

## Sports

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## Bernie Lincicome

In the wake of the news

## Gooden really turns new page

I am not convinced that Dwight Gooden can read, but I am increasingly impressed with his eagerness to write. The written word is Gooden's way of communicating in these early, post-snooring days.

To date, Gooden's messages have been brief and without great passion, but they have all been spelled correctly, and the punctuation has been reliable.

In his first appearance after leaving drug rehabilitation, Gooden did seem to be reading something, but he might have committed the words to memory, like a child learning to sing French.

"I know I made a mistake, and I regret it a lot, but I am going to turn the page once again because life goes on, and I want to put all this behind me so I can get back to doing all the things I like and that's playing baseball and having fun again."

I mean, you could teach that to a Sherpa in five minutes.

Gooden had 27 days inside the walls of Smithers Alcoholism and Treatment Center, an address not unfamiliar to the Famous Writers School.

Just the other night, after pitching three innings in Norfolk, Va., a presumably literate outpost, Gooden wrote a statement, but did not read it:

"I had some trouble sleeping last night, hoping I wouldn't get booted. I haven't heard cheers in a long time."

The Mets and the doctors who have treated Gooden for his drug abuse feel it is better for Gooden to write out answers to imagined questions than to speak directly to real ones.

This is, of course, the first step toward serious literature and may even be decent therapy.

Though such common examples as Poe, Coleridge and Blake insisted on having it both ways, maybe in Gooden's case the drug world's loss will be literature's gain.

I know not if these snips of authorship are being collected into an anthology. Certainly they would be publishable in New York, where even graffiti has an agent.

I do imagine that this will all be gathered into an autobiography—Gooden's second, if I haven't lost count, while those of us twice his age have not lived even one life worth a thin paperback—and I would suppose that Gooden will write this one himself, having gotten into the habit.

Writers should write and not be bothered having to consider such intrusive postgame

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Reuters photo

## Flyers knock out Canadiens

Dave Brown aims a punch at the Canadiens' Chris Nilan during a pregame brawl before the Flyers' 4-3 victory. Page 4.

## Cubs' Smith earns a day off

The Cubs' day off was a well-deserved one for Lee Smith, who has a 1.29 ERA and 10 saves, tops in the majors. Page 3.

## Celtics' Parish sidelined

An ankle injury sidelines Robert Parish for Friday's game against the Bucks. Page 5.

## Johncock quickens Indy pace

Gordon Johncock, coming off a two-year retirement, shows more progress. Page 3.

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## NL

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## NBA playoffs

Rockets at Sonics

## Trainer predicts Alysheba victory—if ...

By Neil Milbert  
Chicago Tribune

BALTIMORE—Jack Van Berg has been training horses for 35 years and has won more than 5,000 races.

"Of all the races I've run, I've never had a horse overcome as much as Alysheba did in the Kentucky Derby," the Hall of Fame horseman reflected Thursday after post positions were drawn for Saturday's 112th Preakness. "Most horses would have gotten discouraged and thrown in the towel. But this horse is a natural athlete."

"He can jump and buck and practically do somersaults. When he turned for home and got a place to run, he looked like Gale Sayers."

"If he runs that race back,

nobody is going to beat him."

Eight horses will try in this 1 3/16-mile second jewel in the Triple Crown series for 3-year-olds.

In post-position order, the starting lineup will be: Bet Twice, Harriman, Phantom Jet, No More Flowers, Lookinforthebigone, Alysheba, Gulch, Avies Copy and Cryptoclearance.

Alysheba was by far the best horse at Churchill Downs, even though his margin of victory over Bet Twice was three parts of a length. Had it not been for Bet Twice doing a late stretch impersonation of a drunk staggering toward an infield betting window, Alysheba might have won by five lengths.

However, Alysheba also has been known to lose his equilibrium at the wrong time. In his

final Derby prep, the Blue Grass Stakes at Keeneland, his hit-and-run incident victimizing Leo Castelli caused him to be demoted from first to third.

He also lugged in during the stretch run of his previous start, the San Felipe Handicap at Santa Anita in March.

Two days later Alysheba had minor surgery, removing a membrane that entrapped his epiglottis and left him short of breath in the latter stages of his races.

