VIEWING the NEWS

BY BILL KEEFE



More Form, More Faith, Less Film

For the past three years this writer has plugged for the film patrol at the Fair Grounds. Management of the local track ever has been ready to do anything and everything that pointed toward improvement of racing and establishment of public faith. It has succeeded as well as any race track that ever existed—if not better. And the film patrol, no doubt, has been another fine step in the right direction excepting—

Well, having persistently advocated installation of the film patrol I'm wondering if it hasn't turned the attention of the stewards and racing commission too much away from the most important phase in racing—the backbone of the sport—the one thing that moulds and preserves public faith. That thing is FORM-consistent performances of thoroughbreds. They are devoting too much time to study of the films.

In these days of all sorts of safeguards and of big purses and advanced fees for jockeys I refuse to believe there is much chicanery in racing. The man who pays to get into the track and who supports racing with his betting would like to think so, too, but when there are flagrant form reversals and nothing done or said about them the faith of the man who makes racing possible is shaken.

Feeling sincerely sure that EVERY trainer and jockey is doing his best in EVERY race I'd say there are just two steps to be taken to stamp out in and out running of horses; No. 1-exercise more rigid surveillance of the physical condition of horses that go to the post; weed out those horses that cannot run reasonably close to form or whose trainers are so incompetent they cannot prepare them for consistent performances.

The man who stands in line at the mutuel windows doesn't care a rap if jockeys rough each other in a race or, unable to keep their mounts in a straight line, unintentionally foul each other: nor do they care if a couple of jockeys cuss each other. But they DO care if a crippled horse is permitted to start; or if one "benevolent" horseman starts a hopeless cripple in a race with the hope one of his fellow "benevolents" will claim him and thus face a total loss; and they do care if inconsistent performers are allowed to scramble the form with in-and-out running. In the old days, when there were wholesale "hopping" of horses and much more sharp practice in racing than today such form somersaults were referred to as "hot-and-cold" jobs.

There's no way to make an inconsistent horse race consistently; but there is a way to protect the public by barring him

The Nashua-Swaps Feud

Rex Ellsworth, owner of Swaps, just returned from Ireland and England where he spent \$250,000 in buying thoroughbred stock-mostly brood mares. There therefore is little chance of Leslie Combs completing his plan of buying Swaps, though the man who heads the syndicate that paid \$1,251,200 for Nashua says he thinks he'll be able to make an offer big enough to sway Ellsworth's mind.

There may be a little side method in Combs' madness to pay a fabulous price for Swaps. Ellsworth and trainer Mish Tenney have been breaking into the sports pages frequently of late with challenges for another meeting between Swaps and Nashua; the Mormons appear so confident that they may have convinced Combs that Swaps could and would show Nashua up in a third meeting. Or maybe Combs, an astate horseman who saw Swaps decisively beat Nashua in the Kentucky Derby, knows as well as anybody that Swaps was a cripple in the match race at Chicago aird he fears another match.

After paying all that money for Nashua Combs naturally would like to let "Nash" rest on his reputation. He wouldn't mind starting him in Florida against the lesser lights; but my hunch is that he'll not ship to California for the Santa Anita Handicap, where he's almost sure to meet Swaps.

Ellsworth says Swaps will be shipped to Chicago and that there's no reason to believe Chicago will be left out of Nashua's plans, as the colt has raced there every year. So he says he's looking forward to another Swaps-Nashua test at Chi. Elisworth has big plans for Swaps in the stud or he wouldn't have spent a quarter of a million dollars buying British brood mares; and if Swaps could reverse that match race decision on Nashua and thus gain a two-out-of-three edge Swaps' value as a stock horse would soar, while that of "Nash" would descend.

Down the Sports Trail Dusty Rhodes - Everyone has

his success and failures. Your

chance to show 'em you aren't a

Marty Marion - When you say you have a cow that can jump over

UNDERSTANDING

Rocky Marciano - You've prac-

Mickey Mantle - Everyone

has been criticized when he's do-

ing the best he can, so we know

how you must have felt when

booed at Yankee Stadium for

your failures.

vindication.

flash in the proverbial pan.

By WHITNEY MARTIN NEW YORK, Dec. 23 & Well, here it is Christmastime and this 1954 performance for the Giants old spendthrift again is giving was almost too good to be true. freely from an unlimited store of so there was bound to be a letadvice, sympathy and understand- down. The real champ bounces ing, trusting the recipients will ap- back, and 1956 is your chance. preciate that money was no object Jack Fleck - Maybe they exin making the selections, which pected too much of you after you are priceless. In case the items beat Ben Hogan in the National are the wrong size, you may re-Open playoff. You still have the

Anyway, here they are. accompanied by all good wishes: ADVICE

turn them and have a fit.

