

MAJORS GREEDY FOR NEW STARS

And While Indianapolis Seems Have Whole Bunch of Them Owners Are Not Disposed to Give Them Up.

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New York, May 13 — Both Cincinnati and Brooklyn are in the hot race for some of the best players in Indianapolis. The clubs hope both of them will catch up with Indianapolis in the near future. Indianapolis is not willing to have the team disturbed until it has won the pennant it seems headed for.

As a matter of fact, Cincinnati and Brooklyn are not the only big league clubs that would like to pick at the hard playing Hoosiers. Several other teams have an eye on them. Indeed, somebody wants almost every player Indianapolis has got. There are so many good ones that the club would be riddled if the big league sharpshooters had their way.

Even Donie Bush, manager of the Indianapolis team might have been as good a shortstop for St. Louis as any other player that Branch Rickey has tried. Campbell, Brown, Fitzsimmons and Schmandt have their admirers. Schmandt was with Brooklyn, but he is a better ball player now than he was then. He has filled out, and is stronger.

If the Indianapolis owners were willing to take high prices for their players, they might get rid of them in a hurry. But they show no disposition to smash their combination for the sake of a quick delivery. Of course they risk hanging on, because failure of the players to keep on will knock their value down.

Indianapolis is in much the same condition that Kansas City was when it was developing Wright, the shortstop now with Pittsburgh. There wasn't a major Scout who did not get on Wright's trail at some time. Most of them, finding that Pittsburgh had the inside, began to pound with their hammers. It turns out that Wright is playing as well for Pittsburgh as he did for Kansas City, and he seems to be playing better than some other less maligned Pittsburgh players, who don't seem able to get their feet on the ground.

All the scouts who have turned their attention to the Indianapolis players will leave their prey when they discover that other clubs have the inside, and then it will develop that those players have everything—excepting baseball talent—from whopping cough to hoof and mouth disease. Meantime they look pretty good to everybody.

Here's another kid in the Middle West that the scouts might do worse than to keep an eye on. Ralph McCollister, second baseman of the Decatur, Ill., Club in the Three-Eye League, recently accepted 15 chances against Terre Haute without an error. He's pivoted on three double plays. He is 19 years old and if he can bat Decatur won't keep him much longer than this season. He'll move up.

In a game between the schools of Everett, Mass., and Somerville, McFayden who pitched for Somerville, lost in 17 innings, 2 to 1. A squeeze play defeated him. McFayden struck out 32 batters in the 17 innings. It was a great feat, whether achieved by a school boy or a big leaguer. Monroe, the Everett pitcher, was scored on only in the first.

ROMERO MADE GAME SHOWING

But While Admiring His Willingness to Fight Fans Had to Concede That He Had Little Else.

By FAIR PLAY
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New York, May 13 — Romero's downfall came after a game showing that brought forth the admiration of fans while at the same time, much as they wanted to, they could not hand him a great deal.

He has little if any science, as the critics pointed out after seeing him box. He has very little idea how to take care of himself defensively, and every time he bores in with deadly intent he is a mark for his opponent.

It looks as though Romero was not even worth building up and that Rickard, realizing this, threw him in against a good second rater to see if by some chance he could pull through. He failed and in failing Floyd Johnson does not get as much credit as he should.

Floyd's wallop has improved as a result of the exercise, including much wood chopping, that he has been doing in the past six months. He has a right that looks as though it were not to be despised. And he is better in every way. No doubt Rickard will fix him up with some good match for outdoors.

Firpo must be smiling. The one thing that would have sent him scurrying to this country would have been a Romero victory over John-

Hard to Hit



LEFT, WALTER JOHNSON. RIGHT, TOMMY GIBBONS.

Any batter in the American League will tell you it is tough to hit Walter Johnson, the fireball king of pitchers. And any fighter—no, even Mr. Dempsey himself—will tell you it is no cinch to hit Tommy Gibbons, best defensive fighter in the ring. This picture was taken the other day at the Washington park when the fighter went down to the dugout to greet the noted pitcher.

son. His pride would have caused him to come here just to muss the Chilean up, but now there is no necessity for this at all.

As to Firpo's relations with Rickard, Hughey Gartland points out that Rickard offered him 500,000 to meet Wills and Dempsey. And says Hughey, what would become of Rickard's promise were Wills to beat Firpo in the first bout? It's a cinch he would not pay him any real money to go on against the champion. Firpo is no fool and when Rickard realizes this he will have better fortune in his dealings with the wild bull.

Rickard's real chance of pulling out of what looks to be an unpromising position is to induce

Firpo to come here and pay him good money to beat the best contender for Dempsey's title. Then he could go ahead, were Firpo to win, and make all sorts of grand arrangements for a second fight between the champion and the Argentinian.

Romero's bust, of course complicates Rickard's outdoor outlook. If the Chilean is wise he will get out of New York and with some wise manager tour the country meeting third raters and thus gaining experience while he picks up a nice fistful of money. Almost any dub who has had the advertising Romero has received can pick up twenty or thirty thousand a year.

BASEBALL QUESTION BOX

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Answer—No. The ball is dead when it is touched by a player of the field. If such were not the case the players of the team at bat would be interfering all the time.

Question—A batter was hit by the ball which he batted and hit on fair ground after he hit the ball. The ball remained in fair territory. Is he entitled to first base?

Answer—The batter is out as any base runner is out who is hit by a batted ball.

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