After the operation, Alysheba ran a slight fever and missed a few days of training. This prompted Van Berg to skip the Santa Anita Derby and run him instead in the April 23 Blue Grass.

All of the trials and tribulations that transpired between

## Neil Milbert's Preakness handicap

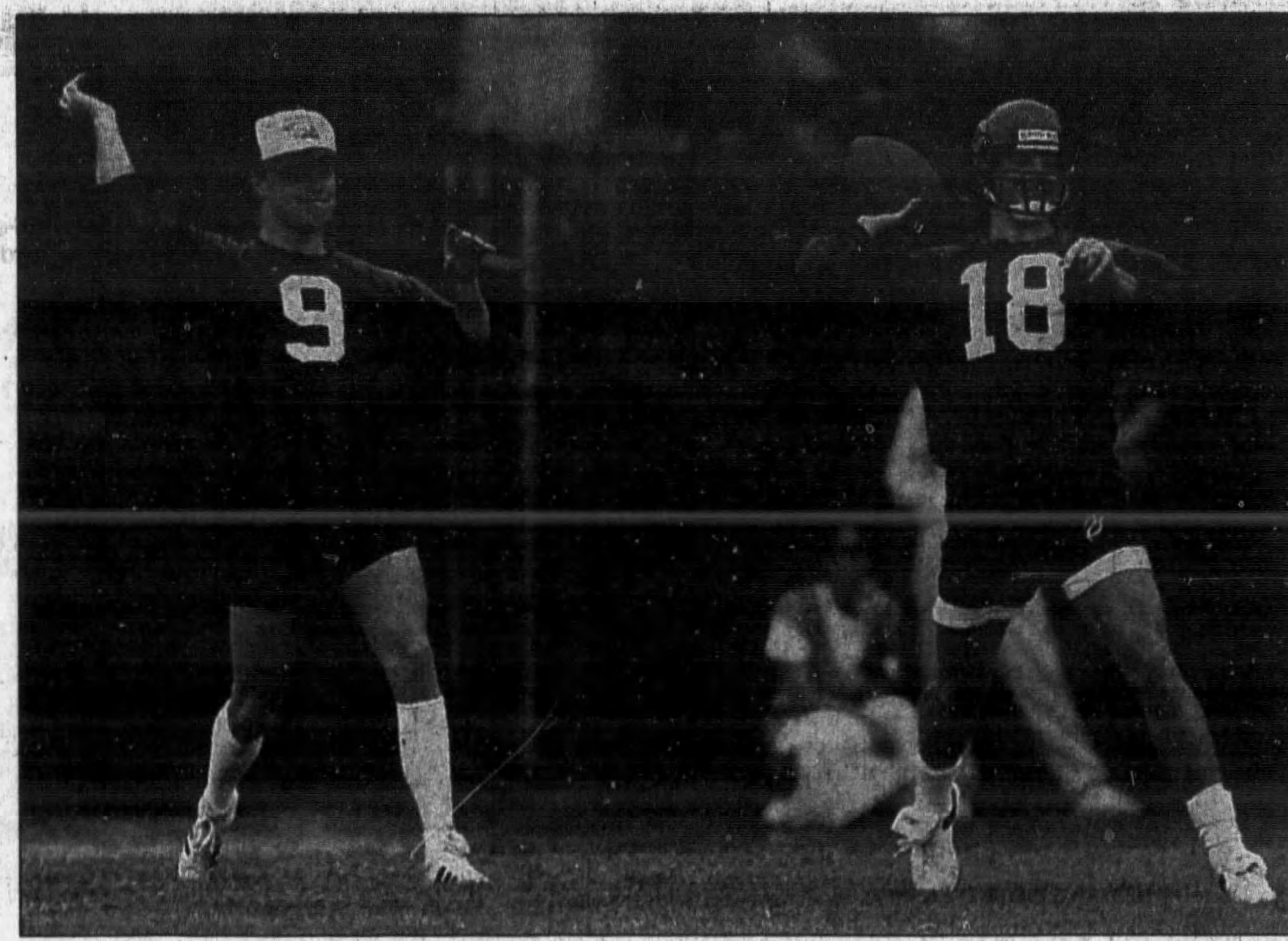
PP	Horse	Jockey	Comment	Odds
6	Alysheba	Chris McCarron	Much the best in Derby	7-5
1	Bet Twice	Craig Perret	Derby runner-up has class	3-1
9	Cryptoclearance	Jose Santos	Stretch-runner may succeed	7-2
7	Gulch	Angel Cordero	New York form favorable	6-1
5	Lookinforthebigone	Gary Stevens	Green but has speed	12-1
8	Avies Copy	Mickey Solomon	Surprising 3d in Derby	15-1
3	Phantom Jet	Keith Allen	Has won 5 minor stakes	20-1
4	No More Flowers	Walter Guerra	A sleeper off his best	30-1
2	Harriman	Vince Bracciale	Decent form; Pimlico is home	30-1

