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The circus comes to town: Milwaukee's Brewers were heading toward Comiskey Park as the young baseball season's "Kids of the Moment," and trailing along in their jetstream was a gaggle of Boswells intent on documenting their every action. That descending horde of scribes and talking heads concerned White Sox publicist Paul Jensen, so late Sunday night he called his Brewer counterpart, Tom Skibosh. "You're coming, aren't you?" Jensen asked hopefully.

"He was in tears," Skibosh later chuckled. "I was close," Jensen demurred. "But, you see, he usually doesn't travel with the team, and I wanted to be sure he was going to be here. I didn't want to suffer alone."

At first, some hope

Earlier on that Easter Sunday, Jensen pattered around his yard, listened to the Sox game from Detroit and carefully followed the updates on the Brewers' quest for a 12th consecutive victory. "I knew what would happen if they won," he recalls, anticipating the extra 100 reporters who followed them to Chicago. And so he was buoyed when he sat down to dinner with Texas ahead, 4-1, and there he announced to his wife and their company, "Maybe I'm off the hook." But then he answered a call from a Milwaukee writer. "What happened?" wondered Jensen.

"The Brewers won," replied the writer. "No, they didn't," said the unbelieving Jensen. "Yes, they did," assured the writer. "I was happy for them, but I was apprehensive for my press box," Jensen now says with a laugh. "I knew I was doomed."

Doomsday

Even before writers filled Jensen's press box to overflowing, television's relentless demand for "Live!" shots had to be satisfied. Skibosh had 19 of those scheduled by the time he reached Comiskey on Monday, but, from the start, his master plan unraveled. Milwaukee manager Tom Trebelhorn held a team meeting at the same time he, Rob Deer, Paul Molitor and Dale Sveum were set for interviews. They were canceled or rescheduled. Then Channel 7's Brad Palmer was still chatting up Deer as the other Brewer outfielders began their pregame warm-ups. That chat was cut short. And finally WMAQ radio's Chet Coppock purloined Trebelhorn when the manager was supposed to be on "Live!" with a Milwaukee TV station. "This is nuts," said the harried Skibosh, and then he looked at Trebelhorn, held up a finger and in his best stage manager's voice declared: "One minute!"

Happy trails to you

And here is how the next minutes went: Skibosh took Trebelhorn by the elbow, and together they ran up the left-field line and to the waiting Milwaukee camera. When that was completed, they jogged another 10 yards up the line and stopped at a Minneapolis camera that was also feeding Atlanta. Finally, they retraced their steps so Trebelhorn could appear with Johnny Morris in front of Channel 2's cameras. During this final interview, Skibosh squatted, dropped his head and enjoyed a moment of respite. "I think I lost 15 pounds running around tonight," he said after he arose. "It's been like orchestrating the philharmonic." "But I'll tell you what," Channel 5 sports producer Hank Siegel later testified. "He did a hell of a job."

A comparison

Brewer general manager Harry Dalton lingered on the periphery of all this madness, yet his contributions have been central to his team's success. He collected the talent that is performing so well and, as significantly, then hired the unknown Trebelhorn to manage it. "Everybody's got to start somewhere," he said, explaining that choice. "And, remember, no one had heard of Earl Weaver before I hired him in Baltimore." Are there similarities between the two? "Treb's not as volatile as Earl, but who is? He's also not as combative. But he's direct with his players like Earl was, and he's aggressive in game situations. Earl always said he'd rather lose a game making a move instead of sitting back and watching. Treb's never expressed that to me, but I sense he feels the same way."

He also has a sense of humor

Drew Hayes, the morning man on WMAQ radio, has had some fun with Trebelhorn and the state of Wisconsin. "Cheddar Heads" is what he calls Badger state residents, and just last week he counted off 12 cliches during a 23-second tape of the manager. Those stories somehow got back to Trebelhorn, and on Monday he alluded to them while talking to station sportscaster Jerry Kuc. So, on Tuesday, Hayes called the Brewers' hotel and had both a "Trebelhorn Triple Cheddar Omelette" and a cliché-filled note sent to his room. And how did the manager react? He ate the omelette and then called Hayes, who had a pleasant talk with him on the air.

