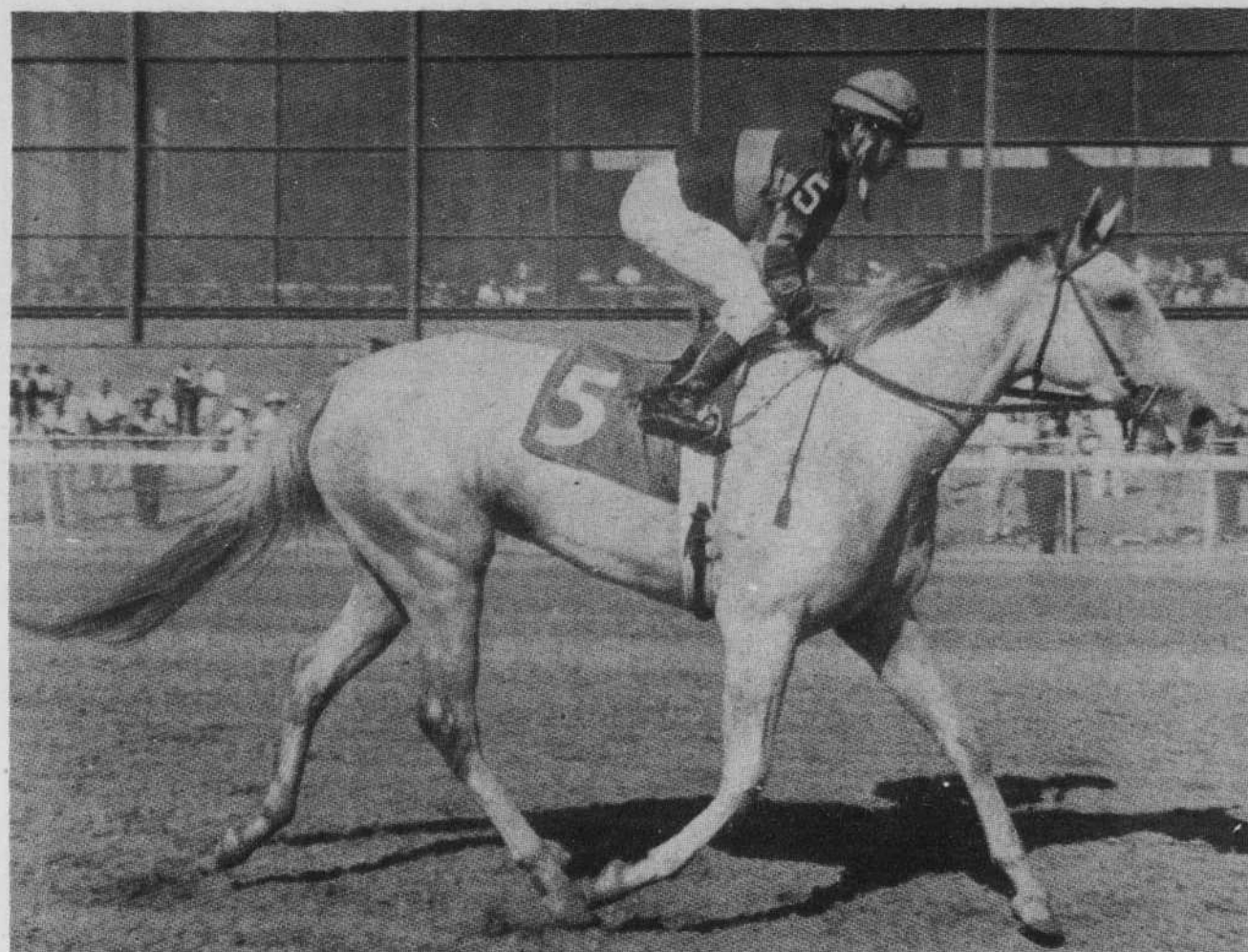
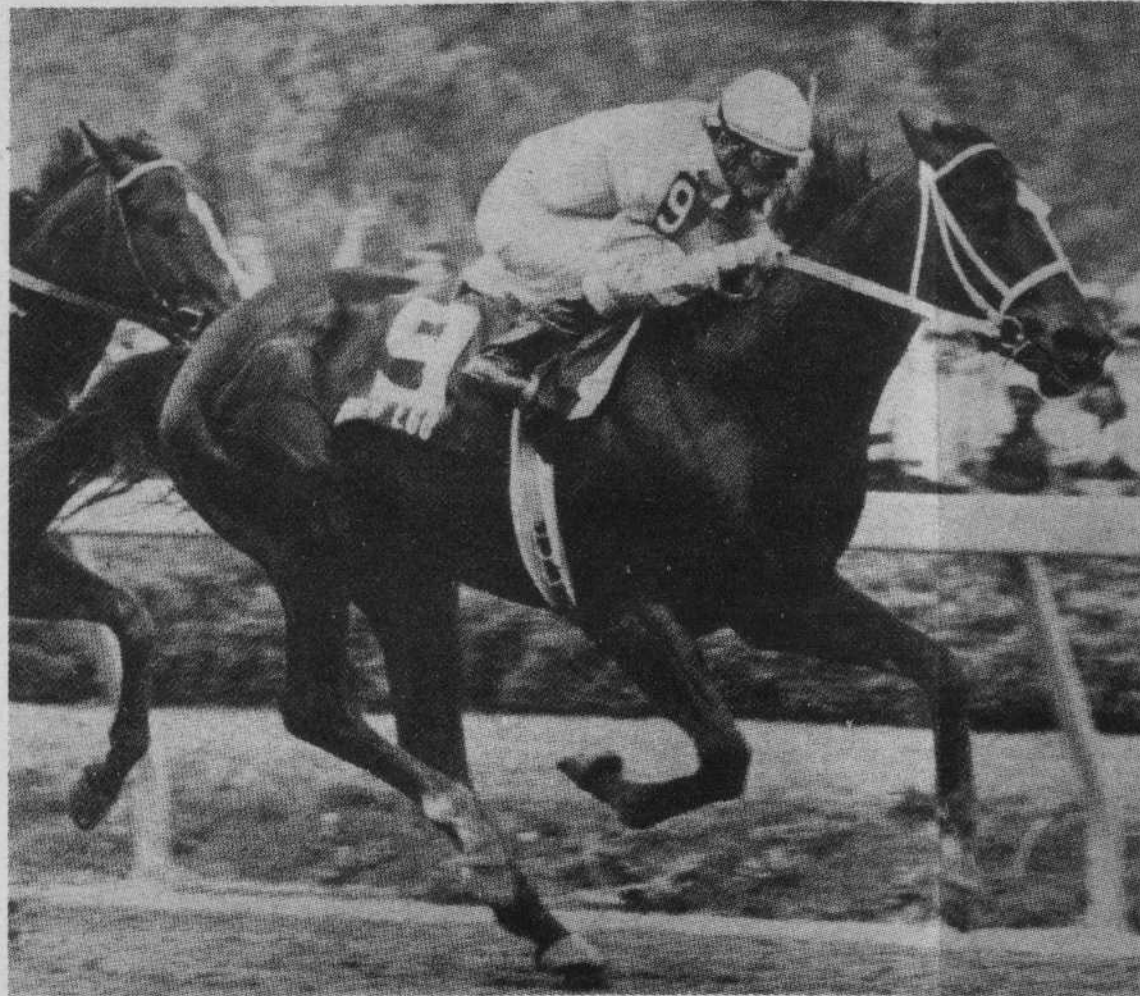




