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MARYLAND'S INTERNATIONAL TURF FESTIVAL CANCELLED IN 1995

The Maryland Jockey Club management and the Maryland Thoroughbred Horsemen's Association Inc. yesterday announced a new agreement regarding the 1995 Maryland stakes schedule. The agreement provides that open and overnight stakes will be capped at 18.5 percent of total purse monies if management and the MTHA agree on the stakes schedule, and 17 percent if they do not. Most significantly, the agreement provides that the International Turf Festival will be cancelled for 1995, and that the monies previously contributed by the purse account toward the International Turf Festival will be put into overnight purses. "The MTHA has long felt that the International Turf Festival was an extremely expensive undertaking and resulted in a substantial amount of Maryland purse money going to people from out-of-state," said MTHA President Richard Hoffberger. "Last year the purse account was charged almost \$900,000 for the Turf Festival. Putting this money into overnight purses will add almost three percent to the total funds available for overnights." Joe De Francis, President of the Maryland Jockey Club, added, "We are willing to try this on a one-year experimental basis. We feel that the long-range future of the event lies in Virginia, and therefore will use this opportunity to plan and strategize how we can best utilize this group of races in Virginia."

CHEROKEE RUN WORKS TOWARD RETURN

Cherokee Run (Runaway Groom), last year's Eclipse Award-winning sprinter, is rounding back into form. The five-year-old covered a half-mile in :50 yesterday morning at Calder, and is expected to make his 1995 debut in the \$100,000 Gulfstream Park Sprint Championship at seven furlongs March 10. "He just went an easy half-mile," said his trainer Frank Alexander. "When he is not doing anything, he gets to feeling good. He has a lot of class." Cherokee Run has not been to the races since winning the Breeders' Cup Sprint at Churchill Downs November 5. "He won the Breeders' Cup after a layoff," said Alexander. "And he won his first race last year after the layoff. So he runs good fresh."

Saturday, Gulfstream Park:

HUTCHESON S.-GII, \$75,000, 3yo, 7f

Trainer Michael A. Mollica purchased \$95,000 sales-topper **Valid Wager** (Valid Appeal) for owners Beverly and Robert B. Lewis at the OBS Sale of Two-Year-Olds in Training last March. "He had faultless conformation," recalled Mollica. Three-year-old Valid Wager lasted by a head for his first stakes victory in the one-mile GIII California Juvenile at Bay Meadows Dec. 26. "He's a good middle-distance horse," said Mollica, "from seven furlongs to a mile. His class will carry him 1 1/16-miles in the Fountain of Youth, depending on who shows up. He can eyeball a horse and keep him at bay." Valid Wager's greatest challenge is expected to come from **Mr. Greeley** (Gone West), 6 1/4-length winner of the GIII Spectacular Bid S. at six furlongs on Gulfstream's opening day, January 4.

Western Echo (Eastern Echo) is "fit and ready" to run this Saturday, according to trainer Bud Delp, but the GIII Laurel Futurity winner could be temporarily sidelined. "He has some crud down in his lungs," Delp explained yesterday. "There is no temperature, but there is a slight infection. I've talked to several veterinarians and it usually goes away with treatment. He is fit and ready to run. It is just a matter of whether it will clear up in time." Western Echo will breeze three furlongs from the gate Wed. under Mike Smith. Smith will ride the colt if he runs, according to Delp. "We'll scope the horse after his work Wednesday and see how he is doing," Delp said. "If it is not any better, we won't enter." Trainer Milton Wolfson confirmed yesterday that he plans on starting **Bet Your Bucks** (Buckaroo) in the Hutcheson. In his most recent start Jan. 9 at Gulfstream, Bet Your Bucks finished third in a seven-furlong allowance. "He ran a big race," said Wolfson. "He was blocked in on the rail and he had some difficulty in the stretch. Once he got loose, he came running. He impressed me enough to give him a chance this Saturday." Earlie Fires will return to the irons.

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Weekend Preview, Continued.

Saturday, Santa Anita:

PALOS VERDES H.-Gill, \$150,000a, 4yo/up, 6f
Trainer Derek Meredith is considering the Palos Verdes for his Breeders' Cup champion **Cardmania** (Cox's Ridge). "We'll see what the next few days bring," said Meredith. If Cardmania runs, Eddie Delahoussaye will have the mount. Cardmania finished fourth behind Palos Verdes hopeful **Softshoe Sure Shot** (Bolger) in the GII San Carlos H. Jan. 14. Both horses are nine years old. **Subtle Trouble** (Native Prospector), third in the San Carlos after setting the pace into the stretch, worked a half-mile in a bullet :46 2/5 Sat. morning over Santa Anita's fast main track. "We're pointing to the race," said trainer Mel Stute. "His work was very good, and we know he can handle an off track." Regular rider Paul Atkinson will be in the irons. **Isitingood** (Crusader Sword) drilled five furlongs at Santa Anita Sunday in 1:00 handily, while **Demaloot Demashoot** (Bold Ruckus) covered the same distance at Hollywood Park in :59 3/5. Trainer Ron McAnally said the participation of **D'hallevant** (Ogygian) depends on the weather. Trainer Rodney Rash stated Saturday that Malibu winner **Powis Castle** (Rare Brick) is "50-50" for the race. Other probable starters include multiple stakes-winners **Concept Win** (Manila), Stevens; **Gundaghia** (Ole Bob Bowers), Flores; **Rotsaluck** (Rajab), Gary Baze.

