

Merryman Wins In Big Race

Aintree, England — (UPI) — Merryman II, the 13 to 2 favorite whose daring jockey was riding despite a broken collarbone, romped to victory by 15 lengths in the 117th Grand National Steeplechase Saturday and broke the bookies' hearts.

Badenoch was second and Clear Profit, another 12 lengths back, was third as only eight of the 26 starters managed to finish in the "world's toughest horse race" before a crowd estimated at 180,000.

Victory by the big bay gelding from the Scottish border was sheer disaster for Britain's bookmakers. Not only was Merryman II heavily backed in today's race but he joined with Mustavon, 8 to 1 winner of the recent Lincolnshire Handicap, as a popular combination in Britain's spring "betting double." Some sources estimated bookies would have to pay off about one million sterling (\$2,800,000).

The victory, however, meant joy to holders of tickets on Merryman II in the Irish Hospital Sweepstakes, which is based on this race. It was estimated a winning ticket would be worth \$140,000 before taxes.

Gerry Scott, riding in the Grand National for the first time, disclosed afterward that his shoulder was encased in plaster. Had Merryman II stumbled while leaping one of the Grand National's 30 hazardous fences (none less than four feet, six inches high), he could have been painfully injured.

Gold Key Fish Count

WEEK ENDING MARCH 26:
Silver Salmon—None.
Winter run steelhead—1,692.
FULL SEASON:
Silver salmon 371 (includes 4.8 per cent jack salmon) since Oct. 15.
Winter run steelhead—6,153 since Jan. 19.

Velvet Cops First In Amateur Stake

Dr. Charles Versteeg, Cave Junction, and his Jibodad Velvet, a Labrador female, captured the opening event Friday in the Rogue Valley Retriever club's licensed field trial. The dog and owner-handled took the amateur all-age stake in the Rogue valley game management area, finishing ahead of last year's national winner.

Velvet capped her winning effort with a spectacular job of making a blind retrieve on the initial line from Versteeg in the fourth and final series which was double on ducks and a blind down the middle.

In second place was Bracken's High Flyer, Labrador male, owned and handled by George Dukek, Fossil. This dog was 1959 amateur national champion in American Kennel club retriever competition.

Queenie Third

Third went to Queenie of Redding, Labrador female, owned and handled by Roland Watt, Redding, Calif. Rainwater's One Shot, a golden, owned and handled by Mrs. Charles W. Rosenbaum, San Rafael, Calif., was fourth.

The reserve certificate of merit went to Black Cougar, Labrador male, owned and handled by James L. Casey, Palo Alto, Calif. Two other merit certificates were awarded by Judges Bob Trotman, Merrill, and Wayne Faddis, Bend. They were to Tremendo of Quessel Lake, Labrador male, owned and handled by Bruce Wallace, Sebastopol, Calif., and Long Tom's Muffin, Labrador female, owned and handled by Dr. E. V. Meyerding, Medford.

There were 23 dogs run in the amateur. The field was narrowed to 15 for the third and fourth series.

Work Described

First test was a shot pheasant to left and directly away from gunners and dog plus a long blind, about 160 yards to the right. Angle between

shot bird and blind was not great. Most of the retrievers got the shot bird without much trouble but the blind was a different story with a good number of dogs sucking back to the shot pheasant. Handlers had trouble directing the dogs back to the blind. Work was not spectacular also some dogs did very well. Bill Bryant's Hope and Otto Lily's Lady were among local dogs doing good work.

Second series was a triple on ducks. First bird was long with gunners hidden and throwing from trees into small area of open water. Second duck was medium distance and throwing into small open water area. Third bird was short and thrown to left of dog in open channel.

There were some really good jobs in the test although some dogs got into trouble. One Spot did real well and Hope, Muffin and Velvet were top local performers.

Double Pheasant

A double shot pheasant downwind was the third series. Most of the dogs turned in good work here although a few had trouble. Velvet and Hope were among the better workers.

In the fourth series first bird was 55 yards out to the left in heavy trees and the second was off to the right in open water among the ducks. The blind was across the lake at a sharp angle.

Very few dogs had trouble with the marked retrieves but handlers, for the most part had a hard time in putting dogs across the lake at an angle on the blind. There were quite a few refusals on the blind and most dogs wanted to go straight across the lake.

