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JIM BEAM BRANDS EXTEND SPONSORSHIP

Jim Beam Brands and Turfway Park announced yesterday that they have agreed to extend the company's sponsorship of the \$600,000 Jim Beam Stakes for three years, through the race's 17th running in 1998. The announcement was made at a press conference Tuesday by Barry M. Berish, chairman and CEO of Jim Beam Brands, and Jerry L. Carroll, Turfway Park's chairman. The richest race leading up to the Triple Crown, the 1995 Jim Beam S. will be contested Saturday, April 1. "We are gratified by Jim Beam Brands' support of the Jim Beam S. and of Turfway Park," Carroll said. "This partnership is very important to us and it has been a linchpin of our efforts to transform Turfway into one of America's premier racetracks." The company's sponsorship of the Jim Beam S. began with the 1982 running.

BILINSKI TOP CHOICE TO REPLACE

CORBISIERO JR. Dr. Jerry Bilinski, a prominent New York breeder and owner, is rumored to be the top choice to replace New York State Racing and Wagering Board Chairman Richard Corbisiero Jr., who is set to announce his retirement Monday. "Nothing has been completed yet, and it will probably be a few weeks before it is, but I know I am one of the people in the running," Bilinski said. "I look forward to the possibility." One complication may be Bilinski's role as an owner and breeder, which would disqualify him from the chairman's position. But Bilinski, whose New York Stallion Station stands Cormorant and Go and Go (IRE), said he would "do whatever he has to do" in order to be qualified to fill the position. Corbisiero's retirement ends a somewhat controversial reign that began in 1986. A Democrat, he was likely to be replaced by the Republican administration when his term expired in January. Corbisiero was staunchly against the legalization of medication in New York, and his retirement could mean that New York's drug policies will finally be changed. He was also caught up in a controversy when the New York Board suspended trainer D. Wayne Lukas sixty days after Flanders tested positive for isoxuprine.

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Saturday, Hialeah:

WIDENER H.-GIII, \$200,000, 3yo/up, 1 1/8m
Fight For Love (Fit to Fight), winner of the GIII Broward H. at Gulfstream in January, breezed five furlongs in 1:03 at Gulfstream yesterday in his final preparation for the Widener. "He's doing great," said Brad Dale, assistant to trainer Bert Sonnier. "We didn't want him to go too fast. The time was just right. Everything is still a go for Saturday." Jerry Bailey has the mount. Carlos Martin, who is supervising Widener runner **Key Contender** (Fit to Fight) in Florida while his father, trainer Jose Martin, is in New York, said he has secured the services of New York-based rider Robbie Davis for his seven-year-old horse.

TRIPLE THREATS:

Saturday, April 1, Hialeah:

FLAMINGO S.-GIII, \$200,000, 3yo, 1 1/8m
Trainer Mike Trivigno is pointing **Gold Miner** (Gold Crest) to the Flamingo. The Kentucky-bred last raced Jan. 28, when he ran fourth in the GII Hutcheson at Gulfstream. "We tried to give him a little break after the Hutcheson and I'm not sure if that was a good thing or not," Trivigno said jokingly. "After all, we finished second to Suave Prospect and beat Mecke in the What a Pleasure, and they both ran well in the Florida Derby." In nine career starts, Gold Miner has recorded three victories, second-place finishes in the GIII What a Pleasure and GIII Kentucky Cup Juvenile, and third-place efforts in the GII Breeders' Futurity at Keeneland and the Ellis Park Juvenile S. And what if he runs well in the Flamingo? "I might think about sending him to the Preakness," Trivigno said.

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KEENELAND, RED MILE REACH DERBY AGREEMENT

Keeneland and The Red Mile announced jointly Tuesday an agreement that will allow the Kentucky Derby to be simulcast in Lexington this year. The agreement permits Keeneland to simulcast the Derby exclusively in Fayette County. In exchange, Keeneland has relinquished its share (70 percent) of the full-card harness simulcast dates for 1995 to The Red Mile. The Red Mile also will be permitted to simulcast harness racing in Lexington during Keeneland's July, September and November sales. The two tracks agreed that money wagered on the Derby will not be included in the calculation of full-card simulcast dates for 1996. The agreement further states that The Red Mile may disseminate harness whole-card signals to other non-Fayette County outlets within Kentucky during its live meets.

