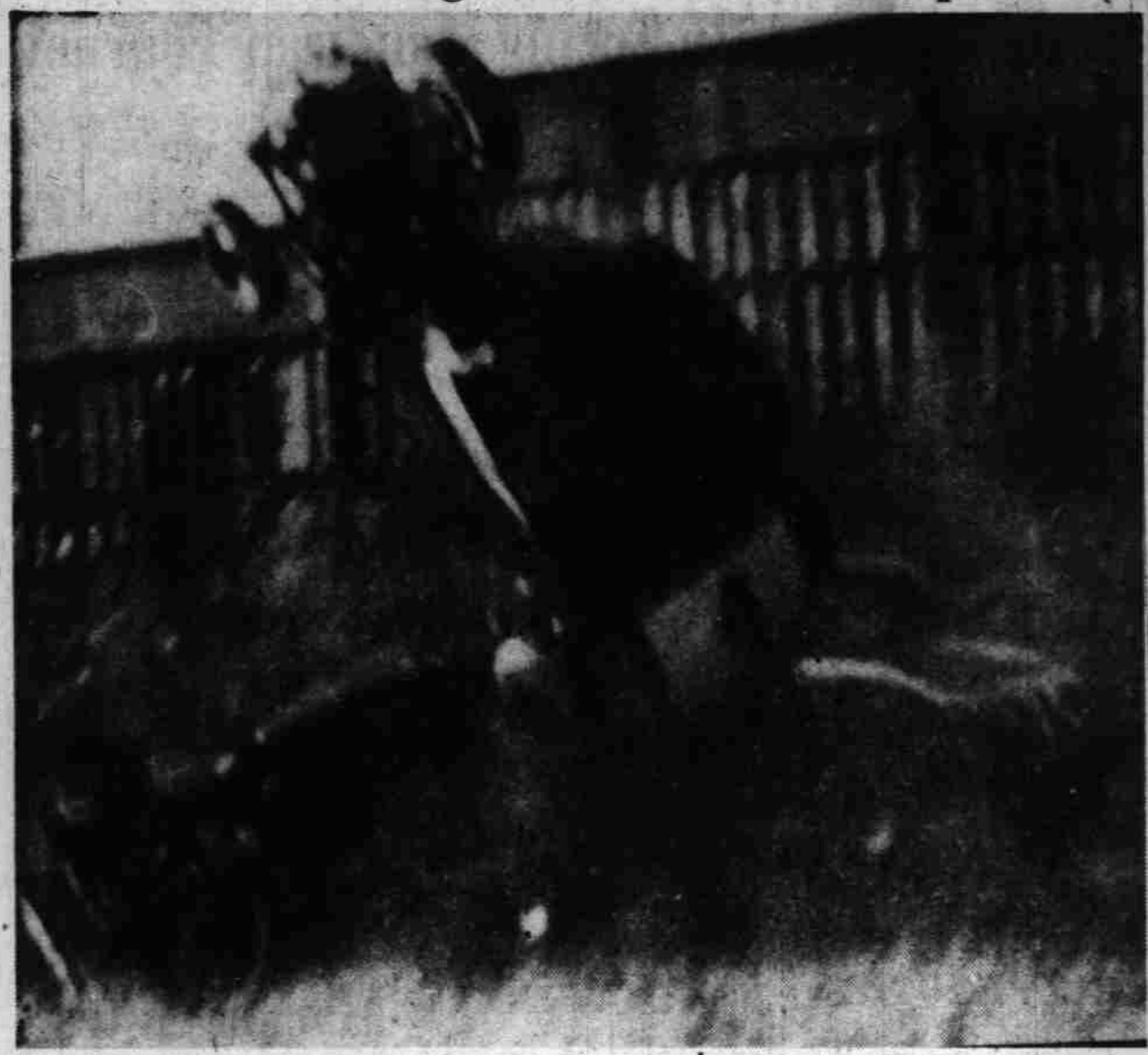


Good Thing He Has 'Hard Top'



Veteran Vancouver driver Clarence Smith, in his No. 4 car, was making like a bird in this spectacular hard top smashup on the Portland Speedway track during a recent meet. Smith escaped injury and will be among the 30-plus drivers at Salem's Hollywood Bowl tonight for the first local hard top racing program of the season. The completely "souped" hard tops of this year have made for more speed, and smashups.

