

A Tout's Report

By LARRY LAU

(Author's note: Beginning today, I offer my readers what is probably one of the strangest, most unique, tale ever to come out of the annals of racing. Because of its length, it will be necessary to continue it from day to day.)

Horse racing, age-old sport of kings, much maligned by a feeble-witted public (who eagerly invest in bingo games, phoney relief benefits, wrestling matches and crap games) has a history as thrilling as that of any other sport. In racing, as in any speculative enterprise (such as war, politics or marriage), many strange, often unexplainable things interrupt the more natural turn of events.

The following excerpt may be found in the Racing Guide for 1943, p. 532: "Nov. 16, '43—Hippodrome de Tijuana, Mex.—3-year-old Ali-Ben-Gay, L. B. Nayer entry in the International Handicap, fell in stretch. Both horse and jockey R. Flatchest were killed." The purpose of this story is to give the casual reader a more complete picture of the extraordinary circumstances.

Ali-Ben-Gay's sire, Ali-Oop, belonged first to a wealthy, if somewhat eccentric Persian prince named Raz-Ma-Taz. His father, Raz-Beri, had been slain in 1937 in an argument on how to play chuck-a-luck by a Hot-en-tot missionary. The unfortunate development left Raz-Ma-Taz the sole ruler of a vast Persian empire which included 400 thoroughbred stallions, a 97-girl harem, five one-arm bandits, a Goodwill Ambassador from the United States (who had the country ready to join the Axis) 16 nervous mares, one bathtub and nine old women, all of whom claimed to be his mother.

Raz-Ma-Taz was a quiet, studious young pervert whose only pastimes were gambling, seduction and the collecting of Quaker Oat box-tops. His only real claim to actual licentiousness however, was his incessant reading of the Los Angeles Examiner.

In 1940 he became so firmly convinced that Wilkie would win the election that he bet Ah-Poo-Poo (a wily Indian Maharajah who had contributed heavily to the Democratic campaign fund) his entire kingdom on the outcome. When Wilkie lost, Raz-Ma-Taz flew first into a mad rage and then (stopping only to pack an overnight bag with diamonds and Mum) to New York, where he announced his intention of assassinating President Roosevelt. While generally approved of by the Republicans, his right to commit such an act was challenged by Bob Hannegan, and the controversy was taken to the Supreme Court. After due deliberation, that profound body rendered a close (5-4) decision denying permission on the grounds that he wasn't a citizen.

In the meanwhile, ever-watchful, democracy guarding Mr. Hearst (always on the lookout for sterling talent) wired the prince an offer to write for his newspapers. Raz-Ma-Taz accepted instantly and (writing under the nom-de-plume of Hed Tallock) is today one of the country's leading columnists, writing on such world-shaking subjects as "Should We Allow Women to Frequent Cocktail Bars?" and "The Modern Approach to Birth Control."

(Chapter two of The International Handicap will appear in tomorrow's Emerald).

OREGON WEATHER

Partly cloudy Saturday and Sunday with occasional light rains in northwest portion. Slightly warmer Saturday and in east portion Sunday.

Webfoot Trackmen Favored Over Portland Willamette Squads In Triangular Meet Here

EMERALD Sports

Duck Netters Blast Vandals

Vandals Shutout, 7-0, As Oregon Wins First ND Match; Cougars Here Today

By John Jones

The Oregon Ducks varsity racquetmen in their second match of the season today soundly trounced the Idaho Vandals, winning seven out of seven matches.

The Ducks will face an invasion today at 1:30 p.m. by the Cougars of Washington State.

The Vandals, playing their initial match of the season, though completely outclassed by the Ducks showed much spirit and aggressiveness.

Jim Zeiger, the No. 1 netman of the Oregon aggregation, defeated his opponent in two hard, fast sets. Goodman, a very steady player, gave Zeiger only one bad score, coming from behind in the second set to tie the score, but Zeiger settled down and bested his man, 7-5.

