

Steady Rain Slows Derby; Bucs Pull Diamond Surprise

Arcaro Rides Favorite In Run Of Roses

LOUISVILLE, Ky., May 1 (AP)—Kentucky Derby Day dawned to the accompaniment of heavy rain and thunder.

The downpour began around 4 a. m., and it still was raining hard three hours later. Indications were that it would continue.

The amount of rainfall thus far was not considered sufficient to affect to any appreciable extent the condition of the Churchill Downs track. Some said it would have no more effect than sprinkling the track and that the strip possibly would be lightening fast unless additional rain falls.

Six spray colts are scheduled to take off flying about 4:30 o'clock (2:30 p. m. PDT) this afternoon to settle a few pressing questions for a roaring crowd of 90,000 or more.

Seven names were dropped into the entry box yesterday for the \$100,000 three-year-old classic, but C. A. O'Neil's Galed bounced right out again in a late afternoon scratch.

ONLY WIN BETTING
This was just incidental, for a couple of half brothers from Calumet Farm named Citation and Coaltown remain the major attraction.

So much so, the Churchill Downs management has ruled there will be no place and show betting.

There'll be no hotly bet love lost when Warren Wright's steppers break out of the gate to see which can get there fastest. Wright said both jockeys, Eddie Arcaro with Citation and Newbold Pierson aboard Coaltown, would be sent out to win for dear old Calumet.

He didn't care which got there first, just so one of them brought home the \$83,400 pot, value of the race with six starters. This will be the smallest field since six in 1907.

It might be well to mention the four other pretty fair country horses who have more than an outside interest in the classic.

Probably everybody in Louisville can spell their names correctly by now—B. F. Whitaker's My Request, William L. Brann's Escadru, R. W. McIlvain's Billings and Mrs. John Payson Adams' Grandpere.

HARDLY WORTH IT
The office of Col. Matt Winn, Downs president, said it would pay off at 10 cents on the dollar as usual if the Calumet entry wins, although this isn't required by law in Kentucky.

It will be the first time for win betting only since Agate won in a three-horse field in the 1905 Derby.

Arcaro has announced he will donate half his winnings—if any—to Mrs. Al Snider, widow of the Calumet jockey who would have been on Citation had he lived. Snider was lost at sea during a Florida fishing trip last winter. Owner Wright will match the donation of Arcaro, who will be trying for a new record of having had four Derby winners.

PITTSBURG EDGES BY CARDINALS

PITTSBURG, Calif., May 1 (AP)—The Coast's newest baseball league, the Class D far west loop, was officially open for business today although weather caused postponement of three of the four opening games.

Pittsburg became the first team in the league to rack up a victory, stopping the Willows Cardinals 2 to 1 in a twilight game. The game was called after eight innings because of a time agreement.

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O'Rourke Shifts To Baltimore

BALTIMORE, May 1 (AP)—There's no doubt about it now—Charlie O'Rourke is quarterbacking for the Baltimore Colts.

Twice the All-America Professional Football conference club from this city announced it had signed the former Boston college star, and twice the announcement was denied by the Los Angeles Dons, for whom he played last year. Last night the Dons confirmed the transfer.

O'Rourke has been in Baltimore three days and yesterday disclosed he planned to move his family here June 1. The Dons then acknowledged they had sold the passing ticket to Baltimore.

PHILADELPHIA — George Larover, 149, Philadelphia, outpointed Jimmy Briscoe, 143½, Washington, 8.

Citation In Pole Position

LOUISVILLE, Ky., May 1 (AP)—The field for today's 74th running of the Kentucky Derby, a mile and one-quarter race for 3-year-olds, giving post positions, names of horses, jockeys, owners and probable odds. (All carry 126 pounds).

PP	Horse	Jockey	Owner	Prob. Odds
1	Citation	Jocke Arcaro	Calumet Farm	1-10
2	Coaltown	N. L. Pierson	Calumet Farm	1-10
3	Escadru	Arnold Kirkland	W. L. Brann	12-1
4	Grandpere	John Gilbert	Mrs. J. P. Adams	40-1
5	Billings	Mel Peterson	R. W. McIlvain	20-1
6	My Request	Doug Dodson	B. F. Whitaker	6-1

State Police Move In To Quell Fracas

A near-riot resulted from last night's armory main event and two comparatively new meanies of the Northwest met circuit reached a high mark in local unpopularity.

