

WAR ADMIRAL LEAPS INTO DERBY LIMELIGHT

Joe Believes Pompoon May Make Showing

Calls Performance of Colt
Saturday Nothing Short
Of Mysterious.

By JOE WILLIAMS,
Times Special Writer

NEW YORK, May 3.—Heading South today most of the Eastern railroads were about ready to concede the Kentucky Derby to one of two horses—either War Admiral or Reaping Reward. They have weakened on Pompoon, the winter book favorite.

And that's easy to explain. Pompon, asked to go a distance for the first time in the Wood Memorial, ran a miserable race to finish fifth behind colts nobody had figured seriously in the 3-year-old field. If that's the best he can do when the chips are down, you can probably forget about him.

The experts have been saying all along that a

Pompoon, like his daddy, Pompey, couldn't go a distance; that he was bred for sprinting. The Wood, at 1 1/2 miles and 70 yards was supposed to be the test. There were some dispensed-like George Reed, for instance.

The veteran Tennessee handicapper pointed out that Pompoon was a long, free striding colt, whereas his daddy had a short, jerky stride. "That's why Pompey couldn't go a distance," insisted Mr. Reed. "But Pompoon is different. He is gaited for route racing. This is one time you can ignore breeding."

Pompoon proceeded to make Mr. Reed look very good in winning the Paumonok. True, this was more of a sprint race but the colt overcame a lot of racing trouble to come from behind and win with such speed and power as to indicate he was equal to any assignment on the calendar. Rated off that performance he became "the horse they had to beat" in the Derby.

Not So High Now

But today he doesn't stand so high. The rail birds don't know how to figure him out after his failure in the Wood. This was supposed to be a test of his stamina. As it turned out it wasn't a test of anything. The Pompey colt showed nothing.

If he had managed to get on top for a while and then faded you would be justified in saying the distance was too much for him. But this didn't happen. He showed no speed at all and was never a contender. From every angle his performance was disappointing. It was unexplainable. It came close to being mysterious.

The possibility exists that he was a tired colt. It took a lot of work to bring him to the track in time for the Paumonok, a race in which he was forced to match strides with older horses. This was no easy race, either.

Keeping these items in mind, it may be a mistake to desert Pompoon too speedily. He's a much better colt than his dull showing in the Wood would seem to suggest.

War Admiral Promoted

Meantime, War Admiral will probably be raised to an undisputed position of favoritism in the Derby, closely followed by Reaping Reward. The Man O' War colt ran a smashing race in winning the Chesapeake while Reaping Reward closed out the 1936 season like a champion—beating, among others, Pompon.

Unless he trains off, War Admiral is certain to receive a heavy play in the Derby. There are some who say he is the best colt the great Man O' War ever produced—and if this is so it is hard to see how he can miss it this week at Churchill Downs. Because Man O' War has sired some mighty fine colts.

As a matter of fact War Admiral looks and moves much like Crusader. He has an early burst of speed and this is likely to serve him in good stead in the Derby, since it will allow his jockey, Kursinger, to keep him out of the early crowd, giving him the chance of setting the Derby hopefuls in that riotous, tumultuous first quarter mile. This is where the Derby is generally won or lost.

Pompoon Is Out

To get back to Pompoon, his spiritless showing in the Wood came as a headache to those who played him in the winter book where he was finally backed down to 4 to 1. The chances are he will be at least 15 to 1 at the track on the day of the Derby. This is just another illustration of what can happen to you if you play the winter book.

