

# Off The Backboard

BY VERN BOXELL

I am through with gatherings! During the last few days, my left ear has been having a big gathering, and it was a roaring, howling success. But I repeat, I am through with gatherings.

This left-side hearing apparatus of mine felt like one of the wild right-hand punches Mr. Tracy Cox has been tossing around here for the last few weeks had bumped into it. And even though I have disposed of the little mattering of gathering, a roaring remains which resembles Katie Smith singing "When the moon comes over the copyright owner, by special permission of the mountain."

While your correspondent has been undergoing repairs, very much has transpired in the basketball world.

In the first place, Ol' Backboard chugged up to Lafayette several days ago, intent upon seeing Purdue crowned champions of the Big Ten, which has been made down to the Two"—Purdue and Northwesterners are in depression in the eight other basketball teams.

With this accomplished, your correspondent put-nutted back to Indianapolis and dashed off a fitting soliloquy, in which he praised his own stamina—holding up under the terrific strain of seeing the likes of the Washington, Butler-Notre Dame and Purdue-Northwestern games in two days, and made the point that on Monday night he would be heading Bloomington-ward to see (of all things) Indiana try to knock off Purdue.

By a queer stroke of fate and a tight page Ol' Backboard's opinion of Purdue and the announcement that he was going to attend the game were left out. It was just as well, for your correspondent's opinion was that it will take more than any of their rivals to move that away from that Big Ten title and that Messrs. Fehring and Parmenter are too tough. Fehring and Parmenter are too tough. Ol' Backboard never did mind the Bloomington-ward.

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When the two now, back came Backboard, only to find that Mr. Eddie Ash, who is the Head Man in this department, had passed to the dormitory of the ballers, leaving his assistant holding the well-known burp. I hope he gets sun-burned.

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# WEINTRAB, WHITE SHINE IN INITIAL TRIBE DRILL

## Rookie Flychaser Displays Bat Power; Two Drills Daily Ordered

Ownie Bush, Minneapolis Pilot, Witnesses Indians in Action and Praises Young Shortstop; Pitchers Barnhart, Campbell and Hall Join Squad.

BY EDDIE ASH  
Times Sports Editor

SARASOTA, Fla., Feb. 29.—After a week-end of light exercise, which included a short batting drill on Sunday, Emmet McCann's Indians laid out today with regular spring training, calling for two practice sessions, the first at 10 a. m. and the second beginning at 2 p. m.

Leslie Barnhart, Arch Campbell and Lefty Hall, pitchers, were new arrivals on the Sabbath and the Tribe pilot now has enough pastimes on hand to warrant calling an increase in the pace.

During the hitting workout Sunday, Phil Weintraub, rookie outfielder from Dubuque, impressed the club officials with his power and he is sure to be watched closely. He is 24 years old, weighs 185 and according to Mississippi Valley League reports, the Chicago youth posted a better record in that circuit than Len Koenecke, who was obtained from the Valley loop in 1928. Weintraub sent a couple of horseheads over the right field fence at Payne park Sunday.

### Large Crowd Cheers Shade

One of the largest crowds ever to witness a boxer work out in this city gathered at Victory gym Sunday afternoon to see Dave Shade, California middleweight star, engage in a final training session for his round scrap with Sammy (Kid) Slaughter, Hoosier 160-pound titleholder, at the Armory on Tuesday night.

A capacity house packed the south side gym and cheered Shade as he breezed through the routine gym tricks and then displayed his speed and punch against Rosy (Kid) Baker, Arkansas middleweight. Bud Taylor reports his Hoosier champion ready for the biggest test of his career.

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### CUMMINGS WINS RACE

By Times Special

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 29.—Indianapolis automobile speed pilots finished one-two in the 100-lap feature event at Legion Ascot speedway here Sunday. Bill Cummings triumphed in 48.55 and Wilbur Shaw was second.

Manager McCann is giving Ed Lowell a lot of practice at first base and the Idaho Husky looks the part of a gandy fielder. His batting skill is yet to be disclosed. McCann is taking practice at both first and second and is in splendid shape.

Shaw set the early pace, but Cummings passed him on the seventh lap and held the lead all the way. Shaw won the Italian helmet dash.

TILDEN VISITS I. U.

By Times Special

BLOOMINGTON, Ind., Feb. 29.—Big Bill Tilden and his galaxy of internationally famous professional tennis champions will stage an exhibition meet here Tuesday night in the Indiana university field house. He has with him Hans Nusslein, Roman Najuch, Albert Burke and Emmet Pare.

TRACY COX SIGNED

By Times Special

CINCINNATI, O., Feb. 29.—Tracy Cox, hard-hitting Indianapolis lightweight, will have the place of honor next to Jack Dempsey when the old Manassas Mauler appears in a four-round exhibition scrap here Thursday night. Cox will be seen against a strong foe in the ten-round semi-windup.

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