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### NY HOME BETTING DECISION NEARS

A squabble between the New York Racing Association and New York City OTB could mean the end of the home-betting experiment in New York when the legislation that created the trial expires May 15. Currently, NYRA One patrons must maintain a minimum balance of \$450 in their phone betting accounts, while customers with NYC OTB accounts are not required to maintain any minimum. Since the experiment began March 1, nearly 7,000 new phone betting accounts have been opened with NYC OTB, while only 400 new NYRA accounts have been started. NYRA officials have thus complained that the experiment has been a boon to OTB while doing NYRA only marginal good, and are seeking to change the minimum balance requirement in the legislation. Currently, neither side can continue with home betting unless the two are in agreement, but OTB threatened yesterday to do just that by importing races from tracks other than NYRA. While not currently allowed by law, OTB may make a strong legislative push to change that law. "If they want to pull the plug, so be it," said OTB President Allie Sherman. "We're in the business of bringing races to the public and if they don't want to give us their races, we'll bring in other tracks." Said NYRA Director of Communications and Development Steve Crist, "We are producing the races and producing the T.V. show solely at our expense and I don't think it is fair for us to continue to do so with the current inequities in the telephone betting system."

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### Today, Keeneland:

#### THE LAFAYETTE S.-Gill, \$75,000a, 3yo, 7f

PP HORSE	TRAINER	JOCKEY	Wt
1 Sierra Diablo	Hennig	Bailey	118
2 Car Dealer	Butler	Kutz	121
3 Tethra	Carroll	Penna	121
4 Mr. Greeley	Zito	Krone	121
5 Instant Panic	Flint	Hebert	121
6 Weybridge	Vestal	Smith	118
7 Everlasting Hope	Foley	Torres	118
8 Peaks And Valleys	J. Day	P. Day	118

Probable favorite **Mr. Greeley** (Gone West) has won three of his last four outings, including the Gill Swale S. at this distance March 11 at Gulfstream. Other stakes-winners in the field include **Sierra Diablo** (Conquistador Cielo), **Car Dealer** (Carborundum), **Tethra** (Cure the Blues) and **Peaks And Valleys** (Mt. Livermore).

### Saturday, Keeneland:

#### BLUE GRASS S.-Gill, \$500,000, 3yo, 1 1/8m

**Tejano Run** (Tejano), with jockey Jerry Bailey up, breezed an easy half-mile in :48 over a fast Keeneland track yesterday. "I thought it was very, very good," Bailey said. "It was the kind of work you want going into a big race. He was very willing." Second in the Jim Beam in his last start, Tejano Run galloped out five furlongs in 1:01 2/5. Bailey will miss the Blue Grass because he will be riding Cigar in the Oaklawn H. the same day. Trainer John T. Ward Jr. reported yesterday that Flamingo S. winner **Pyramid Peak** (Mt. Livermore) will not run in the Blue Grass. The colt will make his next start in the Kentucky Derby. Trainer Nick Zito said **Suave Prospect** (Fortunate Prospect) came out of his five-furlong workout (1:01 4/5) Monday in good order. "It was a great work," Zito said. "We're all set. If this horse has a good Blue Grass, we'll be in great shape." D. Wayne Lukas-trainee **Thunder Gulch** (Gulch) arrived at Churchill Downs 1:30 p.m. Tuesday from California. The Florida Derby winner will train at the Downs and ship to Keeneland the day of the race.



### Triple Threats Continued.

#### Today, Santa Anita:

**SAN PEDRO S.**, \$75,000a, 3yo, 6 1/2f

The field of seven, from the rail out, is as follows: **Conquest** (Conquistador Cielo), McCarron; **Candi's Chairman** (Candi's Gold), Antley; **Score Quick** (Northern Score), Nakatani; **Houston Sunrise** (Houston), Desormeaux; **Oncefortheroad** (Falstaff), Sorenson; **Randi's Man** (Goldlust), P. Valenzuela; **Venus Genus** (Lord Gaylord), Delahoussaye.

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#### Saturday, Hialeah:

**BLACK HELEN H.-GII**, \$200,000, f/m, 3yo/up, 1 1/8mT

**Irving's Girl** (Badger Land) worked five furlongs over the Hialeah turf in 1:03 yesterday. "That's exactly what I wanted," said Randy Schulhofer, assistant to trainer Scotty Schulhofer. "She went the last quarter in :24 2/5. All we can do now is wait for the race." The Black Helen will set the stage for a rematch between **Cox Orange** (Tremolino) and Irving's Girl, who finished one-two in the GIII Suwannee River H. at Gulfstream in February. Since that matchup, Irving's Girl has won a turf allowance and Cox Orange has taken two additional grass stakes, including the Hialeah Budweiser Breeders' Cup in her last start April 2. "We beat Cox Orange before, at 1 1/8-miles (in the GIII Athenia H. at Aqueduct Oct. 18), so we should be in good shape," Schulhofer added. Also pointing to the event are MGSW **Alice Springs** (Val de l'Orne {FR}), SW **PJ Floral** (Baldski) and **Apolda** (Theatrical {IRE}).

