, now a resident of Chicago, but who will soon make her home in South Bend.

Christian perhaps will take place before the passing of the winter's snow. Christian is passing the winter months as an employe of the Studebaker company, the company's offices and store being connected with the big sewing machine works he has been strictly attending to business and few of the fans know that he was in the city.

Coach Arndt Takes Charge.

Baseball candidates at Notre Dame reported to Coach Harry Arndt of this city last week for the spring drill. Some of them until the latter part of next month, when he will join the Cincinnati National league team for the southern training trip.

Practice will take place in each that Notre Dame will have a team which bids fair to uphold the honors of last season's variety. The first game of the out will not take place until Feb. 1, however, and the men will work in the big "gym."

Jimmy Ryan's Round-up.

Manager Jimmy Ryan, of Evansville, is making his headquarters in Chicago and is gradually rounding up his 1905 team.

He has had man to sign a contract with him is Pitcher Charlie McCafferty, who played his first professional ball with Springfield, Ill., in 1902, and the last two years with Springfield, Ill., in the Three I league.

W. H. Clemens, another pitcher, to sign back his professional career in the Three I league, last year he played in the Eastern and Connecticut Valley leagues up till last year, when he played independent ball. Frank Fowler, who is footed by Ryan himself as a pitcher, last year played with the independent ball circuit Chicago. Another pitcher of promise is Red Adair, who played independently last year with the strong teams at Attica, Ind., Kingman, Ind., and Ottawa, Ill., and hooking the Chicago Giants, the crack colored club down to one hit. He is but 23 years old.

Ryan's candidate for first base is Will Stone, who played with Springfield and Sioux City in the Western league last year. Another first baseman who is also an outfielder, and who will probably be played here, is J. M. Stein. He played last season with the Jersey City celebrated independent team at Hoboken, N. J., and is one of the cranks of the team. He is six feet tall. The only small man in the bunch thus far signed is Jimmy Ryan, who will play third base. He played with Quincy, Ill., in the Three league team in 1901 for a time, and last year was with Sioux City and Des Moines in the Western league. He is five feet one inch in height.

Dayton Likes "Red" Cogswell.

Charlie Cogswell is still the idol of the Dayton fans and they are willing to see him as a member of the "Vets" gardening trip, notwithstanding the awful finish which he made in Central league harness last year.

Charlie Cogswell is a great bumper of the homeside, all his faults are overlooked and cranks at the home of the "Old Vets" are confident that "Blondie" could but Hub Knoll's team to victory.

Dayton, however, need have no fear that "Cogsy" will cut up any capers in that vicinity this year, unless he should fall to make good with Louisville and Manager Ryan, who knows his weaknesses and pass up his peculiar ideas regarding the beauty of independent ball. In that case "Apple" Grant might be willing to sell the heavy stocker for about the consideration of a round trip ticket. Grant would be willing to send the trouble-maker to Odessa pastures.

The Dayton Journal looks on the probability of securing Cogswell in the following manner:

"About the only kind of trouble Cogswell caused in this city in his appearance last year was that he made the local outdoiters pretty tired in the course of the season. Charlie in the way he chose up with a club he happened to come to grief against one team. Some shrewd manager will take a chance with his disregarding tactics in order to see him, chase the ball and a school full of people would get tired and leave him in the outfield."

Gossip for the Fans.

Catcher Jim Mulvey, who has been for the Vigo County Bluegrass Rounders, has given up the matter as a bad job and has signed for New York either.

Wheeling has at most enlisted and has signed Pitcher Jim Ryan, who last year for the White Sox was brought to center the market. It is possible that he is thinking of so many in order to have several score arrested for trying to hold up the boys in blue. Ryan is a good boy to play ball and he will get his fist into his jail, if, if, if, for the county.

"In Rooney Vest the Vets will have a good outfielder. Vest is a fast fielder and his service will be of invaluable benefit to the team, says the Dayton Journal. He is another college chum of Hub Knoll, and that is sufficient that he will be a good man for the Vets. Rooney was with the Milwaukee Brewers last year and made a good record.

"Springfield fans are going "nuts" over the prospects of their Central league team in the coming season, and a club of 25 rookies has been organized to have the Garden team. "That's going some, to organize a baseball club in Springfield, Ohio, in the last three months and a half before the season is supposed to open. But then Springfield always was backward on baseball, and Dayton promises them a lesson that will teach them the everlasting speed of the Old Soldiers. Maybe."

STANDING OF THE BOWLERS.

High Averages Made By Players in the Two Leagues.

With an average of 172.52-30 John J. Cordner, of Niles is holding a firm grip on the championship in the Indiana-Michigan league race for individual honors. Cordner, if he continues in the present form, will win the best average money, as the nearest competitor is Holbert of the Cyrenaeans. Athletic club, who is eight points behind. At that stage the lead not appear to be a big handicap but when it is considered that the season is nearly two-thirds played and that it will be necessary for the leader to make quite a few double centuries to the Cordner, the merits of the Niles man's claim may be appreciated.

Holbert has bowled in the holding second place but has not played three games and is therefore not counted in the running. Rook is one of the best known bowlers in the country and has been in the game for years. He finished fourth in the individual, fifth, fourth, fifth and sixth positions are held by Dunne of the Athletic Bowling of the Centurys, and Hager, of the Cyrenaeans.

The rolling in the leagues is the best that the sport has known locally. The five at top are rolling better than 190, 25 better than 180 and eight have averaged better than 170. The averages with Dolberg and Hager, of the Cyrenaeans, are .....

	G	H	P	Ave.
Cordner, Niles	7	12	1207	172.52
Holbert, Cyrenaeans	3	12	1207	172.52
Rook, Cyrenaeans	7	12	1207	172.52
Dunne, Athletic	7	12	1207	172.52
Hager, Cyrenaeans	7	12	1207	172.52
Dolberg, Cyrenaeans	7	12	1207	172.52
Kiesel