News, notes and nonsense

In the wake of Monday's madness, Trebelhorn declared that "Live!" pregame interviews would end Tuesday at 5:15. ... Jensen compares the press rush for this series to "running the NCAA basketball tournament at the regional level. People don't know where they're going until Sunday's games are over, and then they make their calls. That's the kind of wave we got." ... NBC Sports has dumped the Braves-Giants game scheduled for telecast on Saturday and will instead carry the Brewers-Orioles. Originally, the Brewers' only national appearance was set for Sept. 19 against Detroit.

And finally, Dalton on the precocious Brewers: "Young clubs are like the nicely wrapped packages you find under your tree on Christmas morning. You don't know what you've got until they're on the field."

Speaking of streaks

Here are some memorable, and not so memorable, streaks that the Milwaukee Brewers, individually or collectively, will be hard-pressed to duplicate.

14

Luke Appling of the White Sox once fouled 14 consecutive pitches thrown by Red Ruffing of the Yankees.



42

The St. Louis Browns went 42 consecutive seasons [1902-43] in the American League without winning a pennant.

1,206

From 1953-65, Baltimore's Gus Triandos has the record for most consecutive games without getting caught trying to steal. He tried it once in 1958 and was successful against the Yankees, who were leading by so many runs they didn't bother throwing the ball.

15

Steve Carlton of the Phillies set the record for most consecutive wins by a pitcher for a last-place team with 15 in 1972.



12

Pittsburgh pitcher Harvey Haddix threw 12 straight perfect innings against the Braves before coming out a 1-0 loser in the 13th inning, when Joe Adcock doubled.

185

Jack Taylor, pitching for the Cardinals and Cubs from 1901-06, threw 185 consecutive complete games.



39

The Yankees finished in the American League's first division 39 straight seasons [1926-64].

20

The Cubs went 20 consecutive seasons [1947-66] finishing in the National League's second division.

Wells has a champ in its corner

A "Say No To Drugs" assembly has been scheduled for Wednesday morning at Wells High School, where the star attraction figured to be one of Bill Cosby's teenage children from his TV program.

That part of the show still is on. However, the last-minute addition of Wells alum Terry McGroom to the program should turn the morning into something especially meaningful for students.

The 21-year-old McGroom, who said no to the gangs and drugs that have plagued the school for years, saw his quiet dedication pay off last weekend with a national Golden Gloves boxing championship. Wells principal David Peterson plans to honor Terry by presenting him with a plaque at the assembly.

"The kids at Wells haven't had a lot to cheer about in sports," said Tommy O'Shea, an English teacher at the Near Northwest Side school. "This should show them it is possible to get ahead in the world."

McGroom came close to getting kicked out of school several years ago. He had been suspended from the school several times before dis-

covering the Matador Boxing Club, which is based in Eckhart Park Fieldhouse and is run by O'Shea.

Last summer, two of McGroom's friends who boxed were killed in gang-related violence at Cabrini-Green. "We have kids dying in this area every day from overdosing and shootings," said O'Shea. "A couple of years ago, you wouldn't have given much chance for Terry, either."

McGroom was knocked out of the national Golden Gloves tournament in the first round last year. This time, he came back to win five decisions in five days in the 178-pound division to become the 10-year-old Matador club's first national champion.

"There were a lot of us when I started, but everyone but me dropped out," said McGroom, who works 40 hours a week as a carpenter's apprentice in addition to training another 15 hours or so in the Eckhart gym. "Right now, I've got only one goal, and that's to win an Olympic title."

The next step for him is the Pan Am Games trials—after some very well-deserved recognition Wednesday at his old school.