Senators Open Series With Spokane 'Tops' Open Night Racing at H-Bowl

Club Returns Home Monday

SPOKANE — (Special) — The Salem Senators and Spokane Indians open a four-game Northwest League baseball series here Saturday afternoon with a 1:30 o'clock doubleheader. The clubs play another twin bill on Sunday afternoon.

The series was slated to open Friday night, but was postponed so as to avoid the cold night weather in the Inland Empire.

Following the four games with the Indians, the Senators will return to Salem to open a week of play at home, facing Lewiston Monday night in the first of eight games.

Spokane Manager
The Spokane club is managed by Eddie Lake, former Detroit Tiger shortstop who played at Victoria last year. Both the Spokane and Salem clubs, dripping with young and inexperienced players, have been having a tough time getting started this season. Salem has two wins, four losses, and Spokane has two wins, five losses.

Manager Hugh Luby of the Senators is in hopes that the two injured players on his club may be able to play in the series here. Catcher Joe Niro and Outfielder Bill Shields have hand cuts which have kept them inactive.

Krause Joins Squad
The Senators will be strengthened considerably in the four games here by the return of third-baseman Mel Krause to the squad. He'll be available for the next 10 Senator games.

Although his pitching has not been adequate, and he is on the prowl for suitable mound help, Luby is highly pleased with the way in which some of his young athletes have been hitting. Outfielders Floyd Robinson and Jack Steinagel are both banging the ball over the 400 mark, and both first-basemen Dick Traversi and Outfielder Shields (prior to being injured) are doing almost as well. Luby himself is hitting well.

Major League Leaders

AMERICAN LEAGUE					
	G	AB	R	H	Pct.
Skowron, N. Y.	13	51	14	23	.451
Power, Kan. C.	12	65	18	27	.415
Kaline, Detroit	21	80	17	31	.386
Lollar, Chicago	19	61	14	22	.361
Kline, Detroit	21	87	16	31	.352
Vernon, Wash.	20	79	9	25	.315
Diering, Baltimore	16	56	6	19	.338
Niemann, Chicago	19	58	9	19	.321
Smith, Baltimore	17	58	7	19	.328
Bauer, New York	20	81	20	26	.321
Home runs: Lollar, Chicago 7; Niemann, Chicago 7; Kaline, Detroit 5; Skowron, New York 18; Finigan, Kansas City 18; Zernial, Kansas City 6; Six players tied with 5.					
Runs batted in: Vernon, Washington 24; Niemann, Chicago 23; Kaline, Detroit 20; Skowron, New York 18; Finigan, Kansas City 18; Zernial, Kansas City 18.					

NATIONAL LEAGUE					
	G	A	R	H	Pct.
Viridon, St. Louis	13	50	12	22	.440
Mueller, N. Y.	19	81	11	31	.383
Repuski, St. L.	10	81	11	30	.370
Campanella, Brooklyn	21	76	16	27	.353
Moon, St. Louis	18	67	13	29	.348
Logan, Milwaukee	21	78	15	26	.333
Clement, Pittsburgh	17	69	9	23	.333
Furillo, Brooklyn	21	78	16	25	.321
Aaron, Milwaukee	21	83	18	29	.315
Swanson, Pittsburgh	18	78	9	19	.328
Home runs: Furillo, Brooklyn 8; Snider, Brooklyn 7; Klusenevski, Cincinnati 7; Campanella, Brooklyn 5; Jackson, Chicago 5; Repuski, St. Louis 5.					
Runs batted in: Snider, Brooklyn 24; Campanella, Brooklyn 22; Furillo, Brooklyn 22; Thompson, Milwaukee 22; Fondy, Chicago 19.					

