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Alysheba comes on strong, wins Derby

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP) — Alysheba, running for only the second time since undergoing an operation to correct a breathing problem, stormed into the lead nearing the wire and won the \$793,600 Kentucky Derby Saturday at Churchill Downs.

Alysheba, ridden by Chris McCarron, who returned to riding last March after a severe broken leg, took the lead from Bet Twice to get the roses in the 113th running of America's premiere horse race.

Derby favorite Demons Begone apparently broke down, and the colt was taken off in an ambulance.

Third was Avies Copy, a member of the mutual field, while Cryptoclearance got home fourth in the field of 17 3-year-olds.

The victory, in 2:03 3/5 for the 1 1/4 miles, was

Alysheba's first in four starts this year and only the second in 11 career races.

Alysheba had finished first in the Bluegrass Stakes in his previous race but was disqualified for interference.

But on this hot, sunny Kentucky day, he ran straight down the stretch to gain a Derby victory for his Hall of Fame trainer, Jack Van Berg. Van Berg also trained Gate Dancer in 1984 when that colt became the only colt disqualified in a Derby race.

He was dropped from fourth to fifth.

"He's a good colt," the 50-year-old Van Berg said in appraising Alysheba's Derby chances a few days before the race. "He's legitimate, he's talented and he's sound."

The \$500,000 yearling, a son of Alydar, also is a horse for the ages, which is what all Kentucky Derby winners become.

McCarron sent Alysheba into contention nearing the quarter pole on the turn. Then, in the stretch run, he finally caught Bet Twice inside the sixteenth pole for the victory.

A jubilant McCarron, winning the Derby for the first time in seven tries, said: "He ate up horses down the backstretch."

He also ate them up down the homestretch.

Immediately after the race, Pat Day, who rode Demons Begone, the 2-1 favorite, said "my horse died. He wasn't right going into the first turn."

The condition of Demons Begone, the winner of his

first three starts this year, including the Arkansas Derby, was not immediately known.

Alysheba's winning margin was three-quarters of a length.

Bet Twice finished 2 1/2 lengths ahead of Avies Copy, who was a neck to the good of Cryptoclearance.

Alysheba, who earned a record winner's share of \$618,600 from the record gross purse, paid \$18.00, 98 and \$6.20.

The winner, a Kentucky-bred sold at Keeneland, was owned by Dorothy Scharbauer and her daughter, Pamela.

Mrs. Scharbauer's father, Fred Turner, won the 1969 Derby with Tomy Lee.

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Zach fires 13 Ks to pace Moravia

Union Springs pitcher John Zach was "itching" to get at Moravia all week. He didn't waste his chance.

Zach, the Wolves' No. 1 pitcher, went the distance and struck out 13 Friday afternoon as host Union Springs handed Moravia its second straight loss, 6-4, in the Intercollegiate Athletic Conference.

The Blue Devils, who suffered their first setback Thursday — 5-1 to Lansing — held a 4-2 lead heading into the bottom of the fifth inning. The Wolves rallied with two runs in their half of the fifth and sixth innings.

Zach, who improved to 3-1, allowed only two hits and pushed his strikeout total to near 50 for the season.

"He had his fastball, curve and changeup working the best he's had all year," said Bob Currier, the Wolves' first-year baseball coach. "He was itching to get at Moravia all week long. He was confident going in and so were his teammates."

An RBI single by Zach sparked a two-run rally in the bottom of the third, before Moravia scored twice in the fourth on a double by Paul Miller. The Blue Devils added two more runs in the fifth.

Union Springs rallied with two runs in the bottom of the inning on a triple by Marty Lawler and base hits by Zach and Jeff Ross, tying the game, 4-4.

In the sixth, a two-run single by Cal Sliwka gave Union Springs the go-ahead and insurance runs.

Union Springs improved to 5-2 in the league, and has the same record as Moravia. The Wolves host Southern Cayuga Monday.

Lansing 16, Southern Cayuga 3

For the first inning, at least, Southern Cayuga kept Lansing off the scoreboard.

Then the floodgates broke open — wide open.

With two outs in the second inning, Lansing scored six runs en route to a 16-hit attack that powered the Bobcats to victory.

Chris Williams smashed a two-run triple and John Longhouse added an RBI single to spark Lansing in the second inning.

