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Three American Colts In British Derby Today; 34 Probable Starters Listed

EPSON, Surrey, England, May 29. — (CP) — Barbed-wire barricades and nervous stable boys tonight guarded 34 probable starting three-year-olds in the Derby, Britain's greatest racing classic which will be run over 1 1/2 miles at Epsom Downs tomorrow.

The elaborate precautions were taken earlier this week to discourage any big-time gamblers who might want to "get at" a powerful rival. No one can remember when a Derby field was so evenly matched as this one.

Between 500,000 and 1,000,000 persons will spill over the rolling Epsom downs for the carnival that is Derby Day. The Queen and Princesses Elizabeth and Margaret will watch from the royal box. The King, recuperating from a mild attack of influenza, won't be there. Ki Ming, owned by Chinese restaurateur "Lucky Bill" Ley On and winner of the Two Thousand Guineas early this month, is almost certain to be the favorite at post time, 10:30 a. m. EDT.

Ki Ming was listed as the choice at 7 to 1 in the final odds collected at the Victoria Club in London tonight.

Some experts, however, doubt his ability to stay over Epsom's curving, up-and-down course.

The experts aren't agreed on any one horse and some have frankly advised their followers to make the selection with a pin.

Reason for their timidity is the poor calibre of English three-year-olds this year.

In the last week betting sentiment has drifted toward some of the French entries, on the theory that if England's are so bad, France's must be better. Le Yent, Le Tyrol, Nyngal and Raincheck have all come in for fair support.

There American-owned colts are entered but the experts don't give them much chance.

Racing in American colors will be William Woodward's Turco II, Mrs. Josephine Bryce's North Carolina and Ralph Strassburger's Le Tyrol. Only one American-bred colt—Iroquois in 1891—has won the Derby in its 171-year history.

If all 34 three-year-olds start it will equal the record derby field of 1892. The prize money will be a



IN THIS CORNER

"No other sport offers the unique, unusual and extraordinary situations that baseball produces," states a well-known baseball authority. "It is indeed difficult to give all of them in the playing code," he states and continues on to give a couple of typical examples.

Here is a play that came up in a prominent minor league game, caused all kinds of argument at the time and is still a topic for discussion when freak plays in baseball are being debated. The batsman bunted a fairly fast ground ball that hugged the third base foul line and seemed certain to go foul any moment. The third baseman came in fast on the ball and could have made a play at first to get the batter. However, so certain was he that the ball would go foul that he permitted it to roll, keeping pace with it all the time so as to be ready to pounce on it when and if it did roll foul.

The ball finally came to rest within about three inches of the third base bag. Looking down at the ball, one would have regarded it as a fair ball as it extended over the foul line and seemed to be in contact with it. However, the umpire, before rendering a decision, went to his knees to make a thorough investigation. He found that the axis of the ball was on foul territory, although it did extend over the foul line but did not come into contact with it. It had come to rest in foul territory. The umpire very correctly ruled it a foul ball. The runner on second who had advanced to third and the batter who had hit the ball, reaching second on the play, had their efforts nullified when the bunt was ruled foul. The runner on second returned to that base and the batsman resumed his place in the batter's box.

The rule covering this play which relates to a foul hit says that a foul hit is a legally batted ball that settles on foul territory between home and first, or home and third, or bounds past first or third base on or over foul territory. In the play cited, the ball finally came to rest on foul territory. After the ball had been declared foul, the manager of the team at bat, to strengthen his argument for a fair ball ruling on the play, moved the ball a matter of three inches from where it came to rest toward the foul line base bag. In so moving it along the foul line, it then came in contact with third base. The manager then asked what would have been the ruling had the ball continued to roll the remaining three inches more along the line and come in contact with the bag. The umpire very properly stated that had such a thing happened it would have been a fair ball. The rule covering the play says that a fair hit ball is a legally batted ball that comes into contact with first or third base, or that settles in fair territory or bounds over first or third. Thus, a matter of three inches meant foul ball in one instance and fair in the other, two distinctly different rules having a bearing on the plays in question.

"Since the inception of baseball," says the same authority, "the following play has been a highly controversial one. I have always wondered if such a play could happen, because the speed of the ball is so much greater than the speed of the fleetest of runners. It would seem for the play to happen the player involved would almost have to outrun the ball." Here it is...

