

Sir Wiggle in, Native Royalty out of race

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BALTIMORE (AP)—It was lose one, gain one at the 95th Preakness which is shaping up as the first \$200,000 running of a Triple Crown race.

The Wolfson Brothers' Native Royalty, ninth in the Kentucky Derby, was declared out because of injury and it was announced that Nelson B. Hunt's Sir Wiggle could join the fight for the second leg of the Triple Crown.

Sir Wiggle was fourth in the Argonaut Stakes at Hollywood Park last Saturday.

A field of 14 3-year-olds could go to the Preakness post at Pimlico at 5:40 p.m. EDT Saturday and, if that many start, the gross purse would be \$203,800 with \$151,300 to the winner.

The 1 3/16 mile classic will be televised by the Columbia Broadcasting System from 5 to 6 p.m. with radio coverage from 5:30 to 6.

Entries will be taken from 7 to 10 a.m. Thursday and during this time Robert E. Lehmann's Dust Commander, the Kentucky Derby winner, is expected to be supplemented for \$10,000.

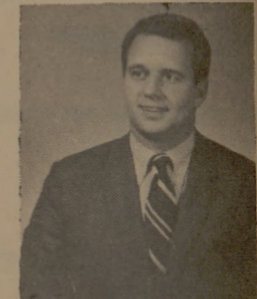


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BEAUMONT (AP)—The Ty Terrell Relays in Forest Park's Trojan Stadium Saturday could be the site of the first 17 foot pole vault in Texas.

Fred Hansen of Rice vaulted 17 feet, 4 1/2 inches in 1964 in Los Angeles, but never made the 17-foot height in his home state.

Ricky Parris of McMurry went 16-11 two weeks ago at Alpine.

Texas A&M, Texas, North Texas, Prairie View A&M, University of Southwestern Louisiana and McNeese State College headline the field.

Preliminaries are scheduled for 2 p.m. Saturday with the finals to begin at 6:30 p.m.

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Astros win on Pepi's blast

LOS ANGELES—The Houston Astros, aided by Joe Pepitone's three-run homer in the fourth, jumped to a 4-0 lead over the Los Angeles Dodgers here Wednesday night and then held off a Los Angeles rally for a 6-5 win.

The Dodgers, held hitless by Astro starter Denny Lemaster for three innings, exploded for three runs on four hits in the fourth to narrow the margin. A triple by Manny Mota was the big blow in the inning.

Doug Rader extended his hitting streak to 16 games with a fourth inning single and then gave the Astros an insurance run with Walt Bond for sixth on the home run, his eighth, was Rader's 27th career blast and tied him with Walt Bond for sixth on the all-time list for the Astros.

Joe Morgon, who had three singles, drew a bases loaded walk in the eighth for Houston's final run.

The Dodgers put together four singles for a run in the eighth with an Astro double play keeping the rally to a single run. Willie Crawford drove in the run after a Houston double play had erased Bill Grabarkewitz who had singled and sent Wes Parker to third.

The Dodgers then refused to die quietly as Willie Davis and Parker hit back to back doubles with two out for a run that cut the Houston lead to a run.

Jim Ray then replaced Fred Gladding who replaced Lemaster in the eighth and walked Grabarkewitz but got the final out on a grounder by Sizemore.

The loss was charged to Dodger starter Claude Osteen who defeated the Astros six times without a loss last year.

Denver named as site of 1976 winter olympics

AMSTERDAM (AP)—Denver was picked as site of the 1976 Winter Olympic Games Tuesday shortly after the International Olympic Committee, in a surprise move, gave the Summer Games to Montreal over the bids of favored Moscow and Los Angeles.

Thus both the Games for 1976 go to North America. The year marks the 200th anniversary of the birth of the United States.

Denver was chosen over Canada's Vancouver, B. C.; Sion, Switzerland, and Tampere, Finland.

Montreal won out on the second ballot in a vote by International Olympic Committee members. It's the first time Canada has had an Olympics.

The result came as a shock, especially to the Russians whose official news agency, Tass, put out a premature bulleting some two hours before the final decision that Moscow had been awarded the Games.

Montreal, a sprawling city of 2 1/2 million people of whom some 60 per cent are of French descent, is renowned as a sports capital in North America, home of the Expos major league baseball and the Canadiens in the National Hockey League. Neither is a Summer Olympics sports.

