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BRONCHOS AND STAGS LEAVE FOR OPENING GAMES

EIGHTH ANNUAL CENTRAL LEAGUE SEASON WILL OPEN TO-MORROW

BRONCHOS TO MEET GRANT'S PLAYERS

WHEELER WILL USE MOFFITT IN FIRST GAME.

MANAGERS EXPECT SEASON TO BE FAST

ALL AGREE TEAMS WILL START WITH RUSH.

HOME TEAMS FAVORITES

President Carson to See Contest Between Wheeling and Fort Wayne on Home Grounds of Champions of 1909.

The eighth annual Central league season will open to-morrow, South Bend will play at Evansville, Grand Rapids at Terre Haute, Fort Wayne at Zanesville and Dayton at Wheeling.

The Grand Rapids and South Bend clubs left this morning at 9:57 o'clock for Chicago. They saw the game between the White Sox and the Tigers this afternoon and at 6:30 left for Terre Haute and Evansville.

Elmer Moffitt will be used by Manager Edward Wheeler to pitch the first game. The batting order will be led off as last year by "Midge" Craven. Coffey will do the scorching stunt, Krey will follow, and Wheeler will close up. Connors will come fifth and Knobel will be sixth. McCarthy will by placed just in front of the catcher.

Wheeler Not Talking.

Wheeler refuses to make any predictions, but says he will not be surprised if every home team wins the opening game. Not only is this usual because the boys team is excited to do a little better work on account of their home and fans, but the weather conditions this spring indicate the home team will win. Grant has not been affected at Evansville as has Wheeler here in South Bend. Terre Haute is a little better than it was at Grand Rapids. Fort Wayne has had very little practice and it will not be surprising to see Zanesville win. Dayton has a good chance to defeat the champs of Wheeling to-morrow.

Wheeling won the pennant last year, but the fans of that city are not overconfident the Stogies will repeat. President Carson will go to Wheeling to see the Wheeling team play the home team, then to Fort Wayne, Wheeling will go to Zanesville, then to Terre Haute, and then to Evansville.

The following umpires will officiate for the first few days: Harvey Patterson, of Akron, O.; Berner Brissolin, of Wheeling, W. Va.; Mike Sullivan, of Los Angeles, Cal.; Mike Jacobs, of Princeton, Ind.; Frank Newhouse, of Colorado Springs, Col.; George Sears, of Rochester, Ind.

Lineup for Opener.

The lineup for the opening Bronchos game is:

South Bend.	Evansville.
Craven, cf	Rudrer, cf
Coffey, rf	Sager, lf
Krey, lf	Hoffman, 1b
Wheeler, 2b	Grob, c
Connors, 1b	Meurson, rf
Knobel, 3b	Hadley, ss
McCarthy, ss	Grant, 2b
Smith, c	Hoffman, 3b
Moffitt, p	Crystal, p

ADLERS USE LEAGUERS.

Clothiers Take Three Bronchs Candidates and Win Handily.

The Adlers defeated the Valparaiso Standards at Valparaiso, Sunday by a score of 9 to 1. The Adlers plan to develop one of the fastest teams in northern Indiana this season and in Sunday's game, three of the South Bend Central league club tryouts were used. The two pitchers, Dyer and Byrne, are both Bronchs candidates and the third catcher is owned by Wheeler.

The clothiers started out in the first inning getting five hits and five runs. The sensational fielding of Grady was a feature of the game. Grady in the game he accepted every hard chance without an error. The score:

	R	H	E
Adlers	9	11	4
Valparaiso	1	7	1

Batteries—Adlers, Dyer, Byrne and Butler; Valparaiso, Lewis and Shea.

GAMES AT KENDALLVILLE.

City Team Defeated by Antwerp Reds Magnolia Trim Ligonier.

The Tribune's Special Service.

KENDALLVILLE, Ind., May 3.—On the opening games of the season at the Water House ball park, Sunday, Kendallville lost to the Antwerp Reds by a score of 5 to 3. Home runs were made by Kendallville and Antwerp in the fourth inning while the visitors made one foul base hit in the sixth. The batteries were Carr and Blackburn for Antwerp, and Limrick and Ramary for Kendallville.

The Magnolia team played at Ligonier and defeated the home team, 8 to 3. The Ligonier team has entered the Northern Indiana and Southern Michigan league, taking the place of Goshen.

