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PRESS&DAKOTAN

DAILY DOSE

Opinions from the **P&D Sports** Staff on local and national high school, college and pro sports.

I've long wondered what it would take for the entire community of Yankton - or at least more people to really embrace what our town boasts in the world of archery Sunday might have been a giant step in that direction The opening ceremony for the upcoming World Archery Youth Championships (WAYC) not only

featured the archers from 51 countries, but the hundreds of volunteers for the tournament, as well as probably at least 200 spectators who came to watch.

That's probably what it will take for the general Yankton citizen to really understand what's going on out at the Easton Yankton Archery Complex: Seeing it for themselves, in person.

They can read all stories in the Press & Dakotan and probably see some international archers around town, but until you can see for yourself how 'big' this tournament is, it's understandably difficult to grasp. Seeing the line of 52 flags being brought in during Sunday's Parade of Nations was, even for those of

who regularly spend time around archery, an eye-opener. Fifty-two countries. That's a lot. In another sense, the way the local WAYC committee organized Sunday's opening ceremony could also go a long way toward connecting the average Yankton resident with the archery community.

There was the Parade of Nations, followed by brief speeches from a handful of officials, and then a performance by the Osni Ponca Heduska (Warrior) Society. The Native American group encouraged people to come out and dance with them, and that's exactly what happened. And it was awesome to

Not only were volunteers out there having fun, but so too were archers from nearly every country. You couldn't help but get a kick out of the way some of those archers interacted with each other. They'll be intense competitors starting Tuesday, but for an hour Sunday, they were in the same boat: Awed by what they saw.

It was the same thing during the buffalo performance. I stood there next to a group of archers from the Netherlands and Germany, and so many other countries, and they were all talking and laughing in their native languages. It was guite the sight

AREA CALENDAR

BOWLING

YANKTON BOWL OFF THE BEATEN PATH LEAGUE HIGH TEAM GAME: Scholars IQ Los Angeles 510

SCOREBOARD

HIGH TEAM SERIES: Scholars IQ 1391 HIGH INDIVIDUAL GAME: Chad Losing 267-232, Todd Moody 241, Terry Norton 230, Kathy Miller 183-171, Candy Olson 177, Jordan Drotzmann 171 STANDINGS: Scholars IQ 7-1, Deer Slayers 6-2, L & R 6-2, Untitled 6-2, Fish-ing Buds 5-3, Grandma & Company 5-3, Them Guys 4-4, Aces & Eights 4-4, The Mean Machine 4-4, Turn "N" Heads 4-4, Beer 4 Breakfast 4-4. Dominators 4-4. Lucky Strikers 4-4, JoCaz 3-5, Split Hap-pens 3-5, Bohemians 3-5, It's the Splits! 2-6, Hit or Miss 2-6, Lost Souls 2-6, Pop N Son 2-6

BASEBALL S.D. HS BASEBALL

CLASS B STATE TOURN. June 6 at Ronken Field, Sioux Falls Dell Rapids 3, Vermillion 2 St. Thomas More 2. McCook 0 THIRD: Vermillion 6, McCook 4 CHAMPIONSHIP: St. Thomas More 9, Dell Rapids 1

NCAA DIVISION I TOURN. SUPER REGIONALS Host school is Game 1 home team; visiting school is Game 2 home team; coin flip determines Game 3 home team At Davenport Field, Charlottes ville. Va Friday, June 5 Virginia 5, Maryland 3 Virginia 5, Maryland 4, Virginia p.m. advances At Alfred A. McKethan Stadium, Gainesville, Fla. Friday, June 5

Florida 13, Florida State 3 Saturday, June 6 Florida 11, Florida State 4, Florida advances At A-Rod Park at Mark Light Field, Coral Gables, Fla. Friday, June 5 Miami 3, VCU 2 Saturday, June 6 Miami 10, VCU 3, Miami advances At Jim Patterson Stadium, Louisville, Ky. Saturday, June 6 Cal State Fullerton 3, Louisville 2, 10 innings Sunday, June 7 Louisville 9, Cal State Fullerton 3 Monday, June 8 Louisville (47-17) vs. Cal State Fullerton (38-23), 6 p.m. At Illinois Field, Champaign, Ill. Saturday, June 6 nderbilt 13, Illinois 0 Sunday, June 7 Illinois vs. Vanderbilt, ppd., weather Monday, June 8 Illinois (50-9 is (50-9-1) vs. Vanderbilt (46-19), 3 p.m. X-Illinois vs. Vanderbilt, TBA At Alex Box Stadium, Baton Rouge, Saturday, June 6 LSU 4, Louisiana-Lafayette 3 Sunday, June 7 LSU 6, Louisiana-Lafayette 3, LSU At Baum Stadium, Fayetteville, Ark. Friday, June 5 Arkansas 18, Missouri State 4 Saturday, June 6

