Sports

Gravely Seen as Richmond's Best Prospect in State Amateur



AM NOT an obstetrician, but I have assisted at a birth. The birth I refer to is that of Richmond's new athletic center, the \$175.000 Cavalier Arena.

Fortunately for my own well-being I went to the arena hours before the opening to watch National Champion Betty Lytle and 5-year-olds Irene Bodnar and Gibby White practice for their roller skating performance of the evening

I say fortunately because if I had come at 7:30 when the doors were scheduled to open I would not have been able to penetrate the huge crowd which blocked the front door.

If I had come at 8 I would not even have been able to get in the same block as the area. The crowd was tremendous. It was huge. In Hollywood it would have been even greater than super super collossal.

Richmond had turned out to welcome its new athletic arena. As is usually the case with the opening of a new building the operators ran into any number of difficulties. Finishing touches kept the doors closed until almost 8 and when they finally were opened, the crowd was so huge that the ticket facilities provided just couldn't handle then

But somehow or other-thanks to Major E. H. Organ and his efficient police force and other willing volunteers-the tremendous throng of more than 4,000 managed to get into their new athletic and roller skating headquarters-the Cavalier Arena.

THE OPENING of the Cavalier Arena provided me with many surprises but the greatest of all was the discovery

that so many Richmonders were past masters at the art of roller skating.

I stood at the entrance watching Joe Housler take up tickets and to my amazement I saw scores of Richmonders arriving with their own shoe skates.

"What goes on "" said I to myself, "I thought no one in Richmond knew anything about roller skating

But, as usual, I was wrong. They not only knew plenty about skating, but proved to be very adept at the sport in addition.*

INCIDENTALLY this modern roller skating is not at all what it used to be back in the dim, distant days so long

ago when I used to stick my long nose into roller rinks.

In those days the skaters dashed around the floor at top speed. and woe be unto him who lagged behind or tripped and fell before the onrushing mob.

But times have changed

Today the skaters skim around the floor in graceful rhythmic motions, keeping time to the music of the organ, and following special and intricate dance steps as easily and as gracefully as your grandparents used to waltz to the Blue Danube.

In the old days, the crowd was a rough, unruly mob, not a bi averse to sneaking a drink or starting a fight. Last night's crowd was large, and naturally a little noisy. But

there was no sign of disorder, any more than you would have seen disorder around the Country Club of Virginia swimming pool or at Gloucester Banks or at Virginia Beach.

In fact it was the same crowd-your neighbor and mine, all out for an evening of wholesome amusement.

Roller skating has changed-for the better-and apparently Richmond has adopted the sport permanently.





At Poughkeepsie

By SID FEDER.

waist lines down.

in by thirteen

This was a pretty fair country

has had more than one better-

than-bad boatload, said it's "as

Olympic outfit's world record."

"You may not know it." he said,

great a crew as I ever had.'

POUGHKEEPSIE, N. Y., June 26.-(AP)--It probably comes as no surprise to you to learn that, for competitive thrills, the annual intercollegiate regatta packs about as much punch these days as target practice at the Empire State





Babe by 3 and 2

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NEWTON, Mass., June 26.-(P) Ty Cobb may have first blood on Babe Ruth, his fellow baseball hall - of - famer, as far as their "grudge" golf matches are concerned, but the latter is biding his time and he does not expect to be kept waiting overlong.

Local Golfer In 3rd Round At Columbus

Former Woodberry Star Now Playing From Yale

By BEN WAHRMAN

Richmond's best prospect for a State amateur golf champion, since Bobby Riegel left town back in 1936, was making a name for himself today in the national intercollegiate tournament at Columbus, O.

He is Edmund K. Gravely, who today played tourney favorite Earl Stewart, of L. S. U., in the third round of the college tourney.

Young Gravely first became a tournament figure while a stu-dent at Woodberry Forest, where he was a member of the school's golf team. His first major tournament was The News Leadersponsored State interscholastic tourney, and although he never won that event, he figured prominently in it each time he competed

After graduating from Woodberry, Gravely entered Yale and this year captained the Yale, golf He is competing in the inteam. tercollegiates as a member of the Yale team.