The No. 2 man Stan Anderson had an easy time of it beating his man with little effort.

The number three, four and five men also defeated their men with comparative ease. The only close match was the one played by Vince McBride of the Ducks

against Don Seaberg of the Vandals. Hard-hitting McBride finally bested his opponent 6-, and 6-3.

The first doubles team of Zeiger and Anderson, playing before a crowded gallery, put on a fine exhibition of tennis skill. With Anderson's superb net game and smashing serve and Zeiger's brilliant chop serve and all-around accurate shooting, the Vandals had but little chance of winning many games.

The Oregon State Beavers are meeting the Vandals today at Corvallis.

Results of today's matches: Singles: J. Zeiger, Oregon, defeated R. Goodman, 6-4, 7-5; S. Anderson, Oregon, defeated L. Thome, 6-2, 6-1; H. Philan, Oregon, defeated E. Bulla, 6-0, 6-2; McBride, Oregon, defeated D. Seaberg, 6-4, 6-3; Carey, Oregon, defeated A. Woog, 6-1, 6-2.

Doubles: J. Zeiger and S. Anderson, Oregon, defeated R. Goodman and L. Thome 6-1, 6-2; H. Philan and D. VanZandt, Oregon, defeated J. Vento and E. Bulla, 6-1, 6-3.

Grid Squad Takes Day Off; Mikulak Has 14 Quarterbacks

By Bernie Hammerbeck

Yesterday was a holiday for Tex Oliver's spring football squad, and welcome it was too, according to the count of grid aspirants present at the Webfoot-Husky baseball tilt.

With nine workouts already under the gridders' belts and four intra-squad tilts still on the schedule, only 17 practice sessions remain. According to Oliver's plans, these workouts will be spread out over the next four weeks ending with the final intra-squad scrimmage Saturday night, May 25.

Thus far this season little mention has been made of the possibilities of the Webfoot blocking backs. As a matter of fact, Backfield Coach Mike Mikulak isn't too certain himself.

Number one hope is, of course, big Duke Iverson at the quarterback slot. The Big Duke will not be enrolled in school until fall, but has worked out several times already this spring in an effort to regain his football legs.

Number one quarterback at present is Bill Abbey, 180-pound 1945 letterman. Abbey played a lot of ball last fall and fills the blocking role well, but it is doubtful if he can display enough class to beat

out Iverson when game time roles around next fall.

Showing up well under Abbey have been Don Shaffer of Long Beach, California, and Andy Bodner of Eugene. Shaffer has a year's pigskin experience to his credit at Long Beach City College, and showed plenty of possibilities up until the time he was sidelined with a broken hand.

Little Andy Bodner, on the other hand, is a holdover from last year's lemon and green eleven. He hits the scales at only 170 pounds, but his play on the gridiron would never reveal the fact. He turned in one of the best defensive jobs of the evening in the first intra-squad scrimmage and has looked good during practice sessions earlier this week.

Joe Hall, 195-pounder from Portland, has also shown up fairly well this spring and may see a lot of duty, but has had no previous college grid experience. Wayne Biehn of Klamath Falls and Charlie Geswein have also shown promise this season but lack experience.

The right half berth is definitely wide open, although 200-pound Sam Ramey of Ashland has had top billing thus far this spring. Behind Ramey

First Regular Meet of Season On Tap at Hayward Today at 2

By AL PIETSCHMAN

Colonel Bill Hayward and the Oregon track team welcome the cindermen from Portland and Willamette universities today when the first regular track meet of the season starts at 1:30 on Hayward field. The Duck harriers are primed for the three-way meet against the two smaller schools and are favorites to win.

Neither the Pilots nor the Bearcats showed outstanding strength in their last week's triangular clash with Oregon State. State soundly trounced the Webfoot trackmen two weeks ago, but the Oregon runners have worn off the rough edges and are set for the invading Pilots and Bearcats.