Ezzard Charles - If you want the moon nobody will believe you to be remembered as a better than so when you said your White Sox fair fist fighter, and world cham-would be a pennant threat they laughed at you. pion, don't go on fighting until you are losing to preliminary boys.

Tommy Bolt - Try to avoid any tically run out of competition, but more "incidents" which are giving there are those who say you aren't you the reputation of a hot-head a great fighter. What do they exand poor loser. The real sports-pect you to do? Turn the clock back and fight a young Dempsey don't go around with chips or Louis? on their shoulders; they save them

for their game. Little League baseball - Please iron out the front office difficul-ties. The kids would like their grown-ups to act that way.

Bobo Olson - The next time you fight for big stakes get yourself in shape, or there won't be many more fights for big stakes. remember Dusty Rhodes? He make the big play in the clutch. Football Hall of Fame. was quite a guy after the 1954 Earl Blaik and Don Holleder-

SYMPATHY

world series.

en for granted.

more than a million dollars, but times feel we're getting more than 2 fcotball classic. that ain't hay, which is unfor-our share of bad breaks if it's only Williams and his bride, the for- and Mrs. Frank M. White, reside tunate from your standpoint. If missing a train. The difference is mer Miss Lettye Ruth Allen, left at 4605 Ridge ave. Fletcher's paryou don't win now or sire cham-that you really have had more immediately for a short week end ents, Lt. Col. and Mrs. James L. pions you'll be rated as overrated, than your share.

Russell Sets Pace as San Francisco Overwhelms Loyola, 61-43 TOWERING ACE

Jim Hall Is Loyola's Top Point Producer

SWISHES IN 20

By JERRY GREEN

San Francisco and Bill Russell showed a crowd of approximately 5500 cage fans at Loyola field house why they are called the best in the nation when they completely overpowered Loyola, 61-43. Russell, the 6-10 all-American, gave a superh exhibition as he grabbed everything that came off the backboards, and when the Pack did work the ball inside he was there to block their shots:

The Dons used defense as much as offense to ground the Pack into defeat. They pressed the Wolves at all times and had the Pack shooting from the outside. When they passed inside either Russell was blocking the shots or the Wolves were losing the ball.

For the first few minutes it looked likes the Wolves might make it close. They were matchng the Dons point for point.

It was at this point that Russell company went to work and quickly built up a 16-point lead, mainly on the shooting of Russell. Before the Pack knew what was happening he had sent eight Frankie Wild, But Able to points swishing through the nets.

When intermission rolled around the Dons had a 19-point margin, 31-12. Immediately aftter the start of the second half they began increasing it and vent as far ahead as 25 points. Gallmann was the only man of their guards, K. C. Jones, Har-quez 136. old Perry and Warren Baxter, did Ryff ha

Russell and the forwards in get-offset Ryff's persistent drive. ting their shots. They were constantly fooling the Wolves and get-

ing a man in the clear. Coach Jim McCafferty should not be ashamed of the showing his was 7-2-1 for Ryff. Volfpack made. They gave their est, and were hustling until the final whistle sounded, but they just did not have the man power to ompete with the Dons.

Russell, who played only threequarters of the contest, was the spicious by their absence in this title battle. top scorer of the night. The 6-10 giant of the Dons connected on final Garden fight show of the eight field goals and had a per-year. At once stage a spectator fect night from the free throw became over excited and started of Maryland 25 and 1 and 1

Pack. Hall scored 11 points, and calmed the over zealous fan. was closely followed by cocap-tain Charley Gallmann with 10.

There were no knockdowns in the contest which presented two

allied eight markers. intestinal flu.

Loyola was only able to hit on his definite advantage. 17 of 63 shots for a percentage It was Ryff's 21st pro fight and of 26.9 while the Dons connected his 20th victory. He has been on 25 of 78 for a 32.0 average. beaten only by Ralph Dupas who on 25 of 78 for a 32.0 average. back into action in the opening game of the all-city tournament and tendenc yto cutn Oklahoma City on Dec. 27. The Pack will face Seattle, the top-

seeded team in the event. It was a cleanly game played throughout. Each of the visiting players was roundly applauded as they left the game.

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Two Ole Miss

JACKSON, Tenn., Dec. 23 @-Billy Kinard, starting halfback on Mississippi's Cotton Bowl team, and Ole Miss cheerleader Kay Horton were married Fri-

Johnny Podres — Save your Nor would we like people to say brother, Frank "Bruiser" Kinard, Orange Bowl festival money, Bub. You can't expect we're going to be traded, or have a tackle on the alltime All-Amer. They are Wayne of every year to be 1955 with you, our wages cut, when we can still ica and a charter member of the

When you know you are right, it CANTON, Miss., Dec. 23 @takes real fortitude to go ahead Ole Miss guard Johnny Williams and James K. Fletcher, San An-Robin Roberts - It's tough to with a plan when beset by crit-married his high school sweet-tonio. Tex. be so good you're practically tak-icism. The Navy game was your heart today and plans to take a Jefferson is the son of Mrs. W. "Cotton Bowl honeymoon" when O. Jefferson, presently residing Nashua - They peddle you for Gerry Coleman-all of us some Ole Miss plays TCU in the Jan. at 4718 Albemarle st., NW, Wash-

honeymoon. He must return to Fletcher, reside at 2003 N. Flores although you didn't brag your way Everyone—A very merry Christ-football practice at the Universt., San Antonio. Fletcher is a re-onto any such spot. sty of Mississippi Monday. tired Air Force officer. sity of Mississippi Monday.

