

TALKING IT OVER WITH JOE WILLIAMS

HEADING NORTH, March 20.—Memories still linger of a rare baseball picture that was undraped before the excited gaze of a few hundred baseball fans sitting in a sprawling wooden grandstand in Augusta, Ga., the other day—a picture heretofore reserved exclusively for the fictionists of the game.

Cobb and Tris Speaker picked up their gloves and trotted out to the outfield to play side by side for a common cause. It was the first time these two famous veterans ever had appeared in the same line-up captured in the livery of the same ball club.

There never has been a greater hitter or base runner, taking him year in and year out, than Cobb, and for all-round artistry plus consistency at the plate there never has been an outfielder who measured up to the gray-topped Texan.

Until George Herman Ruth came along with his fifty-two-ounce bat, Cobb, then with the Tigers, and Speaker, first with the Red Sox and later with the Indians, completely dominated all discussions pertaining to the science of outfielding.

WHENEVER anybody felt the urge coming on to commit an all-star baseball team he started out with two players about whose qualifications there could be no dispute—Cobb in right and Speaker in center.

A part of the formula, invariably respected, was the writing of a paragraph in which the claim was boldly made that any team having Cobb and Speaker in its line-up would be hard to beat, or words to that general piquant effect.

Of course, that was in the days gone by. Cobb and Speaker are still good, but like Mr. Dempsey's legs and the Tenth Avenue mice, make an interesting addition to the baseball merry-go-round.

Both have passed the age where genius burns brightly in baseball. Cobb was 41 in December, Speaker will be 40 in April. Years ago, their joint presence on any ball club would have made that club a winning combination. Today it is different. You hear many smart baseball men say they will handicap the Athletics rather than help them.

Maybe so. That is another story. I'm wondering how much more luster Cobb and Speaker would have added to their records if they had come along later. Say, six or seven years ago, when the lively ball was just beginning to make its imprint on the records of the game.

COBB always was a better ball player than Speaker. He was a better hitter and a better base runner, and while he used to be a great gate attraction he was never the gate attraction Ruth is. I think it is pretty safe to say there will never be another gate attraction like Ruth. Blending as he does, a vast personal appeal with the most terrific punch the game ever has known.

Ruth would have been a great ball player under any circumstances. In fact, he was in the process of demonstrating this as a left-handed pitcher before he turned to the home run bat.

Rozelle Beaten by Billy Meyers

Billy Meyers of West Indianapolis handed Harry (Kid) Rozelle a lacing in the six-round top of the Belle View A. A. show at the Princess Theatre Monday night. Rozelle was down four times, but showed gameness in constantly forcing the fight.

Billy Flint, substituting for Kid Maloney in the four-round semi-final, outpointed Young Buck, of Louisville. Red Wines outpointed Harvey Wise, four rounds.

PRELIM ROLLER RACE As a preliminary to the five-mile roller race between Bobby Monroe of this city and Carl Wenzel, world's mile champion, next Saturday night at the Riverside ring, Manager Parker of the rink has arranged a half-mile sprint between Eugene Stark of Ft. Wayne and Clyde Addison of Indianapolis.

COMPLETE CIRCUIT By United Press GALESBURG, Ill., March 20.—Representatives of six clubs met here to complete organization of the Central Baseball Association, a class "D" circuit, which will include Moberly and Hannibal, Mo., Keokuk, Iowa, and Jacksonville, Keokuk and Galesburg, Ill.

'Merrily We Roll—' ON Feb. 10 Norman E. Isaacs, assistant sports editor of The Times and conductor of "Of The Backboard" selected Martinsville to win the State high school basketball championship.

C. R. Feirrell, of 1532 Ashland Ave., differed and offered a friendly wager to Isaacs, Feirrell picking Muncie and the loser to wheel the victor around the Circle in a wheelbarrow. The wager was accepted with the provision Feirrell was to provide the wheelbarrow.

The Bearcats won and so Thursday at 12:30 The Times sports writer will commence his task of trudging Feirrell around the Circle in said barrow. 'Twas a bet!

Tribe Outfield Finds Punch in Tilt With St. Louis Cardinals

Combination of Poor Fielding, Poor Umpiring Knocks Indians Out of Victory; Betzel Pleased.

PLANT CITY, Fla., March 20.—Bruno Betzel's Indians got more runs against the St. Louis Cardinals at Avon Park Monday than they totalled in three exhibition tilts against International League opponents last week, but unfortunately, the Cardinals scored one more and annexed the honors, 9 to 8. A combination of erratic fielding and poor umpiring knocked the Tribe out of victory, but there were some good points to chuckle over. Danny Boone and Steve Swetonic did the pitching for the Indians and pleased the bosses, for the defeat was no fault on their part. Roy Spencer caught a fine game, poled one hit and lined out once on a terrific swat straight into Lester Bell's glove.

