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KEENELAND CONTINUES ON UPWARD

TREND A half-sister to Horse of the Year Spend a Buck in foal to Seeking the Gold brought top price of \$350,000 during Tuesday's second session of Keeneland's January Horses of All Ages Sale. Dr. Koichiro Hayata purchased **Prancing Ballerina** (Nijinsky II), a seven-year-old broodmare out of Belle de Jour, by Speak John. Walnut Green, as agent, consigned the stakes-placed mare, who earned \$100,450 during her racing career. Second highest price of the day was \$295,000 paid by Canadian Frank Stronach for a yearling chestnut filly by Mr. Prospector out of European champion Lady in Silver. Walnut Green, agent, was the seller. In what was termed as a "major reduction," owner-breeder Allen Paulson sold 104 broodmares and yearlings Tuesday for \$2,010,600. Top price among Paulson's horses was \$215,000 for **Aviara** (Cox's Ridge), a five-year-old mare in foal to Trempolino. Keeneland sold 307 horses yesterday for a gross of \$7,474,400 and an average of \$24,347, up 6.3 percent from last year's second session average of \$22,896. At the halfway point of the four-day auction, 547 horses have been sold for \$14,521,600. The average is \$26,548 and the median is \$13,000. The sale continues through Thursday.

KEENELAND ANNOUNCES RECORD PURSES

Purses will average a record \$350,501 daily at Keeneland in 1995, ranking the Lexington, Kentucky racecourse among the nation's leaders, officials announced Tuesday. In addition to the purse increase, officials revealed a record \$3.5 million stakes schedule which includes the \$500,000 Blue Grass Stakes April 15. Purse increases for overnight races range from \$1,000 to \$13,000. Eleven stakes races received increases of \$10,000 to \$100,000. Keeneland's average daily purse distribution last year was \$269,814. "Keeneland's policy is to return to horsemen in purses almost our entire share of the on-track mutuel handle," explained Keeneland President Bill Greely. "This, combined with revenue from simulcasting and the successful distribution of Keeneland's races throughout North America, enables us to offer purses that will be among the highest in the country."

Today, Gulfstream Park:

FIRST LADY H.-GIII, \$50,000, 3yo/up, f/m, 6f

| PP | HORSE | TRAINER | JOCKEY | Wt |
|----|--------------------|-------------|--------------|-----|
| 1 | Code Blum | Campitelli | Krone | 113 |
| 2 | Maison De Reve | Croll | Perret | 112 |
| 3 | Recognizable | McGaughey | Smith | 113 |
| 4 | Miss Gibson County | Wolfson | Boulanger | 115 |
| 5 | Pagofire | Perkins | Sellers | 112 |
| 6 | Confidentially | Nafzger | Peck | 114 |
| 7 | Personal Bid | Schosberg | Santos | 112 |
| 8 | Sigrun | Brittain | Douglas | 115 |
| 9 | Without Papers | R. Reid Jr. | Bravo | 113 |
| 10 | Insight to Cope | White | Bailey | 114 |
| 11 | Lady Honey Jo | Azpuru | Castillo Jr. | 114 |
| 12 | Miss Clouseau | Bowden | Maple | 110 |

Multiple stakes-winners **Sigrun** (Crafty Prospector) and **Miss Gibson County** (Winrightt) share co-highweight at 115 pounds, but Ogden Mills Phipps-owned **Recognizable** (Seattle Slew) may be favored. A winner of four of eight lifetime starts, including her last two against allowance company at Aqueduct, the four-year-old filly has finished worse than third only once in her career when placing fourth in the GII Cotillon H. at Philadelphia Park in September. The First Lady H. will mark only her second try against stakes company. Not to be overlooked is Fred Hooper's speedy three-time stakes-winner **Insight to Cope** (Copelan), a close second to Sigrun in a Calder allowance Dec. 16.

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News Continued.

BLARE OF TRUMPETS RETIRED TO STUD

Blare of Trumpets (Fit to Fight), winner of the GIII Toboggan H. at Aqueduct last winter, has been retired to stand stud in 1995 at Buck Pond Farm near Versailles, Kentucky. As property of a partnership, Blare of Trumpets' stud fee will be \$2,000 live foal. The six-year-old stallion, out of the Grade II-winning mare Wild Applause, is a half-brother to Grade I Futurity S. winner Eastern Echo. Blare of Trumpets was victorious in seven of 30 career starts for earnings of \$249,283. In his final outing, he finished second in a handicap race at Aqueduct Wednesday, January 4.

