

Needles Comes From Behind To Win At Churchill Downs

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Louisville, Ky. (U.P.)—D. & H. stable's Needles, a temperamental colt from Florida, came from far back in the stretch at Churchill Downs Saturday to win the 82nd running of the \$167,550 Kentucky Derby with a tremendous closing rush.

His cause looked absolutely hopeless as cold-blooded Dave Erb let the rest of the field almost lose Needles in their dust for about six furlongs. Only the outclassed High King was behind Needles and 15 of America's best three-year-old colts were ahead of him when Erb finally let Needles run.

What a run it was.

There was a blur of the D. & H. orange silks on the outside as Needles cut down horse after horse rounding the turn into the stretch. Halfway through the straightaway the crowd knew he was coming and roared out its approval for Needles as their favorite.

On the outside of the struggling horses, Needles finally fought his way to the front about a sixteenth of a mile from the finish and streaked across the finish line three-quarters of a length ahead of Calumet Farm's Fabius.

Come On Red, a colt owned by Mrs. Helen W. Kellogg, who was not supposed to start on a fast track, was another length and a half farther back in third place while Dino Lozzi's Count Chic was fourth.

The track was lightning fast for this richest renewal of the Derby, but Needles' time was not particularly outstanding. He finished the mile and one-quarter in 2:03 2/5, far off the track stake record of 2:01 2/5 set in the 1941 running of America's glamor horse race by Whirlaway.

This was the first time Bonnie Heath, of Fort Lauderdale, Fla., and Jack Dudley, of Stillwater, Okla., owners of the D. & H. stable, ever started a horse in the Kentucky Derby. And it was the first time Trainer Hugh Fontaine ever saddled one.

Erb had been in two other renewals of the first of the triple crown classics, but the jockey from California finished 10th each time.

One of the largest crowds ever jammed into Churchill Downs watched Erb change all

that past bad luck. And Needles exploded the myth that, because he wouldn't work out each morning, he could not run in the afternoon. For he was the runningest horse of them all as he flashed across the finish line. There wasn't a horse behind him who had a chance.

It was the third big victory of the year for Needles, who earlier this season won the Flamingo Stakes at Hialeah Park and then the Florida Derby at Gulfstream Park. That was six weeks ago, a long lay-off for a colt taking on the best young horses in America that could be mustered to run against him.

The winner's purse was worth a record of \$123,450, and it boosted Needles life-time earnings to \$462,055. That was a handsome return for this colt

who comes from a long line of Derby winners. Ponder, his sire, won in 1949 while Pensive, his grandsire, scored in 1944. It was the second time in the long history of the Derby that three generations have been able to win. Reigh Count, Count Fleet and Count Turf were the others.

Needles, as favorite, paid \$5.20, \$3.60 and \$3.40 across the board, while Fabius, coupled with Pintor Lea in the running, returned \$3.80 and \$3.60. The surprising Come On Red paid \$6.60.

Pintor Lea was fifth behind Count Chic in the cavalry charge to the finish line, with C. V. Whitney's Career Boy behind him. Then came No Regrets, Head Man, King O'Swords, High King, Jean Baptiste, Terrang, Black Emperor, Besomer, Invalide, Ben A. Jones and Countermant.

Softballers Will Unveil Clubs May 13

Jackson County Softball association will begin its season with a jamboree on Sunday afternoon, May 13, at Hawthorne park here.

Regular season play will start on Monday night, May 14, at the Medford senior high stadium with two games. First night foes and complete schedule are yet to be announced. The slate will be completed on July 25.

Vice President Gary Colton said that 11 teams have entered the circuit. A 12th club and a couple more sponsors are desired, he said. A \$25 entrance fee is required.

All clubs entered in the loop will play two or three innings in the jamboree.

