

Sports Briefs

By Hugh Fullerton, Jr.



Rail Birds Whistle at Count Fleet

Kentucky Derby Glamour Boy Turns in Fast Mile In Tryouts at Belmont

By SID FEDER

NEW YORK, April 1 (AP)—A loud whistle of amazement went up from the rail birds as the brown streak zipped by the finish pole, and the "knock down the champ" marching society dissolved right there.

The streak was Count Fleet, Mrs. John D. Hertz Kentucky derby glamour boy, and he had just whizzed through what the older buzzards among the rail birds said was the fastest mile workout ever turned in by a horse this early in the season after a winter vacation.

The "work" came up quietly with the sun Tuesday at Belmont and few knew it until the clockers had their watches checked. The Count romped the eight furlongs in 1:38 3-5, and the only times that even came close this early, the older "birds" said, were by Grey Lag and Sporting Blood, a couple of gee-gees from "way back in the '20s."

"Well," one old-timer shrugged, "that's the convincer. Nobody's gonna knock down the Count after that one." He wasn't kidding. The favorite early spring sport of pooh-poohing the derby choice is as missing now as those two-pound sirloins smothered in mushrooms. Sure they still talk up Ocean Wave and Blue Swords and they point out that Count Fleet runs with his head too high. But pin them down, and they come back to the Count.

TODAY'S GUEST STAR

John Mooney, Salt Lake Telegram: "Anyway, the rookie crop which blooms so nicely in the Grapefruit loop, ripens so nicely the first weeks of the season and then either rots or drops from the limb about midseason, may be retarded enough by the northland's cold to insure a better yield this fall in the major league apple orchard."

THE IOWA SYSTEM

Football coaches likely will be keeping a close watch on spring football practice at the Iowa pre-flight school — and not with the idea of picking up a couple of good running guards. The school will put a dozen squadrons in the field and Lieut. Col. Bernie Bierman plans to give half of them offenses patterned after his own Minnesota system and to teach the other six "T" formation plays. They'll wind up a round-robin schedule with an all-star game between the two groups.

ONE-MINUTE SPORTS PAGE

Having won practically everything else in sight, Greg Rice likely will get the New York Track Writers' award as the outstanding performer of the winter season for the third time in four years. Eric Tipton, the old Duke footballer who is No. 1 candidate for the Cincinnati Reds' left field job, still is trying to get into some branch of the armed forces although he has been turned down by all of them because of a perforated eardrum. Nat Holman calls John Mikan, the big boy from De Paul, the greatest basketball center he ever has seen in Madison Square garden. Heavyweight Tami Mauriello, turned down by the army, has taken a job in a Long Island aircraft factory.

Training Camp Briefs

By The Associated Press BLOOMINGTON, Ind.—Bucky Walters, the Cincinnati Reds' pitcher who sprained an ankle the first day of training, is beginning to be a bit more active after a long rest period. "Those four hot bats were beginning to jump at me," he said.

MEDFORD, Mass.—The Boston Red Sox wind up drills in the Tufts college cage today, then head for their opening exhibition game in Brooklyn Saturday. Bobby Doerr, whose first workout was a good one, insists he'll be ready to start at second base.

CAIRO, Ill.—Manager Billy Southworth of the St. Louis Cardinals is looking with approval on the work of Harry Walker, who is trying to fill Enos Slaughter's shoes in the Cards' outfield. Walker slammed a homer and double, drove in three runs and counted one in yesterday's intra-squad game.

ASBURY PARK, N. J.—Charlie Keller and Bill Knickerbocker, two late arrivals in the New York Yankees camp, haven't played any baseball yet but they're beginning to feel the rigors of training. Knickerbocker reached here yesterday in time to work out with the advance class in calisthenics while Keller, a later arrival, got his exercise carrying his bags up three flights because the hotel elevator was out of order.

LA FAYETTE, Ind.—Joe Heving and Otto Denning were the only Cleveland Indians who showed much in yesterday's 12-3 victory over Purdue. The only earned runs made by the Tribe regulars came in the eighth inning when Ray Pout, loaned to the collegians, issued six walks, five in succession. Heving pitched three hitless innings for the Indians and Denning got two doubles, one with the bases full.