ROLLS OVER EVERY PIN.

City Judge Farabaugh Bowls First Ball in First Tourney.

City Judge Farabaugh rolled the first ball in the city tourney opened last night on Smith's alleys and every pin fell. Friendly congratulated the judge and congratulated him on the feat. A strong hand been tied to the pins and when the genial judge rolled the ball he had the pins scattered. Although the ball did not carry all the way down the tourney is the first city held in the city.

Funeral of Tommy McCarthy.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 3.—The funeral of Tommy McCarthy, the ballplayer who died from a fractured skull received Friday night in a local Grand Street. Was held to-day from the home of his parents.

STANDING OF LEAGUES.

National Leagues.				American Leagues.			
New York	3	0	1.000	Philadelphia	3	0	.000
Pittsburg	3	0	1.000	Boston	2	1	.667
Chicago	2	0	1.000	New York	2	1	.667
Cincinnati	2	1	.667	Chicago	1	1	.500
Philadelphia	1	1	.500	Detroit	1	1	.500
Boston	1	2	.333	Cleveland	1	2	.333
Brooklyn	0	2	.000	Washington	1	2	.333
St. Louis	0	3	.000	St. Louis	1	2	.333

RESULTS YESTERDAY.

National League.
Pittsburg, 5; Chicago, 2.
Cincinnati, 3; Boston, 1.
New York, 4; Philadelphia, 0.
Brooklyn, 2; St. Louis, 1.

American League.
Chicago-Detroit, rain.
St. Louis, 1; Cleveland, 2 (11 innings).
Philadelphia, 4; Boston, 0.
New York, 1; Washington, 2 (10 innings).

GAMES FOR TO-MORROW.

National League.
Chicago at Pittsburg.
New York at Brooklyn.
Philadelphia at Boston.
Cincinnati at St. Louis.

American League.
Cleveland at St. Louis.
Detroit at Chicago.
Boston at New York.
Philadelphia at Washington.

TRY TO STOP BIG FIGHT.

Methodist Ministers Prepare to Make Nation Wide Protest.

By Associated Press.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., May 3.—Philadelphia Methodist ministers are thinking of a start a nation-wide protest against the Johnson-Jeffries fight in California on July 4. At the weekly meeting of the Methodist Preachers' association a resolution was adopted which says:

"Resolved that the permission of the fight can be regarded as nothing less than a deliberate attempt on a calamity to the moral life of our people; that the Philadelphia preachers meeting protest against the permission of this fight and that we instruct our brethren in Philadelphia and in the state of Pennsylvania and in other states to stir their people and to unite with us in a protest to the governor of California against the permission to conduct this fight."

GOTCH TO MEET ZBYSZKO.

Wrestling Champion Will Defend Title for Purse of $25,000.

CHICAGO, May 3.—Frank Gotch has signed to defend his wrestling title against the assaults of Stanislaus Zbyszko the gigantic Polish expert. The match will take place on Decoration Day afternoon at the White Sox ball park and will be for a guaranteed purse of $25,000.

Gotch signed himself an apt pupil in beating champions by securing a contract from Zbyszko. Before he can have his name attached to the articles he demanded and secured 40 per cent of the purse, providing the gross receipts do not exceed $25,000.

To Organize Northern League.

LOGANSPORT, Ind., May 3.—The managers and directors of the Northern Baseball league, with representatives from Frankfort and Logansport, met here last night and decided on a plan of organizing for the season of 1910. The circuit will consist of the following cities: Huffton, Marion, Huntington, Wabash, Kokomo, Lafayette, Logansport and Frankfort.

Sells Catcher Lisette.

WATERLOO, Ia., May 3.—Manager Sells to-day sold Catcher Lisette, for three years with Waterloo, to Superior, Wis. of the Minnesota-Wisconsin league.

AMATEUR ATHLETICS.

The Zeno Chewing Gum team defeated the Schaderoville club Sunday, 7 to 3.

The Spirits defeated the Adlers II Sunday by a score of 4 to 3. The batteries—Spirit, Hyde and Shiitt; Adlers, Koehler and O'Donnell. The Spirits have games with any team under 15 years of age. For games call at 1224 Lincoln way.

