

Playing the Field

WITH BILLY EVANS

THE fact that each baseball season is filled with surprising upsets holds the interest of fandom. Otherwise, no game played every day for six months of the year could retain the immense popularity that has greeted baseball for more than fifty years.

As a matter of fact, the upsets often are of daily occurrence and usually beyond the power of explanation. A pitcher works a shut-out game one day and is batted out of the box in the first on his next appearance. A team wins four or more straight games, then suffers a defeat. One day a club plays like champions and the next day it looks like an also-ran.

The first few weeks of the major league seasons already have produced more than their usual quota of upsets. Since back in May, 1926, the New York Yankees had held undisputed possession of first place in the American League until the opening weeks of the 1928 season. During that time, Cleveland, considered "just a ball club" by many of the experts, showed the way to the rest of the field, the Yankees in particular. Today the Yankees were back on top.

The Boston Nationals, on the other hand, sensations of the spring training season and greatly strengthened by the addition of Rogers Hornsby at second, were picked to make plenty of trouble but they resumed their losing ways of other years and dropped to the rear of the procession.

THE St. Louis Browns provided a temporary thrill by winning the first four games of the season, three of them in succession from Detroit, picked as a strong pennant contender. This series was for blood, because last winter Manager Moriarty of the Detroit club swapped two of his stars, First Baseman Blue and Outfielder Manush for Outfielder Rice and Pitcher Van Cilder. St. Louis had all the better of the first skirmish.

On the Chicago Cubs blanked the Cincinnati Reds, 13-0, and the following day the Reds turned the tables, 6-0, a strong argument as to the real value of pitching. The Athletics, after losing four straight, came to life by beating New York twice, slaughtering the Yankees, 10-0, while scoring the second win.

If the winning form of the Cleveland club during the first two weeks of play to lead the American League over that period of play was a surprise, the reversal of form to the contrary by the Pittsburgh Pirates was even more unexpected. Pittsburgh, champions of the National League in 1927, found the early going more than tough, but have improved recently.

Class eventually asserts itself in all things, in no sport more so than baseball, because it is a long route and gives the stellar performers a chance to strike their stride and assert their power. No doubt, in a few weeks some of the early surprises will have been erased from the picture and the teams will start playing more true to form.

Fights and Fighters

ST. LOUIS, Mo.—Joe Dundee, Baltimore, world welterweight champion, defeated Billy Drako, Germany, third round; Meyer Grace, Chicago, welter, knocked out Lester Martin, St. Louis, first round; Frankie Oster, outpointed Charlie Glaser, Chicago, ten rounds.

CLEVELAND, Ohio—Andre Routs, featherweight champion of France, defeated Ignacio Fernandez, Mexico, third round; Philadelphia, Pa.—Rainey Smith, California, knocked out Harry Kauffman, Philadelphia, second round. They are heavyweights.

FT. THOMAS, Ky.—Kid Lencho, Indianapolis, defeated Joe Drago, Cincinnati, ten rounds, newspaper decision; Fred Miller, Cincinnati, defeated Howard Jones, Louisville.

AKRON, Ohio—Sandy Seifert, Pittsburgh, knocked out C. Christian, Akron heavy-weight, ten rounds.

APPOINTED DIRECTOR
CHICAGO, April 27.—Dan Lamont, former Loyola football star, has been appointed athletic director of Loyola University.



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Amateur Baseball Season to Get Under Way Saturday Afternoon

Indians Help Millers Lift Lid at Home

Tribe Opens Road Jaunt Against Kels; Sam Bohne Draws 'Days.'

By Times Special
MINNEAPOLIS, April 27.—Miller baseball supporters planned an enthusiastic welcome for Mike Kelley's Millers today in the first tilt of the season for this city, and if the weather was of the right sort this afternoon Nicollet Park was expected to be a gala place.

Miller fans have taken Manager Kelley's word for it that he has the makings of a strong team and they are pulling for him to get the pitching help he wants and make up some of the ground he lost during the trip through the eastern half of the A. A.

Indians as "Guests"
Bruno Brelz's Indians were to help the Kels lift the local lid, the Millers having been the visiting attraction when Indianapolis had its opener April 10. The Indians annexed three straight in that series, and one contest was knocked out by the weather.

Other "home" openers in the Hickey circuit today were Louisville at St. Paul, Columbus at Milwaukee and Toledo at Kansas City.

