

Race of the Year

Majestic Prince and Arts and Letters now appear to be a cinch, barring sickness or injuries, to clash in The Travers, on Aug. 16, in what now shapes up as the Race of the Year for the Horse of the

No one knows owner Paul Mellon and trainer Elliot Burch has any real doubt but what Belmont winner Arts and Letters, who stopped the Prince's bid for a triple crown in the Belmont, has the Travers as his next real objective.

BOTH MELLON AND BURCH have long been known as friends of Saratoga racing, two of its greatest champions. In fact Burch has twice won the Travers in the past ten years, first with Sword Dancer and more recently with Quadrangle.

The really pleasant surprise is the apparent determination of Majestic Prince's owner Frank McMahon to contest Saratoga's vintaged 3 year old classic.

McMAHON IS AFTER ALL a Canadien industrialist, who does most of his racing on the west coast. If he passed up the Travers he would be but the latest in a long line of westerners, for whom eastern racing begins and ends with the triple crown, and, as often as not, the Kentucky Derby.

'If there was ever any lingering doubt but what the Travers belongs with the triple crown races, McMahon, a genuine sportsman - as he proved in The Belmont - has ended them once and

Probably the nicest thing he said, and which has to be one of the nicest compliments ever made about our great race, considering the source, was made to Charley Hatton, the estimable writer for the Morning Telegraph.

QUOTING HATTON, McMahon said: "Majestic Prince is to fly Tuesday to Hollywood Park (Calif.), rejoining the others of the string. He is to be rested a month, taking light exercises under saddle. We plan to bring him to Saratoga Springs in August for the running of the Travers.

"Not to prove anything, as he already has proved repeatedly he can beat those horses.

NOW HERE IS McMahon's punch line, as to why the Travers

"WE JUST WANT TO TUN HIM IN THE TRAVERS."

now absolutely shapes up as the race of the year. Continuing to quote Hatton, McMahon adds: "No, we do not plan to run him against the older horses in the fall. We think too much of

him for that." Which, in a word, means that the Travers is also to be the final confrontation between Arts and Letters and Majestic Prince.

IF THE PRINCE wins the 100th running on August 16, then he will have won 3 out of 4 of the big three year old races, and he will probably be named Horse of the Year.

Arts and Letters, on the other hand, will probably go against older horses in the fall, but even if he wins The International and Jockey Club Gold Cup (both within his grasp), unless he beats Majestic Prince in the Travers, he has little chance of becoming Horse of the Year.

Saratoga racing fans may also get a chance to see Majestic Prince in The Jim Dandy, which is rated a prep for The Travers. McMahon told Jim McCulley of the Daily News that "the Jim Dandy might be a good race for him, and if all goes well - maybe the Travers I into or tog ev uer an wayee ! had not have

MAJESTIC PRINCE and Arts and Letters are far from a sure thing to finish one-two in the Travers. Trainer Ray Metcalf of Top Knight, last year's Hopeful winner and two year old champion but who ran dull races in the Derby and Preakness, is expected to be in top form for the Travers after a long rest. If Top Knight runs his race — and he loves Saratoga's rather deep track — he'll be plenty

tough. The Travers could also bring in A.B. Hanock's Dike, who may yet run the race that so many have been predicting of him. And, of course, the Travers is famous for those "Jim Dandy" longshots lurking in almost every barn.

McMAHON AND TRAINER Johnny Longden were extremely unhappy over Willie Hartack's failure to correctly judge the slow pace, of the Belmont after having been instructed to stay up close to it, so that, reading between the lines, it wouldn't be at all surprising to see the great silent man removed from the Prince in favor of another rider.

For the story of the year; in the race of the year, for the horse of the year; in the comeback of the year, we give you Jonny Longden riding Majestic Prince to victory in the 1969 Travers.

