

Horse Racing Blackout Rated Top Sports Yarn Of Year; Series Next

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New York, Dec. 20—(U.P.)—Figured on the basis of fan interest, the outstanding sports story of 1945 appeared in retrospect today to be racing's blackout and subsequent green light shortly after V-E day with the World Series and Kentucky Derby pressing for annual honors.

Although the year almost was half spent before sports came out of the shadows, it was packed with headlines that averaged one a month on the sensational side, both expected and unexpected. The top 12 were:

1. Horse racing. The sport of kings was blacked out Jan. 3 for an indefinite period, with the last races at Tropical Park and the Fairgrounds. Then it came roaring back on May 12, shortly after victory in Europe, with the anxious bettors jamming the mutuels to the unprecedented tune of eight days of \$4,000,000 betting and one day of \$5,000,000 wagering at Belmont.

2. The World Series and the Detroit Tigers. They won the pennant on the last day of the season on Hank Greenberg's four-run homer. And although baseball wasn't what it used to be, there was plenty of interest as Tiger power and pitching won the seventh game of the World Series from the Chicago Cubs.

3. The Kentucky Derby, set back to June 9, it was the same colorful center as ever when Hoop Jr. splashed through the mud to win by six lengths. A success saga America likes, as a horse bought for \$10,200 hit a \$65,000 jackpot.

4. Senator Albert Benjamin (Happy) Chandler. Named to replace the late Kenesaw M. Landis as baseball commissioner. The sledding has been rough, but Happy still wears that fixed smile which worked so well on Kentucky voters.

5. Gunder Hagg. The Swedish swiftly lowered the mile record to an amazing 4:01.4 to rekindle the four-minute mile controversy. Hit the headlines again when he ran into expense-account handicaps which threatened his records.

6. Sale of the New York Yankees. The \$10,000,000 baseball dynasty founded by Col. Jake Ruppert finally was peddled to a three-man combine—Col. L. S. MacPhail, Dan Topping and Del Webb.

7. Byron Nelson's winning streak. The tough Texan won 19 major golf tournaments, banked a record \$66,528, and stretched his record string of in-the-money tournaments to 102.

8. The Hambletonian. Titan Hanover, the new greyhound, barred from the betting as he scampered off with two straight heats in the barnyard classic.

9. Busher, horse of the year. Second filly to win the honor as she became the seventh ranking money winner in turf history.

10. Signing of Jackie Robinson. First Negro signed to an organized baseball contract as he was inked by Montreal.

11. The Brooklyn college basketball scandal. Five members of the team were accused of accepting a bribe to throw a game with the repercussions heard across country.

12. Dodgers win pennant! Of course they didn't but think what a story it would have been. For Dodger hopefuls: "Wait until next year."

FIGHT CANCELLED
Washington, Dec. 20—(U.P.)—Inclement weather made it impossible to stage a scheduled 10-round bout last night between Marty Servo, welterweight challenger, and Stanley Simms of Washington, and inability to agree on a date for a re-scheduling caused the promoter to cancel the bout.

SNOW HALTS RACES
Charlestown, W. Va., Dec. 20—(U.P.)—A severe winter storm which covered the track with six inches of snow, prompted Charlestown race track officials to cancel the program for today, tomorrow and Saturday, ending the meeting with yesterday's card. Yesterday's races were run in the snow.

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Naval All-Stars Thump Nationals In Honolulu Tilt

Honolulu, Dec. 20—(U.P.)—The 14th naval district All-Stars, aided by three home runs, defeated the National League All-Stars USO camp show unit, 7 to 3, in a night baseball game before 4,500 servicemen at Furlong Field last night.

Willard Marshal, former Giant, Ken Kelnor, formerly with the Cleveland Indians, and winning pitcher Clyde Shoun, on leave from the Cincinnati Reds, slammed circuit blows for the Sailors.

Al Lakeman, former Cincinnati Reds player, made four hits in four trips to the plate for the National League All-Stars, one of them a homer.

Shoun was relieved in the seventh by Lou Ciola, ex-Athletic hurler. Former Dodger Tom Seals was charged with the loss.

