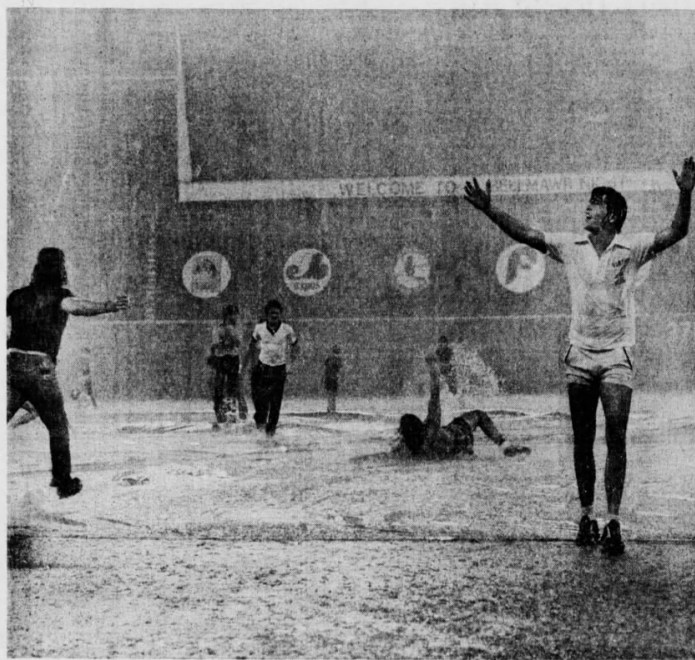


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The rains fell, the tarpaulin was unrolled and these hardy spectators descended upon the slick surface at Veterans Stadium last night for a slippery fan dance

Rain leaves Phils' pitching plans cloudy

By Jayson Stark

Since there were about 200 people sliding around on their field in an ocean's worth of rain at the time, the Phils didn't play baseball last night. Their game at the Vet with St. Louis was rained out and will be replayed as part of a two-night doubleheader Sept. 12.

There is one thing you can always count on rainouts to accomplish, of course. And that is to jumble about two weeks' worth of carefully de-

vised pitching plans.

Dan Green sat at his desk trying to set all that straight last night. Not only does he have two more games with the Cardinals to worry about, there is also the matter of four weekend games in Pittsburgh. Does he move Steve Carlton back a day so he can pitch Friday? Does he activate Larry Christenson and pitch him Sunday? Does he throw Randy Lerch out there one more time against all those lefthanded bats in Pittsburgh?

Uh, the answers to those questions

are, in order, no, no and yes.

Carlton will go tomorrow against the Cardinals, even though he is the only Phillies pitcher to have won in Pittsburgh since April 18, 1979. Christenson may be off the disabled list by this weekend. But he undoubtedly will begin the hike back from the bullpen, because "he's not going to do it by going nine innings, that's for sure," Green said. And finally, there is Lerch, who will pitch Sunday even though Green announced he had removed him from the rotation three weeks ago.

"I just need a pitcher," Green shrugged. "And I know he's pitched pretty well against them. And I would prefer a lefthander against them if I need to find a pitcher, which I do."

The developments, in order: CARLTON — Green insisted before the rainstorm that he had never even considered dropping his ace back a day, just for the Pirates' sake. But when his dugout started getting flooded, then he at least considered it.

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(last night's scheduled starter) aired it out pretty good," Green said. "He was ready to pitch. I just think he'd feel better with the extra day."

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Slapstick favored in richest pace

Associated Press

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — The question to be answered in tonight's \$2,011,000 Woodrow Wilson Pace II, "Who will be the Nassau of 1980?"

A year ago, Whanno was the 2-year-old colt to beat in what was then a \$60,000 race. Virtually ignored was an undefeated colt named Nassau, who was expected to be no match for Whanno.

Nassau went on to win the race and then took 12 more first places in 1979 plus six more this season before losing.

This year's pre-Wilson favorite was French Chef, who went into last Wednesday's elimination trials as the favorite and came out an also-ran.

Trainer Lee Breglio says his horse, Slapstick, is the Nassau of 1980.

"I hate to say it, but the Nassau for this year's Woodrow Wilson is very similar to last year's. We came into the qualifying divisions with French Chef the undefeated favorite and Slapstick an undefeated second choice," he said.

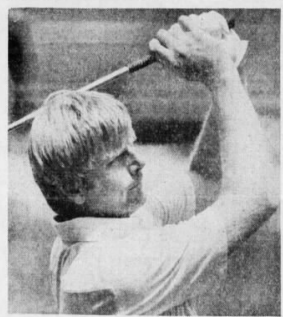
"I felt right along I had the classic colt. We won. French Chef did not. Remind you of Nassau and Whanno?"

