

★ ★ ★ SPORTS BRIEFS ★ ★ ★

**GOLF:**

Chi Chi Rodriguez recently won his second consecutive Las Vegas Senior Classic Championship. After picking up his winners check for \$67,500, Chi Chi was asked if he could three-peat. "Only fools live in the past. People who don't have much confidence in themselves live in the future."

**BASEBALL: TOP TEAMS IN THE MAJORS**

In the National League East, Pittsburgh leads New York by 1-1/2 games, while San Diego holds a 1/2 game lead over Cincinnati in the West.

In the American League East race, Boston leads Toronto by 1 game while Oakland leads Chicago by 2-1/2 games.

**PACIFIC COAST LEAGUE**

The Las Vegas Stars are in first place in the Southern Division while Calgary is on top of the Northern Division.

**SOFTBALL:**

The UNLV Lady Rebels have won a record 42 games. The team is currently trying to finish in a solid second place, six games out of first place.

With a 42-15-1 record overall and 21-8-1 in Big West play, they will play 2 games this Saturday against New Mexico State at home beginning at 11:00 a.m.

# SUMMER BOWLING LEAGUE SIGNUPS

Summer bowling leagues are now being formed at the Showboat Bowling Center — the largest center in the U.S. There are men's, women's, mixed and specialty leagues to choose from.

According to Showboat

Lanes Marketing Director Debora Briggs, there are some unique leagues available, such as the non-smokers leagues, youth-adult leagues, and what is believed to be the only night time youth league (Mondays at 7 p.m.)

"Summer leagues are a good

## HORSING AROUND WITH

# "When Will A Favorite Win The Kentucky Derby?"

Last week this writer stated that two horses would probably challenge "Fly So Free" in the Kentucky Derby. These two horses were Hansel and Sea Cadet. I thought that "Fly So Free" would be the post-time favorite in the Derby but the Derby crowd made Hansel the favorite at odds of 5-2. Sea Cadet ridden by Chris McCarron broke on top and was in the lead but faltered in the stretch run and finished eighth in the field of sixteen horses.

Hansel broke fifth and never did mount a serious threat and finished tenth. After doing some research this writer found out that the last time a post-time favorite won the Kentucky Derby was in 1979. This was the year that the great Spectacular Bid won the Derby. As a matter of record only two favorites in the last eleven Derbys finished better than fifth. Chief Crown finished third in 1985 and Easy Goer ran second to Sunday Silence in 1989.

Although Fly So Free was coming out of the number one post-position which have yielded the most Kentucky Derby wins (12), Fly So Free did not have a smooth trip over this race track. He brushed Alydavid and bothered Wilder Then Ever. Fly So Free also forced Lost Mountain into the rail at the far turn and weakened in the run to the wire.

Meanwhile, Chris Antley, the jockey on Strike the Gold let the speed of the race come back to him by not hooking the two speed horses (Forty Something and Sea Cadet)!

Antley seeing a traffic jam at the top of the stretch swung Strike the Gold six horses wide and won the biggest race of his

young career by 1 3/4 length.

Many of the experts did not think that Strike the God had the ability to run competitively at 1 1/4 mile because he had a dosage rating of 9 which indicated he is a sprinter.

This "Dosage Index (DI) System is based on a pedigree analysis. No horse given a dosage index higher than 4 has won the Derby since 1929. Apparently, myself included, the experts forgot that Strike the Gold was sired by the now deceased Alydor who also sired another Kentucky Derby winner by the name of Alysheba a few year ago.

With the Preakness less than two weeks away (May 18th), the big question is "how much did this race take out of Strike the Gold? Will Strike the Gold be able to handle a fresh Olympia who won the Arkansas Derby two weeks ago?"

I have not given up on "Fly so Free" or "Sea Cadet." If Sea Cadet does not get hooked up in a speed duel with another horse, I think that his speed can carry the distance if the Preakness which is 1 3/16 mile.

However, at the time of this writing, no one knows how many horses will be going to the post. But it is highly unlikely that (16) horses will be running in the Preakness.

By this coming week-end the probable starters in the Preakness should be known.

Congratulations to the team of Nick Zito (trainer), Chris Antley (jockey) and Strike the Gold for winning the 117th Kentucky Derby.

place to start, if you have never been in a league before," Briggs said. "There is not as much competition. All leagues are handicap leagues — you don't have to be a pro bowler or even a 160-average bowler to have a

good time."

Leagues bowlers over 21 years of age also enrolled in the Showboat V.I.B. (Very Important Bowler) Club, which also entitles them to benefits on shoe rental during league play, and a

20 percent discount on merchandise in the pro shop.

Briggs pointed out there are morning, afternoon and evening leagues.

"We are hoping several families sign-up for our summer

leagues," Briggs said. "Bowling is still the least expensive family recreation activity."

More information can be obtained by calling the Showboat league hotline at (702)385-9148.

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