

# Favorites in Preakness and Kentucky Will Have Strong Competition

## RACING FANS DIZZY ON EVE OF BIGGEST DAY IN TURF HISTORY

### Running of Kentucky Derby and Preakness on the Same Day Makes Dopesters Work Double Time. Morvich and Miss Joy Are Favorites

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UNDER the rules of racing only one horse can win a race, and if two big events are held on the same day, it is too much to expect the same horse to run in both, especially when they are a thousand miles apart.

Therefore we have a lot of excitement over the turf classics of the year to be held tomorrow. The Kentucky Derby will be held at Churchill Downs and the Preakness is the special matinee attraction at Pimlico, in Baltimore. The conflict in dates has divided the thoroughbred field, some of the best horses going to Kentucky and the other best heads to Pimlico.

Instead of trying to figure what one flock of thoroughbreds can do, the dopesters are trying their stuff on two flocks. This causes interest among the bang-tail followers and much business for the wager grabbers, as they are known by their associates.

There are favorites in each race and many others who are not being given a tumble. Conversation is being spilled recklessly and haphazardly. The big talk is flowing uncheckered because tomorrow is one of the biggest days the well-known turf game has had in many years. More money has been put up for purses and every high-class three-year-old will be in there trying to grab off some of the dough if in condition to grab.

Horse-racing never will lose its popularity. There is no sport more uncertain and, as one famous writer put it, the uncertainty of the game is what makes horse-racing possible. Ordinarily, one big race is enough to knock the racing fan for a row of flats, but two on the same day socks him for a goal.

HERE in Philadelphia the Preakness seems to have the call, but the real following is being turned to the Kentucky Derby. This is because the unbeaten Morvich is entered.

### Morvich Is Considered Unbeatable

NO MATTER what they say, Morvich is the big attraction. He is the new Man O' War, a horse which is considered unbeatable. He is the heavy favorite and has been all winter. A ton of money has been wagered on his chances, and all he has to do is live up to his reputation.

On Wednesday he ran the mile and a quarter in 2:08 1/5, carrying the Derby weight and with a standing start. He never was given his head and the railbirds after the performance were convinced that the son of Runymede already was "in" for the big show. The odds have been hammered down to even money and probably will go lower than that before post time.

Morvich did not make the best time in the preliminary workouts. John Finn, owned by George F. Baker, did the distance in 2:08, and Busy American, the Bradley star, slipped a second of the Rock colt's time, making it in 2:07 1/5.

After the workout horsemen said Morvich was a wonder, he would kill any good horse that tries to follow him in the big race and he cannot help but win. The stableboy almost ruffled his mouth of during the entire journey, and not once did he give him his head.

The Bradley entry, which includes Busy American, Bet Mosie and By Gosh, is well thought of, and many believe the Kentucky turfman will repeat his sensational victory of a year ago. This, however, is only a well-developed hunch, which means the guessing is done for no good reason.

My Play, the full brother of the immortal Man O' War, is the second choice and is expected to trail Morvich closely. He has done everything asked of him. Jim McClelland says he will run the distance in 2:04, and there are few in the race capable of beating that mark.

No race is complete without a dark horse, and here it is. Deadlock, owned by Robert Shannon, has finished his work impressively and many Louisville sportsmen will wager he will get part of the purse.

BUT Morvich is the big nose. He looks the part of a winner despite the handicap odds which he is winning. The favorite seldom wins, and the son of Runymede is one of those things.

### Began as Selling Plater—Now a Champion

RACE horses can succeed in their chosen professions the same as any thing else. Last year Morvich was a selling plater. That is, he was regarded as such.

The first time he started at Jarnison he won at odds of 50 to 1, and even after that they failed to take him seriously. Nobody believed he could run six furlongs, but he did. They questioned his ability to run a mile, yet he won at Pimlico over a track that was heavy and sodden, finishing the last quarter in 28 seconds.

Morvich had to fight his way to the front. He kept on winning, until at the end he had annexed eleven races, had a clean slate and was the greatest money winner of the season.

Block's colt is very quiet. He is known as the "silent horse." He never bicks while in his stall and rarely moves at night. You have to peer into his stall to know that he is there. He is peculiar in many ways and never is warmed up before a race. And he is in wonderful condition. Fred Barlow, his trainer, admits it.

LIKE Colts, Morvich hasn't hung up records, but oriented every colt and filly that was pitted against him. He raced them to the ground early and then came home alone—the traits of a great race-horse.

### Preakness First Held Thirteen Years Ago

AT PIMLICO, Miss Joy is considered the best, now that Samuel D. Riddle's Oceanic, H. P. Whitney's Banting and Kai Sang have been withdrawn because of the cough epidemic. However, a good field is expected and at least fourteen horses will face the starter.

Much is expected of Spanish Mate, and Hephaistos also has a large following. The latter broke the Preakness race record for one and one-sixteenth miles Wednesday when he stepped off the distance in 1:44 2/5. The old mark was 1:45 1/5, held jointly by Seonings Park and Jig.

