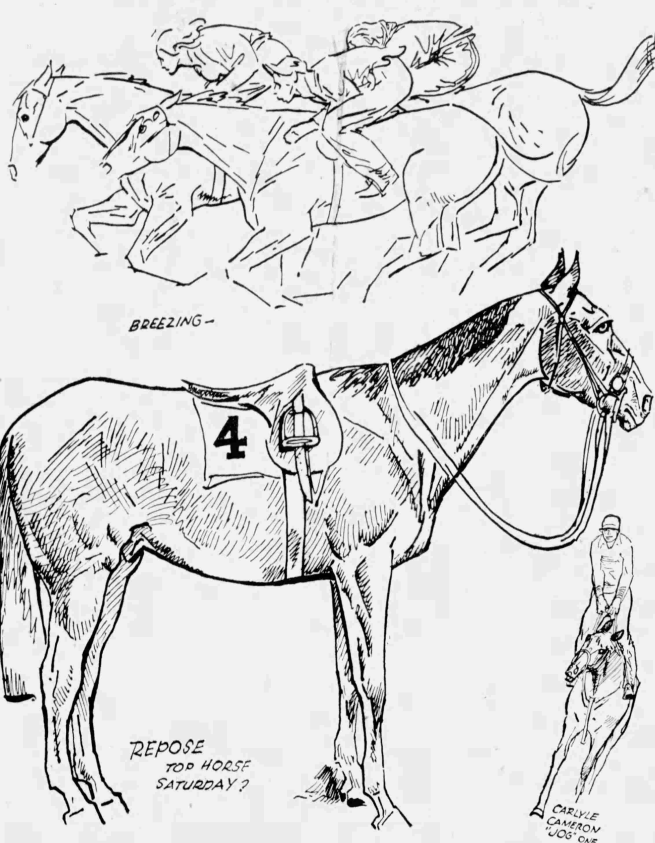
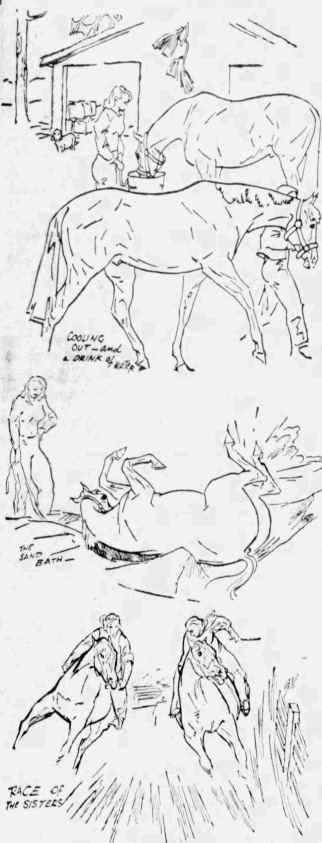


Stoneybrook: A Fitting Site For The Season's Opener



Sketches by Kenneth Walcott

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A Dream Come True For Walsh

SOUTHERN PINES—The jet, smashing its way across the sound barrier, left a thin white footprint in the sky. The day was cool and clear and there were no clouds to hide the blueness of outer space.

The artist, his pad braced against one arm, sketched quickly, his black charcoal impressions coming to life on the flatness of the white paper. The sudden beat of hooves caused him to stretch his neck to one side. He smiled.

"Here is excitement for me," he said, his drawing hand working feverishly. "This may be the jet age, but machines can never replace the beauty of a horse in motion. Look at the lines of the rider against the mount, how his body conforms with the movement."

The jet had vanished. For Artist Ken Whitsett, it had never appeared.

This was Southern Pines, the home of Mickey Walsh of Stoneybrook Farm. The names have a fictional quality, almost as catchy as Rebecca of Sunnybrook. But Mickey is very much a reality and so are his stables and horses.

The visit by Artist Whitsett was prompted by the coming Stoneybrook Hunt Racing Association activity on Saturday. It opens the Steeplechase season for the United States and year by year is becoming more important on the racing calendar. This is a dream come true to Walsh, who not only owns the layout, but has become to steeplechasing what Ben Jones and Jim Fitzsimmons are to the flats.