Heavenly Cause, the top filly entry, has a chance to repeat Genuine Risk's 1980 victory.



Bold Ego earned his trip to Louisville in the Arkansas Derby.



Proud Appeal, on the rail, held off Cure the Blues to capture the Gotham.

Making the run for roses

Twenty horses saddle up for this season's Derby Day

Derby Day is upon us.

And the 107th running of the Kentucky Derby, the first and most prestigious leg in the Triple Crown, will take place Saturday. Among the bright colored silks, polished saddles and strains of "My Old Kentucky Home," will be a field of 20 horses vying for victory at Churchill Downs.

The Kentucky Derby isn't the only race at Churchill Downs Saturday. There will also be a \$25,000 race for 2-year-olds before the Derby. The main event is only for 3-year-olds.

As the season's first long race for 3-year-olds — 1 1/4 miles — Kentucky Derby

fans say the race can make or break a horse. Past winners have gone on to high stud fees (or brood fees) and a prestige few horses know.

The race also provides the first jewel in a three-race crown, the Belmont and Preakness being the other two.

But this year's Derby field doesn't have the same feeling as past races. This year's top 3-year-old, Lord Avie, will not be there. The colt, last season's 2-year-old champ, had won two out of three starts this year but suffered an inflamed tendon in its right front leg, knocking him out of the Derby picture.

Despite the loss of Lord Avie, the rest of the field looks strong with colts who have recorded wins in the Gotham Stakes, Flamingo Stakes, Rebel Handicap, Santa Anita Derby and Wood Memorial.

The possibility does exist of a filly repeating Genuine Risk's win last year. Heavenly Cause, a champion filly as a 2-year-old, won the La Torienne Stakes at Churchill Downs last Saturday by five lengths.

But she is not the only horse in the run for the roses.

Proud Appeal, unbeaten this year in five

starts, is currently the race favorite. Like his sire Valid Appeal, Proud Appeal is a speed horse who will need to lead from flagfall to finish.

He will be pressed early by two other front runners, Cure the Blues and Bold Ego, but he has shown he can win, especially with his near-track record of 1:33.35 seconds in the Gotham Stakes by a nose over Cure the Blues.

