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LOMBARDI, HAMILTON LEAVE NYRA According to an article in Tuesday's New York Post, longtime New York Racing Association Racing Secretary Bruce Lombardi, 46, and Steward Richard L. Hamilton, 59, have accepted buyouts and will leave their positions in mid-February. Along with 44 other NYRA employees, the two men received pension incentive package offers; NYRA President and General Manager Kenny Noe estimates that 25 to 30 employees will accept their offers. No replacement has yet been named for Lombardi, who served as racing secretary for more than 20 years. It is expected that Alternate Steward William Boland will assume Hamilton's duties.

LONE STAR DEADLINE POSTPONED UNTIL APRIL The Lone Star Jockey Club, working toward opening a Thoroughbred track in Grand Prairie, Texas, met with encouraging news Monday night as the city's Sports Facilities Development Corporation, headed by Grand Prairie Mayor Charles England, agreed to give the organization until April 1 to get its financial affairs in order. On that date, if its financial requirements have not been met, the city will drop its support of the project, which includes a half-cent sales tax. Previously, England had said the city would stop its backing of the proposed Class One racetrack if the financially troubled organization did not show signs of improvement by January 18. Within the past two weeks the Trammell Crow family, already the largest investor in the Lone Star Jockey Club, has pledged an additional \$10 million toward the project and proposed to assume control of the project's finances. All partners in the Lone Star Jockey Club were asked to respond to that proposal by February 1 and, as of Monday night, 88 percent of the partners had already responded positively. Ideally, in addition to the Crow commitment, England would like to see another \$10 million infused into the Lone Star project by April 1.

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Today, Gulfstream Park:
THE FORWARD GAL BREEDERS' CUP-GII, \$70,000a, 3yo, f, 7f

PP	HORSE	TRAINER	JOCKEY	Wt
1	Miss Carson	O'Connor	Bracho	112
2	Bluff's Dividend	White	Santos	118
3	Mackenzie Slew	Hauswald	Perret	114
4	Culver City	Jerkens	Smith	112
5	Twist A Lime	Serpe	Bravo	112
6	Prospector's Fuel	Donovan	Pino	118
7	Chaposa Springs	Wolfson	Castillo Jr.	114

Morning-line favorite **Bluff's Dividend** (Sunny Clime) was claimed for \$32,000 out of a maiden claimer July 17 at Calder. Since then, the Florida-bred sprinter has gone on to win four of five starts, including the Meritus S. at Aqueduct Nov. 20 and the Old Hat S. at Gulfstream in her last start Jan. 8. Back to challenge Bluff's Dividend will be **Mackenzie Slew** (Seattle Slew) and **Twist A Lime** (Copelan), second and third respectively in the the Old Hat. **Culver City** (Afleet), a \$27,000 OBS October weanling, has only one career start under her belt, an impressive five-length maiden victory at Gulfstream Jan. 8. Her six-furlong time of 1:10 2/5 in breaking her maiden was two-fifths of a second faster than Bluff's Dividend ran in the Old Hat S. only two races later.

Today, Santa Anita:
THE SANTA YSABEL, \$75,000a, 3yo, f, 1 1/16m
The field of eight three-year-old fillies, from the rail out, is as follows: **Dixie Pearl** (Dixieland Band), Delahoussaye; **Wilga** (Blushing John), Nakatani; **Juddy** (Risen Star), Stevens; **Ski Dancer** (Baldski), Desormeaux; **Jewel Princess** (Key to the Mint), Pincay Jr.; **Kuda** (Strawberry Road {AUST}), McCarron; **Kindred Soul** (Woodman), Antley; **Laguna Seca** (Seattle Slew), Solis. Wilga and Juddy will be coupled in the wagering as an Allen E. Paulson-owned entry.

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EUROPEAN STARS NOMINATED TO TRIPLE CROWN

Top European three-year-old colts **Eltish** (Cox's Ridge), runner-up in last November's Breeders' Cup Juvenile, and **Pennekamp** (Bering {GB}), undefeated hero of the previous month's G1 Generous Dewhurst S. at Newmarket, have been entered for this year's U.S. Triple Crown races. The duo, owned respectively by Khalid Abdullah and Sheikh Mohammed, are therefore eligible for the Chrysler-sponsored \$5 million prize for any horse taking the Kentucky Derby, Preakness and Belmont Stakes. Of the pair, the Henry Cecil-trained **Eltish** currently seems the more likely to take up the challenge. But Anthony Stroud, racing manager to **Pennekamp's** owner, said, "We are leaving our options open."