60 Horses And All Of Them Hungry

"FITZSIMMONS," Mickey repeated, nodding his head. "A wonderful, wonderful man. A fine person. A very good friend. He has given me much good advice on horses." Mickey Walsh is as Irish as his name. Maybe it is the luck of that breed that places Mickey's name atop the steeplechase trainers of the country. In racing, it takes luck and knowledge and grit and that extra something a successful crap shooter possesses.

In 1944, Mickey purchased a plot of land on the fringe area of Southern Pines. It was wooded and the trees stood majestically and unconcerned in the rolling terrain.

Today the 100 acres are landscaped and display their race course proudly. To one side is the stables area. It is here that Walsh keeps watch over some 60 horses.

"About 40 are mine," he notes. "They are very good eaters. It takes quite a bit of winnings to keep them happy."

Those who know Mickey say he will remain solvent to feed his property. Last year, Walsh-trained horses arrived first at the finish line 41 times. While his 1955 earnings were surpassed by Pete Bostwick, the Walsh colors wrote checks for a tidy \$140,373, then a record, in 1954.

Don't Bet Against Top Trainer Mickey

THOSE who know Walsh intimately claim he has an instinct that can't be explained. There was the time he bought "Repose," now a 12-year-old and a favorite in the coming Stoneybrook Hunt. For years, "Repose" had shown quality, but experts said he would never jump properly.

"I liked him," said Walsh. "For some reason I liked him. So I paid \$900 and he was mine."

Since the time of purchase, "Repose" has made nearly

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State Freeze In NY— Case: 'My Worst Blow In 36 Years'

NEW YORK—Madison Square Garden is a mortuary of many a man's dream. Today the big Eighth Ave. barn held one more dead hope—the four-year national basketball championship dream of Everett Case.

Seattle, Wayne, Morehead Win

'Wrong Man' Shoots But Temple Is Glad

By ED WILKS
Holy Cross Coach Ray Leung insisted to no avail that Henshoh was fouled on the last shot, claiming two foul shots should have been awarded.

Temple now meets tonight's Connecticut - Manhattan winner and Canisius plays the survivor of the West Virginia-Dartmouth matchup at Madison Square Garden and Southern Methodist, Texas Tech and Oklahoma City.

The first-round firing in the NCAA tourney that winds up March 29 at Evanston, Ill., continues tonight with Connecticut, Dartmouth at Madison Square Garden and Southern Methodist, Texas Tech and Oklahoma City.

Wayne now meets Kentucky and Morehead plays Iowa in a second round double-header at Iowa City, Iowa, Friday.

Holy Cross, the 1947 NCAA champ, tried desperately to recover, passing the ball into the hands of Hal Lear, who paired with sophomore Guy Rodgers as a front line in a 2-1-2 zone, was fouled on the last shot. It was the 5-1 Lear, who matched All-American Tom Henshoh of Holy Cross with 26 points.

That decision set off a flood of irate Holy Cross fans, but referee John Stevens and Umpire

North Carolina State, a mere shadow of its regular season greatness, lost its poise under the bright Garden lights — and consequently to Little Canisius, 79-78, in four overtimes.

Like the handful of State alumni, supporters and Carolina sportswriters, Case was stunned. He had saved his freshman stars four years ago for this moment, but the gamble failed.

"It is the greatest disappointment I've suffered in 36 years of basketball," said Case.

THE SNOW-HAired State coach could not explain his team's failure to perform with its usual skill. State, second in the country in the final AP poll, trailed Canisius most of the night.

"I hadn't recognized the players on the floor. I wouldn't have believed this was the same State team," said Case. "The boys were so high, they wanted to do the right thing so badly, that they did everything wrong."

Case made it clear that he held no individual blame for the loss. John Maglio, whose muffed free throw with 14 seconds left, set up Canisius' winning play. State had a 28-77 lead in the fourth overtime and held the ball, but Maglio was fouled. When his free throw went off the mark, Canisius broke down court and Fran Corcoran, a substitute who hadn't made a shot all night — hit the game-winning bucket.

State routers were dismayed that the Wolfpack, one of the best two foul-shooting teams in America, lost the game on the free throw line. Both State and Canisius had 38 foul shots, but the winners made 27 of State's 22.

