

WILLIAMS LOOKS FOR SPORTS GHOSTS IN OLD BALTIMORE

Scribe Finds Gans, Tipman and Oriole 'Toughies' Once Made Things Lively There

But All Are Overshadowed by Modern Product of Historic City—One Babe Ruth; Ancient Baseball Man Trembles to Recall Famous Players of Yore.

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BALTIMORE, Md., May 16.—"Why don't you do a piece about the ghosts of sports that hover this old town?" suggested Mr. Walter O'Keefe, the radio comic. "The place is full of them."

Although I was quite aware of the town's rich sports background, I had never suspected the presence of ghosts and besides I was not at all sure I would recognize one on sight.

The only ghost I could ever remember seeing was Jeff Clark, the old Joplin Ghost, and it never seemed to me that he was anything more than a large toothy Negro who made a business of prize fighting.

Still Mr. O'Keefe, who is something of a poet, insisted the ghosts were here and if one did not see them it was the fault of one's own self and not the ghosts, who, according to the gentleman, were extremely sociable and democratic and therefore most easy to meet at any and all times.

Mr. O'Keefe went on to explain it was all a matter of mood. "Can't you just shut your eyes and see that old master, Joe Gans, shuffling out of his corner and ripping that wonderful left hook to the body and the head?"

I shut my eyes and found the sensation so unusual and pleasant that in what is technically known as a jiffy I was crumpled back in my chair snoring in all the accepted octaves. I wish to say, too, I was distinctly pleased that Gans did not intrude on my sleep in any shape or manner which would seem to confirm all that has been written about his tact and consideration.

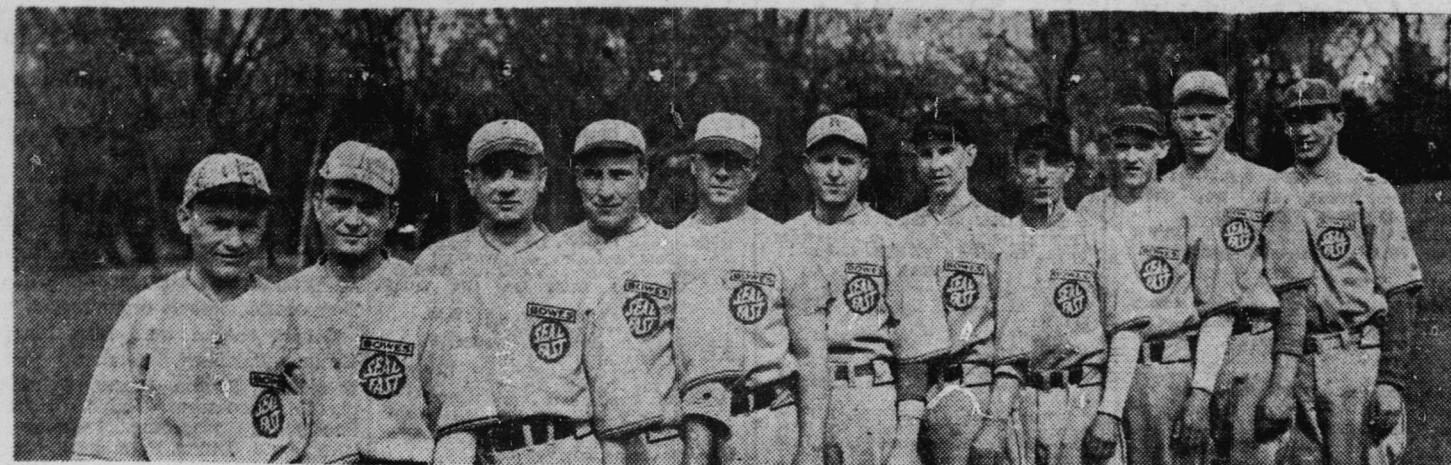
Of course, it is true that Gans was Baltimore's greatest gift to pugilism, even though he was born in Philadelphia and there are many people hereabouts who remember him both as a tattered urchin along the waterfront and later as a blundered bolt or brown lightning in the ring.

One of these is Joe Tipman who operates a tavern here, and who was a fair sort of fist thrower as a professional in another generation, leaping to national fame overnight by flooring Terry McGovern in an informal bout on the stage of a local music hall. Mr. Tipman was the champion of the newsboys at the time and McGovern, uplifting the drama, was meeting all comers after the show.

"I hit McGovern with a right hand in the second round," recalls Mr. Tipman, "and he went down on all fours. This was as great a surprise to me as it was to McGovern. I jumped off the stage, ran up the aisle and into the night in my trunks. I didn't quit running until I got home. And all the way home I imagined I felt the enraged breath of McGovern on my neck."

MR. TIPMAN was asked to join the current pastime of picking the five greatest lightweights of all time and he obliged with alacrity, not to say speed. "Why that is a very simple thing to do," he said. "Very simple. Gans, Gans, Gans, Gans and Gans. They threw away the mold after they made the little Negro." It seemed to me I had heard that phrase before. By the way, there must be a lot of interesting molds lying around the

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Gus Sonnenberg Granted Return Go With 'Secret'

Armory Headline Mat Tussle Is Arranged.

"Dynamite" Gus Sonnenberg, after several days of pleading, will get a re-match with "Black Secret" and the two will go to the mat in the Hercules A. C. wrestling headliner next Tuesday night at the Armory.

The "Dynamiter," according to Matchmaker Lloyd Carter, can thank Orville Brown for the return tuff, for Orville agreed to withdraw as the likely foe to face the hooded grapper. Gus dropped a thriller to the masked heavy last Tuesday.

Brown will have a place on the card, however, and will face Cliff Olson, former University of Minnesota grid ace, in the semi-windup. Olson is rated one of the best of the younger heavies.

Frank Brown, a younger brother of Orville, will make his first local appearance in the opener when he meets Jimmy Morris, Memphis. Frank replaces Bob Brown on the program.

Sonnenberg, former world heavyweight champion, is rated among the first five best heavies in the nation. "Black Secret" has gone undefeated here in nine starts and has beaten such huskies as Sonnenberg, Leo Numa, Tom Marvin and Otto Kuss.

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