

CINCINNATI REDS STICK TO ORLANDO

Manager Hendricks Is Aiming at Accomplishing Dream of Late Moran—To Beat New York.

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Orlando, Fla., April 5.—Tarrying later at Orlando to obtain the best results of training here where the soothing air favors old ball players, the Cincinnati Reds are trying to get themselves in shape to win the pennant that Pat Moran was confident would come their way this season. The National League team never trained under sadder conditions. All winter the Cincinnati players had dreamed of winning the championship under Moran's leadership. Even while the defeat of the Giants by the Yanks in the world series was the uppermost topic of baseball, Moran was scheming the ways and means of winning the 1924 title.

"I think my chance has come," Moran told the writer at Chicago during the winter. "I firmly believe I will be able to defeat New York next season. My team is unchanged except for the pitchers, where I think I have added great strength." And then, just as the training season opened, Moran fell ill and died. He carried with him the plan of campaign he had mapped out for the season. Probably, however, his idea was to perfect as much as possible team batting methods that would score the run or two which the Reds so often failed to get in 1923.

At any rate, this is the theory that Jack Hendricks, who knew Moran and his ways, is trying to work out. It is a system which is essential to a team like the Reds, most of whom have passed the stage where they can be expected to do anything radical. Youth is too far behind them for that. They must get all they can out of straight-forward plugging for every run in sight by the sacrifice and hit and run game. They are not fast enough to run loose on the bases.

"I have found every player on the team ready and willing to cooperate with me," says Hendricks, gratefully. "Not one of them has thrown the slightest hindrance in my way. Some people have said that it would be very hard for me to take Moran's place, because his ways and methods had become a part of the club's scheme. I haven't found a single player who has even suggested that what I propose would not have been Pat's way. I'm not going to borrow trouble where men are so willing to do the right thing."

One point must not be overlooked which favors the Reds. Roush is with them at the very start of the season. In other years he hasn't reported for spring training because of salary differences. This year he looks fit and is fielding beautifully. If his absence from the team meant a difference of ten games, as some critics have computed, Cincinnati is a whole lot better off. Even five games more in the won column would go a long way toward winning the pennant.

The other great factor is the pitchers. There is no need to take into account the remaining infielders and outfielders, who seem to be up to last year's standards. The catchers are admirable. If the Reds can field and bat as well as they did last year, will the pitchers pull them through?

Luque, the best in the league last year, looks strong and fit, and is pitching with the easy grace of 1923. Donohue is in better shape than he was this time last spring. Mays is physically as good as he ever was with the Yankees. Jackie May is wild but Hendricks, who knows him well says he'll come through when the season starts. Sheehan from St. Paul, a tall youth with a good arm, looks pretty good and the opinion has been ventured that he will become a regular pitcher. Maybe, but not right at the start of the season. Benton is much overweight, and probably will not be at his best at the start. Jackie May is more likely to be fit for an early start. Rixie is coming along easily. He may be the left hander who will get the first assignment against the enemy.

If every pitcher could be figured as a .600 winner, the Reds would be immediate contenders for the pennant. The question is whether they can deliver that much pitching. Occasionally, the Reds may turn in a good batting day and run up a big score but if they are to win regularly their pitchers have got to hold the opposition to low scores.

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FOR THE GAME'S SAKE

BY LAWRENCE PERRY
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Moe Berg's release from the Brooklyn National League team for a temporary period while he goes through the minor league grill calls to mind the fact that college athletes with resounding reputations do not always maintain their prestige in organized baseball.

In fact the recent list of college stars recruited to the big leagues contains more than one blasted hope. Johnny Mohardt, the great Notre Dame football player, is languishing in the Southern League. Paul Castner from the same University has made no ten strike with the White Sox.

Glenn Killinger, of Penn State, a great half back, has quit the minor leagues for a football coaching job. Hinkley Haines did not make good with the Yanks and went to the minors. Urban, the great Boston college footballer, has not risen to fame with the Yankees.

Yet that the line between college and organized baseball does not constitute an insurmountable barrier is proved by not a few recent college grads who have made good in major company, since Sisler's entry.

First of all, Frank Frisch, of the Giants. Fordham was his alma mater. Then there is Joe Dugan of the

Yanks, Holy Cross, 1917. Aaron Ward, also of the Yanks came from the Ouachita College. Harry Hellmann, of Detroit was a Sacred Heart player on the West Coast, Stephenson, the nifty Cleveland infielder, was graduated from University of Alabama in 1918.

