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On the Sidelines

The sensational rise of Joe Louis, the sepia brown heavyweight contender, can be better understood listening to the sum-up of his meteoric career from the pen of Caswell Adams, boxing expert on the New York Herald-Tribune. Adams speaks of Louis' latest fight with Nate Brown on Friday night:

"Just born to fight," fits the negro sensation perfectly. He is one of the most perfect looking fighters ever to grace a ring. He weighs 196 pounds and is 6 feet 1 inch tall. His frame has filled out in the last nine months and is powerful. But the grace and the smoothness of his every move impress most. He is effortless. His facial expression never changes, as he keeps shuffling in after his foe. He is cold as ice and when he moves he does so as would a tiger or lion.

"His inexperience consists of a slightly erratic right hand and a lack of knowledge of how to follow up an advantage. Any other fighter with Louis' repertory could have finished Brown in that first round, but Louis steps in, punches, then steps back and in that fraction of a second the rival can recover a bit. His right hand misses by inches and in the infighting with the bent-over Brown, Louis didn't show much.

"The general opinion of the ring-siders was that Louis the finest youthful prospect in decades. The Brown fight was his seventeenth in professional circles, which he entered last July 4, when he stopped some fellow named Jack Kracken, who went the distance with Carnera years ago. Before that he had engaged in 54 amateur engagements and won 43 by knockouts, 7 by decisions, and lost four by decisions.

"In the paid ranks he is undefeated with 13 knockouts to his credit. He won the National A. A. U. light heavyweight championship at St. Louis last April and in June will meet the former champion of the world. From Jack Kracken to Carnera in eleven months is the record of a modest youngster who'll be 21 May 13."

They're saying good words about Bill Miller, Sammy McManus and Bert Connolly along the N. H. L. front. Briefly and probably most accurately is the managerial opinion that all three will really win their spurs next season when they have a full training period.

For those disappointed souls in this vicinity who lost a golden opportunity to make a fortune when Golden Miller stumbled and fell in the Grand National in England recently, we offer the consolation of an explanation of how it happened, by the Associated Press. Read it and weep:—

Wilson, the articulate half of what had become known as the English racing world's "Damon and Pythias," placed the blame squarely upon the horse, saying, "Golden Miller met the fence wrong. He was too clever to fall himself, but wobbled on landing, causing me to be dislodged."

Golden Miller, the hottest favorite in the history of the Grand National, was booed by some of the crowd as a stable boy rode him away. "The London Evening News' racing expert,

TROTTING-BRED COLTS WHICH TURN PACERS

NEW YORK, April 3—The futility of setting apart a portion of the money in futurities for trotting-bred colts that turn out to be pacers is made plain by comparing the prospective field in this division of the Matron Futurity for foals of 1932 with that in the stake race just closed for those of the same age at Goshen for approximately the same amount of money. Only four at most can start in the Futurity, while seven times this number are eligible to compete for the \$1,000 prize at Good Time Park. One lone pacer faced the starter in this division of the Matron at Toledo last year. He jogged around the course and received \$556 for so doing.

The Matron will be the first futurity race of 1935. Twenty-four trotters are eligible to start for the \$4,000 stake and these include Greyhound, 2:04½; Lawrence Hanover, 2:02; Silver King, 2:06; Prince John, 2:07; Lucre, 2:08½; Belvedere, 2:08½; Flaxy Volo, 2:08½; Athlone's Sally Boy, 2:09½; Alicea, 2:10, and a lot of other fast ones not yet seen at their best.

FISTIC PARLEY ON AT CHICAGO

CHICAGO, April 2—While London, Moscow, Berlin and Warsaw are the scenes of numerous conferences concerning the high portfolio in the fistic realm convened here today for some highly important parleys. Whereas the European gentlemen discuss arms, tonnage and airplanes, the pugilistic diplomats converse in well-bred terms concerning dollars and dates.

Those gathered here are Promoter Mike Jacobs, the focal point of the conferences, and his New York Milk

"Beaufort," said it was just a hard season.

"I think he's weary—just a very tired horse.

Since the \$1,000,000 mishap, Wilson has been the target for many rumors. The Daily Express started the argument with an eight-column, front-page series of photographs showing Golden Miller making a perfect four-point landing at the jump where Wilson fell. The photographs showed Miss Paget's horse landing without lurching, then dashing along the straightaway while his jockey rolled along the ground.

After the race Wilson told Basil Briscoe, the trainer, that "Golden Miller didn't fall, he refused."

