

ON THE SIDELINES by BRIAN BELL

Billy Evans, who is about to pick out a California training camp for the Cleveland Indians for 1932, either San Diego or Pasadena, says that Frank Crosetti will not play shortstop for the New York Yankees. Possibly third base, says Bill, but not short. Crosetti is to report to Ruppert, Barrow, McCombs & Co. next season.

"If Crosetti is to make good in the American league he will have to be switched over to third base," says the former umpire.

"Lary is a 30 per cent better shortstop than Crosetti. He has the makings of a major league player. Rete is only a minor league player."

Evans speaks with enthusiasm of the prospects for the Redskins in California and he expects to have a great exhibition schedule lined up before Fox and his boys come to camp in 1932. The Cubs and Pirates are available and there may be two other National league clubs to play at that time.

A's Lock Best

If Brooklyn wins the pennant, it is almost a certainty the Robins will move to the Pacific coast and the St. Louis Cardinals are said to be willing to make the long trip to the bus waters of the Pacific.

Evans thinks the Indians will be well up in the American league race this year, but he is not forecasting a pennant.

"No one can laugh off the Athletics," he said. "But if Connie Mack's club should be hard hit by injuries that would be another story. If Cochran should be forced out as was Luke Sewell of our club, the A's could not win. Cochran is the game's greatest catcher and the champions would get nowhere without him."

Golf Should Grow

If, as has been estimated, there were 6,000,000 persons playing golf in the United States last year, the number should be greatly increased this year. There are two likely reasons, Bobby Jones and the "immature" courses.

The tremendous excitement caused the Jones winning all four major titles attracted many converts to courses and his motion picture venture will win some more. And many players on the little courses had their appetites whetted for the longer game and took up the full length sport.

"There were a lot of miniature course players in the gallery at Merion," said Bobby.

"I heard them talking as we walked down the fairways. I remember one chap told his companion that the miniature players would beat the regulars on the greens. His idea was that it would be easy to putt on a green when there were no obstacles to go over, under, or around."

Jones was asked to give an opinion of the hardest putt.

"They say it is the fourth one," he said. "But I have always thought the hardest are those humpbacked ones where you just see the hole beyond the hump. And when your ball just stays out or curls around and there is a suggestion of a laugh as though the people watching were thinking, 'How could you miss that?'"

LICENSE BOARD IS CREATED

Taking advantage of an old law, the county commissioners on advice of District Attorney Harmon, met Saturday and formed the Clark county license board.

Sheriff Joe Keate is chairman of the board, and District Attorney Harmon and County Commissioners McGuff, Davison and Jones are other members.

Following the organization of the commission, Sheriff Keate set about collecting the license fees set by the recently passed act, taking in some \$3,000 the first afternoon. The quarterly license period has been construed to begin the 21st of March, the day on which the bill was signed by the governor.

Wrote Saories in Jail

SWEETWATER, Tex., March 23 (U.P.—) When Geo. Parks, court house man of the Sweetwater Reporter, was jailed recently because of the publication of an indictment before an arrest had been made, he continued to work for his paper. The day that he was confined his stories appeared on page one in a special "jail section" of the Reporter.

Ninety-five students were graduated from the University of Alabama at the end of the mid-term.

Friction Burns \$700 Rug

PITTSFIELD, Mass., March 23 (U.P.—) Friction started a fire which destroyed a \$700 Oriental rug while a workman was cleaning the rug with gasoline at the home of Dr. F. A. Roberts.

Wife's Dream Comes True

GALAX, Va., March 23 (U.P.—) Mrs. Jehrow Webb dreamed she saw her husband drop dead. So impressed by it, she kept her small son from school. At 9:45 a.m. Webb, an automobile salesman, dropped dead.

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"MIKE HALL" WINS CLASSIC RACE OF 1931

Choctaw Second, \$102-700 Is Paid To Winner

By RONALD W. WAGONER
United Press Staff Correspondent
AGUA CALIENTE, Mex., March 23 (U.P.—) Old Mike Hall, a Gallant Cub horse from Kentucky, starred one of the most sensational comebacks in American turf history here yesterday to win the second renewal of the \$100,000 Agua Caliente handicap from a field of 10 select thoroughbreds.

