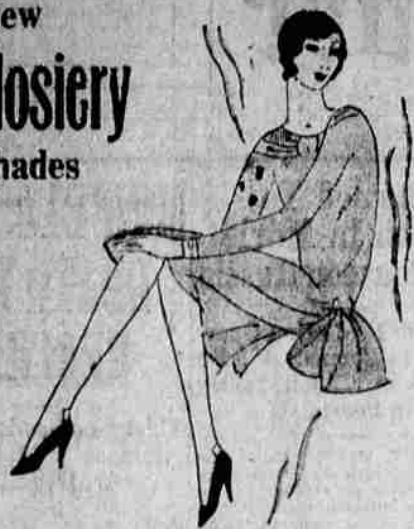


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FOUR FAVORED IN NATIONAL LEAGUE

St. Louis, Chicago, New York and Pittsburg Picked for First

By Brian Bell (Associated Press Sports Writer) ATLANTA, Ga., Mar. 22 (AP)—Unless the unexpected happens in baseball there will be no drastic upheaval when all the 1929 returns are in for the National League. Spring indications point to four clubs in a fight for the first division places, and the favored quarter is made up of those finishing in the first four places last year. Rearrangements of the order in both upper and lower brackets seem likely. The champions, the St. Louis Cardinals, will find their high position definitely menaced by Chicago, New York and Pittsburg. Some students of the game have concluded that St. Louis is not greatly improved while the Cubs, Giants and Pirates are definitely better.

Phillies Stronger
The outlook for the clubs who finished in the second division last year is not promising in view of the improved condition of their rivals who were more fortunate last season. The Phillies, chronic fall offenders, have perhaps taken the longest strides and with a break in luck should get out of the cellar. A majority of baseball's close observers forecast a long and bitter struggle with the competition continuing to the stretch. Each of the four first division clubs of last year has made a definite addition to its strength. The Cubs have Rogers Hornsby and his devastating bat, the Giants expect Fred Leach to strengthen their outfield, the Pirates have Jess Petty, a star left hander and the Cardinals infield has been braced by the acquisition of Charlie Gelbert, a great young shortstop.

Civil Hornsby
Supporters of the Cubs believe that the addition of Hornsby has made the club. The batting leader of the league will add a punch and his strong offense is expected to carry his mates with him. If Manager Joe McCarthy gets satisfactory results from his pitching staff his club should play a prominent part in the indicated finish fight. His infield reserves have not been strengthened but an already strong catching staff has been bolstered by a hard hitter in Tom Angley, the former cracker and Georgia Tech star.

The New York Giants have been gratified to find Andy Reese, a greatly improved performer at second base and if he carries his terrific spring hitting streak into the regular campaign it will be difficult to oust him from the infield. Carl Hubbell, who showed himself a capable left hander on his first appearance in better work and Leach and Ed Roush, apparently recovered from his indisposition of last year will form a stronger outfield combination. Pittsburg is conducting an infield experiment and has been rewarded in its outfield arrangements by the absence of the Winners. The signing of one of the poisonous brothers relieved the tension in part but the Pirates will not be happy until they have the elder as well.

Frail Bowler Is Second in Singles

CHICAGO, Mar. 22 (AP)—A frail 29-year-old youth from Detroit furnished what little fireworks were displayed at the American bowling congress tournament last night. He was Cass Freyler, who fell only 12 pins short of the singles leadership and whose total of 794 landed him in second place.

Joliet bowlers furnished further proof of their prowess when Dick Ochs and Phil Trayk added seventh place in the doubles to the already imposing list of positions held by that city. Their total was 1,253.

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Third Track Title In A Row Is Goal Of Stanford University Team