Before the Chiefs could get any offense going, they were down, 10-0, and all efforts were "after the fact," coach Pat Collier said.

Southern Cayuga scored its three runs in the bottom of the fourth on an infield error and RBI singles by

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Baliva's 6 RBIs powers Panthers

Marie Baliva drove in six runs Friday and helped Port Byron outlast Pulaski, 17-11, in Onondaga South softball.

Baliva, who collected four of the Panthers' 18 hits, had two doubles and a triple and scored two runs.

Annett Carner and Sue Abale both had three hits and Terri Casbarro added two for Port Byron, which scored in every inning except the seventh.

The Panthers never trailed, breaking a 2-2 deadlock with two runs in the top of the second. They led, 17-3, before Pulaski scored eight runs in the sixth.

Abate, Beth Smith and Tracey Kincaid all stole two bases.

Winning pitcher Stacy Nagle struck out four batters.

Lansing 15, Southern Cayuga 3

The Bobcats benefitted from 17 errors and coasted past the Chiefs in this IAC contest.

Lansing led from the opening inning, scoring four times in the first and finishing with six runs in the seventh.

Both teams managed only five

hits off the respective pitchers, Linda Wells of Lansing and Kim Free of Southern Cayuga.

Union Springs 13, Moravia 6

Michelle Prave went 4-for-4 to send the Wolves to their third consecutive IAC triumph. Union Springs, 3-0 in the league, is 5-1 overall.

Prave's hitting helped stake the Wolves to a 9-0 lead after three innings. Stacy Walter, Tammy Cornell and Becky Curtis also contributed key hits.

Moravia answered with five runs in the fourth behind the hitting of Michelle Hartnett, Tammy and Lisa Stone and Deb Powers, but the Wolves got one run back in the bottom of the inning and three more in the fifth.

Walter finished the game with three hits, while Cornell and Curtis both added two in support of winning pitcher Carolyn Cuddeback.

The Wolves host Southern Cayuga and Moravia travels to Lansing Monday afternoon.



Rafael Addison roars in for a slam dunk as all Leo Rautins can do is look on.

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SU visits CCC

By TANEY BEAUMONT

The kids in Mrs. Adele Keegan's first-grade class at Owasco School were allowed to stay up past their bedtime Friday night.

And with good reason — their pen-pals were in town.

Actually, the miniature sea of orange and blue-clad cheerleaders did more than just correspond with their heroes, a contingent of whom were at Spartan Hall for the SU Final Four Shootout, matching teams from the eras of SU's two Final Four teams — 1975 and 1987.

"We had a writing lesson where we sent them a letter," said Keegan with a smile during halftime of the contest. "We also learned reading through articles about the team and had some math lessons counting two- and three-point shots."

"We followed them all year, and it really kept their attention."

Keegan also taped some of the games and used the tapes as a reward, showing them to her students on Friday afternoons after particularly good weeks.

"We learned the color — and word — orange," she also said, laughing. "That was in one of our first reading lessons."

"We also had a reading lesson with our signs — the ones the kids toted with them in support of their heroes. They told me what they wanted their signs to say, I made them and then they read them to me."

In addition, the group led the cheers, and generally kept things lively when they weren't following Derek Brower while he sold raffle tickets. Brower was ineligible for the game because of NCAA re-

Scherrer shoots a 35; Lakers down Maroons

Tom Scherrer carded a 35 Friday afternoon to lead the Skaneateles golf team past Auburn, 209-224, in a non-league match at Owasco Country Club.

Scherrer was backed by teammates Jamie Bean (42), Jon Doctor (43), Jon Tulloch (44) and Jeff Campbell (45).

Jason Leach paced the Maroons with a 41. Jeff Pelton added a 45, and Joe Hickey, Ed Krickovich and Chris Vattler all checked in with 46.

Skaneateles, 6-0 overall, meets Jordan-

Elbridge Tuesday in an Onondaga Central match. Auburn hosts West Genesee Friday in the Onondaga North.

Dryden 316, Union Springs 238

Three Dryden players had rounds of 41 and the Lions went on to defeat the Wolves in the Intercollegiate Athletic Conference.

Eric Aragoni, Mike Raber and Chris Roberts shared medalist honors as Dryden gave the Wolves their second loss in two decisions this season. Union Springs is 0-1 in the IAC.

