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DIFFIDENT TO GUINEAS Diffident (Nureyev), impressive winner of last week's European Free H. at Newmarket, will take his chance against **Celtic Swing (GB)** (Damister) in the 2000 Guineas May 6. The Sheikh Mohammed-owned colt, a stablemate of second-favourite **Pennekamp** (Bering {GB}), had been considered more likely to try the French equivalent or be campaigned at sprint distances. But, following an assessment of recent Classic trials, the Sheikh has decided on a two-pronged challenge against Saturday's Greenham S. hero. "Today, the Sheikh has confirmed that, barring unforeseen circumstances, both Diffident and Pennekamp will run in the English 2000 Guineas," the Sheikh's racing manager, Anthony Stroud, said yesterday. Latest betting on the Newmarket Classic is: 8-11 Celtic Swing, 9-2 Pennekamp, 5-1 Diffident, 7-1 **Sri Pekan** (Red Ransom), 10-1 **Bahri** (Riverman), 16-1 **Painter's Row (Ire)** (Royal Academy), 20-1 others.

DOUBTS OVER DISTANT VIEW Distant View (Mr. Prospector), officially rated Europe's top three-year-old miler last season, has suffered an injury which threatens to end his career. The Henry Cecil-trained winner of the '94 GI Sussex S. was found to be lame after a routine workout on Newmarket's gallops. His connections are still evaluating the extent of the injury, but it has already meant withdrawal from his intended 1995 debut in this Friday's GI Sandown Mile and may hasten his retirement to stud. "We are not sure how serious it is yet, but he has some swelling in a tendon," said Cecil. "It may just be bruising. We will have to see what the vets' test show us."

GENUINE RISK IN FOAL TO CHIEF HONCHO **Genuine Risk** (Exclusive Native), the second filly ever to win the Kentucky Derby who again made headlines two years ago when she delivered her first live foal at the age of 16, has been pronounced in foal to **Chief Honcho** (Chief's Crown). Barren for '94 and '95, the now-18-year-old mare was bred to the GISW just once, February 19. Her two-year-old, named **Genuine Reward** (Rahy), is currently in training with Bill Mott's Saratoga division, and will be pointed for a career debut at that track this summer or at Belmont Park in the fall.

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TRIPLE THREAT NOTES

Eltish (Cox's Ridge) is scheduled to board a plane for Louisville this weekend to keep his date in the May 6 Kentucky Derby, according to Grant Pritchard-Gordon, racing manager for Prince Khalid Abdullah's Juddmonte Farms. Despite his third-place finish in Thursday's Feilden S. at Newmarket, "we're making every plan as if we're coming, but it is still subject to final confirmation from the owner," said Pritchard-Gordon. "If everything goes according to plan, he'll ship out this weekend." Pritchard-Gordon also indicated that Eddie Delahoussaye would ride the colt in the Derby. While Corey Nakatani had been mentioned as a possible Derby jockey, **Serena's Song's** (Rahy) uncertain status had led them to line up another rider.

The Team Lukas filly was out on the sloppy Churchill strip early yesterday morning, breezing six furlongs in 1:15 1/5 with jockey Donna Barton in the saddle. Whether she runs in the Oaks or the Derby, Lukas said, "She's giving every indication she'll be plenty tight." Stable-mate **Timber Country** (Woodman) worked seven furlongs Monday in 1:25 3/5, galloping out the mile in 1:39 4/5. "I was very pleased with the way he got over the track," said his rider, Pat Day. "He looks like a million dollars. He's training well and he's ready to run a big race. He should have a lot to say in the outcome." Lukas charge **Thunder Gulch** (Gulch) was also on Monday's Churchill work tab, going three-quarters in 1:14.

Santa Anita Derby runner-up **Afternoon Deelites** (Private Terms) went six furlongs 1:14 as well; trainer Richard Mandella was pleased with the move. "The other day we never let him pick it up, but today we let him pick it up at the eighth pole to the wire," he said. "He looked very good--but he always looks good to me. It's a tough field (for the Derby), but I think I'm tough."

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Triple Threats cont.