Missouri State 3, Arkansas 1 Sunday, June 7 rkansas 3, Missouri State 2, Arkansas advances At Lupton Stadium, Fort Worth, Saturday, June 6 TCU 13, Texas A&M 4

Sunday, June 7

Toronto 7, Houston 2 Milwaukee 4, Minnesota 2 Texas 4, Kansas City 2 Boston 4, Oakland 2 Cleveland 2, Baltimore 1 Detroit 7, Chicago White Sox 1 N.Y. Yankees 8, L.A. Angels 2 Seattle 2, Tampa Bay 1 Sunday's Games N.Y. Yankees 6, L.A. Angels 2 N.T. Talikes 6, LA. Aligeis 2 Toronto 7, Houston 6 Baltimore 7, Cleveland 3 Boston 7, Oakland 4 Detroit 6, Chicago White Sox 4 Minnesota 2, Milwaukee 0 Kansas City 4, Texas 3 Tampa Bay 3, Seattle 1 onday's Games Miami (Hand 1-1) at Toronto (Estrada 2-3), 6:07 p.m. Houston (McCullers 2-0) at Chicago White Sox (Sale 5-2), 7:10 p.m. Kansas City (J.Vargas 4-2) at Min-nesota (P.Hughes 4-5), 7:10 p.m. Tuesday's Games Boston at Baltimore, 6:05 p.m. Washington at N.Y. Yankees, 6:05 . Miami at Toronto, 6:07 p.m. Chicago Cubs at Detroit, 6:08 p.m. L.A. Angels at Tampa Bay, 6:10 p.m. Seattle at Cleveland, 6:10 p.m. Houston at Chicago White Sox, 7:10 p.m. Kansas City at Minnesota, 7:10 p.m. Texas at Oakland, 9:05 p.m NATIONAL LEAGUE East Division GB WL Pct .536 .534 .482 .411 30 26 Washington New York Atlanta 27 29 33 31 27 Miami 23 Philadelphia 22 36 .379 9 Central Divisio Pct .661 .554 .537 W 37 31 GB L 19 25 St. Louis 6 Pittsburgh Chicago Cincinnati 29 25 31 37 .436 12 1/2 .351 17 1/2 24 20 Milwaukee West Division Pct GB L W Los Angeles 32 24 .571 San Francisco 32 26 29 .552 29 29 27 29 25 29 .500 .482 .463 San Diego Arizona Colorado Friday's Games Washington 7, Chicago Cubs 5 San Francisco 5, Philadelphia 4 San Diego 6, Cincinnati 2 Pittsburgh 10. Atlanta 8 Milwaukee 10, Minnesota 5 Miami 6 Colorado 2 Arizona 7, N.Y. Mets 2 St. Louis 2, L.A. Dodgers 1 Saturday's Games Chicago Cubs 4, Washington 2 Milwaukee 4, Minnesota 2 San Francisco 7, Philadelphia 5 Colorado 10, Miami 5 San Diego 9, Cincinnati 7 Atlanta 5. Pittsburgh 4 Arizona 2 N Y Mets 1 L.A. Dodgers 2, St. Louis 0 Sunday's Games Cincinnati 4, San Diego 0 Pittsburgh 3 Atlanta 0 Philadelphia 6. San Francisco 4

SOFTBALL, GIRLS' Yanktor Monday, June 8 ARCHERY World Archery Fury Red vs. Yankton Fury Black U10 (DH, 6 p.m.) Youth Championships at Yankton Wednesday, June 10 ARCHERY World Archery ith Championships at Yankton BASEBALL, AMATEUR Ver-BASEBALL, VFW TEENER nner Barons Blue at Yankton Reds (DH, 5 p.m.) Tuesday, June 9 ARCHERY World Archery million Grevsox at Akron (7:30 Youth Championships at Yankton BASEBALL, LEGION Yankton BASEBALL, LEGION Mitchell Juniors at Tabor (DH, 5 p.m.) BASEBALL, VFW TEENER at Yankton (6 p.m.) TRACK & FIELD, COLLEGE OUTDOOR NCAA Championships at Yankton Lakers at Mitchell (DH, 4 p.m.); Mitchell at Yankton Reds (DH, 4 p.m.)