The Preakness now is valued at \$50,000, but thirteen years ago few took it seriously. The first running was in 1909 and the distance one mile, with \$2000 and \$500 in plate added. Until 1917 the winners received anywhere between \$1275 and \$2800. That year it was decided to increase the added money to \$5000 and the stake made an allowance affair instead of a handicap.

After that the race became really important. The added money was \$15,000 in 1918, and the race run in two sections, the same money for each.

IN 1919, when Sir Barton won, the added money was \$25,000. It was the same in 1920, and last year it was boosted to \$30,000.

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### LEONARD TO BOX BRITTON PLAYS SUNDAY BALL

Virtually Matched for Welterweight Title Bout June 1

New York, May 12.—Benny Leonard and Jack Britton have been practically matched to fight on June 1 for the welterweight championship of the world. The title is held by Britton, while Leonard is the lightweight champion.

The articles signed yesterday call for both men to make 147 pounds at P. M. on the day of the fight.

Billy Gibben, manager of Leonard, is ready to sign for the latter, while Dan Morgan gave his consent to the match over the long-distance telephone from Indianapolis.

The bout is to be staged at Boyle's Valley Acres, in Jersey City, or in the New York Velodrome, at 225th street and Broadway.

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### RADIO RALF



### THE NIGHT BEFORE THE PICNIC



### BUSY AMERICAN DOUBTFUL STARTER

### Bowed Tendon May Force E. R. Bradley's Crack Horse Out of the Derby

### LETTERMAN'S TRIAL 2:08

By BOOTS AND SADDLE

Louisville, Ky., May 12.—There will be ten starters in the Kentucky Derby, as follows:

- Horse
- Weight
- Jockey
- Deadlock
- 126
- J. H. Mooney
- My Play
- 126
- C. Robinson
- Busy American
- 126
- N. Barrett
- Bet Mosie
- 126
- E. Barnes
- By Gosh
- 126
- F. Barnes
- Starline
- 121
- D. Connelly
- Surf Rider
- 120
- E. Pool
- Letterman
- 120
- K. Kennedy
- John Finn
- 120
- H. Lansford
- E. R. Bradley
- 120
- Doubtful starter

Busy American, one of the E. R. Bradley entries, is a doubtful starter. If he does not start Banker Brown will take his place. Bradley said last night he was going to have three horses in the Derby at all odds. Busy American developed a bowed tendon in his last race. Bradley examined him yesterday and was inclined to start him. "I had just as well let him try for a \$50,000 race as to have him break down in a cheap race. The colt's tendon softens today. He would finish when Trainer Thompson laid his hand on the affected part."

It is known that Bradley's greatest hope for the Derby were in Busy American. Bet Mosie is his next best colt. He is given to sulking.

Mrs. Payne Whitney's Letterman, just arrived at Churchill Downs, caused the latest sensation here today. It was decided that Letterman would go when Harry Payne Whitney was compelled to withdraw all his horses when they developed coughing. Letterman stepped the Derby distance in 2:08 flat and won many friends by his performance. Morvich was given a gallon today. He is riding strong favorite here. Still there is a large army of doubters. Fred Barlow, his trainer, is confident Morvich can go the route. That is the only question. When asked as to Deadlock's great speed in the mud, Benjamin Block, owner of Morvich, said:

Letterman Arrives. "Was Morvich always has shown he could run in heavy going, and we are not going to change our opinion as to the outcome."

Bob Shannon is enthusiastic over Deadlock's condition. There will be one big bet on Deadlock, and it will be Shannon's. Deadlock has beaten the more prominent of the Derby candidates except Morvich.

The Hewitt stable has an increasing army of backers, who say Starline, the first North Star II filly, can win. Louisville already is overflowing with advance delegations for the big race. Those from the East without exception are champions of the unbeaten Morvich. Surf Rider is not out of consideration by any means.

Only one filly will enter the breathless two-minute drive tomorrow, according to present predictions. This being Starline, she will carry 121 pounds while the others will be annexed an additional five.

Interest of the Nation centers on Morvich, the unbeaten son of Runymede-Henier. Charley White, Negro attendant of Morvich, has no fear of starting his pride on the turf, because he says that "Bubbles" can run as well one day as another. Those who have been figuring the probable odds for the classic predict that Morvich will pay

### Champions of the Turf

### Robert W. Maxwell will watch the racing marvels at Pimlico in the Preakness and the editor of Boots and Saddle will cover the Derby at Churchill Downs.

### Full accounts of the two events will appear in the Evening Public Ledger in tomorrow's and Monday's editions.

### Robins Send for Schoolboy Player

News, Indianapolis, May 12.—Walter Robinson, manager of the Broadway National League baseball club, yesterday telegraphed Victor Cameron, nineteen-year-old base ball outfielder and pinch hitter, to report for a tryout.

### TRY NEW TRAINING PLAN

### Harvard Crews to Delay Departure to Red Top Until June 11

Cambridge, Mass., May 12.—Harvard's crews will start for their training quarters at Red Top on Sunday, June 11, a date much later than has been the custom in many years past.

