

IN THIS CORNER

George Boston

Nowhere in the world of fun and games is there more effort dedicated to a hustle than around a race track. Some of racing's most lovable rogues prefer to slick a neighbor out of a ten-spot to winning an honest, legitimate C-note.

Match races, sometimes in the mornings without benefit of paid spectators or track-provided purses, have inspired some of the finest moves in the history of racing con.

John Day, director of Thoroughbred Racing Service Bureau, comes up with an ancient classic of con credited to historian Lieutenant-Colonel R.J. Dodge, vintage 1886.

The action took place at a cavalry post, Fort Chadbourne, Texas, where a bunch of Comanches were frequent if unwelcome visitors. They were considered, actually, a very large nuisance by the cavalry people.

Many of the officers at the post were from the horsey set of that era, and owned thoroughbred horses which they trained and raced with great enthusiasm.

The head bone of the Comanches was Chief Mu-la-que-top, who was a regular witness to the training and racing of the officers' high quality runners.

Chief Pain-in-the-Ribs proudly announced at one training session that he too had a very fast horse. When he was finished bugging the officers, arrangements were made for a match race between the Indian pony and one of the brass's blooded mounts.

The Indians showed up for the match race in numbers, with plenty of bread to back up their animal, described by Col. Dodge as "a miserable sheep of a pony with legs like churns, a three-inch coat of rough hair and a general expression of neglect, helplessness and patient suffering."

The Indian jock was big enough and strong enough to carry the beast on his own haunches. He was armed with a club like a baseball bat. You know what happened. The Indian pony beat the garrison's third ranked thoroughbred, only by a neck at the finish line.

The ruffled brass wanted another race and after much dickering the Indians accepted. Bets were doubled, and in less than an hour the officers sent out a fresh horse, second best in the stable, against the same Indian pony.

Score another victory for the Comanche pony. Half a length.

Now the officers were thoroughly bugged, and determined to get back their money. They proposed a third heat and this time they brought out their champion, a Kentucky mare sired by the great Lexington. This time the Indians bet their original stake, their winnings from two previous races, and everything.

RECORD ENROLLMENT

Summer session enrollment at Nazareth College increased 16 percent this year over last year, college officials report. Total enrollment is now 1227, up from 1032 in 1973.

The increase is attributed to the college's graduate program leading to a master of science in education degree, which enrolled 943 students this year, up from 218 last summer.

While total summer enrollment has increased, officials report that undergraduate enrollment is down to 284 from 307 in 1973.

they had hidden in their moc-casins.

The riders mounted, the starting word was given, chronicled Col. Dodge. The Indian rider threw away his ball bat and let out a whoop at which the sheep-like pony took off like a cannon shot.

For the final 50 yards of the race the Indian jock sat turned backward on his pony, face to tail, making hideous grimaces and beckoning the rider of the trailing thoroughbred to come and get him.

After the Indians gathered up all the officers' loot and took off, the word got out. Seems the Comanches some time earlier had "liberated" a high quality thoroughbred from a name stable. They spent a winter hiding the good stock under three inches of rough hair. Then went visiting their officer friends at the fort. They were never welcomed back. But there were other forts to visit in Texas.

SCHOLASTIC NOTEBOOK

John Dover

Seven members of City-Catholic League Eastern Division and Section 5, Class AA baseball champion Bishop Kearney High, including six All-City-Catholic performers, are playing this summer for the Warner-Claudius entry in the Monroe County American Legion League.

Combine these king-size heroes with an appropriate representation from Monroe County League champion Eastridge High, and it's easy to understand why the Irondequoit squad is rated the team to beat in Legion circles.

The BK contributions include pitchers Greg Telex, Art Carlisi (who was an All-C-C outfield choice), and Mike Booth (All-C-C honorable mention); catcher Paul Young, second baseman Joe Dellavilla, and outfielders Ted Wagner (the only non-All-C-C performer) and Nick Urzetta.

Ray O'Neill, ex-McQuaid, and Tony Damelio and Bill Falandays, both ex-Aquinas, won athletic distinction this spring at the University of Rochester.

O'Neill, elected 1974 team captain, was named the UR's most valuable player. He led the Yellowjackets in seven offensive categories including batting (.333), hits (21), runs batted in (14) and stolen bases (8).

O'Neill's career average was .316 with 90 hits, 32 rbis, 5 triples and 5 home runs.

Damelio won the team award for the greatest contribution to the squad.

Falandays finished the season with a .317 average, his fourth 300-plus varsity average. His career average was .322 with 34 rbis and 69 hits.

McQuaid's Roger Key, who lettered in football, basketball and track, will attend Brown University this fall on a grant-in-aid arrangement.

Key rushed for 551 yards and scored 14 touchdowns to lead the Knights to a 7-1 record last year. He averaged 10 points per game in basketball and ran a leg of the swift McQuaid mile relay quartet.

The Spectacle of Sport, a collection of sports photographs under the direction of Robert Riger, is being displayed on the Lincoln First Tower's plaza level through July 27.

Father Blake Dies, Noted Pacifist

Dundee, Scotland [RNS] — Father Simon Blake, a well-known English Dominican pacifist and supporter of Britain's Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament (CND), died here at 54.

Father Blake, born in Gloucester, was educated and brought up in Belgium. He joined the Dominican Order at Woodchester, Gloucestershire, in 1937, and was ordained in 1943.

Father Blake was closely associated with the CND campaign from its beginning and for a time was chairman of the interdenominational Christian CND. He often led CND marches.

He was widely known as a broadcaster and public speaker at peace rallies, particularly on the Vietnam war. In March 1967, he said that Christians had the responsibility of being concerned about and speaking up for "the silent suffering of Vietnam." In another public address he said that from a moral viewpoint Englishmen "are all involved in this (Vietnam) war because

people are pretending to defend religion and liberty — but it's the Vietnamese peasants who pay the price."

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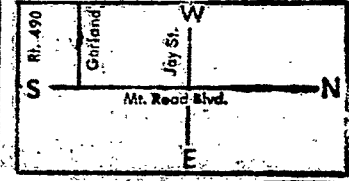
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