

SMOKE RINGS

Derby Day Picks

By SAM RAGAN

Just in case you've forgotten this is Derby Day. At least it's Derby Day to some 80,000 persons who will mill around Churchill Downs and some few millions others who will keep a close eye on the tickers and the racing sheets.

If you want our opinion on the outcome of the race (and I'm sure you do not) we'll give you the following without any hesitation: (1) Bimelech, (2) Mioland, (3) Pictor (4) Dit, (5) Roman, (6) Gallahadion, (7) Sirocco, (8) Royal Man, (9) True Star.

CAPE FEAR LOOP PICKUPS

By R. C. POWELL

Sunday's slate in the Cape Fear circle reads:

Hi-Kappas vs. Masonboro at Hilton, Griffith and Peale, as umpires. Leland vs. Puroi at Leland, Hale and Grothen calling.

Pepsi-Cola vs. S. A. C. at stadium, Singleton and Casteen officiating.

Royal Crown vs. Jackson-Bell at Robert Strang, Watson and Flora arbiters.

Back on familiar home sod, the two pace-setting clubs, Leland and Hi-Kappas, are the ruling favorites to extend their winning streaks with victories over the Bluebirds and Rambler respectively. However, the Masonboro clan has instituted a winning spree of its own and may be all set to upset the applecart with a win over the thrice-victorious frat nine.

With good pitching, the Puroi team should give the hard-hitting Leland club a close battle. The two cola aggregations are favored over the cellar-dwelling A's and JB's, but anything is liable to happen in baseball.

Stars Of Last Sunday

Jim Bullock, and Jimmy Eagles, Hi-Kappas—Former held the Bluebirds to three hits and fanned 12 while the latter led the Kappa attack in the frat nine's win over the Puroi outfit.

Ray Brew, Leland—Shut out A's with six safeties and enjoyed a perfect day at bat in his third pitching triumph of the year.

Snag Allen, Pepsi-Cola — Pinch double and relief hurling best JB's.

A brief review of the first three sets of games tell us that, from every angle, the Leland Bears have been the outstanding team in the circuit thus far. Look at this record: Runs scored 45, hits 58, opponents' runs 5 (2 earned), opponents' hits 17. Brew has struck out 38 batters in 27 innings of hurling. Bullock of the Hi-Kappas has fanned 28 in 18 frames.

However, over the league as a whole, good pitching has been a rule rather than an exception. Of the dozen tilts played, four have been shutouts on one side of the ledger and there also has been several games where the margin of victory has been close.

In all, the Cape Fear loop seems headed for a banner season.

Heard On The Run

A sore arm kept Sweeney Swinson out of the Puroi-Kappa fracas last week. It is hoped that the ailing wing will come around in time for him to face Leland's murderers' row Sunday. — Heard on the run has been released by the RC's and has signed with the Puroi club.

Hi-Kappa Third Baseman Billy Pieper handled eight chances without a misplay last Sunday. — Tough luck continues to trail the JB's and the A's, both have a good team, but they are not clicking. — Johnnie Casteen, popular ump of last season, is in town and will call one of Sunday's tilts. — Hi-Kappas Leon Thomas and Jimmy Eagles are batting at a .500 clip. — Charles Cherry, speedy Royal Crown outfielder, is out with an injured ankle. — David Sandlin is a hard-working pitcher—win or lose.

It is with bowed heads and saddened hearts that we learn of the death of the Rev. James A. Manley, 1940 president of the Cape Fear league and long an outstanding figure in the local sports world. For years this civic-minded, sport-loving individual carried on an untiring fight for the promotion of better recreation conditions for the youth of this section. His contributions to this cause are too numerous to mention here, but we will pause to say that he has done an excellent job. We could go on and on naming the merits of this man, but we will end by joining with the Cape Fear Baseball association and the rest of Wilmington in saying—hats off to the memory of a great fellow—Father James A. Manley, the champion of local youth.

Elon Nine Loses Game To Catawba Club, 8-2

ELON COLLEGE, May 3.—(AP)—Elon's Christians victorious in 19 straight baseball games, ran into their old rival, Catawba, here this afternoon and came out on the losing end of an 8 to 2 score.

The hits were even with five for each club, but four Elon errors contributed to Catawba's total. Lefty Tal Abernethy held the advantage over his Indian mound rival, Tom Gaddy, with 11 to 5 strikeouts.

