

LUCK GAVE JOCKEY AND SISTER START

SPOKANE.—(AP)—The Goddess of Luck struck the gong that sent both Alfred Johnson, noted jockey, and his comely sister, Helen, galloping over the course of fame in the racing game.

The brother and sister, whom the opening of the season finds back on the turf this year again, began their riding careers by chance and in a manner closely similar.

The pilot who pushed Exterminator, Morvich and Boot-to-Boot under the wire to renown was a 90-pound high school boy of 16 who came to the Spokane Interstate fair grounds from his farm home to race a pony.

Alfred didn't get to race, however, because his event was unfulfilled, but Stewart Polk, stable owner, watched the lad exercise his short legged mount and was impressed.

"How'd you like to ride a real boss, sonny?" he asked.

Alfred's longing was patent, so Polk took him to Tia Juana where the young apprentice won his first race. In the decade following he rode winners in most of the important stake events in America. He is wearing Col. E. H. Bradley's colors again this year in proof that he is one of the few to "come back" after an illness due to weight reduction.

Helen, a trim youngster, came to the same fair grounds as a spectator a few years after her brother had gotten his start.

She noticed a substitute rider for the Woman's relay was having trouble, wrangling a plunging steed and confided her belief to the stable man that she could handle the mount.

The upshot was Miss Johnson hurriedly borrowed a pair of breeches and maneuvered the string of strange horses to victory.

Now she ranks high as an amateur on northwest tracks and at the Pendleton Roundup.

BEAVERS WIN, REACHING TIE FOR SECOND PLACE

which Reese had no chance to get Swanson at the plate because of the slippery field.

Score— R. H. E. Missions 2 7 2 Oakland 0 4 2 Bartoan and Walters; Delaney, Dickerson and Bool.

SACRAMENTO, April 2.—(AP)

Score— R. H. E. Hollywood 1 7 2 Sacramento 2 5 2 Fullerton and Murphy; Singleton and Koehler. Second game— R. H. E. Hollywood 4 7 1 Sacramento 6 8 3 (Seven innings). Hollerson, Jacobs, Mulcahy, Fittery and Murphy; Cook, Kiefe, Rachac, Severoid and Shay.

BOO, LOUISIANA DERBY WINNER



Central Press Photo

Here is Boo, Goldie Johnson in the saddle, winner of the \$15,000 Louisiana Derby, New Orleans. Boo, owned by Col. E. R. Bradley, is one of the chief hopes of that breeder to repeat as a winner in the Kentucky Derby, which Bradley won last year with Bubbling Over. Boo covered the mile and an eighth route in the Louisiana Derby in 1:51 4-5, which is only 3-5 seconds slower than the record set by his stablemate, Baggenbaggie, in the same race in 1926.

EIGHT FAST TEAMS SET FOR OPENING OF LEAGUE

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the pitching. With this thio to face, opposing batters will have a tough time fattening their averages. Schrader was with Portland in the Coast league for several seasons, and last year played with Newark in the international league. Helm is a good right hander, and may be used in several of the games. Drake is well known but his best bet has been the spitball, which is barred this year, so he will be used most of the time in the outfield.

Those ex-Cyclists are bobbing up everywhere in this story. Carl Tuma, giant first baseman, is the one playing with Mt. Scott. He also has had a fling at the Coast league. Wade Williams, well known football coach and official, has signed a contract and may play an outfield position.

The other teams are the W. O. W., Woodstock and St. Johns. Definite material on their personnel is lacking, but according to the Portland sport writers they are fully equal to the other clubs and will take some tall hustling to beat.

St. Johns is the team that fought it out with Monteville under the name "Port of Portland" last year for the championship,

having won it the two years previous; and has largely the same lineup. Manager Walgreave will have King Cole, veteran pitcher, as his mainstay with Howard Clow, a left hander as assistant.

Dick Walgreave will do the catching. Cack Blanchard, of the Port team last year and Earl McCulloch, who was with St. Johns in the Greater Portland Valley league, are fighting for first call at the initial sack. Porter Yett will play second, and has been selected as captain.

