

ELEVEN  
YEARS A  
CHAMP

Kilbane Tells of His  
Battle With Attell  
For Title

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World.

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A CROWD always is with a champion before the fight. As soon as his opponent starts to hit him, they are for him, and the champion steps into the ring, the cheers are all for him.

I learned that especially at Vernon, Cal., on that day back in 1912 when Abe Attell and I clashed for the featherweight title. I had been told by so many that he was unbeatable.

It didn't encourage me any more than witnessing an execution would encourage a man sentenced to die. But I sort of gathered my wits and asked myself whether it wasn't an advantage to me to have Attell such a great fighter.

Surely it would be no credit for me to lick or be beaten by a dud!

And so I climbed in the ring. I didn't mind the half-hearted cheers I received, and the roof-raising cheers that went to Abe. I determined not to rush him, but to have him bring the fight to me. When he brought it, I'd have a reception committee consisting of a couple of rights and a few lefts there to greet him.

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INDEPENDENT AND  
AMATEUR BALL

The Indianapolis Giants will play at Kohn Sunday. For games address Gus Fleming, Thirtieth and Yates Sts.

The Sahara Grotto will play the Imperial Drop Forge team on Saturday. For league at Riverside diamond No. 8.

The Y. M. C. team defeated St. Phillips, 7 to 6. Games are wanted. Call Drexel 6159. A meeting will be held at the usual place on Friday night at 8 o'clock.

The manager of the Lincoln A. A. is requested to call Bernard Duran at Belmont 0725, between 6:30 and 7:30 tonight. This is in regard to Sunday's game with the Y. C. A.

A good game is expected Sunday at Brookside diamond No. 3 at 3:30 o'clock, when the Jones Transfers play the Munroe A. C. Phil. Dillon, Thomas and Sanders take notice.

STILESVILLE, Ind., May 16.—Stilesville had no trouble in defeating the Indianapolis Giants here, 12 to 7. The game was a contest of J. Costin and the long drive of Catcher Diddel featured the contest.

There will be a meeting tonight of the Millardites at 64 E. Raymond St. The Millardites will play at Brookside Sunday. The game with the Indianapolis Bleaching Company has been cancelled.

The Fraternal Order of Eagles baseball club has an open date for Sunday. The Eagles claim to have a fast club. For games call Mike 0710, or address J. S. Overman, 440 E. Washington St. Rushville, Martinsville, Stilesville and Hope take notice.

The Acme Players will hold a meeting tonight at the library and all players are asked to attend. Stoney, White, Rader, Daley, Poppinbaugh, Hartzog, Malt, George, Greer and Hooce will arrive. The manager of the Intestible Jokers is asked to call Belmont 3647 and ask for Windy.

The Highland Club will hold a meeting tonight at 7:30 in Highland Park and the following players are asked to attend: E. Clemens, T. Burke, M. E. Burke, M. E. Burke, R. Kane, B. Osborne, S. Backmeyer, B. Forbes, E. Lafrance, E. Watson. For games with the Cubs call Belmont 1972 and ask for Alvin. The Cubs would like to book games with some fast teams playing in the 15-16-old class.

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## Twenty Horses Expected to Be at Barrier for Derby Next Saturday

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FAVOR BY WIN

Preakness Fizzle Comes in  
Ahead in Rainbow  
Handicap.

By United Press  
CHURCHILL DOWNS, Ky.,  
May 16.—At least twenty, possibly as many as twenty-five of the greatest 3-year-olds in the United States are expected to be at the barrier Saturday for the running of the Forty-Ninth Kentucky Derby. The purse, which may reach \$50,000, is sufficient to attract the best of American running horses to the improved track here.

Zev, yesterday's winner of the feature Rainbow Handicap at Jamaica, will arrive Friday. Picked to win the Preakness stake, Zev came in trailing with the also rans and Harry F. Sinclair, his owner decided to give him another chance in the Rainbow handicap. When Zev won handily from Dominique, Regal, Gallant Man and Rusan Tait, Sinclair came to the conclusion that Zev is still a fitting entry for Kentucky Derby despite his disappointing Preakness performance.