Trainer Gary Lewis has received some criticism for sticking with jockey G.F. Almeida for his Derby runner, **Jumron (GB)** (Sharpo {GB}), but he said, "My rider has a lot of talent. I've never had a rider who could tell you more about a horse. The way I see it, I've never been to Louisville, the horse has never been to Louisville, and the rider and the owner have never been here either, so as a team we'll all stick together and have some fun."

LAST WEEK ON THE TRIPLE CROWN TRAIL

Two more Derby contenders emerged from the last major weekend of Derby preps. **Dazzling Falls** (Taylor's Falls), winner of the Remington Park Derby with blinkers on, made it two in a row with a comfortable victory in the GII Arkansas Derby and will van to Churchill today. As for the rest of the field, runner-up **Fitch** (Demons Begone) is likely to look for a softer spot. "He is just starting to come together mentally--I think he will be a much better horse later on. I am suggesting to the owners that Fitch pass the Kentucky Derby," said his trainer, Bill Badgett, Jr., who mentioned the Ohio Derby as an alternative. **On Target** (Forty Niner), third, will head back to California and take a break before getting ready for the Affirmed H. at Hollywood July 2. **Mystery Storm** (Storm Bird), who suffered his first loss of the year finishing fifth in the race, will skip the Derby but could rejoin the chase later on the trail. "We tried to dance too many dances here," said his trainer, Larry Robideaux Jr., from Oaklawn after the race. "We will van to Louisville--if he bounces back as well as he usually does, we might think about the Preakness." **Celestial Star** (Risen Star), seventh at Oaklawn, may wish he'd tried a little harder. Said his trainer, Scott Newcomb, "My colt has a lot of ability, but he doesn't have his mind on racing. I am asking Dr. J (owner K.K. Jayaraman) for permission to geld him."

The other Derby candidate from this weekend's racing will be **Mecke** (Maudlin), who will try to become the first Derby winner to use Hialeah's grassy Citation S. as his final prep.

At Keeneland, **Star Standard** (Risen Star) picked up his first stakes win in the GII Lexington, but trainer Nick Zito has already said the colt will miss the Derby and possibly point for the Preakness instead; that is also the probable plan of trainer Bill Boniface, who saddled **Oliver's Twist** (Horatius) to victory in the GIII Federico Tesio S. Saturday at Pimlico, although Boniface has not completely ruled out a run for the roses. **Western Echo** (Eastern Echo), runner-up by a neck in the Tesio, will be going to Sportsman's Park for the May 13 Illinois Derby.

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HORSEMEN'S BLOODSTOCK SALE WRAP-UP

Horsemen's Bloodstock concluded its inaugural Two-Year-olds in Training Sale at the Classic Mile in Ocala Sunday night, posting an increase in average and a decline in horses not sold over the opening session. A total of 33 hips were sold for \$429,500 Sunday, an average of \$13,015; the average for the two-day sale was \$12,778. Twenty horses were listed as not sold. "Over all, we're pleased," said HBS Vice President and General Manager Josh Taylor. "Our intent was to establish ourselves in Florida, and we certainly did that. We are planning to conduct more sales at this venue in the future." The sales topper was **Seattle Stepper**, a colt by Metfield--Step n Miss (Baldos); consigned by Diamond S Farm, agent, he was purchased for \$40,000 by Thomas McGreevey, agent for James Kintz.

◆ SO. CALIFORNIA ◆

Local News: Santa Anita

Larry The Legend (Local Talent), recovering well from knee surgery at Santa Anita, may be off the Triple Crown trail, but he has not been forgotten. The colt has been receiving fan mail at a steady rate. "I can't even keep count," said his owner/trainer Craig Lewis. "It's just unbelievable. If somebody told me a story like this, I'd think it was a fairy tale."

Yesterday's Results:

SAN JACINTO H., \$102,300, SAX, 4-24, 4yo/up, 1 1/4m, 2:00 2/5, ft.

1--**#LET'S BE CURIOUS, 116, c, 4, Air Forbes Won--Margaret's Hope (SW, \$118,073), by Cormorant.** (\$50,000 yrl '92 KEESEP). O-Plato & Wistaria Racing Stables; B-Greely John J III (KY); T-Bob Baffert; J-K Desormeaux; \$59,800. Lifetime Record: 18-4-3-3, \$189,785.

