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## NEW YOUNG BASEBALL STARS THREATEN VETS IN MAJOR LEAGUES

White Sox, Brooklyn, Cincinnati and Pittsburgh Have Youngsters Who Are Producing the Necessary Punch—Gehrig Slipping

NEW YORK, May 17—Not in many years have the two major league championships resembled old-fashioned 'dog fights' so much as they do this spring. It is, of course, quite true that two of the prime favorites, the Cleveland Indians and New York Giants, have been doing very well when it is considered that both clubs have patched up their infields. Both have shown the pitching class expected of them and exhibited power. The Indians may be stronger when Billy Knickerbocker returns to action and the Giants are better off, defensively since Hughey Critz returned to the line-up.

They will need to be. Already the dark horses in both leagues, led by the Chicago White Sox in the American, the Brooklyn Dodgers and Cincinnati Reds in the National, have upset several barrels of dope.

The White Sox, on top today, may be too good to last but there is no fluke in their jump from the 1934 cellar to such dizzy heights. Johnny Whitehead, the freshman righthander who has scored four victories in a row, and his former Dallas pitching mate, Joe Vance, have filled two of the club's pitching gaps.

The Sox lead in the league in fielding as well as batting, with a ten-point margin over the Athletics and a 20-point lead over the clubbing Clevelanders. Hayes, Bonura, Dykes, Apple, Washington and the veteran Al Simmons all are hitting over .300 for a team that was once famous as the "hitless wonders."

Both championship clubs, Detroit's Tigers and the St. Louis Cardinals, have started slowly but they will be tougher to beat as the season develops. The Bengals already have snapped out of their slump, though Schoolboy Rowe has yet to show a return to his sensational 1934 form.

The Cardinals have missed Manager Frankie Frisch and Pepper Martin, both casualties, but the Deans are coming along now, aided by Bill Walker, to furnish the kind of pitching the club needs. Meanwhile, the spring hero, Terry Moore, has yielded the centrefield post to Ernie Orsatti in the line-up of the world champions.

The rookie surprise of the National League is Elijah Darrel (Cy) Blanton, screwball righthander of the Pittsburgh Pirates. Blanton has taken the pitching spotlight from Dizzy Dean with his exploits so far, which include a one-hit shutout of the Cardinals and a 3-2 decision over the great Dean.

Cy has registered four straight wins and fanned 30 opposing batsmen in the process to become the new strike-out king, at least for the time being.

National Leaguers say Blanton's screw ball is equally as baffling as Carl Hubbell's.

All told Blanton has had a hand in five of the nine games won by the Pirates who will need to get more consistent pitching otherwise to menace the leaders. The Cubs again seem to be poison to the Dean brothers, beating Dizzy and Daffy on successive days, and have regained a good deal of their old punch.

The Reds not only have shown the old college spirit, but a strong defense and unexpectedly fine pitching. The Braves have not had much batting help from Babe Ruth since he blasted the Giants on opening day, but they have enjoyed extraordinary financial successes, at least, because of the old Bambino's pull at the box office.

Jim Fox's noble experiment behind the bat has not dimmed the batting eyes of the Maryland slugger, but neither has it proved an inspiration to the Athletics' young pitching staff. Joe Cronin is already having his troubles with the Red Sox hurling corps, as was to be expected, lacking a comeback of Lefty Grove.

The Yankees can hardly be expected to get very far with Lou Gehrig hitting around .240, but Captain Lou no doubt will remedy the situation shortly, as soon as he thaws out, and furnish the driving power for an upward climb.

## SPORT SHORTS

### GRAVEYARDS BANNED

NORTH ABINGTON, Mass., May 17—Banished, because authorities complained, from Mount Vernon Cemetery, where track and field events have been held by Abington high athletes, Coaches Charles M. Frolic and Alfred E. Farley today were seeking a field for the tracksters to stage athletic events.

The town provides no athletic field and of late athletics have been held at an open spot in the cemetery.

However, the athletes took advantage of a field near the North Abington railroad station. The piece of land had been accepted by the town at the last meeting, but yesterday when the Jads used it, they were told that a clause in the deed stated that the land could not be used for athletic purposes.

Meanwhile, Coaches Frolic and Farley are having their troubles trying to find some sort of field to run off the meets.

### McLARNIN BUSY

SWAN LAKE, N. Y., May 17—A four mile road jaunt featured today's training session of Jimmy McLarnin, welterweight champion, in preparation for his 15-round bout with Barney Ross at the Polo Grounds May 28.

Plans for an afternoon sightseeing ride through the mountains were disrupted when cameramen kept Jimmy posing for two hours. He will resume his glove work tomorrow afternoon.

