

# Braves, Right at Cards' Heels, Call on Bridegroom Cooper to Tag Them

By MELVILLE WEBB

With four successive wins over Giants and Pirates behind them, the Braves now must get down to their really important business.

The St. Louis team from which the Tribe has received so much help, particularly meaning Johnny Hopp, will breeze into the Wigwam for a night game this evening.

It will be an arc light affair, No. 3 for the Tribe, which lost one such to the Giants but copped another from the Frank Frisch Corsairs.

Mr. Dyer's Cardinals stand out in front by the narrowest of margins. That means, the Cards senior pennant. They beat the Dodgers of Brooklyn over in Flat-Rickey Dodgers bush yesterday and came over on the former Southworth gang the early evening train to Boston will be here for three days, under

the lights tonight and singles Friday and Saturday. To date, the club which took three pennants for the present Boston manager, has won 14 games while losing eight, while for the long pace-setting Dodgers the record is 15 wins against nine defeats. Manager Billy is very much under pressure right now. It was not enough for him to plan to be Mort Cooper's "best man" at an afternoon wedding today. Bill had to be busy also, striving to figure how to outsmart Mister Dyer of St. Louis. Just naturally it would be nice if it were "duck soup" for "Bill the Kid" to beat the fellow who has taken over the reins which Southworth himself so long held successfully.

### Met Three Times at St. Louis

The Cards and Tribesmen played three games at Sportsman's Park on the Tribe's first western trip. It was two wins for Dyer and one for Southworth. The Cards' eight losses have been—two to Boston 1, to Chicago 2, to Cincinnati 2, to Giants 1 and to Pirates 2. And the wins have been—2 from the Dodgers, 2 from the Tribe, 3 each from Cubs, Reds and Pirates and just 1 from the very lowly Phillies.

Quite an important array those Cards will present at the Wigwam under Joe Perini's expensive lighting system tonight. The Tribe fans will have their first chance to see George Sisler's first baseman son play first cushion. And should you be figuring that the Cardinals have broken down—just survey such names as Musial, Slaughter, Moore, Kurovski, O'Dea and Marion. There, in that gang, is reason enough to believe that the Cards are the boys for all to best this year.

The Braves are still the third-place boys. One and a half games behind the practically tied-up leaders—that is all. If there are Tribal aspirations to make it three in a row from those Cardinals and thus sweep into the lead of the National League, there is no sign of such confidence out in the vicinity of Gaffney and Babcock sts.

### Temperature Unsuitable

No game yesterday. Grounds too wet, seats too wet and temperature not suitable for baseball. Billy wants to play when he can, but Wednesday was not the day.

The manager is not in such a happy frame of mind. He can't use Johnny Hopp—his ace, in centerfield, because of a torso which is strapped up solidly. Nor is "Chuck" Workman in shape to play to start this important series because of a lame leg. So Carden Gillenwater will have to play center field. "Gilly" did lots of fine things for Coleman and Bissonette last year—and maybe now he will have a chance to show that he's not a fellow to be discarded.

Freddy Martin, who has won both games he has pitched, will be Dyer's entry against Cooper for the night game. Mort's arm has come around to the satisfaction of his manager, but to date he has had no very important luck. However, Cooper feels that just the right wedding present for the new Mrs. Cooper will be to flatten out those Cardinals tonight. Southworth believes Mort can turn the trick. The next few days will may tell

# UNDER THE LIGHTS . . . By Gene Mack



## Reiser Gets \$11,000 Pay-Raise Because of Mexican Offer

NEW YORK, May 15 (AP)—The Daily Mirror says Pete Reiser, hard-hitting Brooklyn outfielder who turned down a lucrative bid from the Mexican League, has been given a new contract calling for a big boost in pay.

The paper said it was understood Pete, leading base stealer of the majors and currently boasting a .326 batting average, had signed for \$15,000 with a bonus of \$5000 to be added at the end of the season if he keeps up with his sterling stickwork. Reiser was believed to have received \$9000 under the old contract.

Less than two weeks ago Reiser rejected an offer of \$100,000 for three seasons of play in the Mexican League.

The Mirror also said Stan Rojek, a rookie infielder who had spurned a South of the Border offer, had been given an increase by Rickey.

An important story for the Braves. Already they have looked far better than the Giants and the Phillies, and have done their full share against the Pirates. They have not as yet faced Bill McKechnie's Reds from Cincinnati. The weather man took care of that.

But the Cards and Cubs are the teams generally chosen to make the National League race a keen one. The Dodgers have started bravely but it is far too early to figure just how Leo Durocher's intermixture of old material can be moulded into a steady, upstanding team.

