

Black Gold, Staging Street Sprint, Carries Off Honors in Kentucky Derby

West Triumphs Over East in Turf Classic

Chilhowe Finishes Nose Behind Oklahoma Colt— Beau Butler Pulls Up in Third Place.

By DAVID J. WALSH.
Churchill Downs, Louisville, Ky., May 17.—An Indian woman, Mrs. Rosa Hoofs, widow of a man who loved race horses and willed her a racing stable along with all wells and a huge estate in Oklahoma, tonight celebrated the victory of Black Gold, her colt, which today won the 50th running of the Kentucky derby from a field of 19 starters.

What shades of past race horses, nomads of the old American plains may have danced through her mind as her strong and willing colt came like a hurricane down the stretch to barely nose out Chilhowe, another western entrant, is left to conjecture. That she was almost overcome by the joy of her triumph was attested by her face.

A crowd of the centuries cheered as the mighty colt, which was quoted at odds of 40 to 1 when winter books began collecting their followers, picked up his stride in the stretch and ran down his field.

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Louisville, Ky., May 17.—A rush for a golden event, beside which the historic gold rush of '49 was a mere hiking party, began hours before noon today, when pleasure-bent thousands wended their way to Churchill Downs, where Kentucky's jubilee derby was to be decided this afternoon.

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At 10 o'clock all the unreserved seats in the grandstand at the track were filled and holders of box seats were coming in. There are 1,500 boxes, with six seats each. It is estimated that the grandstand inclosure will accommodate 50,000 persons comfortably and that 75,000 persons could sit in with crowding. The stand is more than 1,000 feet long.

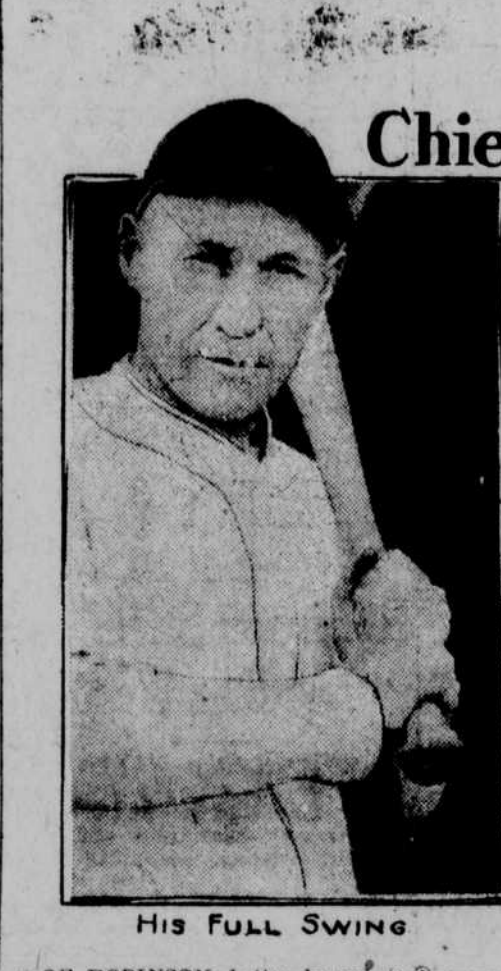
The pari-mutuel machines for the derby were put in action at 10 o'clock, 106 machines registering bets of from \$100 to \$2 were available during the day. The first race will be called at 10:45 o'clock and the derby will be started as near as possible to 4:45.

Predictions that the race would be on a fast track came from most of the trainers, although the day was clouded just before noon. According to an expert handicapper, who has made a long study of racing charts, the time made today, should no rain fall, probably will break Old Rosebud's record, 2:03.25. He holds that there is bound to be some fast pace in the race, as all the trainers will attempt to get clear around the first or clubhouse turn.

They even came by air, a number of airplanes from various army fields, and the TC-3 from Scott Field, Ill., arriving during the morning.

Hastings College, Scoring 53 1/2 Points, Wins State Conference Meet

"Chief" Changes Style of Batting; Now Leads Western League Batters



His Full Swing The Way He Bats This Season How He Was Instructed to Bat Last Season

JOE ROBINSON, better known to Western league fans as just plain "Chief," tops the batters in "Pat" Kearney's little circuit of ball clubs. "Chief" is swatting for an average of .488. His nearest rival is Jack Lettvelt of the Tulsa Oilers, who is batting the ball at a .441 clip.