Stanford's brilliant young coach—"Dink" Templeton—has four finalists among his 1929 track prospects. Two of them are Nichols and Krenz. By Russell J. Newland (Associated Press Sports Writer) SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—In the huge Stanford stadium which constitutes his outdoor workshop, Coach H. L. "Dink" Templeton of Stanford University is building another great track and field machine with which he hopes to win a third successive national championship this year. Four dependable point gatherers form the nucleus for the 1929 Cardinal and White team. As many more regulars, but of less certain quality, will help the cause along. Capt. Ross Nichols, hurdler; Ward Edmonds, pole vaulter; and Eric Krenz and Hartlow Rothert, weight men, are the mainstays. All are expected to either dominate their divisions, or give mighty good accounts of themselves. Coach Templeton is experimenting with Edmonds as a potential hurdler and the latter has shown much ability in early tryouts. Nichols is looked upon as a certain winner in all high barrier events, while if Edmonds develops as his coach expects, several extra points may be added to the total. In the weights, Rothert and Krenz hold out a country-wide challenge. Both are in the 60-foot class as shotputters while this season, Krenz brings a new discus throw record to Stanford. Kim Dyer and Fred Zombra, a pair of broad jumpers, Fred Kibby and Hill Spurling, javelin throwers, and Johnny Lauritzen in the sprints, are other experienced men ready for service.

In the ranks of the unknowns Coach Templeton's hopes in some events, especially the long distance jantus, Henry Cox, mile and two-miler, is gone. Stanford is hardest hit in the 440-yard dash and high jump, ruled last year by Emerson Spencer and Bob King, respectively. Spencer established the new world's record for 400 meters while King is the Olympic games high jump champion.

BOMBS HARMLESS
NEW YORK, March 22 (AP)—Three bombs discovered in a parcel post package at the Grand Central post office were found by the police today to be harmless lecture exhibits.

100-TO-1 SHOT WINS CLASSIC

Gregalach, Owned by Mrs. M. A. Gemmill, Gallops Home in Aintree

AINTRIE, England, March 22 (AP)—Gregalach, an outsider, won the great grand national steeplechase today. Gregalach, the winner, was not one of the American entries. He was owned by Mrs. M. A. Gemmill and was a 100 to 1 shot. Everest was the rider.

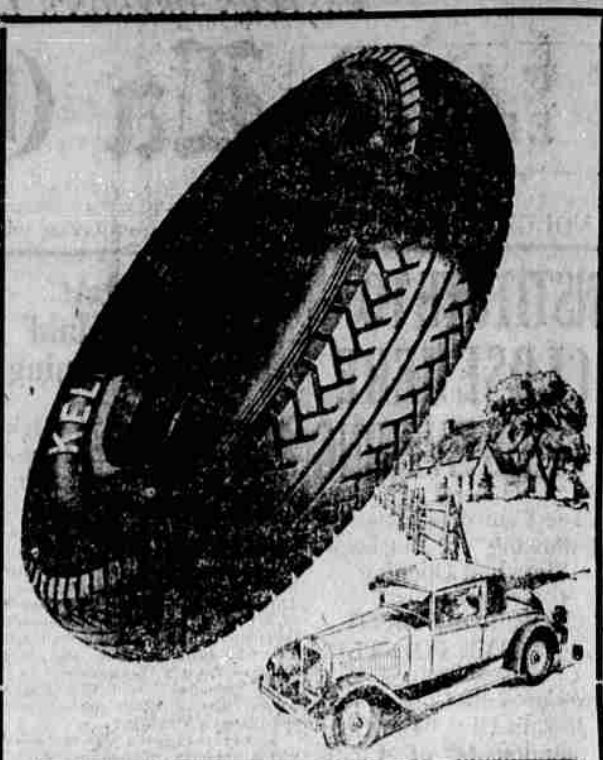
Easter Hero, owned by J. H. Whitney, an American sportsman, was leading the field at the end of the first round of the two-lap course but was beaten out in the second time around. He maintained his lead over the canal which marks the three-quarter point in the race and cleared others of the big jumps in brilliant style, only to lose out in a furious finish.

The horses were falling like ten pins all around this pair as they raced along in the lead and with a few barriers yet to be cleared there were only eight of the contestants left in the race. Easter Hero had been the favorite at nine to 1 and was ridden by J. Maloney. The odds on Hitchcock, third to finish, owned by R. McAlpine and ridden by Scott, were 40 to 1. It was the second successive year in which the winner of the grand national was a 100 to 1 shot, almost totally neglected by the experts. Last year it was Tipperary Tim who won at the same odds after Billy Barton, America's leading candidate, had fallen on the last jump while in the lead and all the other entries had spilled their hopes and riders by the wayside. Gregalach, 11 years old, was one of the younger entries in this strange racing fixture in which the race is not always to the younger and in which the average of the entries was more than ten years.