Barber Leads Desert Open; Snead Second

Bradenton, Fla. — (UPI) — Jerry Barber, playing the best golf of his career, took a two stroke lead today after three rounds of the \$40,000 Desert Open.

Barber, who said he was nervous as play started, stroked a two under par 69 for 69-69-69-206. He bogied just one hole, the second, after becoming ruffled at a news photographer.

Sam Snead, Boca Raton, Fla., shot the best round of the day, a four under par 67, but missed a chance to tie for the lead when he muffed two short putts on the par four 15th and par three 17th, taking bogies on both.

CONTINUE GIVEAWAYS

Cleveland, Ohio — (UPI) — The Cleveland Indians will continue their giveaway nights this season despite a ruling by a city law director that they were illegal because they constituted a lottery. Vice President Nate Dolin said the giving away of station wagons on Friday nights drew more fans in 1959 than any other day of the week, including Sundays.

SPORTS

Chamberlain Quits NBA And Warriors For Good

Philadelphia — (UPI) — Wilt Chamberlain, the sensational rookie star of the Philadelphia Warriors basketball team, has confirmed that he is quitting the National Basketball association.

The giant Chamberlain, who smashed all league scoring records in his first year in the organized professional game, said:

"I had one thing to prove when I went into the NBA — and I think I proved it."

But he added that this was not the only reason he had for quitting.

Other Plans

Chamberlain said he had other "definite" plans which he declined to discuss.

The 7-foot, 2-inch star, given rough treatment by the veterans in the league during



STILL QUITTING NBA—Wilt (The Stilt) Chamberlain, above, sensational rookie star of the Philadelphia Warriors, has announced he is quitting play in the National Basketball association as a matter of self-respect. He has not announced future plans. (UPI Telephone)

Paret Draws With Federico

New York — (UPI) — Benny (Kid) Paret will get the next crack at Don Jordan's welterweight championship, although the new Cuban "Kee" finished in a dead-heat with Argentina's Federico Thompson in their 12-round elimination bout.

Anthony Macaroni, president of the National Boxing association, Saturday approved plans for a Jordan-Paret title fight at Las Vegas, Nev., May 27.

Jordan verbally agreed to meet Paret next after watching the 23-year-old Cuban battle Thompson to a draw in their bruising 12-round elimination fight at Madison Square Garden Friday night.

The champion, who suffered a surprise fourth-round knockout at the hands of Thompson in a non-title fight at Buenos Aires last December said he thought Paret deserved the decision in Friday night's radio-TV brawl.

However, the three ring officials failed to reach a verdict.

Jerry Droscher Blasts for OSC

Lewiston, Ida. — (UPI) — Oregon State was the only unbeaten team left in the Banana Belt baseball tournament after Friday.

The defending champion Beavers edged Idaho 4-3 in a nine-inning contest on a clutch single by Larry Petersen in the final frame.

Washington State clobbered Montana 14-0 in Friday's other game.

Oregon State, which defeated Washington State by the same 4-3 score Thursday, trailed 3-1 going into the bottom of the eighth inning. Its one run had come on a 360-foot homer by Jerry Droscher.

In the eighth, Petersen singled, Roy Critter tripled and Bob Baker hit a fly which scored Critter. In the ninth Bruce Day got on on an error, was sacrificed to second and took third on Bill Rudzik's fly. Then came Petersen's game-winning single.

the season just ended, had been quoted that he would "have to punch eight or nine guys in the face" if he came back for another season of play.

"That's just about it," Chamberlain said. "It's a matter of keeping self-respect. I have to do it for others besides myself."

Reports concerning Wilt Chamberlain's future plans collected as fast as the goals he scored in his record-breaking rookie year in the NBA.

Gottlieb Stunned Eddie Gottlieb, Philadelphia Warriors' owner who was stunned by Chamberlain's "I quit" announcement, was reported working over a three-year pact that some said could bring Wilt \$100,000 for the next season.

Other sources said Chamberlain would embark soon on a Western trip and Wilt himself declared he might stop in and "see my friend, Abe Saperstein," boss of the Harlem Globetrotters. Saperstein paid Wilt an estimated \$65,000 for playing with the Trotters two years ago.

