Comment On Sports

BY BILLY SWING

Jim Braddock thinks, or at least to the press he thinks, that he has a much better chance against Joe Louis than any of the other potential fist slingers who have entered the ring against the Brown Bomber of Detroit, who boasts some twenty-odd consecutive squared circle triumphs. Braddock appears to be very confident of his chances in the battle already, even though the next five to seven months will give him plenty of chance to change his mind. Personally, we don't believe that Jim is quite the confident man that he pretends to be, even though his argument backing up his statements has its possibilities. Braddock believe that Louis has reached his peak and that he is due for the letdown that comes in the life of ever competitor who is "on the spot" as a result of being the top performer in his line for any length of time. There are, as we have already said, many possibilities in this way of looking at it, but what we are wondering is just who told Jim Braddock that Louis' let-down was to come before the fight with Braddock and not afterward, and also where the champ's informant received his tip-off. Maybe Braddock is just thinking optimistic and decides to use the excuse that seems to have the most chance of panning out.

And now some of the complaints coming into Chairman Avery Brundage, of the American Olympic Committee are to the effect that the method of selecting the United States stars to represent the Stars and Stripes in the Olympics at Berlin is just a little off, and that some of the members of the potential Olympic group should be placed on the American team without having to compete in the Olympic try-outs. Pointing out the fact that every star has his off day, the complainants are just a little that some of the nation's stars such as Jesse Owens, Glenn Cunningham, Euly Peacock, Keith Brown and others might perhance have an off day during the try-outs, and be left out of the running entirely. The nation's top-ranking stars, so they say, should be placed honorarily on the list, and be exempt from the try-outs, similar to the present method that might save Sam Park's neck in the 1936 National Open entries.

Well, so far as we know, Mr. Brundage, now in Europe, has had little to say on the subject, and, since we seem to be in the mood for counter-attacking this and that today, permit us to fill some of our space with a few words on the subject. First of all, where would the line be drawn. In several departments of the track and field group of events there are several possible choices so closely grouped in their performances that to leave out one man on the honorary group would be unfair in that there might not be left a place for the man just outside the door to even compete for in the tryouts. Yet there might not be enough places on the team to permit even all the eligible honoraries in a single department to be placed on the list, regardless of which method is used. Naturally, some are going to be left out, and it should be the ones who are unfortunate enough to have the least impressive records under try-out pressure.

Then again, the qualities of a champion, and all Olympic competitors are potential champs, include consistency, and a man who has an off-day in the try-outs is more liable to have an off day the day of his Olympic competition than a man who retains his consistency of A. A. U. and college competition in the try-outs.

The Boston Red Sox, with all their new material, seem to be the talk of the hour, and while everyone is in the mood for discussing Tom Yawkey's hirelings of 1936, let us bring up a little interesting bit about the Beantowners. Of the Red Sox of 1936, Jack Welch is the dean of the players in point of length of service to the Red Sox, and yet Welch was not a member of the Red Sox roster until July 22, 1932. Welch is the only surviving member of the 1932 and 1933 Red Sox squads, now that Dusty Rhodes and Henry Johnson have gone to the Macks and Roy Johnson to the Yanks via Washington. In glancing at the 1932 roster, one would hardly believe it possible that the men of that team played for the same town as the present Red Sox. In '32 the Red Sox included such as Manager Marty McManus, Benny Tate, Dale Alexander, Larry Boerner, George Stumpf, Paul Andrews, Mary Olsen, Rabbit Warstler, and a flock of others since departed. As far as we are concerned, the Hub City members of the junior circuit can have the record for switching players.

The results took them well out of the cellar where they had rested for some several years prior to their sudden idea of switching around. Maybe Joe Cambria of Albany, of the International League, is trying the same thing. The Senators couldn't have finished a worse eighth if they had tried, and continuously throughout the season new faces appeared and disappeared at the Albany Park. If a good combination is hit upon then the team rises to the proximity of the first division, then the results might, in our opinion, be a tip-off to the Braves as to what the charge d'affaires is expected to do for playing material within the next year or so. Aside to same: You can probably trade Wally Berger for the whole Phillies outfield.