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p.m. Miami at Toronto, 6:07 p.m Chicago Cubs at Dertoit, 6:08 p.m. Philadelphia at Cincinnati, 6:10 p.m. San Diego at Atlanta, 6:10 p.m. San Francisco at N.Y. Mets, 6:10 p.m. St. Louis at Colorado, 7:40 p.m.

Arizona at L.A. Dodgers, 9:10 p.m.

BASKETBALL NBA FINALS Thursday, June 4 Golden State 108 Cleveland 100 OT, Golden State leads series 1-0

Sunday, June 7 Cleveland at Golden State, 7 p.m. Tuesday, June 9 Golden State at Cleveland, 8 p.m. Thursday, June 11 Golden State at Cleveland, 8 p.m. Sunday, June 14 x-Cleveland at Golden State, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, June 16 x-Golden State at Cleveland, 8 p.m. Friday, June 19 x-Cleveland at Golden State, 8 p.m.

HOCKEY

STANLEY CUP FINAL Wednesday, June 3 Chicago 2, Tampa Bay 1 Saturday, June 6

Tampa Bay 4, Chicago 3, series tied 1-1 Monday, June 8 Tampa Bay at Chicago, 7 p.m. Wednesday, June 10 Tampa Bay at Chicago, 7 p.m. Saturday, June 13 Chicado at Tampa Bay, 7 p.m. Monday, June 15 -Tampa Bay at Chicago, 7 p.m Wednesday, June 17

x-Chicago at Tampa Bay, 7 p.m. SOCCER

WOMEN'S WORLD CUP FIRST ROUND GROUP A

Saturday, June 6 Canada 1, China 0 Netherlands 1, New Zealand 0 Thursday, June 11 At Edmonton, Alberta

Canada vs. New Zealand, 5 p.m. China vs. Netherlands, 8 p.m. Monday, June 15 At Montreal Canada vs. Netherlands, 6:30 p.m.

At Winnipeg, Manitoba China vs. New Zealand, 6:30 p.m. GROUP B

Sunday, June 7 At Ottawa, Ontario

Norway 4, Thailand 0 Germany 10, Ivory Coast 0 Thursday, June 11 At Ottawa, Ontario Germany vs. Norway, 4 p.m. Ivory Coast vs. Thailand, 7 p.m.

Monday, June 15 At Winnipeg, Manitoba Thailand vs. Germany, 3 p.m. At Moncton, New Brunswick Ivory Coast vs. Norway, 3 n n

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Friday, June 12 At Winnipeg, Manitoba Australia vs. Nigeria, 4 p.m. United States vs. Sweden, 7 p.m Tuesday, June 16 At Vancouver, British Columbia Nigeria vs. United States, 5 p.m. At Edmonton, Alberta Australia vs. Sweden. 7 p.m

GROUP E Tuesday, June 9

At Montreal Spain vs. Costa Rica, 3 p.m. Brazil vs. South Korea, 6 p.m. aturday, June 13 At Montreal Brazil vs. Spain, 3 p.m.

Costa Rica vs. Brazil, 6 p.m. At Ottawa, Ontario South Korea vs. Spain, 7 p.m. GROUP F

At Moncton, New Brunswick France vs. England, noon Colombia vs. Mexico, 3 p.m. Saturday, June 13 At Moncton, New Brunswick France vs. Colombia, 1 p.m

sday, June 17 At Montreal At Ottawa, Ontario

NASCAR SPRINT CUP Pond, Pa. 1. (3) Martin Truex Jr., Chevro-160 laps, 147 rating, 48 points, 3. (9) Jimmie Johnson, Chevrolet, 160, 109.8, 41, \$176,086. 4. (11) Joey Logano, Ford, 160, 88.7, 40, \$166,683. 5. (1) Kurt Busch, Chevrolet, 160, 114.4. 39, \$133.050. 6. (19) Matt Kenseth, Toyota, 160, 8, (15) Kyle Larson, Chevrolet, 160, 89.5. 36. \$117.723. 9. (10) Kyle Busch, Toyota, 160, 97.6, 35, \$134,456. 10. (8) Denny Hamlin, Toyota, 160 96.2. 34. \$101.615.