There is a bit of interesting news attached to the "Chief." A year or two ago when Robinson was playing with Sioux City, then of the Western, he "choked" his bat and the result was that he never clouted the ball for many hits. The "Chief" has all along been a pretty fair hitter but nothing like he is this season.

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Baseball

National League

Cubs Beat Giants.

Chicago, May 17.—Chicago bunched hits and defeated New York, 4 to 2, today, breaking even in the four-game series here. Ray Grimes triple drove two runs home in the fourth and he scored later on a sacrifice fly, giving the locals a lead the visitors were unable to overcome.

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American League

Yanks Retain First Place.

New York, May 17.—The New York Yankees retained first place in the American league pennant race today, defeating Philadelphia, 10 to 2. Danforth was knocked out of the box in five innings by the Yankees and was charged with his first defeat of the season.

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Western League

Indians Lose to Oilers.

Oklahoma City, May 17.—Oklahoma City raised its 1924 Western league pennant today, defeating Tulsa, 4 to 2, after a game in which Tulsa's pitcher, Ed Kelly, pitched a shutout.

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Phillies Beat Pirates.

Pittsburgh, Pa., May 17.—Reaching five Pirate pitchers for 17 hits including a home run, Philadelphia defeated Pittsburgh, 12 to 10, today, in the second game of a three-game series.

Braves Cop Series.

Cincinnati, O., May 17.—Boston Braves swept their four-game series with the Reds by winning today's game, 4 to 2, at Cincinnati.

Second Round Cue Series.

St. Louis, May 16.—The second round of the national three-cushion billiards series for the world's championship was started here today.

Mississippi Valley League.

Rock Island, Mo., May 17.—Rock Island defeated Burlington, 10 to 2, today, in a game in which Rock Island's pitcher, Ed Kelly, pitched a shutout.

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Ames, Iowa, May 17.—While the track and field championships of the Missouri Valley conference are being decided on Memorial stadium field next Friday and Saturday, tennis and golf teams of the valley schools will be competing on the valley courts and links.

A dual tennis meet will be held here Thursday between Nebraska and Ames, and this meet will bring two state champions together. Lee Page of Iowa and Don Elliott of Nebraska will play with Young, the Ames doubles. The Nebraska team will be picked from Elliott, Shildneck, Colby, Newton and Skallberg. The Ames team will remain for the valley championships Friday and Saturday.

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Pacific Coast League

Records Broken in Pole Vault, Javelin Throw

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Wesleyan Wins Second Honors—University of Omaha Finishes Ahead of Wayne, Cotner.

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Bonowitz's Homer Starts Omaha Toward Victory

Wilcox and Cullop's Doubles Figure in Herd's Win—Bears Rally in Ninth Inning.

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Net Body to Hold Special Meeting

Witches Beat Saints.

Wichita, Kan., May 17.—St. Joseph's won today's tennis match in the 100-yard dash in 10 seconds against a stiff wind, equalling the state record.

Carp Stages First Public Workout

Michigan City, Ind., May 16.—

Georges Carpenter staged his first public workout here today in preparation for his bout with Tommy Gibbons, May 31, stepping three fast rounds with Paul Fritch, lightweight champion of France.

AMERICAN RUGBY LINEUP ANNOUNCED

Paris, May 16.—The lineup of the American Rugby football team which will face the French team on Sunday was given out today as follows: Charles Doo, fullback; W. L. Rogers, Dick Hyland, George Dixon, three-quarters; Robert Devereux, Norman Cleveland, two-fifths; Rudolph Hahn, fullback; Caesar Matull, Al Williams, forwards; Allen C. Valentine, John O'Neil, Jack Patrick, Dudley De Groot, Edward Graff, Linon Farish and Norman Slater.

BEATRICE ATHLETE HURT BY JAVELIN

Beatrice, Neb., May 17.—Cecil Shottelkirk, high school student, suffered a painful injury at Athletic park when a javelin thrown by another student struck him on the ankle, penetrating the flesh to the bone.

Johnson Defeats Lord in Amateur Billiard Tourney

Chicago, May 16.—E. Johnson, Chicago, gained an unexpected victory over Robert Lord, Chicago, today in the midwestern amateur three-cushion billiard championship tournament, coming from behind and winning the match, 5 to 4, in 94 innings.

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