The Frankie Stojack-Buddy Knox tag combination once again bested Georges Dusette and Frankie Hart, taking two successive falls from the unfortunate Hart, who was carried from the ring after the fight.

The Canadian dropped the first fall when Stojack got his infamous airplane spin, whirling Hart 24 times and then handing him to Knox, who slammed him down for the count.

That fall injured Hart's back and Dusette was out to take the punishment from then on. He was forced to tag Hart after both Stojack and Knox had worked his left arm into virtual uselessness, but in his condition Hart was no match for the cleanly-shaven Knox. The Pennsylvanian began a series of back-breakers, and Dusette threw in the towel, only to have Stojack scoop it from his corner before referee Bob Keraston saw it.

A number of spectators then climbed into the ring, intent upon thoroughly mauling the Stojack-Knox combo, and combined efforts of Keraston, state police officer and a number of frantic wives to clear the ring.

The card more or less ran to the villainous side and the opener saw a disabled Buck Weaver helped from the ring as the result of his brawl with Paavo Katonen.

The Fighting Finn wrapped Weaver in the ropes, and strangled him into near-unconsciousness before the referee was able to stop the match. He awarded the fight to Weaver, after repeated attempts to keep Katonen clear.

The Finn gained the first fall in the initial round with a hangman's noose, and Weaver took the second in the third round on a chiropractor's headlock.

Tigers' Mound Staff In Early-Year Flop

DETROIT, May 1 (AP)—The Detroit Tigers were supposed to have the best staff of starting pitchers in baseball, but if they don't reverse their early season form in a hurry they'll be in line for the "flop of the year" award.

Detroit has played 11 games of its 1948 American league schedule, with only two of its "big five" starters notching a victory so far. And the way such stars as Hal Newhouse, Freddie Hutchinson, Art Houtteman and Paul (Dizzy) Trout have been kicked around is strictly "second division" symptoms.

Only three times in 11 games has a Tiger starting pitcher been around for the finish. Even Virgil Trucks, credited with two of the four games.

Tacoma Wins Eighth In Row Over Solons

By The Associated Press
That old razz-mah-tazz tune, "Hold That Tiger," could easily be the theme song today of the seven clubs chasing Tacoma's red-hot entry in the Western International Baseball league.

The Tigers from Tacoma captured their eighth straight last night as they crushed Salem's Senators, 13-1.

Keeping pace a game and a half behind, the Vancouver Capitanos squeezed past the Spokane Indians, 6-5, in 10 innings. Victoria had a four-game win streak snapped by Seattle.

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Locke Holds Four-Stroke Links Lead

WASHINGTON, May 1 (AP)—Bobby Locke, protecting a four stroke lead, kept a wary eye on young Skip Alexander today in the national capital's Open Golf tournament's third round.

The knickered South African fired brilliant rounds of 65 and 66 the first two days for a 131 total, 13 under par. Alexander, from Mid-Pines, N. C., shot a 69 Thursday and then matched Locke's 66 yesterday for 135.

Locke's apprehensiveness traces back to last year's tourney here, when he led Skip by three strokes at the halfway mark—and then trailed him at the finish.

It looks as though Locke's only competition will come from Alexander or Cary Middlecoff of Memphis, who was five strokes back at 136.

Belting Benny Hogan of Hershey, Pa., was seven strokes back of the leader, while Jimmy Demaret of Ojai, Calif., Ed Furgol of Pontiac, Mich., and Walter Romans of Baltimore, were grouped at 140.

Old Pitchers Winning Tilts For Pirates

By The Associated Press
Bill Meyer, long celebrated as "the best manager in the minors," seems right at home in the big time. His Pittsburgh Pirates, only a half game out of first place, are the surprise-of-the-month in the National league.

Although Meyer has a reputation as an expert handler of young players, the 1948 Pirates aren't exactly a youthful club. They have to bank on a pitching staff of oldtimers.

Take Rip Sewell, for example. He retired last winter and was placed on the inactive list as a full time coach. Now he is one of three pitchers in the league with a perfect 2-0 record. Elmer Fiddler, a Cincinnati castoff now with Pittsburgh, is another.

