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By Ed Ashford

Blue Grass Win Lowers Tomy Lee's Odds

Tomy Lee's victory in the Blue Grass Stakes yesterday caused his price in the Caliente Future Book to drop to 4-1. Dunce, who finished a bang-up second, was sliced from 40-1 to 15-1.

First Landing remains the 3-1 favorite, with Tomy Lee next, followed by Silver Spoon, Easy Spur and On-and-On, all at 6-1. Finnegan, Atoll, and Our Dad are all 8-1. Sword Dancer is 10-1, Hoist Away, Royal Orbit and Troilus, 15-1.

Despite Tomy Lee's victory yesterday, his jockey, Willie Shoemaker, hasn't decided yet whether he'll ride Mr. and Mrs. Fred Turner Jr.'s colt or Sword Dancer in the Kentucky Derby a week from Saturday.

"I'll make up my mind Saturday," Shoemaker said. "Tomy Lee ran a game race. The other horse (Dunce) caught us at the eighth pole, but couldn't get by. I don't think he was gaining any ground at the finish."

Steve Brooks, who rode Dunce, said: "My horse ran a good race. He moved real good on the turn, but couldn't get any closer after the eighth pole. He gave a final big try about 40 yards from the finish, but that other horse just wouldn't quit."

Brooks said that he would ride Calumet Farm's On-and-On in the Derby. "I wouldn't mind riding Dunce," Steve said, "but I told Mr. Jones (Jimmy Jones, Calumet trainer) last week I'd ride his colt."

Bill Hartack, who had the mount on Scotland, when asked to comment on the race said: "I have nothing to say." Hartack's mount was knocked off stride at the start when Tomy Lee swerved out, but Bill wouldn't talk about it to the press. However, someone overheard him remark to another jockey that "I was knocked into the fence."

Bill Boland, who rode the pace-making Benbecula, said: "The horse ran out of gas after six furlongs and there was no filling station to refill."

AP's Bob Cooper Picks Finish 1-2-3-4

Bob Cooper, an Associated Press staff writer covering his first Blue Grass Stakes, proved a better forecaster than his 38 rivals in Keeneland's fourth annual Blue Grass Stakes contest.

Cooper, who moved to the Lexington bureau of the AP from Louisville a few months ago, was the only one of the writers and announcers who picked the finish 1-2-3-4. He also picked the time of the race—1:48 3/5 on the nose.

Three other writers—Maurice Shelvin of the Chicago Tribune, Whitney Tower of Sports Illustrated and Marvin Gay of the Louisville Times—selected Tomy Lee, Dunce and Scotland in that order, but all three listed Benbecula fourth instead of Quantrell.

Ten others had the first two horses pegged correctly, among them the only member of the fair sex participating in the contest—Mary Jane Gallaher of United Press International. Miss Gallaher had Quantrell in fourth place, but picked Benbecula to finish third.

Cooper, who admitted he didn't wager on his selections "because the prices were too short," received the julep cup from Keeneland Public Relations Director J. B. Faulconer as an award.

Tomy Lee Wins Stretch Duel From Dunce In Blue Grass

Scotland Captures Third Place After Being Bothered At Break

By Bud Wallace
Herald Staff Writer

Tomy Lee, owned by Mr. and Mrs. Fred Turner Jr. of Midland, Texas, projected himself into the favorite's role for Kentucky Derby yesterday by romping home first with a cleverly earned victory in the 35th running of the \$32,550 Blue Grass Stakes at Keeneland.

Tomy Lee's margin of victory was only one-half length at the finish of the one and one-eighth miles of the Blue Grass but only Claiborne Farm's Dunce was close to him at the wire and the Texas-owned colt won with plenty in reserve.

Dunce ran a great race against the son of Tudor Minstrel and the effort certainly earned him the honor of being the first horse in history to start in the Kentucky Derby in Claiborne's famed orange racing silks.

W. M. Ingram's Scotland exhibited a top effort too, especially in view of the ragged start in the Blue Grass. Tomy Lee bore out leaving the gate and bumped Scotland off stride. The son of Princequillo recovered quickly, but lost much ground. The early running found Benbecula and Tomy Lee battling for the lead with the outsider The Chosen One in close attendance. Benbecula was through after three-quarters of a mile and it was at this point that Dunce started his challenge.