The Stinger-Steed-Johnson team defeated the Spirit's by the score of 7 to 5. Hyde pitched for the winners Koehler and O.Donnel for the Adlers. The Stinger-Steed-Johnson club challenges any team under 15 years of age. For games call at 1224 North Lincoln way.

Woodland defeated the Tamarack boys Sunday on the former's grounds. The game was the first of the season for the Tamarack team and was lost by Blackford, the Woodland team, 10 to 2. Sheerer's batting was also a feature of the game.

THIRD SACKER HALT SIGNED BY JOE RAIDY

ALVAH HALT.

Alvah Halt, of Sandusky, O., who was given a tryout by Eddie Wheeler last fall, has been signed by Joe Raidy, of Grand Rapids. Halt accompanied the Stogs to Terre Haute.

ANGUS A. GRANT IS BREAKER OF RULES

EVA LEADER HAS BEEN AT IT FOR EIGHT YEARS.

TEAM WILL LAND HIGH

Predicts One, Two, Three Berth for Evansville Club—Grefe and Cady Are Strong Catchers, —Other Aggregations.

BY DONALD DENNY.

EVANSVILLE, Ind., May 3.—Angus Grant does not predict a pennant winner but it's either one, two, three for the Eras this season and Manager Aggie can see no way out of it.

"I have not had the opportunity to observe very closely the rosters of all the clubs in the league," said Grant. "I have been building my team in South Bend. South Bend has had most of their last year's men this season, I know what they are, and unless the other clubs hustle some, South Bend is going to beat them out."

Sixteen men will be retained in the early games of the season.

Cady and Grefe will be behind the bat. Jacobs a Terre Haute recruit, looks good and will be given a showing in the same department.

Hadley, southpaw, with Grand Rapids in 1908, needs no introduction in Evansville. He was secured by Manager Grant as being able to deliver the goods, will be the other southpaw. Tex Covington is back again and if he ever gains control, he will be a winner in the Central. Dugger, of the last year's staff, is also on the roster. Dugger who tried out with Evansville at the beginning of the 1908 season, and later made an outfielder, is back with a reputation, and Kraft, a local recruit, who pitched the Tigers hitless in four innings, complete the hurling staff.

Either Engler or Lejeune will be the first base selection.

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RESULTS OF BOWLING.

SMITH'S ALLEYS.
City Tourney.

ELKS NO. 1.	1	2	3	Tot.
Schaefle	178	148	184	510
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Chandler	180	181	184	545
Hart	180	181	184	545
Total	877	914	916	2707
Handicaps (Hart, 15)	15	15	15	45
Total	892	929	931	2752

ELKS NO. 2.	1	2	3	Tot.
Martin	188	188	188	564
Jackson	188	188	188	564
Hall	188	188	188	564
Clark	188	188	188	564
Total	846	846	846	2538
Handicaps (Jackson, 30; Martin and Clark, 18)	48	48	48	144
Total	894	894	894	2682

NEWS ITEMS OF NEARBY PLACES

CASSOPOLIS.

The Tribune's Special Correspondence.

CASSOPOLIS, Mich., May 3.—Miss Hazel Wenger, of Chicago, spent a few days here last week, returning home Sunday.

Mrs. Ella Marsh is at Elkhart, Ind., visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Gardner.

Mr. and Mrs. William Reagan, of Dowagiac, Mich., spent Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Hilton.

Miss Pearl Sage and Dr. C. A. Warwick, of South Bend, spent Sunday at the home of Mrs. L. L. Sage.

Mrs. Ella Marsh and family have returned from a visit with Mr. Rudolf's parents at Spokane, Wash.

Miss Harmon and Hugh Johnston, of Kalamazoo, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Johnston.

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"It's that's the fans of the circuit should know, is that I will have a club that will be a contender and fighting every inch of the way and it from the start until the last game is done," said Stanley Montgomery of Zanesville, last night.

"I have been pleased at the manner in which the club has played so far this season and his popularity will pitch in and help me. Montgomery and Hillman will gather in the high ones on the first day of the season.

FIFTEEN VETS TO START.

Dayton Fans Believe Knoll's Team Will Finish Well Up.

DAYTON, O., May 3.—Punch Knoll has the following men to start the 1910 season: Catchers, Martin and Rudy; pitchers, Walker, Jordan, Nagle, Alberts, Robertson, Corns and Fisher; fielders