ParkerRated'King' Of Harness Traders

of Saratoga Springs purchased

Hal Speedster out for another

sparkling performance. His horse proved him a prophet as he

was beaten by Batty over a

Hal Speedster set a new

national season's mark in his

was clocked in 2:04 1-5. He came

Up until last night, Hal

seasonal mark with Style Setter

money choice.

first outing on May 17 when he

Veteran Howard Parker once of 2:03 2-5 for aged stallions. It again has proved to be the king of marked the third win in four horse traders at Saratoga Har- starts since the Hopeful Stables

Wednesday night at the popular the five-year-old son of Speedhalf-miler, Parker drove his ster. newly acquired Hal Speedster to another national season's mark

Harness Roundup

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS Tarport Bill stepped out and took command in the last 16th to win Wednesday night's \$5,250 pace at Yonker's Raceway. The race was the featured attraction of the night's New York State fifth in the field of six Wednesday Marold K. (Sm IIII) harness racing.

Bobby Ed finished second 1% lengths back but was placed fourth for an unrestrained run in the stretch. The show horse, Mr. Lucifer moved to second and Eyreton from fourth to third. Tarport Bill was clocked at 2:04 4-5 and paid \$8.60.

At Buffalo Raceway, Donnas Cape pushed across the finish line 2% lengths ahead of Bedazzled to win the \$1,600 feature Speedster had shared the pace in 2:05 4-5.

Amber Jack was third. Donnas Cape paid \$6.40. Scothaven Bomber squeezed

out a nose victory over Canadian Senator in 2:04 2-5 to win the \$1,500 pace at Vernon Downs.
Yankee T came in third. Scot-haven Bomber paid \$21.

Holding off a stretch bid by Highland Dan, at Monticello Raceway, Phoenix Hanover finished in 2:06 2-5 to win the \$1,- of losing drives as he scored with Vote Direct (Lock wood) 250 feature trot, paying \$5.60. Mr. Gordon was third.



Sheldon L. Black, commander of the 656 Radar Squardron is shown tossing out the

first ball recently at Kaydeross Field to mark the entry of the squadron into the Saratoga Softball League, currently in full progress. The major is surrounded by fans.

Airmen Fly Over Ken's Grill, 9-4

Grill of Ballston on the loser's added in the third and sixth. diamond, 9-5.

gaining the victory. Mitchell finished up. Ken's Grill was limited to five

Mitchell and Torra shared hitting honors for the winners,

each driving in three runs. After Ken's got two runs in the simms opening half, the Airmen came Saldato right back on a lead off homer by Bala; a double by Mitchell; two walks and then a three run homer by Torra. They added two Ladueer

The 656th Radar Squadron, a more in the second on a couple of new entry in this year's Saratoga walks and singles by Hocutt and Softball League, defeated Ken's Dupvis. Insurance runs were

Ballston made a final bid to get Kleft, who fanned seven, pit-back in the game in their half of Zancer ched all but the last inning, in the sixth for Rich's homer, an Mitchell error and a walk, good for two

Rusack went the route for the hits with Rich getting two of Ballston team, but was hampered by loose support.

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TOTALS 200 002 0-4 5 Ken's Grill 421 002 x-9 5 656 Radar NAMED COACH LOUDONVILLE, N.Y. (AP)

- Gene Culnan was named varsity backetball coach at Siena O College Wednesday

Also eligible: Nevele Surprise

THE ROSKIN-PHILCO FORD

\$1,200. Eligible (1) Non-winners of

\$4,500 in '68-'69. (2) Optional claimers

EIGHTH RACE - Pace, 1 mile,

Also eligible: Crestwood Copper

NINTH RACE - Pace, 1 mile,

\$1,200. Eligible (1) Non-winners of

\$4,500 in '68-'69. (2) Optional claimers

THE CHIROPRACTIC

Also eligible: Crestwood Copper

TENTH RACE - Pace, 1 mile, \$800.

Ambo-

Smith- 15

Tingley- 6

Richards, Jr.- 12

Kazmaier - 3

Aloy- 4

Morel-5-2

Lasky- 15

Butcher- 10

Russo- 12

DeSantis- 4

Phetteplace-15

Richards- 3

Smith-

Richards-

Mondi, Jr. - 7-2

Butcher- 6

DeSantis- 3

Vander Poel- 12

Floyd- 8

Berg- 10

Raceway Entries

Gufkovich

Bryant (+1

3. Jack Freehall

4. Sam's Pride

5. Flash Express

FIFTY FIFTH NIGHT, THURSDAY, JUNE 12, 1969 FIRST RACE - Pace, 1 mile, \$600. Four year olds and under, maidens. Shadydale Sailor Simezku- 12 Ceramic 3. Davids Patty Blake, Jr .- 8 Yankee Chris Richards, Jr.-7-2 Mike's Colf Goodsell-Christy Byrd Cramer- A Pacing Parker Fanelli-Current- 8 Also eligible: Nazzy's Folly SECOND RACE - Pace, 1 mile, 600. Claiming — Claiming price