March 24 and the present time may be relevant in assessing Alysheba's readiness to run in the Preakness. In less than three months, he has had surgery, been sick and waged two knock-down, drag-out battles on the

racetrack that were only nine days apart.

Asking for an encore on such short notice is asking for an awful lot.

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Quarterbacks Mike Tomczak (18) and Jim McMahon display similar styles Thursday. Tribune photos by Bob Langer

Coach Mike Ditka said he will take all five quarterbacks to camp in Wisconsin in August.

## He's a chip off the punky QB Harbaugh's 'brashness' impresses Bears' coaches

By Don Pierson

Coach Mike Ditka needed only three days to compare Jim Harbaugh to Jim McMahon in a crucial facet of quarterbacking: confidence.

"Call it cockiness or brashness or whatever," Ditka said. "I saw it with one other rookie here, No. 9, but I haven't seen it with a lot of people."

Ditka also praised Harbaugh for his maturity after the Bears' three-day minicamp that ended Thursday.

Quarterbacks did not worry Ditka as much as receivers, specifically the comeback of injured flanker Dennis McKinnon.

Ditka said he is not so worried about McMahon's ability to throw as his ability to take the next hit on his surgically repaired shoulder.

McMahon completed his third day of throwing indoors by tossing 100 balls, some of them "extremely hard," according to Ditka. Trainer Fred Caito, who caught the balls, said some hurt his hands.

Ditka was not so optimistic about the return of McKinnon,

Walter Payton's contract will be for one year. Page 6.

Mike Ditka tries to light a fire under the Fridge. Page 6.

Who had to take Thursday off because of soreness in the knee that is threatening his career.

"I don't think Dennis is ready yet physically," Ditka said. "I thought he might be a little better than he was, and he's not there yet, not that he won't be there."

Ditka said Harbaugh's command of the offense was "exciting. The other guys performed well also, but it's exciting to see a rookie have that much maturity."

Ditka said he plans to take all five quarterbacks—McMahon, Harbaugh, Doug Flutie, Steve Fuller, and Mike Tomczak—to the team's training camp Aug. 1 at the University of Wisconsin-Platteville. Then he said he plans to make an early decision on which three to keep.

All except McMahon are expected to spend most of June throwing in Lake Forest.

"McMahon has a lot of commitments in June and that's his only problem about being around here, but he's entitled to his commitments," Ditka said.

McMahon didn't complain of soreness, which didn't surprise Ditka.

"I knew he could throw before he threw it," said Ditka, who never watched McMahon throw to Caito. "My worry is, What happens when he gets hit on it? Mentally, he has an adjustment to go through."

McKinnon's replacement, Keith Ortego, was sore from his shoulder surgery and took the day off.

Ditka said the return of receiver Glen Kozlowski and the performance of receiver Clay Pickering gave him reasons for optimism, but added: "Some things I was a little bit optimistic about I'm going to pull back on until I get a better evaluation."

That was a reference to McKinnon, who led the team in touchdown catches in 1985 but sat out all of 1986 after his third surgery on his left knee in 13 months.

By Ed Sherman

The music was blaring, opposed to the usual silence, and the laughter seemed foreign after the somberness that had filled the place this past week.

The sounds of victory finally returned to the White Sox locker room Thursday night.

"It's nice to hear some noise," said Bobby Thigpen.

The Sox snapped a losing streak at seven games when Carlton Fisk's ninth-inning single drove in Donnie Hill, giving them a 4-3 victory over Cleveland at Comiskey Park. Thigpen picked up the victory.

Afterward, the players exploded, releasing all the frustrations that had piled up during the streak. As a clubhouse boy turned up the stereo, the Beatles were singing: "Christ, you know it ain't easy. The way things are going, they're going to crucify me."