TRANSACTIONS BASEBALL

American League BALTIMORE ORIOLES

tioned INF Rey Navarro to Norfolk (IL). Reinstated RHP Bud Norris from the 15-day DL CHICAGO WHITE SOX - Placed LHP Dan Jennings on the 15-day DL, retroactive to Friday. Selected the con-

tract of RHP Junior Guerra from Char-CLEVELAND INDIANS — Assigned 1B/OF Jerry S

registrants. A registration fee will be charged. High School runners should check with the high school coaches before registering for the race to check on eligibility.

at 8:30 a.m.

SPORTS DIGEST Kolache Krawl 5K Run/Walk In

Tabor During Czech Days TABOR — An added feature at this year's Czech Days cel-

ebration will be the 5K Kolache Krawl Kun/Walk on Saturday,

June 20. Registration for the event will be held from 7:30-8:30

a.m. at the Leonard Cimpl Baseball Park. The race will begin

end at Cimpl Park. Pre-registration is preferred so shirts may

be ordered. There will be a few shirts available for walk on

The flat course around and through the town will start and

WAYC Opening Ceremony Brought Everyone Together

Parking for the entrants will be at the park. Awards will be given out 15 minutes after the last participant crosses the inish line.

Contact Amy Keppen at 660-4749 or register on line at: www.taborczechdavs.com

'Get To The Point' Half Marathon Sept. 26

FIK POINT — The second annual 'Get To The Point' Half Marathon will be held Saturday, Sept. 26, in Elk Point. Registration is online at www.runsignup under 'Get to the

Point half marathon.' Contact John Gille at 605-421-5050 for more information

P&D Sports Chat Monday

Press & Dakotan sports editor James D. Cimburek and assistant sports editor Jeremy Hoeck will host a live chat on Monday affernoons.

The weekly event, which will run from 3:30-4:30 p.m., will cover local and regional high school and college sports, as well as some topics of national interest. Go online to http://www.yankton.net/live_chat

Truex Breaks Through At Pocono

For First Win Since 2013 LONG POND, Pa. (AP) — Martin Truex Jr. led the most laps for the fourth straight race, only this time he was in front on the one that mattered most, breaking through Sunday at Pocono Raceway for his first Sprint Cup victory since 2013.

Truex led 97 of 400 laps and dominated in the No. 78 Chevrolet off late restarts down the stretch. Truex's Eurniture Row Racing team had brought the same

car to the track each of the last three weeks, with smashing results. Truex didn't win but he led the most laps at Kansas (95), Charlotte (131) and Dover (131).

With a new car at Pocono, Truex raced to his third win in 347 career starts. Truex is the 10th driver to win a race this season and qualify for the Chase for the Sprint Cup championship.

Kevin Harvick was second, followed by Jimmie Johnson, Joey Logano and Kurt Busch

Diamondbacks Weighing Options For Top Pick In MLB Draft

PHOENIX (AP) — The Arizona Diamondbacks have the first pick in the draft after finishing with baseball's worst

record last season. As the clock winds toward the start of Monday's draft, they're still trying to figure out

which player to take. In a draft that has some talent up top, but bereft of a sure-fire No. 1, it's not an easy

decision. "It's not the prototypical draft where you're picking 1-and-1 and there's an anointed one, so to speak," Diamondbacks director of scouting Deric Ladnier said.

"But I do think that the players at the top are very desirable players that can help our organization.

The Diamondbacks last had the No. 1 pick in 2005. They used it to take high school shortstop Justin Upton, who went on to become an All-Star outfielder in the desert before being traded to Atlanta in 2013.

The top end of the 40-round draft is filled with talented players who will likely have a long-term impact on the team that drafts no consensus No. 1 like Bryce Harper, Alex Rodriguez or Ken Griffey Jr. That leaves the Diamondbacks will a lot of options and what figures to be plenty of debate — before and after the draft.

with a .348 average, 14 homers and 61 RBIs as a junior.