The rest of the infield will be filled by Mart Boesch, from last year's St. Johns team, at short and Walgren, a rookie, at third.

Three dependable players, Nobel Stephens, Freddie Ergong and Bob O'Brien, will work in the gardens.

CARDINALS SLUG WAY TO VICTORY

SAVANNAH, Ga., April 2.—Regaining their batting eyes, the St. Louis Cardinals pounded four pitchers for twenty-two hits today and defeated the New York Yankees 20 to 10.

The game was featured by home runs. For the Cardinals Snyder got one in the fourth with

the bases filled, Hafey got another in the fifth, with two on and Holm hit for the circuit in the sixth with no one on. For the Yankees, Ruether hit a homer in the third, with one on.

Twelve Cardinal batters faced Johnson and Girard in the fifth inning in which the champions scored nine runs. Bottomley hit a double and a single and Holm got two singles in that frame.

ALEXANDER GOOD FOR A WHILE YET

AVON PARK, Fla.—(AP)—Grover Cleveland Alexander has no thought of retirement.

The hero of the last world series, who won his two pitching assignments and saved the deciding game, thinks he is good for several years yet, barring injuries.

"Of course we can't figure very far ahead on account of the possibility of being hurt," he said in talking of his expectancy in baseball, "but if I am lucky enough to keep whole I ought to go on quite a while yet.

"My legs are still good and my arm never gives me any trouble. The older pitchers have one big advantage over the youngsters. They know more about it. They ought to, for most of us learned in a hard school—experience.

"It's a lot easier for me to pitch a ball game now than it was a good many years ago when I had more stuff than I have now. Then I had it and was proud of it. So I showed it to all the batters as they came up. Now it's different. I try to keep my control and throw the ball where I want it rather than where the batter wants it.

HITTER ALWAYS HITS SAYS COBB

FORT MYERS, Fla., April 2.—(AP)—A sailor may forget the sea and a bride her wedding dress, but a good hitter never forgets to hit. So says Tyrus Raymond Cobb and Ty should know.

"Oh yes, I think I'll hit all right," Cobb said as he discussed the approaching baseball season. "If a baseball player is fortunate enough to be born with a hitting instinct or acquires the ability, I do not think he ever forgets it.

"I am not worrying about the hitting end of my play as I go about the job of getting myself in shape to play for the Athletics. I am confident that I will hit. As one grows older, of course, some of the spring goes out of the legs and a lot of close ones are lost at first base. Hits that you would have beaten out a few years ago are 'outs' now, but there is compensation, too, for the older you are in baseball the more you know.

"A little smartsness, now and then, can be used at the bat just as in other places in baseball. An-

other thing—the young batter is sometimes awed by the reputation of a pitcher. He's thinking about what a big responsibility he has hitting against this or that great pitcher. The old timer doesn't think about who is out there. He doesn't care, and certainly he doesn't get the inferiority complex a youngster suffers sometimes."

CARRIGAN BACK AFTER 10 YEARS

NEW ORLEANS, April 2.—(By AP.)—Bill Carrigan frankly admits that he doesn't know what it's all about. With the admission, however, comes the suggestion that he will soon find out. Out of baseball for ten years, the man who became famous as the manager of the Red Sox when they were champions has come back to attempt to get Boston out of last place.

"This doesn't count," he said, speaking of spring training. "I can't find out if I am glad to be back in baseball until the regular season starts.

"The training period is necessary, of course, and interesting enough, too, but it's play. The work begins when we get going up there.

"As to the ball team. I don't know a thing about it and probably will not know for some time. I didn't know any of the players when they reported. I have not seen many baseball games in the last ten years.

"We are getting along all right here so far as getting in shape is concerned. We have had fine weather; too hot if anything. The hot weather will do wonders, though. Look at Heine Wagner. He's out there scooping them up just like he did in the old days, and the other day he got himself a double in a pinch in a practice game."

Wagner is a coach and Carrigan's first assistant. He was a great shortstop when the Red Sox manager was directing Boston before.

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