

Bold Ruler Due At Churchill Track Today

By Pat Lynch

The Wheatley Stable's Bold Ruler was due at Churchill Downs this afternoon for the May 4 engagement in the 83rd Kentucky Derby.

The racey son of Nasrullah hooked onto the Cincinnati Limited yesterday afternoon and was due at Louisville, Ky., this morning. The colt will be vanned to the track in care of Bart Sweeney.

FITZ WON THREE

The 82-year-old Mr. Fitz will leave for Kentucky this weekend by train to supervise the training of the colt. He hopes it will bring him his fourth Kentucky Derby victory. Mr. Fitz' previous success at Churchill Downs accomplished by Gallant Fox, Johnstown and Omaha.

The old man might have had a fourth winner if not for hard luck. In 1936 he sent out Granville against Bold Venture. Looker Jimmy Stunt picked the



BOLD JOURNEY . . . Trainer Sunny Jim Fitzsimmons supervises loading of Bold Ruler aboard train at

Belmont for Louisville and Kentucky Derby. Ruler will be among favorites in Classic May 4.

ville against Bold Venture. Jockey Jimmy Stout picked the precise moment of the start to admire the glistening haunches of Granville. This was accomplished by falling from his mount at the break and gazing wistfully down the track as the field thundered into history.

Granville went on to become the three-year-old champion of his year.

MASTER TACTICIAN

Although it is to be deplored that Bold Ruler will not have a feel of the Churchill Downs strip in competition prior to the Derby, Mr. Fitz is masterful preparing a colt. Down through the years, he has not had any peers readying a horse for the classic distances.

A quick case in point was Nashua for his famed match with Swaps at Washington Park.

Mr. Fitz poured it to Nashua at Saratoga, over a type of track vastly different from the hard Chicago strip. Swaps had the advantage of running over the Washington Park ribbon. Nashua was shipped in the August heat and broke up Swaps in the match.

You might rightfully ask:

“Oh yeah, where was Nashua in the Kentucky Derby without a race over the track?”

And we'll say:

“That's a good question, bub.”