America's standard-bearers were not without honor, although Easter Hero was the only horse to carry that country's colors to the finish among the first three. The crowd of more than 1,000 Americans in the great outpouring of nearly 300,000 persons who watched found plenty to cheer about as Easter Hero led at the end of the first circuit and the "100 per cent American," Billy Barton came up to pass him as they started the opening stretch of the second round.

But the American hopes for a Billy Barton victory were destined to be lost in that second and last wild gallop around the treacherous, hazard-strewn triangular course, as horses and men went down together in a tangle of legs and hoofs. Only seven horses in all completed the course although 66 started out.

Billy Barton fell in a ditch at the nineteenth jump where there is a rail, ditch and difficult hedge. Easter Hero twisted a plate. His jockey said this ill fortune occurred just before his lead was challenged by Gregalach. The winner's time for the course of four miles, 856 yards, was nine minutes, 47 2-5 seconds.



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McLarnin, Miller To Fight Before Crowd of 21,000

NEW YORK, March 22 (AP)—If they doubled Madison Square Garden's seating capacity it would be too small for the ten-round match between Jimmy McLarnin and Ray Miller tonight.

One hitter has been known to jam the Garden to the doors; when they match two sluggers there isn't an indoor arena capable of holding all the faithful who would like to be in the death.

Prospects are for a crowd of close to 21,000 and a gate approximately \$100,000. The faithful fan doesn't care especially what the boys are fighting for so long as they fight. Miller and McLarnin are battling for nothing in particular is at stake.

Fighting at 145 pounds, Jimmy will outweigh his Bronx Chicago rival by from six to eight pounds. Jimmy has high hopes of landing a well-weighted title bout before the year is out and he won't be likely to get it if he fails to average the technical knockout defeat Miller plastered on him in Detroit last year.

Miller is primarily a believer in the offensive efficacy of the left hook. McLarnin does not particularly favor either of his hands. The consensus seems to be that if it goes any further than four rounds it will be only because Miller and McLarnin develop a tongue-warmer respect for one another's hitting ability.

The betting has McLarnin on the long end of 5 to 5 odds.

Ten members of the Tomlinson family of Hillsboro, Tex., have been graduated from Texas Christian university.

BASEBALL

By the Associated Press LONDON—Johnny Hill, Scotland, outpointed Eric Jarvis, England, (15). WILKESBORO, Pa. — Steve Smith, Hagerstown, Conn., knocked out Spaulding (10). WASHINGTON, D. C. — Jimmie Smith, Baltimore, Md., knocked out Ed Roush, Baltimore, Md. (10). BALTIMORE, Md. — Joe Schlocker, California, knocked out Nick Basciano, Baltimore, Md. (10). LAW CLAR, New York, outpointed Georges Anblard, France, (3).

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VANCOUVER LOSES
PORTLAND, Ore., Mar. 22 (AP)—Portland's hockey team defeated the league champion Vancouver team here last night, 3 to 1, in the fastest and best played game of the hockey season.

Loughran Expects To Make 175 Limit

CHICAGO, Mar. 22 (AP)—To prove he is encountering no difficulty in making the 175-pound limit, Tommy Loughran invited the skeptics to weigh him today, six days before his light heavyweight championship battle with Mickey Walker at the new Chicago stadium.

Reports have persisted during the past week that the champion was unable to trim his weight and that he might have to fight at catchweights, forfeiting the title to Walker.

Loughran engaged in a long workout yesterday, mixing six rounds with his two negro sparring partners, taking a good road trip and smashing the bag for several rounds. Walker has ended his training at his New Jersey camp and will arrive here tomorrow.

Their Arms May Mean a Pennant for the Yankees



If these left sippers of Herb Pennock and Wilcey Moore function for the New York Yankees with efficiency, the Yankees will be hard to beat in the American League pennant race this season. And if young Henry Johnson continues his good work of last season, and Eddie Wells makes the grade, the Yankees won't have many pitching worries this summer. These four pitchers, shown here as they worked out recently at St. Petersburg, Fla., look for no trouble this season. Moore and Pennock say their arms have recovered fully from the ailments of 1928. Johnson looks better than ever and Wells, who failed in trials at Detroit and Washington, appears ready to stick in the big time.

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