

# WILLIAMS IS GLAD TO SEE BAER IN RETIREMENT

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BY JOE WILLIAMS  
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NEW YORK, Oct. 24.—Mr. Max Baer has announced his retirement from the prize ring. We'd feel happier about this if he had put it in writing. The militant Daffy-dill bowed out under circumstances that were scarcely flattering to his memory. The Toronto gendarmes caught him in a tank act. One Dutch Weimer went off the deep end for him.

To help ballyhoo the show lured Mr. Arthur Donovan, the country's ace referee to Toronto. When Mr. Baer arrived and learned this he promptly vetoed the plan. He wanted no part of Mr. Donovan in the ring, thus unconsciously paying the interest of truth, purity and justice. Mr. Baer found that Mr. Donovan was a severe taskmaster. Naturally he wanted no part of the gentleman in what appears to have been a carefully arranged aquatic exhibition.

Swaggering, eccentric and bombastic, Mr. Baer was anything but a model athlete, and yet it was hard to steam up an angry fury about him. All the prize ring ever meant to him was a quick approach to easy money, and all money ever meant to him was calling card to gaudy frivolities. He was a Good Time Charley in italics.

Mr. Baer might have gone along to real greatness in the prize ring but he refused to work at it. He was impatient with the routine boxing progress imposes. He could hit as hard as Jack Dempsey with his right hand, an asset which came to him naturally. He never tried to develop anything else. A right hand swinger at the start he was still just that at the finish.

**THIS** fact helped to explain his miserable performance against the two-handed Jim Braddock. He never had a chance against Joe Louis from the moment the contracts were signed for the simple reason both his hands were in bad shape. He knew it, his manager knew it, and if the boxing commission knew it, they considered it a state secret.

In this fight the glossy screwball took the count on one knee and the customers went away uttering certain pointed remarks about "quality" of his intestines. True, the manner in which he went out was hardly heroic, yet he took quite a pasting that night. The celluloid records show he stopped more than 200 punches—and weren't we writing hysterical lines about the murderous effect of the Brown Bomber's fists at that time?

Being what he is, Mr. Baer will be much happier in retirement—and so will the customers.

**POSSIBLY** you are the type who, in unguarded moments, read such news items as have to do with the James E. Sullivan trophy. This is a piece of bric-a-brac annual voted through the A. A. U. to some outstanding amateur athlete. The fact that it is voted through the A. A. U. ought to be sufficient to discourage all interest in the thing, but apparently it isn't. There are some who take it seriously.

The outstanding amateur athlete last year was Jesse Owens, the Negro sprinter and broad jumper, but he didn't get the trophy. It was disclosed that Owens was on the pay roll of the Ohio State legislature as a page and for some reason this heinous crime eliminated him. The balloting for this year's award is under way and it has been suggested that even if Owens, who was the hero of the Olympic Games, tops the poll he will again be ignored.

At the moment Owens is under suspension by the A. A. U. for refusing to run in a track meet at Stockholm last August. It may be proper and pertinent to say something about that suspension and the machinery of the A. A. U. at this time. The meet in question had nothing to do with the Olympic Games. They were over. A number of neighboring countries arranged meets. Naturally they all wanted Owens to appear. He was the attraction.

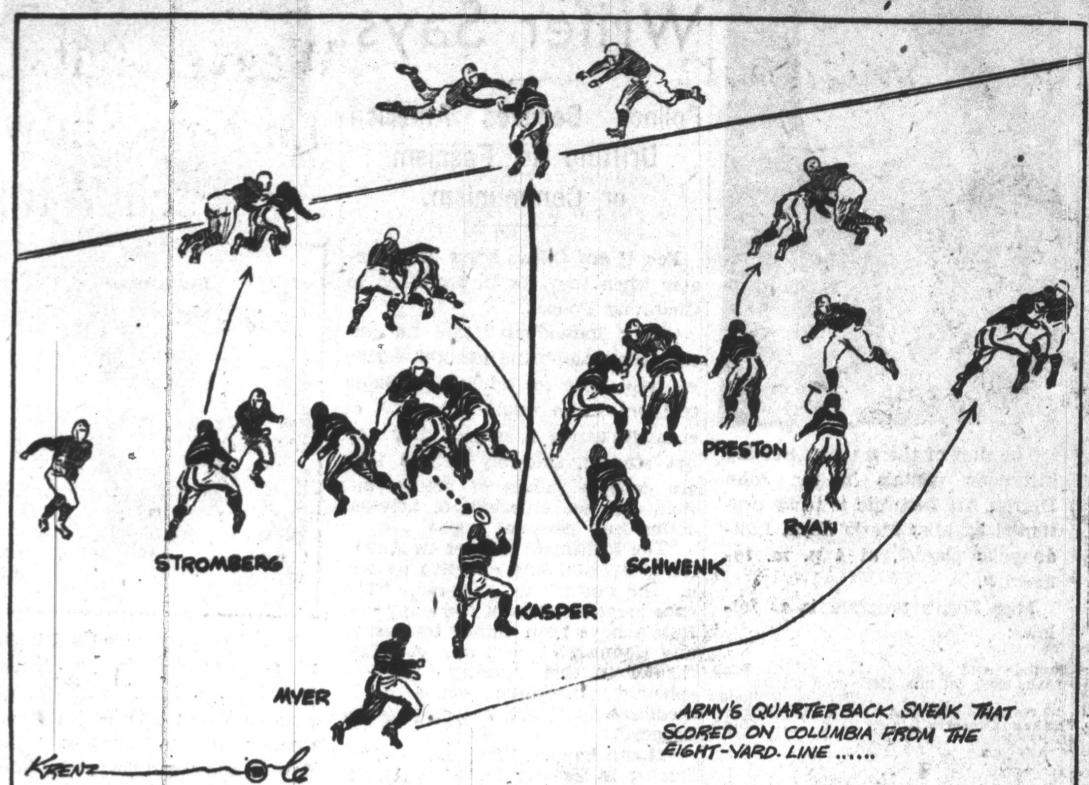
**O**WENS ran in one meet in London and 80,000 people paid to see him. The Stockholm meet was next. Owens refused to go. "I'm tired and I want to go home," he said. The A. A. U. suspended him. You may be puzzled why the A. A. U. should have been so concerned about Owens' participation in a meaningless meet at Stockholm. Perhaps I can explain.