Jesse Owens, our pet subject for an occasional word festival, and certainly one of the most capable men physically in the world of sport, has been ranked at the top on the All-American track team. Ranked in the selections compiled by Dan J. Ferris, secretary of the N. A. A. U., as the top-notcher in the 200-meter run, 200-meter hurdles, and running broad jump, Owens is easily the outstanding name on the list. Owens also received the top mention on the All-College team, compiled also by Ferris. Owens is ranked at the top in the 100 and 220 dashes, the 220 low hurdles, and the broad jump in the college select group. It is interesting to note that, although Eulace Peacock, of Temple, was listed above the dark flash of Ohio State in the All-American 100-meter dash, Peacock was not listed among the various "firsts" in the college rankings.

Apparently the Americans are going to have to wait for the summer heat to put on steam enough to get very far in Olympic competition. As a kind of pre-view to the winter Olympic sports, to be held this month ,the Norwegians easily outpaced the Americans, Japanese, and other European entrants recently to win the European speed skating championships, held at Oslo. There was, apparently, nothing to it, and perhaps there will be nothing to the United States chances to cop a few more titles on the ice in the winter Olympics. At least, it looks that way if the European matches can be counted upon as an accurate preview.

In what we imagine to be the most difficult of all take-offs on major sports, Chicago recently introduced tennis on the ice, with the participants wearing regular skates to keep themselves on their feet, even if within a limited space. The best of the racquet-wielders in Chicago went out to play the new fangled game in weather four below zero. Personally, we'd rather watch spring training in Florida, but the idea certainly will draw the crowds for some Chicago group when the thermometer decides to stay just at the right point to allow the audience to control their chattering teeth.

All-Star Mat Card For Monday At Wilm. Audt.

Joe Dusek Meets Popular Vic Christy In Three Fall Windup

KOVERLY MEETS RUSTY WESTCOATT

Another All-Star Wrestling Show has been arranged by Promoter Jack Redefer, to be presented at the Auditorium,, Wilmington, Del., next Monday night, February 10. Joe Dusek, the youngest of the Omaha Wildcats will be featured in the windup, and his opponents will be the popular Vic Christy, of Los Angeles, Calif. These two boys met in the semi-final match of the O'Mahoney show a few weeks ago, and after thirty minutes of one of the most thrilling matches ever witnessed in the Wilmington sports arena, the reference declared the bout a draw. Both boys felt they had earned the decision and ever since have been anxious to settle their difference once and for all. Monday night will see the climax of the bout, when they go the distance of two out of three falls.

In the semi-windup, George Koverly, of Hollywood, Calif., will again make his appearance and this time will take on the ever popular Rusty Westcoatt, from Honolulu. Westcoatt, is known for his speed in the ring, and also proved when wrestling Joe Dusek here a few weeks ago that he can hand it out when the going gets tough. In meeting Koverly, he has been pitted against possibly one of the toughest men ever to strut his stuff in Wilmington. There should be plenty of fireworks before the curtain falls on this bout.

Irish Jack Donovan, who made his initial appearance last Monday night, and came through in great style, living up to all the predictions of his ability, has also been given a little stiffer opposition, being assigned to take on Dr. Len Hall. In the opening bout a new face will be introduced, Jack Gacek, of Detroit, who is paired off with Jack Swenski, of Boston.

This is another auction card from beginning to end and plenty of thrills should be in store for the mat fans. The card has been arranged with this in mind, one side being considered murderers row, having Joe Dusek, Geo. Koverly, Dr. Len Hall and Jack Gacek, these boys being paired against the cleaner type wrestlers, Vic Christy, Rusty Westcoatt, Irish Jack Donavan and John Swenski.

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Baltimore Plans Big Celebration For Preakness

Maryland's Big Race At Pimlico Rated Big Enough For Week's Affair

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Plans to expand the annual celebration attendant on the running of Baltimore's great stake race for thoroughbred horses into "Preakness Week," were revealed yesterday by the Baltimore Association of Commerce.