#### News Continued.

#### SERENA'S SONG COULD GO EITHER WAY

Robert Lewis, co-owner of **Serena's Song** (Rahy) along with his wife Beverly, yesterday left open the possibility that the Jim Beam S. winner could start in the Kentucky Derby. Lewis said that while he is still inclined to run the filly in the Kentucky Oaks, she will be entered in both the Oaks and the Derby, and the final decision will be left up to trainer D. Wayne Lukas. "At this time, Beverly and I feel strongly toward the Kentucky Oaks," said Lewis. "(Wayne) has managed the filly in such excellent fashion and, for that reason alone, will certainly continue to manage her and he will make the final decision."

**SEA CADET EUTHANIZED** Three-time Grade I-winning millionaire **Sea Cadet** (Bolger) sustained a fracture of the right front cannon bone while turned out in his paddock Sunday morning. On the advice of veterinarian Dr. Larry Bramlage of Rood and Riddle Equine Hospital, he was humanely destroyed. "There was no hope to treat the fracture," said Dr. Bramlage. "The horse sustained a severely comminuted open fracture. There simply was no way to repair the fracture and save the horse." Seven-year-old Sea Cadet was bred and raced in the colors of Mr. Verne H. Winchell's Oakwind Farm. He caught the public's attention not only because of his racing ability, but also because of his unusually short tail. An eight-time stakes-winner of \$1,807,150, Sea Cadet's Grade I victories came in the Donn H., the Meadowlands Cup H. and the Gulfstream Park H., all in 1992. At the time of his death, he was in his first year of stallion duty at Payson Stud in Lexington, Kentucky. "This is the most devastating thing to happen since we've been in the stallion business. It'll be a long time until Jesse (his handler) and the rest of us get over this," said Dean Grimm, president of Payson Stud.

#### CHICK LANG JOINS JOCKEYS' GUILD ADVISORY BOARD

Longtime horse-racing enthusiast "Chick" Lang, 68, has been named to the advisory board of the Jockeys' Guild. The Guild represents over 1,000 riders nationwide and provides health, life and accident insurance for its members. Lang, currently a racing analyst for WBAL radio in Baltimore and industry-relations coordinator for United Tote, becomes one of only five people serving on the advisory board. "At a time when racing needs to pull together for the good of the sport, Chick is a perfect choice for our board," said John Giovanni, national manager-secretary of the Guild. "He has ties to all facets of racing. It's amazing just how much knowledge he brings to the table." Lang has formerly served as a trainer and jockey agent, as well as director of racing and general manager of Pimlico.



## F • L • O • R • I • D • A R E P O R T

#### Local News:

John Franks announced yesterday that effective May 1, James A. (Jim) Scott will be joining Franks Farms-Southland Division in Ocala, Florida as Farm Manager. Scott has served as director of horse operations for the last eight years at Flying M Acres. In 1993, he was voted Farm Manager of the Year by the Florida Thoroughbred Farm Managers Club.



## F • O • R • E • I • G • N R E P O R T

### Yesterday's Result:

**PRIX LORD SEYMOUR**, \$50,628, Longchamp, France, 4-11, 4yo/up, 1 1/2mT, 2:33, gd.

1--**TOT OU TARD (IRE)**, 123, h, 5, **Robellino--She's My Lovely (GB)**, by **Sharpo (GB)**. O/B-Ecurie Kura; T-J. Foresi; J-E. Saint-Martin; \$29,289.

2--**Danseur Landais (GB)**, 123, c, 4, **Damister--Rise and Fall (GB)**, by **Mill Reef**. O-S. Magaideche; \$10,042.

3--**Petralona**, 120, f, 4, **Alleged--Media Luna (GB)**, by **Star Appeal (IRE)**. O-Khalid Abdullah; \$6,276.  
Margins: 1, 4, head.

\*This race was originally scheduled to be run Thursday, April 6, but was held over due to last week's strike at Longchamp.

### American-Bred Winners in France:

**Piquetnol**, f, 3, **Private Account--Aviance (IRE)** (G1-Ire), by **Northfields**. Saint-Cloud, 4-10, **Prix Timandra**, 3yo, f, 1mT, \$17,782 to winner. O-S. Niarchos; B-Flaxman Holdings Ltd.; T-John Hammond.