Sewell failed to go the route yesterday in the Pirates' 10-4 romp over Chicago. Kirby Higbe had to mop up despite an eight-run apurt in the second inning.

MARGIN SHRINKS
New York's lead shrank to a half game after Boston's 7-2 victory over Ray Post. Tommy Holmes, Bob Elliott and Jeff Heath all hit homers while Johnny Sain scattered five hits for his first win. Whitey Lockman and Willard Marshall homered for the losers.

The St. Louis Cardinals, finally beginning to hit, rallied for a big seven runs in the seventh at Cincinnati, downing the Reds 13-7.

Brooklyn followed up its 17-run romp over the Giants by bombing the Phillies, 11-2, in a night game that drew 25,834 fans to Shibe park.

Erv Palica, 20-year-old rookie from Montreal, became the first Dodger pitcher to go the route. He followed up two fine relief jobs with a full time six-hit performance.

INDIANS WASHED
With Cleveland's leaders washed out of their game at St. Louis, the New York Yankees proceeded to pick up ground by dumping Boston, 6-0. They now trail the Indians by a game and a half.

Hal Newhouse, Detroit pitcher, suffered his third loss against him when Chicago knocked him out of the box in a four-run eighth inning, to grab a 5-4 edge. Newhouse allowed only two hits in seven frames but an error by first baseman George Vico was costly in the eighth.

Phil Marchildon pitched Philadelphia into a three-way tie for third place in the American with a four-hit job against Washington.

We did not kidnap him," Ingram said Orelie told the New York Yankees of the All-america pro circuit that he didn't intend to return to Washington.

"I suspect he was just getting some needed exercise this spring," the commissioner added.

Orelie disclosed last week he had inked a contract with the Yankees. The university ruled him ineligible and criticized the conference for approaching Orelie while he was still in school.

Ingram approved the contract Thursday.

Sunday Ball Clubs Travel

A trip to McCloud is in store for members of the Klamath Pioneers baseball team Sunday, and the Red Sox go over the hill to Grants Pass, a third local Sunday ball club, the Juniors, plays Tulelake's Homesteaders at Recreation field, 2 p. m.

For the Pioneers it is the opening of the Northern California league against the McCloud Loggers. No other league games have been played in the NoCal circuit.

Jimmie West probably will hurl for the Pioneers, with Johnny Pastega catching.

The Red Sox, in the Southern Oregon loop, will play Grants Pass and Frannie Miller or Bert Krohn probably will get the mound call. One previous Southern Oregon tilt for the Red Sox was cancelled by rain last week.

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Gems Select Lou Vitous

OROVILLE, May 1—If and when the Far West Baseball league series for this section gets under way, Louis Vitous is nominated to hurl for the Klamath Gems and probably Walt Evans will toss for the Oroville Red Sox.

Last night's game was postponed because of rain and the field may be too wet to play tonight's scheduled contest.

The Gems and Red Sox—weather permitting—will make up last night's tilt as part of a doubleheader Sunday, divided between twilight and night.

Marfosta Meadows Favorite

SAN MATEO, Calif., May 1 (AP)—The \$50,000 added Bay Meadows handicap gets its 16th running today with the Irish-bred Marfosta a strong favorite.

The six-year-old chestnut already has beaten most of the 10 other entries in the mile and one-eighth race. He has won four consecutive stake races here and again will be ridden by Johnny Longden, the 3000-plus winner.

Prospects were for a muddy track, going to sloppy if more rain falls before post time. The off track prompted some sentiment in favor of the Australian importation, Shannon II, a superior mudder.

Marfosta is packing top weight of 126 pounds, the same gross he tested in winning his other four outings here.

Overnights in the "50 grander," 2-year-olds and up, in order of post position: Marfosta, Shannon II, Why Albi, Shannon II, Miss Doreen, Ambie In Suncup.

The STANDINGS

AMERICAN LEAGUE	W.	L.	Pct.
Cleveland	6	3	66.7
New York	6	3	66.7
Washington	5	5	50.0
St. Louis	4	4	50.0
Philadelphia	5	0	500
Detroit	4	7	36.4
Boston	3	6	33.3
Chicago	3	6	33.3

Yesterday's Results	W.	L.
New York 6, Boston 0.		
Chicago 5, Detroit 4.		
Philadelphia 3, Washington 1.		
Cleveland at St. Louis, rain and cold.		