8. Briarwood Lance \$1,000, mares \$1,200 1. Ceder Crest Ace Leo Lee Hazel Mite Goodsell- 8 Letha Tag Juno's Gem Cold Wyn Butcher- 12 Also eligible: Hy Adios C.

THIRD RACE - Trot, 1 mile, \$600. 2. Marietta C. Four year olds and under, maidens 3. Gunshot Hanover Vanidestine and-or non-winners of \$1,500 lifetime Kandy Kate Nazarian- 15 4. Tax Escort Current- 3 5. J.O.H. Gregory Pick Arapaho Hanover Nate Mountain Archer Rods Express Marcon Kitch Friend Charlie

Also elegible: Ayre Zeus FOURTH RACE - Pace, 1 mile, 1. Jean Gay "He doesn't really care for an \$600. Claiming-Claiming price \$1,000, 2. Echo Brook Etta off-track," commented Parker Wednesday morning before the night's 10-race program brought 2. Lusty Glory

Langtry- 3 Plenty Quick Houston Express Afton Jay Watson-Also eligible: Model Frank FIFTH RACE - Trot, 1 mile, \$1,000. Eligible (1) Non-winners of \$5,000 in '68-'69. (2) Optional claimers at \$5,000. THE NEW YORK STATE BREWERS

Moran- 4

6. Bank Knight

1. Chancy McDee

Clever Patient

Edna Day

4. Fleets Pride

5. Yankee Bet

Masqueraders Tip

at \$4,000, mares \$4,500.

1. Lady Jane Sofa

4. Margie Victoria

2. Sassy Return

3. Skidoo Pick

mares \$2,500.

1. Get Even

Avaion Aquile

Knight Scene

Champs Honor

2. Silver Boy

8. Putt

Bean- 6 7. True Adios

Michael P Small Chance Langtry-7-2 General Lobel Tag Giers Yankee Joy Richards- 3 6. Grea Brown Parker-Chase-Also eligible: Deans Success SIXTH RACE — Pace, 1 mile, \$800. Claiming-Claiming price \$2,000,

mares \$2,500. Mr. Royal Lamb-DeSantis- 10 Richards, Jr .- 3

Wells- 12 6. Miss Flame Morel-5-2 7. Storm Dancer Coon- 10 7. Nevele Dag Barchi- 8 Sprouse-5.2 8. Widows Girl Putz- 15 Also eligible: Tuck Away Rebel SEVENTH RACE - Pace, 1 mile, Mondi, Jr.- 4 \$700. Non-winners of \$2,500 in '68-'69. THE R.D.L. SPECIAL

Phetteplace-12 3. Armbro Griffin Davis-7-2 4. Clayhaven Mercury Fanelli- 8

Harness Results 8. Afton Tropper Also eligible: Josedale Main Hal

Nancy Dares (Cole) 1480 8.20 3.20 shook off second choice Batty Actres Lad (France) Wheat Hauler (Davis) early and went on to score by four Carol Patch (B of mo me) Newportcot (Cop po la) Time 2:09.2 PP: 2 3 6 Also started : Mr. Medicine Man, Leta Go Poplar In his last start, Hal Speedster Arson, Ace Elkington, Brackfreet Lodel, Frisky Hanover, Kim Kahla.

sloppy track. Batty wound up evening after his early bid for the Colonie Boy (Jov ons) New Luck (More!) Time 2:10.2 PP: '63 1. Also started: Roan Abbe, Warden Scott, Beth Barmin, Jim Dean, Syb is Up Top.