The national intercollegiates prevented Gravely from playing in the State amateur last year, but the dates differed this year, and he will be on hand when the qualifying round gets under way at Cascades course at Hot Springs on July 3.

In addition to Gravely, Rich-mond's hopes will center on Charlie Kent, last year's runner-up; Don O'Brien, a former State tour-ney medalist, and Bill Tomlinson, Jr., winner of the recent Hermi-

tage Open. Sam Bates, of Norfolk, is the State amateur champion. tourney will begin with an eighteen-hole qualifying round on July 3 and conclude on Sunday, July 6. Entries are being accepted by sec-retary Fred J. D. Mackay at Box 6-0, Richmond.

Stanford Moves Four Into Third Round

By FRITZ HOWELL

COLUMBUS, O., June 26.-(.P)-Sixteen stars from eleven schools, survivors of the sixty-four who started match play yesterday, bat-

opposition in the third set, with

Warren Berl, runner-up in 1939,

meeting Marshall Carlson, of To-

ledo, the Ohio conference champ;

Ray Brofnell clashing with A. C.

Williams, Yale star; Dee Replogle

competing against Alex Welsh, the Big Ten king from Illinois, and

Charles Finger meeting Danny Carmichael, Princeton's basketball

captain, baseball pitcher and

F. Dixon Brooke, the defending

champion from Virginia, who

tackles six-foot five-inch William

Zylstra, of Michigan State, the

only dark horse among the sixteen

survivors; Otto Greiner, Balti-

more's fine threat who takes on

Richard Wolfely, of Illinois, run-ner-up for the Big Ten laurels;

Edmund K. Gravely, of Yale, who

faces the task of upsetting Earl

Stewart, Louisiana State's medal-

ist and tourney lavorite who is

three under par for sixty-eight

holes, and Bob Brownell, of Duke,

The survivors of the morning

matches were due for another

round in the quarter-finals this

afternoon, both over the eighteen-

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Down in the lower half were

mashie swinger de luxe.

"What else can you expect when tle today for berths in the semiyou can't sink two-foot putts," Ruth philosophized yesterday finals of the forty-fourth nations when he took a 3 and 2 drubbing intercollegiate golf championship. from the Georgia Peach in the Everyone had an eye on Stanford's great four-man squad, win-ner of the team title. The quartet first of their charity exhibition series here at Commonwealth. "But watch me take him when we of Indians roared through two sets get to Fresh Meadow in Flushing. of victories yesterday, and they made up half the top bracket as N. Y., on Friday. There's a course that's built for my game.' play started today. Cobb, apparently unaccustomed Should they win their third round matches, the coast crew to playing golf before galleries as large as 2,000, appeared dazzled would be the only one left in the by his triumph, which he gained upper half of the draw, leaving the four stalwarts to cut each other by wiping out an early two-hole deficit while going on to put to-gether a medal of 81, nine over down through the quarter and semi-final rounds. All were booked against outside

INCIDENTALLY Richmonders were not the only people as ammunition. the arena last night.

The army was well represented, as were skaters from all parts of Virginia-Norfolk, Newport News, Gloucester, Victoria and many

way points. Washington, D. C., sent a huge delegation and there were even three skaters from far off Indianapolis who came down to try out the new rink.

And all of them were enthusiastic in their praise of the arena!

NO COLUMN about the Cavalier Arena opening could be sit down to dinner. complete without some mention of the roller skating

celebrities from New York who came down to help make it wondered if Washington and Calia success

Miss Betty Lytle, the national champion, showed the assembled gathering that anything could be done on wheels that could be done

Beautifully attired in a scant skating costume, she sped around the floor, performing various intricate stunts which had the crowd ohing and ahing in chorus.

She was preceded by Irene Bodnar and Gibby White, a pair of precocious 5-year-olds, who proved practically breath-taking on wheels. In addition to these performers, New York sent Victor J. Brown,

president and founder of the Roller Skating Rink Operators' Association, and William J. Egan, Attorney General of the State of New Jersey

Both were unanimous in declaring the Cavalier Arena on a par with any building of its kind in the country.