Blanket of Snow Fails to Keep Browns Inside



RYFF DECISIONS **BABY VASQUEZ**

"Hit Often Enough

By JACK HAND NEW YORK, Dec. 23 (2)-Frankie Ryff, high-ranking lightweight contender was wild and that could hit for the Wolves in ineffective Friday night but he the early stages of the final half landed enough punches to win a Until coach Phil Woolpert of the unanimous decision over stocky began substituting he had Baby Vasquez of Mexico in a 10cored all of the Packs' points.

Russell was not the only star of Candon Buff weighed 128 Vac. the night for the Dons. The work Garden. Ryff weighed 138, Vas-

Ryff had a height and reach old Perry and Warren Baxier, did Ryn had a neglit and led itself Friday for the professionas much to keep Loyola off bal-advantage on the little Mexican ed itself Friday for the professional championship game Monday beance as Russell did under the who made the New Yorker miss and flounder at times. But Vas-Their faking and passing aided quez didn't hit hard enough to

Judge Artie Schwartz scored it 8-1-1, judge Artie Aidala 6-4 and referee Ruby Goldstein 5-3-2 all for Ryff. The AP card

the right eye in the fourth, the as well as the National Football silce didn't seem to bother him too much. It did bleed on and off. Peace and good will were con-

line, hitting four for four.

After Russell the scoring dividafter Russell the scoring divided evenly among the rest of the San Francisco squad. The section highest man was Eaxter a native New Orleanian, with eight.

Jim Hall, a sophomore forward, was tops for the night for the Pack. Hall scored 11 points and calmed the over zealous fan

tain Charley Gallmann with 10. The contest which presented with 10. The peter Gaudin and Crit Lorio each styles that did not mix. Vasquez fought out of a half crouch. Bobby O'Donnell, cocaptain and sneaking a roght hand punch and leading scorer for the Pack, got grabbing. Ryff, normally a standout of the sick bed to play in the game and failed to score. He had been under doctor's care for intestingly first final failed to score the had been under doctor's care for intestingly first final first final first final first final first first final first first final first with both fists flying, he piled up

The Pack will take a holiday was upset last Friday by Ludwig for Christmas, but will swing Lightburn. Ryff was a 1 to 4 favorite, despite his tender skin

Illinois 'Handle' Hits New High CHICAGO, Dec. 23 # - A record total of \$204,991,019 was wa

gered at Illinois thoroughbred rac ing tracks in 1955. The Illinois Racing Board's an nual report Friday disclosed this

amount was bet by 2,938,772 patrons at the five Chicago area and two downstate tracks. Another new record was set in

purse and stake distribution with \$8,528,790 paid for the 2,529 races Hasty House Farm was the top

money - winning stable with \$435. 785, while Swoon's Son was the leading money-winning horse with \$204,470.
The year's leading trainer in Illinois was William J. Schmidt with

53 winners and Clarence Meaux was the top jockey with 114 victor

Players Marry Revenue to the State Marry racing days was \$14.367.785. Revenue to the state for the 294

Air Cadets Get **Duty as Escorts** DENVER, Dec. 23 @-Five Air

The couple left on a brief Force Academy cadets were chos-Phil Rizzuto - We're all getting honeymoon. Kinard reports back en Friday to serve as escorts to no younger, but don't like to have to practice Dec. 26.

people remind us of it all the time, Kinard's best man was his her court in Miami's 22nd annual Orange Bowl festival. the 1956 Orange Bowl queen and

They are Wayne O. Jefferson Jr., Gainesville, Fla.; John C. White, Baltimore, Md.; Charles T. Marshman, Honolulu, Hawaii; Stephen E. Galios, Napa, Calif.,

ington, D. C. White's parents, Mr.

-wirePHOTO by The Associated Pres WHERE'S THE ANTIFREEZE—The offensive starters for the Cleveland Browns took time out from practice at snowy League Park, Cleveland, to pose for this picture. The Browns defend their National Football League crown Monday against the Rams in Los Augeles. In the line, from left, Danti Lavelli, Mike Mc-Cormack, Hal Bradley, Frank Gatski, Abe Gibron, Lou Groza and Darrel Brewster. In the backfield are Fred Morrison, Ed Modzelewski, Otto Graham and Ray Renfro.