CAPE GIRARDEAU, Mo.—Although a back injury threatened

to send him to the minors during last year's spring training, Al Hollingsworth is top dog on the St. Louis Browns' pitching staff this season. He has limited his teammates to five hits and no runs in nine innings, giving two hits in four frames yesterday.

Trackmen Hold Inter-Class Go At High School

The Klamath Union high school inter-class track and field meet, being held Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, is also preliminary tryouts for a new meet in southern Oregon this year called the Rogue River Relays. The Rogue River Relays will replace temporarily the Hayward Relays for the tracksters in this part of the state. In order to stimulate entrants, points for each event will be scored on a 7-6-5-4-3-2-1 basis to give teams with more competitors the advantage.

Friday, April 9, is the date set for the first track meet in the Rogue River Relays at Medford.

FIGHTS

By The Associated Press CLEVELAND—Lloyd Marshall, 166, Los Angeles, stopped Ezard Charles, 166, Cincinnati (5); Joe Maxim, 152, Cleveland, outpointed Curtis Sheppard, 157, Pittsburgh (10). ELIZABETH, N. J.—Freddie Hermann, 132, Elizabeth, outpointed Cliff Gregory, 129 1/2, Elizabeth (6).

LAKEWOOD, N. J.—Although he sees quite a task in trying to make a clouting first baseman out of Joe Oregon, Manager Mel Ott of the New York Giants insists he has no designs upon Napoleon Reyes of the Jersey City farm club. He figures Reyes needs the minor league experience he will get with Gaby Hartnett's team, although the Giants had to borrow him again for infield practice yesterday, using the big Cuban at third because Dick Bartell came up with an ache in his throwing arm and went to New York to see a physician about it.

EVANSVILLE, Ind.—Hal Manders, whose work for the Detroit Tigers all spring has been, just average, turned in the most impressive pitching performance to date in an intra-squad game yesterday. Hal gave two hits and issued no walks during a three-inning stretch.

MUNCIE, Ind.—Manager Frankie Frisch of the Pittsburgh Pirates said today he believes he will use Frank Colman, John Barrett and Jim Wadell as his regular outfielders during the remainder of the training season. He is trying Jimmy Russell, young outfielder, at second base and used him there during half of yesterday's game in which the Pirates routed Ball State Teachers college. Vince Di Maggio, the last player to arrive, reported last night.

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Galoshes First



Youngsters rush season and one jumping either couldn't wait, or is following mama's instructions to keep feet dry, as he leaps into Franklin park fountain in Washington, galoshes and all.



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City Glovers Hit Heights Of Futility

Chicagoans Show New York Boxers That Midwest Grows Its Golden Glovemans Tough CHICAGO, April 1 (AP)—So far as New York's Golden Glovers were concerned there was no fooling today—no fooling that the Midwest grows its amateur boxers tough. The Manhattan fighters have been trying to whip the midwesterners at Chicago ever since the intercity bouts were originated in 1928. Even in their own backyard, the New Yorkers encountered aggravating resistance, winning only four times in the 18-year-old rivalry.

But last night their efforts reached a climax of futility. The New Yorkers won only two of the 16 bouts in which a champion and an alternate from each team fought in the eight weight classes. Their lowest setback previously was in 1931 when Chicago won, 13 to 3.

The Chicagoans scored two knockout victories in their romp before a huge stadium crowd of 19,733 persons.

Leading Coast Batmen Would Keep War Job

PORTLAND, April 1 (AP)—Ted Norbert, who led the Pacific Coast league in batting and home runs last year, says he would rather stay on his war job here than play for Milwaukee of the American association—and apparently he's not fooling.

The big outfielder, sold by Portland to the Milwaukee Brewers last week, said he had written the club management that he had no intention of playing baseball anywhere but on the coast.

Red Wings Tangle With Boston Bruins In Hockey Struggle

DETROIT, April 1 (AP)—With a prize to win and a bone to pick, too, the Detroit Red Wings tangle with the Boston Bruins in the opener tonight of the Stanley cup hockey series in big red-brick Olympia stadium. A promised full house of 12,000 fans will sit in as the Wings and Bruins start their best-of-seven games clash for the old mug which represents hockey's highest honor.

