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Koch sure can't pick 'em

NEXT time **Ed Koch** grabs your hand and asks "How'm I doing?" tell the former mayor he's not doing too well at all — at least in the endorsement business. Koch, who used to be the smartest politician in town, has lately backed a string of losers.

In the current mayoral race, he first went for **Pete Vallone**, then jumped over to **Freddy Ferrer** in the Democratic run-off. (Koch hates **Mark Green**, so this mistake was in the anyone-but category.) Ed also mis-cued in the Democratic primary for Nassau county executive, picking **Tom Di Napoli** over the eventual winner, **Tom Souzi**.

Going back a bit, Koch seemingly favored Republican Sen. **Al D'Amato** over the winning Democrat, **Chuck Schumer**, and in the Democratic presidential primaries he opted for **Bill Bradley** over **Al Gore**. If he was a handicapper for The Post's sports section, we'd have put him out to grass now.

Another war horse who's been champing at the wrong bit is former Sen. **Pat Moynihan**. Like Koch, he endorsed Ferrer in the run-off and came out for Bradley over Gore. Back in '92 Moynihan supported Sen. **Bob Kerry** over **Bill Clinton**. Last year he did come out for **Hillary Clinton**, but that may turn out to be Pyrrhic victory, at best.

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