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Roxy Favors His 'Smoke' Owner Is Oddsmaker

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He soon may be trying to win a Kentucky Derby, but the odds will be against Smoke Glacken. But you don't need to tell part-owner Michael (Roxy) Roxborough that. His company is the one setting the odds.

Roxborough is a part-time horse owner and a full-time oddsmaker. He heads Las Vegas Sports Consultants, which supplies the betting lines to 75% of the Nevada casinos and to 130 newspapers, including the Daily News. But while he spends much of his day wondering whether he should make the Bulls minus-12 or 121/2, Roxborough's true passion is horse racing. He has been going to the track regularly since his father first took him to Exhibition Park in Vancouver as a teen. He usually attends the Kentucky Derby, where his role as a part-time columnist for the Daily Racing Form affords him a spot in the press box.

This year he's hoping to have a seat in the owners' section. Roxborough is one of five co-owners of Smoke Glacken, who could take another major step toward Churchill Downs when he goes to the post as the heavy favorite in Sunday's Louisiana Derby at the Fair Grounds.

Yet in Roxborough's real business, it pays to be practical, and he knows the Kentucky Derby is the toughest race in the world to win, particularly for a horse like Smoke Glacken. Though he won his last race at a mile, the lightning-quick gray may still have too much speed and too little stamina to handle the grueling mile-and-a-quarter race.

"No, I don't have Derby fever," he said. "My association with this horse comes through (fellow co-owner) Bob Levy and he really has his feet on the ground. Bob feels that this is a very good horse, but one that we should only run in the Derby if he proves that he's capable of doing it. He has to win the Louisiana Derby and be one-two in his next race (the Arkansas Derby)."

Roxborough was brought into the mix by Levy, and says that he's both a silent and a minority partner. In fact, he has yet to see the horse race in person and gives all the credit for the colt's success to the other owners and trainer Henry Carroll.

Most of whom are trying to remain calm.

"If he gets beat in the Arkansas Derby over a track he obviously likes at a mile and an eighth, we obviously would be finding out something," Carroll, also a part-owner, said. "My inclination then would be to not go to Louisville. I don't want to put too high a fence in front of him to jump."

For Smoke Glacken, this is not going to be an easy next two months. Roxborough's company, which produces a Derby line that many racebooks use as a guide for their winter-book odds, has Smoke Glacken listed at 20-1 to win in Kentucky. Normally, Roxborough would make the line himself, but has turned the responsibility over to an associate to avoid any perceived conflicts of interest.

"I don't want to make a price on him because people are betting money on this," he said. "I don't want anybody to think I might know something, say if he were hurt, and leave him up so that more money comes in on him."

Should the horse win in both Louisiana and Arkansas, Roxborough could have the second or third choice in the Kentucky Derby, a horse with a legitimate shot at, say, 5-1. Those are odds the oddsmaker would have to like.

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