So it looks as if it is the coming week-end for Southworth and his Braves to show the fans just the sort of stuff of which they are made. The inspiration's there—and so is the spirit to hustle and to force the breaks. To play their strong hand now will mean very much as the Tribe may start to figure what may be its first division chances for 1946.

## Baseball Guild Lays Ground for Dealing With Pirate Club

The American Baseball Guild claimed all but two or three members of the Pittsburgh Pirates as members today and served notice on Pres. William Benswanger that it intended to begin collective bargaining negotiations very shortly, the United Press said.

Nobert Murphy, founder and director of the new independent union for baseball players, said that the Pirates just happened to get organized first, but that the union had a majority of players on five other clubs and expected to announce further plans within the next few days.

The action against Pittsburgh marked the second major legal move by Murphy and the guild against a big league team.

Pres. Clark Griffith of the Washington Senators was charged by the Regional National Labor Relations Board at Baltimore. Murphy said that Griffith had advised players to join a union.

Benswanger and Pirate officials were informed of the Guild's organization plans by telegraph at Pittsburgh. However, Benswanger, who was reached in New York, said that he had heard nothing of the reported unionization of the team and "in fairness to the players, the clubs, and the press, I don't feel like saying anything until I know what I am talking about."

## MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

Yesterday's Results

NATIONAL LEAGUE				AMERICAN LEAGUE			
W	L	R	E	W	L	R	E
St. Louis (Pellee)	5	0	0	Chicago (Rinne)	2	3	0
Brooklyn (Webber)	0	5	0	Boston (Hudson)	2	3	0
Chicago (Wise)	6	12	0	St. Louis (Zalaski)	2	8	0
Philadelphia (Karr)	4	14	0	New York (Gardner)	12	10	0
(13 Innings)				Cleveland (Harden)	3	6	0
Cincinnati (Bergs)	2	5	0	Philadelphia (Karr)	6	12	0
New York (Thompson)	2	5	0	Cleveland (Gronck)	6	12	0
(10 Innings)				Philadelphia (Newson)	6	4	1
Pittsburgh-Boston, postponed.				Washington (Leonard)	6	12	0
				Detroit (Gray)	5	7	1

Standing of the Clubs

NATIONAL LEAGUE				AMERICAN LEAGUE			
Club	W	L	Pct.	Club	W	L	Pct.
St. Louis	14	8	.636	Boston	22	5	.812
Brooklyn	13	10	.565	New York	17	10	.630
Chicago	12	10	.545	Detroit	15	12	.556
Philadelphia	12	10	.545	Washington	12	12	.500
Cincinnati	11	14	.440	St. Louis	12	15	.444
New York	11	14	.440	Cleveland	10	15	.400
Pittsburgh	9	15	.369	Philadelphia	7	20	.259
Philadelphia	5	17	.227				

Today's Games and Probable Pitchers

NATIONAL LEAGUE		AMERICAN LEAGUE	
St. Louis at Boston (Night)—Martin (2-0) vs. Cooper (2-2)		Boston at St. Louis (Night)—Barby (2-1) vs. Kramer (1-0)	
Chicago at New York—Schmitz (2-1) vs. Voisard (2-3)		Philadelphia at Detroit—Christopher (2-1) vs. Feller (1-3)	
Pittsburgh at Brooklyn (Night)—Ostermuller (1-2)		Washington at Cleveland—Baefner (1-1) vs. Rowe (0-2)	
Cincinnati at Philadelphia—Vander Meer (0-3)			

Baseball's Big Six

Club	W	L	R	E	Club	W	L	R	E
Musial, Cardinals	22	8	16	373	Lodiain, Wh Sox	19	7	27	336
Walker, Dodgers	22	8	16	373	McCormick, Phils	17	11	28	354
Cavarretta, Cubs	22	7	18	364	Pesky, Red Sox	27	11	31	44

Runs Batted In

Club	W	L	R	E	Club	W	L	R	E
Walker, Dodgers	21	DOERR, Red Sox	22		Dimerzio, Yanks	7			
MOLMES, Braves	22	DOERR, Red Sox	22		McCormick, Phils	4	WILLIAMS, R Sox	4	
Mize, Giants	19	DIMARZIO, Yanks	22		Mize, Giants	7	CHAPMAN, Athletics	7	
		Spencer, Senators	22		Keller, Yankees	7			

