

## Today's Sport Parade

### Nag With Classiest Handle To Win Derby

By OSCAR FRALEY.  
NEW YORK (UPI)—A total of 150 hayburners are eligible today for the May 2 running of the Kentucky Derby and, if the nomenclature class will come to order, Fearless Fraley will prove that only a bare handful of these nags have a galloping ghost of a chance.

To open the session, let it be said that it long has been a theory in this corner that names play a great part in the making of a champion. This has been contested many times.

But I still have never heard of anybody named Oscar, Ethelbert or Algernon winning the heavy-weight championship of the world, or even the light-heavyweight championship of the world.

**CLASSY HANDLE WINS**  
Getting back to the derby, the top horse opera of the year, it usually is a colt with a classy handle which wins this one too. As example, past winners include such as Count Fleet, Exterminator, War Admiral, Assault, Count Turf and Iron Liege. Native Dancer was a great horse with a swishy name so he ran second in this one to the prophetically-named Dark Star.

There have been some real daisies among the names of those who went postward in the derby and failed miserably. How could they expect them to run with such tags? Like, say: Bankrupt, Cherry Pie, a juicy 20th; Dogpatch, who was; Froggton, should have been a jumper; In Memoriam, note the ticks ought to have been in black; Vagabond, a real bum; One Dime, what he was worth; and Watermelon, who was.

**OTHER POOR NAMES**  
I don't know whether some of these good sounding colts can run a lick, but this corner has to go along with such uninhibited colts this time as Count Mighty, First Landing, Great One, Mighty Sir and Navy King. As for Tony Lee, I don't think he's got a Chinaman's chance. It's another case of "no tickie, no laundry."

Here are some others you can have when they blow boots and saddles for the rose run:

### Hexed SF Meets Cubs

PHOENIX, Ariz. (UPI)—The San Francisco Giants, plagued by injuries and illness to the extent that catcher Bob Schmidt is the only first-line player to escape the "hex" to date, take on the Chicago Cubs today after dropping their third straight to Boston.

Manager Bill Hickey nominated Mike McCormick and Curt Barley for hill work in an effort to improve on the club's poor 2-6 Cactus League mark.

As for the injury and illness department, trainer Frank Bowman had this to say:

"I've been in the business 38 years and this is the worst spring I've encountered."

The latest victims were: Shortstop Andre Rodgers, pulled back muscle; second baseman Daryl Spencer, ingrown toenail; outfielder Willie Kirkland, swollen leg by virtue of a spider bite; and third baseman Ben Valenzuela, bronchitis.

"There's one good thing about this spring and not much else," observed Rigney. "We'll be the most unscouted team in baseball when we go into St. Louis for the opener. We haven't been able to field anything close to our starting nine since closing day last September."

That fact was all too evident at Scottsdale Tuesday when the Giants came up with only four hits while dropping a 6-1 decision to the Red Sox. It was their fourth defeat of the year at the hands of Boston, which now has an 8-1 mark in Cactus League play.

Stu Miller buried five innings for the losers, giving up three runs and getting no support as usual. Billy Muffett and Joe Shipley followed in that order, the former getting raked for three runs on the same number of hits during his one-inning stint.

Catcher Hobbie Landrith provided half of the San Francisco hit production, getting a triple and single in two official trips to the plate.

### GIANTS SIGN SOLTIS

NEW YORK (UPI)—The New York Giants have signed rookie halfback Bob Soltis of Minnesota to a 1959 contract. Soltis, the Giants' 18th draft choice, probably will get a crack at a defensive backfield position when the club opens training in August.

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### Unknown, St. Louis In Finals

NEW YORK (UPI)—The National Invitation Basketball Tournament, true to its upset-happy tradition, headed today for a surprise semi-final with Bradley the only seeded team still "alive" and Providence the merriest madcaps of them all.

"How the heck did we do it? I don't know," shouted Coach Joe Mullane of Providence in the wild jubilation following the Friars' double-overtime, 75-72 upset of third-seeded St. Louis Tuesday night.

A crowd of 14,296 at Madison Square Garden roared at the Friars' triumph and then shuffled their feet uneasily through the second game as New York University drubbed fourth-seeded Oklahoma City, 63-43, in the most lopsided game in this year's tourney.