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IN THE MIDST of all the noise and confusion at the arena last night, one of my many critics button-holed me and began to fire questions at me.

"I thought this was an athletic arena," he jeered. "It's nothing but a skating rink. Where are the big boxing shows-the basketball Why didn't they open with a sporting games-the tennis matches? event instead of this roller skating." Carefully I fried to explain things to him. I explained that the freshmen boatloads with them.

season wasn't proper for a sporting event, and I explained still further crew swinging down the river for Washington in the varsity affair. about the roller skating. Even Coach Al Ulbrickson, who

One of the major reasons for the failure of sports events in Richmond has been because promoters have been forced to pay all of their expenses, overhead and everything else out of the revenue derived from that particular sport.

If the sport failed to take at first, the promoter found himself in the red and soon ran to cover.

That shouldn't happen with the Cavalier Arena They have roller skating to pay their overhead. They can afford to gamble on sporting events-to take a loss now and then for the sake of the huge profit they may make on other events.

Athletic events may prove the most popular attraction at the Cavalier Arena but roller skating must pay the freight

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PENNANT	PARADES	too. For a time they let Cali- fornia and Cornell keep up, just to make it interesting. Then Stroke Ted Garhart opened up a 36-beat, and the Huskies left the
NATIONAL LEAGUE VISTEROAT'S RESULTS State of a Boston 2 State of the state of th	Petersburg 28 22 542 Harrisenburg 19 28 22 Salem 27 23 540 Stauston 19 31 380 GAMES TODAY Lynchhurg at Salem. Harrisoburg at Stauston. Newport News At Stauston. Newport News Association AMERICAN ASSOCIATION Toledo, 13; Indianapolis, 3. Louisville, 6; Columbus, 1.	others like an express going away from a slow freight. At the finish the Huskies were more excited about what was com- ing up for dinner than they were about the win. They rowed over to the sun-steaming judges' boat and only wanted to know what their time was. Just for the record, it was 18 minutes, 53.3 sec- onds. Back of the two Far Western craft came, in order, Cornell, Syra- cuse, Princeton, Wisconsin, Rut- gers. Massachusetts Tech, and hard luck Columbia, whose No. 2 man, Gene Remmer, suffered a cramp at about the half-way mark. For the ho-hum department, the Washington win marked the eighth time in nine years the Pacific pull- ers have hit the Poughkeepsie jackpot. The only year they missed

HUGE CROWD AT NEW ARENA

"but they've rowed lots faster Richmond turned out in full force for the opening of the \$175,000 Cavalier Arena here last night. than my Olympic winning crew of The picture at the top shows some of the crowd outside of the building clamoring for admission. The '36. I sent this year's eight over lower photo pictures Ronald Balcom, president of the Noble-Balcom Corporation, which owns the arena, the 2,000 meter Olympic distance welcoming the group of roller-skating champions who came here for the opening. Balcom is pictured back in April and clocked 'em in holding the two 5-year-old stars, Irene Bodnar and Gibby White, while talking to Betty Lytle, national four seconds faster time than the champion On the plane steps behind them is Victor J. Brown, president of the National Roller Skat-ing Rink Operators' Association. [Staff Photos.] That's how they looked over the

ur-mile "Derby route" yesterday, bo. For a time they let Cali-**Cavalier Arena Opening So Successful** ornia and Cornell keep up, just make it interesting. Then roke Ted Garhart opened up a Management Plans to Do It Over Again -beat, and the Huskies left the hers like an express going away

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More than 5,000 people clamored for admission to the \$175,000 estab- didn't get in and about the many Just for the lishment last night and approxi- others who may have changed mately 4,000 of them managed to their minds after taking a look at

get into the building to try their the crowd. So they decided to hold the hand at roller skating and to see the marvelous performance put on entire show over for another by Betty Lytle, national woman's night.