Another facet of the situation pictured several attractive offers dangling in front of the 22-year-old Chamberlain, one of them a high-paying public relations job.

Gottlieb said he expected to talk to Wilt sometime after next Monday.

"We're not accepting Wilt's decision as final," he said. "We don't take anything for final."

Chamberlain, meanwhile, repeated that he had quit the NBA for good.

Gridiron Loop Offers Package To Video Nets

New York — (UPI) — A 56-game television package, including 15 games that would be screened on a nationwide basis, is being readied for sale by the new professional American Football league.

Jay Michaels of the Music Corp. of America, which is handling the TV package for the new loop, said that sale of the programs to either the National Broadcasting Co. or the American Broadcasting Co. was imminent.

Michaels said the games to be televised nationally would include 14 on Saturday nights and one on Thanksgiving Day.

CP Sportsmen Honor Students

Central Point — Central Point Sportsmen's club Monday night will honor students who have finished the Oregon hunter safety course.

The club will convene at the clubhouse at 8 p.m. for a regular meeting. A movie will be shown and Cole Rivers, Grants Pass, state game commissioner field agent and fish biologist, will give a short talk and hold a question and answer period. All persons interested are invited.

Students to be honored are Randall Headrick, Hugh Hunter, Richard Rainey, Robert Bruce, Steven Bruce, Richard Field, John Engeli, John Gallucci, David Wilcox, Joe Wilcox, Rex Johnson and Bob Griffith.

Pacific Keeps Diamond Pace

Portland — (UPI) — Pacific is making up in baseball what it didn't do in basketball.

The Badgers, whose basketball teams lost 37 straight over two seasons, won a double-header Friday to keep an unbeaten record in the District 2 NAIA leadoff tournament.

Pacific downed Linfield 8-1 and then edged Portland State 5-4. University of Portland and Willamette also kept their slates unblemished. The Pilots took Lewis and Clark 9-4 and OCE 15-6. Willamette downed Lewis and Clark 6-4.

Ontario, Calif. — (UPI) — The Portland Beavers cut three rookies from their baseball team Friday. They included Frank Sowles, an outfielder; Bill Barron, infielder-outfielder; and Pat Riley, a pitcher.

Flint, Tiger Take Events In Retriever Field Trials

Manzanal Flint was victor in the qualifying stake and Baron's Tulle Tiger winner in the derby event yesterday in the Rogue Valley Retriever club's American ennel club licensed field trial in the White City vicinity north of Medford.

Flint is a Labrador male owned by Pamela B. Perkins, Ashland. The dog was handled by W. L. Bryant, also of Ashland. Mrs. Walter S. Heller, San Rafael, Calif., is owner and handler of Tiger, a Chesapeake male.

The trial will conclude today with the completion of the open stake. One series in the event was held yesterday evening and the second will begin at 8 a.m. near the military bridge site in the game management area on the south side of Rogue river. All persons interested may join the gallery. There is no charge to watch the trial.

Second in the qualifying Sha's Lassen Biff, Labrador male, owned by A. H. Strange Jr., Redding, Calif., and handled by Bob Hyatt, owned by Ron Renny, Seattle, Wash. The dog was handled by Paul Shoemaker, Issaquah, Wash. Pierre Bauregard, Labrador male, owned by Dr. William Hunter, Redding, was fourth. Hyatt was the handler.

Baltimore Edges LA

United Press International Milt Pappas and Hoyt Wilhelm, the baby and grandpappy of the Baltimore Orioles pitching staff, are just a pair of misers as far as the champion Los Angeles Dodgers are concerned.

Baltimore has lost eight consecutive exhibitions — mainly because of weak hitting — before Friday night's game with the Dodgers at Miami. But Pappas, 20, and Wilhelm, 36, showed the Dodgers why manager Paul Richards manages one of his rare smiles when folks mention his pitching staff.

The Orioles didn't dent any fences against the major league champions either but Pappas and Wilhelm snapped that defeat string by taking care of both the pitching and hitting. They held the Dodgers to one hit — Wally Moon's run-scoring single off Pappas in the third — and Wilhelm's two-run single in the sixth provided the decision run in a 3-1 triumph.