Kansas City is leading the league by "a breeze" with Indianapolis close up. The Hoosiers are in a bad way at present with two mainstays out with injuries, Catcher Spencer and Outfielder Layne. Florence, the other Tribe receiver, has had little action this spring.

Spencer Big Asset
Spencer got away to a flying start this season, and his absence may prove the entire club out of gear, for he worked every game.

The Indians will be on the road until May 12, when they return home for one game with Louisville and then hustle away again until May 22.

The Tribe bosses are making strenuous efforts to obtain Outfielder Brickell from the Pittsburgh Pirates, for just at present the team has available only Russell, Matthews, Anderson and Mueller, and Matty has a weak leg that may knock him out any time.

Infielder Sam Bohne of the Millers has been suspended three days by President Hickey for climbing into the grandstand at Columbus recently. A Senator fan was "riding" Bohne, and the Miller third sacker threatened to start a fist fight. Ezze probably will play third while Bohne is out of action.

Three-I League Starts; Quincy Loses in Ninth

Three-I League clubs opened the season Thursday and the scores were:
Danville, 15; Peoria, 3.
Bloomington, 9; Quincy, 8.
Terre Haute, 6; Springfield, 2.
Forsyth, 1; Peoria, 1.

Both Hoosier teams finished on top and attendance in each city was about 3,500, despite cold weather. Quincy, the "farm" team of the Indianapolis A. A. club, blew up in the ninth at Bloomington when four runs enabled the Bloomers to win. Spud Campbell, former Indianapolis player, manages Bloomington.

Lefty Thompson was knocked out of the box and Roberts finished. Both hurlers were South with the A. A. Indians this spring. Chet Russell got one hit, a double, and Ascher got two hits, a single and a triple. They also tried out with Indianapolis this year.

Funk, Danville catcher, received a broken leg in the game against Peoria.

HAPPY MEETS CARPENTERO
Happy Atherton, popular local flyweight, who defeated One-Round Boss at Tompkins Hall Thursday night, will meet Louis Carpentero, Toledo Filipino, at Youngstown, Ohio, Monday night in a twelve-round feature battle.

Mayor Slack to Attend Formal Ceremonies at Brookside Park.

TO TOSS FIRST BALL

Sixty Teams Scheduled to Start Play.

THE fifteenth annual campaign of the Indianapolis Amateur Baseball Association will start Saturday afternoon on municipal diamonds. All games are scheduled to start at 3 o'clock and sixty teams are scheduled to swing into action. Unlike former years there will be no parade this year and plans for fitting ceremonies at the afternoon's feature contest have been completed. Mayor L. Ert Slack, R. Walter Jarvis and other city officials are to attend the clash between the First Baptists, city Class A champions in 1927 and the Illinois Central nine, city Class A champs in 1925, at Brookside No. 1.

The mayor is scheduled to leave the first ball over the platters Arthur E. Carr, president of the Amateur Association, is to be on the receiving end of the mayor's delivery.

The forming of a league Thursday night brought the total of circuits affiliated with the local association to fourteen. Ten of these are six-team leagues and four are four-team circuits.

TO FIGHT IN BULL RING

By Times Special
MADRID, April 27.—Paolino Uzcudun, the Basque heavyweight, has agreed to meet Bertazzolo, European heavyweight, in the San Sebastian bull ring early in June, according to reliable reports here.

This would defer Paolino's contemplated return to the United States.

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION			
Team	W.	L.	Pct.
Kansas City	8	3	.667
St. Paul	7	4	.632
St. Louis	6	5	.545
Columbus	5	6	.455
Indianapolis	4	7	.364
Minneapolis	3	8	.273
Toledo	2	9	.182

AMERICAN LEAGUE			
Team	W.	L.	Pct.
New York	10	4	.714
Cleveland	9	5	.643
St. Louis	8	6	.571
St. Paul	7	7	.500
Chicago	6	8	.430

NATIONAL LEAGUE			
Team	W.	L.	Pct.
New York	9	5	.643
Brooklyn	8	6	.571
Cincinnati	7	7	.500
Philadelphia	6	8	.430
Chicago	5	9	.357

Today's Games			
Team	W.	L.	Pct.
Indianapolis at Minneapolis			
Toledo at Kansas City			
Louisville at St. Paul			
Columbus at Milwaukee			

