



### Exterminator Called "Old Bones" of American Turf; Is Considered the Greatest Gelding of Any Age

By FRANK G. MENKE.

The mighty and spectacular fight which Exterminator made through 1922 to eclipse the winning record of Man o' War failed—and failed just at a time when it seemed that the goal had been reached for the wonderful gelding.

In all turf history there has been no horse like Exterminator—none with a career so romantic, none with the superlative gameness of him and none with an appearance that so amazingly belied his greatness.

They've called him "Old Bones" through the years—called him that because of his ungainly, awkward, almost misshapen appearance. The casual observer sees in the conformation of the greatest gelding of any age, a horse which looks more like a buggy puller or a laundry wagon slave than a swiftness of foot.

Only those who study race horses in the minutest detail—study every line, every bone and every muscle ever concede that there is the thoroughbred about him. And it's because there was such a man back in 1918 that Willis Sharpe Kilmer came into possession of the horse which seems certain to smash all existing win records for an American race horse.

Kilmer set his heart and soul upon winning the Kentucky derby of that year. His dependency was the fleet Sun Briar. But a few days before the classic was run Sun Briar went wrong and had to be tossed out of training.

Good Runners Scarce. Then Kilmer began a frantic search for some great 3-year-old to carry his colors. But everywhere he went the "nothing doing" placard was flapped in his face. Everyone that had a great 3-year-old intended to run him in the derby in his own colors.

At this moment, when everything looked black for Kilmer's hopes, a friend came forward and said: "I know where you can get a great gelding. He never did much as a 2-year-old and he looks more like a plow horse than a race horse. But I've looked him over—examined every inch of him. And I think he's a world beater."

"What do you want for him?" asked Kilmer. "Ten thousand dollars," was the answer. "The owner is asking that big figure now because he thinks there's a demand for a good 3-year-old. He probably thinks he's asked a lot at that. But if he knew the horse as I know him he wouldn't let him loose for \$50,000. My advice is buy him. His name is Exterminator."

Exterminator Won. Kilmer did. And Exterminator won the derby. That was the start. No one knows when the end will come. Maybe 1922 has marked the end of the veteran's greatness. But most likely he will carry on as a wonder horse through 1923—and into 1924. Nothing so far has seemed too great or too impossible.

The pathetic thing about Exterminator is that the only accident this iron horse ever suffered in his career came at a time when superlative condition would have enabled him to beat the mark for earnings which Man o' War claims for himself.

Just prior to the running of the Pimlico cup race, a \$25,000 stake event, staged in November, Exterminator wrenched a shoulder in training. It was still in bad shape on race day but Kilmer, extremely anxious to have Exterminator beat Man o' War's record, sent him to the post anyway.

And Exterminator was beaten—badly. Maybe the bad shoulder was the prime cause. Perhaps the real reason was the miserable ride given him by a substitute jockey who was placed aboard because Exterminator's regular jockey was injured.

Great Horse Was Stale. There still remained the \$10,000 Bowie cup to be raced for on Thanksgiving day. An effort was made to shape the gallant old gelding for it. But he had staid off a bit in his training and his shoulder was still giving trouble.

So he was retired for the year—as he was on the threshold of the hall of fame for race horses.

The year ended with Exterminator's winning mark at \$244,294—as against \$249,465 for Man o' War.

Man o' War ran only two seasons. He earned about \$93,000 in his 2-year-old debut. His regular purse winnings in his second year of racing were about \$81,000. That made a total of only a little more than \$174,000. And that's where Man o' War would have stopped if it hadn't been for the match race with Sir Barton.

Made Plenty Money. The horse affair, won by Man o' War, added \$7,500 to his total and made the grand mark of \$249,465.

Man o' War only had to run 21 races during his career and gallop for only two seasons to win his \$249,465. He won more in that single match race than Exterminator has in any single season. Likewise, while Man o' War was winning \$93,000 in his first year as a racer, Exterminator won less than \$2,500.

Exterminator didn't get his real start until after he passed his 3-year-old form. Man o' War, by that time, had earned his \$249,465 and had gone into retirement.

The great-stout-hearted gelding had won \$173,129 up to the start of 1922. In 73 trips to the post he had won 36 firsts, 15 seconds and 13 thirds.

In 1922, racing as a 7-year-old—an age presumably beyond the prime of a race horse—he turned up a single season earning for himself. By gathering in 19 firsts, a second and a third he made his winnings for the year \$21,075.

Exterminator needs to win less than \$6,000 in 1923 to pass Man o' War. And though he retired in semi-crippled condition this season, it's about 100 to 1 that he'll rally for again in 1923—and before the season is really under way, go beyond the \$25,000 mark—and so gather unto himself the laurels which his amazing gameness so richly deserves.

Braves Sell Pitcher. Boston, Dec. 12.—The sale at Pitches of a Boston Braves pitcher to the Beaumont (Tex.) club was announced today by President Grant.

