

TALKING IT OVER

BY JOE WILLIAMS

NEW YORK, March 2.—Pictures are beginning to flutter in showing horses in preliminary gymnastics for the Grand National which is to be run this month. To many people the Grand National has something to do with a cash register. To others it means something quite different.

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Be that as it may, there is no other race in the country that is as the Grand National. It is twice as long as the average horse race, a circumstance which makes the matter of speed even more important. It has been said that any horse that can win the Grand National can win the National, and the records prove this to be so.

Do you have a Battling Nelson horse? If you have a chance. Generally, the horses are grotesquely large. Twenty-five to a hundred million dollars is the estimate. A horse a year ago. Three years ago there were only six starters. At Belmont, the boys think twelve is a crowded field in any kind of a race.

ASK you to try to picture sixty horses—or even forty—getting away from the post in a group, running on the flat for a furlong or so and then arriving, more or less en masse, at a thorn fence four feet, six inches in height, at which precise moment they go soaring eerily into the air, either to clear the barrier or to fall in a twisted, squirming heap.

I mean, even if you haven't seen Frankenstein, you know what I mean! And what happens? Before the race has scarcely started half of the horses are out of the race, some of them with life quite possibly a rider or two lie still, lifeless on the track.

The average pay off price for winners is \$10 to 1, which would seem to indicate that the horse is not worth much.

Many classics, including the Derby, Pimlico, Preakness and Belmont Stakes, pay that much. In fact, it is not uncommon for 100 to 1 shots to win the National.

It is the 1932 Grand National, and Gresham repeated the following spring.

Many legends have grown up around the Grand National, the legend of the particular brook. He was well up among the leaders when a thundering cavalcade was bringing him at 100 to 1.

Murphy tells us: "A moment of thought and he dove like a mermaid into the water. The water was cold, the field thundered over his head, spurred on by the roar of the spectators, the amiable colors of the racing, the arrival of the connoisseurs of brandy. Imagine the being doused in cold water and no brandy!"

BEEDING does not necessarily be token class. Indeed, breeding seems to have very little to do with the issue. One of the early winners, a beetle named Matthew, became a favorite because some dame let it be known that she visualized his triumph in a dream. She had eaten heavily of chicken la king the night before.

Many National winners have come from the slums of horseville. A compact little horse named "Red" had won the course in 9:57 1/2. It established a record up to that time. Being a compact, it pleased me to learn that Red El-Kader's mommy was a shrewsbury coach man who was purchased for twenty smackers.

So say I. The National, no pay attention to form, done or otherwise, is a great breeding ground for the amateur. Pick out a number, multiply by 100, and you have in Bind Crosby. You'll be just as well off. Even if you'd rather hear Kate Smith.

TRIBE HEADS PREDICT BIG YEAR FOR CAMPBELL

Vet Hurler Hopes to Win Fifteen Tilts; Arm Injury Worries Riddle

Bulldogs in Indoor Meet

Peppery Backstop Hampered by Kink in Throwing Wing, and Trainer Al Ritter Fears Chipped Bone as Result of 1931 Accident.

BY EDDIE ASH
Times Sports Editor

SARASOTA, Fla., March 2.—Complete satisfaction with the progress of spring training to date was the verdict passed out following the two drills staged by the Indians on Tuesday down here on the Florida west coast.

The Kazoos defeated the Bulldogs at Kalamazoo recently and Coach Herman Phillips hopes to even the score. The meet will be free of admission.

BILL TILDEN BEATEN

By Times Special
BLOOMINGTON, Ind., March 2.—Firing placements to all sections of the court, Hans Hausein, Polish net star, defeated big Bill Tilden, 6-2 and 6-4 in an indoor professional tennis exhibition here Tuesday night. Albert Burke, French star, defeated Roman Najuch, German player, 7-5 and 6-4.

Tick On Looms as Chief Derby Threat to Top Flight

Editor's Note—This is the second of a series discussing the records of the leading nominees for the Kentucky Derby.

BY THOMAS H. NOONE
United Press Racing Editor

NEW YORK, March 2.—Mrs. Louis C. Kaufman's Loma stable has a strong Kentucky Derby breeding. One of Tick On's best races was in the Pimlico futurity. He did not win that rich stake, but gave the Whitney filly the race of her career and trailed her by only a neck after a whirlwind finish.

Trainer Max Hirsch and Jockey Pete Walls were so firmly convinced Tick On could master Top Flight that a challenge for a match race was issued immediately following the futurity. Tom Healey, boss of the Whitney stable, declined to race the filly any more until she had passed her third milestone and both youngsters were shelved for the winter. Thus, the Derby promises to be a duel between these two.

A recent visit to the winter quarters of Tick On at Belmont Park revealed the fact that Tick On weathered the winter in great shape. He stands sixteen hands high, weighs about a thousand pounds and has a jet black coat as smooth as silk.

Commuter

By United Press
CHICAGO, March 2.—Billy Sullivan, son of the famous White Sox catcher of a generation ago, will be the first "week-end player" in modern baseball.

Sullivan, third baseman last year for the White Sox, will not join the team on a full-time basis until mid-May when he completes a law course at Notre Dame.

Between the opening of the season in April and school closing, however, Sullivan will be on the Sox roster during week-ends, commuting from South Bend to Chicago.

Franklin in Final Fray

By Times Special

FRANKLIN, Ind., March 2.—Coach Griz Wagner's Franklin college five winds up its 1931-32 not season here tonight in a return engagement with the Ball Teachers college cagers. It is reported Brewster, Franklin center, will be unable to play. The tilt will be the final one in college competition for Tom Downey and Bud Surface, well-known Grizzly athletes, who graduate in the spring.

FRITZ CRISLER SPEAKER

New Princeton Coach Scores Non-Scouting Agreement With Yale.

By United Press

PRINCETON, N. J., March 2.—Herbert O. (Fritz) Crisler, Princeton university's new football coach, attacked the non-scouting football agreement between Yale and Princeton in his first address following his arrival Tuesday from Minnesota.

Crisler declared "such a system creates suspicion and should be abolished for the good of the game."

The new coach spoke at a luncheon given in his honor by the Princeton Athletic Association.

Defend A. A. U. Net Title

By United Press

ST. AUGUSTINE, Fla., March 2.—With the qualifying medal safely won, Miss Virginia Van Wie of Chicago was ready to toe off today against Mrs. Joe Holisinger of Gainesville, Fla., on the first round of match play in the Florida east coast golf championship.

Sammy Slaughter, Terre Haute Negro middleweight and state champion, made short work of Chick Rains, Muskogee, Okla., sub-

stituting on short notice for Dave Shade. A right-hand body punch ended the affair in the fourth round after Rains had been down for nine counts in the second, third and fourth frames. Rains landed a few solid punches, but appeared out of condition and unable to take 'em. He was reeling around the ring from hard right-hand wallops most of the time.

Lowline, local lightweight, also won by his even more early, stopping Ray Palmer of St. Louis in the second round. Palmer went down for a nine count, came up a couple of times before the third round.

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