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BIMELECH TOPS DERBY ENTRIES

FIELD IS READY; FAIR SKIES SEEN

Eighty Thousands May Watch 66th Running Of Churchill Downs Classic

BY SID FEDER

LOUISVILLE, Ky., May 3.—(AP)—Everything looked made to order for Big Boy Bimelech tonight. A field of nine was named for tomorrow's 66th running of the Kentucky Derby and old man weather promised to turn off his frost and rain faucets for the big doings.

Derby-town was on its usual jam-packed Derby-eve merry-go-round accompanied by the customary musical comedy diodes around the Fourth and Walnut corner and in every hotel lobby.

With sun and fair weather on tap, it was conceivable that the turnout might skyrocket over the 80,000 mark anticipated at Churchill Downs for the annual four-star turf show. The derby field is slated to go to the post in the neighborhood of 4.45 p. m. (central standard time) to the tune of "My Old Kentucky Home" sung by Movie Actress Irene Dunne.

It was still as cold as the inside of your box around here tonight and the track was slow, but the dirty grey sky sent a few days of sunshine down late this afternoon and the weather man said he'd fix it up just dandy for the folks in general and Bimelech in particular tomorrow.

Mr. Weather didn't say positively but if he does his stuff and provides a fast running strip, it will just make the whole mile-and-a-quarter affair more lopsided for Bimble, who is being a fifth derby victor for Col. E. R. Bradley and who probably will be the shortest priced favorite in the history of the classic.

If he's as good as 2 to 5 in the mutuels, the betting boys and girls will consider it a bargain, indeed, and if he wins (which just about everybody fully expects) he'll collect a neat \$80,675 as the winner's end in a nine-horse race.

In the overnight field entered today — at least seven of which are positive starters—Bimelech is likely to have opposition only if the track is "off." With the exception of Arnold Hanger's Dit, the \$4,000 Saratoga yearling sales bargain who romped off with the Wood memorial last week, the standouts are the sloop-steppers, like William L. Brann, Pictor, a son of Challenger 2nd, who really can pick 'em up and Jay 'em down in the soup; Royal Man, bought by Harold S. Clark, of Miami Beach, Fla., last winter for \$15,000; Joseph E. Widener's Roman, never beaten in mud, and Mrs. Ethel V. Mars' Gallahadion.

On a fast track the threats are Dit and Mioland, the California gladiator boy with the international bloodlines, for whom Charles S. Howard kicked in \$15,000 a few months back. The other two in the field are Sirocco, owned by Charles T. Fisher, of the Fisher boy Fishers, and the "wonder why" colt, True Star, a yearling sales purchase for \$550 representing the barn of Martin J. Schmidt, a local lawyer. True Star was a surprise entry this morning.

Sirocco, who got to the post only if the track is fast, and may have a different jockey aboard him than the originally slated Albert Bodden. Few expect Schmidt will go through with starting his horse, inasmuch as it never has been any particular ball of fire against colts with a lot less class than Bimelech, Dit, Pictor and Co.

Dit and Sirocco are the geldings in the field; the rest are colts. One of the mysteries around this derby-daffy town tonight was whether Col. Bradley, aged and ailing, would come over from Lexington to see the colt he insists is the best he ever owned run for the all-time high derby record for one owner. The colt would like nothing better, but his physicians have advised against it, fearing the shock of victory or defeat may harm him, may possibly prove fatal. But Bradley has intimated that he may just toss off the doctors' advice and slip into the grounds inside his own.

Bimelech, undefeated in eight starts over his two year racing career, stands out as potentially the greatest thoroughbred since Man o' War, and if he goes to the races as many times as he's expected to this year—the Preakness, the Belmont, the Withers and the Arlington classic and a few others with juicy pots—he may wind up as a greater money winner than Seabiscuit.

Although he's just about as close to a unanimous choice as you can get without sewing the thing up in advance, Bimble has several "dark horses" to buck in this route gallop, just as Johnstown had a year ago. This time, the hunch players feel, it may be Dit, Pictor or Mioland, but your honest-to-goodness hunch gives that talk the hoo-hoo-laugh. When Bimble runs down the stretch with his tongue sticking out the side of his mouth, they tell you, there'll be nothing else in sight.

MILLS RECALLED

NEW YORK, May 3.—(AP)—Colonel (Buster) Mills, right handed outfielder, who has had big league trials with the St. Louis Cardinals, the Boston Red Sox, the Brooklyn Dodgers and the St. Louis Browns today was recalled by the New York Yankees. A member of the champions' Newark farm team, Mills has been hitting at a .222 clip in 11 games this season for the Bears.

