

STERRIN' the DOPE

By VEDDER GARD

THE fans heard some long-awaited news today. Pompey, champion juvenile of last season, had his first workout Friday at Belmont Park. According to observers the colt is in excellent condition after the long winter and is, perhaps, 200 pounds heavier than last season. One of the chief favorites for the Kentucky Derby will be watched with eagle eyes from now on.

Don't ever get it into your head that Walter Lauffer is a "loafer." There is a resemblance in the name, but in a swimming tank—oh, boy!

Skeptics who will not believe that spring is here, just take a look at the amateur column today.

Bud Taylor's judgment and reputation as a "picker" will be at stake next Wednesday night, when the South Side Turners stage an amateur boxing show at the Turner gym.

Five entries on the card will be from Bud's gymnasium at Terre Haute, and they were recommended to Arthur Paetz, Turner matchmaker, by Taylor as capable of turning back any opposition. In the diamondpools to offer, the "Hut" entries are:

Ray Van Hook, 105 pounds; Nasser Nasser, 105; Ross Wilson, 126; Phil Walters, 126; and Bud De Haven, 155.

Paetz returned from Terre Haute Friday. He said he will probably match the 126-pounders, Wilson and Walters, against Earlman Clark of Fairbanks, Alaska, while Cecil Hurt will likely be paired with De Haven. Opponents will be found for the others of the visiting quintet.

What's this? What's this? Passaic High School did not get the Eastern prep tournament, Christian Brothers Academy of Syracuse won the championship. At Glenn Falls, N. Y., by a score of 41 to 34.

It is just one darn thing that after another for Tex Rickard, New York promoter of anything and everything that brings a golden stream at the box office. Tex doesn't stay up at the top without many a battle on his own account. Some of the greatest struggles are not in the Madison Square Garden ring.

The latest effort to dethrone Rickard and end his monopoly on the big fights is the signing of Jack Delaney of Bridgeport by Bert J. Fugazy for an outdoor bout at Elmhurst field, Brooklyn, with Ad Stone, the Philadelphia light-heavyweight, on May 1.

Delaney is scheduled to meet Berlenbach for the light-heavy title in June. The title holder has signed with Rickard. What will happen if Delaney sticks by Fugazy?

This isn't the first time that Tex has been challenged by other promoters. Can Tex keep control of all the important matches? It is a stupendous task. Rickard has been at the top for a long time. He is a hard man to beat.

Sponsors of the movement to legalize in Massachusetts Sunday major league baseball and other Sabbath sports for which admission is charged, have won their fight to put the question to a State-wide vote.

The State Supreme Court Friday dismissed petitions asking that the secretary of State be enjoined from placing the measure before the people in a referendum.

Many thanks, weather man, for any little favors. The sun looks mighty fine. Thought maybe you had forgotten this was supposed to be spring.

It is said those Oklahoma City folks know their oil. And Indians are nothing new to the inhabitants of that part of the country. But just wait until Bush's Indians show them a few new tricks. Rain, rain, stay away, Owne's pitchers want to play.

The Detroit Tigers won their tenth straight game on Friday—but the American League season has not started yet. Ty Cobb took off his dark glasses to take a better look at Gibson and Johns, two rookie pitchers who held Nashville to four hits. Tigers won 7 to 1.

Wish those K. C. Blues wouldn't give the Chicago Cubs such battles. The Indians open the season there.

Not a tear was shed in Indianapolis when the news reached here that Pittsburgh had thumped Louisville, 13 to 4. The Pirates obtained eighteen hits. Local baseball bugs don't wish the Indians any hard luck, but then—

ALL-COMERS' TOURNEY
Commencing Monday at 2:30 and 3:30 p. m. Claypool parlors, Gene Henning, pocket billiard expert, will meet all comers at pocket billiards, line-up or continuous pool.

Henning will give an exhibition of fancy shooting and one-half hour lesson on how to play pool, after which he will select an opponent under the following conditions: Opponent to have his choice of the following cash prizes paid by Henning after each and every game played.