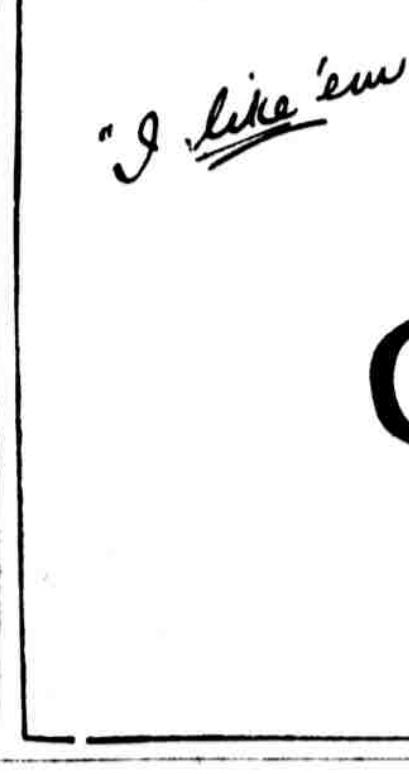
The squad generally assembled at New London to prepare for the annual regatta with Yale around the first of June. The change has been made because it is felt that the oarsmen grew nervous at Red Top with a great deal of time on their hands and became stale.

It is figured that this condition will not obtain at Cambridge, where there are many things to occupy the oarsmen.

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### PHOENIXVILLE SET FOR BIG RACE MEET

### Track and Steeplechase Course All Washed Up for Tomorrow

### BIG FIELDS ARE ENTERED

The Phoenixville track and steeplechase course is all washed up and manicured, and the jocks and mounts are ready for the second spring meeting of the Phoenixville Hunt Racing Association, which will be held tomorrow.

The race for all ages, in which Royal Jester is included in a field of nineteen; a steeplechase with ten ready to go to the post; steeplechase for four-year-olds and upward and a running race for three-year-olds and upward, in which fifteen are scheduled to go, make up a card that should be all to the mustard.

Manager Jim Healy and President Joseph L. Murphy, of the association, together with their assistants, have been going all top speed preparing for the meet tomorrow and the five days' meeting starting Monday of next week. Some of the best thoroughbreds in the country will race.

The entries for tomorrow are:

- Second race, for all ages, purse \$200, of which \$50 to second horse. Top to the third, 6 furlongs.
- Law's Legacy
- 118
- Yague
- 125
- Machine Gun
- 126
- Pat's Star
- 121
- Bill Simmons
- 121
- Suit Peter
- 121
- True Street
- 124
- Prize
- Monitor
- 116
- Weekday
- 118
- Starlight
- 118
- Pat's Star
- 118
- Pat's Star
- 118
- Mary William
- 121
- Ella May
- 119
- Royal Peter
- 124
- Artful Dodger
- 119
- Old Girl
- 123

Third race, steeplechase, for hunters which have been regularly hunted, starters to pay \$10 each to the winner, with \$250 added, in money for the runner-up, \$45 to the second, \$30 to the third, about 2 1/2 miles over brush.

Opposer

- 157
- Daybreak
- 155
- John Douglas
- 152
- Lochiel
- 152
- Ormead
- 152
- Golden Rod
- 156

Fourth race, the Hunter's Steeplechase, for hunters which have been regularly hunted with a pack of recognized hounds, starters to pay \$10 each to the winner, with \$100 added, in money for the runner-up, with \$50 to the second horse, \$40 to the third, about 3 1/2 miles over post and rails.

Ormead

- 155
- Scottish Woodcock
- 155
- Lochiel
- 155
- Golden Rod
- 155
- Lochiel
- 155
- Hunting a McGee
- 155
- Master Beck
- 155
- Wolverton
- 155
- River Breeze
- 155

Fifth race, steeplechase, for four-year-olds and up, purse \$400, of which \$75 to the second, \$50 to the third, about 2 miles over the brush course.

Opposer

- 145
- Moniker
- 134
- John Douglas
- 147
- Floral Princess
- 138
- Redwood
- 144
- Ray O'Leary
- 136
- Lochiel
- 144
- Glenn Rose
- 135
- Belmont
- 144
- Glenn Rose
- 135
- Voc Popul
- 142
- Flight Captain
- 140

Sixth race, for three-year-olds and up, purse \$200, of which \$30 to the second, \$20 to the third, 1 mile.

Pat's Star

- 128
- Money Man
- 115
- Pat's Star
- 116
- Traber
- Wash ton
- 125
- MacLure
- 116
- Traber
- Wash ton
- 125
- Pat's Star
- 116
- Traber
- Wash ton
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### Boots and Saddle

Louisville, Ky., May 12.—Horses which seem best at Pimlico today are:

First race, Lank, Reap, Don't Bother Me; second, Quereek, Kathryn Harlan, Redstart; third, Mercurio, Polly Ann, Two Feathers; fourth, Belario, Sunny Hill, Smarty; fifth, Mattikin, Bridesman, Golden Spher; sixth, the Lamb, Cromwell, All Over; seventh, Mayor House, Clean Goe, Sir Clarence.

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