Teams now signed up are 20-30 club, DeMolay, Company A of the National Guard, Headquarters Company of the National Guard, Medford Auto Upholstery, Police Department, Wiseman (YMCA), Chris Drugs of Jacksonville, Walt's Lithia Motors of Ashland and clubs captained by Larue Smith and Will Barnum.

Umpires Needed

Ben Fagone and Ken Natland have been lined up as umpires but a couple more are needed, Colton said. Those interested may telephone Ken Natland, President Walt DeBoer in Ashland, Colton, Barnum or Dick Phillips.

No charge will be made for admission to league games. However, a hat will be passed for donations to help league operation.

DeBoer and Colton said that the league is eager for suggestions from anyone who has them.

The loop slate calls for games on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday at 7:30 and 9:15 p.m.

STANDINGS

MAJOR LEAGUE STANDINGS
By United Press

| AMERICAN LEAGUE | | W. | L. | Pct. | GB. |
|-----------------|---|----|-----|-------|-----|
| New York | 9 | 5 | 668 | 1 1/2 | |
| Cleveland | 6 | 4 | 600 | 2 1/2 | |
| Washington | 7 | 5 | 529 | 2 1/2 | |
| Boston | 7 | 7 | 500 | 3 | |
| Detroit | 6 | 9 | 400 | 4 1/2 | |
| Kansas City | 5 | 9 | 357 | 5 | |
| Baltimore | 6 | 11 | 333 | 5 1/2 | |

| NATIONAL LEAGUE | | W. | L. | Pct. | GB. |
|-----------------|---|----|-----|-------|-----|
| Milwaukee | 6 | 3 | 567 | — | |
| St. Louis | 9 | 3 | 643 | — | |
| Cincinnati | 9 | 6 | 600 | — | |
| Brooklyn | 8 | 8 | 500 | 1 1/2 | |
| New York | 7 | 7 | 500 | 1 1/2 | |
| Pittsburgh | 7 | 9 | 438 | 2 1/2 | |
| Philadelphia | 5 | 9 | 385 | 3 | |
| Chicago | 4 | 8 | 358 | 4 | |

Tommy Bolt Leads Field; Hogan Falls

Fort Worth, Tex. (U.P.)—Tempestuous Tommy Bolt, who has had his temper under control for three straight days, forced to the fore at the three-quarters pole of the \$25,000 Colonial National Invitation golf tournament Saturday with a two-under-par 68 and a 210 total.

Bolt, Chattanooga, Tenn., got into trouble late in today's third round over the rugged Colonial Country club par 35-35-70 layout, but stuck it out for a 35-33—68 that shunted him from a tie for second into the lead by one stroke.

Pushing him at this point were two of the contrasting figures of professional golf—massive Mike Souchak, the former Duke N.Y., and angular, 125-pound Gardner Dickinson Jr., of Panama City, Fla.

Their runner-up position wasn't real secure, however, for little Bo Wininger of Oklahoma City turned in a 34-36—70 that left him at 212, and young Dow Finsterwald of Bedford Heights, O., turned in his second straight 72 to stop at 213 after sharing the lead at the start of the round with British Open Champ Peter Thomson.

Thomson had his troubles going out, but came home in par for a 73 that left him alone at 214, a stroke ahead of Ben Hogan, Canadian Stan Leonard and Paul Harney of Bolton, Mass. Hogan had a 36-37—73 with putter trouble continuing to bother him; Leonard posted a 35-34—69 and Harney a 33-37—72.

Longden Takes Tanforan Event

San Bruno, Calif. (U.P.)—Lucky Mel, ridden by veteran Johnny Longden who lost his whip at the start, plunged into an early lead to win the \$15,000 added San Bruno stakes at Tanforan Saturday.

Smooth wave, an 80-1 shot, finished second in the field of 13 two-year-olds and Aberion was third.

Lucky Mel covered the five furlong distance in 59 seconds flat, just two-fifths of a second off the track record set in 1954 by Ever Bright.

