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Bill Terry Was Last to Bat Over That Mark—Sisler, Cobb Hit .420.

PHILADELPHIA, Aug. 30—It's a little early to start counting the chickens, but have you noticed the batting average of Arkie Vaughan, the Pittsburgh shortstop, this past week?

The Pirate slugger has again passed the .400 mark and if he can hold that average at the end of the season, less than six weeks hence, he will have done something that hasn't been done in the major leagues for five years, and not very often in 50.

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LOUIS HAS FORM, STYLE  
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Fight Expert Believes  
Black Mamba Will be a  
Ring Immortal—Natural  
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NEW YORK, Sept. 1—How good is Joe Louis, the black memba of the pugilistic jungle, when it comes to the matter of form, style and technique, to the essential ingredients, to all the fundamentals that make an outstanding star?

There is only one answer. He is in a class all alone. He has the great mixture, which is speed and power combined. He has in addition exceptional skill. He has the lightning reflexes that makes a champion.

When you throw speed, power, skill, and native instinct into one lump, you get most of the answer.

Not all of it, but most of it. You still don't get the answer that concerns the top form of competition under heavy fire. Louis is so good that this point may never be proved until he starts to slip. He has come to one of the tallest peaks of sport without actually facing an opponent of real class.

We know everything about Joe Louis except one thing—what would happen in the midst of a storm in rough surf under a withering fire? Neither Primo Carnera nor King Levinsky were able to bring about such a proof. Both Carnera and Levinsky were muddlers, without any science. Both were overawed by a master who had them completely outclassed. But even this did not take away from Louis the glamour of a man who has all the essentials that make a great fighter.

Louis is something more than a great fighter. He is one of the great artists in the profession he follows, for he adds grace and style to all the main fundamentals needed.

Louis and Baer

The next important test that Louis faces is against Max Baer. The Baer who fought Jim Braddock wouldn't last two rounds against Louis. The Braddock who fought Baer wouldn't be on his feet at the end of four rounds.

The Black Mamba, who strikes with the speed and the poisoning effect of the jungle snake, is much too fast for any rival now in sight. Gene Tunney told me that Louis might easily be the heavyweight champion of the world for eight years or more. Tunney is right.

Carnera and Levinsky were second rate tests — two fighters apparently beaten before they marched into the centre of the ring. They knew they were outclassed, and that is the way they fought. In the return engagement I think Louis would knock out Carnera in a round.

What about Max Baer? Baer's only outside chance is to get in the best condition of his life and carry the fight to Louis from the jump. Baer will have to be ready to turn the battle into a rough-and-tumble brawl. Louis is so far faster and Louis can outbox and outlast the Livermore Lurper with something to spare and this goes for either hand.

Baer's best chance is to rough his way through and find out whether Louis likes it under these conditions. If he does, it will be just too bad, for if Baer can't head off Louis' upward march then no one else can.

Can Louis take it? Maybe he will never have to. He is also a past master in defense, just as Jack Johnson was, and Louis outclasses Johnson on offense. There is no comparison here.

It is hard to imagine how great he may be when experience rubs off the edges and lends generalship to his natural equipment.

Calm in Action

No one should judge Louis on his fights with Carnera and Levinsky, because neither was a fight which really tested him. All we really know about him is what we see him do. He has color because he has grace. Grace is balance. Balance is poise. Poise is certainty of action. He is dead calm in action, but we have yet to see him in heavy action. He has ring appeal because he is perfectly trained and attuned.

He has the natural balance which permits him to roll with a punch and so rob it of its sting. He is as natural a short puncher as the average man is a natural walker. He feints with his body more than his hands. He has the knack of drawing punches which means making an opponent lead. His counters are time with precision. When he throws a punch, it is always a planned punch, and that means a powerful one.

But the weakness of opposition does not give the fighter color and speed and grace and timing and terrific hitting power. Louis is a great fighter now. In a year he will be immortal.

WON'T MARRY,  
SAYS BAROTRA

ARBONNE, France, Aug. 31—Henri Borotra, brother of Jean Borotra, the "bounding basque" of tennis fame, denied today a report that Jean is engaged to marry. The report, Henri said "is entirely false."

## Umpires' Apparel

NEW YORK, Sept. 1—The gray uniforms worn by the umpires aren't popular with them, or learn. They like the blue because, you suspect, blue is the symbol of authority. But there is another reason, however. The gray uniform sometimes gets them a little thicker into the ball game than they like to be. Ernie Orsatti crashed into Klem one day not long ago because, in the heat of a play on the bases he got just a glimpse of the gray uniform and thought he was taking an enemy player out of action.