He moved to Tomy Lee on the turn and took a slight lead but jockey Willie Shoemaker let out another rap and the Turner colt immediately forged to the front straightening for home. Shoemaker gave Tomy Lee three crisp licks with his whip at this stage.

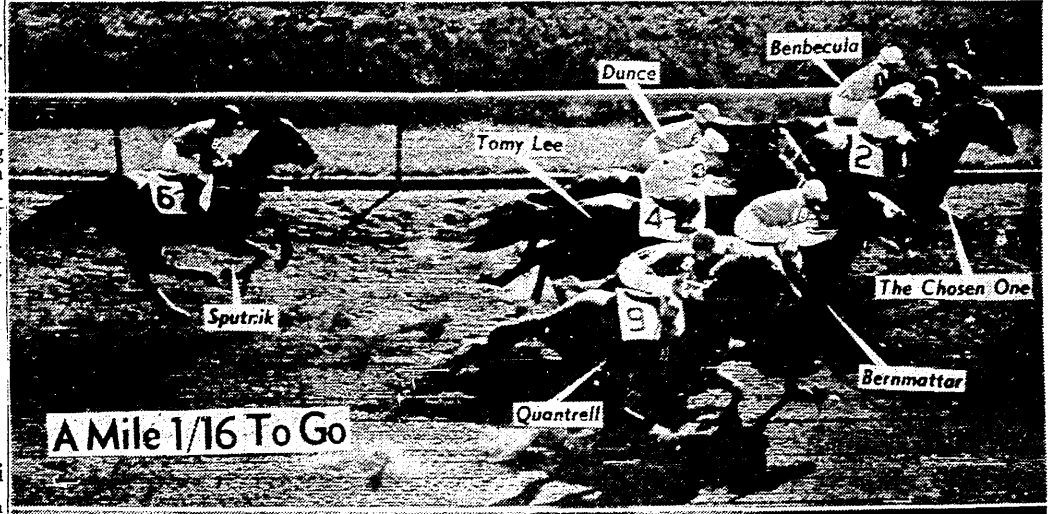
Dunce drew even with Tomy Lee in mid-stretch but the effort to settle in stride for the finish took much out of the Claiborne colt and he couldn't hold his position. Shoemaker rapped Tomy Lee at this point and then hand rode him to the finish. Actually the finish, as far as Tomy Lee's losing was concerned, was not close. He won smoothly and well within himself.

Scotland, who had a valid excuse in the rough start, was given plenty of time to settle in stride by jockey Bill Hartack. He didn't start moving through the field until three-quarters of the race was run. Then he came forward with a solid effort to catch everyone but the first two. His connections probably were highly pleased with the Princequillo colt's showing. He should improve off the race and the one and one-quarter miles at Louisville in the Derby should be to his liking.

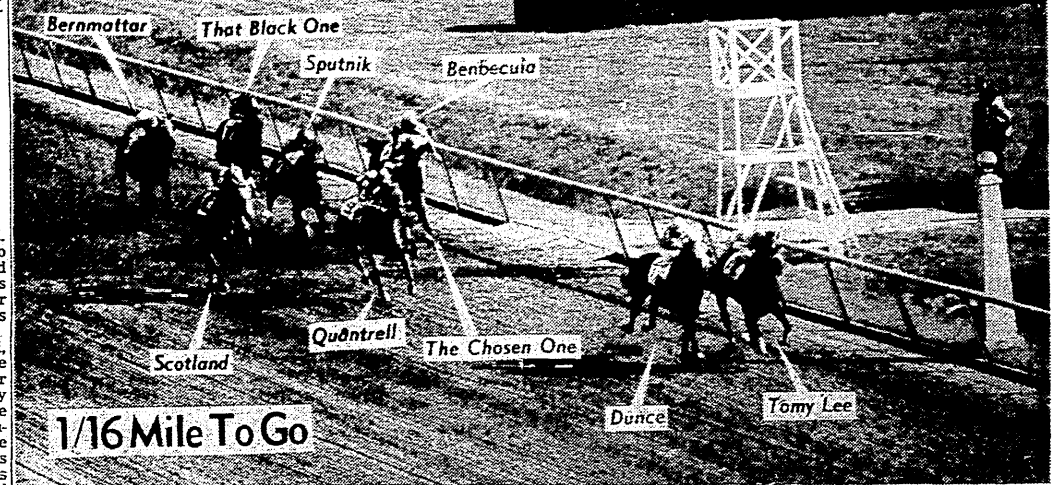
Quantrell was midway in the field from the break and lost ground steadily in the drive although finishing fourth. The remainder of the field had no ex-



Willie Shoemaker, jockey of Tomy Lee.



