

By Eddie Ash
Unhappy Ending to Strib's Ring Career
Seats Brought \$7 at One Fight Here

After traveling all over the world and all over his own country, meeting all comers in the squared circle, from pushovers to champions, Young (W. L.) Stribling, the King of the Canebrakes, passed out of active prize fighting yesterday as the result of an auto-motorcycle collision on the outskirts of his home city, Macon, Ga. His left foot was severed at the ankle and boxing followers everywhere, as well as all sport fans, are pulling for him to survive.

Stribling fought twice in Indianapolis and returned on another occasion in 1931, as a second for a fighter in his father's "stable." His first appearance here was in 1924, at Tomlinson hall, against Harry Fay, whom he easily defeated on points. Ringside seats sold at \$7 and the hall was packed. The Georgia battler performed in Indianapolis again in 1927, against Chuck Wiggins at old Washington park in a no-decision ten-rounder, the newspaper verdicts being split three ways.

LOOKS like Babe Ruth will be back with the Yankees next year. The Big Gate Man socked a Homer Saturday and another Sunday, helping with his own game on the Sabbath—which he pitched the full nine innings. Even an "efficiency expert" would throw up his hands over the ability of this old boy to carry on. The Babe made a speech Saturday night and picked the Senators to win the world series.

BASEBALL fans backing the Giants confess they are placing most of their faith in Carl Hubbell, "the lefthanded Mathewson," and they may be right. The immortal Christie carried the Giants to the world's title in 1905 and established a record that never has been equaled in a world's diamond classic. Matty pitched three shutouts against the Philadelphia Athletics, all nine-inning tills. He downed Eddie Plank, 3 to 0, in the first game at Philadelphia, Oct. 9, allowing only four hits. In the third battle, Oct. 12, also staged in Philadelphia, Christie hurled another four-hitter and won, 9 to 0. Two days later, in New York, Oct. 14, with hard time to cool off, he won again, 2 to 0, giving up only six hits.

THAT 1905 series was strictly a pitchers' combat, the hurlers dominating in each contest of the five played. All conflicts were shutouts, Mathewson scoring three for the Giants and Joe McGinnity one. Joe won the fourth game, 1 to 0. The Athletics captured the second battle of the classic, 3 to 0, with Chief Bender on the mound. The losing pitchers were McGinnity, of the Giants, to Bender, in the second skirmish. Plank, twice, Andy Coakley, and Bender in the final game. Top honors, of course, went to Mathewson, with three victories and no defeats and twenty-seven innings of pitching without allowing his opponents a single run. He fanned nineteen and issued one walk in three games. He had one wild pitch and hit one batter and gave up only fourteen hits.

THE Joe Savoldi-Jim Browning heavyweight wrestling match in New York tonight will be carried on the baseball ticker tape. Joe is the champion of Three Oaks, Mich., and Jim is the champion of New York. The ticker will be up against the same problem that puzzled the radio in attempts to broadcast mat bouts. The task of describing a yawn. Mighty oaks from little acorns grow. Evidently "Jumpin" Joe was a large-sized acorn when he was a little shaver. He put Three Oaks on the map.

IF you want to make away with yourself and desire to have somebody do it for you, send a box of shoestring potatoes to Coach Frank Wilton of Miami University of Oxford, O. Shoestring potatoes never again will be served on that campus. Wilton's boys got caught up on the ancient football play Saturday at Bloomington and Indiana put over the winning touchdown. If you don't happen to know how the shoestring play works, write to Coach Wilton—and then leave for the port of missing men.

Stribling Recovering After Losing Foot

By United Press
MACON, Ga., Oct. 2.—W. L. (Young) Stribling, his ring career definitely ended by a motor accident, was in a serious condition today in a local hospital.

The heavyweight's left foot was cut off by the fender of an automobile that sideswiped the motorcycle upon which he was riding last night. His entire left leg was crushed and his pelvic bone was shattered.

Stribling remained conscious. A few hours after an emergency operation at a hospital, he chatted cheerfully with his wife. Stribling showed improvement today and hospital authorities reported his general condition "better." He spent a fairly good night, it was said.

Stribling started winning ring fame as a Georgia high school boy of 16. He was nearly 29 years old when yesterday's accident ended his career. He reached his peak two years ago when he fought the then world's heavyweight champion, Max Schmeling, and lost in the fifteenth round on a technical knockout.

Stribling's splendid physical condition and quick first aid by a trained nurse who happened to be passing by the scene of the wreck are believed to have saved his life.

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