DAILY DOUBLE 2 6 Paid \$60.00 right back at Saratoga on May 30 =

to better his own mark with a THERD - Pace mile \$400 time of 2:03 4-5, and earned a sadir (Moran) Sour Puss Maria (Cassavaugh) 4.40 T Ime 2:09.1 PP: 34 B. Also started: May Gray, Relays Pride, Reble land Pat, Artful Adios, Merry Dencer.

who set it on May 24th at Bran-FOURTH - Pace 44 mile sam ManteinL ader (Allen) 3620 7.00 4.60 Hal Speedster was winning the Golden Fox (Ferrere) 3.80 3.40 featured \$4,000 Saratoga County Frankles Boy (Bottom) Dental Society Trot Wednesday T Ime 1:34.4 PP: 8 2 3 Also started : Cunny's Dale, Warrior Miss, Georgie night and paid \$4.00 as the even Dares, Prince Pence, Clayhaven

Earlier on Wednesday's FIFTH Pace Mile \$60. program, popular Ozzie Cole of Quick Prime (Merel) 488 2.40 '2.40 Saratoga Springs broke a string General Jim (Allen) 2.40 2.40 longshot Nancy Dares at \$14.80. It Pee Shooter, Dean Wirhill, Yuma Time 2:09.2 PP: 136 Also started: marked his first win in 74 drives. Squ av. Ross C. Miss Mary T.

F.C Von (Belmonte) 1820 5.40 3.00 Time 2:08.2 PP: 16 2. Also started : Sam Ovelmo, France bat, Candy

SEVENTH - Pace mile \$800. Avan Aloha (Butcher) 4.00 2.80 2.20 Ash Grove Joan (Morel) 3.20 2.60 Right Touch (Cap pello) Time 2:05.3 PP: 2 3 1 Also started: Mountain Ash, Dynamic Hodgen, Lassie Blaze, Robert Allen

E IGHT H Trot mile \$4,000 Hal Speeds ter Rodney Laird (Chase) Time 2:03.3 (New National Season's Quick-may be ready. record) PP: 413.

N INETH - Pace mile \$1,500 New Dream (Cap-

Valley Bill (Hamilton) 3,60 2.00 Uncle Larry (Langery) 3.40 Monsieur Richelieu, Widow Gay, HI La Kerry, Flashy N. Brutus.

T EN TH - Pace mile 900 Simon Dunice (Smith) 660 3.60 3.40 of it. Honeys Ace (Floyd) Buddle C (Adams) 4.40 T ime 2:09.2 PP: 4 2 3. Also started: Twilight Dream, Rumymede June, JM . Surety, Clayhaven Zephyr, Reg has Dynam k. Aftendance : 2,410 Handle: \$172,419

Lucky Louie FIRST RACE

Pacing Parker - Good qualifier. Christy Byrd-has chance. Yankee SECOND RACE

Leo Lee-due for good effort. Cedar 2.80 Crest Ace-rail helps. Snow Switchlong shot possibility THIRDRACE Gregory Pick-due for better Mountain Archer-could surprise.

Kandy Kate not out of it FOURTH RACE Speed Kid-may forget to stop. 4.00 2.80 Sams Pride-can't Ignore, Flash 3.20 Express-may wake up. Plenty

Ramsey Hanover. Scratched: Bad Chance-outlook may Improve. General Lobell-broke in last two. SIXTH RACE Mr. Royal G.—appears in good form. Tax Escort—definite contender.

Nevele Dag-moving up in class. SEVENTH RACE Jene Gay-could make It. Salling Time 2:043 PP: 23 & Also started: By-best form needed. Arnbro Griffin-has chance. EIGHTH RACE

> Bet-may cone on. Edna Day-not out NINTH RACE Skidoo Pick-in spot for score. Putt-in top form. Sassy Returnspeedy at times.

TENTH RACE Champs Honor-thin edge. Knight Scene-usually close, Avaion Quillawon last three.

are rowed here.

about being number one here,"

LongShot Eyed for Vankers THE SARATOGA SPRINGS, NEW YORK College Rowers' Big Day Is Here

YONKERS, N.Y. (AP) -Looking for a long shot to beat day is the big day for most of schools. the favored Overcall in the the top college rowing teams as "This is great competition \$50,000 Good Time Pace at the three-day Intercollegiate and we know it," acknowledges Yonkers Raceway tonight?

How about Fulla Napoleon or under way. Little Jerry Way, two 20-1 outsiders in the morning line compared to Overcall's 2-5 odds.

