

Muddy Track Will Greet Thoroughbreds When Ak-Sar-Ben Race Meet Opens This Afternoon

Seven Events on Program for First Day of Annual Meeting—Crack Runners Here for 'Sport of Kings'

Inaugural handicap at six furlongs feature of this afternoon's card—C. B. Irwin, Nesselhaus, R. L. Baker, Drumheller and Sims' among notable stables here for meet—Mud-runners will be out in full force today.

A muddy track curbs not the ardor of the lover of the dashing thoroughbred and this afternoon will witness the opening of the Ak-Sar-Ben summer meeting which is scheduled to cover a period of 19 days.

Mud runners will be out in force. Wise old turfmen scented the downpour in the offing and entered overnight their best bets for a sloppy track. The public will therefore have the opportunity of watching the speedsters frolic in soft going.

More than 450 thoroughbreds are congregated at Ak-Sar-Ben field. The regular stable capacity was used up long ago and incoming horses from Kentucky, Maryland and elsewhere have had to find places under the grandstand where temporary stalls have been arranged.

The finest galaxy of equines ever assembled at Ak field are ready for the three-week campaign. These represent some of the leading stables in the midwest. Notable barns whose colors will be flying in the wind during the present meeting are the performers of C. B. Irwin, William Nesselhaus, Messrs. Cain and Sanford, George Drumheller, Milo Shields, Col. R. L. Baker, William Sims and those of more than a hundred other owners. Half a hundred jockeys are here to guide the various starters on their speed journeys.

The opening day's card is headed by the Inaugural Handicap, at six furlongs. A field of eight starters have been attracted to the post by the honor which goes with the capturing of the initial trophy and the use of attending purses. Abadane, king of western thoroughbreds is slated to engage in the battle. To him has been accorded the honor of high weight, Racing Secretary Martin Nathanson having posted a burden of 130 pounds on his back. Wolf Cray, a Kentucky crack, Delante, a Missouri bred three-year-old and Wild Heather, a feather New Yorker, now owned by W. Humphreys, a Denver millionaire, are regarded as capable of giving Abadane a battle. They receive big weight allowances from which they should benefit greatly. The others will be outsiders—to use the racing parlance.

There will be seven races on the card. Two of these are at a mile and for a better class of platers, three are sprints of five and a half furlongs and the opener brings out an octette

of two-year-olds several of which have never been to the post before. General Manager Charles Trimble of the Ak-Sar-Ben, reports all indications point to a banner meeting. "Omaha has the thoroughbreds visiting them for the third consecutive year," stated Trimble. "Each season has shown marked improvement on the preceding one. The outlook for the coming racing season is brighter than ever before. We have more horses, a better class of horses and better riders. With fair weather today I expect to see Ak field packed with lovers of the Sport of Kings and when our first stake is run on next Wednesday I fully expect to see our present attendance records smashed. I am sure Omaha is going to be greatly pleased with the coming sport."

Postpone McTigue and Carpenter Fight

New York, June 1.—The bout between Mike McTigue and Georges Carpentier was postponed today from July 14 to August 11, by Tex Rickard, at the request of the Frenchman, who recently injured one of his hands.

Mitchell Still a "Champ."

Milwaukee.—Pinkey Mitchell of Milwaukee retains the junior welterweight championship belt regardless of the outcome of his bout with Benny Leonard in Chicago Tuesday night, because the legality of the Illinois contest was in question and because Leonard refused to weigh in before the contest. A. J. Hedding, chairman of the Wisconsin commission, ruled.

Lands 97-Pound Tuna.

Avalon, Santa Catalina Island, June 1.—James W. Jump of Los Angeles caught the first tuna of the 1923 season here when he landed a 97-pound blue-fin after a 40-minute fight, using light tackle.

