

USGA Proposal May Strike Death Blow To Big Tournaments

NEW YORK (AP)—A proposal before the U.S. Golf Association may strike a death blow to big golf tournaments with Calcutta pools, such as the Tournament of Champions last weekend at Las Vegas, Nev.

Joey Dey, executive director of the USGA, said Tuesday the suggestion has been made that players who compete in such events be barred from the National Open championship.

"I don't know what action will be taken at our meeting next January," Dey added. "It's a matter for the executive committee. But golf is strongly opposed

to any tournaments having the slightest connection with organized gambling."

If such a ban were in effect now, most of the game's top professionals would be affected. The field in the Las Vegas event, consisting of men who have won a sanctioned Professional Golfers Association tournament during the year, read like a who's who in golf.

Mike Souchak took the first prize purse of \$10,000. A syndicate, which bought him for \$14,000 in the Calcutta pool, collected \$122,300.

The normal procedure is that

the player be cut in for 10 per cent of the Calcutta winnings. This means Souchak should have picked up an extra \$12,230. Gambling is legal in Nevada.

"Without citing any particular tournament, I would like to say we in the golf association are alarmed over the possibilities which arise under such situations," Dey said.

"We are presented with a situation in which golfer might collect more money by throwing a match than by winning it. I don't say this will happen but it could. And it is dangerous.

SPORT ECHOES

BY NORMAN MACDONALD

Those prophets who picked the Montreal Canadiens to beat the Maple Leafs in the Stanley Cup finals have made us very jealous of their evident talent for soothsaying, so we're going to grope our way to a few shots in the dark too. We're picking Patterson to beat London, the Yankees to finish ahead of Washington in the American League, and Wyatt Earp to clean-up on the nastiest bad man he meets in Dodge City. We'll let you know how we come out.

Rev. M. J. Findley of Tyne Valley, president of the Prince County Softball league, has called a meeting of the organization for next Monday, May 4, at the Summerside High School or Auditorium, whichever can be secured for the get-together. He has called the meeting for 8 p.m. and would like to see representatives from the Tyne Valley and Cape Traverse teams, the Summerside clubs, anyone interested from the RCAF Station, and others who might be wanting to place a team in the league. For further information regarding this league interested people can contact Mr. Findley at Tyne Valley, or Layton Schurman or Yours Truly at Summerside.

Tommy Farr Gives London A Chance Over Patterson

By JACK HAND
INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Remember Tommy Farr? Nobody thought he had a chance against Joe Louis 23 years ago. But the little-known Welshman from Tonypandy came so close.

Farr is back, not as a fighter but as a writer. He is covering Brian London, another British boxer who fights heavyweight champion Floyd Patterson for the title Friday night. Few give London a chance either. Farr thinks that is not right.

"What kind of a fighter is your

man, London?" Farr was asked. "He is rough and he is tough," came the answer. "And let me ask you a question. Has Patterson ever been hit by a good puncher since he won the title? If he hasn't he will be this time because London is a good puncher. I watched Patterson four or

five times in his workouts and I have yet to see anything that makes him a great champion."

OTHER WRITERS DISAGREED

Not all the British writers share Farr's optimism about their heavyweight. "He hasn't a chance," said

"I just hope he gets past the first round," said another.

London says: "I am getting good money anyhow (\$60,000 plus expenses for a party of three). If I make a good showing, I will stay for some more fights. If I win, I will be worth a million."

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event being clocked in the rather slow time of 2:16.

The names of the drivers involved are: Leon Buckson, Harold Ralph, Robert Givens, Leo Healey, Robert Beasley and George Brenneman.

The famous and revered driver "Pop" Geers, Harry is included in \$7,000 worth of races, including The Haligonian, for \$4,000; The \$1,000 Early Closing at Charlottetown; and the P. E. I. Futurities three-year-old Pace.

We are very glad to have a letter from Vern Ostway of Montreal, who sent us the scorecard for last Saturday night's races at Richelieu track, Montreal. In the seventh race on the card, the "C" Trot for a purse of \$1,100, Palacena was leading at the three-quarters, made a break, and finished third with the mile in 2:12.15.

Ted Genessee was second in the eighth race, an Open Trot with a fast field of starters, with the mile in 2:09.25. Vern writes that Ted went a terrific race. He adds that the owners of Richelieu Park have spent a lot of money on the plant since last fall and it now has all modern conveniences. They are also busy making improvements to Blue Bonnets Raceway and installing eight escalators.

He ends with: "Boy harness racing has come a long way in the last few years up around here." Vern expects to pay us a visit this summer.

A trotter owned and bred in Germany, Rudolph R. has arrived in the United States and will be an entry in the \$50,000 International Stake Race at Roosevelt Raceway on August 1st, and no doubt will compete in other events, there and elsewhere. He is also expected to be an entry in the National Horse Show, to be held at Madison Square Garden, New York City, in the late fall.