Sox manager Jim Fregosi can relate.

"We needed this game," Fregosi said. "The manager needed this game. He needed that win to keep his sanity."

It wasn't pretty. The Sox strained Fregosi's mental health with a couple of key mistakes.

But unlike other contests, the

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Sox overcame their blunders. And for the first time in 16 games, they overcame their opponent after trailing through seven innings.

The asterisk, though, should read that the Indians' bullpen has come through only five times in 19 saves opportunities. Something had to give, and for once, something gave in the Sox's favor.

"We battled back," Fregosi said. "This was a big game for us. It was important to get a good feeling back around here. You win some games and you start feeling good about each other."

Trailing 3-2, the Sox tied the game with a run in the eighth off Scott Bailes, who was in relief of starter Tom Candiotti. They needed a few breaks to get it done.

Daryl Boston led off with a single and stole second on a disputed call. Harold Baines then hit a grounder to deep short. Boston committed a cardinal sin and broke for third. But he partially made up for it when he stayed in a rundown long enough to enable Baines to

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## Federal grand jury to investigate agent

By Jody Homer

Two college athletic directors and one former college athlete have been subpoenaed to appear in Chicago next week before a federal grand jury that apparently will investigate the dealings of controversial New York sports agent Norby Walters.

Ohio State Athletic Director Richard Bay and University of Pittsburgh Athletic Director Ed Bozek say they have been subpoenaed to appear before the grand jury. Former Iowa running back Ronnie Harmon also has been subpoenaed, according to Harmon's agent.

Walters has acknowledged signing representation contracts with many college football and basketball players who had collegiate eligibility remaining, in violation of NCAA rules. Walters also has acknowledged giving athletes cash as an inducement to sign postdated contracts.

Neither of those acts is considered illegal by anyone other than the NCAA. The grand jury apparently will be more concerned with reports that Walters and his associate, Lloyd Bloom, engaged in threats against players and rival agents to keep those players from deserting him.

FBI agents in several states have been reported to be investigating these threats.

An internal investigation at Iowa revealed Harmon received \$54,000 over a two-year period from Walters. Harmon split from Walters and hired Martin Rauch of New York as his new



Richard Bay

agent. Walters has filed at least five breach-of-contract suits against players (including Harmon) who later signed with other agents.

Bay, while acknowledging the subpoena, also said he hopes not to appear before the grand jury. He said OSU's legal counsel is compiling the requested information and hopes that will suffice.

"The grand jury has requested certain information which we will provide, and that, hopefully, will preclude my personal appearance," Bay said. "Our legal counsel is trying to work out a situation with the court that would allow that to happen. Whether it comes to pass or not remains to be seen."

Bay did not say why he was being subpoenaed. It could be because OSU football player

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HORSE RACING

Dave Surico's Sportsman's ratings

Table with columns for race type, horse name, jockey, weight, and various performance metrics. Includes sections for 'For Friday, Post-1:30 p.m.', 'Best-Immediate Cash (4)', and 'L-Treated with Lasix'.

Sportsman's selections

Table titled 'Best bet in CAPS' listing horse names, jockeys, and associated press coverage. Includes a 'Consensus' column.

Sportsman's charts

Multiple tables providing race results and charts for various dates and times, including 'Thursday's results' and 'Friday's results'.

Table of horse racing results for various races, including race numbers, horse names, jockeys, and finishing positions.

Preakness

Continued from page 1. baffles me," admitted Van Berg. "You don't know if two races in a row like that took him out of the ballpark a bit. "I don't know for sure if he's at the top of his game. "I do know he's sound, he's healthy and he's eating good. But you can't see inside to find out whether he's tired and just isn't showing it. "A few hours earlier Alysheba was on the track for his only workout between the Derby and Preakness, and was clocked in :50 3/5 for 4 furlongs. His fractions were :12 1/5, :25 and :38. In contrast, Alysheba worked a half-mile in 47 seconds two days before the Derby. But Van Berg had no qualms about this Pimlico study in slow-motion. "This morning [exercise rider] Steve Bass was a little more cautious because he went faster than we wanted in Kentucky," said the trainer. "But this work won't make any difference and neither will the post position.

He's ready.