2--**Regal Rowdy, 117, h, 6, Cozzene--Selection, by T. V. Lark.** O-Arthur G & Larry G Risdon; \$20,000.

3--**Screaming Don, 115, c, 4, Lyphard's Ridge--Scream, by Nostrum.** (\$4,000 yrl '92 FTKSEP). O-Heim D & Said T & Sharp L Z. \$15,000.

Margins: 6, 2, 3HF. Odds: 4.30, 1.50, 4.20.

Making his first start at a mile and a quarter after finishing fourth in the GII San Bernardino H. last time out, Let's Be Curious sat third in this four-horse field to the far turn, then drove past the dueling pacesetters **FRENCHPARK (GB)** (Fools Holme) (4th), who was making his dirt debut at 7-5, and **Screaming Don**, and finished with good energy to win as his rider pleased.
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7th-SAX, \$53,000, Alw, 4yo/up, f/m, a6.5fT, 1:14 3/5, fm.

1--**MISS INTERGREEN**, 110, f, 4, Interco--Miss

Greenview, by **Reflected Glory**. O-Granja Mexico; B-Warwick Family Trust (CA); T-Hector O Palma. Lifetime Record: 11-4-1-1, \$109,145.

2--**Antifreeze**, 115, f, 4, It's Freezing--I'm Really Smokin, by *Golden Eagle II.

3--**Satin Velvet**, 117, f, 4, El Gran Senor--Sateen, by Round Table.

Margins: 2, NK, HD. Odds: 8.20, 7.80, 0.70.

Miss Intergreen, looking for her first win of the year after ending '94 with a pair of Santa Anita allowance victories on turf and dirt, came back off a two-month break and closed to take command from the inside after a half, then put it into overdrive for the stretch run to reward her backers with a \$18.40 payoff. Odds-on Satin Velvet pressed the pace from the start but could not hold off the top two.

◆ MIDWEST ◆

Local News: Illinois

Illinois breeders are sharply divided over changes in the state-bred program proposed by Governor Jim Edgar's Task Force on Illinois Racing. The Task Force has recommended the introduction of owners' awards for Illinois-breds finishing on the board in open company allowance races and claiming races with purses of \$10,000 and up; they have also suggested the creation of a stallion stakes program. While advocates argue that these changes would enhance the quality of Illinois racing, the funding of these programs would mean less money for Illinois-bred restricted races and possibly their eventual elimination. Argued Noel Hickey, the leading breeder in Illinois in '92 and '93 and Arlington International Racecourse's top owner in '90-'93, "This will benefit special interest groups and lower the quality of Illinois racing. The Illinois-bred program has long been considered among the nation's best incentive plans for encouraging a healthy perpetuation of our state-breds while luring breeders who might otherwise have chosen other geographic regions."

FOALING NEWS:

QUEEN'S TURF, 23, Round Table--Good Queen Bess (Bold Ruler)

Foal born 4-10-95, a colt by Bayou Blurr.

Owned by Edition Farm.

Boarded at Blue Stone Farm in Cambridge, NY.

Accomplishments: Dam of Royal Strength (MSW, \$158,770, by Stalwart).

◆ FOREIGN ◆

Weekend Results:

TENNO SHO-GI Jpn, \$3,030,189, Kyoto Race Course, Japan, 4-23, 4yo/up, 2mT, 3:19.90, yld.

1--**RICE SHOWER**, h, 6, Real Shadai--Lilac Point, by Maruzensky. O-Hideo Kuribayashi; B-Utopia Bokujo (Jpn); T-Y Tizuka; J-H Matoba; \$1,604,151.

2--**Stage Champ**, h, 5, Real Shadai--Dyna Actress, by Northern Taste; \$638,585.

3--**Hagino Real King**, h, 5, Real Shadai--Sound, by Danzig; \$395,943.

Margins: NO, 3/4, 1 1/4.

Yesterday's Results:

PRIX SERVANNE, \$50,627, Evry, France, 4-24, 3yo/up, 5.5fT, 1:08.50, hvy.