Former Maryland Backs Threats in Pro Title Tilt

'Mighty Mo,' Waller Main the defending champion Browns Ground Gainers

By BOB MYERS

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 23 @-The ossibility of muddy going presenttween the Cleveland Browns and the Los Angeles Rams.

Showers peppered this area Friday and more than an inch of rain is expected by Saturday, with a few showers again Sunday. Skies are expected to clear Monday, how

If the turf is wet, and players Although Ryff was cut around fans and officials of the two clubs League hope for the opposite, the will fool you with his speed." respective running attacks may prove the deciding factor in the

and right halfback Ron Waller, 174pound rookie dubbed Ronnie the Waller is the leading ground

gainer for the Rams, having piled ball, plus 228 yards more as a pass receiver. Opposing tacklers swear that

Waller runs slant-wise, and indeed he does on occasion if his blockers fail to open a large enough hole.

Brown had for years in Marion Motley, his former fullback star. But Big Mo, and this comes from Waller, "is exceptionally fast. He Modzelewski is second to Fred against New York University. 'Curley" Morrison, the ex-Chicago Bear fullback who was shifted to

Modzelewski is more the power runner in the style that coach Paul foot 4 inch juniors.

Brown had for years in Marion Tulane said Bob Ebker, 6 foot

The ground game brings into fo- halfback by Brown, in running

of Maryland—215-pound fullback The Cleveland squad is not due ed "Mighty Mo" Modzelewski of on the scene until Saturday.

STAN STUMPF ON LAME LIST

Big Wave Forward Strains it rains a week from Monday. Hip Ligament

forwards for next week's Orange is more than he ever employed before. There will be a man at Bowl basketball tournament

as counted out of the action at cation with the field bench. Miami Beach, Fla., Friday when it The Spartans of MSU also over Washington State.

of Gretna, strained a hip liga-ties and then returned to Pasaup 716 yards in 151 trips with the ment. His playing in the Orange dena for the practice. Bowl tournament depends on his reaction to treatment, Tulane officials said.

Grosscup is Tulane's leading corer and rebounder, while

5 inch junior of St. Louis, and Bill league farm clubs. largstorf, 6 foot 2 inch sophomore of Logansport, Ind., probably will

EGYPT TROUNCED malek Sporting Club Friday.

BRUINS CLOSE TRAINING CAMP

Coaches Pleased; Players Off for Holidays

(Picture on Page 18) PASADENA, Calif., Dec. 23 (2)
The UCLA Bruins wound up their heavy Rose Bowl drills Friday with a smashing performance that brought an expression of pleasure from their coaches. Michigan State took things a little easier in preparation for the Jan. 2 game.

In a 30-minute workout on defense, the UCLA varsity stopped the "Michigan State" attack cold, and then on de-fense, repeatedly "s c o r e d" from the five-yard line.

"The team looked real good," said head coach Red Sanders as be dismissed the Bruins for the boliday week end.

Regular fullback Bob Davenport was held out of the heavy work to escape the danger of reinjuring his knee. Sanders also wanted to give Davenport's replacement, Doug Peters, an opportunity to scrimmage.

Rain muddied up the Bruins' practice field on their campus and Sanders deliberately worked the squad on the mushlest sec-tion he could find—just in case Duffy Daugherty, the Michigan State bossman, revealed that he

will have five scouts on duty in Tulane may lose both its starting the bowl during the game, which each end of the stadium and three Calvin Grosscup of Auburn, Ind., in the press box. all in communi-

was determined he sprained an drilled Friday in the mud after ankle in Thursday's 91-52 victory a leisurely morning spent at movie studios in Hollywood. The players met June Allyson, Dick In the same game, Stan Stumpf Powell and other screen celebri-

Three Pitchers

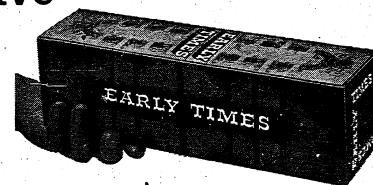
WASHINGTON, Dec. 23 (B) scorer and rebounder, while The Washington Senators and No. 2 rebounder. Both are 6 pitching prospects have been foot 4 inch juniors. signed up and assigned to minor

They are Joe Langhammer, Paul Fiore and Joe Viau.

start in the tourney's opening game from the South Dakota semipro league, is ticketed for the Senators' double-A club, Chattanooga of the Southern Assn. Fiore, a CAIRO, Dec. 23 @ - Portugal right hander from Providence, cus two outstanding runners, for yardage. He has gained 619 yards trounced Egypt, 4-0, in a dull in-R. I., and Viau, a left hander ternational soccer match play be-from Newport, R. I., have been fore 20,000 spectators at the Za-assigned to Erie, Pa., of the class

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