

Preakness Field May Race For Largest Payoff

BALTIMORE (AP) — Francie's hat, the third finisher in the Kentucky Derby, was declared out of the Preakness Wednesday by trainer Jimmy Conway.

Conway called the Pimlico racing secretary's office from New York and said Al Lippe's colt "has a problem." He did not elaborate.

Meanwhile, Dancer's Image was feeling frisky just three days before the 93rd running of the

Preakness, following first tapping of his bothersome right ankle.

But there were some anxious moments Tuesday night for his handlers at Pimlico following the tapping.

A stable connection said the tapping of the fluid in the ankle was done with trainer Lou Cavalaris present before Cavalaris left for Fort Erie, Ont., and then for Louisville for the continuing stewards' hearing into Dancer's

Image's disqualification in the Kentucky Derby.

"Tuesday night he just wouldn't walk," the stable connection said of the colt. "You couldn't move him, but today he is feeling fine."

Dancer's Image walked with his full weight on the ankle, grazed and was in noticeably good spirits Wednesday. He is scheduled to gallop three miles Thursday.

The other hopefuls for the

Preakness also took it easy Wednesday, with no workouts held.

Charles Sngelhard's Jig Time galloped and is expected to work five furlongs Thursday, and James L. Skinner said his Yankee Lad would go a half mile Thursday.

If Yankee Lad goes, he is expected to join 10 other 3-year-olds for the second jewel of the Triple Crown.

Post time is 4:30 p.m., CDT, with national television coverage

from 4 p.m. to 4:45 p.m. by CBS.

If 11 start in the 1 3/16 mile test, it would have a gross purse of \$197,200, with \$144,700 to the winner, making it the richest Triple Crown race ever. The current record is the \$194,000 Preakness in 1967.

Other probable Preakness starters:

Calumet's Forward Pass, Mrs. Mildred Beall's Martins Jig, Gene Goff's Nodouble, Robert J. Kle-

berg's Out Of The Way, W. R. Hawk's Poleax, Richard Dufour's

and Joseph Richard's Sir Beau and John Nero's Wood-Pro.

New Arts Course Announced

Texas A&M's English Department will offer a junior level theater arts course during both summer sessions, announced C. K. Esten, director of the Aggie Players.

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