

MERCHANTS TO PLAY ACME 9

Local Club Adds Strength Signing Three New Ball Players

Due to the failure of the opposing Ferndale team to show up at the playing field Sunday, June 21, the Birmingham Merchants did not play. The local team will play next Sunday, June 28, however, when the Acme Motors nine, of Detroit, comes to Birmingham to play on the Merchants' diamond on East Maple Avenue, past the Grand Trunk Railroad station.

Prospects for the team this year are better than ever now that the team has finally found a backer, declares Manager Joe LeFave. All of last year's dependables are back playing steady ball, and several new men have caught on with the team. Among the newcomers are Joe Kiley, brother of the late "cat" clean-up batter, Vic Canever, who won his freshman numeral at the University of Michigan last year, and Harry Schack, who recently graduated from the local high school. Kiley, like his brother, is an outfielder. Canever plays either the outfield or infield but will probably play the infield with the Merchants. Schack alternates with Rumball behind the plate.

"Goose" Kelley and Tony Schultz are again taking the burden of the pitching on their shoulders, and another first-timer, Ted Cox, has seen duty on the mound. The infield for the last two games has been the same one that played most of last year's games. Dick Forester on first, Dale McClelland on second, Tom Moore playing short, and Danny Jewell at third. The two Kiley brothers have alternated in left field, James Hill in the center field slot, and Hunt and Zagar also alternate in right field. This lineup is approximately the identical roster that has won one and lost one game thus far this season.

Last year the Merchants ended up with a winning percentage, winning twelve games and losing four. The addition of the new men to the team strengthens it at several points, and this factor indicates that the Merchants will probably play a better brand of ball than last year, barring any bad breaks or injuries.

The Merchants play each Sunday. The home field is the diamond on East Maple past the railroad tracks.

Wot Ye Do to 'm?
Angrer Customer—See here, that horse you sold me dropped dead.
Dealer—Can't help that, sir. I never did that while I ad 'im.—London Answers.

IN THE WORLD OF SPORTS

Bill Sullivan, Jr., Seems to Have Crossed Up Wiseacres Who Declared He'd Never Be the Baseball Player His Dad Was

BY PHILIP MARTIN

IN the sport world it generally is conceded that chips off the old blocks seldom grow to proportions of the original block.

When Billy Sullivan, Jr., whose father is the famous Billy Sullivan, star receiver with Charley Comiskey's White Sox of yesterday, signed with his father's alma mater in 1931, scribes and veteran baseball men alike were agreed that the youngster would fail to make the major league grade.

And after he had been shunted from the White Sox to Milwaukee to St. Paul to Cincinnati with a brief period of retirement from baseball thrown in, they were sure of it.

Billy, however, had ideas of his own on the subject. He had hit well enough with the Sox and had played first base satisfactorily, but when Lou Fonseca was appointed boss of the White Sox, Lou took over that position himself.

Sullivan was assigned to the catching job without the increase in wages he thought he had a right to expect. Result: mutiny.

He later relented and caught in about 10 games, but his previous trouble with Fonseca caused him to be shipped to the Milwaukee Brewers on option.

The following season—1934—Billy rapped out a .345 bat mark and major league scouts were hot on his trail. Chicago still wanted him. But when the Sox mailed him a contract calling for half of what he had received a couple of years previously, Billy said "no, thanks" and went into temporary retirement.

The White Sox sold him to St. Paul. He still refused to report because of the close relationship of the St. Paul club to the Sox and again he was peddled, this time to Cincinnati.

There, Billy was used only to ease the burden for the aging

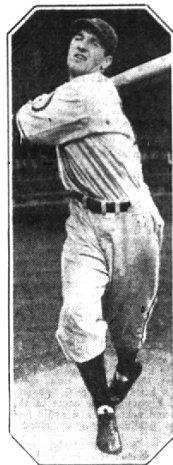


Billy Sullivan, Jr., right now he's swatting the ball harder than his famous father ever did—and that's plenty hard, as many an old-timer can testify.

Jim Eaganley. He didn't kick in the relief role and asked the Reds' permission to sell his services elsewhere, to which they consented.

A COUPLE of years before, Sullivan had exacted a promise from Steve O'Neill, who was managing Toledo at the time, to give him a shot at a regular job if Steve ever landed a berth piloting a major league outfit. Steve in the meantime had hooked on with the Cleveland Indians and Sullivan grabbed a rattle up to the Sixth City. He got a contract.

Billy—a strapping 25-year-old lad, with true Irish determination—went to work and won the first string catcher's job away from peppery little Frankie Frylak, giving the Tribe its finest backstopper since Luke Sewell



was vended to the Senators.

Sullivan is sporting a swollen sweat average far above that ever compiled by his illustrious pappy. In addition, he has lived down a reputation of being a scatter arm, a term used to denote a catcher who is apt to wing the ball into the outfield in attempts to cut down would-be base stealers.

If Billy can keep up his present torrid pace it is not unlikely that he will occupy a niche above his dad when his final out is recorded.

3,000 ACRES IN MICHIGAN BURNED OVER BY JUNE 15

Approximately 3,000 acres of wild land in northern Michigan were burned over by forest fire up to June 12, according to reports kept by Conservation authorities here. The total number of fires reported up to that date was 501. This is a better record than for the same period in 1935, when Michigan had its lowest fire loss in history.

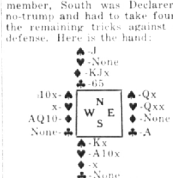
PAN AMERICAN HIGHWAY OPENING SET FOR JULY 1

The long-awaited opening of the Pan American Highway has been set for July 1. First announcement of the date was wired to E. S. Matheson, Touring Director of the Automobile Club of Michigan, today by Charles Mumon, official representative of the AAA in Laredo, Texas. An extensive celebration with high officials of both nations attending has been planned, Mumon said.

BITS ON BRIDGE

E. G. Whitney

Problem Hand
What? You couldn't solve the play of last week's problem hand? Well, here's the answer then. Remember, South was Declarer at no-trump and had to take four of the remaining tricks against any defense. Here is the hand:



South has the lead. His proper play is to lead the Diamond in his hand first. If West plays the Ace, winning the trick, and returns a low Spade, North must play the singleton Jack. Now, if East refuses to play the Spade Queen, South lets the trick hold in dummy, then cashes the King of Diamonds and leads another Diamond. West being thrown in the lead, he must now return either a Spade or a Heart, in which case South will win, with his king or Ace, the last two tricks.

If, on the lead of a low Spade by West, East plays his Queen over Dummy's Jack, South wins with his King, says down the Heart Ace, and then throws West into the lead with a Spade, forcing him to lead a Diamond into dummy's high tenace.

On the initial lead, if West refuses to win the Diamond trick, Dummy's Jack holds. The Spade Jack is then led and if East refuses to cover with the Queen, South overtakes with the King and returns his low Spade, forcing East to lead his Club Ace, followed by a Heart, which goes to South's tenace in that suit.

If East plays his Spade Queen on the second trick, South puts up his King, plays the Ace of Hearts and then throws West in, forcing him to lead away from his Ace, Queen of Diamonds, into dummy's King, small of that suit.

Now, you see it can be done.

KEEP YOUNG

"Keep young" I heard a speaker say.
"Keep young and beautiful. This is the way—
Think only lovely thoughts
And you will find—
What things you know are good
and right
Each day.
And every day,
Close fast
The door that opens on your past,
What bitterness and grief and sin
Are gone—a thousand thoughts
can not recall
Nor change, and so, forget them
all.
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