\*MGSP-Fr. \*\*Full to **Chimes of Freedom (G1-Ire)**, G1-Eng, \$503,431 and ½ to **Imperfect Circle (SW-Eng)**, \$117,448, by **Riverman**.

**Parme**, c, 4, **Blushing Groom (FR)--Petroleuse (IRE)** (G3-Eng), by **Habitat**. Saint-Cloud, 4-10, **Prix de l'Esplanade H.**, 4yo/up, 1 1/2mT, \$28,243 to winner. O-D. Wildenstein; B-Allez France Stables Ltd.; T-E. Lellouche. \*1/2 to **Provins (GIII)**, \$235,863, by **Chief's Crown** and **Peinture Bleue (GII-N.A.)**, SW-Fr, \$140,246, by **Alydar**.

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### ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

**8th-PIM**, \$24,000, 4yo/up, 1 1/16m, 1:45 1/5, ft.  
**BRILLIANT PATRIOT** (c, 4, **Marine Brass--Brilliant Cadet**, by **Brilliant Protege**) Lifetime Record: 14-5-2-2, \$68,245. O-Elaine L. Bassford. B-Mrs. Julie Bassford Collison (MD). T-King T. Leatherbury. \*1/2 to **Second Lieutenant (MSP)**, \$209,304, by **Thirty Eight Paces**).

**8th-PHA**, \$21,780, 4yo/up, f/m, 5 1/2f, 1:03 4/5, ft.  
**TRAVEL GUIDE** (m, 6, **Deputed Testamony--Baby Chris**, by **Quadratic**) Lifetime Record: 67-14-12-8, \$156,002. O-Red "S" Ranch. B-Bob Goldstein (PA). T-T.J. Miller.

**7th-PHA**, \$21,000, 4yo/up, 6f, 1:09, ft.  
**SMOOCH ME BABA** (g, 6, **El Baba--Smoochie**, by **Medieval Man**) Lifetime Record: 42-12-6-3, \$116,342. O-South Hill Farm. B-Tonya Moran (FL). T-Guadalupe Preciado.

**4th-PIM**, \$19,600, 3yo/up, f/m, 5 1/2f, 1:04 3/5, ft.  
**LETSRACEBUCKEROOS** (m, 5, **Roo Art--Racing Protege**, by **Brilliant Protege**) Lifetime Record: 33-9-2-10, \$102,945. O-William B. Delp. B-Forkview Farm (MD). T-Richard W. Delp. \*MSP.

**7th-PIM**, \$17,500, 3yo, f, 1 1/16m, 1:46 1/5, ft.  
**DOUBLE SAWBUCK** (f, 3, **Spend a Buck--Double Gates {SP}**, by **Sovereign Dancer**) Lifetime Record: 16-2-0-2, \$25,130. O-Guy B. Snowden. B-Four Horsemen's Ranch (FL). T-J. Edwin Salzman Jr.

**5th-PHA**, \$17,120, 3yo/up, f/m, a1m70yd, 1:43 3/5, ft.  
**ACA ROSE** (f, 4, **Acaroid--Peace Rose**, by **Valid Appeal**) Lifetime Record: 23-3-7-4, \$52,875. O-Manhatoga Stable. B-Ocala Stud Farms (FL). T-Faustino F. Ramos. \*Won by DQ.

**8th-HIA**, \$15,000, 4yo/up, a1 1/8mT, 1:48 2/5, fm.  
**WILD LUCK** (g, 5, **Wild Again--Debonair Lass**, by **Lucky Debonair**) Lifetime Record: 24-4-5-3, \$37,071. O-Peartree Stable. B-Don Cochonour & Calumet Farm (IL). T-Harry Benson. \*1/2 to **Mile High Lady (SW)**, \$161,322, by **Great Above**).

### MAIDEN WINNERS:

**Grayson Bay**, g, 2, **Medieval Man--Olden Jet**, by **Tri Jet**. HIA, 4-11, 3f, :33 2/5. B-Sandra M. Kite (Fl).  
**Insideangle**, c, 3, **Allen's Prospect--Table Angle**, by **Angle Light**. PHA, 4-11, 6 1/2f, 1:17. B-Frank T. Batten (NC). \*Won by DQ. \*\*Full to **Proangle (MSP)**, \$127,344).

**Come On Sparkplug**, c, 3, **Carr de Naskra--Bonnie Thames**, by **Bonnie Tim**. FLX, 4-11, 4 1/2f, :53. B-Kathleen M. O'Connell (Ny).

**Thirty Good Ones**, c, 4, **Clever Trick--Cup of Honey** (SW, \$113,305), by **Raise a Cup**. HIA, 4-11, a1 1/16mT, 1:43. B-Hurstland Farm, Inc. (Ky). \*\$32,000 yrl '92 **KEESEP**; \$122,000 2yo '93 **FTFFEB**. \*\*1/2 to **Truth Of It All (Ch. 2yo Colt in Canada, GIII)**, \$340,302, by **Proud Truth**).

