

Indians Throttle Yanks' Flag Try

'Mr. Fitz' Looking For Triple

By GAYLE TALBOT

NEW YORK (AP) — Sunny Jim Fitzsimmons, the 80-year-old dean of American trainers, is getting about the Aqueduct stable area with a spring in his step these mornings as he and his assistants attend to the care and feeding of some 50 thoroughbreds entrusted to their special talents.

The reason is, say his associates, that "Mr. Fitz" has come back from the Saratoga meeting more than a little convinced that he has next year's triple crown winner in Nashua. Belair Stud's crack 2-year-old who won last week's Hopeful Stakes at the upstate track for his fourth triumph in five starts.

Another sweep of the 3-year-old classics — the Kentucky Derby, Preakness and Belmont Stakes — would supply a fitting climax to one of the most notable careers in the history of the American turf. They say there isn't a man in the business who wouldn't be happy — well, fairly so — to see the kindly sage of Sheepshead Bay rack it up as his valedictory.

The veteran trainer, who still drives his own car to work before daylight and puts in a full 12-hour day, already has a pair of triple crowns to his credit — Gallant Fox in 1930 and Omaha in 1935. Both, like Nashua, were Belair horses.

Although Nashua, a big animal who already looks like a 3-year-old, still has some distance to go to prove it, both Fitz and Jockey Eddie Arcaro already are convinced he's the year's juvenile champion. Arcaro told Fitz after the Hopeful that his mount "wasn't doing his best," yet one expert wrote that he believed it was the best race he ever saw run by a 2-year-old at Saratoga.

Champions Go After Golf Title

MEDFORD — Two and possibly three men's champions of former years will engage in the battle for the 1954 crown when the 26th annual Southern Oregon Golf Tournament is held Thursday, September 2, through Saturday, September 4, at Rogue Valley Country Club here.

The ex-champs certain to enter are Leland (Pete) Clark, 1943 victor, and Eddie Simmons, winner six times. Both are Medfordites. Third champ who may be on hand is Skip Nagler, Eugene. Nagler is now on furlough from the Army. RVCC had earlier assurances that Skip would participate but a recent Eugene report is that he "may not make a title defense."

Thursday will be qualifying day in the tourney and post entries will be accepted up to 2 p.m. Advance entries had passed the 100 mark on Monday and the total Thursday night is expected to exceed the previous all-time high of 276 men and women in 1952. Entrants are expected from throughout Oregon and from Washington and California.

Dom Provost Jr., young Ashland furniture dealer, sprang into the role of prominent contender for the SO diadem when he licked Simmons, reigning Oregon Golf Association champ last weekend for the Rogue Valley Club championship. Entry of Tom Marlowe, Los Angeles, has added some prestige to the tourney. Marlowe formerly lived in Portland and won the OGA mantle in 1946.

Mrs. Helen Davies, Medford will defend the women's Southern Oregon title she has won seven straight times.



FLEET'S IN . . . Bob Craig really kicks up his heels in early Navy scrimmage. Of 46 who reported for the first turnout only 15 are lettermen. The Midshipmen open their customary tough schedule against William and Mary, September 25.

College Football Teams Across Country Start Fall Workouts

NEW YORK (AP) — College football came out of the mothballs today when most of the schools across the country started their fall work-outs—just two weeks before the first full Saturday program.

The coaches, including more than half a dozen new ones at major colleges, wasted little time with formalities and got down to the problem at hand right away—how to teach their charges to win games. A few have only one week to prepare as there are a scattering of minor games a week from Saturday.

Some have two weeks, while the majority will swing into action Sept. 25. On Sept. 18, the first nationally televised game will be California-Oklahoma at Berkeley and that one could properly come at the windup of the season because it will test two titans. Of all the coaches who will be on the spot, young Terry Brennan

at Notre Dame will have the most cause to worry. He will be filling the shoes of the departed master Frank Leahy, whose success at South Bend was fabulous.

The 26-year-old Brennan will have to rebuild more than half the 1953 team and his first opponent on Sept. 25 is Texas, no pushover for anyone. Two of his biggest problems are finding replacements for All America Johnny Lattner and Fullback Neil Worden.

