

CARD COLLAPSE TRACED TO VET HURLING STAFF

Strange Slump of National League Champs May Go Down in History As Most Unexpected—Bucs Register Eight in a Row.

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Here and there on the pages of baseball history are recorded the dramatic collapses of powerful baseball machines, but the fall of the St. Louis Cardinals, National league champions in 1928, threatens to go down in the books as one of the strangest and most unexpected of all form reversals.

For two months the Cards were in the thick of the pennant chase. Then they fell apart. There have been a number of explanations for the collapse of the champions, but most of the responsibility can be traced back to a veteran pitching staff that cracked wide open at a time when Billy Southworth had no up-and-coming youngsters capable of stepping into the breach.

On June 14 of the current campaign the Cards had compiled a record of 34 victories and 19 losses, a percentage of close to .650. Since that date the Cardinals have lost 23 games and won only six for a season's record of 46 victories and 42 defeats, a percentage of less than .500.

Thus in the short space of a month the Cards have dropped from a position as a leading contender for the championship into a dogfight with Brooklyn to stay out of the second division. Southworth's crew last ground to the Dodgers yesterday, bowing to the New York Giants, 7 to 2, while the Robins were turning back the Cincinnati Reds, 4 to 2. This left the Robins only a game and a half out of the first division.

The second place Chicago Cubs played a half game off Pittsburgh's lead by downing the Phillies in both ends of a double bill, 9 to 6, and 7 to 6. Chuck Klein hit his 24th, 25th and 26th home runs during the double bill to resume major league leadership in this department. Hack Wilson got his 23rd homer in the first game.

An error by George Sisler enabled the Pirates to beat the Boston Braves, 5 to 4 in 11 innings and stretch their winning streak to eight in a row. The victory left the Pirates leading the Cubs by two and a half games. The Yankees picked up half a game on the Athletics by beating Detroit, 7 to 6 while the A's were splitting a double bill with Cleveland.

Babe Ruth's 20th homer of the year in the ninth inning gave the Yanks their win at Detroit. Sloppy fielding spoiled Roy Sherry's debut as a starting pitcher and he was relieved by Freddy Heimach, who received credit for the victory. Cleveland slugger Elmer Hornum and Yerkes to take the first game of their double bill with the A's, 8 to 5, but George Barnashaw stopped the Indians cold in the second which the Athletics won, 4 to 0. Barnashaw gave seven scattered hits and fanned six men.

Ed Walsh outpitched Fred Mahery as the Chicago White Sox beat Washington, 4 to 2, and the St. Louis Browns pounded five Boston hurlers for 16 hits to down the Red Sox, 10 to 2.

BRITISH TRACK STARS MEET YALE AND HARVARD



Athletes from Oxford and Cambridge will enter a dual meet with a Yale-Harvard team July 13 at the Harvard stadium, Cambridge, Mass., where they are shown practicing. Ian R. Mann (lower right) is the high hurdle star of the invaders and Fred Sturdy (lower left) is the hope of American cohorts in the pole vault.

BRADDOCK JAB EVENS ODDS IN THURSDAY BOUT

Rumors Say Challenger Has Developed Left Hand Blow That May Worry Loughran—Champ Slowing Up, Belief of Fans.

NEW YORK, July 16.—(AP)—There are rumors that James J. Braddock has developed a good left hook which he hopes to use with good effect when he faces Tommy Loughran in their light heavyweight championship battle at the Yankee stadium Thursday night but the chances are that the Jersey City challenger will fall back upon his trusty right when and if a crisis develops.

Observers at Braddock's training camp at White Sulphur Springs, N. Y., have noticed the challenger working away with a left hook. But James J. is not by any means neglecting his straight right. It was a straight right that broke Pete Latzo's jaw, knocked out Tuffy Griffith and stopped Jimmy Slattery and no one knows better than Braddock that his fortune is in his right hand.

With that hand Braddock punches harder than any light heavyweight in the business. It would seem that Loughran, at his camp in Humesville, Pa., is apparently close to his best form, is depending upon his speed and boxing skill to keep him out of the way of the challenger's punches.