This Rose will bat .000

Pete Rose, a junior at Oak Hills High School in suburban Cincinnati, has been declared academically ineligible for baseball. He said spending two weeks at spring training with the Reds put him behind in his schoolwork.

'We wish it hadn't happened. We'll try not to let it happen again.'

—Boston Marathon official Guy Morse, on the chaotic start of Monday's race

2 Chicago teams that don't usually make the news

News from the expansion front in Chicago sports:

■ A press conference will be held in Chicago to announce the formation of a summertime Arena Football League, which will have teams in Denver, Pittsburgh, Washington and Chicago. The games, six of which will be shown on ESPN, will be played in McNichols Arena, Civic Arena, Capital Centre and the Rosemont Horizon.

■ An exhibition of arena football, which features several major changes from the rules of pro football, was held in the Horizon earlier this year.

■ A league spokesman said a training camp for all players will take place in Chicago before the

teams are selected for the four cities. The opener will be June 19.

■ The Chicago Breeze of Major League Volleyball had two matches rescheduled last week for religious reasons, and no one can accuse the fledgling league of being biased.

"We discovered one was scheduled for the same day as Passover and the other was on Good Friday," said a league spokesman, "and so we decided to postpone them until a later date."

■ In the meantime, the Breeze, which has a 4-10 record and is in fifth place in the six-team league, plays a home match against first-place Los Angeles at 4 p.m. Sunday at Triton Community College.

Is Musial still in shape?

Call it the curse of the Cardinals:

■ Pitcher John Tudor, expected to be out until September, suffered a fractured bone in his knee when New York catcher Barry Lyons crashed into him in the St. Louis dugout while chasing a foul ball.

■ Outfielder Vince Coleman was sidelined during the 1985 World Series when he was injured after becoming entangled in Busch Stadium's tarpaulin.

■ Pitcher Danny Cox was sidelined for the first two months last season after he chipped his right ankle when he jumped off a low sea wall at the end of spring training.

■ Slugger Jack Clark suffered torn ligaments in his right hand sliding into third base last June 24, ending his season after only 65 games.

■ All-Star catcher Tony Peña, acquired April 1 from Pittsburgh, played less than three regular-season games before suffering a broken thumb against the Pirates that will keep him out 60 days.

Another Shula heard from

For the Shulas, the National Football League business is all in the family.

Don is the veteran head coach of the Miami Dolphins. Son David is his assistant coach. Younger son Mike, quarterback from Alabama, is expected to go in the middle to late rounds of next Tuesday's NFL draft.

And Sharon? Maybe she will represent the others as their agent.

"I'm registered as an agent with the NFL and NBA, and I'm on the NCAA preferred agents list," said Sharon, who works in a Ft. Lauderdale law firm. "I don't have any clients yet. I'm biding my time until I receive the bar exam results in the middle of May. I want to be able to go to a client and say I'm an agent and lawyer."

She attended undergraduate school at the University of Miami and was graduated from Florida State's law school last March.

"We haven't talked about it," Don Shula said of whether his daughter will represent family members. "You never know what the future holds."

Former Indiana prep coach is a tough act to follow

Marion High School basketball coach Bill Green, recently picked as the new head man at the University of Indianapolis, is leaving behind quite a legacy: six Indiana prep titles and a long list of all-stars that played for him.

This year, Indiana's Mr. Basketball award was shared by Marion's Jay Edwards and Lyn-

don Jones. His personal All-Green team from the several schools he's coached could include, in addition to Jones and Edwards, James Blackmon, George McGinnis, Steve Downing, Wayne Pack, David Colescott, Kevin Pearson, Joseph Price, Jay Teagle and Lefon Bowns.

All were first-team all-state selections.



AP Laserphoto Tracy Lewis, 24, runs the Class A Savannah [Ga.] Cardinals for her father, Thomas, the first black to own a pro baseball team since the demise of the Negro League in 1954. Lewis bought the team for \$285,000 last year after seeing an ad in the Wall Street Journal.

