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51,000 To Attend Tonight's Christening

... shiny, new Riverfront Stadium awaits Reds, Braves and fans

Game's The Same, But Whatta Stadium

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Cincinnati's dream of a new, multipurpose sports stadium becomes a reality tonight when more than 51,000 people crowd their way into Riverfront Stadium to watch the exciting Cincinnati Reds and the Atlanta Braves inaugurate the new home of the Reds and Cincinnati Bengals.

Red-headed Jim McGlothlin, a refugee from the American League with a 10-3 record for the Reds, has earned the honor of throwing the first pitch. Pat Jarvis, a scrappy, little fireballer, will pitch for Atlanta.

The 8:05 p. m. game has been sold out for a month.

Pre-game ceremonies, beginning at 7:38 p. m., will feature baseball Commissioner Bowie Kuhn, National League President Chub Feeney, National League President Emeritus Warren Giles, Francis L. Dale, president of the Reds, and Bill Bartholomay, president of the Braves.

Also participating in the ceremonies will be Mayors Eugene Ruehlmann of Cincinnati and Sam Massell of Atlanta; Cincinnati General Manager Bob Howsam, County Commissioner John (Jake) Held and Chester Lathrop, representing the Findlay Street Market Association.

Today's Enquirer brings you a 26-page special section on the Queen City's new Riverfront Stadium, where the Cincinnati Reds and the Atlanta Braves meet tonight in the stadium opener.

Wednesday's editions of The Enquirer will bring you special souvenir pages of the opening Reds game at Cincinnati's new Riverfront Stadium. Advance orders for extra copies of Wednesday's Enquirer may be placed by calling 721-2700 and asking for our Circulation office.

Gene Randall of WLW-T will serve as master of ceremonies and music will be provided by the Roger Bacon High School Marching Band. Pete Wagner's band will begin performing at 6:05 p. m., when the gates to the stadium open for the first time.

An atmosphere usually reserved for an opening day will prevail when the \$50 million stadium on the Ohio River gets its baptism.

Festivities will begin with a flag presentation by Lathrop to Howsam. Then will come some brief speeches

by dignitaries who are present. Both squads will be introduced, followed by the singing of the National Anthem by WLW's Marian Spelman.

Giles, once president of the Reds, has been given the honor of throwing out the first ball and then the action will begin.

THE ACTION between the Reds, runaway leaders of the Western Division in the National League, and the Braves, defending champions of the West, is really secondary on this night.

What is important is that baseball will be making a revolutionary move with the coming of Riverfront Stadium. Unlike other stadiums, Riverfront's playing field will be completely covered with AstroTurf, an artificial playing surface.

Only on the mound, at home plate and around the bases will there be dirt. The infield will be green with a white line painted around the outer edges to represent the normal skin section of the infield.

The Reds go into their new home, after 58 years in Crosley Field, with some things still incomplete. However, work has been completed on everything that will make for comfort and good viewing of a ball game.

The four-level stadium, constructed on a 48-acre site within walking distance of downtown, has been 29 months in construction. **IT IS EXPECTED** that half to two-thirds of the 4500 parking spaces at the stadium will be open. All ground level lots west of the stadium and the service or bottom level will be open.

Most of the traffic to the stadium is expected to come on I-75 and signs have been erected to help direct motorists. A ferry service from Covington to the Ohio side of the river will be started tonight at about 5 p. m. and will run every game night at the new stadium.

The service will cost \$1 per person and can be reached by entering the flood wall between Philadelphia and Main Sts. in Covington.

Houston and San Diego will follow Atlanta into the stadium. Then, on July 14, Cincinnati will host the 1970 All-Star baseball game.

Schools May Ask 8.5 Mill Levy In Fall

Judge Hands Down Sticky Decision

Honey was the weapon in an assault and battery case Monday before Hamilton County Municipal Judge Rupert A. Doan. And the birds-and-the-bees stuff entered the testimony.

The victim of a honey bath May 18 was Sandra McArthur, 3960 Bracken Woods Ln., a receptionist at radio station WSAI, Eighth St. and Madison Pl.

Under cross examination, she said Mrs. Wanda Jeanne Morgenthal, 31, 4457 Delhi Pk., came into the office, asked her name and said, "Here's some honey from your honey." She then dumped a plastic bowl of honey over the receptionist and an electric typewriter.

Mrs. Morgenthal told Judge Doan that after her husband's taunts about having "a little honey at WSAI," she did some checking of her husband's and Miss McArthur's cars, after her husband did some repair work.

Convinced that there was more than mechanics involved, Mrs. Morgenthal said she at first just thought of delivering the honey but then got mad and dumped it.

Judge Doan sentenced Mrs. Morgenthal to 10 days in the Workhouse and fined her \$100 and costs on the assault and battery charge. The days were suspended in lieu of a year's probation. Mrs. Morgenthal also was fined \$25 and costs for disorderly conduct.