Derby favorite's bleeding still puzzies trainer

LOUISVILLE, KY. (AP) - Trainer Phil Hauswald said Sunday he did not know why Kentucky Derby favorite Demons Begone bled during the race and that he was not sure when the colt would return to the races.

Demons Begone, the Arkansas Derby winner and the 2-1 choice in the Kentucky Derby, did not finish Saturday's race because jockey Pat Day realized something was wrong and halted the colt.

Hauswald was at Demons Begone's barn until 10:30 p.m. and was back again early Sunday. He said tests revealed that the bleeding occurred in the horse's lungs.

"I thought about it a lot but still came up with the same answer - I don't know," he said. "I know that's a stupid answer."

He was asked about treating the horse with Lasix, which is used by trainers that have horses with a propensity for bleeding.

"He had never given us any indication of anything like this," he said. "You couldn't have put a gun to my head and made me run him on Lasix because I didn't seen any reason do.

"So many times you don't have any answers because you don't even know the question," he said. Often, he said, bleeding is associat-

ed with nervousness in a horse. He said the colt was extremely calm in the paddock area. "We'll do everything we can to lo-

cate why this happened," he said. "The quicker we find something out, we'll know how to battle it or maybe we'll never come up with anything." He said, in answer to a question,

that the May 16 Preakness is out of the question for Demons Begone.

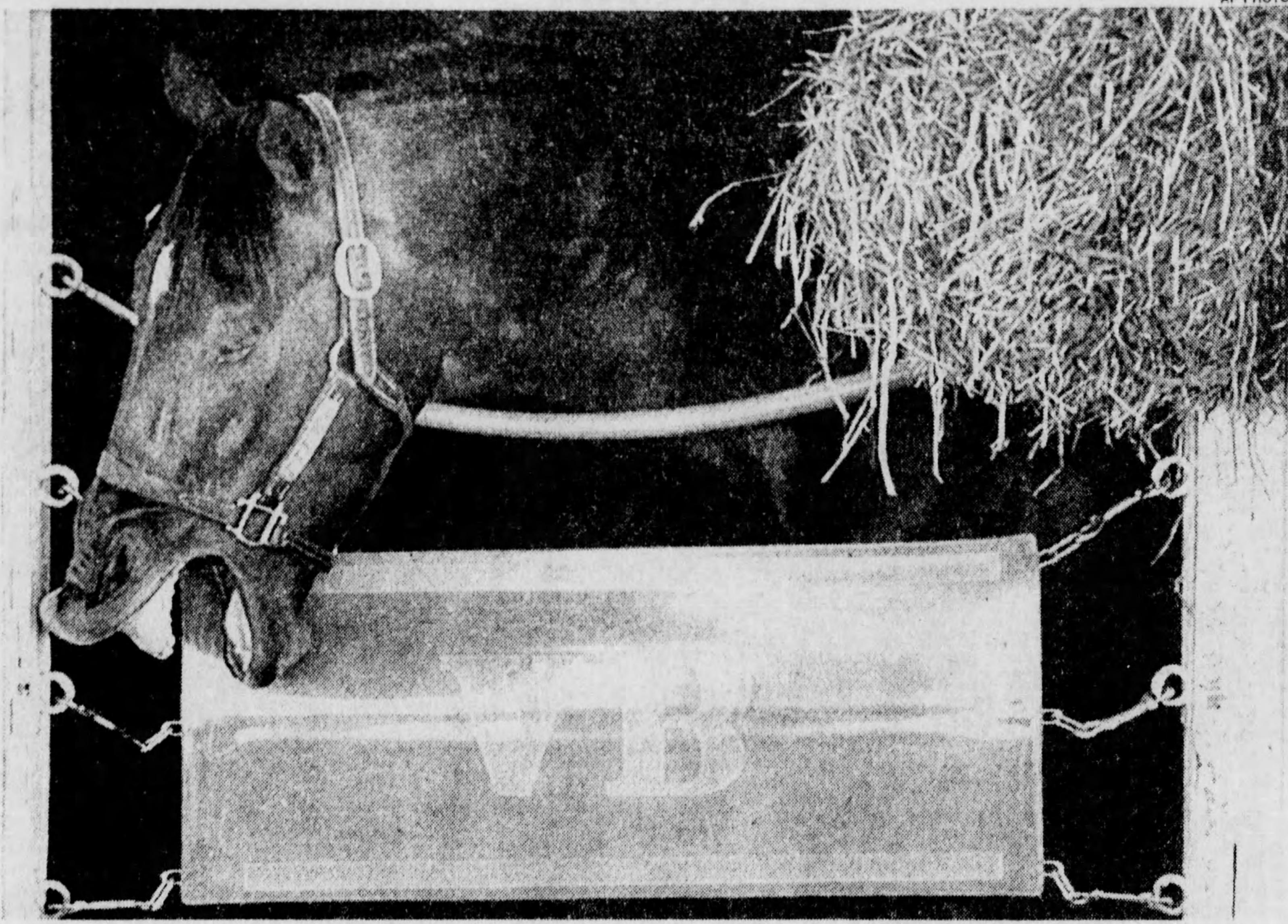
"We'll take it day by day and see what develops," he said, when asked when the colt would race again.

Hauswald watched the Kentucky Derby between the 16th pole and the finish line. "I didn't have a very good feeling going into the first turn," he said. "When he started down the backstretch and he was losing ground as slow as they were running, I felt like something was wrong."

Hauswald said his first thought Saturday was that the horse had broken down. "This is not good, but it is the best of what could have happened,' he said. "There are plenty more races before his career is over. It's just unfortunate it happened Saturday."