Local Gals Swim In Meet Today
The Salem YMCA girls swimming team will be defending its Girls Northwest YMCA championship today in a meet at Bremerton. Coaches Clarence and Mary Wilcox of the local squad will have 14 swimmers in the Bremerton meet.

Sandra Seigel, Elaine Standish, Gretchen Yost, Dana Glasgow, Linda Sullivan, Jean Hagen, Sue Wilson, Diane Baxter, Sharon Trux, Joy Brown, Doris Hein, Roberta Eyre, Jackie LaDue and Shirlee Wilcox are the girls.

WU Ovalists Meet Whits

Coach Ted Ogdahl has his Willamette University Bearcats at Walla Walla today for a track and field meet with the Whitman Missionaries. The Whitman squad is favored to take the victory, as the Missionaries of this year are labeled as favorites, along with the Lewis & Clark Pioneers, to cop the Northwest Conference title.

Whitman has potential point-getters in Hal Parrott in the 440 and 880, Ed Parrott in the 2-mile, Gary Fowler in the 440, Syd Tate and Dave Wheeler in the sprints. Don Poe in the 880 and Ken Johnson in the shot. Willamette's chief hopes will rest with the great Bearcat hurdler Dean Benson, distance man Dale Hartman and Mike Hovis, sprinter Bobby Zochel, miler Don Miller and field men Gary Schmalie, Larry Thompson, Tom Voigt and Dale Greenlee.

Linfield Sets 4-Way Session

LINFIELD COLLEGE, McMinnville—(Special)—Linfield's track team will have its hands full Saturday when the Wildcats host a four-way track meet on the Maxwell field oval here. Oregon College of Education, Monmouth; the University of Portland; Portland State College and Linfield will be the contending teams.

All the teams in Saturday's meet have strength in various fields of competition and Coach Smith is looking for a "wide and fairly even distribution of points."

Linfield's distance runner Dick Miller, freshman from Seaside, who has been the 'Cats leading scorer with consistent wins in both the mile and two-mile, will run up against his toughest competition in Portland U.'s Jim Senko. Senko clocked 4:30.1 and 10:08.4 respectively last week. Miller won his races in 4:46.2 and 10:32.

Oregon Grabs Division Lead

PULLMAN, Wash. — Oregon took over first place in Northern Division baseball standings Friday with a wild 9-5 win over Washington State.

The Ducks, who had been tied with WSC for top spot, got across four runs in the first inning on two hits, two walks and an error. Winning pitcher Terry Maddox provided his own victory margin in the fourth when he hit a home run after Neal Mariett had tripled.

The Cougars got all five of their runs in the fourth when the entire team came to the plate. A homer by Jack Hartman were the big blows in the scoring spree.

Oregon 400 200 201—9 11 2 WSC 000 500 000—5 6 3 Maddox, Garnet (4) and Mariett, Webb, Aiken (3), Freeman (4), Smith (9) and Rich.

Bowlers Meet Tonight To Elect New Officers
Last official men's meeting of the Salem Bowling Assn. will be held Saturday night at 6:30 at the Golden Pheasant. All members of the association are urged to be present as an election of officers for the coming year will be the main business on the agenda.

The meeting will follow a luncheon in the banquet room which starts at 5:30 p.m.

Champs Among Pilot Lineup

Night racing makes its debut at Hollywood Bowl tonight, with the roaring hard tops installing the inaugural at 7:30 o'clock with time trials.

Valley Sports officials told that over 30 of the popular "tops," all completely "souped" for the first time this year, will be in the time trials, trophy dash, four heat races and Class B and A main events.