"Another day," Bill said, "Hartnett made a terrible wild throw. He almost hit me with it. Bob Emslie was at the game that day and afterward said to me:

"You know how that happened, don't you? He was throwing at the gray uniform." ... "He was too, I believe. It's bound to be confusing to a player, once in a while, when he has to come up with the ball and get it away in a hurry and he takes a peek and sees a gray uniform somewhere near where he has to make the throw."

This was especially true when the umpires wore the gray caps. That's why they wear blue caps that came with the uniforms. now.

LEAFS ARE AFTER  
EBBIE GOODFELLOW

TORONTO, Sept. 1—Although Conny Smythe, manager of the Toronto Maple Leafs, would not confirm the report, it was stated here the club were after the services of Ebbie Goodfellow, star defence and centre star of the Detroit Red Wings. Smythe said he was in the market for several players to bolster his National League club but added it was a little early yet to talk hockey.

The report regarding Goodfellow, said Jack Adams, manager of the Wings, was willing to part with the big fellow, but had asked for "Hee" Kilrea, left winger, and "King" Clancy, defenceman, from the Leafs in return. The Toronto club are reported to have offered Kilrea and Andy Blair in the trade.

FOOTBALL JUST  
OVER HORIZON

MONTREAL, Aug. 30 — George Brown, the Winnipeg whizbang of the Verdun Hockey Club, will join the Wheelers tonight at practice and bid for a position at inside wing. Brown the Big Four Team three seasons ago was a candidate for a position with and took part in a few games at outside wing and on the back-line. He is a athlete of the robust type and many think he will find his position on the line.

LOUGHRAN IS  
DOUBTFUL OF  
BAER'S HANDS

BUFFALO, N. Y., Sept. 2—Tommy Loughran, Philadelphia's master boxer and one-time light-heavyweight champion, is convinced Max Baer's tender maulies may cost him his fight with the Brown Bomber, Joe Louis, of Detroit, next month.

"Louis," said Loughran, cooling off on a rubbering table "may lick Baer as early as the third round—probably will."

The calm Philadelphian spoke during a "breather" after a serious workout for his bout with young Al Delaney here next Wednesday.

"And, mind you," he emphasized, "I think Baer is a great fighter. In fact, a little better fighter than Louis."

"But Baer is taking a big chance fighting next month. His hands are bad. He should do about six months of manual labor to get them in shape. I don't believe he can possibly get his hands right for a fight late in September. And I'm banking my judgment on practical experience."

"I've been through the mill. You can soak a pair of hands in brine until the cows come home. It only toughens the hide. It doesn't heal bruised bones."

"Baer is a great fighter," Tommy said. "And he's a dead game fellow. But he doesn't know how to pull away from a punch or roll with one. He never learned the art."

"He's so strong and tough he allows his vanity to dominate him. Max figures he can take the other fellow's best punches and still win with his own."

"He won't be able to do that with Louis. Louis can punch."

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Olympic Games Should  
Be Good.

NEW YORK, Sept. 1—Track and field authorities in this country are concerned these days over the outcome of the Olympic Games to be held in Berlin next summer. They are afraid the United States team may make a showing similar to that at Amsterdam in 1928, when the star spangled athletes captured only one flat race, and that by virtue of a gallant nose dive on the part of Ray Barbuti, former Syracuse ace and 400-metre runner extraordinary.

The current European tours of American track and field teams have demonstrated Continental countries have advanced a long way in the last decade and have concentrated with remarkable success on those events in which they were deficient at the Olympic games at Los Angeles.

The results of the recent meets in Europe reveal that the American performers were sufficiently strong and talented to capture the majority of the events and at time make a clean sweep of the laurels. But their adversaries showed repeatedly they were far from mediocre. By the time another year roll around, it is expected they will be able to give the best a battle for the honors.

Sprinters Are Plentiful

American domination appears on paper to be confirmed to the sprints where they have plenty of talented young men, some of whom seem phenomenal, and to the hurdles, running broad jump, high jump and the pole vault. The discus throw, shot put, javelin throw, hammer throw and steeplechase may conceivably go to foreign athletes.

In the past, it was customary for nations on the Continent to endeavor to develop winners only in those popular events in their own country. International competition has tended to supplant this policy with one which demands excellence in all phases. The result is European and Scandinavian athletes today are specializing in events which they formerly neglected, with the result that they are able to vie with the leaders in all sports.

In view of his attitude, the Olympic games of 1936 will be more hotly contested. Victories should be distributed over a wider area, with no nation having a monopoly on the championships. If American athletes are to take their share of the laurels, they will have to maintain what little edge they have in the sprints, high jump, hurdles and the like, but improve considerably in those contests in which they have been noticeably weak. The Berlin Olympics will not be a pushover for the American track and field aces under any circumstances.

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