However, in his last race, the Blue Grass Stakes, Proud Appeal turned in a lackluster performance on his way to victory. Proud Appeal finished with a slow 1:51.25, only running 39.45 for his last three furlongs. A good horse should be able to run that distance in 37 seconds.

If the race favorite does falter, there are other horses that can challenge for the title and the \$150,000 winner's prize.

The colts Tap Shoes, Bold Ego, Splendid Spruce, Pleasant Colony, Cure the Blues, Flying Nashua and Double Sonic, as well as Heavenly Cause, could easily upset the race favorite.

Completing the field are Hoedown's Day, Top Avenger, Clasic Go Go, Well Decorated, Pass the Tab, Golden Derby, Always A Cinch, Law Me, Partez, Beu Ritt,

Mythical Ruler and Television Studio.

Tap Shoes, son of 1972 Derby winner Riva Ridge, is considered a good stretch runner. Tap Shoes recorded wins over Well Decorated and Double Sonic in the Flamingo Stakes.

The colt's trainers also have been preparing for the Derby. Tap Shoes' recent workouts have been long and slow, an effort to build his stamina for the long Derby race.

But Tap Shoes won't dance across the finish line without a challenge.

Bold Ego, a speedy colt who won both the Rebel Handicap and the Arkansas Derby by leading from wire to wire, could claim the win if he can move into the lead early. The horse doesn't like to run behind.

Splendid Spruce came from behind to win the Santa Anita Derby in style. But the horse has yet to show any consistency, except in mud. If it rains he could very well splash home ahead of the pack.

Pleasant Colony also was inconsistent early in the season, but his victory over Cure the Blues in the Wood Memorial by several lengths establishes the colt.

This season has been marked by up and down performances by Cure the Blues. The

colt easily won his first start of the year and lost by a nose to Proud Appeal at the Gotham.

Cure the Blues couldn't fell apart in the Wood, losing by eight lengths. His trainers have tried to explain away his near collapse as simply being tired from his duel with Proud Appeal.

Since the Wood, Cure the Blues has been training well, and with three-time Derby winner Bill Shoemaker in the saddle he could still put it away in the stretch.

Rounding out the top half of the field, both Flying Nashua and Double Sonic are come-from-behind colts. If a fast pace develops they could be near the front at the finish.

The remainder of the field, while good

horses, does not have the quality of the first half of the field and is expected to finish as also ran's. The horses are entered in the Derby to fill out the field.

All the colts will be carrying 126 pounds while the filly will pack 121 pounds over the 1 1/4-mile course. Prize money in the Derby is \$150,000 for first, \$50,000 for second, \$25,000 for third and \$12,500 for fourth.

The race will be televised by ABC-TV beginning at 2 p.m. Saturday.

Admiring strains of "My Old Kentucky Home" and the traditional call to the post, 20 horses will be vying for the first jewel — the prestigious Kentucky Derby.

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1854	Meigs splits for Tahiti loaded with \$17,000 worth of wine and gourmet delicacies, after appropriating over \$1,000,000 from city treasury.
1877	"Don Enrique" dies in Peru a multi-millionaire builder of the famous railway system over the Andes that "couldn't be built." To celebrate the completion, Meigs throws perhaps the most extravagant party ever — a five steamship cruise — costing 45,000,000 in today's dollars.
1977	On the 100th anniversary of Meigs' death, Dick Meigs, great, great nephew of the "beloved rogue," opens Eugene's de Frisco's, dedicated to the memory and style of his illustrious ancestor. The tavern featured Eugene's first serious selection of imported beers in a traditional atmosphere of solid oak and brass that would have made "Honest Henry" feel right at home. Rosewood backgammon tables were built to exacting specifications in memory of Uncle Henry's highly refined sporting instincts, and darts were introduced.
1978	de Frisco's introduces world famous Heineken and Guinness Stout on draft to the Eugene area. Among the many distinguished bottled beers introduced to Eugene at de Frisco's during this time were Elephant Malt Liqueur, Watney's and Pilsner Urquell, the original pilsner beer.
1978	de Frisco's completes the expansion of Eugene's landmark tavern in an attempt to better meet the demands of the beer drinking public. de Frisco's also starts hosting Eugene City Backgammon Championships annually.
1979	de Frisco's adds to its fine assortment, Champagne on tap, and Bass ale, also on tap. Bottle beers introduced for the first time in the Eugene area include Mousehead Lager, Grangehead, Foster's from Australia, and Samuel Smith out of England's oldest brewery. Weekly backgammon tournaments begin every Monday Night.
1980	John Courage, a fine English pilsner is added on tap. Dart tournaments begin every Sunday Night, and a dart challenge match with Portland's finest begins. Eugene loses the first challenge and owner Dick Meigs is "pied."
TODAY	Dick Meigs and his dedicated staff carry on the de Frisco's tradition, serving the world's outstanding beers to Eugene's discriminating drinkers... and Meigs is practicing his dart game so he is not "pied" in the next challenge match with Portland.

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