It was the first game of a five-game series the National leaguers will play here before moving westward on a month and one-half tour of Pacific island bases.

Hockey Results
By United Press
There were changes at both ends of the Pacific Coast league hockey standings today as the Oakland Oaks took over the lead from the Vancouver Canucks for the first time this season and the victory-happy San Francisco Shamrocks yielded the cellar spot to Hollywood.

Coach Mel Harwood's Oaks jumped to the top of the ladder with a 3 to 2 victory over the Hollywood Wolves while the Canucks were idle in the north.

San Francisco nosed out San Diego's Skyhawks, 4 to 2, to score their third victory in four starts to move 20 percentage points ahead of the tallend Hollywood squad.

In the only other game, the Seattle Ironmen clipped the third-place New Westminster Royals, 5 to 4, to clinch third spot in the league's northern division.

Boston moved into contention for the National hockey league lead after an 8 to 7 victory over New York last night while the leading Montreal Canadiens and second-place Chicago were battling to a 4 to 4 tie.

BOWLING
In Commercial league last night Fluhner's Bakery took two games and total pins to one game from Silver Dollar Grill (William 503-Bradley 527.) Littrell Parts won two games and total pins to one game for Montgomery Ward (Guinotte 495-Beck 452.) Pepsi Cola made a clean sweep to cop four points from Daniels-Robinson (Spear 511-Morehouse 501.) Henry's Drive-In won four points from Firestone (Donelson 525-Baize 449.)

"Canyon Passage" Receiving Final Studio Touches
Finishing touches will be put on the western technicolor epic, "Canyon Passage" at Universal Studios this week, according to word received today by Jackson County Chamber of Commerce officials from Henry Spitz, production manager.

Hollywood is enthusiastic over the finished product, much of it screened in southern Oregon. It is expected that the Ernest Haycox western production will be released in the spring. According to Spitz, Walter Wanger Pictures will start another technicolor picture at Universal City, dealing with the story of Rimsky Korsakoff. Shooting on the new film will start January 7.

Universal's red-headed Susan Hayward, appearing on the Charlie McCarthy program last Sunday, was introduced as the star of "Canyon Passage."

Since July 1944, electrical energy produced at Shasta Dam has saved over 480,000 barrels of oil.

V.F.W. INITIATES RECRUIT CLASS; TWO DECORATED

Several recruits were initiated during the meeting of Veterans of Foreign Wars Tuesday at the armory and two officers were given decorations by District Commander Walker. Members devoted considerable time to discussion of plans for the post's new home.

The meeting was adjourned to the USO auditorium where a pre-Christmas social evening was enjoyed. Lighting for a Christmas tree was installed and other preparations made for the Christmas party to be held Friday at 7:30 p. m. at the auditorium.

Members of Mrs. Eve Prentice's accordion band presented a program and there was group singing. A number of servicemen from the USO recreation rooms joined in the entertainment and refreshments were served.

A cordial invitation is extended to all servicemen, ex-servicemen and their families to attend the Christmas tree party Friday. Parents may bring a present for each child, with the child's name on it, to be placed on the tree. Each child will also receive a gift from the post.

Clarence Minger Discharged After 9-Year Navy Duty

Chief Pharmacist's Mate Clarence R. Minger was discharged at Corona, Calif., Dec. 7 after nine and one-half years with the navy. Minger arrived in Medford Dec. 9 for a visit with his parents, sisters and his brother, former Staff Sgt. Clyde Minger, whom he had not seen since April of 1941.

Clarence Minger left Medford Friday to join his wife and children in their home at Philadelphia, Pa., and Clyde Minger has left for a visit with his sister and family in LaGrange, Mo., and relatives in Iowa.

Clarence Minger received his "boot" training at Great Lakes, Ill., later served on the USS Pennsylvania, at various bases and on the USS Apollo. He had been stationed at the naval hospital at Corona for six months prior to his release from the navy.

Closing time for Sunday Too Late to Classify 4:00 Saturday afternoon. Please remember.

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- CLOROX quart 15c—1/2 gal. 25c
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