

# LOCAL ATLANTIC LEAGUERS HOPE TO STOP ROYAL GIANTS SUNDAY; NOW HAVE PERMANENT INFIELD

With Sheaffer or Clifford pitching, the Perth Amboy Pacers hope to stop the winning streak of the champion Brooklyn Royal Giants in an exhibition game at Amusement Park Sunday afternoon.

During the past week the Royal Giants have won three successive games against the Elizabethport "Tabs," Ephrata, Pa., and the Camden, N. J. clubs, while since spring time when the team toured the South and different minor league towns, the Royals won over sixty games.

The Royals were scheduled to appear in Perth Amboy during the spring training schedule. The day they came to town the game was stopped by rain with their first two

batters out and a man on first. Sheaffer was pitching against them at the time. A few days later the Pacers defeated the Cuban Stars, who in turn won from the Royals the following week.

Dismukes, the Royals star pitcher, is carded to pitch against Perth Amboy Sunday. Dismukes has been beaten on rare occasions only this year and he has beaten most of the teams in the New York State League, a class B organization.

#### **Pacers Are Improved.**

Despite their two losses at Middletown, the Pacers appear to have a better team now than at any time this season. It will take the boys a few games to get working well with one another, but when they get started they will win many games and the club will make a strong bat-

tle to finish in the first division, say the owners.

The secret of success of a ball team is in having players who are known to one another and who work in harmony. The many changes in

the Pacers' infield has failed to give the team that confidence. Teams which are now in the first division in the Atlantic League have been able to keep their infields intact from the start of the season and therefore they have been working well together.

Unless something extremely unforeseen happens the Pacers will finish the 1914 season with its present infield of Shankey, Bowden, Shufelt and Suarez. All are fast fielders and have had good baseball experience. Bowden has been playing regularly with the Pittsfield team of the Eastern Association up until last Saturday. He is a shortstop by nature, but fits well at second, where he will stick for the season. He handles a ball exceptionally fast and with Shufelt as a running mate they should execute many double plays on balls hit to either one, when there is a runner on first. Inability to handle the ball fast enough to double up runners has been the worst weakness heretofore in Pacer infields.

Rice, the new outfielder, looks like a hard hitter. He smacked a long drive for three bases in one of the Middletown games. A hard hitting outfielder is needed and Rice looks like the right man to fill the bill. Nye is sitting on the bench at present, but he will jump right back into the game if any outfielder falls into a batting slump.

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