But two other shortstops could be worth a look at No. 1: Brendan Rodgers, a high school shortstop from Lake Mary, Florida, and LSU's Alex Bregman.

If the Diamondbacks want an arm instead, they could go with Vanderbilt right-hander Carson Fulmer, UC Santa Barbara righty Dillon Tate or Illinois left-hander Tyler Jay.

They could go a completely different route, too, and take Tyler Stephenson, a high school catcher out of Kennesaw, Georgia

Arizona started with a list of five players, whittled it to three and will likely have some deep discussions Monday morning before finally making their selection.

"I don't think there's ever a situation where everyone is always going to agree philosophically, but I think everyone will agree at the end that we're taking the best plaver for the organization," Ladnier said.

Though signability is not a top priority for the Diamond-

arose. The two sides never could come to an agreement. Aiken went on to have

Tommy John surgery and the Astros were given a compensatory pick in this year's draft, second overall to go with the No. 5 pick.

'We looked at our internal processes and figured out where there might be opportunities to tighten things up, (but) there are some things that are inevitable that you can't really control," Astros general manager Jeff Luhnow said. "But as much as the things we could control we've taken a look at it and we feel better. You can't prevent things from happening that are outside your control.'

Whether a player will sign is not the only consideration. Teams with the No. 1 overall pick also have to consider whether the player they want can handle the spotlight of being the first player taken.

Players like Harper and Stephen Strasburg were able to handle, others like Matt Bush in 2005 and Brien Taylor in 1991 — the only No. 1 picks to never play in the majors -

South Korea vs. Costa Rica, 6 p.m. Wednesday, June 17 At Moncton, New Brunswick Tuesday, June 9 England vs. Mexico, 4 p.m.

AUTO RACING

AXALTA WE PAINT WINNERS 40 Sunday At Pocono Raceway, Long \$201,810.
2. (5) Kevin Harvick, Chevrolet, 160, 134, 43, \$232,850.

97.2, 38, \$140,001. 7. (14) Jamie McMurray, Chevrolet, 160, 92.7, 37, \$124,856.

England vs. Colombia, 3 p.m. Mexico vs. France, 4 p.m.

Nonday, June 8 TCU (50-13) vs. Texas A&M (50- 13), 7 p.m. AMERICAN LEAGUE East Division					0	Minnesota 2, Milwaukee 0 Chicago Cubs at Washington, 4:05 p.m. N.Y. Mets 6, Arizona 3 Miami at Colorado, 4:10 p.m. St. Louis at L.A. Dodgers, 8:08 p.m. Monday's Games	Ivory Coast vs. Norway, 3 p.n GROUP C Monday, June 8 At Vancouver, British Columbia Cameroon vs. Ecuador, 6 p.n Japan vs. Switzerland, 9 p.m Friday, June 12
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Central Division						San Diego (Kennedy 3-5) at Atlanta (S.Miller 5-2), 6:10 p.m.	At Edmonton, Alberta
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HOUSTON ASTROS - Sent RHP Brad Peacock to Corpus Christi (TL) for a rehab assignment. Selected the con-tract of SS Carlos Correa from Fresno (PCL). Optioned RHP Jake Buchanan to Fresno

LOS ANGELES ANGELS - Re called RHP Drew Rucinski from Salt Lake (PCL). TAMPA BAY RAYS — Optioned

RHP Andrew Bellatti to Durham (IL). Re-called LHP Enny Romero from Durham. TEXAS RANGERS — Placed RHP Ross Ohlendorf on the 15-day DL, retro-active to Thursday. Recalled RHP Spencer Patton from Round Rock (PCL) Sent Sweden vs. Nigeria, 3 p.m. United States vs. Australia, 6:30 RHP Neftali Feliz to Round Rock for a rehab assignmen

Vanderbilt shortstop Dansby Swanson appears to be the front-runner for the No. 1 pick. He plays a premium position and is a strong hitter, finishing

the best player that fits their organization — it does have to be a consideration, particularly after what happened with the Houston Astros last year.

They had the top pick for a record third-straight year and used it on Brady Aiken, a San Diego high school left-hander. Houston reportedly offered Aiken a hefty signing bonus, but lowered the offer when concerns about a ligament

to the

"There's debate of who can handle being No. 1 in the draft; unfortunately, that's a debate that goes into it," Ladnier said. "I'm not saying we're going to sacrifice ability for that, but there's a lot of pressure put on that individual to go out and perform as the No. 1 pick in the draft. But I think the players we are considering with the No. 1 pick, all of them can handle that.'

