Groom John Polston and Seattle Slew 'You do your thing, don't'

If anything, Preakness will be a 'dusty run'

Whatever method of reasoning one wishes to apply, the answer for tomorrow's (Saturday) Preakness should be Seattle Slew.

The Kentucky Derby winner thoroughly justifies the 3-5 early line favoritism, what with a past-performance chart that shows blazing speed and endurance. He displayed both at Churchill Downs, fighting off the scorching pace of For the Moment then pulling away at the end.

Since the Preakness is an eighth of a mile shorter than the Derby, Slew figures to have no trouble negotiating tomorrow's distance on top.

The judgement here is that, if anything is to beat the favorite in this one, it will be Rum Dusty Rum.

This son of former Derby winner Dust Commander (1970) closed strongly on Slew at Louisville two weeks ago, trying the distance for the first time. With fewer horses than the Derby's 15, Dusty won't have as many rivals in front of him when the big run begins.

Reading the probable odds, it may be surmised that J.O. Tobin, Cormorant and Iron Constitution will get most of the attention that is left after the Slew backers finish at the betting windows.

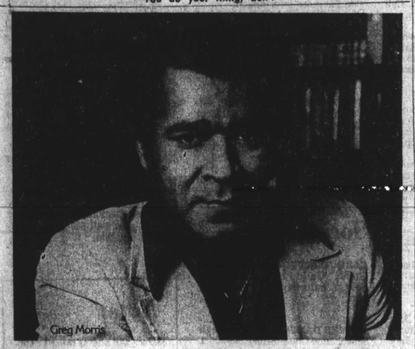
Tobin has been sidelined by injury, but the English champion is reported ready by trainer Johnny Adams. That may be the case but the AFRO stays with the feeling that any horse, no matter how good, needs at least one race to tighten him for a major event.

Cormorant appeared "short" in the Withers Mile last week n New York when he lost to Iron Constitution.

That means he suffered from a layoff - also due to injury — and was not prepared for the needed distance.

Constitution may have shown a tendency to loaf after passing Comorant in the Withers because the latter came on again and barely missed regaining the lead.

Loafing horses won't beat this field. . .SAM LACY



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ESSEX CAGE COACH — Former City College and Western Maryland basketball star Joe Smothers has been named head coach of the Essex Community College five. He replaces Bill Silverthorne who moves over to golf and tennis.

'Slew' backers shouldn't fear views of Arcaro

By Sam Lacy

Maybe he'll change tactics this time but if Eddie Arcoro runs to past performances, he'll have a knock for the favorite in tomorrow's (Saturday) Preakness.

The former jockey, a five-time winner of the Kentucky Derby, worked beside Howard Cosell on ABC-TV, May 7 at Churchill Downs, and told his millions of viewers that Seattle Slew was not likely to win — for various reasons.

He criticized jockey Jean Cruguet's rides on "Slew" in last winter's Flamingo stake in Florida and in the Wood Memorial at New York last month. He implied that Cruguet could gez the hourse beaten even though he might be best in the race.

When friends told the French rider about Arcaro's comments the youngster bristled. He confronted Eddie and asked how come he (Arcoro) didn't win with the great Bold Ruler in their (1957) Derby.

"The kid had a better shot than that," said groom John Polston Wednesday after returning Seattle Slew to the barn from a mid-morning sunning.

"Sure Bold Ruler was odds-on to win that year but Arcaro foolishly tried to rate a horse that won only when he was permitted to run his own race. He went the longer distance of one-and-five (mile and five-eighths) later on the front end all the way.

"But the guy's (Arcaro) judgement of the relative ability of horses has never been as good as his rides. And that's how Jean could have gotten a better shot.

"Cruge wasn't even born yet, so he may not know that Eddie had his mick of Greentree's (Greentree Stables) entry in the 1952 Derby. He was their contract rider and was given the choice between Devil Diver and Shut Out.

"Eddie selected Devil Diver and Wayne Wright won on Shut Out as Arcaro finished sixth," continued Polston.

"In that year's Preakness, he again chose the Devil and was eighth to Shut Out's fifth behind Alsab.

"By Belmont time Gaver (Greentree trainer John Gaver) decided to shelve the Devil and Eddie had no choice. He took Shut Out and won.

"So, nobody gets upset in this business when Arcoro tries experting," the outspoken groom concluded.

John Polston calls shot on Arcaro

Preakness on ABC

The Preakness tomorrow (Saturday) at Pimlico will be telecast by ABC Sports, commencing at 5 p.m.