WAR DEPUTY TO STAND AT WINDFIELDS FARM

Windfields Farm President Charles Taylor announced yesterday that graded stakes winner **War Deputy** (Deputy Minister) has been retired to stud at Windfields' Oshawa, Ontario nursery, due to a bowed tendon suffered in his most recent start. The four-year-old stallion, out of Kentucky Oaks winner Sweet Alliance, is a half-brother to Group 1 Irish Derby winner Shareef Dancer. He will stand the 1995 season for \$2,500 (Canadian funds) live foal guaranteed as the property of Windfields Farm.

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R E P O R T****Local News, Texas:**

This Saturday, the Texas Thoroughbred Breeders' Association will honor the following champion Texas-bred athletes of 1994: Champion Juvenile Colt--**Itron** (Quick Style); Juvenile Filly--**Thick Wasted** (Native Tactics); Three-Year-Old Colt--**Mr. Cooperative** (Raja's Best Boy); Three-Year-Old Filly--**Two Altazano** (Manzotti); Older Male--**Mertzy Man** (Mertzon); Older Female--**Doncette Two** (Orbit Dancer). Harold Goodman's standout Two Altazano won the Grade I Coaching Club American Oaks, GII Fantasy S., GII Monmouth Oaks and GIII Fair Grounds Oaks for 1994 earnings of \$664,485.

FOALING NEWS:

PLENTY OF GRACE, 8, Roberto--Wings of Grace (Key to the Mint)

Foal born 1-5-95, a filly by Dayjur.

Will be bred back to Pleasant Colony.

Boarded at Darby Dan Farm in Lexington, Kentucky. Accomplishments: Grade I winner of \$744,499.

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E D I T I O N****ALLOWANCE RESULT:**

8th-PHA, \$15,577, 4yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:10 3/5, wf. **HOLLY SUNSET** (f, 4, Mining--Racy Suzy {MSP, \$132,060}, by Nordic Prince) Lifetime Record: 6-2-1-3, \$25,770. O-Edward Rudley. B-Hall Thoroughbred Farm & Mining Partnership (KY). T-Thomas R. Miller.

MAIDEN WINNER:

+ **Prospective Jewel**, f, 4, Shelter Half--Jump for Gold, by Search for Gold. PHA, 1-10, 6f, 1:12. B-Fourbros Stable (Md). *\$14,000 2yo 1993 FTMFEB; \$16,000 2yo 1993 FTMDEC. **1/2 to London Market (SW, \$193,415, by Christopher R.) and Midas (SW, \$345,162, by Hail Emperor) and full to Jeweler's Choice (MSW, \$453,166) and Golden Tent (SP, \$177,042).

A # will distinguish first-time stakes-winners, a @ will indicate first-time graded stakes-winners and a + will denote winners who are first-time starters.

**NORTH AMERICAN FRESHMAN
SIRE OF 2YO WINNERS**

(by number of winners, through 12/30/94)

| SIRE | STATE | 2YO'S WINNERS | |
|---------------------|-------|---------------|----|
| Carson City | KY | 47 | 22 |
| Glitterman | FL | 36 | 18 |
| Beau Genius | KY | 50 | 17 |
| Prospector's Gamble | FL | 38 | 13 |
| Red Ransom | KY | 60 | 12 |
| Septieme Ciel | KY | 40 | 11 |
| Lively One | KY | 33 | 10 |
| Citidancer | MD | 34 | 9 |
| Dayjur | KY | 37 | 9 |
| Malagra | LA | 29 | 9 |
| Norquestor | MD | 48 | 8 |
| Pentelicus | FL | 32 | 8 |
| Alwuhush | KY | 39 | 7 |
| Florida Sunshine | FL | 27 | 7 |
| Racing Star | FL | 57 | 7 |
| Sejm | FL | 13 | 7 |
| With Approval | FL | 50 | 7 |
| Carborundum | KY | 19 | 6 |
| Criminal Type | JPN | 53 | 6 |
| Easy Goer | dead | 33 | 6 |
| Highland Ruckus | AB | 31 | 6 |
| Houston | KY | 65 | 6 |
| Lac Ouimet | KY | 30 | 6 |
| Mi Selecto | KY | 29 | 6 |
| Moon Up T.C. | WA | 10 | 6 |
| Piccolino | WV | 10 | 6 |

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EARLY TO RISE

By: Bill Leggett

Because we are such creatures of habit, racing people--owners, trainers, breeders, writers, riders, executives and fans alike--have been lulled into believing that the major substance of a year is compressed into a six-week period between late September and early November.