David F. Woods, director of the Tourist Development Bureau of the association, announced this program as the first major objective of the bureau, which recently was given an appropriation by the city of $20,000 to further its aims to bring visitors to Baltimore in a large way.

Plan Program

The plan, Mr. Woods said, is to develop a complete program for the week, each day to have its own features which will prove attractive enough to draw the Preakness crowds into the city not for just the day of the race at the Pimlico track, but for a week ahead of time. He said:

"We have so far enlisted the aid of the Junior Association of Commerce, the Maryland Association of Hotel Men and the Junior League in the project. We are now at work to develop an entire program for the week, a program which we hope will attai nnational publicity.

"Too large a percentage of the Preakness crowd comes here just for the day. The race, with its ancient dignity and tradition, is quite as fit a subject for a week of celebration as is the Kentucky Derby."

Discuss Ball

Among the plans being discussed is the holding of a gigantic Preakness Ball in the Fifth Regiment Armory the night before the race.

Another plan is to open the infield at Pimlico and erect pari-mutuel machines there.

Prehistoric Temple on Island

A prehistoric temple "Gigantia" is located on Gozo, an island of the Maltese group in the Mediterranean.

Ann Corio Comes To Gayety Next Week

At the Gayety Theatre, Baltimore, all next week, starting with Sunday matinee, February 9, Ann Corio and "Her Girls In Blue" will provide Independent Burlesque in modern and approved style.

Miss Corio, the most beautiful girl in burlesque, is the undisputed queen of the burlesque stage; she is tall, perfectly formed and clever in singing and dancing. She has consistently refused offers for large salaries in vaudeville and has passed a perfect screen test.

Before going to Hollywood, she has consented to make a personal appearance at the Gayety, and for the week has assembled, in her "Girls In Blue" company, a cast of such well known performers as, Frank Smith, tangled talk comedian, Dudley Douglas, handsome young juvenile, Lester Mack, aristocratic master of ceremonies, and Johnny De Arco, delightful tenor singer.

Also in the cast are, Gay LaBarr and Dolly Hendricks, clever charmers and dancers. All in all there is a company of forty entertainers topped by twenty clever Girls In Blue chorus who have personally been selected for their grace, charm and pep. Miss Ann Corio will personally appear at every performance.

Maroon Downed By Wilmington T. S.

Last Saturday, West Nottingham Academy underwent a severe defeat, 50-16 at the hands of Wilmington Trade School down in Wilmington on the Junior High School court.

After the first half there remained little doubt as to the actual outcome of the game. The score at this stage stood 37-4. The Maroon gaining one field goal when Byrd sunk one from midcourt during the early minutes of the second quarter. Rowland added two successful foul shots.

The second half was quite a bit tighter than the initial period. The Maroon cagers held their opponents to exactly one more point than they themselves were granted. The majority of these talleys were made from midcourt.

Donofrio, at center and Karacyle, at forward proved to be the main threat for the winners. The former nudged the cords successfully on five occasions and sunk three foul tosses. The latter registered four times from scrimmage and thrice on free throws.

Both Elkton Boot Loop Teams Win From Opponents

Soldiers Remain In Undisputed Lead; Towners Are Second

DENTON MEETS CO "E" HERE SUNDAY

Outbooting their Greensboro opponents from the time of the opening whistle until the game closed, Co. "E," one of Elkton's representatives in El Deibert's Eastern Shore Soccer League, continued in the undisputed lead without a loss since the opening of the second half of the schedule. The Soldiers have made it four straight wins and have neither been defeated nor tied in the present half.

The Elkton (Town) team also came through in the win column by means of a forfeit at the expense of Denton. The forfeit was for non-appearance. This placed the Town team in second place in the standing with three wins and one loss for a total of six points, two points behind the Soldiers.

North East dropped to third place when they lost last Sunday's game to Chesapeake City. The loss was their first of the second half.

Last week's scores and standing and a schedule for next Sunday's games follow:

Results Last Sunday

Co. "E," 5; Greensboro, 0.
Ridgely, 2; Federalsburg, 0.
Chesapeake City, 2; North East, 1.
Elkton (Town), 1; Denton, 0 (forfeit).