League Leaders	W.	L.	Pct.
Batting — Boudreau, Cleveland, .319; Robinson, Cleveland, .462.			
Runs batted in — Keltner, Cleveland, Boudreau, Cleveland, Mayo, Detroit, and Coan, Washington, 9.			
Home runs — Keltner, Cleveland, 5; Vico, Detroit 4.			
Pitching — Reynolds, New York, 3-0; Feller and Lemon, Cleveland and Trucks, Detroit, 2-0, 1,000.			

NATIONAL LEAGUE	W.	L.	Pct.
New York	7	4	.538
Pittsburgh	6	4	.500
Cincinnati	6	6	.500
Brooklyn	5	5	.500
St. Louis	5	6	.455
Philadelphia	5	7	.417
Boston	5	7	.417
Chicago	4	6	.400

Yesterday's Results	W.	L.
Boston 7, New York 4.		
Pittsburgh 10, Chicago 2.		
St. Louis 13, Cincinnati 7.		
Brooklyn 11, Philadelphia 2.		

League Leaders	W.	L.	Pct.
Batting — Edwards, Brooklyn, .478; Gustine, Pittsburgh, .405.			
Runs batted in — Cooper, New York and Stevens, Pittsburgh, 14.			
Home runs — Sauer, Cincinnati, 5; Cooper, New York, 4.			
Pitching — Jones, New York, Sewell and Riddle, Pittsburgh, and Palica, Brooklyn, 2-0, 1,000.			

PACIFIC COAST	W.	L.	Pct.
San Francisco	18	9	.667
Los Angeles	17	12	.586
Oakland	15	16	.484
San Diego	11	14	.440
Hollywood	10	14	.417
Seattle	12	17	.414
Portland	9	16	.360
Sacramento	9	16	.360

Yesterday's Results	W.	L.
Portland 3-5, Hollywood 2-6.		
Oakland 4-7, Seattle 3-5.		
San Francisco 2, San Diego 1.		
Los Angeles 5, Sacramento 4, 12 innings.		

WIBC Resumes Play

DALLAS, Tex., May 1 (AP)—The women's international bowling congress today resumes full schedule of doubles, singles and team bowling. Booster division teams have held the spotlight for the most part of the last three days, with no doubles or singles rolled and few regular teams in action.

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Three-Prong Race On For League Lead

Portland's Liska Gains 191st PCL Win Over Twinks

By The Associated Press
A three-team race is going on at the moment in the Pacific Coast league.

The San Francisco Seals led the way. They retained their 1½ game margin by beating San Diego 2-1 last night and Los Angeles kept its second spot by edging Sacramento 5-4 in 12 innings.

The Oakland Oaks strengthened their hold on third position by smacking Seattle twice, 4-3 and 7-5, moving within a half game of Los Angeles.

But the rest of the league is strung out from five to eight games behind the leaders.

Portland succeeded in ending a seven-game losing streak, beating Hollywood 3-2 in the first game of a doubleheader, but the Stars took the nightcap, 6-5.

GIFT TO OAKLAND
Oakland and Seattle were tied 3-3 in seven innings, supposed to be the length of their first game, and Seattle Pitcher Johnny Gorsica handed the game to the Oaks in the eighth when he balked with the bases loaded, forcing in a run.

The PCL midnight curfew ended the second game after seven innings. Seattle was leading 5-3 going into the last of the seventh when Oakland exploded for four runs and the ball game.

Portland's Pitcher Ad Liska won his 191st PCL game in beating Hollywood, putting him close to Seattle's Kewpie Dick Barrett, who has 202 league wins. Liska allowed six hits, also singling and scoring a run.

Portland's Mayo Smith, hit in the head by a thrown ball as he slid into second base in the sixth of the first game, was hospitalized for observation.

Outfielder Frank Kelleher accounted for three Stars runs in the nightcap with homers in the second and third innings. He also hit a roundtripper in the first game.