BRIEFS

■ Gone West, who won the Gotham Stakes April 4 and was beaten by a head in the Wood Memorial last Saturday, will not run in the May 2 Kentucky Derby, trainer Woody Stephens said Tuesday. Stephens, who won the 1974 Derby with Cannonade and the '84 Derby with Swale, said Gone West would not run because the colt's owner, James P. Mills, is in poor health and would not be able to make the trip to Kentucky. Stephens indicated Gone West would now be pointed toward the Belmont Stakes on June 6.

■ Jimmy Arias upset top-seeded Boris Becker of West Germany 6-3, 6-3 in the second round of the \$513,000 Monte Carlo Open. That made it two surprises for the day. Earlier, Austrian Thomas Muster beat defending champion Joakim Nystrom of Sweden 0-6, 6-3, 7-6 [7-1].

■ Four former Southern Methodist football players—Jerry Ball, Ronald Morris, Jeff Atkins and Terence Mann—are cooperating with FBI agents who are investigating allegations that New York sports agent Norby Walters and his associate, Lloyd Bloom, threatened to hurt one of the players, according to Newsday. Bloom is alleged to have threatened to break Morris' hands if he dropped Walters and Bloom as his agents. ... On a related subject, a bill providing a fine up to \$10,000 for any agent convicted of trying to woo college athletes while they are still participating in NCAA competition was introduced in the Texas legislature. "The Southwest Conference has had problems for years and will continue to have them until something is done about this ever-growing problem," the bill's sponsors said in a statement. Passage of the bill would make Texas the second state to regulate sports agents. California has enacted a similar law.

■ Mark Baugh, a 6-foot-5-inch forward who led Elgin into the quarterfinals of the Class AA state tournament, has signed to play at Iowa State. A first-team choice on The Tribune's All-State team, Baugh averaged 24.8 points and 9.4 rebounds a game to lead Elgin to a 28-3 record.

■ Northwestern signed Rob Ross, a 6-foot guard from Dixie Junior College in St. George, Utah, who averaged 7 points and 6 assists for a team that went 30-3 this season.

■ Big 10 basketball coaches met with conference athletic directors Tuesday in the final session of their two-day gathering at the Woodfield Hilton. The coaches reaffirmed their support for a 14-game league schedule and a conference tournament. They also asked for an appeal of the ruling that dropped scholarships from 15 to 13 yearly and the loss of a part-time assistant coach.

■ Mary DiStanislao resigned as women's basketball coach at Notre Dame after seven seasons. Her teams had a 115-79 record during her tenure, which included three 20-victory seasons. DiStanislao, 36, plans to enroll in graduate school at Northwestern, where she coached for five years before taking the Notre Dame job.

■ De Paul sports information director Doug Abel, 34, is leaving to become media relations director for the new America South Athletic Conference, based in New Orleans.

■ The Seattle Seahawks say they've changed their minds and are now interested in signing veteran free agent Ron Jaworski, 36, as a back-up to quarterback Dave Krieg. "The release of the schedule revised our thinking," said general manager Mike McCormack. "With the first five games being conference games, it's imperative we get off to a fast start. If David should come up with an injury in training camp, we're going to have to look at the possibility of a veteran arm. I stress 'possibility.'"

■ The International Olympic Committee will seek further concessions from South Korea Thursday in a bid to head off the threat of a Communist bloc boycott of the Summer Games in Seoul next year. The IOC and South Korea already have given in to North Korean demands that the summer games be shared, but communist North Korea wants more events.

■ The men's basketball program at Coffeyville [Kan.] Community College has been placed on a year's probation by the National Junior College Athletic Association because of violations in the recruiting of Marcus Ziegler, a 5-foot-10-inch guard from Wichita South High School. Coffeyville will be ineligible for postseason competition in 1987-88.

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