



By Joe Williams
Preakness Stirs Baltimore
City Famed for Athletes
Babe Ruth Started There

BALTIMORE, May 11.—Taking it by and large, in the nautical manner, this ancient southern city probably has a more colorful sporting background than any other city in the nation.

At this particular moment it is conspicuous by reason of the Preakness, a famous race for 3-year-olds, the forty-fourth running of which will be held over the old Pimlico track tomorrow.

But the city's fame as a sports center does not rest wholly on its thoroughbred speed. Through some whim of fate the city has been the spawning-ground of some of the most celebrated performers the prize ring and the baseball diamond ever knew.

It was here that Joe Gans began a career that was destined to carry him to the topmost peak in pugilism, a peak no other lightweight has ever quite reached. Only Benny Leonard ever threatened the little Negro's position of isolated majesty as the greatest lightweight of all time.

Gans' spectacular ring exploits are too well known to be reviewed in this space. It is sufficient to say that he was a consummate artist. There was nothing he couldn't do and do supremely well. He was one of the few champions who was at once a splendid boxer and a clean, sharp knocker-upper. In many of his fights he called the round and the punch with which he flattened his opponent.

CONTRARY to popular belief Gans was not a Baltimore native. He was born in Philadelphia. He came here as a youngster and it was here that he learned the raw rudiments of boxing. The phrase, "Bring him the bacon," is generally associated with his name. The legend is that his old Negro mammy used to write him thus before each of his fights.

It was in this city, too, that one of the greatest baseball teams of all time—the Orioles—first took the field. On this team were such mighty men as McGraw, Jennings, Robinson, Brodie, Girson, Keeler, Kelly, Doyle and Corbett. Corbett, a pitcher, was a brother of Jim, the late heavyweight champion.

The Orioles were a hard-riding, spike-flashing, two-fisted gang. Corbett didn't exactly fit in with them in personality or temperament. He was more on the easy-going, quiet, subdued side. And because of this the more militant members of the team used to heckle him, hoping to stir him to greater achievements.

One day in a game against Brooklyn, if I remember the story correctly, Corbett was pitching and not doing any too well. Kelly walked over to the box and sprayed him with blistering invective. Corbett waited until Kelly had finished, took a long windup, threw the ball over the grand stand, and left the park. It was the last time he ever put on a uniform. He quit the Orioles and baseball for good.

WILBERT ROBINSON, who was later to become beloved as the Father of the Jolly Brooklyns, used to run a saloon here during the off season. It was the nightly gathering-place for leading ball players, fighters and jockeys. At intervals brawls of epic proportions developed, and at such times I am told Uncle Wilbert wielded a bungy-starter with enthusiastic violence.

The saloon still stands in its original setting and under the new scheme of social liberty is once again catering to dry throats. I plan to drop in there tonight to hoist one to the memory of those old swash-bucklers and to mingle with the roistering ghosts of what was easily the most romantic era of baseball.

An entirely new generation had come and gone before Baltimore presented the greatest slugger in history to the game—George Herman Ruth, the son of a bartender who grew up in the city streets and who spent his formative years behind the barred gates of a correctional institution, where he was the star pitcher and star hitter of the kid team.

THE Brothers out at the school still look upon the Babe with great affection. To them he is still the oversized, gangling youth with a round, cherubic face who used to carry his tattered, ill-fitting baseball uniform to bed with him. The Brothers don't know yet whether this was high devotion on the part of the Babe or mistrust for his companions.

As everybody knows the Babe holds records for long distance hitting in every ball park in the American League. It is not surprising to learn that he holds the record at his old school. At the age of 14 he slammed a ball over the centerfield fence here, a distance of 356 feet. Nobody else has cleared the same fence, and many big league hitters have played exhibitions on the school field.

Tommy Marvin Signed on Armory Mat Program

Tom Marvin, whose last few bouts have made him a favorite with local mat fans, will be seen in action on the Hercules A. C. wrestling card Tuesday night at the Armory, where he will tangle with Toni Guiseppe, a rough Italian heavyweight, in the opening match.

Marvin and Guiseppe will meet in a one-fall bout. The Italian is a new-comer here and is said to be a willing mixer. He scales 210, while Marvin weighs 212.

Action galore is expected in all three matches Tuesday night and Matchmaker Lloyd Carter figures the program will be one of the best of the season. Ray Steele, 215, skilled and powerful Californiaan, clashes with Ivan Vacturoff, 235-pound Russian grappler, in the feature encounter. Steel touts triumphs over Jim Browning, John Peseck and Ed (Strangler) Lewis, and is rated

WEIR AGAIN REWARDED

By Times Special
BLOOMINGTON, Ind., May 11.—Woodrow Weir, Scottsburg, captain of the Indiana university basketball team, has been selected outstanding hardwood player at the school for the second consecutive year.

He will receive his second L. G. Balfour award, Z. G. Clevenger, director of athletics, announced. The award is given annually to the outstanding athlete in each major sport at Indiana.



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TRIBE PLAYS FINALE WITH BREWERS

First 'Ladies Night' of Year Expected to Attract Throng at Indian Park This Evening

Brewers and Killeferites Set for 'Rubber' Battle Under Lights; Stewart Bolen Holds Cream City Pastimers to Five Hits; Ernie Wingard Fans Twice.