Herman Layne drove out a home run and single and thereby indicated he has found his batting eye after getting away to a poor start in the exhibition business. Five of the Tribe's ten hits were made by the outfielders and this fact pleased Manager Betzel because he figures the real punch of his club must come from the fly chasers.

Fred Haney at third performed in his customary starchy style and collected a single, a double and sacrificed. A throw from right field by Mueller was another feature, the new organizing a Cardinal runner at third. This hustling outfielder relieved Russell and smacked one safe in two attempts. More and more, Mueller becomes impressive as a ball hawk and a general all-around expert in the diamond profession.

That about blankets the good points of the play of the Indians Monday. Looking at the contest from a pessimistic standpoint the shaky work of Warstler at shortstop crops to the surface. He exploded with three errors in the ninth that ruined the Indians. One of the boots was excused and apparently belonged to one of the field umpires who happened to be a member of the Cardinals.

The box score shows Warstler with four errors, in the game, however, and three of the mistakes were bobbies. The ground of Avon Park was lightning fast compared with the field at Plant City and Manager Betzel was inclined to the belief the young shortstop was put out of gear for that reason.

The "Rabbit" had seven assists and one putout, however, and worked in the ninth very much as though he went to pieces in the pinch. He needs plenty more expert coaching and more games under his belt before his true worth can be judged.

The Indians went back to the double practice routine here today. They play three more games this week, meeting Buffalo here Wednesday, Buffalo again Friday at Palmetto and Cincinnati at Orlando Saturday. The diamonds are in good shape at Palmetto and Orlando and it will do the Indians good to play on them for they are in need of practice on fast infields.

The trip to Avon Park Monday was long and tiresome for the Tribe pastimers. The journey and game killed the entire day for the athletes. It was a sad ninth for the Hoosiers. When the Cardinals went to bat for the last time Indianapolis was leading 8 to 6. Warstler booted Martin's roller, Blades bounced to Swetonic who threw to Warstler in an effort to start a double play. The throw was poor, but Warstler nailed it and apparently brushed the sack, but the umpire said "no" and both runners were safe. Frisch singled, scoring Martin. Warstler erred on Bottomley's grounder and Blades counted with the tying run. Hayef doubled and Frisch trotted home with the winning run. The only stolen bases went to Mueller and Warstler. On a double steal, the former scoring in the seventh.

Holke was gyped out of a hit in the first inning by an umpire's poor judgment. Three umpires were used, Moran, a regular, behind the plate, and two St. Louis men, Onslow and Haines, in the field. The shoddy work of Onslow and Haines moved Owner Jim Perry of the Indians to the top of the Umpire John Kelley of Indianapolis be taken on the road trips. Kelley has been handling Tribe games in Plant City.

Perry said he is perfectly willing to spend some money to get his boys and even broke on decisions. He saw enough Monday.

Danny Boone fooled Frankie Frisch in the first stanza Monday and the great second sacker struck out swinging. He got two singles later in the frames.

Efforts by the Indians to land Babe Herman, first sacker with Brooklyn, appear hopeless. At least Manager Betzel and Secretary Clauer think so.

New Indianapolis arrivals in the Plant City training camp who motored to Avon Park for Monday's fray were Norman A. Perry, Tribe vice president; W. C. Richardson, treasurer; Martin Huggs, Arch V. Grossman, Elmer Scott and John McCann. Some of the party plan a trip to Havana.

Here's a new one. The Indians have been scouted during spring training. Monday at Avon Park, Scout Rourke of the Cincy Reds was seen viewing the pastiming. It was reported he was present to watch Danny Boone perform.

Pitcher Wallie Hurt, Indianapolis semi-pro, requested and received permission to leave the squad and return to Indianapolis. A sore arm discouraged him in his efforts here and he believes only a long rest will help him.

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Olympic Trip Is Possibility for Amateurs

A. A. U. Boxing Tournament at Armory Next Week End.

A trip to the Olympic games is a possibility for winners in the annual Indiana-Kentucky A. A. U. boxing tournament, to be held Friday and Saturday evenings of next week at the Armory. Tryouts for places on the United States boxing team to compete in the Olympic will be held in the East later, and any outstanding leather-pushers in the local meet will receive consideration.