Hyde Leads List
The 1954 Oregon champion Wild Bill Hyde leads the list of pilots, and also present will be Clarence Smith, the Vancouver vet who won the Oregon title in 1951-52-53. In two hard top programs at Portland this season Hyde came through for victories in the main events.

But those aren't the only champions listed. Chuck Cedar of Seattle, who won the 1952-53 Washington titles, is also registered, as is Palmer Crowell, who won the 100-mile big car crown at Portland Meadows last year. And a late entry from Pendleton is Wayne Davidson, 1953-54 dirt track champ of the Northwest.

This gent could be a major threat tonight, for he drives a high-compression 1951 Hudson Super-Six motor which has been improved so that it is now valued at over \$2,500. Chief mechanic is Willie Mayfield, who has worked many times as pit crewman for top California drivers. The car motor was built by a major racing firm at Indianapolis.

The hard tops were the most popular of the racing vehicles, appearing here last year, because of their number and their overall recklessness. They should be even more exciting this year, for cars are now permitted to use full racing motors, with dual carburetors, dual heads, racing manifolds, etc., which create more speed.

Hard tops owners now claim they have the fastest racers operating on Northwest tracks.

Salem will be well represented in the opener, with Bob Porter driving his No. 65 car, and both Larry Gardner and Vern Book among the pilots listed. Book hopes to have his new 205-horse-powered Lincoln ready to go in the action.

Drivers From Many Cities
Dale Neliton of Lebanon and Wally Larsen of Sweet Home are two more "local" drivers. Cars and drivers will appear from Portland, Seattle, Vancouver, Tillamook, and Eugene as well as from those cities mentioned.

Gardner escaped death miraculously here last year in a spectacular accident which tore out many feet of the guard rails in front of the grandstand.

Popular admission prices will prevail for the card.

Solons Buy Fielder
SACRAMENTO — Charles Graham, general manager of the Sacramento Solons, Friday announced the purchase of center-fielder Al Heist from Lewiston of the Northwest League.

The youth has shown fielding ability and speed during his try-out with the Solons but hasn't produced much at the plate so far. His batting average through last night's game was .143.

Today's Pitchers
AMERICAN LEAGUE
Detroit at Chicago—Gromek (4-1) vs. Conners (2-0). Kansas City at Cleveland—Keller (2-0) or Shantz (1-2) vs. Ryan (1-0). Baltimore at Washington (night)—Wilson (0-3) vs. Schmitz (2-0). New York at Boston—Larsen (1-0) vs. Delock (2-2).

NATIONAL LEAGUE
Pittsburgh at New York—Purkey (2-1) vs. Hearn (3-1). Brooklyn at Philadelphia (night)—Erskine (4-0) vs. Roberts (3-2). Chicago at Cincinnati (night)—Fowler (0-0) vs. Pollet (0-0). Milwaukee at St. Louis (night)—Conley (2-1) vs. Pholsky (0-0).

Richest Derby Ever Slated to Run Saturday

North Salem Viks Top South Ovalists

Norval Paces Team to Win

Close Races Feature In Dual Track Meet

By DUSTY PLOG

Statesman Sports Writer

The Vikings of North Salem High Coach Ken Hunt proved too strong in depth for South Salem's Saxons Friday as Northerners won the first dual track meet between the two schools by a 68% to 53% score. The Saxons were host team.

North Salem's slender speedster, Jim Norval, was the big point gatherer for the day with 13 important markers. He was one tenth of a second off the school record in the 100 yard dash, winning the event in 10.1, with teammate Del Funk only a couple steps behind. Norval also won the 220, but was far ahead at the finish, in the time of 22.9. He took a second in the broadjump to complete his afternoon.

Several events proved to be duals between the top men from the two cross-town rivals. The 440 was a battle to the tape but Bill Kauffman proved he had more stamina by (Continued on next page)

Dope Involved In Fight Loss

PHILADELPHIA — Harold Johnson, No. 1 light heavyweight contender, suffered a technical knockout defeat at the arena Friday night under circumstances described by a state athletic commissioner as "definitely mysterious."