Standing of the Teams

	W.	L.	T.	Pts.
Co. "E"	4	0	0	8
Elkton (Town)	3	1	0	6
North East	2	1	0	4
Greensboro	1	3	0	2
Federalsburg	1	2	0	2
Ridgely	1	2	0	2
Chesapeake City	1	1	0	2
Denton	0	3	0	0

Schedule For Next Week

Denton vs. Co. "E"
Elkton (Town) vs. Feberalsburg
North East vs. Ridgely
Greensboro vs. Chesapeake City

Tie Saplings to Mark Trails

Ethiopian natives sometimes mark trails by tying knots in flexible saplings.

Orioles Will Open At Home Against Buffalo

International League Season Will Open April 16 With 154 Games On Schedule.

At the annual schedule meeting held in New York Monday, the International League adopted a 154 game schedule with the season opening April 16 and closing September 7.

Opening games will be played as follows: Toronto at Newark, Montreal at Albany, Rochester at Syracuse and Buffalo at Baltimore.

The schedule calls for all of the twenty-one Sundays to be fully utilized. With Sunday ball prohibited in Toronto, the Maple Leafs will have to do more traveling than any other club.

The committee appointed to confer with representatives of the American Association on the resumption of the Junior World Series will report Monday. The series, an annual fixture for fifteen years, was abandoned in 1935, when the Association declined to accept the Governor's Cup winner as the International's entrant.

Two new managers will make their bow in the International this year. Oscar Vitt will succeed Bob Shawkey at Newark and Ray Blades replaces the veteran Burt Shotton at Rochester.

Al Mamaux will be back at Albany Guy Sturdy at Baltimore, Ray Schalk at Buffalo, Frank Shaughnessy at Montreal, Harry Leibold at Syracuse and Ike Boone at Toronto.

Seven of the eight clubs will do their spring training in Florida. The exception, Syracuse, will go to Mineral Wells, Texas. Albany goes to Winter Garden, Fla.; Baltimore to Kissimmee; Buffalo to Plant City; Montreal to Orlando; Newark to Sebring; Rochester to Bartow and Toronto to Haines City.

Old Chisholm Trail

The old Chisholm trail was named after a half-breed Cherokee Indian by the name of Jesse Chisholm, who first used the trail in the 1860s to transport supplies for trading with the Indians. It came into prominence as a cattle trail when Joseph McCoy established a cattle market on the old Kansas Pacific railroad at Abilene, Kan., in 1867. Hundreds of thousands of head of cattle were driven north over this trail. Strictly speaking, the real Chisholm trail extended from the southern line of Oklahoma, at the Red River crossing, up through Indian territory, and entered Kansas near Caldwell, Kan.

Baseball League Held 1st Meeting Of Year Sunday

Rutledge's Bi-State Loop Will Again Be Six-Club Wheel

TO DECIDE ON SIXTH TEAM

Activity in Charles Rutledge's Bi-State baseball wheel began last Sunday with a meeting at the New Central Hotel when about twenty-five members and representatives of various clubs either in the league last yea ror desirous of obtaining a spot for the coming season gathered for a three hour discussion of plans for the coming season. Definite and last minute plans will be drawn up at another confab to be held at the Howard Hotel on Sunday, February 16.

Six Club Circuit

The Bi-State of last year was a six club loop and unless present plans are changed the wheel will have the same number of spokes this season.

Last year's pennant winning team from Havre de Grace as well as its age old Cecil county rival, Perryville, have both declared their intentions of again taking a whirl in the loop. Providence and Elk Mills have also signed up again this year and at the last Sunday meeting Aberdeen was accepted as the fifth team. The sixth and completing outfit of the league will be a tossup between Oxford, Elkton, Newark and the Harford Hunt Club, of Bel Air.