Anyone defeating Henning in 75-point game to receive \$3; entry fee \$1. Anyone defeating Henning in 100-point game to receive \$10; entry fee \$2. Anyone defeating Henning in 125-point game to receive \$20; entry fee \$4. Anyone defeating Henning in 150-point game to receive \$40; entry fee \$8.

ILLINOIS VICTOR
At Athens, Ga., April 10.—The University of Illinois baseball team defeated the University of Georgia, 10 to 2, in fifteen innings. A home run by Margolis and singles by Underman and Hoffman gave the team the game.

LAUFFER PADDLES TO FAME

Cincy Youth Sensation of A. A. U. Indoor Swim, Scoring 21 Points.

CHICAGO, April 10.—With fins having been written into another set of the annual national A. A. U. championships, a new name stands out in the world of swimming today as a symbol of near-perfection in the art of getting through the water. The name is Walter Lauffer, and the bearer of the name goes back to Cincinnati, his home town, after scoring 21 points in the meet, to enable the Cincinnati Y. M. C. A. team to walk off with the championships by the margin of 20 points.

Lauffer, coming here known as a good swimmer, but unheralded as anything like the sensation that he really is, took first place in the 100-yard, medley, back stroke and 100-yard free style. He was third in the 50-yard dash and swim in both the 200 and 400-yard relays.

Beats Johnny
Lauffer's real recognition in the meet came when he swam shoulder to shoulder for almost 100 yards with the great Johnny Weismuller, and then pulled away from the I. A. C. star to win by a foot.

Cincinnati, by scoring a total of 51 points, was first in the meet. The Chicago Athletic Association was second with 31, and the others were far down in the list.

Two more records fell last night. Miss Agnes Garaghty, New York Women's Swimming Association, competed against time and swam the 200-yard breast stroke in 3:22.8 to better her old mark of 3:24.

Walter Spence swam the 200-yard breast stroke in the new world record time of 2:29.6 to clip 2.4 seconds off the old record held by Robert Skelton.

Rademacher Shines
Erich Rademacher, the sensational German swimmer, competing against time, set American records in the 400-yard and 500-yard breast stroke. No previous records on these events were listed. Rademacher's time for the 400 is 5:36.8 and for the 500 is 6:59.8.

Arne Borg, I. A. C., again demonstrated his superiority in the 500-yard free style race by taking first over Harry Glancy of Cincinnati in the time of 5:43.2.

Amateur Sports
Western Union messengers baseball team will hold its first practice session, Sunday afternoon, at 2 p. m., at the club house, 18 N. Meridian St. p. m. Sunday. Bear and Greer, Harry and Ray, Russell, take notice. Games wanted with fast city State League, call L. W. H. Western Union Telegraph Co.

The Lincoln Highway baseball club will practice at 1 o'clock Sunday afternoon at the club house, 18 N. Meridian St. p. m. Sunday. Games wanted with fast city State League, call L. W. H. Western Union Telegraph Co.

The Madison Grays desire a game for April 15 Sunday at 2 p. m. at the club house. Also games are wanted with any fast team. Call L. W. H. Western Union Telegraph Co. 2025 Madison Ave. or phone Drexel 0287.

Pitchers Ray Neal and Earl Huber are asked to call Don Baister at Washington 6514-M in regards to Sunday's game.

The Tartar A. A. will play two practice games, one with Sacred Heart, at 10 a. m. Sunday, and the other with the M. J. Jackson Club, at 2 p. m. Sunday. The Tartars will play their opening game at 10 a. m. Sunday at the club house, 18 N. Meridian St. p. m. Sunday. League on Sunday afternoon, April 25.

All Y. P. C. players and those wishing to play at 1:30 p. m. at Riverside Park, April 11, will meet at the club house, 18 N. Meridian St. p. m. Sunday. Practice game will be played with the Madison Grays. For information call Belmont 0543-J and ask for Cliff.