Commission physicians at ring-side expressed the opinion the 26-year-old Philadelphian may have been dooped, possibly by way of an orange he ate just before fight time.

Johnson was unable to answer the bell for the third round and Cuban heavyweight Julio Mederos was declared winner by a technical knockout.

Johnson, leading challenger for Archie Moore's 175-pound crown, was carried from the ring in a stretcher. Though conscious, he was unable to maintain his feet.

Taken To Hospital
The stricken fighter was removed to Hahnemann hospital where a blood test on Johnson and laboratory examination of a piece of the mystery orange were to be performed.

Johnson's handlers told doctors Joseph Ayello and Wilbur Strickland, ringside physicians, that Johnson had complained that an orange he ate in the dressing room shortly before entering the ring as a 4-1 favorite, tasted "bitter."

They said the fighter staggered around the dressing room after eating the orange, but seemed okay before the 10 p. m. (EDT) nationally televised fight (NBC) went on.

Alfred Klein, state athletic commissioner at the fight, told reporters that "You are free to say that there definitely is something mysterious about what happened to Johnson. The doctors believe he may have been drugged. We have a piece of the orange in question and will examine it."

Investigation Set
"We wanted to make a thorough investigation of the circumstances surrounding this fight," Klein said. Meanwhile, the commissioner placed a blackout over information on the condition of Johnson.

Hospital officials declined to comment, saying, "He (Johnson) is being examined and the state boxing commission has ordered that no information be given out."

Johnson, who spotted Mederos 14½ pounds, was stunned in the first round by a hard right hand to the chin and it was believed at first he had been stupefied by the punch. After staggering to his corner in the first round, Johnson came out for the second round with a glassy look in his eyes.

At one point in the second round, the Philadelphian fell to his knees without being hit. He regained his feet and finished the round, once again staggering to his corner at the bell. The fighter couldn't locate his stool and the commission physicians immediately examined him. Dr. Ayello stopped the fight.

Hospital Reports
It was reported at the hospital that Johnson finally became rational and that he was in no danger and, probably, would be released Saturday.

A blood test was performed and the piece of orange recovered in the dressing room was taken by Doctors Ayello and Strickland for a laboratory test. Results of the tests were expected Saturday.

Clarence (Skinny) Davidson, Johnson's trainer, said the only ones in the dressing room at the time Johnson indicated distress were his second, Lou Gross, one of the preliminary fighters, Joe White, and Hurricane Jackson, who had come in to wish him luck.

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Strikeout Kings Of Yanks, Tribe Pitch Victories

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Bob Turley of the New York Yankees and Herb Score of the Cleveland Indians, fire-balling American League strikeout sensations, went to work again Friday with Turley fanning 13 in a two-hit 6-0, victory over Boston and Score whiffing 10 while three-hitting Kansas City 4-1.

The STANDINGS

NORTHWEST LEAGUE							
	W.	L.	Pct.		W.	L.	Pct.
Wenah	9	3	.750	Yakima	3	5	.375
T-City	6	3	.667	Salem	2	4	.333
Eugene	3	3	.500	Spokane	2	5	.286
Lewton	5	6	.455				

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PACIFIC COAST LEAGUE

NATIONAL LEAGUE							
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Brooklyn	19	2	.905	Pittbg	9	11	.450
Chicago	11	11	.500	St. Louis	8	10	.444
Milwauk	10	11	.476	Philadel	8	13	.385
New York	9	10	.474	Cincinnati	7	13	.350
Friday's results: At St. Louis 5							
Milwaukee 8; at Philadelphia 4							
Brooklyn 6; at New York 2. Pitts-							

Friday's results: At San Diego 4, Portland 1; at Sacramento 2, Seattle 1; at Hollywood 3, San Francisco 1; at Oakland 5, Los Angeles 1.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Chicago 1, Detroit 0.