INTERNATIONAL LONDON, April 1 (AP)—An eight-team International Baseball league, with four clubs representing the United States army, three from Canadian army and one from a British aircraft factory, will open its season here April 25.

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Jigger Statz Retires From Coast League

"Jigger" Statz, the Los Angeles center fielder who for years was a standout flychaser in the Coast league, is finally retiring. "Jigger" (as he was known to fans) will be long remembered as one of the more sensational fielders of all time in this league and probably any other league. His sensational ball-hawking and brilliant fielding were the main features of his ball playing days. He was never a polished hitter but always managed to get his share of the hits when they were mostly needed.

In a ball game in Portland several years ago, "Jigger" was playing with Los Angeles against Portland when he made a diving shoeshorn catch directly behind second base of a sizzling line drive which was labeled for two bases when it left the bat. On two other occasions he caught two drives in center field which were seemingly impossible catches. Both drives were up against the fence and some 400 feet from home plate. Hardly a day passed that he didn't make at least one sensational catch while patrolling the outer garden.

Whether Statz will remain in the Coast league as a manager or coach remains to be seen. Whatever it may be, he will not be easily forgotten by admirers and fans alike.

Speed Carnival To Be Held For School Trackmen

MILTON-FREEWATER, Ore., April 1 (AP)—High school athletes from northeast Oregon, southeast Washington and North Idaho will complete in the seventh annual "Carnival of Speed" here April 16.

The unique track meet puts a premium on individual performances and ignores team scores. Coach Eddie Buck of Medford high school said the following schools already had indicated they would send entrants.

Hunting Season Postponement Bill Passes Cal Senate

SACRAMENTO, April 1 (AP) A bill to postpone the opening of the deer season in an area on and near the north coast of the state from August until mid-September passed the senate yesterday.

KLAMATH SPORT NOTES

Coach Frank Ramsey is busy these days instructing wrestling and boxing at the high school. This is another phase of the physical fitness program now in progress. It is reported from Eugene that Bob Churchill and Frankie Roelandt, two ex-Medford Craters, are starring in varsity baseball at the university. Ken Wilson, the former Klamath high football star was, when last heard from, stationed at the Pasco naval air base taking preflight training. Wilson played on the great 1938 team that scored 280 points against 18 by their opponents. Later he attended Oregon State college where he played varsity ball on the 1941 Rose Bowl team which defeated Duke university. Two local boxers, Lyle and Freddie Williams, are in the armed forces. Lyle is in the army at Nome, Alaska, and Freddie is in the marines at Pearl Harbor, after being transferred from Midway where he took part in five major battles. Bill Hanauka, Pelican 1941 pitching star and Willamette university pitcher, is at present awaiting a call from the navy. Bill signed with the Brooklyn Dodgers last year and played with one of their farm clubs all that year, and was supposed to have reported to Durham, S. C., March 25 of this year, but is yet undecided since he may be called at any time for active duty. By the way, Bill announced at a recent party given at the university that he is engaged to Miss Betty Provost, talented physical education instructor at the YWCA in Salem, Ore., and as follows:

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Boston Sox Take Series In Optimism

War Hits Them Hard, But They Figure Sure Second In American League Race

MEDFORD, Mass., April 1 (AP) The Boston Red Sox could win the pennant for optimism in any baseball league.



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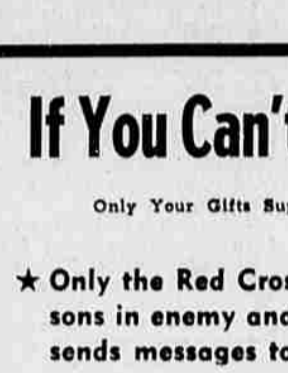
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ONLY TANNED YANKEE

ASBURY PARK, N. J.—Johnny Murphy is the only tanned Yankee at Asbury Park. The rest of the infield will be one of the most presentable in the circuit.

WEST POINT—Leo Durocher, shortstop manager of the Brooklyn, is assisting Paul Amen in coaching the army baseball squad.



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