Overcall, a 6-year-old who set a world record of 3:023-5 in winning the \$50,000 Internation- or 114-mile, spring course. make it six straight this year and Yale. They miss this regatand boost his career earnings ta each year because of their What it amounts to is that over \$500,000.

any horse race. Only last month Laverne Han- The crowning jewel in the re- The eight-oared varsity com-

Bye Bye Sam.

And look what happened to UCLA and Cornell. Rum Customer, the 1-5 choice, Penn Coach Joe Burk brings in the \$90,000 Realization Pace his Quakers here with only a at Roosevelt May 23. He fin- loss to Harvard marring their ished out of the money as Adios record. The Quakers beat Har-Waverly bounced home at 30-1. vard in the Adams Cup race Herve Filion drove Adios only to lose to them in the East-Waverly in the Realization Pace ern Sprints. and he will be in the sulky behind Little Jerry Way tonight is the crew to watch, and young for owner E.M. French of Wash- Coach Randy Jablonic admits ington Court House, Ohio. The he'd like to live up to their ex-4-year-old finished fourth to pectations. Overcall in the International.

Fulla Napoleon, the champion 2-year-old of 1967, wasn't in the Jablonic said on the eve of the Cane won Italian heavyweight International, but the colt has race. "We had been flat for a title. won \$341,581 for the Red Sheep couple of weeks because the Stables of New York. Driver boys' were taking final exami-Dick Thomas says his colt is al- nations. But we're starting to ways a threat if his bursitis con- perk up again." dition doesn't act up. He was in til the stretch.

Overcall, who will be reined by chance because they're untested Bryant, 161, Las Vegas, 10. Del Insko, in the 11/4 mile of the Good Time, the second leg in Yonkers \$150,000 International series. They are Nardin's Byrd, Cardinal Garrison, Cardinal King and Twinkle Hanover N. Canada's Blaze Pick, who finished second to Overcall last week, was not nominated for the Good Time.

Yesterdays Stars

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS BATTING Lahoud Red Sexulat three-homers driving in four runs, in a 13-5 romp over PITCHING-Billy Champion,

Phillies. blanked Los Angeles 3-0 on a five-hitter for his first major league victory.

Fights Last Night SAN CARLOS, Calif.-Jose Mariano, 127, San Jose, outpointed Bobby Rodriguez, 130, Los Angeles, 10.

SYRACUSE, N.Y. (AP) - To- against the powerhouse Eastern

Rowing Association regatta gets Washington Coach Dick Erickson. "But we hope to provide the stiffest kind of competition. Almost everybody that's any-We didn't come here just for the body in rowing circles has en-

tered crews in the 67th IRA on Onondaga Lake's 2,000-meter, fying heats advance to the finals Saturday. The losers today row al Pace by 834 lengths a week Two exceptions are the two again on Friday, and those winago, is considered a shoo-in to old rowing schools of Harvard ners also land berths in the fi-

own four-mile match on the each crew has two chances to But there's no sure thing in same Saturday that the finals get into the championship event

over was considered such a gatta is the varsity eighth oar petition is the event drawing top standout he was barred from championship. Penn has won it interest. But there also will be the betting in the \$182,000 Mes- two years in a row and is fa- eight-oared competition among senger Stakes at Roosevelt vored to repeat this year. Wis- freshmen and junior varsity, Raceway. He finished third to consin also is highly regarded and there will be a varsity fouras are Washington, Princeton, oared event with coxswain.

Fights Last Night

Some coaches say Wisconsin By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS SAN REMO, Italy-Joe Shelton, 196, Cleveland, stopped Dick Hall, 180, Boston, 4; Dante "We're feeling very strong Cane, 231, Italy, outpointed Piero Tomasoni, 190, Italy, 12.

> COLUMBUS, Ohio-Bill Douglas, 159, Columbus, knocked out Luis Zinales, 157, Puerto Rico,

Washington is undefeated, incontention in the Realization un- cluding a victory over powerful LAS VEGAS, Nev.-Rocky UCLA. But some coaches don't Hernandez, 161, San Francisco, Four other pacers will oppose give the Huskies much of a outpointed Gene "Honey Bear"



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