Meanwhile, Bet Twice's trainer, Jimmy Coll, and jockey, Craig Perret, were arguing an innocent plea to the charge that their colt was running punch-drunk as he staggered toward the wire at Churchill Downs. They're now saying he was distracted by the commotion in the infield. If indeed Bet Twice is guilty only of having a wandering eye, the drawing for post positions may bode ill for his chances of improving on his second-place Derby finish. The Pimlico infield on Preakness day also is a study in chaos, and Bet Twice on the rail is in the perfect position to gawk. Van Berg believes the No. 1 post position compromises his rival's chances in another respect. "You're vulnerable in the one-hole or the two-hole," he explained. "The rider has to use his horse early to run away from there so he doesn't get crammed back." From a tactical standpoint, Cryptoclearance appeared to get the most out of the luck of the draw. The exquisitely bred colt

owned by Chicagoan Phil Teinowitz has a come-from-behind style. But in the Derby his style was cramped because he had to use the No. 1 post position as a launching pad, and he finished fourth. "At least I've got a shot to run in this race," said Cryptoclearance's trainer, Scotty Schulhofer. "Being outside, I won't get shut off in the first turn. What we've got to do now is work our way inside. "I think this is going to be a tightly-run race. It wouldn't surprise me if five or six lengths separated the whole field at the end." Trainer D. Wayne Lukas, never at a loss for either a horse to run in a major race or an opinion, arrived Thursday afternoon from Belmont Park with Lookinforthebigone. "I think seasoning helps a horse that needs to learn how to run in traffic," said Lukas. "If you have a natural speed horse with a lot of ability like this horse, who just grabs the bit and skips, he overcomes a lot of that seasoning. "This horse takes off. I think the track complements him and he complements the race. I'm not going to say he's going to win it. I just think he deserves a chance."

what has been successful. "It's as though you are a jogger and you run in the same place all the time, and then you change. The next day or two you're going to feel muscles that have been used more than usual. In this case, you can come to a track ahead of time and get used to it or you can just come in and take your best shot and leave. You can worry about the aches and bruises after you count the money." To win the Preakness, Lookinforthebigone will have to surmount a tremendous deficit in experience. He has started only four times in a career that began in mid-March. "I think seasoning helps a horse that needs to learn how to run in traffic," said Lukas. "If you have a natural speed horse with a lot of ability like this horse, who just grabs the bit and skips, he overcomes a lot of that seasoning. "This horse takes off. I think the track complements him and he complements the race. I'm not going to say he's going to win it. I just think he deserves a chance."

Agent

Continued from page 1. Cris Carter is alleged to have signed with Walters. Rauch confirmed Thursday that Harmon had received a subpoena, but added he doesn't think he'll appear. Harmon now plays for the NFL's Buffalo Bills. "He's subpoenaed, but he won't be there next week," Rauch said. When asked why not, Rauch said, "There's no necessity for him to be there next week." Asked whether Harmon would testify before the grand jury at some later date, Rauch said: "I don't know." Bozek, the athletic director at Pittsburgh, also has acknowledged that he had been subpoenaed to testify. In an Atlanta Journal-Constitution story Thursday, Bozek predicted the grand jury investigation will reveal most, if not all, the names of athletes who signed early with Walters and Bloom. "I understand a lot of athletes have been subpoenaed," he said. "It's one thing for a kid to say

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'no' when a coach or athletic director asks about his signing with an agent. It's another thing when you testify before a grand jury. You tell a lie, and you can go to jail." Iowa law professor David Vernon, who was on the committee that conducted an internal investigation into Walters' involvement with Hawkeye athletes, said the FBI had subpoenaed records for the grand jury but he knew of no individuals at the school who had received subpoenas. Vernon said he has met twice with FBI agents to discuss Walters. Iowa football coach Hayden Fry also has met with the FBI agents, who have been scouting around campus all this week. It is not known if Walters or Bloom will be appearing before the grand jury. Michael Feldberg, Walters' attorney at the New York law firm of Shea Gould, did not return The Tribune's phone call. However, Sports Illustrated reported last month that a Chicago grand jury had subpoenaed Walters and his "recent business records as part of a broad investigation of racketeering, extortion