Considering the tremendous amount of use in the past two weeks, the Hayward oval is in fair shape as Colonel Bill finally resurrected the much-needed cinders. The track now has a coating of the cinders but the track still isn't up to pre-war quality since the cinders aren't top quality.

Not too much is known about Oregon's guests and their potentialities, and predictions can only be made from their individual performances at Corvallis last Saturday. The Pilots and Bearcats have several promising runners and field men, and though outclassed by the powerful State squad some of their track team picked up points in various events.

Among the leading contenders for top honors at Portland are Wilks, speedy 220 yard sprinter; Skelly, Portland's top low hurdler; and pole vaulter Steele. Steele won the pole vault event at Corvallis with a vault of 10 feet 6 inches, a height lower than that of the high school prepsters, but nevertheless noteworthy in a field of college veterans who have not perfected their previous form.

Willamette's outstanding men include two-miler Mulkey, miler Lucas, high jumper Hardy, and javelin tosser Cookingham.

Speedy Jake Leicht leads Oregon's sprinters. Leicht is expected to capture his events as his times

University of Illinois Leads In Penn Relays

PHILADELPHIA, April 26.—(UP)—The University of Illinois, indoor track champions of the big ten, romped off with two of three major relay titles at stake today as 3400 athletes pranced through the opening program of the 52nd annual Penn relay carnival on a cold misty day.

are George Bell of Oakland, Cal., and Aubrey (Corky) Van Loo of Hillsboro. Ramey has showed up well and packs plenty of size for the berth but lacks experience.

Bell is admittedly one of the fastest men on the squad but, like Ramey, lacks experience. Van Loo, is also very fast but is rather small weighing in at a mere 175. He has looked very good in several workouts, however, and must be labeled a definite possibility. He is the only one of the top three that can boast any college experience, having had one year at Pacific university in 1942.

Also working hard at the right half post are Joe Matthews of San Diego, Cal.; Bill Goldsmith of Portland; Oscar Churchman of Corvallis; and Johnny Olliver of Vancouver, B.C. None of these men have played any previous college ball.

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are faster than those posted by either the Portland or Willamette runners. Hot on Jake's heels is Carl Maxey, one of the newer finds of this year's track squad. Colonel Hayward has had Maxey practicing fast starts and running wide open for short distances during the past week. Jack McCracken, sophomore from Coquille and another newcomer to the Duck cinders has just tailed Maxey in all the sprints thus far this season and might make it one, two, three in the sprints for Oregon.

Hayward has a speedy lot of quarter-milers in Ernie Schauer, Bob Swan, Evans Cantrell and Walt Donovan. Swan surprised onlookers Wednesday when he breezed to the finish ahead of Schauer and Cantrell in the fast 330 yard time of 33.1 seconds. Swan turned out for Colonel Bill's team just three weeks ago, and is now prepared to match strides with any other of the top quarter-milers in the conference.

Dependable Walt McClure is Oregon's leading half-miler and should have no difficulty in loping to a first in tomorrow's meet. The winning time in the triangular meet at Corvallis last Saturday was 2:09. McClure has already hit 2:03 and he posted that mark two weeks ago. Oregon's other top half-miler is Paul Smith who has followed McClure in all the races this year as number two man.

The Ducks milers will have to carry the load in the distances, as Oregon doesn't have any two-milers in shape for running. Led by never-tiring Hugh Stapleton, the other members of the mile squad are George Hammick and Harold Wright.

Star runner Johnny Joachim's return to the fold Thursday may give Colonel Bill one more top miler. Previously struck out as ineligible, Johnny straightened matters out, and is again able to run for the Lemon and the Green.

Oregon's strength in the field events has improved in the past week with the addition of Lou Robinson, novice javelin tosser. Robinson heaved the javelin 136 feet in practice Wednesday, and coupled with Bill Beifuss, high jumper, is expected to grab top honors in the field competition.