Harper Leads Pack by Seven

Friday's results: At St. Louis 5, Milwaukee 8; at Philadelphia 4, Brooklyn 6; at Cincinnati 4, Chicago 2.

AMERICAN LEAGUE

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Harper Leads Pack by Seven
FORT WORTH, Texas — Chandler Harper, always figured he played his best golf back in the pack but the balding first round leader of the \$25,000 Colonial Invitational found out differently Thursday. He shot a 5-under-par 65 that gave him a seven-stroke lead which was painfully discouraging to the rest of the hand-picked field.

The terrific round equalled three course records and gave the Chattanooga, Tenn., veteran a 36 hole total of 134.

Three in Second
In second, and facing a long uphill fight for the \$5,000 first prize, were Antonio Cervera of Buenos Aires, Dow Finsterwald of Athens, Ohio, and Julius Boros, of Mid Pine, N. C., at 141.

Ben Hogan, who has made his home town tournament practically his own with four victories was tied with three other with 145, including Cary Middlecoff of Memphis, the Masters champion.

Whitman Bows
McMINNVILLE — Whitman, the Northwest Conference baseball leader, was defeated 15-10 by third-place Linfield in Friday's game here.

Don Porter and pitcher Bob Diller had home runs for the winners. Tom Deebach had a grand slam homer for Whitman in the third. Porter was leading hitter for Linfield with three in four times at bat. Warren Holtz had three for five for Whitman.

Whitman 204 002 110—10 12 2 Linfield 342 301 205—15 15 2 Hansen, LePage (4) and Hostetler; Diller, Coursey and Combs.

Meadows to Open
PORTLAND — A 10-event inaugural afternoon program is scheduled at Portland Meadows track Saturday for the opening of a 41-day horse racing meet.

LOUIS AGAIN WITH TAXES
CHICAGO — A \$354,400 tax lien against former heavyweight champion Joe Louis was filed with Cook County Recorder Joseph F. Ropa Friday.

Betsy Rawls, one of the nation's top woman golfers, graduated from the University of Texas and is a member of Phi Beta Kappa.

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HERB SCORE Fans 10 Athletics

Eugene Drubs Yakima, 10-1

YAKIMA — The largest home crowd of the season turned out Friday night to watch Yakima get drubbed, 10-1, by Eugene in the opening of a Northwest League baseball series.

The visitors wrapped it all up in the first inning with a three run spree. Ron Jackson opened with a single and Granny Gladstone walked. Catcher-Manager Cliff Dapper doubled them home, then came in on a single by Hal Toso after George Huffman walked.

They didn't need to, but they piled on seven more runs in a consistent hitting attack off three Yakima pitchers through the rest of the game.

Yakima got its lone run in the first as Bob Ruiz doubled, went to third on an error and came home on Al Maul's single.

The win set a fat league record of 24 runs by one team in one game, exceeding Tri-City's previous mark of 22. Every man on the Wenatchee roster gained at least one hit but Bob Durello led the parade with two doubles, a homer and a single. Durello drove in eight runs, scoring three himself.

Runner-up to Durello in the hit parade was Lloyd Jenney, catcher-turned-outfielder, who also got four but his longest was a double.

At Wenatchee the Chiefs really went to town as they walloped Tri-City, 24-8 to take over first place in the league from the Braves.

Eugene 302 021 110—10 15 1 Yakima 100 000 000—1 8 2 Hodges and Dapper; Edmunds, Wengerson (4), Babbitt (5) and Hamilton.

Tri-City 100 002 050—8 10 3 Wenatchee 401 371 245—24 21 2 Burns, Kalar (4), Elmore (5), Richardson (6) and Saharagun; Morrill and Durello.

Padres Dump Beavers, 4-1

SAN DIEGO, Calif. — Earl Rapp's three-for-three hitting, including an eighth inning homer, helped Eddie Erault to a 4-1 pitching triumph for San Diego over Portland in a Pacific Coast League game here Friday night.