### Brahram Replaces Bobsleigh As Choice For English Derby

LONDON, May 17—Brahram, winner of the two thousand guineas at Newmarket, replaced Lord Derby's Bobsleigh as favorite for the Derby, to be run June 5, in today's call-over of betting odds.

The Aga Khan's brown colt was quoted at 13 to 8 while Bobsleigh was quoted at 5 to 2. Other odds: Hairan, 100 to 7; Theft, 18 to 1; Sea Bequest, 22 to 1; Duke John, 28 to 1, and Fair Haven, 60 to 1.

### Burglars Rob Umpire's Home

CHICAGO, May 17—Burglars broke into the residence of Clarence B. (Brick) Owens, American League baseball umpire, last night and carried away an estimated \$1,000 worth of clothing and jewelry, including a diamond ring and diamond pin presented to Owens for umpiring in two world series.

## MAX BAER IS AN UNKNOWN QUANTITY YET

Writers Claim That He Is Hanging Around the Night Clubs Too Much; Says Fight a "Joke."

NEW YORK, May 17—One writer has had him roistering through Harlem night clubs. Others have begun to speak a little dubiously of the gentleman, their idea being that Max Baer is paying too much attention to the set of his finger wave, or something, and not enough to James J. Braddock, his heavyweight championship opponent whom he battles on June 13.

As for the promoter, James J. Johnston, who is not without a certain bias, he is gradually working himself up to a tantrum. Today he was around saying that Braddock cannot miss. In another week, he'll believe it himself. The result is that Joe (we was all saluting) Jacobs is going down to Baer's camp at Asbury Park and have a confidential chat with the young man, Joseph being somewhat alarmed by the turn of events. He has learned that Baer has publicly referred to this as a "joke" fight and while Joseph feels there's nothing like a great, big, boisterous sense of humor, his own is not yet prepared to equal \$500,000 worth.

### Looking Out For Future

In other words, his interest in Baer is proportionate to his interest in cutting on the half million dollar gate he hopes to see with a Baer-Schmelling fight in Chicago late this summer.

"I still think Braddock won't come up for the second round," said he this morning. "But believe me, after I watch Baer tomorrow and have a talk with him, I won't have to think—I'll know."

"Twice I've made the mistake they say he's making now. The first time my fighter got knocked out by Baer; the second time he got battered around by Hamas in Philadelphia. So I ought to know something about over-confidence. In fact, I'm an authority."

Perhaps Promoter Johnston and the sports writer who said he had seen Baer rollicking around Harlem are authorities, too, although the jury seems to be still out on both verdicts. The sports writer, for instance, was as much as one week late with his evenings, they say, which isn't so bad for a sports writer at that. It may have taken him that long to recover.

As for Promoter Johnson, he stands to lose Baer with this fight, and, therefore, has a deep, poignant qualm down under the waistcoat every time he thinks about it. Moreover, he has never learned to care for the gift to American womanhood in a really unambiguous way, and he's aware that Baer is not one of his outstanding admirers, either.

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## FATE OF BRAVES RESTS WITH THE BIG BAMBINO

If Babe Wins He Loses, and If He Loses—? You Dope the Problem Out, Sport Fans.

BOSTON, May 16—Like most innocent pawns on financial chessboards, the one and only Babe Ruth, head cold and all, was placed right in the "middle" of the Boston Braves' muddled affairs.

But that dread spot will probably prove less uncomfortable to the Babe than it is to most of the others who find themselves in such a plight.

He has a 50-50 chance of being rescued, but, strangely enough, if he wins, he is going to lose.

On the other hand, if he loses, that is, if enough aches and pains keep his aging frame out of enough lineups, he will realize his dream of becoming a major league manager by Aug. 1.

But if the Babe plays more or less regularly and keeps the customers pouring in through the gates, as he has been doing since he joined the Braves, he is going to provide enough money to enable Emil Fuchs, the club's financially harassed president, to regain full control of his much mortgaged baseball holdings when July ends. And if Fuchs succeeds in doing so, he has promised that Bill McKechnie will continue as his manager.

On the other hand, if the Babe fails to bail Fuchs out of his ocean of obligations, the Braves will become the property of Vice-President Charles F. Adams on August 1. If this happens, Adams will make McKechnie his general manager, give him full charge of the club and turn over the managerial post to the ambitious Babe.

From an impeccable source it was learned that Fuchs will either pay off his debts to Adams and buy out his large holdings at a bargain price on or before August 1, or step out of the Boston National League baseball picture without further ado.

This informant revealed that Fuchs has to settle a comparatively small debt with Adams and, thanks to Ruth's gate appeal, he is in a position to do so. Such a payment will delay the crisis until August 1 when, according to this "insider," the affable Emil will either put up or get out.

"It's all up to the Babe," this knowing person explained. "If he plays regularly, he will save Fuchs's financial skin at the expense of his own managerial hopes."