Other new faces at major schools include Hugh Daugherty at Michigan State, Steve Sebo at Penn. Paul Bryant at Texas A&M, Frank Reagan at Villanova, Vince Di Francesco at Iowa State and Murray Warmath at Minnesota.

Daugherty, too, will have a big

job. He is stepping into the place vacated by Biggie Munn, who led the Spartans to the Big Ten championship in their first year in the league. Then they won the Rose Bowl game. He has lost 16 players but has 20 lettermen returning.

Munn has been promoted to Spartan athletic director and promised he will have nothing to do with running the team.

Sebo was Munn's backfield coach at Penn State. Bryant came from the University of Kentucky. Reagan was an assistant coach with the Philadelphia Eagles of the National Football League. Di Francesco coached at Western Illinois State last year. Warmath is from Mississippi State.

Giants Increase Lead Over Bums By 3½ Tilts

By BEN PHLEGAR
AP Sports Writer

The New York Yankees have lost their last chance to stop the Cleveland pennant dash single-handed.

Unless somebody else is willing to help, the five-year New York monopoly in the American League is doomed to end this month.

Only five games remain between the record-bound Indians and the second-place Yankees and the Yankees trail by 3½ lengths.

The point of no return was reached last night. The Yankees got only two hits as Cleveland roared down the warpath to a 6-1 triumph.

The Indians, who are winning games at a faster clip than any team in modern American League history, actually taunted the world champions by loading the bases in the first inning and then not scoring, a maneuver that would have meant certain defeat in years past.

But Early Wynn never gave the Yanks a chance. Cleveland pushed over two runs in the fourth on singles by Vic Wertz and Dave Pope, a double by Al Rosen and a sacrifice fly. Four runs in the eighth, three of them on a homer by Dave Philley, wrapped it up. Irv Noren homered in the seventh. Enos Slaughter slashed a pinch single in the eighth. That ended the Yankee attack.

Wynn's victory was his 19th and his most impressive of the year. In the National League, the New York Giants moved 3½ games in front of the Brooklyn Dodgers with a 5-3 triumph in St. Louis.

Brooklyn managed only three hits off Gene Conley and bowed to the Milwaukee Braves 2-1.

In other major league action, the Chicago Cubs won a pair from Pittsburgh 14-2 and 7-3. Philadelphia clipped Cincinnati 9-3, breaking an eight-game losing streak. Washington defeated Detroit 3-1, and the Philadelphia Athletics pushed Baltimore into the American League basement with a dou-

ble-header sweep 8-6 and 6-3.

Hurricane weather forced the postponement of the Chicago White Sox game in Boston.

The Giants jumped away to a three-run lead in St. Louis, were caught, then won in the fifth. Al Eark singled. Henry Thompson walked and Dusty Rhodes drove in Dark with a single. Thompson scored from third on Willie Mays' sacrifice fly.

Mays drove in another run with a single and scored one after hitting a triple. Rhodes also drove in a second run.

Milwaukee reached Don Newcombe for two quick runs, one in the first scoring on Bobby Thompson's single and one in the second on Del Crandall's homer.

Hank Sauer of the Cubs broke the National League record and tied the major league record when he hit his 13th home run this season off Pittsburgh pitching. The blow, 15th of the year, came in the second game. Howie Pollet and Walker Cooper drove in three runs apiece in the opener.

Ted Kluszewski took over the National League home run lead with a pair in Cincinnati's loss to Philadelphia. He has hit 41, one more than his previous personal high, set a year ago.

Washington pounded George Zverink for 14 hits in dumping Detroit into a fourth-place tie with rain-idled Boston.

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PITCHING — Early Wynn of Cleveland Indians, hurled a brilliant two-hitter as the Indians routed the New York Yankees 6-1 dropping the Yanks five and one-half games back of Cleveland in the American League.

BATTING — Ted Kluszewski, Cincinnati Redlegs, hit his 40th and 41st homers and took the Major League home run leadership from New York's Willie Mays as the Redlegs lost 9-3 to the Philadelphia Phillies.

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