A very colorful entry list is being compiled for the meet, and teams from Notre Dame, Indiana University, Wabash College, Culver Military Academy, the Gary "Y" and the Louisville (Ky.) A. A., together with numerous unattached boxers are expected to enter.

Arthur Paetz, Indianapolis A. A. U. official, in charge of entries, now is sending out application blanks, and is anxious to get in touch with amateur fisticuffs not identified with any organization write him at 1050 S. East st.

The tournament will be under the direction of A. A. U. officials and rules, the local American Legion post merely sponsoring the event to guarantee against any loss.

LAYTON STEPS OUT By United Press NEW YORK, March 20.—Johnny Layton assured himself of second place in the American Three-Cushion Billiard League when he won his last match against Harry Wakefield, 10-37. The victory gave Layton an advantage over Allen Hall.

Spring Training Camp Gossip, Chatter

MAY SUPPLANT "FATTY" SAN ANTONIO, Texas, March 20.—Bob Fothergill's failure to round into condition may cost the big outfielder his left field berth with the Detroit Tigers. Paul Easterling, a youngster from Seattle, has won the approval of Manager Moriarty and is being given every chance to win a regular outfield berth.

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla., March 20.—Herb Pennock, star southpaw of the New York Yankees and the highest paid pitcher in the American League, was selected by Manager Miller Huggins to make his 1928 debut against the Boston Braves here today.

RED SOX VS. CARDS AVON PARK, Fla., March 20.—The Boston Red Sox came here today to meet the St. Louis Cardinals in the second exhibition game between the two clubs. The Cards won the first game, 8 to 1.

TO USE ROOKIES By United Press WEST PALM BEACH, Fla., March 20.—The St. Louis Browns will start the season with a pair of rookies, Shortstop Ralph Kress and Second Baseman Otis Brannon, guarding either side of the keystone sack. A little more polish of defensive play and Manager Dan Howley believes they will be able to measure up to major league calibre.

THEY'RE ALL OUT By United Press NEW ORLEANS, La., March 20.—Three regulars and Coach Howard Shanks were absent from the squad when the Cleveland club started practice today. Shortstop Joe Sewell nursed a twenty-eight day, caused by a bad bounding ball. Pitcher Joe Shaute had a badly bruised leg where he was hit by a batted ball. Catcher Grover Hartley was in the hospital with a split thumb, the



Fights and Fighters

PITTSBURGH, Pa.—Willie Davies, Charleroi, Pa., flyweight, won a decision in eight rounds over Young Chapple, Philadelphia's Young Sailor, Charleroi, light heavyweight, defeated Bobby Richardson, eight rounds.

PARIS—Eugene Criqui, former featherweight champion, defeated Young (Kid) Carter of the United States, ten rounds.

BUFFALO, N. Y.—Jimmy Slattery knocked out Frank Muske, Buffalo, in the third of a six-round battle, Buffalo, Toronto, defeated Art Weigand, Buffalo, six rounds.

CHICAGO—Dave Shade, California, defeated Del Fontaine, Canada, ten rounds. Tony Saunders, Chicago, defeated Eddie Barr, Cleveland, six rounds.

TULSA, Okla.—Mike Arnold, Denver heavyweight, and "Babe" Hunt, Ponca City, Okla., fought ten rounds to a draw.