**DJ's Bouncer**, g, 4, **The Hague--Tidy Dancer**, by **Snap Pigeon Snap**. PHA, 4-11, 7f, 1:23 1/5. B-John Canonie & Darlene Born (Mi).

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.



# W • R • I • T • E • R • S U P

## KING RICHARD OF ILLINOIS

by: Neil Milbert

His favorite roost is in the far end of the uncrowded Sportsman's Park grandstand, just above the railbirds and a little more than halfway down the track's long stretch.

This is the throne of Chicago's King Richard.

Richard Hazelton didn't win 18 Sportsman's training titles and more than 4,000 races in his career by rubbing elbows with the ritzy. Beginning in 1978, he won Sportsman's championships for 10 consecutive years and set a track record by sending out 59 winners in 1981.

Hazelton's domain also extends to Arlington International Racecourse, where he has won seven championships, and Hawthorne Race Course, where he saddled a record 48 winners in 1986 (a record equalled by Tommy Tomillo two years later).

He is a man of few words who has a way with Thoroughbreds. Racing has changed radically since 1972, when he won his first Sportsman's championship, and so have the racehorses he has to work with. But he has adapted.

Back then, the Chicago Thoroughbred season began in early April and ended Thanksgiving week. Hazelton would spend his winters at Turf Paradise; his equine entourage included a stellar array of stakes horses, the likes of Zip Pocket, Full Pocket, Moon splash, Colorado City and Crafty Drone.

"Zip Pocket held three world records," reminisces Hazelton. "Full Pocket won 18 stakes. One year, Colorado City won a five-and-a-half furlong sprint and came back three or four days later to win at a mile and seventy yards."

Perhaps the most unforgettable Hazelton horse from the 1970's was the grand old gelding Maxwell G. He was retired after recording a win and a place in seven starts at age 16 in 1977. Over the years, Maxwell G. often was claimed but no other trainer could find the secret to making him successful. Hazelton would reclaim him or buy him back and then resume taking him to the winner's circle.

In 1984, Hazelton saddled the 1-2-3 finishers in Sportsman's Gill National Jockey Club H.; the horses, Prince Forli, Full Flame and Super Card, never changed positions during the course of the nine-furlong race. Hazelton watched from his roost in the grandstand, let

his groom do the honors in the winner's circle, and was headed for the parking lot when reporters caught up to him.

By then, the Chicago circuit had expanded its racing year to 10 1/2 months. Eventually, Hazelton came to the conclusion that it was no longer economically feasible to try to be the dominant trainer at both Sportsman's and Turf Paradise. "It used to cost me \$200 to \$300 a horse when I flew them all in from Phoenix," he remembers. "Last time I flew a horse from there, it cost me \$2,100.

"My owners who had the stakes horses all got old at once and they didn't want to spend money on those kind of horses any more. And then they started dying."

So Hazelton had to make do with claimers. New owners began seeking his services, and gradually Illinois-breds became the backbone of his stable.

"I've got 40 horses at Sportsman's and darn near all of them are Illinois-breds," says Hazelton. "I don't even claim anymore. I used to claim 50-60 a year; I'd go back out to New Mexico and Colorado every summer to claim more horses to run in Chicago. Last year I probably claimed two or three horses.

"Right now, Arno's Arrow (a former claimer keeping allowance company) probably is the best horse in my barn."

Typically, Hazelton was unaware when he won his 4,000th race last year at Sportsman's. "When we got to Arlington, they told me that they thought I was almost there and they wanted to make a big deal out of it when it happened," Hazelton says with a chuckle. "A couple of days later they told me that they'd checked it out and I already was over 4,000.

"I didn't have any idea when it happened. I called my friend, Don Grisham (the former Daily Racing Form columnist) down in Arkansas, and he was able to give me my numbers through 1993. I counted up the horses I had won with (in 1994) and it turned out that Nietzsche and the bug boy, Romero Torres, did it for me in the middle of the Sportsman's meeting."

The 63-year-old Phoenix native, who began his racing career as a jockey and was the leading rider at the Mexican track Agua Caliente in 1945, has no regrets about foregoing the sunshine of Turf Paradise to train horses in the often bitter cold of Chicago during December, January, February and March.

"I went to Oaklawn Park a couple of years but I decided it was best if I stayed here all year," said Hazelton. "It was costing too much to ship, and my son, Scott, started school. I didn't think it would be good for him if I kept going back and forth.

"This is home. I would never go back to Phoenix. I love it here. When I die, they'll probably bury me in the centerfield at Sportsman's."