

Tim Tam Cops Kentucky Derby; Silky Sullivan Trails in 12th

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Louisville, Ky. — Tim Tam, scion of the blue grass country and darling of Calumet Farm, exploded with speed in the stretch at Churchill Downs Saturday to win the 84th running of the Kentucky Derby and give his stable its seventh triumph in the American racing classic.

This brilliant son of mighty Tom Fool, charging down the middle of the track with his back, streaked over the finish line ahead of Sunny Blue Farm's Lincoln Road in the mile and one-quarter race as Silky Sullivan proved a bust.

Dr. Peter Graffagnino's Nouredin was third in the field of 14 of the best three-year-olds in America. Silky Sullivan, dropping far from out of the running, just couldn't gain when he was asked for his famous stretch run, a late spurt that in other races carried him to victory after he was 20, 30 and even 40 lengths behind.

Joins Immortals

Tim Tam, who joined such turf immortals and Calumet Farm Derby winners as Whirlaway, Pennine, Citation, Ponder, Hill Gail and Iron Liege, won by only half a length, but it was enough to take the \$116,400 winner's purse in a race worth \$160,500.

It was another half length back to Nouredin and a six-length gap back to Jewel's Reward, the pride of the Maine Chance Farm.

Where was Silky at the finish still back in the pack. He beat only two horses, finishing a miserable 12th in the field of 14.

Silky gave his worshippers two big thrills. Before the field had gone a sixteenth of a mile he was dead last. Inside a quarter of a mile he was way back where he has been in every race he has run this year. The huge crowd roared its approval. That was where they wanted him and they shouted, laughed and squealed with joy.

OCE Downs Owls 12-2

Monmouth — The Oregon college Wolves collected their first Oregon collegiate conference baseball victory Friday by capitalizing on 11 errors by Oregon Technical Institute as they smacked the Owls, 12-2.

OCE's Ted Owens pitched a five-hitter and Jerry Chapelle and Dick Parkerson each got two hits to pace the Wolves at the plate.

Puckett Nears State 440 Mark

LaGrande, Ore. — Jim Puckett, Cove High school track ace, fought a stiff wind at the Eastern Oregon Invitational track meet here Saturday but came within .2 of the state 440 record.

Puckett's time in the 440 was 49.7, over the 49.5 state record set by Ray Johnson of Medford in 1940.

CAR RACE WON
Silverstone, England — Britain's Peter Collins, driving a New Ferrari, Saturday won the 10th Daily Express trophy for racing cars, setting new records for the Silverstone circuit.

Giants Bill Beaver Nine In Portland

Portland — A brand new chapter in Portland's baseball history will be written the night of Thursday, May 8, when the San Francisco Giants and Portland Beavers tangle in Multnomah stadium.

The appearance of the Giants will mark a first time a major league club, as such, has been in the stadium. True enough, over the years, barnstorming clubs with major leaguers in their lineups have been in Portland, but Manager Bill Rigney is bringing his Giant varsity with him for this game.

Portland front office officials hope to make the Giant game one which will be a talking point for future non-league action against other major league clubs — the New York Yankees, Chicago Cubs, Los Angeles Dodgers, and Milwaukee Braves.

With talk of a third major league coming into existence, the game with the Giants will provide evidence as to Portland's ability to support such an enterprise.

Brad Ecklund Named to Duck Football Post

Eugene, Ore. — Brad Ecklund, present head football coach at Roseburg high school, has been named an assistant football line coach at the University of Oregon, according to an announcement Saturday by Duck athletic director Leo Harris.

Harris said Ecklund, a former football all-coast and all-American when he played center for the Webfots in 1946, '47 and '48, will join the Oregon coaching staff at the end of this school year.

The appointment is subject to the approval of the State Board of Higher Education, Harris said.

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Then the big moment came. Leaving the back stretch with about one half a mile to go, Silky started to run. The roar at old Churchill Downs which has resounded to the cheers of countless thousands since Aristides won the first Kentucky Derby in 1875 was unbelievable.

On Silky roared. He started to close the big gap. But he just didn't have the stuff to come on in the stretch and he was covered with mud on what was supposed to be his day of glory. He was beaten about 20 lengths.

Into the winner's circle went Tim Tam with a grinning Valenzuela on his back. The Texas-born rider, in the Kentucky Derby for the first time, "lucked" on to the mount. For this was the horse Bill Hartack was supposed to ride but lost when he broke his leg in an accident here a week ago.

Valenzuela, grinning from ear to ear, said happily: "This is the greatest moment in my life. I knew I had it at the head of the stretch. I was never too worried. Once I looked back to see where Silky was, I just got through the rest of them."

Shoemaker Glum

Willie Shoemaker, who rode Silky Sullivan was glum. "Silky slipped rounding the turn," he said. "I was never in trouble, though. Never blocked. I could have gotten through but he started slipping an dsiding and the race for him was over."

