

### Ali test of skill for Lyle

LAS VEGAS, Nev. (AP) — Games of chance don't interest Ron Lyle, a man whose life is wrapped up in a test of skill—a heavy weight championship fight with Muhammad Ali.

"I don't gamble man, you know, it's one of my hangups," said Lyle, a 33-year-old ex-convict who knows what real hangups are.

Ali, who will defend his crown against Lyle tomorrow night, doesn't gamble either, but he fits Las Vegas like a neon sign. He can draw people away from the gaming tables while Lyle wishes second best to a slot machine when it comes to attracting attention Lyle could care less.

"I didn't come here to enjoy the shows," he said yesterday. "I came here to train and do one thing—win the championship. I can always come back and see the shows."

While there might not be any show biz in Ron Lyle, his life is a movie script if ever there was one.

He served 7½ years for second degree murder, being paroled in 1969 and later pardoned. He had a title shot in March 1969 through when Ali opted for Chuck Wepner and he apparently lost his chance for a championship fight when he was beaten by unheralded Jimmy Young last February.

And he could be a heavyweight champion on trial.

His wife, Nadine, who is suing him for divorce, had him arrested last March on charges that he took a shot at her. He is on \$7,000 bail on two counts of felony menacing and one of second degree assault.

"I never even think about it," Lyle said of his latest legal entanglement. "I leave it up to my attorneys. I have three good attorneys."

Mike Hayes, a spokesman for Lyle, said the fighter will waive a May 22 hearing and probably go to trial in June or July.

The fight will be the second part of a live home television telecast which will be handled by ABC beginning at 9 p.m. EDT. The first bout will be a 12-round non-title match between Victor Galindez of Argentina, the World Boxing Association light heavyweight champion, and Ray Elson of New York.

Lyle, who is getting \$1 million to \$100,000 for Lyle, is a strong contender in his second defense since he regained the title by knocking out George Forman last Oct. 30. In fact, the champion already has signed for a defense against Joe Foweraker of Britain June 30 in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

### Trevino has mental block

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Lee Trevino isn't overly concerned about his putting miseries.

"It's all up here," the PGA king said yesterday, tapping a stubby finger to his temple. Trevino, who had one of the finest tournaments of his life in the New Orleans Open last year, missed the cut for the first time this season last week in Dallas and complained bitterly of his putting problems.

"It's all mental," said Trevino, who won the 1974 New Orleans event by eight strokes at 21 under par. He didn't make a bogey all week.

"I got some help from Cesar Sanudo last week," Trevino

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said. "It was all in my head. He told me it can come back as fast as it goes."

"When I'm hitting an approach shot, I can see that shot in my mind before I pull the club out of the bag. It used to be that I could see the putt the same way. I'd see the line before I got over the ball."

"Cesar told me I've got to get that back in my head. My trouble is getting the putter back from the ball. I get over it and I'm watching this putter. I'm not looking at the ball. I'm looking at the putter and I can't draw it back."

"It's all up here," he said again, tapping the finger to his head.

"If I can just get to putting a little better, I'll be okay."

With his returned confidence, Trevino ranked as a strong favorite in the \$150,000 tournament that begins today on the 7,080-yard par-72 Lakewood Country Club course.

Other standouts in the 150-man field chasing a \$30,000 first prize include Tom Watson, the winner last week in Dallas, and England's Tony Jacklin, a former U.S. and British Open champion who is making a full-time return to American competition in this event.

Also on hand are such always-dangerous performers as Dave Hill, Buddy Allin, Jim Colbert, Billy Casper and Eddie Pearce.

### Shoemaker needs no advice

BALTIMORE (AP)—What kind of instructions does a trainer give jockey Bill Shoemaker?

None at all, says Tommy Doyle, who will saddle Avatar in Saturday's 100th running of the Preakness Stakes.

"I don't discuss any tactics with riders," Doyle said yesterday at Pimlico Race Course, "particularly when you have a rider of Shoemaker's quality. If he needs any advice from me, he's in bad shape."

"It depends upon the rider, of course," Doyle added. "But with a man like Shoemaker there's nothing he doesn't know about race riding. Once he's familiar with the horse and knows his peculiarities, there's nothing further to discuss."

"I rode races myself for many years, and I know that giving instructions to riders if very foolhardy, at best. I think many races might have been lost by a jockey trying to follow instructions too carefully."

Shoemaker, the all-time leading jockey with more than 6,800 victories in 26 years of riding, guided Avatar to a runner-up finish behind Foolish Pleasure in the Kentucky Derby after colliding with Diabolo in the stretch.

Doyle believes the 1 1/8-mile Preakness, one-sixteenth of a mile shorter than the Derby on a track with sharper turns, "is going to be tougher to win than the Derby."

"Because of the type of track and its contours," he said, "it would seem that it probably favors speed horses, although Little Current the 1974 winner might have been an exception."

