

## Racing Reaches End Today

Estimates Very Few Months to Four Years As To When Tracks Will Open

By The Associated Press  
Horse racing came to the end of the road today and estimates as to when it might get started again varied from a few months to four years.

Bowing to the obvious but firm demand from War Minister James F. Byrnes that race tracks close down in the interest of the war effort, they did just that.

Today there wasn't a race horse running anywhere in the country for prize money.

Immediately, there seemed any tracks open today in Hawaii or Mexico. But that's just temporary. In the United States the war is on until there's a lot less emphasis on hitting the war effort hard and a lot more time for non-essentials.

At New York, racing officials spoke hopefully of spring meetings and Robert Bayard Swett, recently the chairman of the state racing commission said he did not look for any resumption in April.

A trainer at Miami, R. T. Shepp of the R. J. Donnell stable, commented: "We won't run again for four years."

Racing bowed out at Tropical, a crowd of 24,748 wagered a record \$867,416. A single race record of \$314,230 was set for the eighth, a nondescript affair with a \$1300 purse.

Ted Atkinson, the leading rider of 1944, chose the day to boot home his 100th winner and rode a couple of more for good measure.

"I owe a lot to racing," Atkinson said. "I can't believe it has gone for long. It'll be back soon, I'm sure."

At New Orleans, Jockey Dell Jessop headed back to Phoenix where his 111 punch came again.

This was right in line with a set of recommendations by the war manpower commission as to what racing personnel can do now to help the war effort.

Jockeys, said the WMC at Washington, would make excellent teamsters and also could qualify as riders in logging camps, and for many agricultural jobs, such as farm hand, cow-puncher, sheep-wrangler, horse-breaker and sheepherder.

Although some race track employees may find it necessary to work at reduced earnings, others may find even better paying jobs," WMC commented, but insisted there are plenty of jobs for all—jockeys, race track officials, mutual operators, stablemen, clerks and others—in essential jobs in critical war industries.

There have been no recent reports of teamsters and cow-punchers making \$10,000, the unofficial estimate of the average annual earnings of the nation's 1800 professional jockeys.

A Washington official who withheld use of his name said that absenteeism in war plants near race tracks was the real reason behind the government closure action.

"There has been a regular pattern of increased absenteeism following the opening of tracks," he said. "In some instances the increase has been as much as 30 per cent."

As Washington, the official of defense transportation, which hasn't liked the use of travel facilities for horses and their followers, let up a little on its ban-accompanying provision.

It said that horses and dogs (yes, dog racing is over, too) may be shipped outside the United States for racing purposes—provided the races are held more than 300 miles beyond the borders. That's too far for most horse players to go.

But from Mexico City came a report that there are enough horses there already.

What about the bookies and their feverish customers? One unconcerned view is that they're used to headachers—this thing of eating aspirin like popcorn is nothing new to them.

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## 400 Gold Stars on Sports Service Flag

NEW YORK, Jan. 3 (AP)—Gold Calif. still has hopes he is a star on the sports service flag Jap prisoner.

College football's honor roll is longer than the others because as many of its players are ranked amateur athletes who have given their lives in the service of their country since Pearl Harbor.

Although a complete listing is impossible until the end of hostilities, a partial roundup of sports fatalities includes such familiar names as Spencer Charlie Paddock, Paul Ace Tommy Hitchcock, All-American Nile Kinnick and Miller Lou Zamperini.

Paddock, a marine captain and once known to millions as the world's fastest human, died in a plane crash near Rikka, Amakiriwa, Japan. Hitchcock, a lieutenant colonel and 11-goal international polo hero, was killed when P-51 cracked up at Sasebo.

Zamperini, a lieutenant probably credited with once climbing a flagpole at Hitler's chancellery to collect a Nazi flag, was officially listed killed in action in the South Pacific, although his family at Torrance,

says he is still alive. Citadel back, the famous "Major of St. Louis" whose body was carried by his commanding troops into the city he had vowed to capture.

Two major league baseball players have died in service—Eugene Stock, a rookie pitcher with the Chicago White Sox, and Andy Keller, a catcher who started the 1944 spring training with the St. Louis Browns. Incomplete number August lists reported to Secretary L. H. Addington of the National association include 43 names.

