



By Eddie Ash
GRAND NATIONAL MOST TRYING
RACE OF FOUR MILES, 31 JUMPS

THE Grand National Steeplechase is to be run over the perilous Aintree course at Liverpool, England, next Friday. It's the tops of endurance events on the horse race calendar and any bangtail that finishes is entitled to an extra sack of choice oats. The distance is four miles, 856 yards, and added to this most trying distance are the hazards consisting of 31 jumps.

The jumps range from four to five and one half feet and the classic usually is marred by bad spills injuring both jockeys and horses. You often see flashes of the spectacular falls in the news reels. The Grand National is 97 years old and draws one of the largest crowds on record.

The biggest field was in 1929 when 66 horses went postward. At the finish, however, only a few still were galloping. Owing to the hazards and distance luck plays a heavy part in the event, probably as much as staying qualities and ability to clear the many jumps.

Thirty-seven have been named for this year's "Grand" and six American-owned are included. Twenty-seven faced the barrier in 1935. Reynoldstown won last year's renewal and Golden Miller copped in 1934. Both have accepted the issue again. Best-liked American-owned horse is Pete Bodwick's Castle Irwell, which the young sportsman will ride. Bagatelle 2d is the lone American-bred jumper in the race.

IN an exhibition tilt the other day between the Pirates and Cubs, played at San Antonio, the Bruins won, 4-0, but failed to touch Jack Tising, former Indianapolis hurler, trying out with Pittsburgh. Jack worked three innings, struck out four Bruins and held them hitless and runless.

BOB KESSLER, Purdue basketball ace and leading scorer in the Big Ten, will be heard on the air this evening. He is to be interviewed by Andre Carlson, WIRE sports commentator, at 5:45. Kessler is slated to play in the all-star game at the Armory tonight when former Purdue netters and Purdue seniors battle a team made up of Notre Dame seniors. Kessler is more or less "everybody's choice" as all-America forward.

A flock of geese flew over Indianapolis and headed northwest the other day. And they were in tenpin formation. Maybe that was a salute to the A. B. C.

BABE RICKO, middleweight boxing champion, is a "win or lose" fighter and when he's in action the fans get their money's worth. His fight "platform" is: "I don't want to fight a draw. I want to win or lose and I hope my opponents feel the same way about it." He was knocked out some time ago in an over-weight non-title go by Jack McAvoy. The Babe is a former sailor.

Leroy Haynes, the latest Negro heavyweight "sensation," was born in Fort Wayne, Ind., but reared in Los Angeles. He has lost two fights, both to Al Ettore. He is a murderous puncher, but needs a lot of rough edges knocked off his fashion of sparring. His quick win over Primo Camera has placed him in line to fight for fat purses.

UNTIL this year, as far as Pitcher Dick Coffman was concerned, the entire American League consisted of St. Louis and Washington. His first major league job was with the Senators, who traded him to the Browns. Later St. Louis traded him back to Washington, and still later the Nats returned him to the Mount City. He's with the Giants now.

When night baseball time rolls around in Indianapolis this year Monday and Friday will be "ladies' nights" and Tuesday and Thursday will be "bank nites."

MICKEY COCHRANE, boss of the Tigers, has ordered Schoolboy Rowe to lay off sinkers and floaters and stick to straight pitching, fast ball and curve. "He'll be the greatest in the league this year," says Mickey the Mike. "He's through experimenting."

Now Arkansas has a derby and it will be run at Oaklawn, Hot Springs, Saturday. That's the horse track with a glass-enclosed, steam-heated grandstand, which makes it possible for the customers to lose their money in comfort.

HOOSIER PUG DEFEATED

CHICAGO, March 20. — Ladie Slake, South Bend (Ind.) scrapper was outboxed by Bob Tew, Alexandria (Va.) heavyweight, here last night in a slow six-round match.