BARRETT'S ADDS DATE TO SPRING SALE

Citing unprecedented consignor interest for its annual Spring Sale of Two-Year-Olds in Training, Barretts Equine Limited will catalog 370 horses and expand this year's sale to two days, May 15th and 16th. To avoid conflicting with weekend racing at Hollywood Park, sale Training Previews over the Fairplex track will be conducted from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. the Saturday and Sunday immediately preceding the sale. Films of the previews will be available for viewing on the Barretts video system prior to the sale sessions, which will begin at 2 p.m. Monday and Tuesday. Catalogs will be available in mid-April.

EUROPEAN CUP LIKELY FOR 1997 Europe's equivalent of the Breeders' Cup looks likely to have its inauguration in Britain during October 1997. The British Horseracing Board will discuss final details next month. But early indications suggest that a fixture at the time of Newmarket's Houghton Meeting is favored. Paul Greeves, the BHB's director of racing, said, "We're now looking for a settled date rather than having a meeting at different times of the year. We're looking at the middle of October--and 1997 is more realistic than next year."

MEG MULLION DEAD Meg Mullion, one of Europe's foremost owner-breeders, has died after a short illness. Mrs. Mullion, along with her late husband Jim, were the owners of Ireland's Ardenode Stud. Their horses included **Floribunda (GB)** (Princely Gift {GB}), England's Champion Sprinter in 1961; **Sarah Siddons (FR)** (Le Levanstell {GB}), heroine of the 1976 Irish 1000 Guineas; and Sarah Siddons' daughter **Princess Pati (IRE)** (Top Ville {IRE}), who took the Irish Oaks in 1984. But the cream of the crop was **Ragusa (GB)** (*Ribot), Champion Three-Year-Old Colt in Ireland and winner of the Irish Derby, King George VI & Queen Elizabeth S. and St. Leger of 1963 before becoming a successful stallion.

FURIOUSLY TESTS RAISE OPTIMISM

Ben Walden Jr. announced yesterday that Dr. Charles A. Love of New Bolton has completed semen testing on first-year stallion **Furiously** (Danzig) and that all aspects of the fertility profile proved outstanding. "Dr. Love has indicated to us that there appears no basis whatsoever for our current results," said Walden. "We are all optimistic that Furiously will work out of this." Walden also announced that though many contract holders are planning to press on and breed to Furiously, all mares will be served on a complimentary basis this season, thus insuring the six-year-old stallion an ample opportunity to work through his problems. "We have a first-rate ownership of this horse, all of which have one goal, and that is to see Furiously get a fair chance," Walden added. "Somehow, there is quiet confidence among us that he will." Upon Furiously's fertility becoming normal, should it develop that way, Walden said the stallion's fee of \$7,500 would apply for the 1996 breeding season.

MEADOW FLIGHT READY FOR RETURN

Meadow Flight (Meadowlake), winner of last year's GIII Flamingo S. and GII Pennsylvania Derby, could make his 1995 debut in the Hialeah Sprint Championship April 1. The four-year-old colt has been away from the races since last October 1, when he finished fifth in the GI Super Derby. "We're hoping to run him in the Sprint Championship but we don't know if he'll make it in time," said trainer James Ryerson. "He had a minor setback after the Super Derby and we turned him out for a while, but he is healthy now. He loves to race at Hialeah and we're hoping this meeting could be a springboard for the rest of the year." Florida-bred Meadow Flight is five for 13 lifetime with earnings of \$511,870.

BRIS EXPANDS ON-LINE 'FANTASY'

SERVICE Bloodstock Research Information Services has developed several new products to serve contestants playing Daily Racing Form's Fantasy Stables Contest. Contestants can access BRIS' Handicapper's Database to receive advance information on when and where any of the 600 contest horses are racing. A daily What's Next report will be posted on the database 48 hours before post time.

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

Apprentice jockey Francisco Leon Jr., who was injured in a spill in Monday's 11th race at Hialeah, was released from the hospital later that night and will be back riding today, according to his agent Freddie Lucero. Leon was injured in Monday's final race when his mount River's Dream broke down on the backstretch.



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LIFE AFTER HOLY BULL

By: Frank Carlson

At one time there were security guards sitting in front of Jimmy Croll's office on Gulfstream's backside 24 hours a day. Once there were still cameras and video cameras perched perilously on tripods from sunrise until 10 a.m. It used to be there were reporters and writers hustling hither and yon asking pointed questions, "Have you seen Jimmy?...Where's Jimmy?...What happened to Jimmy?"

Those days disappeared along with Holy Bull when he boarded a van for Lexington. Today Croll is alone except for Holly Bull's exercise rider Bobby Perna. The two men sit in Croll's office and speak in hushed tones, their silence deafening.