### Gene Tunney Is Overlooked by Promoters

Omaha Bee Leased Wire. New York, Dec. 12.—During the process of picking an opponent for Jack Dempsey, it seems that most of the folks have overlooked Gene Tunney, the big Greenwich village kid who has been knocking them over in great shape during the last six months. They never gave Gene a chirp, while they shouted for Harry Wills, Bill Brennan, Jess Willard and all the other members of the gang, but nary a peep for the former A. E. F. champion.

Tunney is rapidly growing into the heavyweight division and his manager, Doc Bagley, thinks that the young Irishman will be about ripe for the champion in another year. As a matter of fact, the "Doc" said today that he would let his boy take a shot at Dempsey in less than a year. Tunney is 24 years old and in his last fight with Charley Weinert, weighed 178 pounds.

### Sanford President of Elmwood Club

C. C. Sanford was elected president of the Elmwood Park golf club at a meeting of the board of directors of the organization held last night. Harry Howley was chosen vice-president, while John N. Crawford was elected secretary. George A. Eckles will take care of the club's finances, while W. E. Hall was chosen chairman of the membership committee. J. H. Halpine, Jr., is the chairman of the greens committee and Frank T. Johnson chairman of the house committee.

### Gibbons and Miske Will Box to Decision

Tom Gibbons and "Billy" Miske, St. Paul heavyweights will box to a decision when they meet here Friday night in a scheduled ten round bout, according to an announcement by athletic officials here.

### Cambridge Beats Oxford

Twickenham, England, Dec. 12.—Cambridge defeated Oxford, 21 to 8, today in the annual rugby match. King George and numerous members of the peerage were among the 20,000 spectators.

### Present Hilltop Grid Mentor Hands in His Resignation

Coach "Mac" Baldridge of the Creighton university football team has resigned as coach at the Hilltop school, according to an announcement made last night by Creighton officials.

### It Happened in Baseball

The least number of home runs made by a major league club in one season can be credited to the Washington team of 1917. In that year the Senators made only four home runs—Judge S. Morgan, I. Messersmith, and two others.

### BRINGING UP FATHER



### Christy Mathewson's Major League Pitching Record

Table with columns: Year, Club, League, G, W, L, Pct, H, BB, SO. Lists Mathewson's record from 1901 to 1917.

### French Boxing Federation to Permit Siki-Carp Bout

Paris, Dec. 12.—The French boxing federation announces that it is ready to authorize a fight between "Batling" Siki and Georges Carpentier under the following conditions: "The receipts must go to the aid of some fund of national importance; the contest must be organized by the federation and financially controlled by representatives of the fund; all monies collected, including the sums from photographic and moving picture rights, shall be paid over to the fund. The only deductions permitted will be for rent of the hall, unless, as is hoped, the hall will be given free, and the expenses of attendants."

### Hot News From Jack and Jack

Los Angeles, Dec. 12.—Jack Dempsey, world heavyweight champion, is ready to meet Jess Willard, former champion "any time or place within the next 48 hours or six months," if Willard can interest a legitimate promoter in the match, Jack Kearns, the champion's manager, announced here today.

### Do you know that

That John Lester Johnson won a popular election over Jess Dempsey before the latter became champion? That Harry Krohn fought 27 times from January 1, 1922, to September 18 of the same year? In that time he was knocked out twice and was shamed most of the other times.

### Pirates Obtain Option on Pitcher Boehler

Pittsburgh, Pa., Dec. 12.—The Pittsburgh Pirates have obtained an option on George Boehler, pitcher of the Tulsa Western League club, it was announced tonight. Boehler won 40 games and lost 14 with Tulsa last season.

### Gophers to Play Cyclones

Minneapolis, Dec. 12.—Minnesota will open its 1923 football schedule with Iowa State (Ames) at Minneapolis, the director of athletics of the Gopher institution announced today.

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### WITHE THE PUGS



### Husker Coach Cuts String of Basketeers

Lincoln, Dec. 12.—(Special Telegram)—With a week's intensive practice behind it, the Nebraska basketball squad is rounding into shape. More than 40 candidates have been working out every night under the direction of Coach Owen Frank, and prospects for a winning team were never better. The first string was cut to 22 men Monday and the varsity will practice at different hours. The men included in the varsity as it now stands: Captain Warren Coder, R. Dewitz, Lowart, Holland, Klimes, Riddles, Burger, Sommers, M. Tipton, Hoy, Usher, Curman, Bennett, Eastbrooks, Goodson, Johnson, Lantz, Scott, Kohl, P. Tipton, Wyman, Volk.

### First Baptist Team Wins Fast Game

The First Baptist quintet won from the Parkside five in the fastest game of a four-game basketball program staged last night at the "Y" in the Class "B" church league. The second half was the most exciting, the lead changing hands frequently. The final score was 14 to 11.

### "Run" Marr Sold

Norfolk, Neb., Dec. 12.—(Special Telegram)—Manager "Run" Marr of the Norfolk State league club, who came here from the Sioux City Western league, has been sold to Springfield, Mo. as pinner manager, it was announced here today.