Teams playing in the 14-15-year-old class wishing to enter a post-season basketball tourney are requested to have their names listed at the club house, 18 N. Meridian St. p. m. Sunday. For information call Belmont 1172 during the day or Belmont 3278 this evening.

Silver Flash baseball team will practice at 10 a. m. Sunday at the club house, 18 N. Meridian St. p. m. Sunday. The Flashes will open the season at Huntington, Ind., April 11, at 2 p. m. For information call Belmont 6510 Ferguson St. or call Belmont 2825.

The Langenscamp-Wheeler baseball team will practice at 10 a. m. Sunday at the club house, 18 N. Meridian St. p. m. Sunday. The team will open the season at Huntington, Ind., April 11, at 2 p. m. For information call Belmont 6510 Ferguson St. or call Belmont 2825.

LAWRENCE, Ind., April 10.—Any fast team desiring a high school and independent baseball experience, call Claude Wright and Harold Kenworthy of Lawrence. For information telephone exchange and leave number.

The Shades will practice Sunday afternoon at 10 a. m. at the club house, 18 N. Meridian St. p. m. Sunday. The Shades have open dates in May and would like to hear from fast teams in the State. For information call Belmont 6510 Ferguson St. or call Belmont 2825.

The Edwards All-Stars Negro semi-pro team will practice Sunday afternoon at 10 a. m. at the club house, 18 N. Meridian St. p. m. Sunday. The team will open the season at Huntington, Ind., April 11, at 2 p. m. For information call Belmont 6510 Ferguson St. or call Belmont 2825.

The Acme A. A. will practice Sunday morning and afternoon at Rhodus Park. All of last year's players and those desiring a trout should report. For further information call Belmont 6510 Ferguson St. or call Belmont 2825.

The Marion Cardinals will practice Sunday morning at Garfield Park at 10 a. m. and Sunday afternoon at 2 p. m. at the club house, 18 N. Meridian St. p. m. Sunday. The Cardinals will open the season at Huntington, Ind., April 11, at 2 p. m. For information call Belmont 6510 Ferguson St. or call Belmont 2825.

Dickerson's A. B. C. will hold their first practice Sunday at Riverside Park. The following players are to report: Dickerson, Shirley, Brown, R. Dickerson, C. Brown, Walters, Moore, Clark, Truesdale, Shirley, Brown, R. Dickerson. For information call Belmont 6510 Ferguson St. or call Belmont 2825.

PRO NET TITLE
NEW YORK, April 10.—The Cleveland Rosenblooms won the National pro basketball title when a last minute spurt enabled them to defeat Brooklyn, 23 to 22.

THESE NINE MAJOR LEAGUE MANAGERS HOPE TO WIN FIRST FLAG THIS SEASON



These nine baseball pilots are seeking their first major league flag. Some are hopeful this will be their year; others, less optimistic, are content to wait another season or so while they build up their clubs.

Cobb, Fohl, Sisler and Collins represent the American League and Hendricks, Fletcher, Baneroff, Hornsby and McCarthy the National, naturally.

Cobb, Sisler, Hornsby and Baneroff are player-pilots. All are in the baby member of the group in point of service, having been named manager of the Cubs during the winter. Last year he led Louisville to the gonfalon in the American Association.

Hornsby gained managerial jobs of the St. Louis Cardinals toward the middle of the 1925 chase. Collins was appointed White Sox chieftain a year ago, while Baneroff, Sisler and Hendricks took over the job of boss at the start of the 1924 season; Baneroff with the Braves, Sisler the

charge of the Boston Red Sox in 1924, after having managed the St. Louis Browns and Cleveland Indians.

Cobb has landed his Tigers as high up as second place, while in 1923 Fohl and his Browns came within a single game of tying the Yankees for the banner. Hornsby, Collins, Sisler and Baneroff all did well last season.