The same network covered the Kentucky Derby two weeks ago, marking the first time ABC-TV has handled the Triple Crown events.

CT plans May 30 racing twin-bill

The first doubleheader of the year has been set for Memorial Day at the Charles Town races.

A 19-race card will be presented that day with 10 events being run in the afternoon and nine in the evening.

Post times will be 2 and 7 p.m. There will be two big exactas, two jackpots and four trixactas along with daily doubles and exactas.

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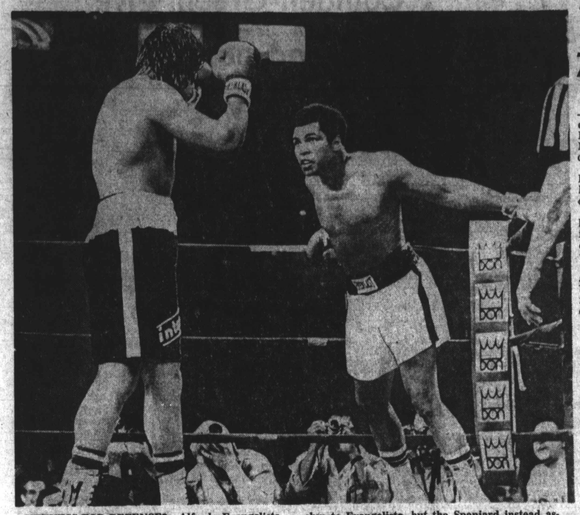

WITNESS FOR DEFENSE?—Alfredo Evangelista prove he was not much of a witness for the defense when heavyweight champion Muhammad Ali sought to justify his role as contender Monday night at Capital Centre. In this 7th round scenario, Ali clings to ring ropes and offers his chin to Evangelista, but the Spaniard instead assumed, of all things, a defensive posture. Still, Ali insisted to the end that Alfredo was a deserving challenger who will "give (Jimmy) Young or (Ken) Norton hell."

Trail Blazers get wish: 76ers in title playoff

PORTLAND, Ore. (UPI) — The Portland Trail Blazers have their wish — the Philadelphia 76ers in the NBA championship playoffs starting Sunday.

It will be Dr. J. Versus Dr. Jack, both known basketball experts in the city of brotherly love.

Dr. J. as everybody knows, is basketball's magic man, Julius Erving. His offense is that of a man with a thousand moves.

Dr. Jack is Jack Ramsay, Ph. D. in Education—University of Pennsylvania, in his first year as coach here.

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"Our preference is for Philadelphia, since the 76ers are the supposed wonder team," Ramsay said following the sweep of Los Angeles for the Western Conference title.

The question before the basketball world is can Ramsay's pressure defense contain Dr. J? Perhaps not, but that is not overly germain to the Blazers.

Portland will harry Erving, but the Blazers will concede him points. Stopping other 76ers such as Doug Collins and George McGinnis, along with Daryl Dawkins, the man-child out of high school, who comes roaring off the bench with muscle.

Chicago, Denver, and Los Angeles coaches and players, all victims of the Trail Blazers in the playoffs for the Western Conference title, beleive Portland will win it. Laker guard Don Chaney, who played on two Boston championship teams, says, "Portland resembles the old Celtic teams. They hustle and play good defense."

In the regular season, the two clubs split their four games. Early in the campaign, Portland humiliated the multi-million dollar 76er contingent, winning by 46 points. The next two games were closer, decided by the same scores of 106-107. The 76ers took the final game 128-116.

Philadelphia has the home-court advantage but must be wary of the Blazers in either of the first two games. Portland has won on the road to turn the home court-advantage to its favor.

NBA playoff dates

Following is the schedule for the best-of-seven final series for the National Basketball Association title:

PHILADELPHIA
PORTLAND
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MAY 26 Portland at Philadelphia.
MAY 29 — Philadelphia at Portland.
MAY 31 — PHILADELPHIA at Portland.
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Busy weekend set for slo-pitchers

This weekend will mark the last of a series of exhibition games to be played by the Baltimore Monuments professional slo-pitch pitch team before its home opener, May 20 at Rips Memorial Stadium in Bowie.

The Monuments will host the New York Clippers tonight (Friday), at 8 o'clock and on Saturday at 2 p.m., at their home field in Bowie. The Clippers feature Mike Foley, a five time All World player.

The Monuments will also play at Pittsburgh Hard Hats at Donahue Field on Sunday at 2 p.m., in Cumberland. All dates will be doubleheaders.

MSA Scoreboard

FRIDAY SCHEDULE

Varsity Baseball
Patterson at Curley
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