The big bay gelding, owned by R. M. Eastman and ridden by the veteran jockey, Steve O'Donnell, ran in perfect form to win the world's richest racing prize and set a new Caliente record of 2:03 for the mile and one-quarter.

A neck behind Mike Hall was the Choctaw, of Audley Farm Stables, followed by Plucky Play of the Northwest Stable. Second place paid \$10,000, third place \$5,000 and fourth \$2,500.

Jockey Willie Moran, riding the Choctaw, protested Mike Hall's victory, claiming that Jockey O'Donnell crowded him at the turn. The judges, however, refused to heed his protest.

It was a great day from the standpoint of Agua Caliente, Eastman, Mike Hall and the bookmakers, but extremely sad for the majority of the 25,000 spectators who had expected Sun Beau, the favorite to win with ease. The horse was a 1 to 2 favorite at post time.

Sun Beau, with Frank Collettini up, finished fifth. He was nosed out of fourth place by Alexander Panagoras, ridden by J. Pollard.

Mike Hall paid \$20.80 for a \$2 mutual ticket, \$6 to place and \$4.20 to show. The heavy odds and much of the strategy of the race came from the fact he was coupled as an entry with Pigeon Hole, owned by H. P. Headley.

Backers of the Choctaw drew \$6.60 for a \$2 place and \$4 on show, while Plucky Play, a long shot, paid \$14.20 on a \$2 ticket to show.

Racing men agreed that Mike Hall's victory was partly due to Pigeon Hole.

After some delay at the barrier, due to the surly actions of Caruso, the horses were off at 5:24 p.m. with Pigeon Hole in the lead. Rated as a great sprinter, Pigeon Hole held his advantage to the back stretch when Collettini sent Sun Beau through a small hole to lead the field to the final turn. Pigeon Hole after setting the pace, dropped back and was out of the picture.

Sun Beau weakened on the stretch under his top load of 129 pounds and the Choctaw made his bid just as O'Donnell sent Mike Hall into a sprint. The blue and white colors of Eastman flashed to the front in the last eighth of a mile. During early stages Mike Hall had coasted in eighth position.

The ten horses were closely bunched past the judges' stand. The also rans were Sun Beau, Ervey, Pigeon Hole, Caruso, Lady Broadcast and Sandy Ford.

The failure of Lady Broadcast to land in the money was a blow to thousands of spectators who had made her second choice in the race at odds of \$6.50 to one at post time. She was never a factor and was tiring rapidly at the finish.

Mike Hall is seven years old, the oldest horse in the handicap. He won the Latonia Cup in 1927 and 1928, the Washington Handicap at Laurel in 1928 and the Dixie Handicap in 1928.

Agua Caliente drew the most colorful crowd in its history to the handicap. Fully 50,000 persons crossed the international line before post time.

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Here's the man who's answer to the Pirate Pilot's prayer. Traynor, Pittsburgh third baseman, whose scuffling and batting form is pictured above. Last season, the tough trouble by his eyes, Traynor slumped National league hurling for a .366 average.

By RUSSELL - NEWLAND
(Associated Press Sports Writer)
PASO ROBLES, Calif., March 23 (AP)—Harold "Pie" Traynor, captain and third baseman of the Pittsburgh Pirates, isn't a one-man baseball team but he is about the perfect answer to a manager's prayer. Such is the opinion of Jewel Ems, leader of the scrappy National league club.

Although Traynor hit .366 last season to finish second among the Pirate batters, Manager Ems says the hunky, good natured third sacker was not quite himself.

"The boy was in poor shape during the 1930 spring training season and it took him some time to snap out of it. His wonderful fighting spirit brought him through with flying colors when many another would have taken sick leave."

"To my mind, Traynor is the ideal type of athlete. He doesn't go into tantrums and his day isn't spoiled if the umpire calls one wrong. He plugs from the start of a game until the last man is out.

"When things seem blue, old 'Pie' pats his team mates on the back and gets them on the right track again. He is always willing to listen to advice. Many a time he has stopped on his way to bat to listen to a tip from the bat boy.

"He knows the game from A to Z and so far as I am concerned, he is the best third sacker in the business. Because we've got 'Pie' Traynor in the lineup, the Pirates expect to go places and do things in this year's pennant chase. Of course, we don't expect the tough run of luck we had last season when so many men were laid up with injuries and illness."