Bill Esselstyn Recreation Head

Central Point—Bill Esselstyn, elementary school physical education director, has been named Central Point summer recreation program director. The appointment was by the school district and the city.

The program will be open to boys ages 8 to 15. It will start about June 11 and end the first week end in August. There will be intra-city baseball teams and Cub and Pee Wee teams organized for out-of-town contention.

If sufficient interest develops, a program for girls 10 to 15 will be organized.

High School Scores

FRIDAY BASEBALL
By United Press

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|----------------------------------|
| Amity 16, Chemawa 3 |
| Knappa 12, Jewell 10 |
| Woodburn 9, Serra (Salem) 1 |
| Vernonia 7, Scappoose 6 |
| Junction City 7, Pleasant Hill 1 |
| Sheridan 9, Salem Academy 2 |
| McMinnville 3, Forest Grove 2 |
| Tigard 15, Newberg 5 |
| North Salem 8, Corvallis 6 |

OSC BEATS WSC

Corvallis (U.P.)—Oregon State defeated Washington State, 4-3 here Friday in a Northern Division tennis match. At the same time, Oregon State's golf team was crushing the Cougars, 23 1/2-3 1/2, over the Corvallis Country club course. Ray Lindquist of Oregon State and John Halin of Washington State shared medalist honors with 73s.

TREMEL OPTIONED

Chicago (U.P.)—Pitcher Bill Tremel, who has seen action in only two-thirds of an inning this season, has been optioned out to Tulsa of the Texas league on 24-hour recall by the Chicago Cubs. By cutting Tremel the Cubs' roster is down to 32 players, seven over the limit.

MEDFORD TRIBUNE SPORTS

OSC Rally Nips Huskies

Corvallis (U.P.)—University of Washington scored 10 runs in the first inning of their Northern Division baseball game with Oregon State here Friday, but OSC chipped away at the lead and nosed out the Huskies in the ninth inning, 16-13.

It was a fitting present for Ralph Coleman who yesterday observed his 21st anniversary as OSC baseball coach.

Washington clobbered three Oregon State pitchers for seven hits, an error and a flurry of walks for that 10-run first inning.

Oregon State came back with four in the second, two in the third and three each in the fifth and eighth. Meanwhile, Washington had picked up two in the fifth and three in the seventh.

Then in the ninth inning Jerry Exler and Twink Peterson each hit a two-run homer for a total of four runs and the game.

OSAA Letter Favorable to St. Mary's

A letter from an Oregon School Activities association official, supporting the contention of Coach Millard Webb of St. Mary's high and concerning the 100-yard dash dispute at the Jackson County B League track meet, has been written to Coach Tinker Hatfield of Rogue River, at whose school the meet was held.

The letter states: "It appears that the rules are quite definite and if the meet officials misinterpreted said rules the necessary adjustment should be made." It was signed by A. Oden Hawes, assistant secretary-treasurer of the OSAA. A copy of the letter was sent to Webb, who also queried the OSAA on the matter.

The "adjustment" would give the county championship to St. Mary's rather than to Rogue River. Medford's parochial school was second to Rogue River in last Wednesday tabulations.

Disqualification of Dick Hayes, Crusader Sprinter, in the Century, Resulted in the Controversy

Hayes was penalized for two false starts. Webb contended that his dash man could not be ousted because the gun had been fired on the starts. The Crusader was allowed to run in his heat but not for points.

Adjustment Benefits SM

Two heats were run and the dash winner and other placers were determined by timing each runner. Webb reported that Hayes won his heat and had the best time. Ramon Elberts of St. Mary's was awarded first place on Wednesday for eight points while Rogue River picked up second and fifth spots for a total of seven. Adjustment of the race in accordance with the letter from Hawes would give St. Mary's first and second for 14 points and Rogue River a third for four counters.

Adjusted scoring would give St. Mary's 104 1/2 points in the meet and Rogue River 99. The Wednesday tabulations were 102 for Rogue River and 98 1/2 for St. Mary's.