On past performances it looks as though the Whitney Greenlee Stable's four-horse entry will go into the race the favorite. Other outstanding entries are Vici, Nassau, General Thatcher and Bo McMillan. General Thatcher, with a record of second money in the Preakness, would look stronger if Jockey Fator could be in the saddle. Fator always gets all of General Thatcher's speed out, but Fator was disqualified for the remainder of the week for alleged rough riding at Jamaica yesterday, thus making it necessary to get another jockey for General Thatcher.

If rainy weather continues and the track is as soft Saturday as it is now, Martingale, a fast mud runner, will undoubtedly be well up with the money horses when they round into the home stretch.

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## British Champ



Meet Roger Wethered, new British amateur golf champion. Francis Outmet, last American to fall in the title tourney matches at Deal, met defeat at Wethered's hands in the semi-finals.

MORE GRIEF AS  
TRIBESMEN OPEN  
MILLER SERIES

Janvrin Not There for First  
Clash and Indians Return  
to Last Place.

By United Press  
MINNEAPOLIS, May 16.—The Indians were tied with the Philadelphia Phillies in the Subway League today. Glancing over the standings of the two big leagues and the American Association it was discovered the tail-end Phils had a percentage of .304 in the National and the Tribesmen the same in the A. A.

This doesn't prove anything only that tail-end teams are consistent in remaining far below deck.

The Indians were a discouraged band Tuesday on their first 1923 appearance in the Northwest country. They had expected to have the help of Harold Janvrin in the opening game of the Miller series, but Harold failed to put in an appearance Tuesday and it was necessary to use the same old crippled Tribe line-up against the Flour City team.

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## SPEEDWAY SPINS

Spun by  
Blythe Hendricks

WITH the great 500-mile race at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway only two weeks off, race fans were getting anxious today for a look at more of the speeding mounts. To date the only cars to be seen in action are a few Durants and Bugattis, with a fleeting glimpse of the Barber-Warneck Special.

WORD that the long-looked-for Packard team, composed of two former winners, Ralph De Palma and Dario Resta, and the fast-flying Joe Boyer, would arrive today added a lot of pep to rain-soaked race fans.

They also were curious for a close-up of the three German Mercedes cars which arrived yesterday but were lost somewhere in the maze of Indianapolis freight yards. They were scheduled to arrive at the track today.

The German team made its appearance late Tuesday afternoon. It was headed by Christian Lautenschlager, former winner of the French Grand Prix. With him were the other drivers, Max Sailer and Christian Werner and their business agent, P. C. Von Goutard, the only one of the outfit to speak English.

The Germans are far older than the American and French drivers, their ages ranging from 35 to 46 years. They lack the sparkling personality of the French and Argentine drivers and show none of the levity that marks every American crew at the Speedway.

The Mercedes car will be two-seaters and, according to all reports, will be the heaviest cars on the track.

The German drivers had not been at the track five minutes before Martin Albis, Argentine pilot of a French Bugatti, trotted his car out on the track and was immediately followed by Prince De Cyster. Despite the rain, they knocked off a number of laps ranging from seventy to eighty-four miles an hour, getting the feel of the bricks.

The Mercedes outfit will occupy four garages immediately behind the pits. The French crew is quartered beyond the southeast curve half a mile away.

Cliff Durant, Jimmy Murphy and Harry Hartz took turns driving Durant No. 4. Durant's car. It seemed to have trouble holding down on the turns and more than an hour was spent adjusting shock absorbers and springs. Jimmy got the best results of any one and turned in one lap at ninety-seven miles an hour.

New and smaller wheels will be fitted to the Bugattis. After trying out the track the drivers decided the wheels which they brought with them were too large for best results. The new wheels will be for about twenty-nine-inch tires. The wheels are being built in Buffalo, N. Y.

A novelty in motor helmets was sprung by the Bugatti drivers Tuesday, in the form of baseball caps worn backwards. They said they were the only suitable headgear they could find in Indianapolis.

During a particularly bad rainstorm Raoul Riganti and Martin Albis, the Argentine drivers, entertained an interested audience of friends about Tom Beall's lunch stand with general observations on a wide range of activities.

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