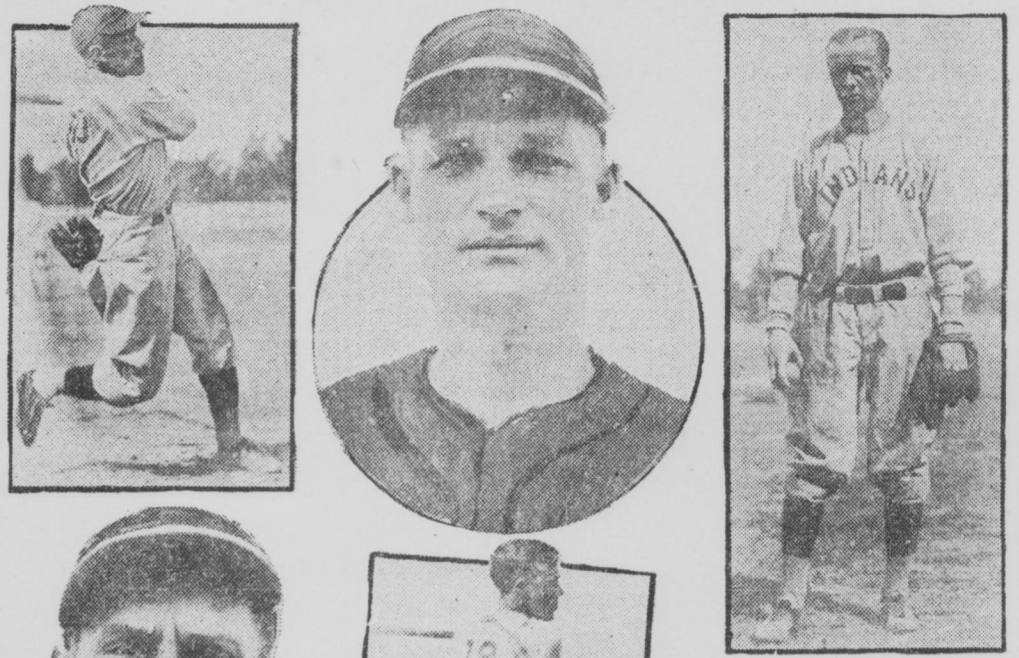
BASKET TILT TONIGHT

By United Press PHILADELPHIA, March 20.—Princeton and Pennsylvania will meet in the Palestra here tonight in the play-off game for the eastern intercollegiate basketball championship. All of the ten thousand seats were disposed of several days ago.

PREPARE FOR REGATTA MADISON, Wis., March 20.—Wisconsin's oarsmen are toiling daily on the rowing machines in the armory annex here, preparing for the Poughkeepsie regatta June 19.

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Betzelites Round Into Shape



Left to right (top), Herman Layne, husky outfielder, poled one to the outer gardens; Catcher Roy Spencer; Pitcher Steve Swetonic; (bottom), Manager Bruno Betzel; Shortstop "Rabbit" Warstler.

PLANT CITY, Fla., March 20.—The quintet of Tribe performers training here have been rounding into shape rapidly and have been showing good form in exhibition games. Swetonic toiled on the Indian mound Monday against the Cardinals. Warstler Monday "blew up" in a pinch against the St. Louis outfit and newspapermen here believe he needs more coaching before he will swing into a consistent stride. His many backers, however, back in Indianapolis are pulling for the youngster to pull through.

BIG TEN MAT TOURNEY

Michigan, Illinois Favorites to Capture Conference Grappling Meet. By Times Special BLOOMINGTON, Ind., March 20.—Michigan and Illinois are favorites to capture the annual individual Big Ten wrestling championships to be held at Indiana University Friday and Saturday.

Illinois has won six championships during the past eight years and finished second the other two seasons. Only one Conference dual meet has been lost by the Illini in the last five years.

HOPPE LEADS HALL

By United Press NEW YORK, March 20.—Willie Hoppe led Allen Hall by 100 points to 84 as the pair started play in the third block of their special three-cushion billiard match here this afternoon. Hoppe won both blocks yesterday.

PLUMBING Steam, Hot Water, Repairing of All Kinds CASH OR PAYMENTS E. E. TAYLOR 1920 Woodlawn Drexel 3223 After 6 P. M.

Gene Sarazen Out in Front in Golf Meet

Cruikshank, Farrell One Stroke Behind in La Gorce Tourney.

By United Press MIAMI BEACH, Fla., March 20.—Gene Sarazen, who has annexed every golf trophy of significance in the Miami district this year, was out in front in the La Gorce tournament today, with 39 for the first 36 holes. A stroke behind him were Bobby Cruikshank and Johnny Farrell, each with 40.

The final 36 holes of the tournament, with its \$15,000 in prizes will be played today. Only one amateur had even an outside chance to win—he was George Volght, Washington, D. C., with a 146.

Clustered in the low scoring group were some of the best known figures in the professional golf world. All of them expected to figure in the money, which will go to the first eighteen low scores.

Henry Hunt, New York pro, who was medalist in the qualifying round had 142, and Harry Cooper, Buffalo, N. Y., who tied Cuet for medal honors, was a stroke behind.

Other scores were: Joe Kirkwood, 143; Harry Hampton, 143; Al Espinosa, 145; Massey Miller, 145; George Gullickson, Cleveland, 147; Frank Walsh, Appleton, Wis., 147; Bill Melhorn, 148; Al Watson, 148; Charlie Mayo, 150.

Payne in Lead in Pyle's 'Derby'

By United Press WINSLOW, Ariz., March 20.—A new leader, youthful Andrew Payne of Claremore, Okla., led C. C. Pyle's "Bunion Derby" as the cross-country contestants started today's thirty-two-mile lap to Holbrook.

Payne assumed the lead in the Los Angeles-New York derby Monday when Andrew Newton, veteran Rhodea runner, who for nearly a week had led the field by six hours, dropped out of the race with a sprained ankle and a strained leg.

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