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Greatest Derby Crowd Picks Many Favorites

Nearly Every Horse in Fast Field Goes to Post Carrying Many Wagers.

WHITNEY NAGS POPULAR

FAIR AND WARM. LOUISVILLE, May 7.—Derby day opened fairly well. A slight rain fell last night, but was not sufficient to change track conditions. Unless rains fall today the track was expected to be fast.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., May 7.—Dawnbreak this morning saw thousands of persons, many of whom had not been to bed last night, thronging the streets of Louisville—all with their eyes turned toward Churchill Downs, where this afternoon the forty-seventh annual Kentucky Derby was to run over the mile and a quarter course.

Louisville's accommodations proved utterly inadequate to the huge throng that poured into the city for the great classic of the turf. Private citizens opened their homes to utter strangers last night, yet despite this, many were unable to find a place to sleep.

It was estimated that more than 50,000 people would pay more than \$300,000 to watch the running of the race that annually attracts more attention than any other American stake.

LAST TRACK WAS PROMISED.

Indications this morning were that rain and darkness would be ideal. The forecast was for fair and warm weather. Some rain fell during the night, but not enough, experienced turfmen said, to spoil the track, which was expected to be fast.

A field of twelve horses appeared likely this morning. Fifteen nags had been entered, but two of these were withdrawn, these would be missing when the flag dropped. A smaller field than twelve was all in, but even so his hundreds of Dixieland followers carried him from the ring and showed that he was a favorite.

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The adherents of the Kalapa farm stable regarded Leonardo II as already in with the race. Leonardo had bad racing luck a year ago, but this had jolted him out of the favorite position for the Derby, yet there were wise ones whose money was down on the star.

COYNE POPULAR IN KENTUCKY.

Kentucky likely Coyne, a Louisville horse, and his backers him with their wagers. Behave Yourself, Ed Bradley entry; Tryster and Prudery, Harry Payne Whitney entry; Leonardo, Bob Homme, E. R. Simms (Kalapa Farm) entry.

LYNCH PROVES RIGHT TO TITLE

LOUISVILLE, May 7.—Joe Lynch is still the bantamweight boxing champion despite the efforts of southern ring critics to pick flaws in his prestige as a result of last night's twelve-round bout here with Paul Moore, Memphis boxer. Lynch's twelve-round score was Moore's was all in, but even so his hundreds of Dixieland followers carried him from the ring and showed that he was a favorite.

Like the favorite critics who watched the scrap were of the opinion that the Moore adherents were trying to "gum" the champion. There was no question about Lynch's superiority over the Moore this morning. True, Moore won a few of the rounds, but his punches were feathers like and did no damage. On the other hand, when Lynch hit, he hit.

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TOLEDO.

TOLEDO, May 7.—Two boxes from the same city will meet here Wednesday night, May 11, when Bryan Downey and Johnny Klesche of Cleveland are booked for a twelve-round no-decision bout at the Coliseum. The men are mid-dweights.

Horse Blue Bloods Supreme as Classic of Turf Is Staged

Sport of Kings Attracts Notables, Lesser Lights and Ordinary Folk.

BY JONATHAN BROOKS.

(Written for the United Press.)

LOUISVILLE, May 7.—Kings may be popular nowadays, but not the sport of kings. More people than this year's openers in the Kentucky Derby were in from every direction today to witness the running of the forty-seventh Kentucky Derby. They filled the hotel lobbies, the bars, the restaurants, the city to overflowing last night and this morning, and at noon they were crowding the spacious limits of Old Churchill Downs.

No kings were present, but common people in flivvers and uncommon people like J. L. Shubert, the minister from Venezuela, Oliver Harriman, the president of the New York Stock Exchange, and J. O'Brien, Tom Taggart and August Belmont, travelling in special cars, vied for seats and a standing room to watch the kingly sport, or for themselves or as the guests of such racing patrons as Harry Payne Whitney. But some others like the governor of Indiana, Warren E. G. Harding, and his wife, who had come to have business in Jeffersonville across the Ohio, and came on over for the race in the afternoon.

Nearly everybody in the great throngs known this morning what horse "should not lose." Among others that, according to the gossip, could not possibly win were the "Winkies," Prudery and Tryster, and Prudery and Leonardo II, a great cold sprinter. Careful, belonging to Walter J. Salmon and the only fully besides Prudery, was to start like a kid and heavily favored in the betting. Both Careful and Prudery were popular with race followers but both had a habit in that they could not run the mile and a quarter with colts and last long enough to win.

Fans Will Meet Champs of Today and Yesterday at Jack-Georges Battle

NEW YORK, May 7.—All the present boxing champions and four of Jack Dempsey's predecessors and seven who have been in the ring at Jack-Georges Battle, July 4, by Tex Rickard, promoter of the Dempsey-Carpenter fight.

Rickard said today that the invitations have been extended to many big fighters, Joe Lynch, bantam; Johnny Kilbane, featherweight; Benny Leonard, lightweight; Jack Britton, welterweight, and Johnny Wilson, middleweight champion; Jim Jeffries, Jim Corbett, and Battling Jimmy McLarnin.

The advance ticket sale for the big fight is 300 per cent. larger today than the one at Toledo on the same date two years ago.

Lease Wine First Block of Pocket Cue Match

Jimmy Lease, the ivory wizard of Terre Haute, Indiana, his state of pocket billiard champion last night when he defeated Gen. Henning, local champion, at the Claypool parlor. The score was: Lease, 10; Henning, 9. Lease was up four times, got four balls three times, was the fifth and stole second each time he got on.

On White House-Lawn

WASHINGTON, May 7.—The Davis cup defenders played on the White House tennis courts Friday afternoon before a large gallery of spectators, including the President and Mrs. Wilson.

William Riddle of Philadelphia, the American champion, defeated William Johnston, the Pacific coast star, in the first set, 6 to 4, and John Davis, of Illinois, in doubles against R. Norris Williams and Watson M. Washburn.

High Marks in Shoot

PELHAM MANOR, N. Y., May 7.—B. S. Donnelly, ex-Chicago champion, won the shoot preliminary to the sixteen annual amateur championship of America, hitting the targets over the traps of the New York Athletic Club Friday. He took the prize from a field of 100 gunners with the score of 194 out of a possible 200 targets.

Second prize went to G. S. Silkworth, New York amateur champion, with 193. G. S. McCarthy of Philadelphia, ex-national champion, had 192. The long run prize went to G. Osborn of Boston, with 123 straight kills.

MONMOUTH TAKES MEET.

MONMOUTH, Ill., May 7.—Monmouth was first in a triangular intercollegiate meet here Friday, with 49 points; Lombard placing second with 41, and Northwestern College of Naperville, third, with 28. Monmouth won the relay.

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ED HAVIE, Jr., of New York, is writing for the American, and I'm leaving with the greatest confidence and earnestness that I have ever felt before a contest.

I know my fight against Jack Dempsey will be the greatest of my career and I'm going into it in better condition than I have ever been before in my life.

Through my contest with Joe Beckett the world's title will have ended in since then I know that he overcame any physical relapses that might have re-

gotten from my four years in the army. I am back in real fighting trim and in addition, superior strength and endurance.

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