Preakness coming up?

Let's quit fooling around: we'll take the Bid

Trainer Luis Barrera and Screen King they'll try Spectacular Bid again

By Sam Lacy

Shucks, what's the use of kidding? Spectacular Bid is a belluva horse.

I've played around in typical big-race fashion, trying to pick something to beat him. It is so easy to go along with the mob and predict that the odds-on favorite will win the Triple Crown races, so forecasting an upset is the intriguing practice here.

Once in a while, I get away with it. This was the case in the 1974 Preakness when I put the AFRO on record that Little Current would beat the favorite, Kentucky Derby winner Cannonade.

It happened again in 1975 when the choice here was Master Derby over favorite Foolish Pleasure, which also had won the Derby.

Little Current paid $28.20, and Master Derby's win payoff was $46.80.

Intoxicated by the successes of these previous years, I tried to knock off Seattle Slew with Run Dusty Run in 1977, and preferred Alydar over Affirmed in 1978.

The result, as the reader probably knows, was that I was trying to meet two colts that would eventually win the Triple Crown.

So, all spoofing aside, tomorrow (Saturday) the pick (or kiss of death) will be Spectacular Bid.

Trainer Luis Barrera is taking another shot at the grey star from Buddy Delp's barn, sending Steven King against the Bid.

Also, Leroy Jolley has General Assembly at Pimlico, looking to a possible upset.

If the track is not muddy, Flying Paster, the California champion, will try to improve on his dismal Derby performance.

But, the feeling here is that, if the Bid was much the best at Louisville, he figures to be a killer in his own backyard at Pimlico.

Summer pin tour slated to get underway Friday

Their eyes focused on a share of the $200,000 in prize money, area bowlers are ready for the 16th Fair Lanes Summer Tour which commences tonight (Friday).

For the next 16 weeks, duckpin and tenpin bowlers will be making their rounds to various Fair Lanes centers to vie for guaranteed prizes.

Fair Lanes inaugural tour hosted 3,668 doubles teams in 1965. Its steady growth is reflected in the fact that entries soared to a record 20,115 teams last year.

Duckpin bowlers are ready to kick off the season at Fair Lanes Middlesex (Baltimore), and Fair Lanes Bailey's Crossroads (Metropolitan Washington).

Tenpin bowlers will kick off their first stop at Fair Lanes Edgewood (Baltimore) and Fair Lanes Dale City (Metropolitan Washington).

All four stops are scheduled to begin at 6:30 this evening.

Weekly guaranteed prizes have been increased to a record $250 for first place, $125 second and $75 third with many additional prizes based on entries.

Weekly champions may qualify for berths in the lucrative inter-city finals.

Nehemiah, Young indoor track MVP's

NEW YORK (UPI) — Renaldo Nehemiah, who keeps breaking his own world hurdling records, and 16-year-old newcomer Candy Young Monday were selected outstanding athletes of the indoor track season by the New York Track Writers Association.

A 20-year-old sophomore at the University of Maryland, Nehemiah set world indoor records at 50 yards (5.04 seconds at Toronto), 50 meters (5.60 at Edmonton) and 60 yards (6.59 at New York) during the indoor season. The 20-year-old Scotch Plains, N.J. native also won the AAU and NCAA 60-yard high hurdles titles.

Young, a high school junior from Beaver Falls, Pa., set women's American indoor records in Hurdling at 60 meters (8.95 seconds) at Edmonton and 60 yards (7.50) in the AAU Championships at New York.

She was defeated only once during her first indoor season, losing to Deby Laplante in the Mirose Games.

Candy Young set two USA marks

ACTION assistant named

Ophelia Speight, 26, a former VISTA (Volunteer in Service to America) volunteer in Missouri, has been appointed as special assistant for minority recruitment at ACTION, the federal volunteer service agency that also administers the Peace Corps.

A resident of Washington, D.C., she is a 1974 graduate in international politics of the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Speight of Wilson, N.C.

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The cost of sponsor - an - athlete — to pay for his competion, medals and ribbions, housing and food - is $36.50 per child. Sponsors can select from any of Maryland's 20 counties or Baltimore City - or leave the choice to the Special Olympics.