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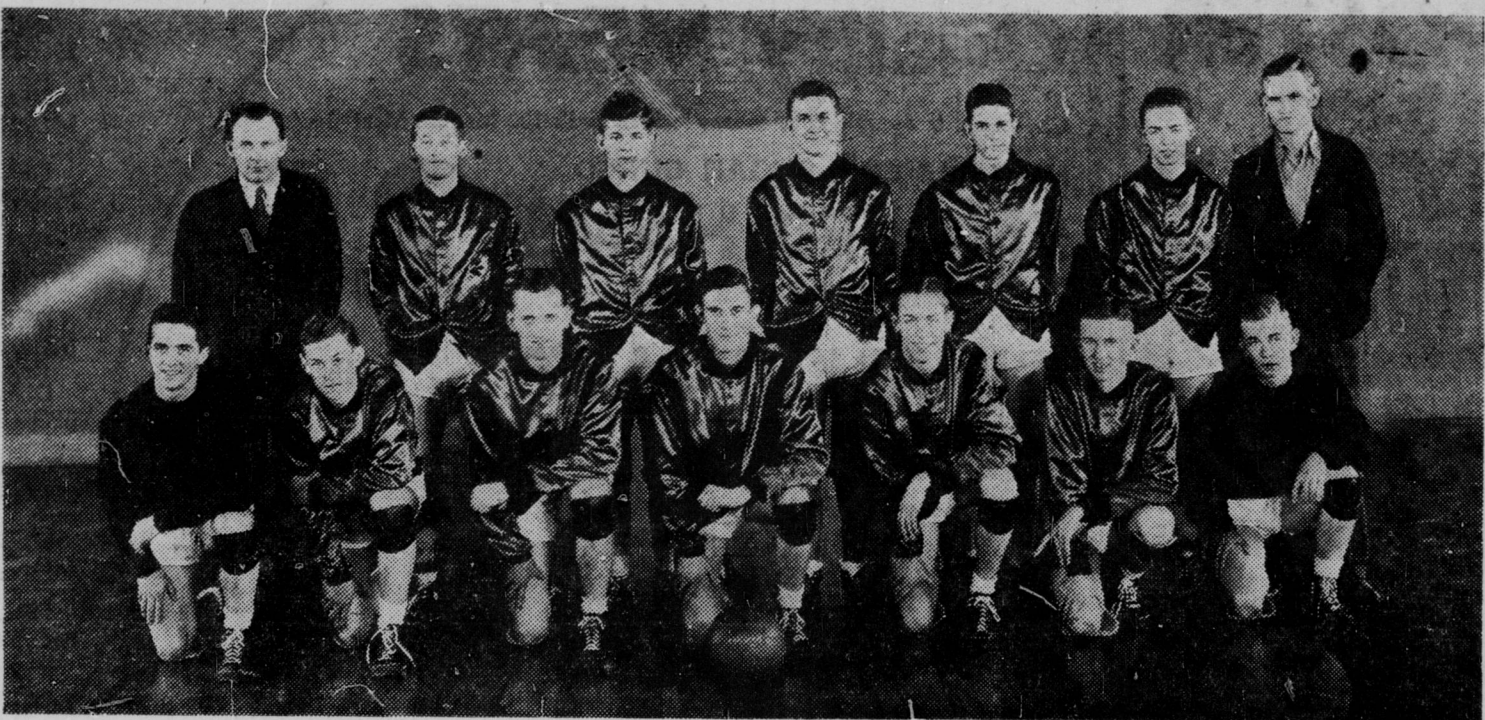
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Serenaded by Seals

During the Chicago Cubs' spring training on Catalina Island the night watchman of their hotel had extra work. It consisted of driving off the barking seals that upset the players' sleep.

CONFERENCE TEAMS DOMINATE TOURNEY

Shelby Bears on Deck at Tech Gym Tomorrow



Standing, Left to Right—Coach J. Wendell (Ike) Ballard, James (Chizzy) Buchanan, Gergory Ricke, Ed Page, Louis Lawson, George Means, Manager Glen Murphy. Front Row—Claude Hendricks, Fred Wagner, Bill Bird, Kenneth Ray, Phil Gutting, Francis (Frammy) Ray and George Byland.