Later Wilson amplified his explanation of the mishap, telling the London "Sporting Life":

"I found the Miller going short on his off-leg during the race. After passing Valentine's Brook, he seemed to fall lame before reaching the next fence. He didn't actually fall, but blundered into the obstacle and shot me out of the saddle."

Rumors had it that Wilson would not be in the saddle for the Champion, but Miss Paget expressed the utmost confidence in her jockey by giving him the assignment.

The Associated Press learned Whitney had a £10,000 (about \$47,000) side bet with his cousin, Miss Paget, that Thomond II. would beat Golden Miller in the Grand National although neither would admit making the wager.

Cleopatra Had A Better Sport

ALEXANDRIA, Egypt, April 2—Misses Helen Jacobs and Elizabeth Ryan, of California, were defeated in the final of the Egyptian women's tennis doubles today by a British team composed of the Misses Evelyn Dearman and Joan Ingram. The scores were 6-4, 6-0.

NEWS OF THE HARNESS GAME

George A. Burke, formerly vice-president of the Standard Oil Company of Ohio, is president of the new North Randall Trotting Club, formed the purpose of holding Grand Circuit meetings at Cleveland. John H. O'Brien, one of the owners of last season's sensational three-year-old trotter Senator Mimic, with a June record of 2:03½, is the treasurer, and W. H. Kinnam, secretary. Four stakes of \$1,000 each have been opened, to close tomorrow, together with a renewal of the Rainy Day Sweepstakes. Once the richest of all races for two-year-old trotters, this has been made a memorial to Harry K. Devereux and P. W. Harvey, two of the men who originated it fifteen years ago. Mrs. Harvey and Mrs. Devereux are the sponsors for this year's race, the estimated value of which is \$3,000.

Mrs. Harvey has been a consistent supporter of trotting right through the most trying period the sport has ever known. She owns the great broodmare Honeymoon, 2:09½, that her husband used to drive in the amateur matinees at Cleveland.

Gage B. Ellis, nephew of the late Frank Ellis, is going to sponsor three days of harness racing on his private half-mile track at Village Farm, Langhorne, Pa., to open the campaign May 30. The new half-mile track built by Joseph F. O'Shea at River Vale, N. J., will be opened June 11 with three days of harness racing to lead up to the annual meeting held by E. Roland Harriman at the half-mile track in Goshen, beginning June 18.

The Master, two-year-old brother to Protector and The Marchioness, is reported to have trotted a quarter of a mile in his work at a 2:13 gait on the Indianapolis track, where S. F. Palm is developing him. E. J. Baker paid \$7,300 for this one at the auction sale of yearlings in New York last fall.

Fast quarters at the end of slow miles are now the practice at Seminole Park, in Florida, and four two-year-old trotters in Ben Whites stable have registered 31 seconds for the distance in their recent work. Gibson White's filly, Rosalind, by Scotland, 1:59¼, holds the "record" with a flight through the stretch in 30¼—a 2:01 clip. This at the end of a mile in 2:07½, with the last half in 1:04½. W. N. Reynolds' Justine, by Guy Abbey, 2:06½, and Ed Lasater, by Gayworthy, 2:02½, and R. I. Reynolds' Brookfield, by Guy Abbey, were the other speedy ones, each finishing at a 2:04 gait.

OTTAWA, April 2—Conditions in relief camps for single unemployed in British Columbia will be investigated by a commission appointed under the Inquiries Act, Minister of Defence Grote Stirling announced today in the House of Commons.

Fund associates, Pop Foster, manager of Jimmy McLarnin; Sam Plan and Art Winch, representing Barney Ross; Anell Hoffman, Max Baer's pilot, and Mr. X, emissary of Walter Rothenberg, German promoter. Just like the European fellows, Jacobs will not announce the results of the parleys until he gets back home in New York.

Leaf--Maroons Ready For Series

Predict Tough Battle In Coming Stanley Cup Finals—The Opinions.

MONTREAL, P. Q., April 3—"That Toronto team can't hold this speed", exclaimed Tommy Gorman today as, on skates, he leaned against the boards at The Forum and watched his Montreal Maroons practice at fast speed for the first game of the Stanley Cup final at Toronto on Thursday.

"Look at the balance we've got in every forward line and watch our defencemen stop them". Tommy continued. Warning to his subject, and occasionally shouting encouragement or advice to the players, Tommy said: "Mind, I'm not detracting from the Leafs' power in any way! It's going to be a tough battle every minute. But we're not afraid of them.

"Who'll watch Conacher and Jackson? Why Northcott and Ward, of course. But it really doesn't matter. Any of our lines can cover them like a lid. And we're not only going to watch them; we'll carry the play to them".