The Pirate roster does not include any brilliant rookies this year and the few youngsters on deck likely will be farmed out. With veterans to man every position and more reserve strength to bank upon, Manager Ems knows of no reason why his team should not be in the running from the start.

The exact value of the ticket has not been computed but the announcement is expected to be made later today.

The ticket on the Choctaw, second horse in the race, was held by L. E. Judy, 2825 So. Grand avenue, Los Angeles, and M. E. Tillett, San Diego, held the ticket on Plucky Play, third horse in the race.

The chief mourner of the day is W. B. Little, Chula Vista, who had the ticket on the odds-on favorite Sun Beau which ran fifth. Little, it was reported, had several chances to sell a half interest in his ticket for \$10,000 before the race yesterday but held on thinking the brown fellow was a sure thing.

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CHICAGO FANS ALL SET FOR HEAVY WEEK

Griffith and Loughran Middleweight Go Tonight

By GEORGE KIRKSEY
(United Press Staff Correspondent)
CHICAGO, March 23 (U.P.—) Fights and rumors of fights today ushered in Chicago's biggest pugilistic week thus far in 1931.

A middleweight tournament to determine a new 160 pound championship to replace Mickey Walker will open Tuesday night at the coliseum and Tuffy Griffiths of Chicago will meet Tommy Loughran of Philadelphia in an important heavy-weight bout at the Chicago stadium Friday night.

Meanwhile, a battle goes on behind the scenes between Madison Square Garden corporation of New York and the Chicago stadium for the Tom Canzoneri-Jack (Kid) Berg lightweight championship bout.

After the Chicago stadium had announced the Canzoneri-Berg bout for April 24, the Garden countered with the announcement that the New York Athletic commission had saved the match for New York.

"The Canzoneri-Berg match will be held here as announced," Matchmaker Nate Lewis said today. "Sammy Goldman, Canzoneri's manager, has assured me that he will not back out of his agreement. The New York commission isn't running boxing, it is only regulating the legislative end."

Like a ghost of the past, the inflated Dempsey-Willis match was revived here today in circuit court when the former heavyweight champion appeared as defendant in a \$50,000 suit brought by B. E. (Bill) Clements, who is charging Dempsey with breach of contract.

Clements' claim is that he had Dempsey, who was then champion, contracted to fight Willis in 1926 and that Jack never fulfilled it.

Failure of the proposed Max Schmeidler-Young Stribling heavy-weight title match to arouse interest Sharkey back into the spotlight.

Since once more has brought Jack Sharkey will arrive here tomorrow with his manager, Johnny Buckley, to find at least four promoters bidding for his services. The Chicago stadium is trying to sign the Boston heavyweight to meet the winner of the Loughran-Griffith bout in an outdoor show here in June.

Commitment Age Low

BOSTON, March 23 (U.P.—) A survey has disclosed that 290 of the 950 inmates of Massachusetts State Prison were committed while less than 25 years old. Of the total number of inmates, 146 are lifters.

Sprout Grows Through Bone

ENID, Okla., March 23 (U.P.—) When digging around to learn whether his early potatoes had sprouted, Julius Weelke found one of the sprouts had grown through a piece of bone. He exhibited the bone and the potato to substantiate his claim.

Mexico Highway Nearly Done

LAREDO, Tex., March 23 (U.P.—) Work on the new \$2,000,000 automobile highway from here to Mexico City is expected to be completed before summer and will be dedicated by a motorcade headed by General Juan Andreu Almazan, secretary of communications in the Mexican cabinet.

El Paso Seeks Armored Car

EL PASO, Tex., March 23 (U.P.—) Police Chief L. T. Robey has asked city authorities to purchase an armored car for the protection of money shipments from the Union station here and El Paso banks.

Souvenir hunters have removed four knobs from furnishings in the Andrew Jackson room, Maxwell House, Nashville, Tenn.

Los Angeles postal employee who signs his name many times daily was allowed by a court to change his signature from George D. Wilbur to Cec Cele, so that it could be written rapidly.

DEMPSEY SR. TAKES THIRD WIFE



The secret of how Jack Dempsey acquired his courage seems to be a secret no longer, witness his father's plunge into matrimony for the third time, at the age of 73. Above, Hyrum Dempsey, and the former Mrs. Hannah Chapman, 37, just after they were married recently in Salt Lake City by no less a personage than the bishop of the Mormon church.

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