BY EDDIE ASH
Times Sports Editor

Brilliant pitching by southpaw Stewart Bolen put the "bee" on the Milwaukee Brewers last night out at Perry stadium and the Indians of Red Killefer bounced back into the "win" column by chalking up a 4-to-2 victory. The triumph lifted the Tribe out of the second division into a tie with the champion Columbus Red Birds for third place. The stalwart left-hander of the Hoosier mound staff held the Cream City pastimers to five blows and won 4 to 2.

Ernie Wingard, former Indian, the hero of the contest on Wednesday night, was handed the "poison ball" by Bolen in the second of the series and the lanky son of Alabama struck out twice and bounced out on his other trip to the plate.

The third and finale of the series will be staged tonight at 8:15 and it will be the first "ladies' night" of the new season. Women will be admitted free with the payment of the government tax of 10 cents and the ball club officials are prepared to handle a big crowd. The Kansas City Blues will invade the stadium tomorrow for a daylight tilt beginning at 3 p.m.

Brewer Ace Defeated

The battle under the lights this evening will be the "rubber" of the Milwaukee series and both teams are keyed to make a hard fight. The Indians beat Garland Braxton, the Brewers' best southpaw last night, and although the locals had twelve men left on bases they are feeling a hunch coming on that they will blossom out sooner or later with a blast that will make the opposition dizzy. Twelve hits were good for only four markers last night and this painful situation is getting under the skin of the locals, for they had ten runners left stranded on Wednesday.

The Brewers hopped off in threatening fashion in the first stanza when they combed Bolen for two doubles and a single, good for two runs. The Milwaukee dugout was aglow with the fever of base hits, but the visitors suddenly discovered that one inning does not make a ball game. Bolen tightened up like a Little Neck clam and only two blows were registered off his delivery during the following eight sessions, and he struck out five.

Bolen Smacks Blow

In addition to producing one of the best-pitched tilts of the new campaign, Bolen took part in an eighth-inning rally by whistling a single to center that scored a run. The big fellow makes a habit of inserting a hit now and then that usually has something important to do with winning games.

Harry Rosenberg had a perfect night at the plate with three hits. He was up a fourth time but was plunked in the ribs for free transportation. Fred Bedore and Johnnie Cooney, with two blows each, were next best with the bludgeon. Cooney poled a single and double and drew one walk and Bedore thumped out a single and triple. Laskowski and Webb led the Brewers with the stick.

SAINTS REGAIN HOPKINS
By Times Special
COLUMBUS, O., May 11.—Third baseman Meredith (Marty) Hopkins has been returned to the St. Paul American Association club by the Philadelphia Nationals, officials announced today. Hopkins will join the Saints at Toledo tomorrow.

TRIBE BATTING FIGURES
At Bat Hits Pet.
Rosenberg .68 26 .382
Bedore .54 19 .352
Cooney .86 28 .331
Cotter .35 12 .321
Laskowski .46 12 .261
Lee .82 21 .256
Sigafos .68 21 .250
Webb .50 19 .200
White .5 0 .000

FRANCE TO ENTER OLYMPICS
By United Press
PARIS, May 11.—Premier Gaston Doumergue today decided definitely that France would participate in the Berlin Olympic games in 1936 and promised that the government would provide 4,000,000 francs (approximately \$264,700) for preparation of French athletes.

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Jimmy Dykes Talks It Over



Jimmy Dykes lost no time in getting his Chicago White Sox on the right path. He took charge of the club on Wednesday and the Pale Hose stepped out to break a nine-game losing streak, beating the champion Senators. They took it on the nose yesterday from the Yankees, however. Here is Dykes talking over his new job with Mule Haas (left), Zeke Bonura and other Sox stars.

Crimson Baseball Team on Road Trip

By Times Special

BLOOMINGTON, Ind., May 11.—The Indiana University baseball team left today on a three-game road trip which included Manchester college at North Manchester this afternoon.

Tomorrow the Crimson will meet Notre Dame at South Bend and will be entertained by Chicago Monday. Coach Everett Dean's squad has lost only one encounter this season.

OTTAWA FRANCHISE ON BLOCK

By United Press
CHICAGO, May 11.—Sale of several stars of the Montreal Canadiens and transfer of Ottawa's

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Quimet and Dunlap Only Yankees Beaten in Scotch Four-some Play for Walker Trophy; Eight Singles Tilts on Card for Tomorrow.

By Times Special

ST. ANDREWS, Scotland, May 11.—America's Walker Cup golfers won three and lost one of the Scotch foursomes this afternoon and became decided favorites to win the cup for the eighth consecutive time.

Eight singles matches will be played tomorrow. Johnny Goodman of Omaha, and Lawson Little of San Francisco, crushed Roger Wethered and Cyril Tolley of Britain this afternoon, eight up and six to play.

Scott and Sam McKinley, three up and two to play.

All matches were over the thirty-six-hole route.

SKEET SHOOT HELD

William Maschmeyer won first in a meet at the Capitol City Gun Club's new skeet field, Belmont and Raymond streets, with a score of 41 out of 50. Other scores:

41, Eddie 32; Quimet 29; Craft, 30; E. Hohn, 22; Black, 28; Williams, 14; Twenty-five others.

Jack McLean and Eric McRorie beat Francis Quimet, U.S. States captain, and George Dunlap, America's No. 2 pair, by four up and two to play.

America's veterans, Max Marston and Chandler Egan were one up on the Honorable Michael Scott and Sam McKinley at the twenty-seventh.

Max Marston of Philadelphia, and Chandler Egan of San Francisco, defeated the Honorable Michael

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