Bassing's better known of 100 fatalities were Indian Johnny Rivers and Andy Callahan. Guy Sonnenberg, who died of natural causes while in the navy, and Tex Edwards, Olympic ace and navy football star, were top wrestling's representatives.

Johnny Barnes of Newport, R. I., former national intercollegiate champ, and Jack Eventz, a college football star, also died in service.

Track's only star not included in addition to Paddock and Zamperini, Frank Cuthbert, 1938 Olympian hurdler from Iowa State, John Ogden Jr. of St. Louis, and Bill Lytle, Oklahoma's 1940 national collegiate king in 1942.

Joseph Gerber, senior national singles handball champ was posthumously awarded 1944 "player of the year" honors after being shot down over Romania. Harris Horner, American pro bike riding king in 1927, was another victim as was Billy Finn, captain of the Olympic bobsled team in 1932 and 1936, who was killed while serving as RAF pilot.

West Point listed 21 men who had won their major sports "A" titles on the actual firing line, although a listing of all academy athletes who died in accidents in the various theaters of operations would extend well into the hundreds.

The list also includes:

Football: Paul Ryan, Idaho; Thomas Swanson, Robert Olson, Oregon State; Sal Lasella, John Terby, Ernie Robertson, Oregon; Keith Carr, Eddie DeFreitas, Portland; Jean Witter, Red Thomas, Harry Lieb, California; Dan Fink, San Francisco; Hugo Swanson, Pacific Lutheran; Fritz Waskowitz, Washington.

Golf: Gerald Bert Jr., Seattle; Basketball: Dick Voelker, Washington.

Track: William O'Neill, Idaho.

## Pelicans Practice For Bend

Reconditioning Exercises And Offensive Maneuvers Stressed In Cage Workout

Returning to the hardwood for the first time after the Christmas holidays, the Klamath Pelicans basketball worked out Tuesday afternoon in preparation for their next cage tussle with the Bend Lava Bears on January 5 at Bend. The Men will play a two-game series with the Bend quartet, and Coach Marble Cook is seeking a smooth operating combination with all gears meshing for the forthcoming tilts.

Larry White, sharp-shooting backcourt man and a fine ball handler, will make the trek to Bend after having been declared ineligible earlier in the season.

Several of the boys are on the sidelines due to illness, and Bud Biehn, Joe Zarosinski, and Jim Noreen were absent from practice.

The Pelicans worked at reconditioning drills and offensive formations in an effort to whip themselves into shape after the holidays, and defensive maneuvers will be stressed in Wednesday's practice session.

If Cook can once find the right combination for the Pelican hoopers, they will present a formidable front to other Southern Oregon conference quints when the conference frays open January 19 with Klamath Falls playing host to its traditional rival Medford, in a two-game series.

**FISH CAN TASTE**

Some fish have a decided sense of taste, and Portuguese fishermen use melon to attract certain fish which have a sweet tooth.

## Air Ace Hunts

Major Joe Foss, ace marine pilot in the Pacific theatre who is stationed at the Marine Barracks here, can bring down birds as well as Jap planes and offers this duck and goose as evidence. Major Foss bagged these birds on a hunting trip in nearby Oregon fields. New Year's Day marked the close of the current bird season, which was reported to be a spotty by Klamath sportmen. The weather in general was not too conducive to good bird shooting, although many limits were reported throughout the season.—AP wirephoto from Marine corps.



## BASKETBALL Results

OREGON PREP  
By The Associated Press  
Oregon City 52, West Linn 16; Corvallis 14, Milwaukee 51; Beaverton 21, Eugene 47; Cottage Grove 21, Lebanon 37; University 16, Roseburg 33; St. Mary's (Eugene) 18, Union City 27.

## Cardinal Outfielder Up For Induction

DONORA, Pa., Jan. 3 (UPI)—Stan Musial, slugging center of the St. Louis Cardinals, has been ordered by his draft board to report for induction, it was known yesterday.

Musial, 24, married and father of two children, was runner-up to Dixie Walker of Brooklyn for the National League batting championship last year, and is hoping to regain the title in 1945.

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BEETLE PROVES TRUE GOLF BUG

TULSA, Okla.—Scott Thompson needed a 25-foot putt to win his golf match with Sid Rice and Ray Lough.

Thompson aimed carefully. The ball rolled straight for the cup but stopped on the rim.

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