Pharoah

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enjoy the attention, dutifully posing for photographers and patiently letting bystanders pet him.

"He's a really sweet horse," Baffert said. "We're going to share him with everybody.

There were celebrity visits, too, for the newest member of racing's elite club. Fellow Hall of Fame trainer Bill Mott stopped by for a close-up look at American Pharoah, much like Baffert visited Mott's barn in the mid-1990s to see Cigar, who won 16 consecutive races

American Pharoah arrived in Louisville, Kentucky, later in the day, and was greeted by hundreds of cheering fans at Churchill Downs, his home in between Triple Crown races. Jockey Victor Espinoza

threw out the first pitch at Yankee Stadium, where Baffert attended the game.

Next up for racing's 12th Triple Crown winner is some well-deserved downtime, having run in and won five Grade 1 races in nearly $2 \frac{1}{2}$ months. That's a compressed schedule for a racehorse, most of which have at least 30 days between starts

"It's ridiculously insane what he did yesterday," Baffert said. "It was a beautiful moment.'

Owner Ahmed Zayat pledged to keep the horse in training, at least through the end of the year. Before the Belmont, Zayat sold breeding rights to American Pharoah to Coolmore Ashford Stud near Versailles. Kentucky. The familv has said it received offers higher than \$20 million, but the terms of the deal haven't been



BOB MAYBERGER/CAL SPORT MEDIA/ZUMA PRESS/TNS American Pharoah, with Victor Espinoza up, wins the Belmont Stakes on Saturday at Belmont Park on Elmont, N.Y. to become the 12th Triple Crown winner in thoroughbred racing history.

disclosed.

"They have zero say until he retires," Zayat said. "We owe it to the sport to do the right thing. Money plays an important factor in this game. I've already sold the breeding rights, but it is my genuine desire, as a fan, as someone who loves horses, to race him as long as I possibly can."

Zayat will leave it up to Baffert to map out a schedule. Among the races under consideration are the Jim Dandy at Saratoga in upstate New York on Aug. 1; the Haskell Invitational at Monmouth in New Jersey on Aug. 2; the Pacific Classic at Del Mar on Aug. 22; and the Travers at Saratoga on Aug. 29.

With a newfound legacy to protect, Baffert vowed American Pharoah would be properly prepared for his next race,

saying, "He'll tell me." The Haskell might have an edge because Baffert has won it a record seven times and Zayat lives in Teaneck, New Jersev

"He's an athlete. We have to keep him moving," Baffert said. "He's so happy when he's on that track.

The ultimate goal would be the \$5 million Breeders' Cup Classic, to be run Oct. 31 at Keeneland in Lexington, Kentucky, the cradle of American racing and breeding and near where American Pharoah will serve stud duty.

The colt was named champion 2-year-old last year and is a cinch to lock up similar honors as a 3-year-old. But all that racing "wears on them and eventually it catches up,' said Baffert, who understands Zayat's eventual desire to

retire American Pharoah to the breeding shed.

'This way they get rewarded," Baffert jokingly told The Associated Press recently. "They get to have sex with 200 mares a year. Should anything happen to

the colt in future races, Zayat is covered by an insurance policy for which the rates are "incredibly high," Baffert said recently.

Zayat, who has invested tens of millions of dollars into his breeding, buying and racing operation, believes it's not always about money when you're passionate about something.

We are not thinking here of value or money," he said. When the horse is ready, we will not be scared of running him to lose or not. It's all about the fans and this belongs to

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Off the racetrack, Zayat figures to have marketing and merchandising opportunities to sort through. Just what kind of offers he receives and deals he cuts are uncharted territory since American Pharoah is the first Triple Crown winner in the Internet and social media age.

Secretariat, the 1973 Triple Crown winner, was featured on major non-sports magazine covers and the U.S. Postal Service issued a stamp in his honor. He remains a pop culture touchstone for even nonracing fans, and merchandise featuring him sold at Belmont Park on Saturday.

Judging by the crowd's reaction to history, American Pharoah seems likely to be a popular champion, having ce-

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"Everybody was on board with this horse," Baffert said. "I was pretty in awe of him myself.