Five North Central Teams Threaten to Collect Titles in 3 Semi-Finals Tomorrow

Trio of Southern League Members to Battle Martinsville in Downstate Basket Warfare; Northern Loopers in Running at Gary.

While the North Central Conference, as usual, has most to shout about in the way of members reaching the grand round of 16, the Southern Indiana Conference has a bit of an accomplishment to talk about, too. Five North Central teams survived the regional and today await the semi-finals of the state high school basketball tournament. Three members of the Southern loop also are tapering off today for tomorrow's "semi" battles. Perhaps experience has nothing to do with a case like this, but it should be noticed that the North Central was organized several years ago while the Southern league came into existence in 1934.

Meet Here Draws Collegiate Matmen

Big A. A. U. Event Regarded as Olympic Tryout.

Wrestlers from Purdue, Indiana and Indiana State as well as approximately 30 cities in Indiana and Kentucky are to participate in the A. A. U. mat tourney at the Indianapolis Y. M. C. A. March 28. A large number of champions and runners-up have entered the meet which is an Olympic tryout affair. The matches will be witnessed by Coach W. H. Thom of Indiana who is to coach the United States Olympic team at Berlin.

DUSEK DOWNS CHRISTY

WASHINGTON, March 20.—Ernie Dusek, Omaha heavyweight grappler, used a flying tackle to bring down Vic Christy of Glendale, Cal., after 43 minutes of wrestling here last night.

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BLACK INTERESTED IN LOUIS-ROSENBLUM GO

By United Press
LOS ANGELES, March 20.—Prospects for a Joe Louis-Maxie Rosenbloom fight in Los Angeles this summer appeared bright today as the Brown Bomber's manager wired a group attempting to stage the bout that he was interested in their offer.

Julian Black, the manager, said that he would give an offer of a \$40,000 guarantee "every consideration" if it held good after Louis fought Max Schmeling.

Galaxy of Track Greats Ready to Compete for Butler Relay Laurels

BY HARRISON MILLER

It's Jesse Owens & Co. vs. Michigan's foursmen when Butler University goes "big town" tomorrow night with its indoor track carnival at the fieldhouse. Count on Indiana's corps of distance runners to make a three-way scramble for top honors and such squads as Penn State, Pittsburgh, Notre Dame, Michigan State and Purdue to disrupt the best laid plans of the favorites.

Ohio State finished second in the total point standing last year with 28½, just six less than the twice-winning Michigan squad. Owens paced the field with record-breaking performances in the dash and low hurdle events. The broad jump is inserted in the program this year for the first time, and the Buckeye Negro holds the world record in that event.

Another Negro Flash
Conceding Owens 15 points in his three specialty events, the advantage is still with the Hoosiers and Wolverines. The top payoff for individual events is 5 points. The honors in the relay events are graduated downward from 10 points for the winner.

Catch Larry Snyder has uncovered another Negro flash at Ohio State, Dave Albritton, who not only is favored to win the high jump, but set a new fieldhouse record. Charles Beetham, one of the fastest 880-yard runners in the nation, will bear the burden of carrying the baton in several of the relay races. Beetham will anchor the Buckeye two-mile group which flashed to a new mark here last year. It is in that event that Penn State's crack quartet is entered.

"Cut-throat competition" looms in the other relay events. Michigan, winner of the mile and four-mile contests in 1935, brings almost the same combinations this season. The band of Wolverine quarter-milers relayed the baton over the mile distance at the Big Ten meet last week in 3:21. The record held here is 3:26.5. Fred Silles, Harvey Patton, Frank Aikens and Stan Birleson will carry the stick.

Collier May Break In
Sam Stoller of Michigan, last week equalled Owens' world-record time of 6.1 seconds in the Big Ten and may cut into Ohio's total in the sprint. Bob Collier, fleet Indiana dashman, also is slated for points in that event.

Indiana has four outstanding distance runners—Don Lash, Duke Hobbs, Tom Decker and Jimmie Smith, who will be seen in the four-mile and two-mile relay races. Collier will join three of them in the medley event.

Purdue, paced chiefly by Moore and Glendinning, will make a bid in the longer relays.