Providence earned the right to meet St. John's (which previously ousted third-seeded St. Bonaventure) in one semi-final Thursday night while NYU qualified for a tussle with top-seeded Bradley.

Providence seemed beaten at least twice by St. Louis, a team which boasted a two-inch-per-man height advantage and one of the nation's top "big" men in 6-8 Bob Ferry. The Billikens took an 18-9 early lead only to have Providence tie it at 18-18. St. Louis led, 38-30, early in the second half but the Friars came back again.

Len Wilkens' one-hander with 46 seconds left gave Providence a 61-61 tie in regular time. Ferry's tap-in earned St. Louis a 65-65 tie after the first overtime.

Providence held a 71-70 lead with 40 seconds left in the second overtime when Jim Swartz' two free throws made it 73-70. Ferry's hook cut it to 73-72 but two free throws by John Egan clinched it.

Oklahoma City gave a lackluster performance and Coach Abe Lemons commented, "I'm sorry for the boys, because they're really better than this."

The Chiefs trailed by only 27-28 with one minute left in the first half as NYU played sloppy ball, but then the Violets sank three quick points for a 30-26 halftime margin, opened the gap to 31-34 with 11 minutes left and romped home. Cal Ramsey led the Violets with 20.

### Wilson Ties 22-Year Mark

DETROIT (AP)—Johnny Wilson bears no resemblance to an iron man in hockey, regarded the roughest, fastest sport of all.

He's blond, wears a crewcut and is slender, almost fragile looking. Yet Tuesday night Wilson equaled a record of durability set 22 years before as his Detroit Red Wings kept their dim Stanley Cup playoff hopes alive, blanking the Chicago Black Hawks 2-0.

Wilson played in his 50th consecutive National Hockey League game.

"I had to be pretty lucky to do it," said Wilson after he set up Detroit's first goal on a perfect pass to Norm Ullman. "I've had lots of injuries, charley horses and bangs in the head."

Wilson gets his chance to break the record he now shares with Murry Murdoch Saturday against the New York Rangers. Murdoch's old team. Murdoch played in every Ranger game from 1926-27 through 1936-37.

Terrence J. McCann of the Tulsa YMCA was the only American wrestler whom the Russians failed to defeat in the international matches in 1938.

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### PULLING THE LOAD



### Mt. Shasta Ski Bowl Sets Easter Weekend Events

MT. SHASTA SKI BOWL — Easter weekend has been designated as the date of the National Veterans Downhill and Slalom Championships at the Mt. Shasta Ski Bowl.

Courses for these events will be set by Willy Schaeffler, director of ski events for the Olympic organizing committee. Schaeffler, a noted ski coach whose Denver University teams won six NCAA titles in eight years, is well recognized for his course setting ability.

The downhill on Saturday, March 28, will be one run from the 9,800 foot level, dropping away 2,500 vertical feet to a finish adjacent to the parking area below the lodge.

The slalom to be run on Easter Sunday will be in two runs for a total of 1,000 vertical feet on a tricky, challenging terrain.

Jerry Wetzel of Reno, veteran skier, will be the starter.

Stuart McLaren of San Marino, a director of the National Ski Association, has been appointed the official observer for the National Ski Association.

Veteran racers from all divisions of the National Ski Association are expected for the Easter weekend event. Bill diCristina, lodge manager, announced. Early entries include members of the Pacific Northwest Ski Association, the Southern Rocky Mountain Ski Association and the Far West Ski Association.

The 300 inch snow pack has assured bowl visitors of good skiing well into the summer, diCristina said. The special Bay Area tour, known as the Snowball, Jr., has been postponed until April 11-12. This big tour was originally slated for this coming weekend but deferred to allow full use of the bowl by the spring vacation and Easter weekend crowds.

With the roads and parking areas fully cleared, access to the bowl is easy and all facilities are in operation all week, diCristina said.

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## NY Yankees Hurting, Look To Washington For Pitcher

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS  
Flushed with success but apprehensive about the quality of their pitching staff, the World Champion New York Yankees today prepared to sit down at the bargaining table.

Object: A trade with Washington.  
Subject: Relief specialist Dick Hyde.