There was a runner on third base and two were out. Noting the pitcher was working very carefully and using a long draw-out wind-up, the runner on third decided to attempt a steal of home. The count on the batter at that time was two strikes and two balls. The runner got away to a running break and stepped on the plate as he was hit with a perfect third strike pitch.

Such a happening bobbed up in the minors several times. Invariably both the offensive and defensive teams would offer a strong argument for their respective sides. The team in the field would argue the pitch had been interfered with, that if it hadn't hit the runner it might have been a called third strike or swung at and missed by the batter. The speed of the runner had killed off a very important defensive play. The team at bat would vehemently argue that there was no reason the runner from third should purposely slow up to avoid contact with the ball and be out. Many of the game's greatest umpires failed to agree what type of interpretation of this play would be best for the game.

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Charlottetown Forum Annual Meeting Held

The annual meeting of the Charlottetown Forum Ltd. was held at the Forum last evening.

A report of the year's activities was submitted by the President, Dr. J. J. Yeo. It was one of the most active years since the Forum was built in 1929. Dr. Yeo expressed the pleasure it gave him that the hockey season had been so enlivened and made popular by the Islanders hockey team. It gave entertainment to all sections of the Province and not only that, but they were the principal drawing card everywhere they played.

A large amount of expense was incurred in making the necessary changes for the hockey season and due to the extremely mild weather there was only one day that the power was not turned on. Since the end of the hockey season thousands of dollars have been expended in repairs to the pipes which carry the brine, the motors and adding to the accommodation for spectators. When everything is in place, the Forum will compare favorably with any similar sized rink in the Dominion. He referred to the good work done by Manager W. J. Brown and the Forum staff and all connected with the work there.

At the conclusion of his report he was warmly congratulated on it and sincerely thanked for the immense amount of time and effort given by him to the Forum's affairs.

The financial report was submitted by the Secretary-treasurer Ivan Sinclair, it being compiled by chartered accountants, H. R. Doane and Company. It was unanimously passed.

Manager W. J. Brown gave an outline of the entertainment features that would be provided at the Forum during the Summer months and they look to be real crowd-pleasers.

The election of directors resulted as follows:—Hon. President W. R. Aitken president - Dr. I. J. Yeo; Vice-president - Lieut. Governor T. W. L. Prowse; Secretary-Treasurer - Ivan Sinclair; directors - Lt. Col. D. A. MacKinnon, A. C. Sinclair, J. E. Harris, J. P. Simmonds, W. L. McEachern, W. J. Brown, F. W. Boyles.

New Rookie Signs With Cleveland For \$100,000

By BUD SPRUNGER

CLEVELAND, May 29 — (AP) — Baseball's newest and richest rookie, a draft-eligible pitcher named Billy Joe Davidson, flew here today with his new boss, general manager Hank Greenberg of Cleveland Indians.

A big, freckle-faced 18-year-old southpaw from Oak Ridge Military Academy in North Carolina, Davidson had just signed an Indian contract that supplied him with better than \$100,000.

The figure was announced in Detroit by Marsh Samuel, publicist for the Indians. Greenberg himself, hailing Davidson as a "New Bob Feller," said he got the biggest bonus in baseball history. This beat the reported \$100,000 previous record paid pitcher Paul Pettit of Pittsburgh Pirates. Greenberg took the word of his scout, Col. E. P. Holt, president of the prep school where Davidson just graduated.

Sources close to the club estimated the bonus at \$120,000.

After the plane landed, Davidson told a reporter: "I was 18 on May 5. I have just registered for the draft. I hope to get in one season before I go into the army."

The Indians are talking of trying out Davidson with the club for about two weeks. However, Greenberg insisted he soon will head for the Indians' farm team in San Diego (The Padres) for seasoning.

Just about every club in the majors bid on Davidson.

He pitched 13 victories in 15 starts as a semi-pro and prep pitcher, often striking out 18 or 20 a game.

"My average," Davidson said with complete aplomb, "was 17.5 strikeouts a game."

"It's the Bob Feller story all over again," chuckled the jubilant Greenberg. "This kid was taught by his father to pitch. He started out teaching him to throw in the living room of his home in Marion, N. C."