Girl Jockey

Miss Margaret Leigh, Kentucky beauty and daughter of a former race horse owner, is perhaps America's only woman jockey. She took the mount on Madame X, the favorite in the Dexter Park Derby, at Palatine, Ill., a suburb of Chicago, and is confident that a woman can win a horse race as well as a man. It is a safe bet her horse won't be "pulled" at least.

Set's Memory and Clever Seth, together, 1/2, 52.

Second Thoroughbred, 1/2, 1.04 1-5.

Spinaway, 1/2, 52.

Seth's Ak-Sar-Ben, 1/2, 51.

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"They're off at Ak field"



The clatter of hoofs and the click of the pari-mutuel machines will break silence out at Ak-Sar-Ben field this afternoon when the annual spring running meet of King Ak gets underway. More than 400 horses, home stars and some just lesser lights, will compete in the various races held during the 19-day meetings which close June 23.

ART DYCK AND POWERS JUMP OMAHA SOX TO PLAY WITH NEBRASKA CITY

HE "sticks" are beginning to lure Omaha amateur and semi-pro ball players from the heartland. Ernie Holmes has already lost his two star pitchers. Art Dyck, his hurling ace, has accepted an offer from Nebraska City, Nebraska City offered Dyck \$50 a Sunday, rain or shine. It was too tempting to Dyck. He accepted and turned in his Holmes suit.

Then Oakland arrived on the scene with the same offer to Lefty Powers. So Lefty will become a Sunday citizen of Oakland.

Dunlap, Ia., signed up Harry Williams with an offer of \$40 a Sunday. Town teams are on the look-out for ball players and requests for players are being received every day in Omaha.

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Lee's Wide Peg Costs the Oilers Game With Tribe

Oklahoma City Wins Final Contest With Tulsa by 8-to-7 Score.

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Money Doesn't Tempt Amateur

Willard Begins to Train for Go With Angel Firpo

Los Angeles, Cal., May 31.—Jess Willard, heavyweight contender for Jack Dempsey's title, today began training in the Hollywood American Legion stadium for his scheduled July 7, bout with Luis Angel Firpo of the Argentine.

Willard took things rather easy but issued a general call for sparring partners, announcing that he expected to be fairly into the heavy grind by next Wednesday, when he plans to leave for Wichita to appear in an exhibition bout.

Auburn (Neb.) Trap Shooters Defeat Tecumseh Marksmen

Tecumseh, Neb., May 31.—Team representing the gun club of Auburn, Neb., defeated a picked squad of Tecumseh shooters here today.

Sprint Marvel Discovered

Los Angeles, June 1.—Eugene Goodville, sprinter of the University High school of Chicago, will be the runner to succeed Charles W. Padock as the world's champion sprinter, according to coaches of the California athletes, who returned yesterday from the national interscholastic track and field championships at Chicago. They say Goodville is a faster runner now than Padock was when in high school and that the Chicago sprinter possibly is faster than Padock is today.

Gordon Locke Wins Medal

Iowa City, Ia., June 1.—Gordon C. Locke, Denison, Ia., 1922 All-American quarterback and baseball star at the University of Iowa, was awarded the western intercollegiate conference athletic association medal today by the faculty for having attained the greatest proficiency in athletics and scholastic work of any member of the graduating class.

San Francisco Player Suffers Broken Hand

San Francisco, Cal., June 1.—Bert Ellison, slugging first baseman of the San Francisco team of the Pacific Coast league is out of the game, suffering from a broken hand. Ellison was hit in the sixth inning of Wednesday's game with Oakland by a ball pitched by a pitcher named Murchio. Ellison pitched. After some arguments, umpire Becker declared that the ball had struck the bat before striking Ellison and called a strike. Ellison sent the ball pitched against the right field fence for a two-base hit, and finished the game.

Willard Off Form

Baltimore, Md., June 1.—Match play in the annual invitation golf tournament at the Baltimore Country club began this morning among 48 pairs who successfully came through yesterday's qualifying round.