UDC track stars head for AIAW

Liz Young, UDC's sprint hope for the Moscow Olympics in 1980, was named the University's "Athlete of the Year" at its annual athletic awards luncheon held recently.

Ms. Young, a junior majoring in business management, received a standing ovation as she was named as recipient of the top athletic award.

Other special awards went to: Muriel Wilson; women's volleyballer (Henley Memorial Award for outstanding contributions to the university); Kevin Jones, tennis player (scholar athlete award), and Weldon Parham, basketballer ("M" Club award).

An audience of 300 attended the function at the Sheraton Park Hotel, and heard John Thompson, coach of Georgetown University's nationally ranked basketball team advise the college athletes to "set your own standards and goals, then reach them and be happy when you get there."

Thompson said UDC's basketball program was in good hands with the recent appointment of Wil Jones and Beesie Stockard as coaches of the men's and women's teams respectively.

Black foursome reaches $126G

The sterling play of Calvin Peete added to the early successes of Lee Elder and Jim Thorpe has enabled black golfers on the pro tour to reach a level of more than $126,000 in collective winnings as of May 15.

Elder continues as the at $30,574.

The fourth member of the quartet, Jim Dent, chips in with $14,364.

Total earnings for the group amount to $126,397, top money man of the foursome at $45,763. Thorpe is next with $35,697, and Peete follows

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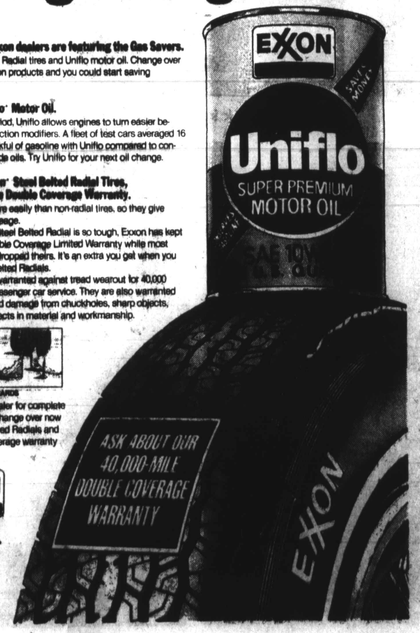

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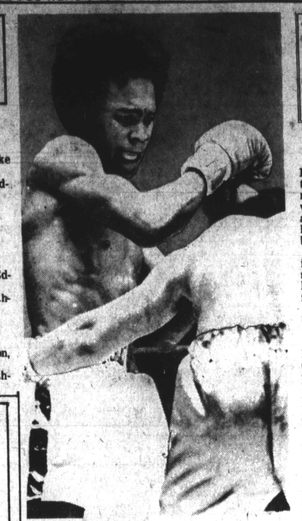

HE'S STEPPING OUT — Warned that he may find his Saturday opponent unexpectedly rugged, Sugar Ray Leonard wrapped up training for Marcos Geraldo with a brace of heated sparring sessions. Unbeaten Sugar Ray meets a middleweight for the first time in the New Orleans match.

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'In best shape of life for Coetzee,' says Spinks

CADILLAC, Mich. (UPI) — Leon Spinks, with eight weeks of training behind him at a 1,000-acre Michigan ski resort, said Tuesday he is ready to meet Gerri Coetzee of South Africa in a 12 - round bout June 24 in Monte Carlo, Monaco.

The former world heavyweight champion said at a news conference at the Caberfae Ski Resort he is not making any predictions about the outcome.

"I never give predictions," he said. "I've never seen Coetzee fight. I don't even know what he look like."

Spinks said the fact Coetzee is a white from South Africa does not trouble him.

"It don't bother me," he said. "I don't pay any attention to politics. I'm a fighter."

"I'm going to be in the best shape I've ever been in for the fight," Spinks said. "I fell 100 percent good and I hope to feel even better."

Beating Coetzee, Spinks said, would put him " a hop , skip and a jump from the heavyweight title."

Spinks said he plans to break training camp June 10 for the Monte Carlo fight.

BITS O' BRIEFS

Aw, ma!!

A Randallstown (Md.) Little League mother tells the story about another mother who ran the bases with her son and wound up at second base along with him when he hit a two-bagger on Tuesday.