Lake Terrell Drake, Labrador male, owned by Ed Pearson, Ferndale, Wash., and handled by Shoemaker, took runnerup laurels in the derby.

Everett McGraw's Gilt 'n' Go ace, Labrador male, was the third place winner. McGraw, Medford, was the handler.

Fourth was captured by Bold Ruler of Crater Lake, a Labrador, owned by Arthur H. and Beverly L. Elliott, Ukiah, Calif., and handled by Mr. Elliott.

A reserve certificate of merit was awarded in the derby to Black Mike of Lakewood, a Labrador male, co-owned by Andrew D. Pruitt and F. L. Conner, Tacoma, Wash., and handled by Conner.

Gardner, here to coach the west team in last night's Shrine East-West all-star game, said "only one player west of Kansas was chosen among the 24 selected for the two NCAA all-star teams which will compete in the eight-team trials in Denver, Colo., March 31-April 2."

The NCAA will be represented in the trials by its national champion, Ohio State, and two all-star teams. Three AAU teams, an NAIA all-star club, and an armed forces all-star team round out the field.

"It's too late to do anything about the selection of players for this year's trials," Gardner said, "but I am asking for a review of the method of selection of players for the future."

Gardner, in his seventh year at the helm of Utah's basketball forces, argued "the quality of teams in the western section of the United States can match that of any other section of the country. That has been proved in the past."

The Utah mentor pointed to a victory by his team this year over NCAA National Champion Ohio State, saying "if we had some boys capable of beating a great team like Ohio State they should have been given some consideration by the selection committee. I'm not saying we had a better team than Ohio State; if we had, we'd be National Champions. But I am saying that the west has some pretty fair basketball players."

Gardner pointed to the fact that three western teams were ranked among the top 10 in the final United Press International poll this year. California was first, Utah was fifth, and Utah State was seventh. Yet, the only player from the west picked on the 24-member all-star squad was Darrell Imhoff, the all-American from California.

Two Killed In Florida Auto Race

Sebring, Fla. — (UPI) — The 12-hour sports car endurance race started with tragedy Saturday when a racing car hurtled off a hairpin turn and killed its driver and a news photographer at work.

Jim Hughes, a 29-year-old foreign car dealer from Napa, Calif., and George P. Thompson, 23-year-old photographer for the Tampa Tribune, were the victims of the fatal accident, which took place about 45 minutes after the 10 a.m. (EST) start of the race.

Stirling Moss of England and his American co-driver, Dan Gurney of Riverside, Calif., gained an early lead in the race and reached the halfway mark two laps ahead of Ritchie Ginther of Santa Monica, Calif., and Chuck Daigh of Long Beach, Calif.

The Moss-Gurney team was averaging 90.919 miles an hour in a Maserati. Ginther and Daigh were alternating at the wheel of a Ferrari.

The double fatality occurred on the hairpin turn when Hughes' Lotus failed to make the corner and struck the photographer standing in the "escape route."

The accident occurred at the same spot where a driver was killed in night practice last year.

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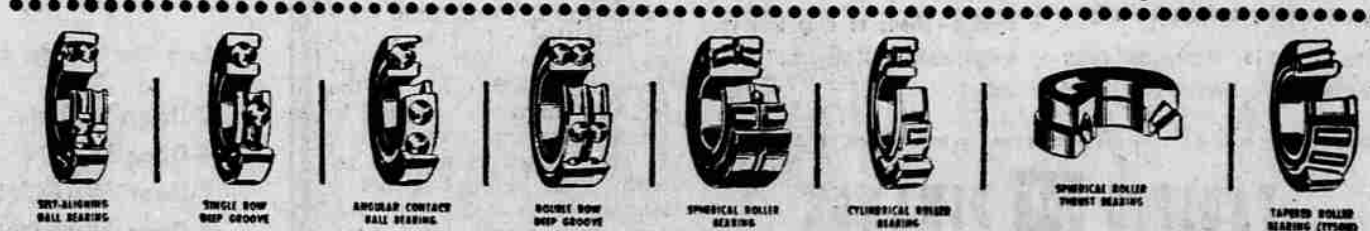


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