LEAFS REST

GALT, Ontario, April 3—Toronto Maple Leafs, resting at nearby Preston Springs for the Stanley Cup finals against Montreal Maroons, will hold their only ice practice here today. They will put on skates for the first time since "Pep" Kelly broke up the National Hockey League final series with his overtime goal against Boston Saturday night.

In charge of Coach Dick Irvin, the Leafs spent yesterday quietly, many of them motoring 15 miles to Guelph for a visit to the Ontario reformatory. They spent the greater part of the day outdoors.

Mt. A. Academy Tuck Away Junior Court Title

SAINT JOHN, April 3—Mount Allison Academy five will entrain for Sackville today with the New Brunswick Junior basketball title tucked away.

Last night on the Y.M.C.A. floor the Academy hoopers dropped the final game of their two-game, total-point series, 29-25, to the Saint John Basketball Association juniors but just managed to nose out the locals for the round by one point, 59-58, having won the first game at home, 34-29.

A long loping shot near the end of the game gave the Sackville quintet the crown. As it nestled in the twines before dropping the St. John five saw their title hopes dimmed and the whistle went shortly after proclaiming the new title-holders.

Hastings was the outstanding man on the court. He dropped seven shots through the hoop for a total of 14 to lead his Association team-mates as well as the visiting cagers. Ross of Mount Allison trained him with eight markers.

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AT RECENT ICE BRAWL IN NEW YORK

George Daley Says Rangers-Canadiens Brawl a Thrill, But Should It Be Allowed?—Pros and Cons of This "Grudge" Stuff.

(By George Daley)

NEW YORK, April 3—Hockey is a rough, tough game. One of its appeals is to the savage impulses which lurk hidden away in most humans. The popularity of personal contact sports like football, hockey, boxing and even wrestling can be traced directly to this source. There are times when we relish giving full rein to passions which as a rule are carefully bridled and held under control.

Harking back to that boisterous brawl which marked the first session of the playoff game between the Rangers and the Canadiens a week ago little more perhaps should be said. Plenty has been written, but I feel moved to add a few words. This almost murderous melee of slugging fists and more dangerous flying sticks, brought about by the unleashing of violent tempers, was disgraceful, of course, and a blot, as it were, on the sport. In truth, it was little more than a cat fight and yet it was described by more than one of the onlookers near me as a glorious battle. It is that angle which interests me most.

It would be folly to cover up my own weaknesses and fail to admit that I jumped to my feet with the clamorous thousands, blood surging from the excitement of the conflict. My own primitive passions were aroused and yet a moment later, when cooler heads prevailed, a feeling of embarrassment was felt over the thrill enjoyed.

One fanatic who sat next to me resented the assertion that such a passionate display was a disgrace and should not be tolerated. Said he: "Scraps like that pack them in. It is an expression of the spirit which is back of the players in their keenness to win. Under the same circumstances you would have done the same thing." At the moment with excitement high no answer sounded conclusive and yet it was plain sophistry.

A Flash-Back to the Stone Age

It is true, no doubt, that the very roughness of the game and the chance for an occasional fight helps "to pack them in." It is true that the expression of competitive spirit appeals to the imagination. It is true, unfortunately, that I, like many others, have a temper, tripped on a hair-trigger, and would have joined in that fight with gleeful enthusiasm. But all this is only half the case and not the big half.

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Only the first assertion actually stands up. Surely competitive spirit and the urge to win can be expressed without a complete loss of temper and by taking the law in one's own hands. Then, too, it is illogical to judge the actions of others by one's own impulses. If so, man-made laws and the rules, of any game might as well be tossed aside and a running jump made back to the stone age.

Just An Unhappy Commentary

The panting shot of my companion must have made a hit as it has come back to me a number of times over the last few days. He said: "You say a fight like that is offensive and will hurt the game. Don't be silly. A fight like that helps the game. The fans love it."

Judging from the actions and the comment of the multitude, he is right and I am wrong. Still admitting my own thrill it is an unhappy commentary.

As has been pointed out by others, the officials were largely to blame for the outburst. They were there to enforce the plain rules against undue roughness, cross-checking and high stick carrying. They were so lenient, however, or better perhaps, so indifferent that they let the game get out of hand when a penalty or two or just a warning would have saved it from being turned into a common case of assault and battery.

SACRAMENTO, Calif., April 2—A Superior Court jury today convicted eight Sacramento Communists for "conspiracy to violate the Criminal Syndicalism Act." Probation was recommended for two of those convicted. Six of the fourteen defendants were freed.

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