Leo Lomax found that Loughran could be floored but Leo didn't find any way to keep the light heavyweight champion down. The twelve rounds floored Tommy twice, in the first round of a bout at Madison Square Garden but Loughran got up to box his way to a decision. Braddock punches harder than Lomax and Loughran may not be able to get up if one of the Jersey City slugger's rights land flush on his jaw.

Odds on the bout have been shortening. Indications now are that Loughran will enter the ring little better than an even money choice. The betting fraternity seems to have decided that the 175-pound titleholder has lost some of his speed and that there is more than a remote chance that Braddock will succeed in the title.

OUT & KEELER'S GOLF BAG

By O. B. KEELER
Harry Pritchett, a tall, lanky blond undergraduate at the University of Alabama, who won the 1929 southern intercollegiate golf championship early in May, at the Biltmore Forest country club of Asheville, turned up a fortnight later to play in the open championship of the southeastern professional golfers' association at Birmingham. He looked extremely pallid and far lankier than at Asheville, and informed me, with a depressed air, that he doubted if he could manage to play through the competition.

"Examinations been tough?" I inquired.
"No," he said. "Initiations. I might go so far as to say examinations. I'm just about ruined."

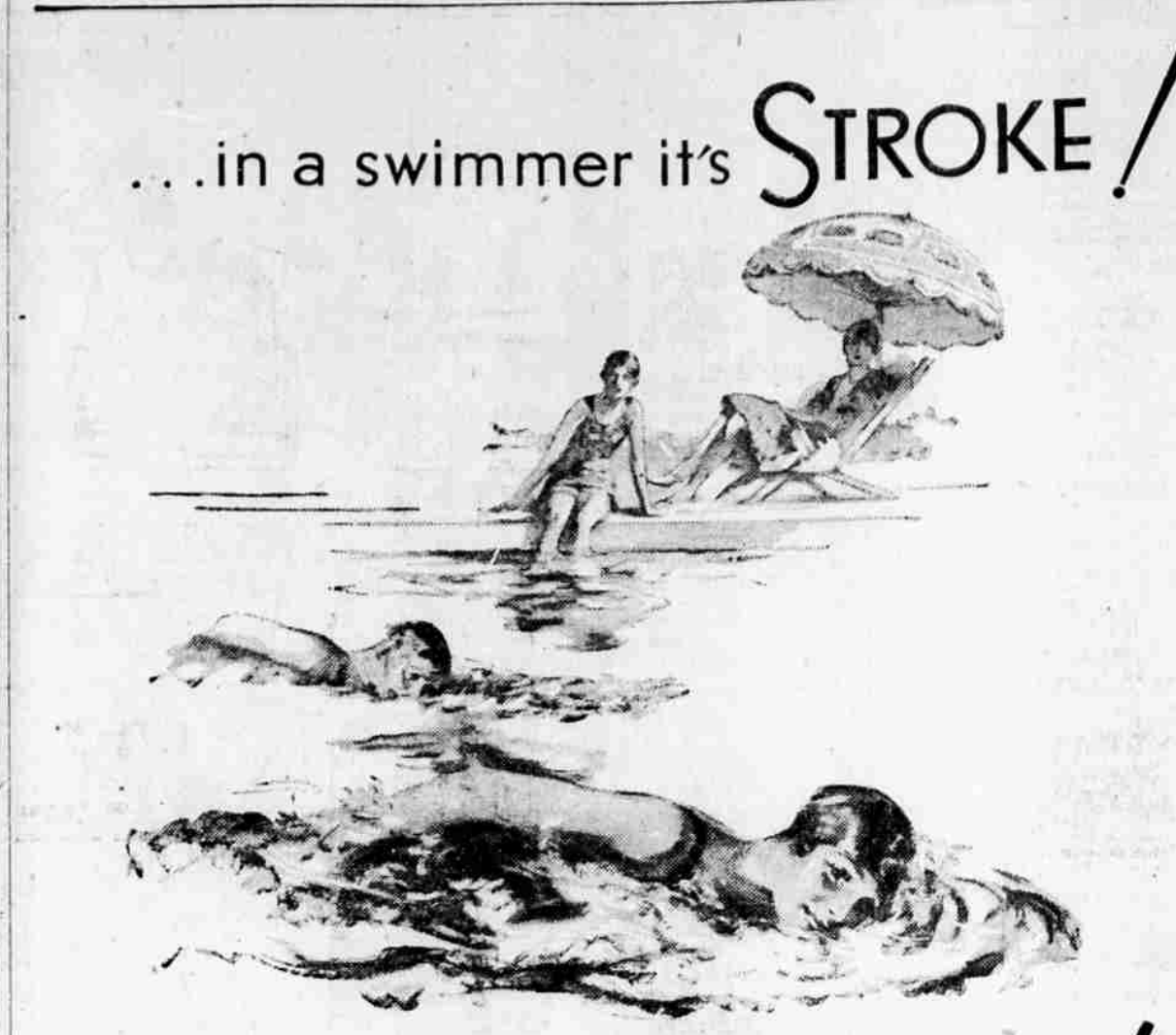
I pressed Harry for an explanation. It seems that in the closing days of his collegiate term he was a candidate for one of the mystic fraternities at Alabama; and progressed uneventfully enough to the initiatory stage. Naturally he did not let me into the dread secrets of the order. But he did specify a section which involved the application of considerable voltage to his person.