RANDOM DRUG TESTING POSSIBLE IN BRITAIN

France is to introduce random drug testing at trainers' stables--and Britain could soon follow suit. The French scheme, believed to have been inspired by powers within the country's pharmaceutical industry, which fears an expanding black market, is expected to begin next month despite serious doubts from the racing community. Britain's Jockey Club has issued an official statement saying it will "consider whether there are justifications for adopting similar powers." But British trainers have dismissed the idea as "non-practical and unnecessary."

BEST OF OHIO TO THISTLEDOWN

Thistledown officials, in conjunction with the Ohio State Racing Commission, have announced that the North Randall oval will be the site of this year's \$475,000 Best of Ohio racing series Sat., October 14. "We're pleased to award these prestigious races to Thistledown," said Cliff Nelson of the Ohio State Racing Commission. "Thistledown has done a fine job hosting this event in the past, and we anticipate another big day this year as part of a continuing effort to showcase Ohio's Thoroughbred program." The series consists of five races for Ohio-breds, including the featured \$150,000 Endurance. The Best of Ohio Series, which will be held for the ninth time this year, has produced 23 state champions including the 1994 Endurance winner and Ohio Horse of the Year **It's Just Me** (Northern Score).

BARRETT'S WINTER MIXED SALE RESULTS

At the Barretts Winter Mixed Sale held Monday in Pomona, California, 242 horses sold for a gross of \$1,008,100 and an average of \$4,166. This represented a 46 percent decline in average from 1994, when 249 head brought \$1,916,000 for an average of \$7,695. This year's median price of \$3,050, however, did show a slight increase over the '94 median of \$3,000. The sales topper at \$35,000 was the eight-year-old broodmare **Heartsaflying** (Flying Paster), a full sister to Grade III-winner **Endow** in foal to Pres-

ent Value. Consigned to the sale by Lev Fanning Jr., agent, she was purchased by Walter J. Thomson.



Today, Gulfstream Park:

\$40,000 Allowance, 4yo/up, 1 1/16m
Listed in the entries for today's 8th race at Gulfstream are no less than 7 stakes winners. Heading the list are Grade I winners **Kissin Kris** (Kris S.), off since his 3rd-place finish in the GII W.L. McKnight at Calder Dec. 10, and **Scuffleburg** (Cox's Ridge), whose last victory came in the Gulfstream Park H. in March '94. Other stakes winners scheduled to challenge them are GII Ohio Derby winner **Forever Whirl** (Island Whirl), **Dancing Jon** (Gate Dancer), **Pride Of Burkaan** (Burkaan), **My Luck Runs North** (Lucky North) and **Seattle Morn** (*Grey Dawn II). The other two entrants in the 9-horse field, **Jade Fortune** (Fortunate Prospect) and **Silent Lake** (Meadowlake), are both multiple stakes-placed.

FOALING NEWS:

INVITED GUEST (IRE), 11, Be My Guest--Welcome Break (GB) (Wollow {IRE})
Foal born 1-21-95, a colt by Forty Niner.
Owned by R.D. Hubbard.
Boarded at Crystal Springs Farm in Paris, Kentucky.
Accomplishments: GII-N.A., G2-Eng, G3-Fr, \$619,942.

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WINNING STREAKS

by: Bill Leggett

In December, those who examined racing's trends foresaw a remarkably smooth road ahead for 1995. The main reasons were the potential for a superstar in **Holy Bull** (Great Above), plus a deep platoon of other excellent three-year-old males and females turning four and going up against established "name" horses in the handicap division.

From out of virtually nowhere, however, another fascinating trend has come into play: a series of winning streaks which have been emphasized in the opening weeks of 1995 as well as the closing ones of 1994.

The truth of the matter is that racing hasn't had a horse good enough to build an interesting streak despite the fact that short fields should be conducive to such a thing. In '94, **Soviet Problem** (Moscow Ballet) rang up seven in a row, but two of those were in match races which were of little interest outside California.