Individual Records of Boston Players

BRAVES				RED SOX			
G	AB	R	BI	G	AB	R	BI
Hopp	21	80	21	27	338	7	5
Verandean	14	54	12	11	324	2	0
Sanders	15	58	8	18	321	10	1
Wright	15	58	8	18	321	10	1
Wright	6	7	1	2	286	2	0
Holmes	22	84	14	24	280	19	0
Wrightman	18	46	6	13	280	2	0
Gillenwater	9	18	2	5	278	1	0
Hedderth	11	37	4	2	250	0	0
Roberts	21	80	4	20	250	9	1
Evans	21	80	4	20	250	9	1
Howell	11	27	2	13	224	2	0
Culler	10	27	2	13	222	2	0
Workman	11	26	4	5	192	2	0
Sain	6	16	0	1	187	0	0
Wallace	4	10	0	1	180	0	0
Cooper	1	1	0	0	161	0	0
Konstanty	1	1	0	0	160	0	0

Pitching

Club	W	L	IP	W	L	IP
Wallace	1	0	Sain	2	2	
Lee	2	1	Javery	0	1	
Wright	2	1				

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# Greek Won Marathon, Now Turk May Annex N.E. Pole Vault Crown!

By JERRY NASON

**FOREIGN AFFAIRS**—The New England pole vaulting championship may travel to Istanbul, Turkey, which is a remote destination, you must admit—even farther than Presque Isle, Me.

Ziyaeddin A. Unevar, formerly an apprentice seaman in the Turkish Navy, is co-favorite in Saturday's championship track meet at Cambridge. He is a student of marine engineering and naval architecture at M. I. T.

"Zeke," which his Tech contemporaries find more convenient to address him, prepared to study in Germany. The war erupted, so he took the Tech exams, instead. He is 23, extremely dark and slender (5-7, 121 pounds, including a natty mustache), and his postwar plans include translating American books on sports when he returns to Istanbul.

Ziyaeddin wants to remain in Turkish track competition, also hopes to coach his young countrymen. "In the three years I've coached him here," says Oscar Hedlund, "he has trained faithfully and improved steadily. His reward will be—I plan to take him to the IC4-A meet at Annapolis. It will be an unforgettable experience for him."

"Zeke's" father, now dead, was an officer in the Turkish merchant marine. He has a brother, 19, who runs distance races, and sisters aged 28 and 11. Hedlund says his handsome Turk is not rugged enough for his most suitable event, the low hurdles.

**MORE FOREIGN AFFAIRS**—Last evening Stylianos Kyriakides, the great Greek Marathon runner, tossed a farewell party to his friends and acquaintances of the local press. Mr. Kyriakides will return to Athens within a few days, and will carry with him not only a staggering load of relief for his stricken countrymen, but also the loftiest regards of this entire vicinity.

I remark without hesitation that Stylianos, now fattened by innumerable DeMeter steaks, remains the most genuine, sincere and unaffected athlete of my acquaintance. His story—that of a hungry, impoverished Greek who journeyed many thousands of miles to run a 26-mile errand of mercy—will be retold a century from now in Greece.

**DOMESTIC AFFAIRS**—Mr. Rudolph York, whose original purchase by the Red Sox was not precisely celebrated by the hurling of hats, is laboring diligently for his new board and room. To date he has personally beaten the Yanks with a triple, the White Sox with a home run, and the Browns with a double.

Furthermore, Mr. York's "team spirit," so-called, has astonished members of the cast who are brushing elbows with him for the first time. "I guess," says one Red Socker, "you have to play on the same team with Rudy to appreciate what a tremendous guy he is."

**STATE HOUSE AFFAIRS**—In the excitement of raffling off half the Suffolk Downs stock for \$3,600,000, the local scribes missed the pitch on the dog track dates. Wonderland, with which Gov. Tobin was feuding a year past, was upped to its old quota of 100 nights . . . suggesting that Mr. Owen Gallagher, "baby" member of the Racing Commission, is a salve spreader without parallel. Everybody is happy once more. This gives the puppy patrol patrons a chance to go to the dogs twice as fast as last year.

**GATHERING NO MOSS**—Little boys who throw stones, even at umpires in East Boston, would have no stones to throw if the schoolboy playing fields in the city were not literally strewn with stones in the first place.

Some major league ball clubs learned long ago to place ammunition out of reach. That's why they serve sody pop in paper cups at Fenway Park and Braves Field. You can't even hurt an umpire's FEELINGS with a paper cup.

## Williams vs. Williams

(Ted the Kid's batting pace compared to 1941, the year he clubbed his way to his memorable .406.)

	G	AB	R	BI	HR	Ave
1941	23	59	15	20	13	.439
1946	28	97	28	37	26	.381

## Cardiff Giant Meets Indian Chief Tonight in Arena Main Bout

In what should be one of the wildest wrestling bouts this season, the Cardiff Giant, Grass Valley, Calif., tangles with Chief Osley Saunooke, Cherokee Indian from North Carolina, tonight at the Boston Arena in the feature bout of Paul Bowser's card.