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By HUGH S. FULLERTON, JR., Crimsons won't go to Pough-(Pinch-Hitting for Eddie Brietz) keepsie to let Ulbrickson do it (Pinch-Hitting for Eddie Brietz)

NEW YORK, June 26 .- (P)-Poughkeepsie pick-ups: The talk along rowing row all week has boats in the race. . . . Skip Walz, Wisconsin's coach and one of the been that Washington's Al Ulbrickson will get a bid from Yale to take Ed Leader's place. most enthusiastic rowing men on the river though he never tugged . . The Eli alumni think somean oar in college, is trying to perthing must be done about Harvard's string of victories and the

"We will do everything in our power to have everything running

Miss Lytle and the skating with his Huskies. . . . Like Wash-ington, George Pocock couldn't and tried their skill on the floor. and remarkably few spills and no lose yesterday. He built all the major casualties were reported.

> with roller skating as the only attraction until the fall, when boxing and basketball will share the spotlight with the wheeling sport.

par, against Ruth's 83. "I never have competed under such pressure." Cobb explained. "During my twenty-four years in baseball, I never had to bear down as hard as I did to beat the Babe. Well, I've got something to tell my children; I finally have beaten Ruth at something."

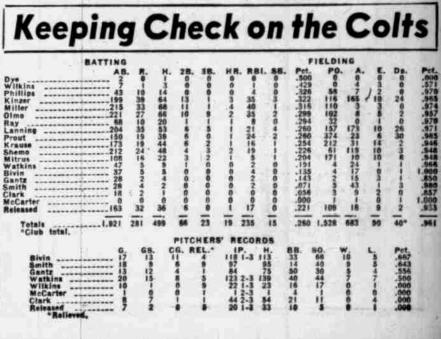
As golfers, both of those rival diamond immortals left much to be desired, when compared to the top-ranking professional exhibitionists. Both are left-handers and somewhat erratic, Cobb on the tees and fairways and Ruth on the greens. The spectators, however, were not exacting and most of them cheered lustily when Ruth turned in the most spectacular shot of the match on the fourth green where he chipped in from 40 feet for the only birdie either snagged.

Firemen Defeat Emporia, 6 to 5

the Southern intercollegiate ruler, who meets Cary Middlecoff, an outstanding threat from Missis-**COLONIAL HEIGHTS**, June 26. sippi The Firemen continued their inand-out battle with Emporia for first place in the Southside League here last night with a 6 to 5 triumph over the Blues in ten in hole route. The semi-finals, at thirty-six holes, are booked Frinings to go back into first place. Jimmy Dodson squeezed Marty day, with the championship sched-uled Saturday over the same dis-Broussard in from third with the winning run. Steve Mizerak tance. homered for the losers in the eighth.

Score by innings: Emporia ______301 000 010 0-5 Colonial Hts. ____100 020 110 1-6 Brownlee and Outland, Madison and Lawler.

BI-STATE LEAGUE Leaksville, 1; Martinsville, 0. Sanford, 11; Mayodan, 3. Mount Airy, 5; Danville, 4.



TODAY A YEAR AGO-St. Louis Browns ast Philadelphia Athletics and reached ourth place, highest they had been at his stage in years. THREE YEARS AGO -- Carl Hubbell, Gianta, won bis 200th major league pitching victory, defeating Cubs. 5-1. FIVE YEARS AGO-Alfred Padeham, home-bred pro, was British Open golf title for third time.

Tonight, starting at 8 P. M., the arena will present the same routine, with skating following a

smoothly tonight," Ronald Bal com, president of the Noble-Balcom Corporation which owns the arena, said today. "We all are a little inexperienced and we naturally ran into a few difficulties on our opening night. We hope to have all of them straightened

out by tonight. youngsters made a big hit with the huge mob last night, but the sport of skating itself seemed to make as big a hit. More than half of the crowd obtained skates

The arena will remain open every night, including Sunday,

regular dance schedule, and with Miss Lytle and the two youngsters slated to perform about 9:30.

But the management was concerned about the thousand who