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SPORTS OF SEASON--BASEBALL

"MIDGE" CRAVEN IS ABOARD SHIP

FLEET OUTFIELDER COMES INTO CAMP IN CONDITION.

EIGHTEEN PLAYERS HERE

Squad Leaves To-night for Toledo for Two Games—Stags and Bronchos Will Separate Monday.

"Midge" Craven, the lad who, when right, is the fan's delight, and the opposing catcher's nightmare, arrived in the city this morning. "Midge" will accompany that sum to Toledo tonight and will try his luck against the Mud Hen catchers. With the arrival of "Midge," there are now 18 ball players in the camp. Craven, Kroy, Kelson, Alberts, Martin, Smith, Walsh, McNeice, McLaughlin, Hayes, Baldwin, Tieman, Koehler, Kahl, Claffey, Connors, Fox and Lindsay. Eddie Coffey, premier outfielder, is on the job, but will not join the bunch until Monday.

Craven is counted on to the one of the star base runners of the league this season. Last year with only 86 hits he made 62 runs. He participated in only 137 games. Craven stole 46 bases, waited for 58 bases on balls, and made 29 sacrifice hits. He hit .346 and fielded .951.

With the presence of 18 ball players in the city, the spring baseball—bad as it seems to be—has then gone to-day. Teddy Kroy is looking fine and says he will hit .350. The K outfield, Kroy, Kraven and Koffey, is conceded to be the best in the league. Kelson, who was injured in a game at Toledo last season, is in prime condition.

The inland team will leave to-night for Toledo, where they will meet the Mud Hens in two games. The contest Monday will be the first game extended to attack by well against the American association club.

Manager Jiggs Donohue has not been reinstated by the national commission and fearing that the South Bend club would be suspended or fined, it was decided that the two Toledo games scheduled to be played Saturday and Sunday between the Bronchos and Donohue's team, have been called off. Notre Dame's crack team will play the Bronchos Saturday.

Eddie Smith is coaching the college boys and he has a team of fast men. His captain, "Red" Kelley, is easily of Central league class and his shortstop, McCarty, is said to be a second "Cy" Rush. The game will be called at 4 o'clock.

BUSINESS MAN SPEAKS.

Burke, of Manning Tea and Coffee Store Boosts Baseball.

R. L. Burke, of the Manning Tea and Coffee store, is a business man who likes baseball for the game and likes the game for the business benefits. He is a former Chicagoan and knows championship baseball when he sees it. He saw the Giants and Cubs and the Cubs when the two teams were both champions. He has also seen Southern league baseball in the south.

"A business man who does not think baseball is a good thing for his attendance, is a fool," says Mr. Burke. "Baseball does him good in every branch of his business. It advertises his town and that is a bigger halo to him than any other advertising.

"We learn baseball before we do our letters and we find it in all parts of the country. In the south where they are naturally slower than the northerners, they are just as fanatic about baseball as we are, and I can't see every game, but I will see every game that I possibly can."

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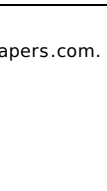

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