While the early dogs don't favor any of these "non-pennant-winning" managers to come through this season, some of them are still hopeful of showing the way and thereby cop their initial flag as major league managers.

WESTERN TENNIS MEET AT WOODSTOCK, JUNE 21
Singles and Doubles for Men and Women Scheduled—Tourney Officials Assured of Tilden's Entry.

The Associated Tennis Clubs of Indianapolis announced today that the thirty-ninth annual Western championship tennis tourney will be held on the courts of the Woodstock Club starting on Monday, June 21.

Western singles championships for men will open at 1 p. m. the first day of the meet. Men's doubles and women's singles will start on June 23 and women's doubles on June 24.

There will be no junior or boys' events. These divisions will be held at Culver Military Academy.

On Tennis Map
Indianapolis has been put on the tennis map by energetic leaders and many important tourneys have been held at the Woodstock Club. The record of past years is: 1921—Western championships; 1922—National clay court; 1923—National clay court; 1924—Western championships; 1925 was a rather lean year with only a State meet.

The work of the entry committee is just getting under way, but already officials report that Bill Tilden will be on hand. John Hennessey, local tennis luminary, also will compete.

In Good Spot
The tournament is in a fine spot, however, as regards the date. It is just a week before the Illinois State meet and two weeks before the national clay court affair at Detroit. No eastern tourney dates conflict and consequently many of the ranking players of the country are expected to be on hand.

John G. McKay will act as honorary referee. Edwin J. Wuensch will act as referee.

Entries in all singles events must be in the hands of John Hennessey, Consolidated Bldg., not later than June 17 at 6 p. m. Doubles entries must be made by June 21, 6 p. m.

Advance Sale
Boxes and season tickets only will be sold in advance. Members of clubs affiliated with the Western Lawn Tennis Association can make their applications to John L. Eagles, 826 Dorman St., up to June 14.

Boxes and season tickets will be put on public sale on June 15 at Spalding's and the Woodstock Club.

Kurt F. Pantzer, president of the Associated Tennis Club of Indianapolis, is chairman of the tournament committee and Edward J. Bennett, vice chairman.

Other committee members: Entries, John Hennessey; entertainment, Donald McLean; tickets, John L. Eagles; publicity, Edward Bennett; umpires, George Denny; transportation, Frederick Puch; women's tourney, Mrs. I. Watt.

JAY GOULD WITHDRAWS
Court Tennis Champion Out of Singles Competition.

NEW YORK, April 10.—Jay Gould has parted with the American court tennis title he held without defeat for twenty years. He forfeited the match he was to play today with his challenger, C. S. Cutler.

Because of stiffened muscles, Gould is withdrawing entirely from singles competition. He will play doubles, however. Gould was world champion of court tennis for nineteen years.

LE MARK WINS MAT MATCH
Frank LeMark, Chicago, defeated George Mack of Kenosha, Wis., in two straight falls of their mat match at the Broadway Friday. Mack substituted for Yankee Roberts, who sent word of a broken arm.

WHITE SOX WIN
EVANSVILLE, Ind., April 10.—Taking advantage of many errors and bases on balls, the Chicago White Sox won from the Evansville team of the Three-L League, 9 to 0.

Indians and Millers Reign Favorites in Association Race—Four Scribes Choose Bushmen to Win Flag.

By Eddie Ash
Times Sports Editor
OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla., April 10.—As American Association teams prepare to go to the post next Tuesday for the 1926 pennant race, Owne Bush's Indians rule the favorite by a narrow margin over Minneapolis, according to the opinion of baseball writers in the eight cities of the league.

Four scribes selected Indianapolis to finish first in a pre-season guessing contest suggested by The Indianapolis Times correspondent on the trail of the Tribe. Three chose Minneapolis and one named Louisville to repeat.

That the Hoosiers are "feared" throughout the Hickey circuit is shown by the fact that four so-called experts select them to land first position, three name them for second and one places them in the third hole. It is a pleasant tribute, at that, to know that everybody figures Indianapolis worthy of a first-division berth.