The track was muddy and Tim Tam's running time of 2:05 was the slowest since Citation's 2:05 2/5 in 1948.

The crowd had trouble making up its mind whether to make Tim Tam, Jewel's Reward or Silky Sullivan the favorite. Jewel's Reward was \$2 to 1 and the other two were \$2.10 to 1.

Tim Tam paid \$6.20, \$3.80 and \$3.00 as he added the Kentucky Derby to earlier victories this year in the Everglades, the Flamingo, the Fountain of Youth and the Florida Derby. This colt, who raced only once last year and earned but \$275, now has \$346,380 this season.

Lincoln Road, who tried to steal the race and led right to within the shadow of finish line, returned \$26.80 and \$11.40, while Nouredin paid \$5.60.

SPORTS

Rasmussen Has Trapshoot Toga

Reno — S. B. Rasmussen, La Grande, Ore., today held the Golden West shoot title after scoring a perfect 200 in the tournament finals.

Rasmussen's 200 was the only perfect score in Friday's firing.

Wayne Kennedy, Kimball, Neb., won the Class AA with 199 hits in a shootoff victory over Buford Bailey, Big Springs, Neb., and Leonard Roff, Burns, Wyo.

Bub Morris, Maupin, Ore., took the Class A title in a four-way shootoff with G. D. Scott, Higginsville, Mo., H. Remple, Vancouver, B.C., and Dr. J. E. Morrison, Oakland, Calif., all with 198x200.

Eugene — University of Oregon's team remained unbeaten in Northern division dual golf play here Friday as they whipped Idaho, 16½ to 10½. Bob Prall and Wiley Hurst of the Webfots paired to take best ball honors in the morning with Idaho's Dick Shepherd carding a four-under-par 68 in the afternoon session to take medalist honors.

EOC Edges PSC Team

La Grande — Eastern Oregon college nipped Portland State, 4-3, in an Oregon Collegiate conference baseball game here Friday on the strength of a wild throw to third base by Viking first baseman Gary Bishop, in the 10th inning.

The victory was EOC's fourth loop win in a row.

The throw by Bishop let in Dick Clemens with the winning run.

Group May Take Lake Operation

Central Point — A proposal that the Central Point Sportsmen's club operate 54-acre Ramsay lake in Sams Valley as a recreational fishing area is under consideration, it was reported last week.

Don Faber, president of the club, said the matter would be discussed at a meeting of the group the evening of Wednesday, May 7, at the clubhouse on West Pine st.

Faber reported that the five landowners who own the lake, and who use it for irrigation and reclamation purposes, have suggested that the club take charge of recreational aspects of the lake, which has been planted to about 20,000 trout, now in the 12 to 18-inch size group.

Anyone interested in the project, or in additional information, is invited to contact Faber or Mervyn Gleason, secretary.

Another feature of the Wednesday meeting, Faber said, would be hunting films, taken in Alaska by John Day, Medford rancher and hunter.

:09.5 Again By Puckett

La Grande — Jim Puckett, Cove high school ace, ran the 100-yard dash in .95 again Friday, a shade away from the national prep record and the fastest dash in Oregon's history.

Puckett ran the 100 in the same time two weeks ago. The national high school mark is .94.

The record sprint came at a Two-Valley track meet with seven teams competing, Enterprise, Cove, Union, Wal-lowa, Elgin, Joseph and Lostine. Enterprise took top honors by racking up 132 1-6 points.

PATTY REACHES FINALS
Forest Grove — Budge Patty of Los Angeles and top-seeded Jaroslav Drobny of Egypt reached the final men's singles round of the Paris International Tennis Tournament Saturday.

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The event will offer shooters a program of 500 registered targets with 16-yard, handicap and doubles shooting each day. One-hundred bird 16-yard contention for the Mail Tribune trophy will be on Sunday morning. Also on Sunday will be the Jim Morris Memorial handicap, honoring the late Lake Grove resident who was the popular executive secretary of the Pacific International Trapshooting association.

Archie Moore Gets Verdict

Louisville, Ky. — Light-heavyweight champion Archie Moore left his equine friend behind today to go fishin' on his own for another German scalp.

Old Arch, who seems to ripen with age, estimated at from 40 to 44 and pick 'em disillusioned 23-year-old German heavyweight Willi Besmanoff Friday night, but wanted to stay behind in Derbytown to watch his Kentucky Derby pick, Gone Fishin', run.

He had to leave for Vancouver, British Columbia, however, for a May 9 fight.

Arch, who has won them all since losing to heavy-weight Champion Floyd Patterson in 1956, took the steam out of young Besmanoff about the third round with wicked left hooks and stinging rights to grab a close but clear-cut decision.

Only Referee Dan Leslie disagreed with the two judges and the majority of ringside observers who gave the nod to Moore.

Wake Island, United States outpost in the Pacific, is on a direct line from Hawaii to Hong Kong.

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