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION			
Team	W.	L.	Pct.
Chicago at St. Louis			
Detroit at Cleveland			
Philadelphia at Washington			
Boston at New York			

NATIONAL LEAGUE			
Team	W.	L.	Pct.
Brooklyn at Boston			
St. Louis at Chicago			
New York at Philadelphia			
Cincinnati at Pittsburgh			

Thursday's Results			
Team	W.	L.	Pct.
Boston	9	0	1.000
New York	8	0	1.000
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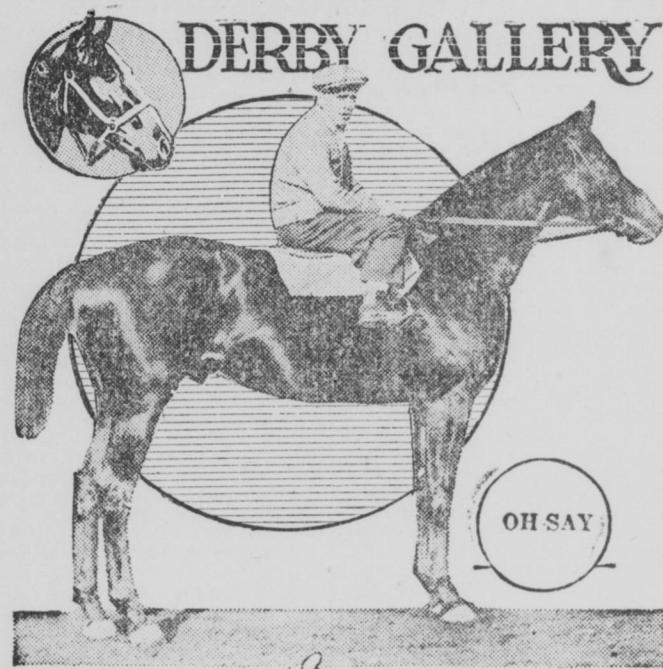
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OH SAY (Dis Dono-Roves Bud), is the pet entry of the popular Mrs. Virginia Fair Vanderbilt and has been attracting a lot of notice since he did a six furlong trial in 1:33 5-5 recently. He did not distinguish himself particularly last season, winning only three out of fifteen starts, but he showed heels once to Reigh Court. His most important victory was in the Champagne Stakes. He was badly beaten by Reigh Court in the Kentucky Jockey Club Stakes and was a bad defeat in the Pimlico Futurity. He is bred, however, for speed and durability and horsemen do not condemn every thoroughbred for poor two-year-old form.



PAUL GRAY, the high-tensioned young man, seems to be on his game this year. He won a tournament Thursday. At the season opener weekly tournament for the golf players in the Kiwanis club, held at Riverside course, Paul Gray, of the low gross honors with an 83. Homer ran Gray a close race for the honors with a 90. A. J. Calloway, A. C. Ostermeier, Harry Ochiltree and Louis C. White all tied for the blind prize. Their handicaps, subtracted from their gross, left each with a net score of 17, the blind par number driver. Scores of the other players in the Kiwanis tournament were:

Player	Score
M. J. Miller	109
O. F. Hammer	108
Harry Rapp	110
E. E. Martin	110
St. Paul	120
Chris A. Wagner	142
A. J. Calloway	105
Walter A. Jones	123
102 Judge Linn D. Hay	114
Carl Fritzer	124
101 W. F. Harding	115
100 E. F. Collins	116
99 E. F. Collins	117
98 E. F. Collins	118
97 E. F. Collins	119
96 E. F. Collins	120
95 E. F. Collins	121
94 E. F. Collins	122
93 E. F. Collins	123
92 E. F. Collins	124
91 E. F. Collins	125
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Pyle's Blister Runners Enter Eighth State

By Times Special
HILLSIDE VIEW, Mo., April 27.—The Pyle cross-country runners were to enter Illinois today, the eighth State since they left Los Angeles on March 4. The goal of today's lap was East St. Louis, thirty-three miles away.

Peter Gavuzzi, won Thursday's 45.6 mile run from Sullivan in 6:11:11, and increased his elapsed time lead over Andrew Payne, the Oklahoma youth, who came in fourth.

Phillip Granville, Hamilton, Ont., Negro, who has been advancing steadily in the elapsed time standings, was second in 6:22:11, and John Salo, Passaic, N. J., third in 7:07:42. The ten leaders and their elapsed time:</