He is a five-year-old dark bay trotter that has been the top harness horse performer in Germany. He has also been a big winner in the show ring, winning first prize in the Berlin Horse Show, the most important of its kind in Germany. For that purpose he had to be given patient and careful training in manners, and as a result, he exhibits good manners on the race track.

Rudolph R. has never raced outside Germany, but has won the leading events in both East and West Berlin. The East Berlin track is a mile oval, and the horses travel around it in clockwise fashion, like the English runners. The West Berlin track is counter-clockwise in United States and Canadian style. So he has been trained to race both ways over the track.

The most important stakes was won as a three-year-old; last year, as a four-year-old he raced six times, winning three and placing second once. Because of his speed and good manners, he has been handicapped as much as 120 meters in some of his races, but even with that handicap he has vanquished most of the horses he has raced against.

ARRIVES IN JULY

Rudolph R. and driver Kreuger will arrive in the United States sometime in July; the driver is 34 years old, and has been the driving champion of Germany on the harness tracks eight times. Last year he piloted 287 winners, a German and a world record. Billy Haughton holds the United States and Canadian mark with 176 victories, made last season.

When Kreuger made his all-time mark of 287 wins, the world record had been 205 winners, set back in 1932. There is no doubt but that the arrival of this horse will create a lot of interest when he appears at Roosevelt Raceway. It may be that the Europeans are producing trotters equal to, and possibly superior to, those on this side of the Atlantic, but the coming of the champion here will settle the question.

Aubrey Keizer, in the Cape Breton Post, says that trainers and drivers at Sydney report track conditions at the Sports Center improved tremendously during the last few days. He also states that Jimmy Ferguson, secretary of the Cape Breton Turf Club and Duncan MacDonald, have left for New York, where they will take a look at the fast steppers at Yonkers Raceway. We might add that there is always the possibility that they will bring one back with them.

Friends of Joe MacDonald of Sydney, N.S. will be pleased to learn that he was second in the 'A' Pace, purse \$3,500, at Yonkers Raceway last week with the six-year-old mare, Worthy Eve, with the mile in 2:04—the fastest of the night. This one is owned by Sander Russell of Stevenson, Alabama, and Joe is second trainer for the string.

Tribe's Strickland Is Changed Man

CLEVELAND (AP) — What transforms a lifetime .223 hitter into a slugger with a .360 batting average?

The changed man is George Strickland, 33-year-old Cleveland Indians shortstop. His reply to the question is direct, but not very informative: "I must be doing the right things."

Two years ago, he quit baseball after nine major league seasons. He was a favorite of the fans, had a reputation as an outstanding infielder but he wasn't hitting.

Discouraged, he went home to New Orleans where he worked in a sporting goods store and at a racetrack mutual window.

HIS BIG INTEREST

However, baseball was still his big interest. He decided to try another season. When the Indians started training at Tucson, Ariz., Strickland was there battling the rookies for a place on the roster.

Strickland was at shortstop opening day—for defensive purposes, manager Joe Gordon explained.

In 14 games he has hit safely 18 times in 50 times at bat. He has two homers, six doubles and 12 runs batted in.

In his best previous season, 1953, he hit .284 and drove in 47 runs in 123 games with the Indians.

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No fooling, we're tickled about how things are going in the major leagues so far. Stengel and Company are apparently not going to make a runaway race of it, at least not for a while. It doesn't look as if Casey will be doing anything that he will have the American League race sewed up by Mother's Day. We're happy to see those high talking Milwaukee Braves getting knocked about a little too.

We've had the pleasure of a three-day visit from Bernie MacKinnon, who has just completed his fourth year in medicine at Dalhousie University. Bernie tells us it's his second trip to the island. The first time he was playing rugby with St. F.X. and played a game in Charlottetown against Saint Dunstan's University. Bernie, who hails originally from Glace Bay, and of late years from Kentville, has done considerable boxing. He has 61 k.o.'s to his credit. In his amateur days he once fought a 3-round go with Roger Kennedy of Kensington.

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Chualo Is Up On Rape Charge

TORONTO (CP)—George Chualo, Canadian heavyweight boxing champion, appeared in court Tuesday on a charge of rape and was remanded to May 5. He was freed on \$5,000 bail.

Chualo, 21, was arrested early Tuesday on the complaint of an 18-year-old mother. He has not fought since last October when he lost to Pat McMurry in a New York bout.

Cuban Jockey Is Suspended

FORT ERIE, Ont. (CP)—Cuban jockey Avelino Gomez Tuesday was given a 10-day suspension by stewards of the Fort Erie race-track for careless riding in the fourth race Monday.

The suspension will run from April 30 to May 9.

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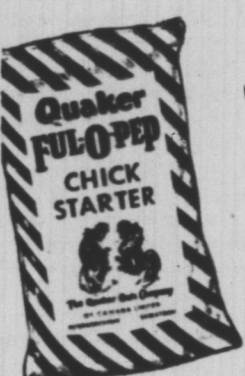


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