

Man o' War Who in '20

The Dwyer, run for the first time in 1918, has had its share of illustrious winners over the years. But the one the fans still talk about most is Man o' War, who turned in what many consider the greatest effort of his career in the 1920 running.

Only one rival, John P. Grier, opposed Big Red. He carried 108 pounds, Man o' War 126. The two ran together most of the way—five furlongs in 0:57 $\frac{2}{5}$, six furlongs in 1:09 $\frac{2}{5}$ (a world record) the mile in 1:35 $\frac{4}{5}$ (tying a world record). With an eighth of a mile to go, John P. Grier began moving ahead.

Then Clarence Kummer reached down and hit the 1-to-5 favorite with his whip—the only time in Man o'War's career such a tactic was used. Big Red bounded ahead and won by $1\frac{1}{2}$ lengths in the world-record time of 1:49 $\frac{1}{5}$ for a mile and an eighth. The race was run at that distance from 1918 to 1924 and from 1935 to 1939.

One of those on hand yesterday who remembered the famous 1920 Dwyer was Sunny Jim Fitzsimmons, 89-year-old retired trainer and elder statesman of the turf world.

"At the eighth pole," said Mr. Fitz from his chair of honor in the saddle enclosure, "it looked to me like Man o' War was beat."

For the 47th Dwyer, Sunny Jim said he would "put a little on Roman Brother, maybe \$5, and that's a big bet for me."

His reasoning for going against Quadrangle:

"That Greentree horse [Malicious] is a good one, and he's got speed. Quadrangle can't let him go along and gallop and make a quarter-mile race out of it. He'll have to go with him.

"That could be just right for Roman Brother. He's steady, consistent. Maybe he's not quite as good as the top horses in that division, but he's not too far away from 'em."

As an afterthought, Sunny Jim said, "Of course, I'm not a very good picker."

Racing's favorite personality, who will be 90 on July 23, stayed until the horses had been saddled for the Dwyer. Then he was hustled out to an automobile for a five-minute ride to his near-by home.

"I always beat it home before the race and watch it on television," he said. "I can see it much better."