GOOD MOUND WORK
San Francisco's stellar pitching continued as Manny Perez allowed only one San Diego hit for seven innings and only six hits in the game. Gene Woodling's homer in the sixth and Ben Gutlin's double in the seventh, scoring Dino Restelli, accounted for the Seal runs. Singles by Vito De Vito, Len Rice and Pinch Hitter Earl Kupper produced the only San Diego tally in the eighth.

Sacramento plunged deeper in the league cellar by losing the elongated battle to the Angels. All the runs were in clusters of two—a brace for the Angels in the second and third, for the Solons in the sixth and eighth—until the Angels won it in the 12th when Bill Schuster singled, advanced on a sacrifice and came home via Dom Dallesandro's single.

Fox Kayoes Eagle In 5

SPOKANE, May 1 (AP)—Aging Tiger Jack Fox has another knockout to his credit today—possibly his last.

The veteran Spokane fighter put Charley Eagle, New York, down for the count last night in the fifth round of their scheduled 10-round main event. Fox, faced with the state boxing commission's refusal to renew his license, has said previously this bout would end his long ring career.

Eagle was saved by the bell in the fourth after the count had gone to nine. Fox weighed in at 186 pounds, Eagle at 192.

In the four-round preliminaries, Roy Wouters, 158, Vancouver, B.C., drew with Eddie Halligan, Spokane; Lloyd Rolph, 143, Spokane, kayoed Mickey McLennahan, 142, Vancouver, in the third, and Al Cowan, 148, Spokane, scored a first round knockout over Hec Fillion, 145, Vancouver.

Veterans Take One

CORVALLIS, Ore., May 1 (AP)—Veterans showed plenty of scoring punch as they won yesterday's first intra-squad game of Oregon State's spring football practice, 20-0. The losing eleven was composed largely of sophomores. Accounting for the three touchdowns were Halfback Don Samuel, Fullback Dick Twenge and End Craig McEicken.

Western Mail Bag This Is Year Of Big Rains In Willamette Valley

By MATT KRAMER
PORTLAND, May 1 (AP)—This is the year of the big rain in Oregon. The notoriously damp spring (normal: one rainy day in every two) has turned just plain sodden.

At Eugene the University of Oregon had 10 straight pre-season baseball games washed out.

Here, the University of Portland cancelled eight straight. At Corvallis, Oregon State cancelled more than in the seven previous years combined. In fact the starters did not open their coat con- ington twice.

At Salem, the Salem Senators of the professional Western International baseball league got tired of waiting, finally got in a game with Yakima only by pouring 200 gallons of gasoline on the field and burning off the moisture.

It has been as bad for track—and in that sport the effect of the big rain may be felt nationally. The sky's overflow (two rainy days in every three this spring) has not given the ground a chance to dry. The turf is soggy. Field performers get no footing. The race ovals are slow, often puddled.

Cold, damp winds have been unrelenting on chilled muscles. This week unseasonable snow fell over the state. The weather bureau said there has been nothing like it since 1894.

It couldn't have come at a worse time. This overflow (two rainy days in every three this spring) has not given the ground a chance to dry. The turf is soggy. Field performers get no footing. The race ovals are slow, often puddled.

Paradoxically, it may be a blessing for the strong University of Oregon golf team. Oregon went to the NCAA golf tournament last year from the Pacific Northwest district. It is favored to repeat.

How does the big rain help? Well, golfers—the championship variety—point out that many play fine golf in fine weather. But those who learn to break par when the weather is rough are the ones to watch. They don't blow up at bad bounces or poor lies. They have learned to play under any conditions.

It's apparent the Oregon boys are learning well. They have won nine straight matches.

At Washington State they were chased from one course by melting snow, but nearby downed both Washington State and Idaho with Lou Stafford and Dom Provost cracking par for the winners.

Against Oregon State in a driving rainstorm, they did it again. In Oregon's three Coast conference matches Stafford was three under par, Provost seven under.

Stafford, a slender, long-hitter, usually is the star of the outfit. He went to the semi-finals of the NCAA tourney last year. His game is even sharper this year.

In one round, while competing for team position, he toured the soaked Eugene Country club in 65, seven under par and just one stroke from the course record that was established under far better playing conditions. That record, incidentally, Stafford himself shares with Professional Wendell Wood.