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BALTIMORE (AP) - Another year will pass without a Triple-Crown winner in Thoroughbred racing.

Hall of Fame jockey Gary Stevens rode 15-to-1 shot Oxbow to a wire-to-wire victory in the Preakness Stakes at Pimlico. It's the sixth Preakness victory for Hall of Fame trainer D. Wayne Lukas, who said after the race that "I get paid to spoil dreams." Oxbow covered the mile and 3/16ths in 1:57.54 and paid \$32.80 to win after finishing sixth in the Kentucky Derby.

It's the third Preakness win for the 50-year-old Stevens, who came out of a seven-year retirement this year. He guided Oxbow to a three-length victory over Itsmyluckyday, with Mylute finishing third.

Kentucky Derby winner Orb went off at 3-5 but was boxed in along the backstretch after starting from the rail. Orb finished fourth, which will stretch racing's Triple-Crown drought to 36 years.

There has not been a Triple Crown winner since Affirmed in 1978.

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