Belgium Beaten in Cup Play

Brussels, June 1.—Belgium was eliminated from the international lawn tennis competition for the Davis cup today when J. Brian Gilbert of England defeated George Watson, the Belgian star, 6-4, 6-2, 6-2.

Bids Are Sent Six Colleges to Enter Polo Tournament

Tucson, Ariz., May 31.—Six western colleges have been invited by Col. Ralph M. Parker of the R. O. T. C. unit of the University of Arizona to join in a western intercollegiate polo tournament to be held in Tucson next winter, it was disclosed today.

Murphy Leading Auto Driver

Indianapolis, Ind., June 1.—According to official figures given out here by W. D. Edgerton of the American Automobile association contest board, Jimmy Murphy is leading the field of race drivers for the 1923 championship with 170 points. He was awarded 270 points for finishing third in the 500-mile race here Wednesday, while Milton gained 75 by winning. Had Milton driven the entire race he would have been awarded 1,000 points. Wilcox, who relieved him, was given no points, as he started in another car.

Phillip Claimed

Mobile, Ala., June 1.—The Mobile Southern association team was notified today that infielder Frank Phillip had been claimed by the Little Rock club through the waiver route. Phillip came to the Mobile club last year from Denver as a semi-professional and played with the Mexico Tex. club in the Southwestern league.

Eight Runners Perish in Fire

Cleveland, — Eight thoroughbred race horses and a pony were burned to death in a fire which destroyed five barns at the Ohio State Jockey club's race track at Maple Heights, near Bedford, O.

Paper Not a "Mouthpiece"

Ames, Ia., June 1.—A student, a weekly publication, was the "mouthpiece of the administration," was made public here today by W. A. Whitfield, managing editor of the college paper.

Lincoln Beats Fairbury

Fairbury, Neb., June 1.—Lincoln took the first game of the series here today in a 1-0 victory over Fairbury. The game was helped materially by the error of the Fairbury pitcher, who pitched a ball into the bases but could not count.

Lincoln Wins Easily

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Kilbane Ready to Swap Blows With Criqui

Gray-Haired Featherweight Champ Will Defend Title Today for First Time in Three Years.

EW YORK, June 1.—Gray-haired Johnny Kilbane of Cleveland, holder of the world's featherweight boxing title for 11 years, will defend it tomorrow afternoon at the Polo grounds in a 16-round match with Eugene Criqui of France, champion of Europe at that weight.

Criqui, a wounded veteran of the war, came to the United States buoyed by 22 consecutive victories by knockouts. Twenty-nine years old, rugged, a clever boxer and a stiff puncher with either hand, he has hopes of wearing down the veteran and taking the title. It is the same sort of campaign that carried Kilbane to victory over Abe Attell for the title in a California ring in 1912. Criqui today is about seven years beyond the age of Kilbane when the Ohioian defeated Attell, but the grueling test of the trenches during the war has made the Frenchman a relentless fighter.

Criqui suffered serious wounds at Verdun. After his recovery he returned to the ring and became a terror to featherweights all over Europe. Before the war he had been a fair boxer with no punch—after the war he was a great fighter and soon became champion.

Kilbane has had little ring work during the last three years. In preparation for tomorrow's engagement, he has, however, shown a good deal of speed and all his old time prowess with the gloves.

Kilbane's long period of idleness has been due to a great extent to the refusal of promoters to meet his demands for large purses. The champion refused to risk his title unless he was guaranteed a purse of \$100,000. He will receive that amount for boxing Criqui, it is reported. Five preliminaries, including one four, two six, and two eight-round contests, will precede the championship contest. The preliminaries will be started about 2:30 o'clock eastern standard time. Louis (Kid) Kaplan of Meriden, Conn., and Babe Herman of Los Angeles, will meet in the semi-final of eight rounds.

Kilbane and Criqui, in so far as physical makeup is concerned, are about evenly matched. Kilbane, however, is five years older than the challenger.

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