What utter nonsense.

Bigger purses and higher costs have caused racing to change drastically in recent years, but there have always been individuals and outfits that struck early in a year, and those accomplishments should not be written off so quickly. More often than not, they have a huge impact on the sport.

Very shortly, Mr. Mike Smith will be going to Washington to pick up a second Eclipse Award as the nation's outstanding jockey. In 1993 he set a record with 62 stakes victories. So how did he start out 1994? By winning two stakes at Calder January 1; this year began with a victory in the Tropical Park Oaks at Calder New Year's Day.

You can fill a pasture with Eclipse Award-winning horses which ran during January. A year ago, for instance, most folks considered Paradise Creek little more than Lure Lite. But on January 8 at Gulfstream, he put his feet down and started to erase that reputation by taking the Appleton H. by three lengths. He then ran off a six-race winning streak that carried him into the limelight. He wasn't beaten until mid-August.

That very same day, three other strong Eclipse candidates made themselves known. Slew of Damascus, who later won the Hollywood Gold Cup, took the W.P. Kyne at Bay Meadows; The Wicked North, winner of the San Antonio, Oaklawn H. and Californian in 1994, ran second by three-quarters of a length to Cardmania in the San Carlos; Lakeway made the second start of her career. Thereafter she moved into Grade I competition and won four of six starts, finishing second the other two times.

You will find some in the East who believe that if an injury had not stopped As Indicated following his victory in the Pimlico Special, he would have ended '94 as the nation's Champion Older Horse. Now getting ready in Ocala for a comeback, the five-year-old won the Aqueduct H. January 1, 1994 and had built a skein of six victories through the Pimlico Special.

Holy Bull is set to make his first start of '95 in the Olympic H. at Gulfstream Park January 22. Too early? Not by a longshot. On the same date at the

same track in '94, Kentucky Derby winner Go for Gin won the Preview S.

Before Holy Bull makes his return, probable two-year-old champ Timber Country will have already run in the El Camino Real Derby at Bay Meadows, set for Saturday, January 14. A year ago, Tabasco Cat started out his year by winning the El Camino Real; thus the Derby and Preakness and Belmont Stakes winners had all won stakes by January 22, 1994. So much for waiting on the late developers.

Breeders' Cup Classic winner Concern, Molson Million winner Dramatic Gold, Super Derby hero Soul Of The Matter and Swaps winner Silver Music had all raced either on or prior to Jan. 22 of last year, as had six-time stakes winning filly Two Altazano.

Was '94 an aberration? Not at all. Back up to 1993 and you will find a 20-1 shot chasing Star of Cozzene home in the San Gabriel. Name? Kotashaan. Date? January 1. Eventually, of course, Kotashaan was named 1993 Horse of the Year. The top three-year-old of that year, Prairie Bayou made his first '93 start Jan. 13 at Aqueduct.

In some ways Holy Bull is actually getting a late start in defense of what has been generally conceded as his Horse of the Year title. The last two runners to draw such pre-season raves were Affirmed in '79 and Spectacular Bid a year later. Affirmed lost the Malibu S. to Little Reb Jan. 7. The next year, Spectacular Bid won that race to start his 9-for-9 campaign Jan. 5. Four days before that, John Henry, the second best horse of the year, celebrated New Year's by winning the San Gabriel.

There could have been floats in New Year's Day parades for champions who started early. Criminal Type, Horse of the Year in 1990, showed his stuff with an allowance victory at Santa Anita January 12; Unbridled, the top three-year-old of '90, got lost in the January 14 Tropical Park Derby, but rebounded to win one of the most discussed Kentucky Derbies.

Winning Colors made her three-year-old debut taking an allowance race January 20, 1988 before going on to Derby wins at both Santa Anita and Churchill Downs. Preakness and Belmont winner Risen Star commenced his three-year-old season January 2, 1988 with a 10-length romp at the Fair Grounds.

The horse for all calendars, though, was Gallant Bob, top Sprinter of 1975. He commenced his year Jan. 1 with a win in the Fairmount Park S. at Garden State and concluded it Dec. 27 with a victory in the Squires S. at Keystone (now Philadelphia Park). He ran at nine different tracks and won 14 of 18 starts.

Chances are that while you have been thinking, or blinking, a couple of Eclipse winners for '95 might have already gone by.