In the individual events, the hurdle races stand out as the best exhibits on the program. Dan Caldemeyer, 1935 champion in the high timber event, will have a tough job giving Indiana those five points again. Bob Osgood of Michigan, chased him to the tape in the Big Ten meet and Larry Holmes of Butler has been brushing the obstacles in world-record time.

Holmes, Owens, Laskey of Pittsburgh and Oliver of Miami head the field in the 60-yard low hurdle events. The world records in both hurdle events were established at Butler in 1934.

Don Elser of Notre Dame, holder of the shot put mark, is favored to repeat tomorrow night. He bettered his Butler distance of 48 feet 9½ inches last week in the Central Conference Intercollegiate meet.

Class Coming From Kansas
The class of the college relay events will come from Kansas. The two Kansas State Teachers schools from Emporia and Pittsburg again will hold the limelight. Emporia won the college mile and two-mile events last year, and Butler captured the medley arrangement. Western State of Kalamazoo also is a contender.

Ex-Purdue, Irish Players Hook Up

Kautskys to Test Seniors at Armory Tonight.

Boilermaker hardwood stars who have contributed to Purdue's brilliant record in the Western Conference in recent years and seniors of the Irish squad which engraved Notre Dame's record this year are to match talent tonight at the Armory at 8:30.

With the exception of George Chestnut, former Indiana Stater who will be at center for the Kautskys, the squad is composed of ex-members of Conference champion teams. Bob Kessler, who neared the all-time Big Ten scoring record this season, joins two other all-America aces, Johnny Wooden and Norm Cotton, in the lineup. Ed Shaver is the fifth member.

The Notre Dame lineup includes Johnny Ford, ex-Cathedral star; Marty Peters, George Ireland, Johnny Hopkins, Frank Wade and Mickey O'Kane.

Inland Container and Crown Products will play the preliminary starting at 7:30.

Ross May Defend Title in Australia

By United Press

CHICAGO, March 20. — Barney Ross, world's welterweight champion, and Jack Carroll, champion of Australia, have agreed to terms for a title match in Australia next November, Sam Plan, one of Ross' managers, announced today. Plan said he talked to Charles Lucas, Carroll's manager, over trans-Pacific telephone yesterday and he agreed to guarantee Ross \$45,000 for the match and \$5000 expenses. The fight probably will be held at Sydney, Australia.

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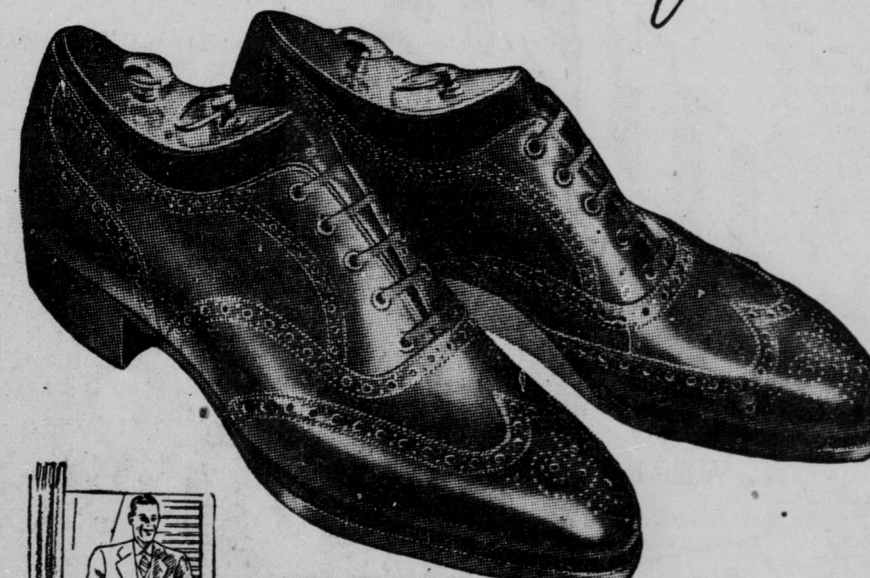
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