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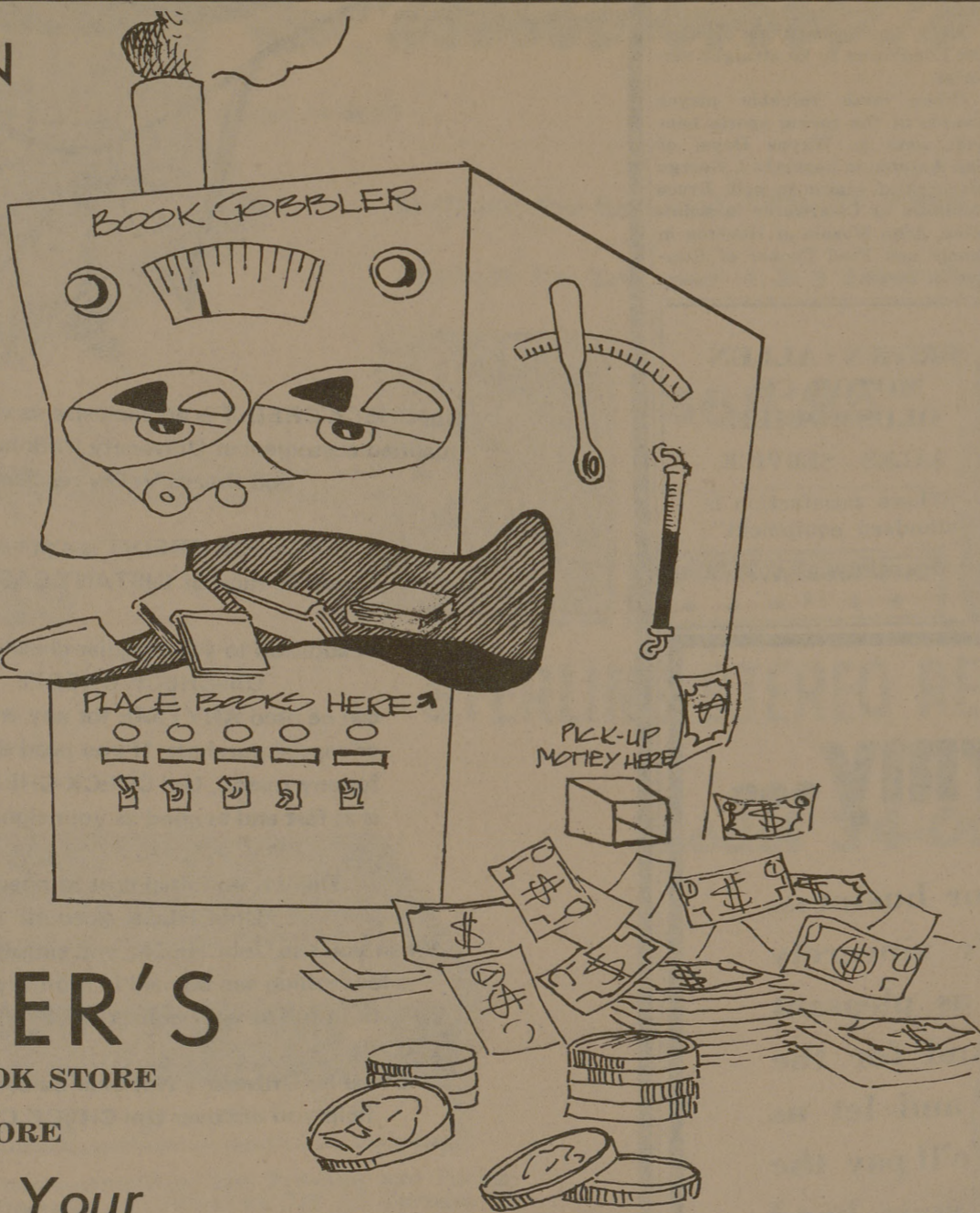
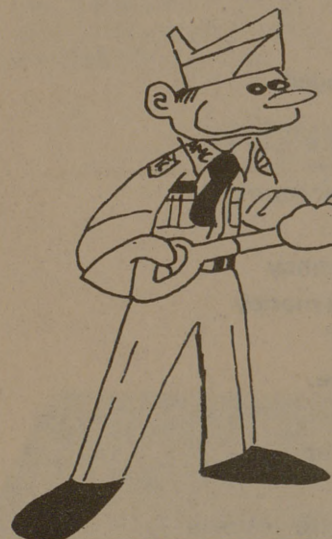
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