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STUBBORN RHEUMATISM

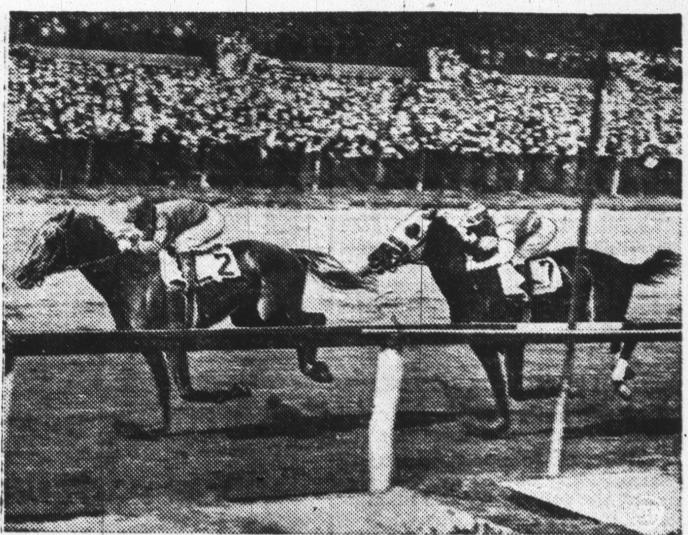
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War Admiral . . . takes over the reigns.



The unexpected Wood Memorial race victory of Melodist, shown above, as he out-footed Marshall Field's Sir Damion, puts the former in line for a possible trip to Churchill Downs for the Kentucky race Saturday. The favorite, Pompoon, ran fifth. Melodist's time, 1:42 4-5, was close to the Jamaica track record of 1:41 5-5.

Henry Issues Warning About Picking Favorites

By HENRY MCLEMORE,
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NEW YORK, May 3.—I am too sure of my judgment. I said Pompoon, son of Pompey, dammed by Conagh, would finish third in the Wood Memorial race at Jamaica.

Pompoon ran fifth and was lucky to do that well. He proved much to the disappointment of those that followed him that he was chip off the old block. His old man started grabbing his side after one mile, and that was just what Pompon did when he had to pick up a man's weight and carry it a man's distance.

When he won the Paumonok he looked like an old English sporting print, his neck was like a gander's—was reaching for every inch. He was being whipped for all the jockey had. In short he was shooting from the hip. When the company got tougher his neck wasn't long enough, his legs weren't strong enough and his heart wasn't fast enough.

Book Proves False

So, once again, the Kentucky Derby winter book has been proved the biggest gamble, the silliest gamble, since Aaron bet eight to four the Red Sea would open. Two days ago when you mentioned Melodist, people said, "Do you mean that remarkable horse with four legs and a tail?" And now they're saying Melodist, owned by that needy couple, Mrs. H. C. Phipps and Ogden Mills, is one of the finest thoroughbreds ever to put foot in spiked shoe, or am I confusing this with Dan Abbott?

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Scores of amateur and semipro baseball players weathered the weather yesterday and took part in the first full day of sandlot competition. The West Side Merchants were leading 3-2, when their game with Monroe at the latter's diamond was called on account of the rain. The two teams are to meet at 2:30 p. m. next Sunday at the same place.

The Seven Ups were rained out at Bedford yesterday. The team would like to schedule a game with a strong state nine for next Sunday. Write or wire Bill Rider, or phone Riley 6776 during the day and ask for Mr. Dixon.

What I am trying to tell you is this: I know nothing about horses, and yet I knew enough to know that Pompon couldn't go a distance. Yet there are tens of thousands of people in this country who, every day, bet according to the opinion expressed in print by paid horse handicappers. The majority of these handicappers named Pompon to win this race. Not one of them selected Melodist.

War Admiral Won't Win

Moral— Nobody knows what in the name of heaven a horse will do when released from what I choose to call the barrier. Now in the next two or three days you will undoubtedly hear or read that War Admiral is a cinch for the Derby.

On paper War Admiral is a cinch for the Derby. But he won't win the Derby. Some long, knock-kneed wretched horse you never heard of or never heard of or these professional handicappers never heard of will swoop down from the cumulus clouds and cart away those deviated dollars.

I am going to see the Derby this year. In fact I am leaving tomorrow by burro pack. But I will not flash you the name of this cumulus cloud which until two hours before post time. Thus, if you will delay more than two hours in getting to your bookmaker will save your money.