A Mile 1/16 To Go



1/16 Mile To Go

The Chosen One Breaks Fast, But Tomy Lee Comes Back To Win Blue Grass Stakes

cheered her backers with \$14.00. The nightcap saw E. P. Metz's Dudley Road registering an easy victory after vanishing his field from the break. Dudley Road won by three and one-half lengths under jockey Johnny Sellers to pay \$11.20, \$6 and \$4.00, \$5,000. Some idea of the condition of the track is gained when it is realized Dudley Road won in 1:10 4/5 on the eight-race card. The final program drew an official attendance of 10,099 turf fans and they wagered \$617,245 on the eight-race card. The weather favored Keeneland again by providing a crisp, bright day for the finale.

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Transy Splits With Cards

LOUISVILLE, Ky., April 23 (Special)—Transylvania scored eight runs in the fourth inning of the nightcap to gain an even split with Louisville in a pair of baseball games here this afternoon at Parkway Field.

The Cardinals blanked the Pioneers, 13-0, in the first contest behind the three hit pitching of Dale Larson, but Transy came back to edge Louisville, 8-7, in the second game with Andy Christofield going the distance for the win.

Dick Longo opened the big fourth with a single, Nick Carter was safe on an error, Jackie Lucas and Lewis Mathis singled, Christofield filled out. Dennis Jenkins walked, Jim McCartney singled, Donnie Hillock doubled, Larry Bennett hit a sacrifice fly, Longo got his second hit of the inning, Carter singled, Lucas was safe on an error, Mathis walked and Christofield went out to end the rally.

Bob Swindler came on in relief of starter Jackie Lucas in the first game and had two of the three hits given up by Larson.

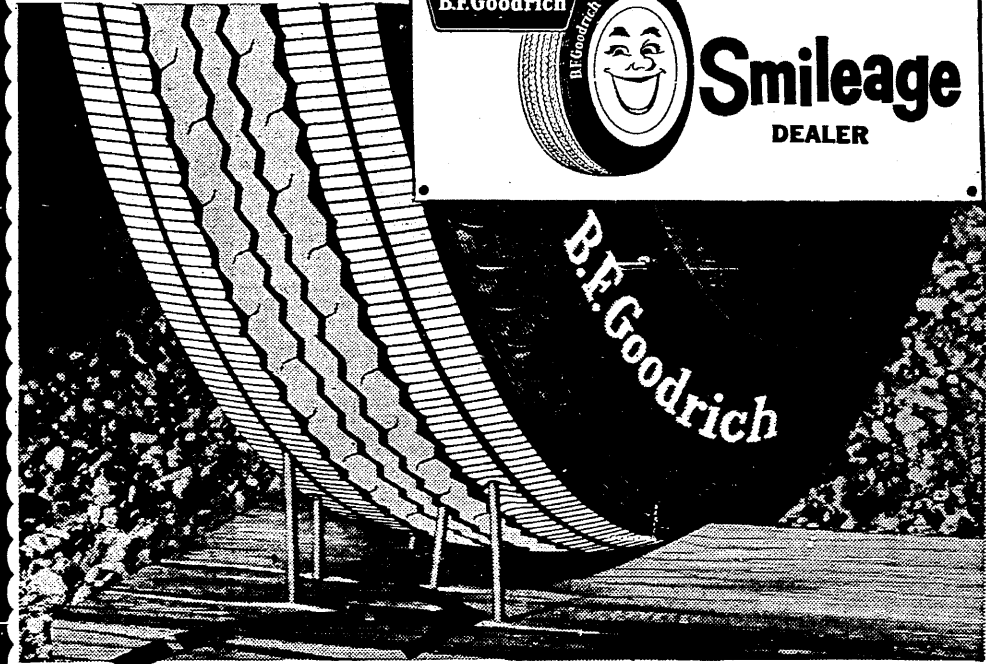
Jim Bertekamp was the starting and losing hurler for the Cards in the second game with Harold Troy relieving in the fourth and finishing the contest.

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Christofield	and McCartney					
Bertekamp	Troy (4) and Grem					
Home run: Louisville—Green (4th, 2 out).						

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