"Avatar's best races," Doyle said, "were those in which there was a lot of speed coming back to him. Essentially, he's a one-run horse."

Avatar, however, stayed with the Derby's fastest early pace in history. "That's the first time he's shown that kind of speed," Doyle said, "but that's the rider's department."

Diabolo, third in the Derby, and the Johnny Campo-trained entry of Media and Just The Time had half-mile blowouts on the track Wednesday morning.

Foolish Pleasure is scheduled for a blowout this morning, just before the entry deadline and the draw for post positions.

Bold Chapeau, eighth in the Derby, already has been entered by trainer and part-owner Fred Wyble.

The owners of Master Derby, fourth in the Kentucky Derby, and Native Guest, a winner of four straight races on the West Coast including the El Dorado Handicap, will have to put up \$10,000 supplementary entry fees because their colts were not nominated for the Preakness.

Rounding out what is expected to be a 10-horse field will be Singh, who has recovered from an injury which forced him out of the Derby, and Prince Thou Art, who dealt Foolish Pleasure his lone career defeat before finishing sixth in the Derby.

With 10 starters, including the two supplementary fees, the Preakness would be worth a record \$210,600, and the winner would earn a record \$158,100.

### De Bu new ABA czar

NEW YORK (AP)—Dave DeBusschere, vice president and general manager of the New York Nets, will be named the seventh commissioner of the American Basketball Association, the Associated Press learned yesterday.

The eight-year-old ABA announced yesterday that it would hold a major news conference today in New York at 1 p.m. EDT, and at that time, the 34-year-old DeBusschere will be named to replace retiring Tedd Munchak.

Munchak, 49, had insisted recently that he would not serve as commissioner next season, preferring instead to devote full-time to his business interests in Atlanta.

DeBusschere, after 12 highly successful seasons in the National Basketball Association with the Detroit Pistons and New York Knicks, retired as a player after the 1973-74 season and joined the Nets as an executive, signing a 10-year, \$750,000 contract.

His appointment as commissioner has been rumored for some time, and he has had the solid support of two of the most influential owners in the league—Roy Boe of New York and John Y. Brown of the Kentucky Colonels.

"He goes with our good wishes," Boe was quoted as saying yesterday. "We will not stand in his way."

George Mikan, another former NBA star, with the Minneapolis Lakers, was named the ABA's first commissioner on Feb. 2, 1967. He was succeeded on an interim basis by Jack Gardner. Then came Jack Dolph in October 1969, Bob Carlson

in July 1972, Mike Storen in September 1973, and Munchak in July 1974.

DeBusschere's appointment, reportedly decided by a unanimous vote at a board of trustees meeting in Louisville, Ky., yesterday, follows closely the NBA's choice of Lawrence O'Brien to replace Walter Kennedy as commissioner. Kennedy, 61, the NBA's second commissioner since the league's inception in 1946, is retiring as of June 1.

O'Brien received a three-year contract at \$150,000 per year. DeBusschere reportedly received a multiyear contract at \$100,000-\$125,000 per year.

### Montreal holds, admits crisis

ROME (AP)—Olympic officials from Montreal still insisted yesterday that the 1976 Games will be held in their city, but admitted things are approaching a crisis.

Simon St. Pierre, executive vice president of the Montreal Organizing Committee, talked to a news conference about the new wave of strikes that have stopped construction work on the Olympic stadium and athletes' village.

"This situation could become critical," St. Pierre said.

"However, before we say that it is critical, we want to retain confidence, in Montreal, and to keep working as hard as before, so that after the workers problems have been resolved we will be able to take all necessary measures to meet the deadlines for the Olympics."

Workers in Montreal are on strike in protest against legislation being prepared by the Quebec provincial government to place certain unions under trusteeship.

Robert Bourassa, premier of Quebec, spoke Tuesday of possibly giving up the Olympics to restore social order. Howard Radford, treasurer of the Montreal Organizing Committee, said workers might have to give up their holidays to make up for lost time.

The executive board of the International Olympic Committee, meeting in Rome, was powerless to do anything in the worsening situation. Lord Killanin, the president, said the IOC would wait for a report by the organizing committee in Lausanne, Switzerland, next week.

The IOC executive board, with three of its eight members missing, by-passed the Montreal troubles and prepared an agenda for a meeting with the assembly of national Olympic committees next Friday and Saturday.

The Olympics are scheduled to open July 17 next year.

### Phil's infield near top

In 1974, the Phils infield (Willie Montanez, Dave Cash, Larry Bowa and Mike Schmidt) finished second in balloting for the National League Golden Glove awards.

The foursome hit .290, the highest infield average in the league. The Reds (.280) were second, followed by the Los Angeles Dodgers with a .277 mark.

Houston, with .46, had the lowest total of infield errors. That infield was Lee May, Tommy Helms, Roger Metzger and Doug Rader. The Phillies had 70 miscues. The Dodgers had the most with 93.

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