Hawes' letter to Hatfield points out that, if a runner leaves his mark after the "set" instruction and before firing of the pistol, it is a false start. Offenders are to be warned and then disqualified if there is a second false start. If, however, the starter fires the pistol and then recalls the runners, no penalty shall be enforced, Hawes' communication points out.

What action will be taken on the county meet was not known late yesterday. Hatfield, the meet director, was called to Corvallis Friday and was unavailable by last night's sports deadline for comment. It was not known whether the OSAA letter has reached his hands.

Aussie Triumphs Over Art Larson

Rome (U.P.)—Lew Hoed of Australia swept into the men's singles semi-finals Saturday at Rome's International Tennis tournament by defeating Art Larson of San Leandro, Calif., 6-3, 6-1, 10-8, with some of the hardest overhead smashes ever seen in the Italian capital.

Althea Gibson of New York scored the only American victory in the day's singles competition when she gained the women's semi-finals with a 6-3, 6-3 triumph over Barbara Scofield Davidson of Milwaukee, Wis. Miss Gibson, seeded first, is seeking her sixth straight European singles crown.



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Yesterday's Scores

PCL RESULTS
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| | | | |
|--|---|----|---|
| San Diego | 3 | 7 | 2 |
| Hollywood | 7 | 9 | 1 |
| Mesa, Herrera (8) and St. Claire: Raydon and Naton. Home run—Duhem. | | | |
| Sacramento | 3 | 15 | 1 |
| San Francisco | 1 | 7 | 0 |
| Mrozinski; Candini (8) and Bright; McNamara (8); Kemmerer, Tinney (8) and Sullivan. | | | |
| Los Angeles | 3 | 13 | 0 |
| Vancouver | 4 | 13 | 0 |
| Cohen, Bauer (6) and Hannah; Van Cuyk, Duren (5); Drummond (8) and Edwards, Neal (9). Home run—Bilko 2, Dages. | | | |

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| AMERICAN LEAGUE | | W. | L. | Pct. |
|--|----|----|----|------|
| Kansas City | 3 | 5 | 1 | |
| New York | 3 | 10 | 1 | |
| Kretlow and Astroth; Ginsberg (7); McDermott, Larsen (8); and Herrera, WP—McDermott. | | | | |
| Cleveland | 3 | 6 | 0 | |
| Baltimore | 1 | 4 | 0 | |
| Lemon and Hegan; Ferraresa and Smith. | | | | |
| Chicago | 3 | 6 | 1 | |
| Washington | 4 | 8 | 0 | |
| Johnson, Fornieles (7); Consuegra (8) and Lollar; Stobbs and Courtney, Berberet (9). LP—Johnson (9-1). | | | | |
| Detroit | 16 | 20 | 0 | |
| Boston | 4 | 10 | 3 | |
| Hoelt (2-0) and Housecoote; Hoelt (2-0) and House; DeLoek, Kiely (4), Susce (4) and White. | | | | |

| NATIONAL LEAGUE | | W. | L. | Pct. |
|---|---|----|----|------|
| Pittsburgh | 8 | 9 | 0 | |
| Cincinnati | 7 | 10 | 1 | |
| Law, Littlefield (7), Face (8), King (9), McManhan (10) and Shepard; Nuxhall, Freeman (8), LaPalme (9) and Bailey, Atwell (9). WP—LaPalme (1-0). LP—King (1-1). | | | | |
| Brooklyn | 1 | 3 | 0 | |
| St. Louis | 4 | 10 | 0 | |
| Craig, Lehman (6) Lahine (2) and Walker; Poholsky (2-0) and Sarnt. LP—Craig (2-2). | | | | |
| New York at Milwaukee postponed, rain. | | | | |
| Philadelphia at Chicago postponed, rain. | | | | |



ARRIVING in San Francisco, John Landy, Australia's great miler, says he is ready for two California races. (International)

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