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ARLINGTON TRIMS STAKES

SCHEDULE Arlington International Racecourse plans to present a scaled-down stakes schedule at this summer's abbreviated June 23 to September 4 meeting. The schedule, which was presented to the Illinois Racing Board, is subject to their approval. Twenty-six stakes races have been shelved at a savings of \$1,975,000 in purse money. In addition, \$270,000 will be shaved from purses in eight of the 19 stakes remaining on the schedule. Among the races conspicuous by their absence are three Grade II's--the Washington Park Handicap, the Arlington-Washington Futurity and the Arlington-Washington Lassie--as well as five Grade III events. The Chicago circuit's only Grade I races--the Aug. 26 \$500,000 Beverly D, the \$1 million Arlington Million and the Aug. 27 \$400,000 Secretariat S.--will be presented with their 1994 purse values intact. The stakes cuts were made because local horsemen felt the purse money available should be applied to overnights.

CAVEAT DEAD The 1983 Bemont Stakes winner **Caveat** (Cannonade) died yesterday at Northview Stallion Station in Chesapeake City, Maryland, where he had stood since 1989. "He was on his way to the breeding shed when he died of an apparent heart attack," said Northview Stallion Station President Richard Golden. "He was sent to New Bolton where they are going to perform an autopsy, the results of which won't be known for a few days." Fifteen-year-old Caveat, the second leading sire in Maryland last year, sired 25 stakes-winners, including Grade I winners Timely Warning and Awad, for progeny earnings of over \$13 million.

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Sunday, Gulfstream Park:

RAMPART H.-GII, \$200,000, 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16m
Trainer Shug McGaughey confirmed Monday that highweight **Educated Risk** (Mr. Prospector) will start in the Rampart. It is scheduled to be the millionaire's last race before she is bred to Danzig. "She is doing fine," said McGaughey. "Her ideal distance is a mile, but we don't run a mile here. So her ideal distance on Sunday is going to be a mile and a sixteenth." Jockey Mike Smith, who piloted **Educated Risk** to victories in the GI Top Flight, GIII Virginia H. and GIII Shirley Jones H. in her last three outings, will be aboard in the Rampart. Another Shug McGaughey trainee, MGIII-winner **Recognizable** (Seattle Slew), worked five furlongs Sunday in 1:02. "She worked so great that I may decide to run her in the Rampart too," McGaughey said. "It wasn't the final time, but the way she did it. She went the last quarter in :23; that is what I liked. I'm leaning towards running them both. It might surprise me if **Recognizable** beats the other mare, but it wouldn't shock me."

Sunday, Santa Anita:

SANTA MARGARITA INVITATIONAL H.-GI, \$300,000, 4yo/up, f/m, 1 1/8m

The Santa Margarita will mark the first showdown between Eclipse Award-winners **Hollywood Wildcat** (Kris S.) and **Paseana (ARG)** (Ahmad {ARG}) since their memorable battle in the 1993 Breeders' Cup Distaff, when **Hollywood Wildcat** prevailed by a nose after a stretch-long duel. "It was very exciting, a great horse race," said **Hollywood Wildcat's** trainer Neil Drysdale. "Two top horses, neither of them willing to concede to the other. It was a classic." In her 1995 debut Feb. 10, five-year-old **Hollywood Wildcat** took the Little Brianne S. at Santa Anita by 4 1/2-lengths. Eight-year-old **Paseana** returned Feb. 5 from a five-month layoff to finish second for the third straight year in the GI Santa Maria H., a race she won in 1992. Also probable for the Santa Margarita are Santa Maria winner **Queens Court Queen** (Lyphard) and Gil El Encino heroine **Klassy Kim** (Silent Screen). Santa Anita Racing Secretary Tom Knust is scheduled to release provisional invitees Wednesday.

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Saturday, Oaklawn Park:

ESSEX H.-Gill, \$50,000a, 4yo/up, 1 1/16m

Al Horton's **Silver Goblin** (Silver Ghost) will put his six-race winning streak on the line in the Essex H. The four-year-old gray gelding has won 12 of 16 career starts, including nine stakes races, for earnings of \$722,245. In his '95 debut at Oaklawn Feb. 3, he took a one-mile allowance by eight lengths. "He is a push-button horse, the best I've ever ridden" said regular rider Dale Cordova. "In a race, you can do anything you want with him. His best race? Probably the Omaha Gold Cup (Grade III). He carried 122 pounds in that one and got the mile and an eighth in 1:49 4/5, winning with something left." Others probable for the Essex include stakes-winners **Ziad's Game** (Ziad), **Sir Vixen** (Kona Tenor) and **Southern Rhythm** (Dixieland Band).