It is the only club in the league that remains wholly in the first division among the eight guesses cast. The Bushmen did not draw a position below third, which is some compliment, by the way.

Only Three Selected
Louisville, Minneapolis and Indianapolis are the only teams selected by one or more to land the championship. Of course, this guessing game in the American Association is merely long-shot opinion, extremely long-shot, because press associations do not carry much gossip and information about various clubs that would sharpen the writers.

In other words, the A. A. scribes do not get the same service as big league authors concerning rival teams.

But many American Association fans enjoy seeing the scribes hit or miss, and, therefore, the "guessing" goes on each spring in some cities. The dope, of course, usually is upset, which goes to make baseball a daily interesting sport. Ball clubs ordinarily are matched too evenly in the American Association to allow the scribes much of a chance to figure the outcome of a race calling for 168 games.

Writers in Indianapolis, Minneapolis and Louisville stayed by their home clubs for pennant choice, but leaving the "home guard" leaning out of it, Indianapolis got three votes, Minneapolis two and Louisville none.

Consensus of Opinion
Consensus of opinion among box score experts in eight cities would cause the finish of the 1926 race to appear as follows: Indianapolis, Minneapolis, Louisville, Kansas City, St. Paul, Milwaukee and Toledo, even, and Columbus, last.

The following writers took a chance and expressed themselves thusly in the pre-season guessing: Eddie Ash (Indianapolis Times), Indianapolis, Louisville, Kansas City, St. Paul, Milwaukee, Columbus and Toledo.

Ed Cochran (Kansas City Journal-Post), Indianapolis, Louisville, Kansas City, St. Paul, Milwaukee, Minneapolis, Toledo, Columbus, and Toledo.

Lowell Rorer (Columbus Citizen), Indianapolis, Minneapolis, Louisville, Kansas City, St. Paul, Milwaukee, Columbus, and Toledo.

Marion Vaughan (Milwaukee Journal), Indianapolis, Minneapolis, Kansas City, St. Paul, Milwaukee, Columbus, and Toledo.

Ed Shave (St. Paul Daily News), Minneapolis, Indianapolis, St. Paul, Kansas City, Toledo, Louisville, Milwaukee and Columbus.

Paul Allen (Minneapolis Journal), Minneapolis, Indianapolis, Louisville, St. Paul, Kansas City, Milwaukee, Columbus, and Toledo.

Paul Johnson (Louisville Times), Louisville, Minneapolis, Indianapolis, Kansas City, St. Paul, Milwaukee, Columbus, and Toledo.

And here is a "box score" of the proceedings, figured in composite form and indicating how the 1926 American Association race will finish, if the baseball writers in the eight cities know what they are talking about. Judgment is based on the rosters of teams at present, with no allowance made for future bolstering.

Position—1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8
Indianapolis..... 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3
Minneapolis..... 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3
Kansas City..... 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3
St. Paul..... 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3
Toledo..... 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3
Columbus..... 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3
Milwaukee..... 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3
Louisville..... 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3

Key to statistics: Multiply each position number by number of votes cast for that position, then total, and score follows:

Indianapolis, 25; Minneapolis, 19; Louisville, 25; Kansas City, 36; St. Paul, 37; Milwaukee and Toledo, each 51; Columbus, 53.

Low score rates high in this system of tabulation.

ROLLER POLO CONTEST
Cincinnati Team Clashes With Riverside Siaters Tonight.

The Riverside roller polo team will meet the champion polo team of Ohio, the Reichart Rink team of Cincinnati, at the Riverside Rink tonight. The Ohio team is composed of the best players in the Buckeye State and have only lost two games all winter. The Riverside team is made up of Berger and Toye, rushes, Davis or Schaffer, center; Whaley, back guard, and Byers at the goal.

YANKS BACK HOME
NEW YORK, April 10.—The Yankees arrived back in town after fourteen straight victories, ten of them over the Brooklyn Robins.

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