Slapstick is the 5-2 favorite and will start from the No. 10 position in the richest horse race ever.

He finished first in the fastest of the four qualifying heats, covering the 1/4-mile in 1:26. He'll be handled by his regular driver, Jack Parker Jr.

Second favorites at 9-2 odds are Frank Wilson and 4-D.

Frank Wilson is on vacation. His column will resume when he returns.



Dick Smith, leading first round with 67, settled for tie for third

Sigel's 140 ices Phila. Open

By Meyer Brandchain

Special to the Inquirer

Jay Sigel endured yesterday's oppressive heat and the challenge of his home Amherst GC course to win the Philadelphia Open Golf Championship by four strokes in a field of 45 professionals and 15 amateurs.

The 1979 British Amateur Champion and member of the Walker Cup team scored a par-equaling 66-hole tally of 140 to regain a title he won two years ago at Merion and in 1975 with a course record at Ridgeway CC, near Wilmington.

Richard McConnell, president of the Golf Association of Philadelphia, presented amateur Sigel, 36, a glenware trophy. The major prize of the day, \$1,250 from the purse of \$4,725, went to Sigel with 144, but he was first among professionals and received the cash award. McKenzie won the title in 1971; he also ran runner-up

Sigel at Ridgeway but again earned top cash as a pro.

The defending champion, Jack Connelly of Huntingdon Valley CC, withdrew after playing 12 holes due to a back problem. The best got to Bill Bishop of Freeway CC at Turnersville, N.J., and he, too, withdrew after playing 27 holes. In the morning, Bishop scored a hole-in-one on the 171-yard 9th in tallying 73.

Dick Smith, the slender 4-foot, 5-inch Philadelphia PGA president, shot a three-under-par 67 to lead Sigel, second at 68, by one stroke on the opening 18. There were the only sub-par rounds in the morning.

The 43-year-old first hole was a Waterbury for Smith. The former Philadelphia PGA champion, hit over the green in the morning and took a double bogey six. Smith had worse luck on the hole in the afternoon as he flew a 4-wood on the second stroke out of bounds and wound up with triple-bogey seven. This sent his game into a lull, and he bogeyed the next four holes, three-putted the 9th, trimming the back of the cap



Jay Sigel
Hot weather, hot shot

Irate Dolphins ask waivers on Csonka in contract dispute

Associated Press

MIAMI — The Miami Dolphins asked waivers yesterday on Larry Csonka after their star fullback asked for freedom to negotiate with other National Football League teams in the wake of a much-publicized "final offer" made by owner Joseph Robbie.

Coach Don Shula said Csonka, who had not reported to training camp because of a contract dispute, was upset by press reports quoting Robbie as saying he had made Csonka a final offer of \$200,000 and that any

other NFL team could sign him for the same price without providing compensation for Miami.

"The Larry Csonka situation has been brought to a head by the stories in the papers the last two days," Shula said. "Csonka came to see me earlier this morning. He was upset. He asked to be put in a position where he could contact clubs free of contractual obligations to the Dolphins."

"The only way this can be done is place him on waivers. If he is claimed and does not want to report

to that club as a veteran player, he can opt for free agency and then be free to contact any club," Shula explained. "Or if he is not claimed by any club, then he becomes a free agent and can contact other clubs."

"I totally disagree with the way it was being handled through the media the last couple of days," Csonka knows the final offer. It was made by Joe Robbie. It was made by me. I felt by his not being here for training camp, he wasn't willing to accept our final offer. I was disappointed he wasn't here at the start.

"I felt the offer was a fair one," Shula added.

NFL teams have 24 hours to claim Csonka on waivers.

Robbie told reporters Monday that his final offer to Csonka would give the fullback a \$100,000 raise over a year ago. "If any NFL club wants to offer Larry Csonka \$200,000, I will release him without expecting compensation."

Ordinarily, any team signing Csonka under such circumstances would have to compensate Miami with draft choices or other players.

Csonka, who was a key man in the Dolphins' 1972 and 1973 Super Bowl title years, returned to the team last season. Five years after he left Miami for the World Football League.

After the 1973 folded, he signed with the New York Giants and a year ago, offered by the Dolphins for \$100,000. He is in the return year of the contract agreed to with Robbie.

"We didn't ask Csonka to come back and play for \$100,000 last year in competition with the New York Giants," Shula said.

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