"Then, when he got big enough, he trained him out in the back yard."

Cleveland's Feller also started with the Indians as a green kid after long, patient training by his late father, in Van Metre, Ia. Feller received no bonus for signing.

Baseball's Big Six
 (By The Associated Press)

Leading Batsmen:

Player & Club	G	AB	R	H	Per.
Adams, Dodgers	26	74	17	32	.432
Robinson, Dodgers	36	135	33	56	.415
Fain, Athletics	36	127	17	49	.386
Elliott, Braves	35	120	26	45	.375
Fox, White Sox	34	130	28	47	.362
Easter, Indians	16	54	6	19	.352

Runs Batted In:

National, Snider, Dodgers, 37; American, Williams, Red Sox, 34.

Home Runs:

National, Hodges, Dodgers, 15; American, Williams, Red Sox, 10.

Baseball Standings

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Chicago	24	9	707
New York	26	11	703
Boston	22	18	629
Detroit	17	18	486
Cleveland	17	19	472
Washington	15	19	441
St. Louis	11	27	289
Philadelphia	10	28	278

Games Wednesday: St. Louis at Chicago (2); Detroit at Cleveland (2); Philadelphia at Washington (2); New York at Boston (2).

Games Thursday: No games.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Unchanged.

(No games scheduled).

Games Wednesday: Boston at New York (2); Brooklyn at Philadelphia (2); Chicago at Cincinnati (2); Pittsburgh at St. Louis (2).

Games Thursday: No games.

International League

Montreal	28	12	700
Rochester	19	16	579
Syracuse	18	16	514
Ottawa	18	17	514
Baltimore	18	20	474
Toronto	16	13	457
Buffalo	15	18	455
Springfield	12	28	300

Games Wednesday: Rochester at Buffalo (2); Ottawa at Syracuse (2-Twi-N); Montreal at Springfield (2-Twi-N); Toronto at Baltimore (2-Twi-N).

usual play, the 1946 Rules Committee has made a real contribution to the playing code. The gist of this very important rule is as follows: "With two out, a runner on third base and two strikes on the batter, the runner attempts to steal home on a legal pitch and the ball strikes the runner in the strike zone, the umpire shall call 'strike three' the batter is out and the run shall not count. With less than two out the umpire shall call 'strike three', the ball is dead, and the run counts."

St. Louis Browns Sell One Pitcher, get Another

ST. LOUIS, May 29 — (AP) — St. Louis Browns sold pitcher Don Johnson to Washington today and bought another right-handed hurler, Bob Mahoney, from Chicago White Sox.

Mahoney won 20 games and lost seven with Omaha in the Western League last year.

Johnson has pitched 13 innings in four games for the Browns this year and has an 0-1 record with them.

Horseshoe Club

The Brighton Horseshoe Club has already started preparing for the coming season which members believe will be the biggest yet enjoyed by the club. The pits will be prepared as soon as the weather permits and a meeting will be held within the next two weeks to make plans for the summer shoe tossing.

Banquet Marks End Of S'ide Bowling Season

All the bowling leagues taking place in the Capitol Bowling Alleys last winter and this spring had their wind-up banquet at Coyle's Restaurant in Summerside last night. Norman "Dutch" Underwood, acting president of the Men's Commercial League, was master of ceremonies. His Worship, Mayor Henry Wedge was at the guest-of-honor table and presented the prizes.

The Curran & Briggs bowling quintet won the trophy for the league championship in the play-off, and also a trophy for the winners of the regular league schedule. The individual players, Allie Harris (Capt.), George Guergis, Austin Brooks, Walter Schurman, Harold Rodd, and Doug Harkness were presented with miniature trophies. The City Slickers, runners-up in this league, captured the trophy for second position. These players also received trophy replicas of the original. The players: Earl Smith, Capt., Harrison Ferguson, Leo Shields, Vic Dodds, Henry Gallant, Keith Champion, Cecil Smith. The prize for the highest average was won by Allie Harris, second highest average by Earl Smith and third highest average by Gilbert LeBlanc. Russell Hunter won the high single prize and Allie Harris the high three.

