

MATE AND SUN MEADOW TOP CHOICES IN \$50,000 DERBY

15 Named for Test

Bostwick Colt is 2 to 1;
Spanish Play Third Favorite.

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CHICAGO, June 20.—Mate, Sun Meadow and Spanish Play were the favored contenders for the Twenty-third running today of the \$50,000 added American Derby, notorious for its long-shot winners.

Many in crowd of nearly 30,000, which gathered at Washington park today, remember how Reveille Boy beat Gallant Knight, the favorite, by four lengths last year and paid \$113.08 for each \$2 mutuel ticket. In 1929 it was Windy City which upset the favorite, while in 1928 Toreo triumphed over the favored Mississ. Hydromel won in 1927 and Boot-to-Boot in 1926.

Three Are Doubtful

Inaugurated in 1884 the American Derby was once the country's most famous thoroughbred race, but it was suspended from 1904 to 1926 when racing was outlawed in Illinois.

Fifteen 3-year-olds, fourteen colts and one filly, were named overnight to go to the post at 4:25 central standard time, but three of them, Royal Ruffin, Don Leon and Sunny Lassie, the lone filly, were considered doubtful starters.

With the field reduced to twelve, the gross value of the race would be \$56,700, and the winner would receive \$46,700 and a silver trophy worth \$2,500. The distance is a mile and a quarter.

Two Stars Absent

The nation's classiest 3-year-olds, with the exception of Twenty Grand and Sweep All, were among the entries. Twenty Grand failed to accept the nomination after winning the Belmont stakes last week. Sweep All, second to Twenty Grand in the Kentucky Derby, bowed tendon in a trial race Tuesday and probably will be laid up the rest of the year.

Mate, carrying top weight of 126 pounds, ruled a 2-1 favorite largely because of solid backing from the east. Sun Meadow, which finished second to Twenty Grand in the Belmont stakes and beat Jamestown, was a second choice at 5-2. Spanish Play carried the hopes of the west and was third choice at 6-1.

Babe Ruth Says

ST. LOUIS, June 20.—I have received a number of letters recently concerning my pennant predictions of a month ago. You may remember that I picked the Brooklyn Robins to win in the National League and the Yankees to finish in front in the American.

I have not given up either of these predictions, but neither has been done as well up to this time as I had hoped for, but there still about three and one-half months to go and much can happen in that time. Either of these clubs will have a tough time because the Cardinals and the Mackmen have jumped away to such a good start. But these early successes are no guarantee of such high class play all through the season.

Just think what happened a year ago. The Cardinals spent most of the month of June down in fourth place, while Brooklyn was out in front, with Chicago second and New York third. Few people then would have picked Street's team to finish ahead of the three clubs then out in front, but when world series time arrived those same Cardinals were representing the National League.

In our league, the A's were never very far out of the lead last year though Washington and Cleveland managed to out them for a few days. On the returns to date, there is no disputing that the A's and Cardinals have outplayed all the other teams in their leagues, but you know hitters have slumps, pitchers lose their effectiveness and teams sometimes go bad. And then these hot days and double-headers may prove the downfall of some teams lacking in endurance.

IT is going to be a very tough fight in the National League. The reason is that the teams are nearer an equal in playing strength.

In our league, the A's lose very few games to the western clubs. Whether they are making a trip through the west or playing these clubs on their home field, the Mackmen seem to have little difficulty.

Last year they won sixty-two games and lost only twenty-six to the combined four western teams, and this year they are having even greater success against these clubs. The A's recently made a tour out that way and did not lose a game. Whatever trouble they run into is found in their games with eastern rivals.

In the National League the Cardinals have no group of clubs which they can beat so regularly. When they come east they find trouble in New York and Brooklyn, and now they also have the Braves to bother them. In the west there is strength in Chicago and also in Pittsburgh. One club in each group does not come up to the normal but a National League club has no real breathing spell whether playing against either the east or the west. I look for the Pirates to go getting soon and show something closer to their form of a year ago.

Pitching is the answer to the present positions of the 1930 champions of the two leagues. Both the A's and the Cardinals have been batting quite a few points under their figures of a year ago but good pitching has more than made up for the difference in stickwork. Grove, Walberg and Earsaw have done so well on the mound that the A's did not require any great hitting and scoring to win their games. Grimes, Haines and Hallahan have been featuring for the Cardinals, and Derringer, a newcomer to the league, also has been quite helpful.

WARTSLER AT SECOND

Shano Collins, manager of the Red Sox, who has been experimenting a great deal at second base to find some one who could play the position acceptably, placed Rabbit Wartslar, originally a shortstop, at that bag, and the former Indianapolis hero made good quickly, in sensational style.

Wykoff Victor Over Canadian Sprint Ace



U. S. C. Star Equals Century Mark; Williams Is Poor Fourth.

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MIAMI VALLEY GOLF CLUB, DAYTON, O., June 20.—Frank Wykoff of the University of Southern California, ranked today as the unofficial world's 100-yard dash champion after a thrilling victory over Percy Williams of Canada in a pre-Olympic meet in the coliseum Friday night.

Running against Williams in a field of seven starters, Wykoff never was headed as he sprinted to the tape in 9.5 seconds, equaling the official world's mark held by Eddie Tolan of Michigan. He was 1-10 of a second short of his own unrecognized world mark.

Wykoff was pushed for seventy-five yards by Emmet Toppling, Loyola of New Orleans, who finished second. Cy Leland, former Texas A. and M. sprinter, ran for the Olympic Club of San Francisco and finished third.

Williams, contrary to expectations, trailed badly and was barely able to finish fourth.

The race rounded out a season of victories for Wykoff and stamped him as the leading candidate for dash honors in the 1932 Olympic games, to be held in Los Angeles.

Another personal victory went to Vic Williams, also of U. S. C., when he beat Ben Eastman, his Stanford rival, by three feet in a special 440-yard run. Williams' time was 48.4.

The meet, a preview of what Los Angeles may expect in 1932, was brilliantly staged and included, in addition to other track and field events, wrestling, boxing, tumbling and polo.

Approximately 50,000 persons, including several motion picture stars, were attracted to the stadium.

HARVARD BEATS YALE

By United Press

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Cubs Display Old-Time Power in Opening Tilts of Eastern Tour

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NEW YORK, June 20.—Fears that the Chicago Cubs, after a rather unimpressive home stand, would see their 1931 National League pennant hopes fade on their current eastern invasion, apparently were groundless.

With Manager Rogers Hornsby back in the lineup, recovered from a hitting slump, the Cubs have displayed their old time power in the

BASEBALL CALENDAR

By United Press

AUBURN, N. Y., June 20.—Miss Loretta Turnbull, Monrovia, Cal., outboard driving star, was resting comfortably at the city hospital today despite her injuries, received Friday on Lake Skaneateles when she was struck from her boat, Sunkit Kidd.

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St. Louis Cardinals increased their leadership in the National to four full contests by whipping the Boston Braves, 11 to 3 Pittsburgh won from New York, holders of second place, 4 to 1. The Cardinals got to Selboid for six runs in the first three innnings and allowed Bill Hallahan to coast to victory, his fourth consecutive win.

Clarence Mitchell gave the Pirates only five hits, but four of them came in the first innning and netted as many runs while Remy Kremer was keeping the six out batters well scattered. The 4 to 1 triumph snuffed the Bucs' nine-game losing streak and a string of six victories for the pennant.

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