Andy Outhouse and Scott Ryan had 43s for the

Wolves.

Dryden also won the Junior varsity match, 253-290, with Matt Good carding a 45. Bill Ward had a 46 for Union Springs.

The Wolves also lost their season-opener, 214-248 to Watkins Glen in a match played in Ovid.

Outhouse was medalist, with a 38. Ryan added a 46. Todd Peters paced Watkins Glen with a 41. Steve Beaver's 40 led Watkins Glen to victory in the junior varsity match, 223-280. Brian Sweeney paced the Wolves with a 45.

Everybody knows George Steinbrenner

Whether you love him or hate him, you have to admit New York Yankees owner George Steinbrenner is one of the most well-known persons in sports.

Few club owners have attained the same celebrity status. Steinbrenner, a successful businessman, is quickly recognized, if not loved, wherever he travels.

Next to baseball, harness racing has to be Steinbrenner's favorite sport. In fact, he was only a youngster when his father and uncle introduced him to the joys of sulky racing.

Before purchasing the Yankees in 1973, Steinbrenner had established himself as a successful businessman and community leader in his hometown of Cleveland. Now, the No. 1 newsmaker among the 26 club owners, Steinbrenner is equally as popular in the Sport of Kings. He owns both standardbreds and thoroughbreds and his passion for racing is genuine.

Steinbrenner is a partner with Charles Day on the standout sophomore pacer Incredible Finale and the free-legged filly Pacific. His association with Day has produced several champions.

The Yankee boss owns Tampa Bay Downs, a



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thoroughbred track in Florida which he hopes to turn into a harness racing plant.

In a recent feature article in Hoof Beats Magazine, Steinbrenner said "I like owning harness horses because I can be more of a part of it than with thoroughbreds. You can watch your horse work, but you can't get in a sulky and drive him."

One of Steinbrenner's closest friends is Allen Pinkelton, executive at Pompano Park in Florida and chairman of the board of the U.S. Harness Writers of America. During the Winter Baseball meetings last December in Hollywood, Fla., Steinbrenner spent most of his evenings visiting Pinkelton at nearby Pompano Park and watching his horse races.

Steinbrenner calls John Galbreath of Columbus,

Ohio, the greatest sportsman in the world. He has won the Kentucky Derby and the World Series. George has won a World Series, but now he would like to win the Derby. The Hambletonian and the Little Brown Jug.

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SPORTSTALK — Former major league pitcher Jim Bouton, who began his professional career with the Auburn Yankees in the New York-Penn League, has been named special spring training pitching instructor at Fairleigh Dickinson College in Teaneck, N.J. Bouton, who played nine seasons in the majors, mostly with the Yankees, had his best record — 21-7 — in 1963. In 1964, Jim won two World Series games against the St. Louis Cardinals. He left baseball in 1970 to write his controversial book *Ball Four*, but returned in 1978 as a knuckleballer for the Atlanta Braves. He also has worked in TV sportscommentary in New York and spends a lot of time doing speaking engagements.

Angelo Prospero writes that his annual Rochester Boxing Association Dinner is set for Saturday, May 23 at the new Holiday Inn on Jefferson Road. At least four of boxing's biggest names will grace the head table. Among them will be Irving Rudd, public

relations director for Top Rank, and former boxing greats Billy Conn, Willie Pep, Sandy Saddler and Alex Arguello, world champion in three divisions....

They won't let Boston Red Sox first baseman Bill Buckner forget about the ball he failed to come up with during the World Series. Billy Gardner, manager of the Kansas City Royals, said "I heard Buckner tried to commit suicide during the winter. He stepped in front of a car, but it went through his legs."

The latest of the high school blue-chippers to sign, slam dunk specialist Jerome Harmon of Gary, Ind., has decided to attend Louisville. He was considering Syracuse, DePaul and Purdue....

Tommy (who?) Trebelhorn didn't waste much time letting the media know he's the new manager of the sizzling Milwaukee Brewers. Skipper of one of the worst-paid teams in baseball, Trebelhorn also is the lowest-paid manager in the biggies with a salary of \$266,000 plus. Fans who have been around the New York-Penn League for the past eight years or so have no trouble remembering Trebelhorn — he managed at Batavia in 1979.

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