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AUTOTOTE ACQUIRES SIMULCASTING ASSETS OF IDB COMMUNICATIONS Autotote Corporation, a leading worldwide supplier of wagering systems, yesterday announced the acquisition of certain assets of IDB Communications Group Inc.'s broadcast division. The acquisition is for \$13.5 million in cash and a long-term sublease for six C-band transponders on the Hughes Communications Galaxy VI satellite, and a short-term sublease for two transponders on the same satellite. With this transaction, Autotote now has simulcasting contracts with more than 60 of the leading Thoroughbred race tracks in North America. A. Lorne Weil, President and CEO of Autotote, said, "With this acquisition, Autotote has solidified its position as the leading supplier of simulcasting services to the racing industry by doubling the number of customers it serves. By packaging simulcasting services with totalizer services, and offering tracks the ability to broadcast their racing throughout Autotote's Off-Track Wagering Network in Connecticut, Autotote has further strengthened its position as the 'one-stop shop' for servicing the racing industry's needs."

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Japanese Stakes Result:

AMERICAN JOCKEY CLUB CUP-G3-Jpn, \$1,230,554, Nakayama Racecourse, Japan, 1-22, 4yo/up, 11fT, 2:14 2/5, fm.

- 1--**SAKURA CHITOSE O (JPN)**, h, 5, **Tony Bin (Ire)**--**Sakura Clare (Jpn) (GSP-Jpn)**, by Northern Taste. O-Sakura Commerce; B-Tanioka Farm (JPN); T-Katsutarō Sakai; J-Futoshi Kojima; \$647,431.
- 2--**Hokuto Vega (Jpn)**, m, 5, Nagurski--**Takeo Falcon (Jpn)**, by Philip of Spain (GB). \$262,108.
- 3--**Stage Champ (Jpn)**, h, 5, Real Shadai--**Dyna Actress (Jpn)**, by Northern Taste. \$161,048.
Margins: neck, head, 1 1/2.

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Yesterday's Results:

8th-GPX, \$40,000, Alw, 4yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16mT, 1:42 2/5, fm.

- 1--**COX ORANGE**, 115, m, 5, **Tremolino--Spectacular Joke (G2-Fr, SP-N.A., \$102,949)**, by Spectacular Bid. O-Darley Stud Management Inc; B-East American Breeding Corp (KY); T-Christophe Clement. Lifetime Record: 17-7-3-5, \$329,674.
- 2--**Track Gossip**, 115, m, 5, Shahrastani--**Water Crystals**, by Crystal Water.
- 3--**PJ Floral**, 115, m, 6, Baldski--**Peroxide Princess**, by What a Pleasure.
Margins: 4 1/4, 1 1/2, 1 1/2. Odds: 0.80, 3.50, 12.00.

Cox Orange, a MGIII winner in N.A. and a Group 3 winner in France, came into this race off a 1 1/2-month rest. She was bumped at the start, causing jockey Jerry Bailey to lose his whip, but she didn't seem to notice, rallying from mid-pack to take the lead at the top of the lane, then drawing off for a 4 1/4-length triumph. 7-2 second choice Track Gossip, also a SW, finished fast for the place spot.

7th-GPX, \$30,350, Alw, 4yo/up, 6f, 1:10 1/5, ft.

HECKOFAMAN (g, 5, Silent Review--Hellofastrut, by l'ma Hell Raiser), the longest shot in the 7-horse field at 18-1, tracked the early leaders along the rail, saved ground around the turn to reach contention then took command in the drive for a 1 1/2-length score. Pacesetter **COMMANCHE TRAIL** (Copelan) held on for 2nd, while **PROUD SUNSET** (Proud Birdie) closed from the back of the pack to finish 3rd. The 4-5 chalk **WALDOBORO** (Lyphard) stumbled badly at the start, losing his rider. Lifetime Record: 22-6-3-6, \$90,210. O-Betty Sessa. B-Mrs. Elizabeth A. Sessa (FL). T-William Cesare.



9th-GPX, \$28,300, Alw, 4/up, f/m, 6f, 1:10 4/5, ft. VERY SENTIMENTAL (m, 5, Medieval Man--Judged Sane, by Judging Man), winner of a \$25,000 claimer at 1 1/16-miles over the Calder turf 2 starts back, stepped down in distance and tried the main track this time. Sent off a 27-1 outsider, she pressed the pace down the backside then took the lead entering the stretch, striding away to a 3-length victory under Shane Sellers. 8-5 favorite RED SOUL (Storm Bird) raced in contention until the stretch, where she tired to finish 9th of 11. The winner is 1/2 to Bo Judged (Ch. imported 2yo and 3yo colt in Puerto Rico, MSW-PR, by Mambo). Lifetime Record: 34-4-4-5, \$75,618. O/B-Laurence I. Foggie (FL). T-Timothy A. Hills.