### Bowling Notes

The 300 class had many recruits last night. The following bowlers rolled 200 or over: Halchow, 214; Struve, 232; Norwald, 201; Tevlinson, 230; Kline, 212; and W. W. 204, 207 and 205.

### Fastest Humans in America Are Asked to Compete in Big Meet

Omaha Bee Leased Wire. New York, Dec. 12.—Invitations have been extended to 12 of the best sprinters in America to compete in the three special sprint races in the Wilco A. A. games at the 13th regiment armory, Brooklyn, on February 16.

### Billiard Tourney

In the afternoon match of the state billiard tourney, which is being staged at the Under the Sun billiard parlors, Struve defeated McCoy, 250 to 214. Struve's high run was 20 while McCoy's was 20.

### Will Compete Abroad

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Little Rock, Ark., Dec. 12.—Charles Retrop, champion of the middleweight wrestling title, last night won his final match here against Mike Vay of Salt Lake City by taking the first and third falls.

### Young Corbett Most Popular Wants to Stage Jack-Jess Bout

Los Angeles, Dec. 12.—Tom O'Rourke, New York boxing promoter, wants to stage a return bout between Jack Dempsey, heavyweight champion, and Jess Willard, former champion, according to a statement made here tonight by Gene Doyle, one of Willard's representatives. Doyle said Ray Archer, Willard's manager, today received a telegram from O'Rourke announcing he was "mailing Willard a registered letter offering to stage a bout between him and Dempsey at the Polo Grounds in New York in May."

### Dempsy a Second

Los Angeles, Dec. 12.—Jack Dempsey, heavyweight boxing champion, will act as second for Joe Benjamin, San Francisco lightweight, who will meet Phil Salvador, of Los Angeles, tonight at the Vernon arena. Benjamin claims the Pacific coast lightweight title. The winner of tonight's fray will be matched with Ray Long, of Oklahoma City, Okl. It was announced.

### May Accept Records

Los Angeles, Dec. 12.—Times made by Charles W. Paddock, world's sprint champion, at Santa Barbara, Cal., July 4, last, may yet be accepted as official by the national A. A. U. it was stated here last night before the Southern Pacific branch of that organization by Lorin Andrews, Pacific coast representative.

### Insult in England

Without showing any signs of being disturbed, although he said he felt the slight keenly enough, Corbett approached the individual, who proved to be a much prejudiced Englishman, and asked: "My dear fellow, how is it that you would not drink with me, after I invited you?"

### San Antonio Gridster Will Captain 1923 Penn Team

Philadelphia, Dec. 12.—Ernest A. Hamer of San Antonio, Tex., fullback of the University of Pennsylvania football team was today elected captain of the 1923 eleven. He is 29 years old and one of the youngest leaders the team ever had.

### Coyotes Elect Captain

Vermillion, S. D., Dec. 12.—Vern Saunders, of Aberdeen, S. D., was selected captain of the 1923 football team at the annual gridiron banquet here last night. Saunders played guard here last season.

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ALWAYS have been and always will be popular pug champions. In the old days when John L. Sullivan was a star in it, he was a pug to England and was received by King Edward and given an ovation wherever he went. The same treatment was accorded Jim Corbett when he went to Europe and Tom Sharkey, Peter Jackson and other great pugilists have also been royally received over there.

Other fighters we know of have gone to Europe recently, visited London, Paris and Berlin, and then came right back again and sat down. The champions of America who have not the right sort of war records are not wanted nowadays on the other side, not even in Berlin, while they are not blacklisted in London and Paris and can get no jobs there.

Corbett Was Popular. Perhaps the most popular champion the prize ring has ever known was Young Corbett, who captured the lightweight crown from Terry McGovern.

Corbett was a handsome little fellow, who made money fast in the halcyon days of his career and spent it as fast as he made it. He was no cheap man, and he traveled in style going to London, Paris and other places in Europe, just to see things and have a good time.

Not long ago he told the writer of his experiences abroad. The Denver boxer stopped at the Hotel Cecil in London.

A couple of days after his arrival young Corbett, entering the cafe, invited all those in the room to join him in a drink, as is the custom in this country.

In the place at the time were six men, and five of them accepted the pugilist's invitation.

The other refused, and much to Corbett's chagrin, bought a drink for himself, after the fighter's order had been served.

Mrs. Irene Osgood Dies. Northampton, England, Dec. 12.—Mrs. Irene Osgood, novelist and playwright, died at her home here today after a month's illness. She was born in the United States and retained her American citizenship.

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The "sawdust" style is best taught by having the player hold his hands about inches apart, palms facing each other, fingers well spread. When the ball comes to him, he moves his hands toward each other, trapping the ball. When caught above the chest, the thumbs are to the rear, when caught between chest and waist, thumbs are up, when below the waist, thumbs to the front.

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