YEARLINGS WIN

DAVIDSON, May 3.—(AP)—Davidson's yearling trackmen over-whelmed Forsyth County High school 78 to 39 today. Hugh Sprunt was high man, taking firsts in the 100, 220 and low hurdles. Davidson took every first place save the broad jump and mile run.

FRESHMAN HURLER ALLOWS SIX HITS

Extra-Base Hits Feature Pi-rates Opening Tilt; Sellers Hits Home Run

With Johnnie Hicks hurling six-hit ball and almost silencing the big guns of the Wilmington Pirates, the Atlantic Christian college baseball team defeated the Buccaneers 6 to 5 at Legion field last night in the local's opening game of the season.

The Bulldogs freshman hurler never gave up over one hit an inning but a slight touch of wildness in the last three stanzas enabled the Bucs to tally four of their runs on three hits, one a long home run by First Baseman Conroy Sellers.

With two men on base and two out in the ninth, Hicks was relieved by Moyer, who forced S. McKeithan to pop up and thereby sent a spirited rally by the Pirates.

Extra base hits seemed to be the rule rather than the exception in the game. In addition to Sellers circuit clout, Treadway, the Bulldogs shortstop, smacked out a long homer in the second frame for the visitors' first marker.

Sellers, H. McKeithan, Stefano and Gardner connected for three-baggers and Houston and Carter banged out doubles.

Jack Shoaf started on the mound for the Pirates, giving up six hits in four and two-third innings and allowing the visitors all six scores. After a disastrous fifth inning when all nine men batted around using three walks, an error, a sacrifice hit and two safeties to garner three runs, Norwood Skipper went on the mound and from there on hand-cuffed the Bulldogs with two hits while holding them scoreless.

Hicks, however, proved the master of the situation on more times than one. He fanned eight men and brought himself out of a hole on numerous occasions.

The Bucs tallied first in the opening frame when Alford went to first on an error by Treadway. Edwards fanned and H. McKeithan came up and slammed out a long drive to center field that scored Alford. In attempting to stretch a triple into a homer he was thrown out at home plate. Aside from their three runs in the sixth that came on one hit, a walk, a hit by pitcher and an error, the Bucs other run came in the seventh on Sellers' home run.

Atlantic Christian used three hits, one a double by Houston to go ahead in the third with two runs. They were never headed after that.

Treadway with three for five and Gardner with two for five paced the visitors at bat. Sellers with three for four led the Pirates at the plate. Wilmington will play campbell college here next Wednesday night and The Citadel here on Friday night.

The box score:

A. C. C.	Ab	R	H	O	A	E
Geffert, c	4	2	0	10	1	0
Houston, 1b	4	1	1	9	1	0
Gardner, 2b	5	0	2	2	4	0
Treadway, ss	5	2	3	1	2	1
Bullock, 3b	4	1	0	3	1	0
Davis, if	4	0	2	0	0	0
Holmes, cf	2	0	2	0	0	0
Cowan, rf	2	0	0	0	0	0
Hicks, p	4	0	1	0	1	0
Moye, p	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	35	6	8	27	12	2

Wilmington	Ab	R	H	O	A	E
S. McKeithan, 2b	4	0	0	1	0	0
Alford, ss	3	2	0	3	0	0
Edwards, ss	3	1	0	4	1	1
H. McKeithan, c	3	0	1	9	1	0
Stefano, 3b	4	1	1	2	0	0
Carter, if	4	0	1	0	0	0
Sellers, 1b	4	1	3	7	0	0
McKenzie, c	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hines, rf	2	0	0	0	0	0
xSwanson, 1b	1	0	0	0	0	0
Moore, rf	1	0	0	0	0	0
Shoaf, p	1	0	0	0	1	0
Skipper, p	2	0	0	2	0	0
Totals	32	5	6	27	7	2

x-Batted for Sellers in 9th. x-Batted for Hines in 7th. Score by innings: R H E Atl. Christian 012 030 000—6 8 2 Wilmington .. 100 003 100—5 6 2 Summary: Runs batted in: Houston 2, Bullock 2, Treadway 1, H. McKeithan, Stefano 2, Sellers. Two base hits: Houston, Carter. Three base hits: Sellers, H. McKeithan, Stefano, Gardner. Home runs: Alford, Edwards, Treadway. Sacrifices: Houston. Left on bases: A. C. C. 7; Wilmington 4. Bases on balls, off: Shoaf 4, Skipper 0, Hicks 4, Moye 0. Strikeouts: Hicks 8, Shoaf 6 in 8 2-3; Moye 0 in 1-3; Shoaf 6 in 4 2-3; Skipper 2 in 4 1-3. Hit by pitcher, by: Hicks (Edwards). Passed balls: McKeithan, Geffert. Winning pitcher: Hicks. Losing pitcher: Shoaf. Umpires: Griffin and Baker. Time 2:24.