10th-GPX, \$27,250, Alw, 3yo, f, 9ft, 1:49 3/5, fm. SHOCKING PLEASURE (f, 3, Maudlin--Royal Shocker, by Diplomat Way), who closed late to finish 2nd in a turf allowance at Calder Jan. 2, was sent off the even-money choice here. Reserved toward the back of the pack early, he closed ground on the backside, gained command on the final turn then drew off in the stretch to cross the wire 6 1/4-lengths in front. Late-running 17-1 shot FORGETMENOT (Bering) was 2nd. Lifetime Record: 12-2-5-1, \$39,755. O-William Wheeler. B-Farnsworth Farm (FL). T-Daniel C. Hurtak

1st-GPX, \$24,000, Msw, 3yo, f, 1 1/16m, 1:48, ft. JAH (f, 3, Relaunch--Sweet Roberta, by Roberto), off since November and making her 1st start outside Aqueduct, closed from just off the pace to win by a neck at 7-1 odds. Even-money favorite BOYNTON CANYON (Gone West) took the lead on the turn for home, then gave way grudgingly to the winner in the stretch. Lifetime Record: 4-1-1-2, \$27,760. O-Shadwell Stable. B-Shadwell Farm, Inc. (KY). T-Thomas J Skiffington.

Local News, Gulfstream:

Holy Bull (Great Above) walked yesterday morning and came out of Sunday's Olympic H. in good shape. His jockey Mike Smith stopped by to feed him a carrot and bring donuts and bagels to the barn. Holy Bull ate his dinner Sunday night and cleaned his breakfast plate Monday morning.

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ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

8th-LRL, \$23,000, 4yo/up, 6f, 1:10 2/5, ft. DON'S SHO (c, 4, Don's Choice--Nashoba, by Superbity) Lifetime Record: 18-6-0-3, \$106,536. O-C & K Stable. B-Sondra & Howard M. Bender (MD). T-Clint D. Thrasher. *SW. **1/2 to Nashly (MSP, \$103,215, by Island Whirl).

8th-PHA, \$19,260, 4yo/up, 7f, 1:22 2/5, ft. MASTERFUL MELODY (g, 4, Crafty Prospector--Hit Tune, by Mr. Leader) Lifetime Record: 17-4-0-7, \$53,300. O-Jayeff B Stables. B-Charles Nuckols, Jr. & Sons (KY). T-Alan E. Goldberg.

4th-LRL, \$18,000, 4yo/up, 1 1/16m, 1:44 1/5, ft. ARTURAS (c, 4, Deputy Minister--Legarto {Ch. 2yo filly in Canada, Gill, \$138,040}, by Roberto) Lifetime Record: 7-3-2-1, \$37,895. O-Due Process Stables Inc. B-Windfields Farm (CAN). T-Carlos A. Garcia.

6th-LRL, \$16,000, 4yo, 1 1/8m, 1:52 3/5, ft. KAROK (c, 4, Waquoit--Dance Forth {MSW}, by Dancing Count) Lifetime Record: 6-2-1-0, \$21,470. O/B-Mrs. James A. Bayard (MD). T-Grover G. Delp. *1/2 to Balotra (Gill, \$316,309, by Oh Say).

MAIDEN WINNERS:

I Kan Step, f, 3, Colonel Power--Ikan Nag, by Cutlass. FGX, 1-23, 5 1/2f, 1:06 2/5. B-Warren J. Harang III (La). *\$3,900 yrl '93 LTBAPR.

Fightwithaknight, c, 3, Crusader Sword--Gentle Vixen (SW, \$182,713), by Gentle King. GPX, 1-23, 1 1/16m, 1:47 4/5. B-J.D. Farm (FL). *\$13,000 yrl '93 OBSAUG.

Jah, f, 3, Relaunch--Sweet Roberta (Gill, \$462,860), by Roberto. GPX, 1-23, 1 1/16m, 1:48. B-Shadwell Farm, Inc (Ky).

Georgia On My Mind, f, 4, Dixieland Band--Missed the Wedding, by Blushing Groom (Fr). FGX, 1-23, a1m40yd, 1:42 2/5. B-Pin Oak Stud (Ky). *1/2 to Missed the Storm (GI, \$334,986, by Storm Cat).

Frank's Return, c, 4, Mr. Redoy--Frank's Two Seven, by Brazen Brother. SUF, 1-23, 6f, 1:16 3/5. B-Mrs. F.L. Ronchetti (Ky).

FOALING NEWS:

ROSEATE TERN (GB), 9, Blakeney (GB)--Rosia Bay (GB) (High Top {IRE})

Foal born 1-22-95, a colt by Riverman.

Will be bred back to Mr. Prospector.

Boarded at Shadwell Farm Inc. in Lexington, Ky.

Accomplishments: G1-Eng., MGSP-N.A., \$443,804.

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