Torrance wins Italian Open on sixth hole of playoff

MONTICELLO, ITALY (AP) -Sam Torrance of Scotland won the Italian Open golf tournament Sunday by defeating Jose Rivero on the sixth hole of a sudden death playoff.



Kentucky Derby winner Alysheba seems unimpressed with his victory as he relaxes in his stall at Churchill Downs Sunday. Alysheba, trained by Jack Van

Berg, will try to win the second race of the Triple Crown series in the Preakness Stakes at Baltimore, Md., on May 16.

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er in the day, said Van Berg, who keeps a string of horses at Churchill

"I know this track like the back of my hand," he said.

Van Berg said as the 87-degree day wore on, a hot wind began drying out the Churchill Downs track.

"This track gets slower when it gets dry," Van Berg said. So, he told jockey Chris McCarron to be patient, that speed would not be as important as it had been in earlier races.

McCarron moved Alysheba into contention on the final turn, and the colt finally got past a tiring, waving Bet Twice about 70 yards from the

Demons Begone Bleeding

For a fleeting moment it looked as if Alysheba might become the second member of the 17-horse field to falter before the finish line. On the final turn, Pat Day pulled up favorite Demons Begon, who was bleeding from both nostrils.

With three-sixteenth of a mile remaining, Alysheba clipped the heels of Bet Twice, who also bothered him twice more during the stretch

"He came close to going down," McCarron said. "It was amazing that he stayed on his feet. I thought I was going off for a minute."

McCarron said he would have claimed foul if Bet Twice had finished first. That almost certainly would have led to the first disqualification of a first-place finisher in Derby history. However, if Alysheba had fallen, a disqualification would have made third-place Avies Copy the winner.

The Van Berg-trained Gate Dancer was disqualified in the 1984 Derby, but it was fourth to fifth, and it was for illegal medication. Gate Dancer then won the Preakness.

Van Berg said Alysheba would leave Friday for the 1 3/16-mile Preakness May 16 at Pimlico.

Bet Twice also is headed for the Preakness, and so is Templar Hill, who finished fifth in the Derby. The trainers of Avies Copy and fourthplace Cryptoclearance said they would decide later.

Starters Unknown

Trainer D. Wayne Lukas, who saddled a three-horse entry for the Derby, said he would be at the Preakness. But it was not known immediately how many Preakness starters

Lukas would have or who they would

The racing status of Demons Begone was uncertain.

"I'll have to take it day by day," trainer Phil Hauswald said Sunday. He said the colt bled from the lungs,

Demons Begone had never bled before, and Hauswald was at a loss to explain why he did Saturday, although such bleeding is relatively common in race horses.

Alysheba, owned by Dorothy Scharbauer and her daughter Pamela, paid winning mutuel of \$18.80 and earned a record \$618,600 from a record purse of \$793,600. Attendance was 130,532.

Alysheba since he underwent throat surgery March 24 to correct a breathing problem.

The Derby was the second start for

Clarence Scharbauer paid \$500,000 for Alysheba at the Keeneland July Select Yearling Sale.

"I told him I wanted him," Van Berg said.

While the colt had won only a maiden race before Saturday, he had been second in four stakes and third in two others and had earned \$423,026.

Now he has won what Van Berg calls "the only race."

Harmon probe to be released

IOWA CITY, IA. (AP) — The president of the University of Iowa says he intends to release findings this week of a task force report on an investigation into claims that former Hawkeye running back Ronnie Harmon received payments from professional agents while playing for the Big Ten

"I have received the report and have read it," James O. Freedman, president of the Iowa City school, said Saturday. But he said he would not discuss the findings until a news conference on Wednesday. The task force of university faculty

and staff was appointed following reports that Harmon had received \$54,000 from agent Norby Walters beginning in 1984, during his junior

Receiving cash payments from agents is considered a violation of National Collegiate Athletic Association eligibility rules. Coach Hayden Fry has said he does

not believe Harmon did anything wrong. Harmon is now with the Buffalo Bills of the National Football League.

Another rally comes up short for 1-Gubs, 6-5

Special Dispatch to The Register

INDIANAPOLIS, IND. - Indianapolis pushed across four runs in the fourth inning and withstood another late rally by the Iowa Cubs for a 6-5 American Association victory Sunday afternoon.

The I-Cubs had rallied Saturday night to tie the Indians, before losing. 9-6. on a three-run home run by Billy Moore in the seventh inning. Sunday, the Cubs battled back from a 6-2 deficit, but fell short again.

Iowa threatened in the ninth when Rafael Palmeiro and Wade Rowdon hit one-out singles. Luis Quinones then hit a shot down the first base line, but first baseman Razor Shines made a diving stab on the ball and threw out Quinones, while both runners advanced a base.

Pinch hitter Paul Noce then flied out to end the game.

Iowa jumped to a lead when leadoff hitter Gary Varsho hit the first pitch of the game over the right-field wall for his first home run of the year. The I-Cubs made it 2-0 in the second when Varsho launched a sacrifice fly that scored Bill Hayes from third, but left

two runners on base. The Indians tied the score in the bottom of the second on Jeff Reynolds' solo homer and a run-scoring single by winning pitcher Jeff Fischer in his first at-bat of the season. Fischer's looping hit scored Ron Shepherd from third base.

Indianapolis snapped the tie in the fourth inning, sending nine batters to the plate. Fischer again helped his own cause with a run-scoring double.

The I-Cubs rallied with three runs in the seventh. The highlight of the inning was a two-run blast by Palmeiro, his second home run of the year, and a run-scoring single by Quinones.

But reliever Curt Brown stopped the rally and held off the I-Cubs in the last two innings to gain his fourth save. Fischer, despite yielding 10 hits, posted his fourth victory without a loss for the Indians.