The Unemployment Insurance Commission team captained by Norman MacLeod won highest honors in the second division league and the trophy that went with that honor. The other players on this team were Derwyn Huestis, Windy Clow, Rolfe Philipson, George Coyle, Emmett Trainor, and Tanton McNeill. Runners-up in this league were the Summerside High School with Eddie Guergis, Claude Arsenault, Arthur Matthews, Ray MacAusland, and Sargon Guergis.

Norman MacLeod, president of the Second Division Men's League, presented the trophies and prizes. Highest average in this second division was won by Sonny Gallant, high single by Donny Simmons and high three by Windy Clow.

The Miscouche bowlers won the consolation honors. They were Martin DesRoches, Harold Perry, Peter DesRoches, D. H. Gallant, Peter Gaudet, and Alfred Gaudet.

In the Ladies' League the Pinettes won the championship trophy and each lady bowler received a replica of the trophy awarded. Marge Underwood captained this team and the other members were Blanche Laughlin, Irene Peterson, Guelda Blaquiere, Ann MacDonald and Bea Ede. The Zeros won the runners-up trophy, and the personnel of the team, each presented with miniature trophies were: Blanche Hogg, (Capt.) Effie MacKay, Connie Enman, Noreen Simmons, Mae Arsenault, and Molly Hogan.

In this league Blanche Laughlin won the prize for the highest average and the high single. Blanche Hogg won the high three award. Mrs. E. T. Dodds, president of the Ladies' Bowling League, presented the trophies and prizes. The Kayettes consisting of Mildred Gaudet, Capt., Bea Perry, Una DesRoches, Marie DesRoches, Zita Perry, Therese Martin won

Charles Favored To Win From Maxim In Chicago Bout Tonight

CHICAGO, May 29 — (AP) — Cincinnati's Ezzard Charles, willing, if not pulverizing, heavy-weight champion, will defend his title against an old ring acquaintance, light-heavyweight champion Joe Maxim of Cleveland Wednesday night at the Chicago Stadium. Odds are 2 to 5 that Charles, 183, will repeat what he has done three times previously — prove the better and more aggressive boxer for a decision over the 181-pound Maxim. Both have more style than sting in their punches.

This eighth title defence in months by Charles will be prelude to a television show. The Stadium is expected to draw some 12,000 patrons contributing a gate of around \$126,000. A brewery paid \$100,000 for video rights.

The 15-round bout is scheduled to begin shortly after 10 P. M. EDT.

Both warriors went into seclusion today in fine fettle after comparatively uneventful training efforts in which Maxim boxed 250 rounds. Joey's marathon sparring session is understandable. The 29-year-old Clevelander hasn't met a worthy foe since he knocked out England's Freddie Mills 16 months ago for the light-heavyweight crown.

Charles, turning 30 next July, on March 7 nipped the challenge of Jersey Joe Walcott at Detroit.

In their days of youthful inexperience, Charles took two 10-round decisions from Maxim in 1942. Bearing more on tomorrow night's encounter, they met again in 1949 in a 15-rounder at Cincinnati and Charles won a split decision.

Jake Mintz, Charles' manager, claims the Cincinnati Negro, who has been defeated only five times in 76 fights, never trained harder for a bout. "He's surely in a sharp mood," advised Jake.

Charles gets 40 per cent of Wednesday's net gate and video returns. Maxim's share is 20 per cent of both.

To Consult With Local Officials On Park Lighting

Mr. G. H. Dunphy of Halifax, representative of Canadian General Electric Co., arrived in this City yesterday morning by car where he will consult with local officials today concerning the possibility of lighting Memorial Field for night baseball and other sporting activities under lights. Mr. Dunphy will view the grounds during today and discuss with local officials the requirements and cost of such an installation. He is a guest at the Charlottetown Hotel.

Bob Lemon Says "Slider" Spoiled Perfect Game

DETROIT, May 29 — (AP) — That solitary pitch by which Bob Lemon of the Cleveland Indians missed a perfect game today was "a slider — just right."

"Happy despite the home run which outfielder Vic Wertz slugged in the eighth for Detroit's only hit, Lemon recalled the ill-fated pitch amid an Indian victory dance in the clubhouse.

"It was a slider," he recounted. "High or low?" he was asked. "Just right, brother! Just right!"

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 6 ROUNDS

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