The last prominent streak was put up by **Meadow Star** (Meadowlake), who won nine in a row between 1990-91. Combining wins in Puerto Rico with those in the U.S., **Mister Frisky** (Marsayas) tied together 16 straight in '89-90, an interesting total because it puts him in a very arguable tie with Citation, who holds the modern record of 16 which he established between April 17, 1948 and January 25, 1950.

Holy Bull's authoritative win in the \$100,000 Olympic Handicap Sunday lifted his record to six in a row, and makes him undefeated since the Kentucky Derby. But he will have to do a lot of hard running to catch two streaks set by **Spectacular Bid** (Bold Bidder), the runner many are starting to compare Holy Bull to. From ages two to three Spectacular Bid rattled off a dozen in a row and then got through his four-year-old year undefeated in nine races. These days, though, six is an awfully good number.

But the Bull is not the only horse on a rampage. Far from it. If might have gotten by some, but the Golden Eagle Farm's **Yearly Tour** (Half a Year) ran up a five-race streak at the end of the year which caused her to be named Best Three-Year-Old Filly, Best Three-Year-Old, Best Turf Horse and Horse of the Meeting at Bay Meadows. **Slew of Damascus** (Slewicide) was the '93 Bay Meadows Horse of the Meeting.

Until the running of the \$160,000 Santa Monica Handicap January 16--the first Grade I event of the New Year--nobody truly knew how good **Key Phrase** (Flying Paster) was. When she zipped home by six lengths, the four-year-old filly was unbeaten in five career starts for owners Mr. and Mrs. Martin J.

Wygod and trainer Ron Ellis. Jockey Chris Antley's description of the Santa Monica was, "Wow!"

The same weekend that Key Phrase went to five in a row, **Wekiva Springs** (Runaway Groom) upped his own winning streak to a half-dozen with a 1 1/2-length victory over Dramatic Gold in the \$216,800 San Fernando at Santa Anita for owners Donald Dizney and Jim English. Trained by Bob Hess, **Wekiva Springs** is six-for-seven lifetime and is expected in the field for the \$1 million Santa Anita Handicap March 11.

Unlike 1994, when New York trainers couldn't function properly due to the winter weather, 1995 has proved so far to be a warm-weather boon. Off the Inner Track have come two winning streaks: the three-year-old **Evil's Pic** (Piccolino), a West Virginia-bred, has won four in a row including the recent \$54,650 Ruthless, while **Danzig's Dance** (Hold Your Peace), a six-year-old New York-bred gelding, won his fourth straight when he took the \$83,350 Aqueduct Handicap after advancing upward from \$45,000 claiming races.

Last year's Aqueduct Handicap was taken by **As Indicated** (Czaravich), currently recovering from an injury in Ocala and expected back to the races early this summer. He currently holds a six-race winning streak, the most recent of those victories being in the Pimlico Special. If you want to, you can call **Silver Goblin** (Silver Ghost) a "Pimlico Horse" as well because he attained a bit of national fame when he ran eighth in last year's Preakness.

After that, however, he has won five stakes in a row by a total of 27 1/2-lengths. The races he won were at Houston, Arapahoe, AKsarben, Fairmount Park and Remington.

Poor **Flanders** (Seeking the Gold) got her record up to five in a row before being injured in the Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies at Churchill Downs (one victory is still in dispute), while **Afternoon Deelites** (Private Terms) is an unbeaten three-for-three among the new three-year-olds. In Maryland the Centennial Farm's **Onto Luck** (Lucky North) ran his winning streak to four by taking the \$53,775 Dancing Count at Laurel. He is trained by Ned Allard.

The longest winning streak extant belongs to Exalton Broussard's **Fighting K** (Island Whirl), who has now won nine straight from April at Oaklawn Park to December at the Fair Grounds. The five-year-old Florida-bred was an August 1990 \$17,000 yearling purchase who has now won back \$564,705.

Fighting K's trainer, 60-year-old Guillian Dronet, worked for the state of Louisiana as a clerk for 30 years while owning and training horses part-time. "I worked for the state during the days," he said, "and took care of the horses at night." Fighting K was on the also eligible list for the Breeders' Cup Sprint and didn't make it into the race. Somehow he was omitted from the list of candidates for an Eclipse Award despite his record.

But he kept streaking right along.