"I was all wet at the time," he said. "The first part of the work was—well, sort of trying. And it was hot weather. I was pretty damped, I suppose. And when I got to the—well, the part with the electricity, why, it wasn't so darned much more comfortable than one of those chairs where they put straps on you. At least, that's my idea."

Harry was in bed a week from the shock and, sure enough, he had to withdraw from the Birmingham golf competition after the first day. "They talk about electrocution, being an advance of civilization," said he, gloomily. "Tell you what—next time I join a fraternity, I hope they hang me!"

POP VENDER RETIRES WITH \$100,000 STAKE
SAN ANTONIO, Texas.—(AP)—"Julius," whose thundering plea, "Don't you ever get thirst-ee?" is familiar to thousands of players and fans, probably has hawked his last bottle of pop.

Many persons know that Julius boasts a last name, although his given name has been a by-word in San Antonio for 20 years. His surname is Myer. Likewise few know he has laid away a fortune estimated at \$100,000, as well as providing an education for several children, through his assorted occupations.



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Fights Last Night

By the Associated Press.
Boston.—Ernie Schaff, Boston, knocked out Jack Gagnon, Boston, (6).
New York.—Sammy Dorfman, New York, stopped Peter Mack, Jersey City, (8).
Toronto.—Steve Rocco, Toronto, outpointed Phil Tobias, New York, (10).

Grand Rapids, Mich.—George Godfrey, Leipsville, Pa., stopped Ralph Smith, San Francisco, (2).

Watch Tongue For Signs of Illness

Your tongue is nothing more than the upper end of your stomach and intestines. It is the first thing your doctor looks at. It tells at a glance the condition of your digestive system—and physicians say that 90 per cent of all sicknesses start with stomach and bowel trouble.

A white or yellowish coating on your tongue is a danger signal of those digestive disorders. It tells you why the least exertion tires you out; why you have pains in the bowels, gas, sour stomach, dizzy spells.

STANDINGS OF THE CLUBS

(By the Associated Press)

National League			
	W.	L.	PC.
Pittsburgh	52	28	.647
Chicago	48	28	.625
New York	49	28	.625
St. Louis	50	32	.609
Brooklyn	37	42	.468
Philadelphia	37	48	.437
Boston	22	50	.300
Cincinnati	26	49	.344

American League			
	W.	L.	PC.
Philadelphia	50	29	.625
New York	50	29	.625
St. Louis	48	28	.625
Detroit	44	30	.593
Cleveland	41	40	.506
Washington	39	45	.463
Chicago	38	52	.421
Boston	25	58	.298

WESTERN OPEN SCENE DEMANDS ACCURACY

MILWAUKEE.—(AP)—Accuracy says the biggest dividends at the Ozaukee Country club here where the western open golf tournament will be played August 21-24.

The two most difficult holes, thinks Joe Robertson, club pro, are eight and eleven. Eight is 411 yards, par four, a dogleg to the right. The green is surrounded by heavy timber. There is a fast opening for the approach.

LATER.