You see the A. A. U. and its membership clubs are in the business of promoting track and field athletics, and its good politics to solidify foreign friendships. By urging such stars as Owens to appear in the foreign meets the A. A. U. promoters are in a position to ask and expect similar accommodations from the foreign promoters. The appearance of a foreign track and field man gives the A. A. U. promoters something to ballyhoo. Need I mention Paavo Nurmi? What the promoters do, in short, is to use the athletes as box office pawns, the formula being, "If you work with us, we'll work with you."

I understand there is to be a general reorganization of the personnel of the A. A. U. There should also be a general reorganization of the principles of the A. A. U. As for Owens and the James E. Sullivan trophy—whatever the James E. Sullivan trophy may be—I think he may consider himself a lucky and distinguished young man if he isn't forced to accept it.

## Winning Plays of 1936

Army Pulled This Quarterback Sneak for Touchdown Against Columbia



BY ART KRENZ  
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Army's big grid machine is running rampant through the East with an attack that no one yet has been able to stop. The nearsighted have been defeated by the game with Columbia, in which first out of the gate Army went ahead until the Cadets' power finally assumed command in the last quarter. With the score 7-6 in favor of Army early in the

game, Kasper, West Point quarterback, worked a quarterback sneak that scored a touchdown and sent Army on the way to a 27-16 victory. Lined up in single wing back formation against a 6-2-1 defense of Columbia, the ball was snatched from the pocket and plunged through between his right guard and tackle for eight yards and a touchdown. Monk Meyer, Army's brilliant back, went wide to his

right and cut down the Lions' left end. Ryan took care of Wright, Schwenk, Cadet fullback, went through ahead of Kasper and took out Hessey at the left, and Preston went down and took out Hedeskey to the right of the ball carrier. Sidney Luckman was sucked a bit wide of the play and Kasper had little difficulty getting by him. The diagram illustrates the assignments well taken care of by the West Point linemen.

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## Don Johnson Leads in Big Pin Barrage

Paces Barbasols With 703 Series; Team Collects 3190 Total.

BY BERNARD HARMON

Pin smackers of the city more than made up for their poor showing of previous sessions of the week during last night's activities. Although no record breaking totals were registered, high scoring prevailed in most league sessions.

Don Johnson cracked out the season's twelfth 700 total, a 703 to pace the soloists and when four of his mates joined him with series over the 600 mark, the Barbasol quintet lined up the highest team total of the evening. All happened in the Board Room at the Pennsylvania Alleys. Johnson, using games of 236, 246 and 224 for his series, as the team registered 991, 1171 and 1028 for a 810.

Lee Carmin totaled 642, John Fehr 636, Johnnie Murphy 616 and Jess Pritchett Sr. 593 for the winners, while Don McNew's 628 was best for the opposing Sterling Beers, which suffered a shutout. It was the only triple victory of the session.

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Ayres Win Two

Despite a 617 from Herman Bohne and a 605 from Jerry O'Grady, Lieber Beer dropped two games to L. S. Ayres & Co., which had Bud Argus with 610 as its star. Four outstanding solo series emerged from the Bader Coffee-Packard Motors clash, won by the former, 2 to 1. Leppert had 621 and Leo Hale, 619 for the winners while John Blue tossed a 627 and Dad Hanna a 602 for the losers. Arch Heiss topped 658 in leading Marion-Harrington to an odd-game decision over Coca Cola.

Stevens warmed up for his Beach Recreation appearance with a fling at the Construction League maples at the Pritchett Alleys, where he turned in games of 220, 233 and 238 for a 681 that was good for city-wide runner-up honors.

Collins in the anchor position for Utility Industries, he boosted that team to a win over Johnson-Maas Lumber Co. Coca Behrens also preceded his Beach appearance with a big series in the Construction, getting a 676 from games of 224, 222 and 213. His Brand Bros. featuring a 1018 opener, shut out Modern Home Insulators.

Other High Scores

Four other honor counts emerged from the loop. Lieber had 639, Abbott 634, Horn 619, and Hurle, 617. William P. Jungclaus and Central Supply scored triple wins over Stewart-Carey Glass Co. and Ready-Mixed Concrete, as Spickelmier, Fuel and Architec downed Vonnegut's and Railroad Men's Federal Savings twice in other matches.

Two other highly scoring feats were turned in by leaguers in action at the Pritchett Alleys. Carl Hardin, in the Hillcrest, 621, with a 673, as Glen Turney outdistanced rivals of the Bankers circuit with a 661. Hardin had games of 216, 235 and 222 and Turney 221, 203 and 237.

Eight Washington League passers passed the 600 mark in its session at the Illinois Alleys. Noah Mishler leading the field with a 663, from 193, 226 and 244.

In Big Four Loop

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The Midwestern driving championship will be decided in the race with a bitter driving battle expected between Bill Ayres and Shaw, now leading Bill Ayres by a narrow margin of 1/4 points, with Chez Gardner in third place 226 points back of Shaw.

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