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ONTARIO JOCKEY CLUB ANNOUNCES

PURSE HIKE Mr. Pat Keenan, president and CEO of The Ontario Jockey Club, yesterday announced a significant purse increase for the Thoroughbred horseracing division. Effective March 25, opening day of Woodbine's 1995 Thoroughbred season, a 12 percent across-the-board increase in overnight purses will take effect. "We believe this substantial purse hike will increase the number of high-caliber Thoroughbreds racing on the OJC circuit," Keenan said. Keenan pointed out that the increase comes at a time when the OJC is carrying a huge debt load of \$71 million and has appealed to the Ontario government for a reduction in pari-mutuel taxes. The purse increase, necessitated by a contractual agreement with the Horsemen's Benevolent and Protective Association, results from a continuing surge in wagering on foreign simulcasting at Woodbine and the burgeoning Champions Off-Track network. The purse agreements are based exclusively on wagering levels.

BANDERA DOWNS SETS SIMULCASTING

RECORDS As the live race meet quickly approaches, simulcast operations at Bandera Downs in Texas continue to soar. Over the Presidents' Day weekend, the Downs handled \$505,430, eclipsing the old mark by some \$90,000. Per capita wagering for the weekend topped out at \$404, also a record. "We are extremely pleased by these numbers," stated Brian Elmore, general manager of the track. "Anytime reality exceeds your expectations, you can't help being excited. We certainly hope the current trend extends over into our live race meet." Since Bandera Downs began its simulcasting venture Sept. 7, 1994, the track has posted a cumulative handle of \$6,700,000. This translates into a 43 percent purse increase for horsemen who will compete in the upcoming live race meet, which begins March 4.

SAVINIO SELECTED TO HONG KONG RACE

Southern California-based **Savinio** (The Minstrel), winner of the GII Carleton F. Burke H. at Santa Anita in November, is among seven foreign horses selected to compete in the Queen Elizabeth II Cup, to be run Saturday, April 1 at Hong Kong's Sha Tin Racecourse. Five-year-old Savinio is trained by Walter Greenman. In addition, two North American-based runners were selected as reserves for the race, to be run at 11 furlongs on the turf. GII La Prevoyante heroine **Abigailthefwife** (Affirmed), trained by Barclay Tagg, is listed as the first reserve, while Christophe Clement-trainee **River Majesty** (Majestic Light), a stakes-winner in both the U.S. and France, is the fourth reserve.



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Local News:

Florida-bred **Holy Bull** (Great Above) will be featured at the 1995 Equitana Equine Fair, to be held March 4-12 in Essen, Germany. The USA will be the co-host country for the world's largest equine fair, which is expected to draw some 300,000 in attendance. A poster of Holy Bull will be the centerpiece of the Florida booth, entitled "A Journey Through Florida's Horse Country." In addition, racing footage of Holy Bull's championship season will be included in a videotape showcasing Florida's equine industry.

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ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

8th-PHA, \$21,000, 4yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:11 3/5, ft.
MISTY NICKLE (m, 7, **Plugged Nickle--Comet Mist**, by **Roberto**) Lifetime Record: 66-26-8-5, \$111,400.
O-Larry V. McClain. B-Ronald B. Woodard (KY).
T-Karen M. Kunes.

7th-PHA, \$17,120, 4yo/up, f/m, a1m70yd, 1:43 4/5, ft.

STAR DEVINE (m, 5, **Northern Prospect--Etoile de Huit** {SW, \$105,498}, by **Judger**) Lifetime Record: 66-11-11-15, \$103,394. O-Plumstead Stables. B-Konrad Dr. Widmer (VA). T-Robert J. Seeger.

FOALING NEWS:

AMHERATA ANGEL, 7, **Herat--Aminaun** (Jacinto) Foal born 2-8-95, a colt by Mt. Livermore. Owned by John Franks. Boarded at Old Frankfort Stud in Lexington, Ky. Accomplishments: MSW of \$153,824.