It would have been quite interesting if the play at second were close and the little fellow had been forced to slide.

Reggie e e e e!

Reggie Jackson, the New York Yankees' "Mr. October" who suddenly found his hitting eye could be just as potent in May, was named the American League player of the week Tuesday for his 12 for 26 batting spree that included three homers, a double, triple and 11 rbis.

Jackson lifted his average from .268 to .315 during the week of May 7-13 and drove in at least one run in each of seven games, extending his RBI string through 10 games.

The bespectacled Jackson also scored six runs, drew four walks and had a slugging percentage of .923.

$260G for 36

The $50,000 added Marylander Handicap is the principal event of the eight stakes to be renewed during Bowie's summer meeting, July 2 through Aug. 11. The stakes program for the 36-day meeting totals $260,000.

The $30,000 added Twixt Stakes is an addition to the roster. The event named after the three-time Maryland-bred champion filly-mare is scheduled for July 28 and is open to 2-year-old Maryland-bred fillies at five and one-half furlongs.

The Marylander for 3-year-olds will have its fifth running July 21 at a mile and one furlong.

Cat on the air

Jim "Mudcat" Grant, one of Charlie Finley's favorite relief pitchers during the Oakland A's glory years, has been hired to telecast A's games the rest of this season.

Grant, who has been working for the Cleveland Indians in their promotions department, was hired for the A's telecasts by KPIX Channel 5 in San Francisco. He will work along with Wayne Walker, KPIX sports director, Harmon Killebrew and Ted Kubiak.

Johnny knows

SAN DIEGO (UPI) — It doesn't hurt to be an NFL star if you're looking to beat the California gasoline crisis.

Johnny Rodgers, wide receiver of the San Diego Chargers, worked out a personal solution to the odd-even lines at the gas pumps — he bought his own gas station.

Football Eagles set final trial

The Baltimore Eagles will conduct their third and final tryout camp Sunday, beginning at 1:45 p.m. at Mt. St. Joseph High School. The only equipment needed for the camp is sweats and shoes.

"We wanted to have a Sunday camp for the benefit of all the players who couldn't attend the Saturday camps," said Coach Don Warthen.

"We've cut a total of 46 players from our previous two tryout camps and of the remianing 90 - 95 players we must trim the roster even more. When the pre - season camp starts on June 11, we anticipate taking about 70 players to it."

Local players stil in camp and making an impression on the coaching staff include Mike Wells, former wide receiver with Towson State, Dennis Squires, a product of Douglas High School, Defensive tackle John Shavers, a Cardinal Gibbons and Cornell University graduate, and George Kasey, a safety grom Carver High School and the University of Maryland - Eastern shore

Undefeated Western girls softball team thrives on togetherness

By Samuel Davis

For the first time this season, Western's softball team has a problem. The team, which has a 12 - 0 record, doesn't know who it will play for the publich schools championship.

Who the team will play depends upon how the top two teams in the other division fare this week. They are Patterson and Northwern.

This season is not the first time Western has gone unbeaten. Just last season, the team had a final record of 13 - 0, including a 7 - 6 win over Northern for the championship.

In that game the team went up against the league's best pitcher in the person of Valerie Meggison whose pitches have been clocked at 45 - mph.

If Northern is Western's opponent, Valerie probably would be starting the game. Then the game would feature not only the best pitcher in the league, but also the best offensive club in the league.

On the average, Western scores a little better than 18 runs per game, while it's defense has proven to be one of the stingiest, giving up a mere 4.3 runs a contest.

A big reason for the low allowance of runs is Jackie Crudup who leads the team in pitching with a 10 - 0 record.

She also excells in basketball and has received a scholarship from Morgan in that sport.

Coach Diane Lawton feels that the togetherness of her girls is what makes them tough.

"Most of these girls have been playing together for three seasons and I think is why they are so sk ccessful. Twelve of the 18 players are seniors."

Not only is the soft ball team benefetting from the togetherness theme, not team in any sport at Western has been defeated in league play this year.

MSA track set at Poly

The Maryland Scholastic Association track and field championships will be held on May 22 - 23 - 25. The meet will be held at Poly, beginning at 1 p.m. each day.

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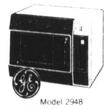

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