Now it's just the two of them passing the time of day. Croll was telling Perna about the six two-year-olds he had just purchased at Calder's Fasig-Tipton sale. Perna was nodding in anticipation of the new work that would soon come along. Perna stares up at a clock on the wall; it's shortly after 7 a.m., the time Holy Bull would go out to the track and exercise. Perna sighs, but it's barely noticeable. Croll tries to liven up the office with a story that was called in from Jonabell Farm, where Holy Bull is being prepared for his duties at stud.

The story isn't long, it also isn't that funny, but it does break the silence in the room for a few minutes. Perna gets up and walks outside; he looks at the clouds and mumbles something about "rain." Time hangs heavy around Barn 4 on Gulfstream's backside. There's been lots of free time around Croll's barn since Holy Bull left. Perna comments on the extra pounds he's put on with all the idle time. Then he disappears around a corner.

Croll's now alone with just his thoughts and some questions. He answers the questions politely, because Jimmy Croll is always polite, but you feel he'd rather be training horses right then rather than answering questions.

Did Croll have any regrets about Holy Bull. "None. I don't regret a thing about him. If I were to get him today as a two-year-old from the farm, I'd do everything exactly the same. He was so good to all of us."

Did Croll know from the beginning he had something special? "Actually, it was my son Bill who spotted him first. Bill was going up to Ocala to see some horses, and I asked him to look in on the farm at a couple we had up there. Everybody on the farm was talking about a colt by Bet Twice, named Bet 'n Cash. Bill came back and said forget about Bet 'n Cash, it's the gray one that's going to be good. So he was the first one to spot Holy Bull's potential."

Did (owner/breeder) Mrs. Carpenter see Holy Bull

before she passed away? (She died Aug. 14, 1993, the day Holy Bull broke his maiden). "A couple of weeks before she died she came over to Monmouth to visit. When she came to Monmouth, her routine was always the same. She would travel from Long Island Monday. She would have lunch with her friends Tuesday. She would play cards Wednesday. And Thursday she would go to the track. When she left the track, it was always at 4:30 so she could stop at the barn and see her horses. I went back to meet her. I brought Holy Bull out and she looked him over and nodded, then she said, 'Very nice.' But she always said 'Very nice' about all her horses. She died a couple of weeks later, but if she were alive, Holy Bull would have run in exactly the same races. She never interfered with what I wanted to do."

Barn 4, Stall 43 is vacant except for a "Holy Bull Slept Here" sign. But Croll has six new ones coming in from the sale, and a couple he bred will be shipped down from Ocala. "This is the first time in I can't remember how long I won't be going to Keeneland," says Croll. "I don't have anything that will fit in there. Bob Levy has horses for me that will go up to Monmouth."

Pretty soon Jimmy Croll and Bobby Perna won't have much time to sit in the office and chat. Pretty soon the only time they'll have to talk is between sets when Perna is changing horses. Pretty soon everything will be back to normal. That's the way Jimmy Croll would like it to be.

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ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

9th-PHA, \$18,150, 4yo/up, a1m70yd, 1:43 2/5, my. ALWAYS JUSTIFIED (h, 5, Just Like Jo--Always Darkest, by Highbinder) Lifetime Record: 41-6-7-3, \$45,280. O-Cathy Mac's Stable. B-Francis J. Puleo (PA). T-Willie A. Belmonte.

6th-HIA, \$16,500, 3yo, f, 6f, 1:10 1/5, ft. ROCK N BOWL (f, 3, Exuberant--Tri Bowl {MSW, \$206,121}, by Tri Jet) Lifetime Record: 12-2-4-0, \$40,890. O-Scott C. Savin. B-Andrade Waldir (FL). T-Graham Maxwell.

3rd-HIA, \$15,000, 3yo, 1 1/16m, 1:42 3/5, ft. APPOMATTOX (c, 3, Fit to Fight--Rose of Virginia, by Northern Dancer) Lifetime Record: 6-2-1-1, \$22,060. O-Laurie Plesa. B-Paul Mellon (VA). T-E. Plesa Jr.

9th-HIA, \$15,000, 4yo/up, a1 1/8mT, 1:48, fm. DISSERTATION (g, 4, Dr. Blum--Fresca {Chi} {MSW-N.A., G3-Chi, \$175,913}, by Tale of Two Cities {GB}) Lifetime Record: 15-2-2-2, \$25,375. O/B-M.C. Weeks (FL). T-Glenn M. Stanchfield.