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Late Entries Boost Total to 55 For 500-Mile Race May 31

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streamlined racer he drove into the money class last year.

Rose, national A. A. racing champion, made his debut yesterday in the red No. 4 car which will pilot for Lou Moore.

Babe Stapp, colorful Texas driver arrived in town this week with his eight-cylinder Maserati, an Italian car he purchased from Henry (Bob) Topping Jr., a New York sportsman. This makes it certain that Stapp

and Mays will be clashing again in the front ranks for Mays is to drive an Alfa Romeo, another Italian car entered by Bill White. These will be the first foreign cars entered in the local race in several years.

Wild Bill Cummings, Lou Meyer's teamate on the Mike Boyle team, has loomed as the pre-race favorite because of his victory of the last few spins around the track during the last few weeks. Cummings won the 1934 race, took third place in the 1935 running and was forced out

on the first lap last year with a frozen clutch.

A young newcomer, Joe Thorne, a millionaire sportsman, has entered seven cars in this year's race. One of them is the radically designed rear-engined, 16-cylinder creation of Lee Oldfield.

Speedway officials are predicting that Lou Meyer's all-time record of 1934, 100 laps, will be broken this year. It is believed that the rules have been changed to require standard commercial instead of doped fuel.

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Marks-Miller Sp.	4	Rear	Joseph Marks
Topping Sp.	8	Rear	Henry Topping Jr.
Topping Sp.	4	Rear	Henry Topping Jr.
FWD Sp.	4	4-wheel	Pete DePaolo
Unamed	4	Rear	Chet Gardner
Chet Gardner, Long Beach, Cal.	4	Rear	Louis Meyer
Unamed	4	Rear	Phil Shafer
Ray Yeager, Manhattan, Ill.	8	Rear	Ray Yeager
Unamed	4	Rear	Lewis Welch
Elgin Piston Pin Sp.	6	Rear	Elgin Piston Pin Co.
Deusenberg Sp.	8	Rear	George Souders
Unamed	4	Rear	Phil Shafer
Unamed	8	Front	Joe Thorne
Superior Trailer Sp.	4	Front	Race Car Corp.
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Wehr 2-Cycle Rotary Valve Sp.	4	Rear	Rudolph Wehr
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Sullivan-O'Brien Sp.	4	Rear	Thomas O'Brien
Milt Marion, St. Albans, N. Y.	8	Rear	Milt Marion
Unamed	8	Rear	B. A. Piper
Unamed	8	Rear	J. L. Mannix
Freese-Tool Sp.	8	Rear	Carl Nowiak
			Carl Magne

City Pinmen High In Derby Turney

Times Special

LOUISVILLE, May 3.—Tommy Thevenow, the Madison, Ind., veteran utility infielder with the New York Giants, was traded last night to the Boston Bees in return for Pitcher Johnny Babich and Infelder Bill Urbanski, who will be reassigned to the Giants' Jersey City farm.

Thevenow, a star in the 1926 world series, has played with the Cardinals, Phillies, Pirates, Reds and Giants.

The Hoosiers stacked up a total of 3014 in their appearance Saturday night, using games of 1009, 104 and 95 to reach the score. Lou Daugherty paced the aggregation with a 659, Ed Striebeck had 617, Larry Fox, 602; Connie Snyder, 595, and Dan Abbott, 541.

Barbasols, the second Indianapolis entrant on the Saturday night schedule, and the pair combined totals for a 1285 that is good for third place in the present standings. Carmin had 654 and Striebeck 631. The Daugherty-Abbott duo also placed high with a 652.

Six additional Indianapolis teams are to face the maples on May 15 and 16, the closing dates of the event.

Schmeling Arrives To Train for Bout

By United Press

NEW YORK, May 3.—Max Schmeling, former heavyweight champion, arrived from Germany today aboard the B