

**THERE APPEARS** to be enough strength in the fielding abilities of the members of the Perth Amboy Pacers to combat any club in the Atlantic League. If the team bats as well, they can be expected to give a good account of themselves when it comes time to start the league season on May 20. Strict attention is being paid to batting each day in the practice seasons and twice as much time is devoted to batting than to fielding. Each day the six pitchers throw to the batters for a length of time equal to three innings each, which gives the club a total of about eighteen innings batting practice each day. As soon as the batting cage arrives, even more time will be devoted to the batting work. It is expected that the cage will be here in time for tomorrow's game against the Royal Giants.

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**WITH EITHER HARVEY** or Dismukes pitching for the Royal Giants in Saturday's game, the Pacers will be called upon to face the first hard curve pitching of the training season. Bill McCrane may also toe the twirling tee for a few innings. In Sunday's game against Tottenville, it is possible that the pitchers will be Ross, Sheaffer and Simpson. All three look like first class moundsmen and the twirlers who beat them out of jobs on the Perth Amboy club will have to "go some."

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**HARRY APPLGATE**, who shut the Crusaders, of Easton, out without a hit or a run in last Sunday's game, has agreed to pitch for the Franklins in their game against the St. Anthony's, Sunday afternoon. The St. Anthony club will pin their faith on Neider, the sensational southpaw, of Woodbridge. With these two pitchers working at their best the first of the five-game series may develop into a pitcher's battle. It is almost a certainty that neither side will score many runs because of the prizes offered to the winner of the

**HARRY ROBEDEE**, of Tottenville, will most likely work the first part of the game for the Pacers against the Royals. Cliff Randolph is due to arrive here tomorrow and he will probably pitch part of the game, while series, both teams will strive as they never have before for victory.

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**"BILLY" CHRISTOPHERSON** will be a busy young man on Sunday. He will play short stop for St. Anthony's in the game that starts at 1:30 o'clock and then he will shift to third in the second game, playing the Tottenville A. C. in that game.

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**SHANKEY AND HUNT** are to have a finish fight for the first base job on the Perth Amboy club. Hunt is a fancy fielder and is hitting the

ball well in practice. Shankey, on the other hand, is not a flashy fielder, but he is a steady player who will be the same day in and day out. Shankey is a hard hitter and is a man who will be hitting the ball just as hard in August as he is now. All that Hunt lacks is experience. It is likely that Ganley will carry Hunt along this season as utility outfielder and first baseman and a pinch hitter, and with the experience of a season, Ganley expects that Hunt will develop into one of the best first basemen in the country.

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The Royals have a well balanced team all around and the local batters will have to place the ball out of reach of the colored boys if they expect to score many runs. Errors will be few and far between on the Royals side, and on the other hand, the Royals will have to swing their bats just as well as the Perth Amboy boys, as local pitchers all seem to be in the pink of condition now. No pitcher will be asked to go the full routs of nine innings by manager Bob Ganley until it is near time for the Atlantic League season to open.

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APPLEGATE AND PETERSON, the former Franklin battery are also sure of being members of the Pacers. Applegate, no doubt, will be a winning pitcher in this league and

will develop into a first-class pitcher for a league of higher class. Peterson will be the associate catcher. As soon as "Yellow" becomes accustomed to wearing shin guards and a protector he will be a much better catcher. There is no fault to find with his stick work, and with two good batters like Hunt and Peterson with the club for pinch hitting, Ganley will pull many games out of the fire. The battle for first string catcher is between Davis and Egan, both of whom have had wide minor league experience. In a minor league club of this kind it is an absolute necessity to have a catcher of minor league experience to handle the young pitchers and both Davis and Egan have had that experience.

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JOHN FULLERTON is well thought of by Manager Ganley. "Bob" thinks that with another years' experience Fullerton will develop into a star. The Keasbey boy is handling himself to perfection on ground hit balls and is also stepping well into the ball at bat.

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WHEN CHARLEY MEARA was told that "Doc" Scanlon was to pitch against the Pacers Sunday, Meara said that in a game last season he got a home run and three singles off Scanlon's pitching. The next day after this batting holiday Meara was taken down with appendicitis.

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