

Sports slate's a winner 3 ways

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For Matt Zinser, days like Saturday come just once in a lifetime.

The self-described sports junkie would love nothing more than to hop from the Yankees-Mets subway series to the Belmont Stakes and on to the Knicks playoff game — all in one day.

"I definitely would love to go to all three," said Zinser, 30, who works for a produce company in Hunts Point, the Bronx. "Being a sports fan, you just can't ask for much more."

Three big events, one day, one city.

With a little ingenuity, a heavy dose of planning — and some very deep pockets — Big Apple sports fans say they could have it all.

"You just get a great feeling that something unbelievable could happen at any one of these events," said **Brandon Steiner**, who owns a sports marketing business in Manhattan and was contemplating the triple header. "It's what we're all waiting for. It's just a great day."

Sports fans caught a break when three sets of schedule makers — or a higher being — planned the events.

The Bombers and the Amazin's start the middle game in their three-game series at 1 p.m. at Yankee Stadium.

About 4½ hours later, Charismatic will bolt out of the gate at 5:30 p.m. at Belmont Park with a chance to win horse racing's Triple Crown.

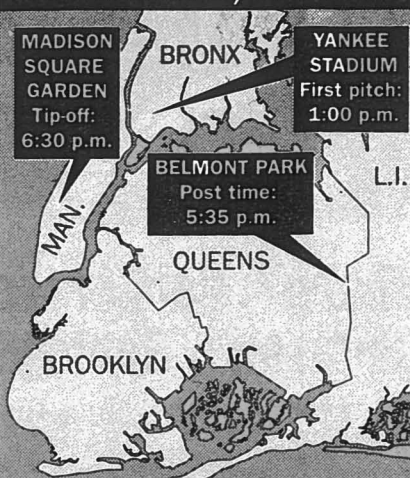
The Knicks and Pacers will be warming up for Game 3 of their playoff war before the dust settles at the track. Tip-off is set for 6:30 p.m. at Madison Square Garden.

With traffic and mass transit's weekend schedule, it might be tough to catch every minute of every event.

But John Cirillo says it'd be worth a try.

"By going to all three, you're carving your own little niche in history," said Cirillo, a public relations con-

3 EVENTS, 1 CITY



How a determined sports fan might make it to all three sports mega-events Saturday:

■ **TAKE SUBWAY** to Yankee Stadium for Yankee-Mets game, with the first pitch scheduled for 1 p.m.

■ **CALL A CAB** for 4 p.m. outside the Stadium. Race across Triborough Bridge to Grand Central Parkway and onto Cross Island Parkway for the dash to Belmont.

■ **WATCH CHARISMATIC** gallop for horse racing's Triple Crown in Belmont Stakes, with post time at 5:30 p.m.

■ **JUMP ON FIRST** citybound Long Island Rail Road train as soon as the ponies pass the finish line.

■ **GET OFF AT PENN STATION** just in time for 6:30 p.m. tipoff of the Knicks-Pacers playoff game.

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sultant. "The logistics of it would be interesting, but these are all very special events to watch in person."

For superfans, the added buzz from the events happening in the Big Apple will take all three events to an even higher level.

"Of all places for it to be going on, in New York it's even better," said Zinser, who plans to attend the subway series Friday night and hit the track Saturday. "In this city, each one of those things is so huge."

Steiner and Cirillo are two New Yorkers who have the pull to score tickets to all three events.

But as of yesterday, they were weighing their plans.

"I'm all over the place, I'm going to try and get to see as much as possible," Steiner said. "Either that, or I'll come down with a phenomenal case of stomach flu and watch it all at home."

