

Sports

HEAVY TRACK PROSPECT FOR STEEPLECHASE

Downpour Dims English Classic—Easter Hero Is Favored to Win—Liverpool Crowded By Vistors Many Fair Fans.

AINTREE, England, March 21.—(AP)—Prospects of fair weather for tomorrow's grand national steeplechase dimmed today as yesterday's drizzle developed into a regular north of England downpour.

The rain slackened this morning, however, and permitted the steeplechase candidates to take their early morning canter. Billy Barton, American jumper, stepped along in the spirits, and snuffed with apparent pleasure the raindrops which are the first that have fallen in this part of England in more than a month.

Too much rain would not please the Maryland jumper's trainers and jockey, but the moisture which the Aintree course has received thus far is just sufficient to make the going good tomorrow.

Easter Hero, once owned by the late Captain Alfred Loewenstein, is favored tomorrow at odds of 10 to 1, with Billy Barton and Great Span, British horse, quoted at 100 to 7 each. As many as 60 horses are likely to start.

Liverpool was crowded in anticipation of tomorrow's race. Hotels and boarding houses were filled beyond their capacity and even a billiard table to serve as a bed was at a premium last night. Bathrooms, smokers and dining room have been turned into bed chambers, and hotel keepers declared they could do no more to accommodate the increasing crowds.

Thousands of girls and women were among arrivals today. A number of large tents have been erected in gardens around the city so that residents can increase the accommodation for friends. Liners due before the race were expected to swell the crowd with numbers of American visitors, but it was not known where or how they would be put up.

Preparations were being made at Aintree for an attendance of 350,000.

FIND A BALL ROOKIES CAN HIT



Nick Altrock and Al Schacht, comedians of the Washington Senators, discover a ball big enough for the rookies to hit at the Tampa, Florida, spring training camp.

BOWLING COLUMN

Due to failure of the Montgomery Ward team to put in appearance for their bowling match with the Mail Tribunes last night, the newspaper men were forced to fight among themselves, which they did with the following result:

Bings				
	1	2	3	Total
Ferguson	138	189	174	481
Lounsberry	144	162	131	437
Grey	139	145	173	457
Patton	169	246	158	563
Bongs				
	1	2	3	Total

Elliot	113	171	221	505
Green	142	142	142	426
DeLoah	146	158	138	442
Murray	178	171	198	547
Hagen	195	184	218	597
Total				
	622	624	626	1872

GLENDALE, Cal., Mar. 20.—(AP)—Colonel Charles A. Lindbergh landed his plane here at the Grand Central air terminal at 11:10 a. m., following a flight from Santa Barbara, Cal. He immediately began an inspection of the field, which is the western terminus of the air transport company with which he is affiliated.



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REDSKIN TEAM TO SHOW BOLD FRONT IN 1929

Greatest Improvement in League Shown By Current Edition of Cleveland Americans—No Radical Battery Changes.

By BRIAN BELL Associated Press Sports Writer

NEW ORLEANS, March 21.—(AP)—Baseball wise railbirds who compare the Cleveland Indians of 1929 with the 1928 edition declare the club has been improved more than any other outfit in the American league. However, that diagnosis, if correct, will not necessarily insure the Redskins a high place in baseball for they had more room for improvement than most of the other clubs.

There seems no reasonable doubt that Manager Roger Peckinbaugh's remake team will offer a far bolder front than he was able to present last season. His infield has been strengthened by the addition of the little but rugged Jackie Tavener and transfer of Joey Sewell to third base and a much needed punch in the outfield has been supplied by the addition of two promising recruits and an established star. Dick Porter and Earl Averill

have shown indications of living up to their minor league reputations. White Sox, can swing home his with most of the major league batsmen. No radical changes have been made in the battery forces, but Jim Zinn, who has pitched good ball for several years in A. A. baseball, will have a chance to see if he can do half as well higher up.

Luke Sewell to Catch
Luke Sewell, junior of the famous Sewell brothers, and Glenn Myatt will do the catching with Grover Hartley, a veteran, who is listed as a coach, acting as emergency relief unless General Manager Billy Evans finds a likely prospect unattached.

Zinn and Ken Holloway, late of Detroit, seems to be the best of the new pitchers on the staff, but Wesley Ferrell, who was farmed to Terre Haute, is back evidently to stay with an even better fast ball than he had last spring. Verne Underhill, another farm hand, probably will make the grade this time.

Willis Hudlin, Walter Miller, Joe Shaute, George Grant, Mel Harder and John Miller are retained from the 1928 staff. Miller has shown decided improvement over his previous performances and Hudlin has worked long and hard at a control machine. He has a target set up in right field of the Pelicans ball park where the Indians train, and spends hours throwing at it. If he gets control he is expected to take his place beside the leading pitchers of the league. Shaute, the big left hander, has a brand new delivery which may increase his effectiveness. He pulls the ball out of his hip pocket much on the order of Earl Moore, the famous Phillie pitcher of two decades ago.

Infield Is Set
Three-fourths of the infield is set Sewell, although he has never played third base, is already at home and seems to have conquered the queer angles a shortstop finds at a corner of the infield. Tavener,

who gets as many extra base hits in a year's work, will play shortstop with Carl Lind, the double-play expert, at second base. Lew Fossheim and Johnny Hodaj, are available for first base with Fossheim, the Portuguese sunbird, having the call. The infield fight in the Indian camp is for the reserve places. Ray Gardner, New Orleans shortstop, can field, but his hitting remains in doubt. Bob Burnett, big and fast, who is a product of the University of Florida, has made a good impression and may be kept as he is a versatile performer.

Porter and Averill seem destined to start the season in right and center, as both have hit well in the spring. The clever Jamieson is in a contest with the hard-hitting Bill Fink for the other field. One will be an extra outfielder with Ed Morgan, the only right-handed hitter in the first five outfielders.

TIGER CLINE WINS KLAMATH RING GO

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore., March 21.—(AP)—In one of the greatest bouts ever staged in Klamath Falls, "Tiger" Johnny Cline of San Francisco, dashed, hooked and slugged his way to a decisive victory over Walter Cleghorn, Seattle Eskimo, in a 10-round fight here last night. They are middleweights.

Outweighed eight pounds and seven years older than the game Eskimo, Cline dazzled his opponent from the first round to the tenth. Instead of weakening, as had been predicted, Cline grew stronger and in the 10th was whaling away at Cleghorn with both hands while the Eskimo was holding on desperately.

MYERS BESTS JAP IN GENTLEMANLY WRESTLING BOUT

PORTLAND, Ore., March 21.—(AP)—Bob Myers, Portland light heavyweight wrestler, took two out of three falls from Taro Miyake, an able Japanese exponent, here last night, in one of the finest matches seen here in some time. Myers took the first fall, coming out of a Japanese wristlock to clasp on a short arm measure in 45 minutes, 20 seconds. Miyake gained the second fall in 12 minutes, 2 seconds with a Japanese body slam, losing his opponent to the mat until he lay prone. The final fall came quickly after Myers, after seemingly being out from some fast 30 jiu-jitsu work, came suddenly to life and went after Miyake with a series of Katusick flying reverse headlocks and after four flips through the air, Miyake succumbed. The time was 1 minute, 21 seconds.

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