"If he doesn't and the club fails to pull in the dough, Fuchs goes out and he gets in as manager. But Adams, who already has enough other sport interests, such as two professional hockey clubs and a horse track, has set such a low figure on his own Braves holdings that it is almost certain that Fuchs will be able to buy him out when the time comes."

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## CANZONERI EAGER TO FIGHT ROSS AGAIN

Veteran Hailed for Conquest of Ambers--First Lightweight to Regain Title.

NEW YORK, May 17—That they don't come back has always been one of the time-honored atoms of sport, and particularly of boxing. But you can't prove it by the paying guests who've watched the last two fights at Madison Square Garden.

First, James J. Braddock punished Art Lasky and gained for himself a shot at the world's heavyweight championship. And then, Friday night last, Tony Canzoneri became the first lightweight in history to regain a lost title. In that class, by outpointing plucky Lou Ambers over 15 fast rounds. A parlay on the two victors would have made a better wealthy. The lobby gamblers quoted 5 to 1 against Braddock in the Lasky fight, and 3 to 1 against Canzoneri as he climbed into the ring to face young Ambers.

Braddock's victory was tinged with a bit of luck, but there was nothing lucky about Tony's conquest of Ambers. Up there on his fruit farm at Marlborough, N. Y., he planned the bout, and the whirlwind circling and slashing of Ambers couldn't make him switch.

He plotted the bout perfectly, slowing down the action in deference to legs not as wiry as of yore, and holding Lou off with a stabbing left jab.

In his right hand he carried a gun too powerful for the inexperienced Ambers, whose style was more or less made to order for a counter fighter like Canzoneri. When he nailed Lou twice in the third round, Ambers showed respect for the hand and from there on his attitude changed from that of a contender for the championship to a sparring partner. Many critics yesterday believed that Ambers was not coached well from his corner. When Canzoneri tired in the tenth round, his advisers should have sent Lou out to plunge in, taking a chance on winning or being knocked out.

Ambers wasn't hurt at all. His face was flushed after the fight as he munched a sandwich, but he is confident that the time will come when he'll be champion. Al Weill his handler, will send Lou into the ring again in a month or so, and hopes for another crack at the title before the year is out. Ambers is young, only 21, and may not be able to keep below the lightweight limit for long. He seems inclined to pick up weight where Canzoneri is a natural 135-pounder.

Tony is anxious to get his third shot at Barney Ross, who relinquished the lightweight title to go after the welterweight crowd.

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## TOM ZACHARY BESTS WAITE HOYT IN MOUND DUEL

Former Yankee pitchers Give Great Hurling Display--Tigers, Yanks Win Decisive Victories in American league.

PITTSBURGH, May 16—Tom Zachary, the canny Brooklyn left-hander, put on a great display of elbowing over the long route. The Pirates had a 12-9 edge in the hitting but after weathering trouble in the first inning, Zachary didn't allow the Buccos to put together two hits in one inning until the 12th. His deceptive slants had the Pirate plasterers, who slammed out 20 runs against the Phillies yesterday, longing and groaning with out effect all afternoon.

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## BABE RUTH DENIES HE WILL QUIT BASEBALL

Angered at Word That Has Been Circulated He Would Soon Retire From Baseball.

ST. LOUIS, May 16—Babe Ruth, the one-time "Sultan of Swat," tonight made emphatic denial that he intended terminating his baseball playing career at the end of the current road trip of Boston Braves.

The 41-year old veteran, reported in New York to have declared "I'm all washed up," appeared angered at circulation of word or his "retirement."

"I'm going to play here tomorrow and keep right on playing as long as I have anything left," he asserted.

"There's not a word of truth in the New York story. I have a cold, but am feeling better and am in good shape."

Ruth's denial of the oft-repeated rumor he would quit the playing field, preferably in favor of a big league managerial job, was not unexpected. The general impression in baseball circles is he is greatly disappointed at his inability to field and hit like he once did.

## Joe Louis Watches McLarnin and Ross In Workouts

GROSSINGER'S LAKE, N. Y., May 17—Joe Louis, challenger for the world's heavyweight championship, visited the training camps of welterweight champion Jimmy McLarnin and Barney Ross yesterday and went away scratching an uncertain head.

A regiment of boxing writers hurled the same question at Joe.

"Who will be the winner when Ross and McLarnin meet at the Polo Grounds May 28?" was the composite question tossed at him. Joe was diplomacy itself. He played no favorites. He replied:

"Ah reckon it'll be the babies that win."

A Healthy slice of the gate on May 2 will go to the free milk fund for babies.

However, it is probably a fact that Joe really couldn't decide which boy looked the better yesterday afternoon. Both delivered impressive performances before the largest audiences that have yet attended these camps.

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