Gulfstream's Equableau to Navarchus

HALLANDALE, Fla. [AP]—Navarchus beat Tea For Top by three-quarters of a length Thursday to win the \$23,000 Equableau Purse at Gulfstream Park. Navarchus, ridden by Julio Pezua, was timed in 1:46 over 11/16 miles and paid \$6.00, \$3.20 and \$2.40. Tea For Top paid \$2.40 and \$2.20, while third-place Stuttering Sarah paid \$2.40. Navarchus got the lead leaving the three-sixteenths pole, was a neck in front of Tea For Top at the eighth pole and outran the favorite the rest of the way. It was six lengths back to Stuttering Sarah. Navarchus, a 5-year-old Florida-bred daughter of Taylor's Falls, won only one of 13 starts last year and had failed to win in seven starts this year. Her lifetime record includes nine victories in 37 starts.

GOLF

Illinois Open driven east to Waukegan. By Reid Hanley. The Illinois Open will be moved from Golf Club of Illinois in Algonquin to Midlane Country Club in Waukegan this summer. Golf Club of Illinois opened this spring in Algonquin and had signed a three-year deal with the Illinois section of the PGA to play host to the 1987 and 1988 Illinois Opens and the 1989 IPGA championship. The course did not fare well over the mild, dry winter and will not be ready for tournament play for the July 13-15 Illinois Open. The course is ready for general play; fairways and greens are in fine shape, but there are some rough edges around the tees and greens that might make tournament play difficult. "The decision to shift the tournament was reached jointly by the Illinois PGA and Patrick O'Brien, director of golf at Golf Club of Illinois," said Sherm Finger, president of the Illinois PGA. "We are convinced course officials did everything they could to try to prepare the facility for tournament play. However, grass cannot be rushed into growing, and nature decided to go slow this year." Dick Nugent, who also designed Kemper Lakes, the site of the 1989 PGA Championship with former partner Ken Kilian, designed a Scottish links course without a single tree and added several water hazards to the links concept. The course, which can extend to over 7,000 yards, will play host to the Illinois Open next year and the IPGA Championship the following year.

Backstretch specials

Horses to watch Friday at Sportsman's. 1: Raging Battle ran 5-wide second turn. 2: Cavans Shadow was carried out a bit twice first turn. 4: Immediate Cash raced greenly. 5: Champagne Lady was disqualified. 7: Prospecting Lord bore out a bit first turn; drifted out top of stretch, lugged in hit rival at wire. 8: Family Compact bore out a bit second turn. Apple Annie's longshots. Friday at Sportsman's. 1—Black Ack. 2—Cavans Shadow. 3—Le Country Boy. 4—Loisliol. 5—Peggy. 6—Rustic Beauty. 7—Lover's Conquest. 8—Prairie Park. 9—Trapper Stevens. Longshot Lucy. Friday at Maywood. 1—Rick Ryan. 2—Windy Top A. 3—On A Budget. 4—Silent Pit. 5—Duhaven Bumper. 6—Pacing E.Z. 7—Special Agent. 8—Savage Advance. 9—Cue Light. 10—Fusion Blue Chip. Mike Paradise's sulky keys. Friday at Maywood. Daily Double keys—Don's Future [2] and Brother Jade [7]. Trifecta keys—Desperate Skipper [3], Dirty Deeds [6], Sam—A—Way [10].

ON THE TRACK SATURDAY AT SPORTSMAN'S

Advertisement for the Pimlico Triple Crown featuring a large illustration of a horse and jockey. Text includes 'the 112th running' and 'THREE-YEAR-OLDS/ONE MILE AND THREE-SIXTEENTHS DIRECT FROM PIMLICO WATCH AND BET THE PREAKNESS SATURDAY AT SPORTSMAN'S'.

ON THE TRACK SATURDAY AT SPORTSMAN'S

Advertisement for the Illinois Derby featuring a large illustration of a horse and jockey. Text includes '\$200,000 SIXTY SAILS SPRING'S MAJOR HANDICAP FOR FILLIES AND MARES' and 'SPORTSMAN'S PARK CICERO/LARAMIE at 33rd 242-1121'.

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Large advertisement for Sportsman's featuring a large illustration of a horse and jockey. Text includes 'SPORTSMAN'S presents the Preakness' and 'ON THE TRACK SATURDAY AT SPORTSMAN'S'.