Price: Unknown, but expected to include at least a trio of Yankee rookies or bench-warmer.

Hyde, who pitches underhand, compiled a 10-3 won-lost record and a brilliant 1.75 earned run average while saving a host of games for the last-place Senators last year.

Washington owner Calvin Griffith, apparently willing to part with his bullpen ace in order to bolster other areas, has been holding out for a better offer from the Yankees.

### Series Hero Dead At 64

PHILADELPHIA (UPI)—Former Philadelphia Athletics pitcher Howard Emhke, whose record of 13 strikeouts as a surprise starter in the opening game of the 1929 World Series stood for 34 years, died suddenly in a hospital Tuesday at the age of 64.

Private funeral services will be held on Friday for the tall right-hander, who was in the fading years of an outstanding 15 year American League career when he made baseball history against the Chicago Cubs for Connie Mack's Athletics.

Emhke had a season record of 7-2 and had appeared in only 35 innings when Mack named him to open the World Series in Chicago to the astonishment of the baseball world and even his teammates.

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Yankee General Manager George Weiss.

So far the Yanks have offered shortstop Fritz Brickell (.266 at Denver last year) and outfielder John Reed (.309 at New Orleans), both rookies. Weiss is expected to add first baseman Frank Leja (.283 at New Orleans) to the bundle when the execs meet at St. Petersburg, Fla. today.

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**Kid Rated Favorite In Fight**  
LOS ANGELES (AP)—The featherweight championship of the world goes on the block tonight, with Hogan (Kid) Bassey of Nigeria a slight favorite to retain his title in a 15-round fight with America's Davey Moore.

The site is the Olympic Auditorium, the time 7 p.m., Pacific Standard, and fight fans across the nation, barring the Southern California region, can see it over the ABC-TV network.

It is Bassey's second defense of the crown and it certainly should be tougher and more exciting than the first. That was last April when the little tiger from Nigeria belted out Ricardo (Pajarito) Moreno in Los Angeles' Wrigley Field in three rounds.

Bassey and his English manager, George Biddles, concede that Moore, the top-ranked contender, poses a threat. Biddles says the hard hitting young man from Springfield, Ohio, is the best Bassey has met in America.

That would include ex-champion Willie Pep, whom he stopped in nine brawling rounds in Boston last September; Carmelo Costa, Ernesto Parra and Miguel Berrios, as well as Moreno.

Moore clinched the title fight by also stopping Moreno — he did it in one round — but his caliber of opponents isn't too impressive.

By the same token, the class of Bassey's vanquished rivals isn't known on this side of the ocean, either.

In any event, Los Angeles fans have seen both in action, and off these performances, tonight's affair should be spectacular.

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**Nats 4, Pirates 1**  
Hyde allowed the Pirates' only run but pitched strongly in relief of Chuck Stobbs, who blanked Pittsburgh for the first five innings. Roy Sievers gave Washington all the runs it needed with a two-run homer in the first.

**BoSox 6, Giants 1**  
Frank Sullivan, who pitched six innings, and reliever Herb Moford limited the hard-hitting Giants to four hits. Ted Lepcio homered for the Red Sox, who boosted their exhibition record to 8-1, best in both leagues.

**Indians 10, Cubs 5**  
Cleveland's 13-hit attack including Woody Held's homer, was too much for the Cubs, who got home runs from Ernie Banks, Lee Walls and Bobby Thomson. Five runs in the last two innings won it for the Indians.

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### Bums To Meet Cards Today

VERO BEACH, Fla. (UPI)—The Los Angeles Dodgers, washed out by rain in their last two attempts to get a Grapefruit League exhibition game going at Sarasota, stay here today to meet the St. Louis Cardinals.

Johnny Podres was selected to take the mound for the Dodgers against the Cards' Sam Jones and Gary Blaylock.

Manager Walt Alton got the squad back to Holman Field here Tuesday after that Florida liquid sunshine prevented the Dodgers and Tigers mixing it at Sarasota where the day before another game was rained out.

The Californians managed to squeeze in a squad game before the downpour hit here. The Reeses and Dressens battled to a 5-5 tie in a nine-inning contest in which eight of the 20 runs were unearned as a result of five errors.

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