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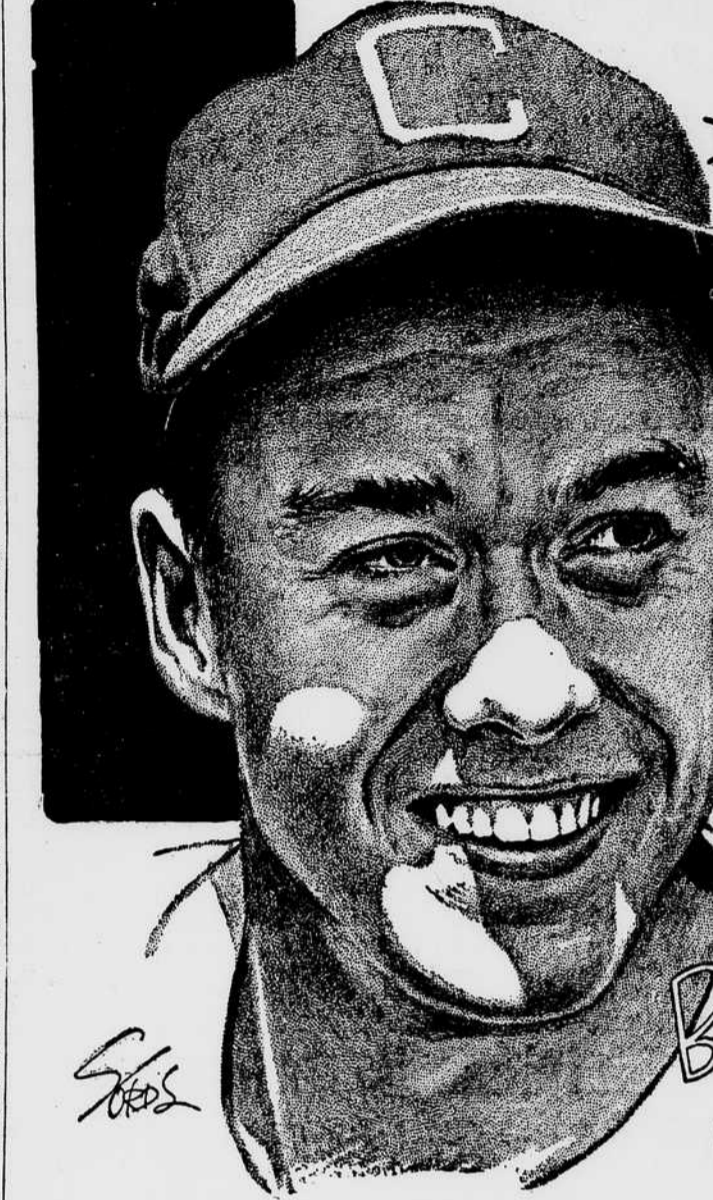
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KID STAR



By Jack Sords

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STANDINGS

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

American League	Won	Lost	Pct.
Boston	9	4	.693
Cleveland	8	4	.667
Detroit	8	5	.615
New York	6	6	.500
Washington	6	7	.462
St. Louis	5	7	.417
Philadelphia	5	7	.417
Chicago	3	9	.250

National League	Won	Lost	Pct.
Brooklyn	9	1	.900
Cincinnati	7	3	.700
New York	7	3	.700
Chicago	7	7	.500
Pittsburgh	4	6	.400
Philadelphia	3	5	.375
St. Louis	3	5	.375
Boston	2	7	.222

TODAY'S GAMES

American League Cleveland at Washington — Nymick (1-0) vs. Chase (1-1). Detroit at Philadelphia — Hutchinson (1-0) vs. Dean (2-0) or Babich (2-0). Chicago at New York — Lee (1-0) vs. Sundra (0-0). St. Louis at Boston — Harris (1-0) vs. Galehouse (0-0).

National League New York at Chicago — Hubbell (0-1) vs. French (2-1). Brooklyn at Pittsburgh — Wyatt (3-0) vs. Brown (2-0). Philadelphia at Cincinnati — Higbe (1-2) vs. Derringer (2-1). Boston at St. Louis — Sullivan (1-0) vs. McGee (0-1).

Randolph-Macon Defeats Wake Forest Nine, 2-0