"We couldn't move the ball," mourned Case. "We started off wrong and picked up a lot of fouls. We made every mistake."

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Porterfield Won't Win 20—Dressen

ORLANDO, Fla. — Charlie Dressen, the volatile little Washington manager, denied today he ever had any harsh words with pitcher Bob Porterfield, who recently stated he was "ticked to death" to be traded away from the Senators because he couldn't get along with Dressen.

"I don't know why Porterfield put the blame on me," Dressen said. "I never had any words with the fellow. I have been in baseball a long time and I did make one or two suggestions to him on the subject of pitching. But he continued to pitch his way, anyway. But we never had any kind of an argument. I let him have his way."

"It just goes to show you, wearing a major league uniform doesn't always make you a big leaguer. The fellow had a bad year and he's trying to alibi for it. You don't hear Mickey Vernon, Maury McDermott or Tom Lindebeck, who also were traded, complain about me."

"I was a ball player, too, at one time, and I had some bad years. But I didn't alibi and blame my troubles on my manager."

Dressen said he had urged the trading of Porterfield because, in his opinion, the 31-year-old right-hander had lost his fast ball, among other things.

"All he kept throwing were sliders," Dressen said. "He had lost all confidence in his fast ball. Maybe he'll get it back with Boston and maybe he'll win 20 games as he said he will, but I've got some money that says he won't. I predict that McDermott, if given the same number of starts, will win more for the Yankees than Porterfield will for Boston."

The fellow won only 10 games and lost 17 last year," Charlie continued. "So he blames it on me. Okay, so I threw the ball up to the plate for him. But what about 1954 when he won 13 and lost 15? Who aimed his pitches then when I wasn't around?"

Dressen insisted he went out of his way to be nice to Porterfield. The veteran pitcher had declared he could not get along with Charlie, who wanted him to pitch one way while he wanted to pitch another.

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EX-RAM CENTERFIELDER LENDS BIG ARM TO WF

One of the freshman baseball prospects in the camp of the Wake Forest Deacons, national collegiate champions, is Byron Bullard, who played centerfield for Harding High for three seasons.

Bullard, whose throwing arm was one of the best seen in this city in many years, is on a four-year scholarship.

"I think he has the ability to be a good college player," said Coach Floyd Bumgarner, for whom Bullard played centerfield for three seasons at Harding.

"He has a wonderful arm. He's a good fielder and a good hitter. If he's lacking anything, it's speed, but he may be able to develop that."

The Pittsburgh Pirates have shown an uncommon keen interest in Bullard during the past couple of years.



HORNE'S BLOWING SOUTH

Among the Charlotte Hornet prospects who departed the city this morning for Fernandina Beach, Fla., and spring training was Catcher Bobby Horne (left), a local product, seen here with Otto Blume, roving coach for the Washington system. Horne is one of some 10 who will begin workouts down south tomorrow. (Jeep Hunter Photo, Tom Franklin Studio)

FLOYD MAY YET TRY FOR OLYMPIC SPOT

GREENVILLE, S. C. — Furman University cage star Darrell Floyd says he may yet try for the Olympic team instead of turning pro immediately.

The nation's top point producer denied a New York announcement that he had definitely committed himself to tour with a 1956 College All-Star squad that will play the Harlem Globetrotters in a coast-to-coast tour beginning April 1 and ending April 15.

"I intend to think this matter over some before authorizing an announcement of this sort," Floyd declared. "The earlier announcement said that Floyd had been named as the first member of the all-star team."

College Scores

NCAA TOURNAMENT (FIRST ROUND)
Temple 21, Holy Cross 27
Columbia (WV) 67, Carolina State 28 (four overtimes) — DePaul 67
Morehead (KY) 100, Marshall (W. Va.) 66
Seattle 66, Idaho State 66
Western Illinois 114, Eastern New Mexico 66
California A&P 80, East Texas 66
Central (Ohio) 67, Montana State 66
Georgia Teachers 51, Southwestern OK 46
Austin (Tex.) 67, Okla. 41
P&H State (Wisc.) 51, Portland (Ore.) 51
Rockhurst (Kan.) 51, Rider 55
Geneva (Pa.) 74, Arkansas Tech 68