The Giant, slow foot, will attempt to offset his slowness by matching his tremendous strength against the mat trickery of the wily Indian.

Three matches on the supporting card will complete the night's program. The semifinal will find Johnny Mochy, former United States Marine hero, returning to tangle with Stan Karolyi, Hungary. The special bout should be a speedy affair between Manuel Cortez, East Boston, and Ivar Martinsson, Denmark. The opener will see Duke

Keomuku, Hawaii, and Jim Wallis, Holy Cross, come to grips.

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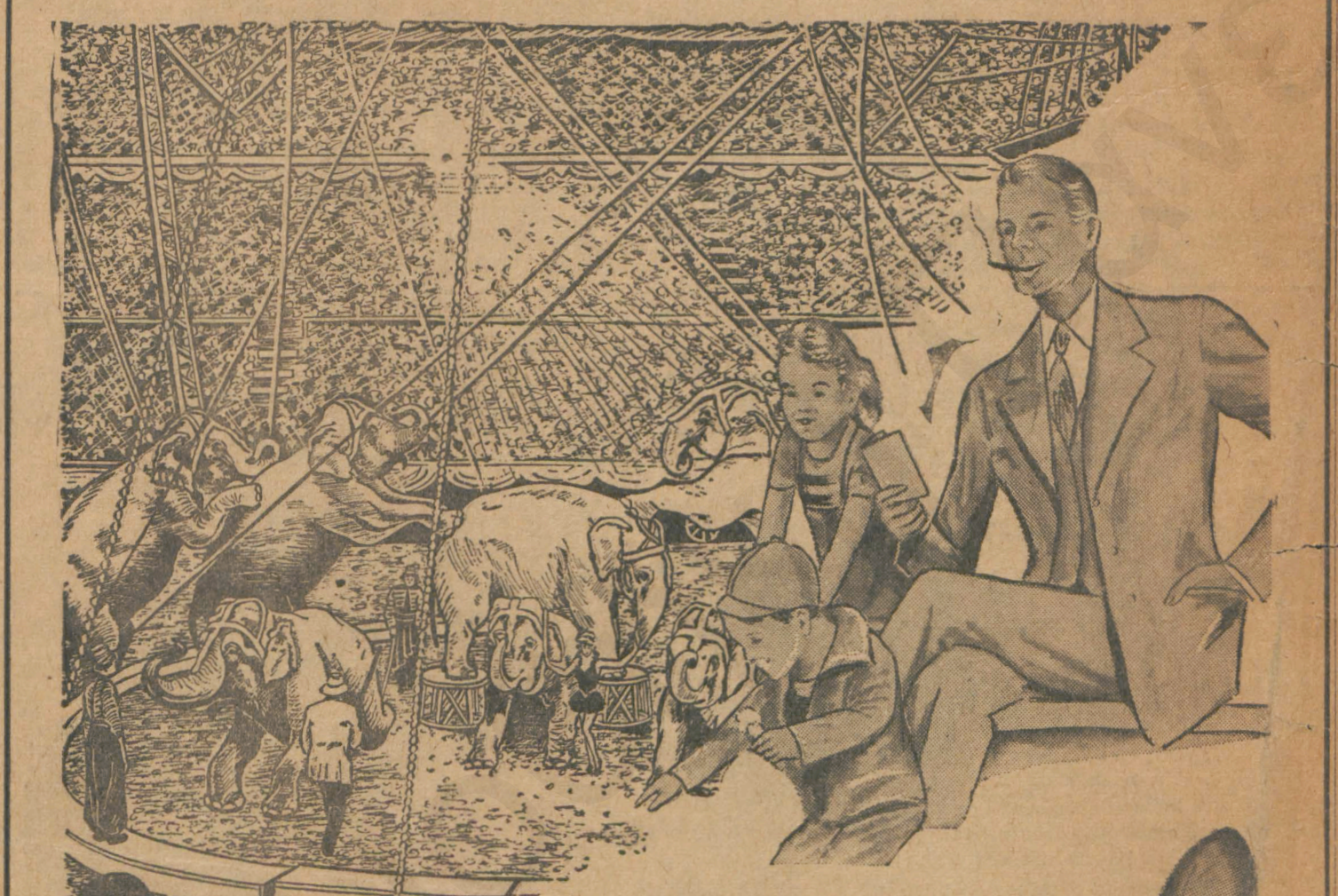
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