Don Eggett's homer in the second, his eighth of the season, gave Portland its one run.

The Padres jumped into a 2-0 lead against rookie right-hander LeRoy Han in the first inning, then finished him with another tally in the third.

Southpaw Glen Elliott took up the mound burden and allowed only one hit in 4 2-3 innings.

In other PCL games, Sacramento edged by first-place Seattle 2-1, Hollywood made it three straight over San Francisco, 3-1, and Carl Drews pitched Oakland to a 5-1 win over Los Angeles.

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Eggett 3b 4 1 1 4 Kazak 1b 4 1 2 0
Sullivan 3 0 0 0 Bequer 1b 4 1 1 2
Caldrean 3 1 8 0 Faber 2b 3 0 1 0
Austin 3 0 0 1 Ayiwde 4 1 4 0
Han 2 1 0 0 Erault 3 2 1 2
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Blaquiere, Peterson and Erault; Federoff, Peterson and Bequer; Eggett and Wilson. Left—Portland 4, San Diego 6. BB—Han 1, Elliott 1, Anthony 1, SC—Han 4 in 2 1-3, Erault 7 in 1, Elliott 1 in 4-2-3, Anthony 2 in 1, R—Erault 3-3, Erault 1-1, Elliott 0-4, Anthony 1-1, W—Erault 3-1, L—Han 0-3, U—Valenti, Somers and Iacovetti. A—2596.

Nashua Rated To Lead Field

Track Classic Set For Churchill Downs

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — Ten of the country's finest 3-year-old colts have a fling at fame and fortune Saturday in what will be the richest Kentucky Derby since America's most colorful racing classic was inaugurated in 1875.

A good portion of the 100,000 fans expected to jam ancient Churchill Downs for the mile and one quarter classic are looking for another slam bang duel between Nashua, the odds-on favorite, and his shadow, Summer Tan.

There were no surprise latecomers in the calculations when Secretary Lincoln Plant slammed the entry box shut Friday morning — only the 10 horses whose names have been on the lips of turf folk for days. The pot will hit \$152,500 with 10 starters, the winner collecting \$108,400.

Smallest Field
With 10 starters, this 81st run for the roses will have the smallest field since Citation defeated five opponents seven years ago.

The slim field comes through the courtesy of Nashua, of William Woodward Jr.'s Belair Stud, and Mrs. John W. Galbreath's Summer Tan. It costs \$1,500 to race Saturday, and few want to angle with a pair of the best sophomore runners to come around in many a year.

Two weeks ago racing appetites were whetted when Nashua lunged up in the final strides to beat Summer Tan in the thrilling Wood Memorial at Jamaica.

The festivities will be carried on CBS TV and radio from 1:15-2:45 p. m. (PST) with post time set for 4:30.

Swaps, a California speed demon owned by Rex Ellsworth, looms as the chief threat should Nashua or Summer Tan run into difficulties. The derby is a go get 'em scramble, and sometimes the favorites wind up in the soup through poor racing luck.

There was strong support also for the Cain Hoy Stable entry of Flying Fury and Racing Fool, owned by Capt. Harry F. Gugenheim. Fans recall that Gugenheim's Dark Star got home first for a \$51,800 2d payoff in the 1953 derby, when Native Dancer was supposed to win.

Nashua Rated 4-5
The track oddsmaker listed Nashua, to be ridden by Eddie Arcazo, at 4-5, with Summer Tan and Jockey Eric Guerin at 2-1.

Swaps, with champion rider Willie Shoemaker up, was made 5-1, a drop from Thursday's 6-1. The Cain Hoy entry was 10-1, with Henry Moreno aboard Racing Fool and Conn McCreary on Flying Fury.

Pacific U Edged By Coyotes, 5-4
FOREST GROVE — Jerry Cox singled, stole second, went to third on a wild pitch and then scored while the