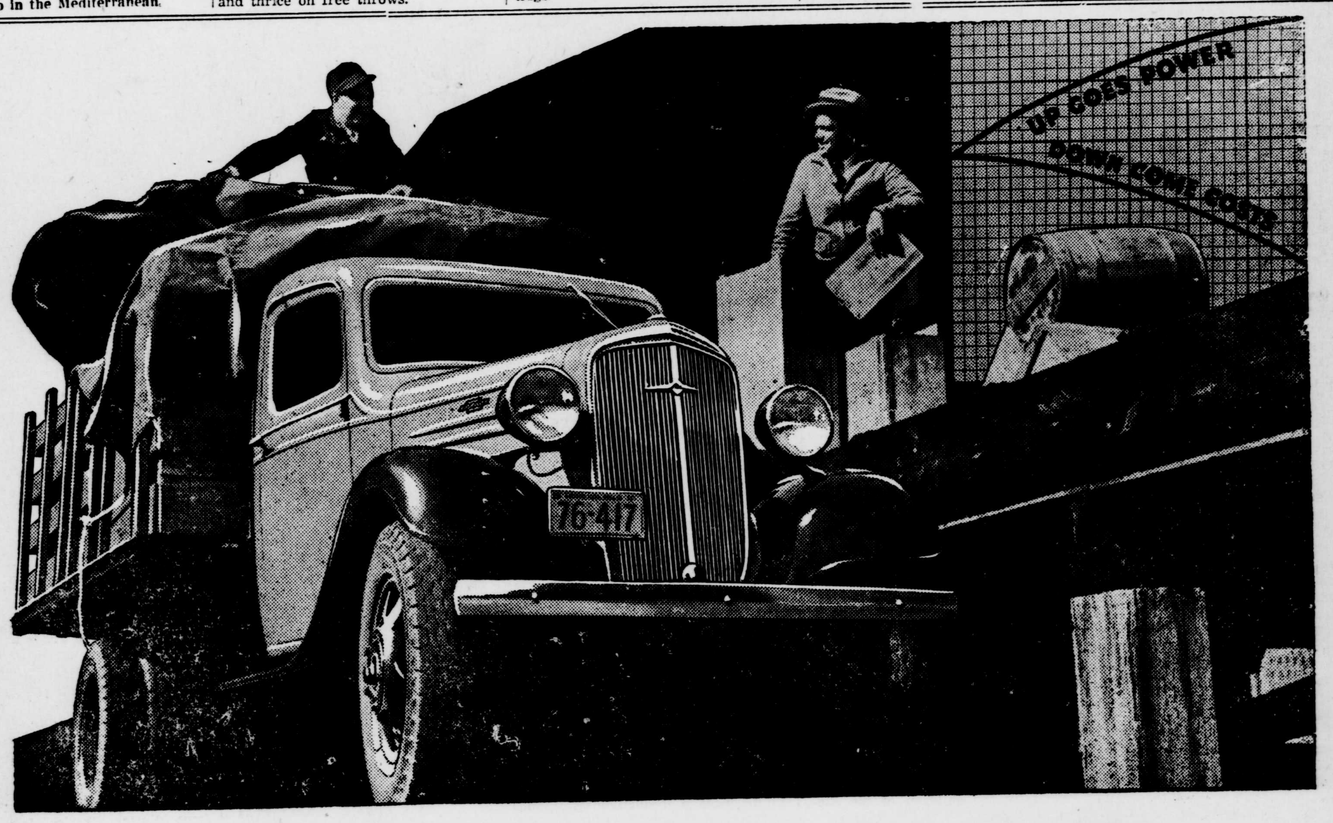
Oxford Or Elkton

Oxford or Elkton will probably be the sixth team in the league, however, this will not be decided until a later date.

Organization and election of officers for the Bi-State will not take place until afte rthe six-team loop has been definitely decided on.

Strange Burial Custom

The Toradjas, a primitive race of Celebes, have strange burial customs. The body remains in the house for two years, until the death rites have been completed, and then it is placed in a tomb, cut in the side of a mountain, the entrance of which is forever guarded by a lifelike effigy. Incidentally, the Toradjas are the only people whose holy men are known to dress in women's clothes.—Collier's Weekly.



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