Jackson who will probably be a Giant infielder this year, came out of Ouachita in 1920. Lou Gehring, of Columbia, is expected to be a regular infielder for the Yankees. Arnold Stutz, Holy Cross, 1919, is with the Chicago Cubs, making good. Howard Freitag, Ohio Wesleyan, 1922, is doing well with the St. Louis Cards. Horace Ford, of the Phillies, was at Tufts in 1917. There are others, but these seem to be the high lights.

More and more, former Notre Dame stars of the gridiron are carrying the Rockne gospel abroad. The latest coup in this respect goes to the credit of the University of Georgia which has secured Harry Mehre, center at South Bend in '19, '20, '21, as line coach. Georgia Tech take notice. All Bill Alexander needs is a thorough going line instructor.

Wills-Madden Bout Looks Certain Now

Harry Says His Fist is Perfectly Healed and Fight Expected in April

By FAIR PLAY
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New York, April 5.—Harry Wills displayed with a lot of pride a perfectly healed fist at the Stribling-McTigue bout at which he was very much among those present.

This means that he is ready to fight Bartley Madden—unless Tex Rickard has some reason for stopping him from going through with this intended bout. But Harry spoke as though nothing would prevent the proposed April 26 setto in Jersey and so the fans can look forward to a real line up on the brown panther's punching power.

Harry Greb was also in attendance at the Newark Armory and it is not found to have suffered grave physical effects from the clouds of tobacco smoke he was obliged to inhale he will shortly be seen in action. First come first served.

Harry thinks well of Stribling. His opinion was that if Stribling had done less wild hitting and taken time to measure McTigue in that tenth round he would now be light heavy champion of the world. Stribling is not by any means a lighter hitter, says Harry. As Greb may meet Stribling some time this year his views were interesting to hear.

Ad Stone may fight Charley Weinert soon and if he does, and wins handily the Philadelphia cannot be disregarded as a very important contender for the light heavy title. Weinert looked to be in very good condition at the Jersey armory and talked as though he expects to be the cruiser weight champion himself before another spring rolls around.

all certain that they will not—they will win more because they are one of the best defensive teams in the league than because of any brilliant or concentrated attack.

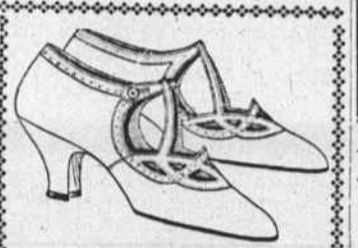
Cincinnati will try to get off to a runaway start in the West right at the opening of the season. This effort will be the feature of the early season play. If they succeed, their stonewall defense may keep them in the lead.

CARPENTIER NOW PLANS TO FIGHT GENE TUNNEY

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New York, April 5.—Jack Curley's promotion plans certainly are followed by an evil star. Just when he thought he had Carpentier and Tommy Gibbons hooked up for a July 4 fight in Michigan City, Billy Gibson plays an ace and displays an agreement with Deschamps to produce his man against Gene Tunney on June 30.

There has been a lot of specula-



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tion as to how this happened. But the reason seems clear. The astute New Yorkers probably lost no time in advising Deschamps, Carpentier & Company as to the attitude of the governor of Indiana, which, to say the least, was doubtful. Prospects that the fight might not be permitted, coupled with a logical preference on the part of Deschamps for Tunney rather than Gibbons as an opponent for his man, in all probability were the deciding factors in Gibbons's success in securing Carp. Curley will probably get little satisfaction in the thought that if Carp beats Gene the Frenchman will be available for Gibbons at a later date, because all the prospects are that the Frenchman will not prevail over the ex-marine. Carpentier as an attraction looks good for just one bout against a real fighter.

State Defeats Guilford

Raleigh, April 5.—State College defeated Guilford here yesterday, 2 to 0.

Methodists Beat Baptists

Rocky Mount, April 5.—Trinity defeated Wake Forest here yesterday by the score of 3 to 1.

IN POLICE COURT

Mary Bailey, colored, for disorderly conduct was fined \$10 and costs in police court Saturday morning. Sam Duvall, for exceeding the speed limit was fined \$5 and costs. A case against George J. Spencer for illegal possession of liquor was continued on account of insufficient evidence.

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