1--**#WESSAM PRINCE (GB)**, 130, c, 4, Soviet Star--Clare Bridge (GSW-Ire), by Little Current. O-Sheikh Maktoum al Maktoum. B-F. Fabre (GB). T-C. Laffon-Parias. J-W. Swinburn. \$29,288. *MGSP-Fr.

2--**Daring Destiny (GB)**, 127, f, 4, Daring March (GB)--Raunchy Rita (GB), by Brigadier Gerard. \$10,041.

3--**Poplar Bluff (Ire.)**, c, 3, Dowsing--Plum Bleu Pale, by El Gran Senor. \$6,276.

Margins: 1 1/2, hd, 1 1/2.

AMERICAN-BRED WINNERS IN ENGLAND:

Sam Cole, f, 2, **Pirate Army**--Ancora (Ger), by Cortez (Ger). Brighton, 4-24, Sidney Thompson Memorial Maiden Auction S., 5.25fT, \$4,651 to the winner. O-G Catchpole; B-Runnymede Farm; T-B Meehan. *First winner for freshman sire. **Dead-heat.

AMERICAN-BRED WINNERS IN JAPAN:

Field Champ, c, 3, **Halo**--Fieldy (MGSW-NA, GISP-Fr, \$1,210,189), by Northfields. Prix Yukitsubaki, Fukushima, 4-23, 10fT, \$111,904 to the winner. O-Shadai Race Horse. B-Fontainebleau Farm. T-Kazuo Fujisawa.

Taiki Blizzard, c, 4, **Seattle Slew**--Tree of Knowledge, by Sassafras. Tanigawadake S., Fukushima, 4-23, 9fT, \$273,809. O-Taiki Farm. B-H & Y Bloodstock. T-K Fujisawa. *1/2 to Theatrical (Ire) (Nureyev), Ch. Turf Horse, MGISW, \$2,840,500; and North Of Eden (Ire) (Northfields), dam of Paradise Creek (Irish River {Fr}), Ch. Turf Horse, MGISW, \$2,687,513. **\$210,000 wnl '91 KEENOV.

Keiai Pierre, c, 3, **Slew o'Gold**--Veil Dance, by Damascus. O-Morihiro Kameda. B-Gail Beitz. T-Toshibumi Nakajima. Novice Race, Tokyo, 4-23, 6f, \$59,523 to the winner. O-M Kameda. B-Gail Beitz. T-T Nakajima. *\$60,000 yrl '93 KEESSEP; \$100,000 2yo '94 BESMAR.



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ALLOWANCE WINNERS:

4th-SAX, \$47,000, 4yo/up, a6 1/2fT, 1:13 3/5, fm.
STALEY WARRIOR (h, 5, **Staley Don--Really Fancy {GSW}**, by In Reality) Lifetime Record: 33-5-3-6, \$163,415. O/B-Marguerite F & Thomas M Cavanagh (KY). T-Douglas R Peterson.

1st-SAX, \$42,000, 4yo/up, f/m, a6 1/2fT, 1:14 3/5, fm.

SNOWY'S MARK (f, 4, **Mark Chip--Snowy Wings, by Wing Out**) Lifetime Record: 8-2-1-4, \$74,750. O-Scofield Leonard L. B-Rehak, Skinner & Weigel (CA); T-Clifford Sise Jr.

6th-SPT, \$24,200, 3yo/up, 6f, 1:10 4/5, ft.
LADY'S TRAMP (c, 4, **Media Starguest (Ire)--Crown the Lady {MSW, \$169,689}**, by Giboulee) Lifetime Record: 9-4-2-1, \$64,790. O-Crown's Way & Mazzocchi & Rosone. B-Crown's Way, A. Mazzocchi, et al. (IL). T-Gene A Cilio.

8th-SPT, \$23,000, 3yo/up, 1m, 1:39 3/5, ft.
CHANGING BREEZE (c, 4, **Time for a Change--Breeze Me, by Best Turn**) Lifetime Record: 14-4-2-1, \$65,020. O-Away They Go Stable. B-Shirley N. Lathrop (KY). T-Gene A Cilio.

3rd-SPT, \$22,000, 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:13 3/5, ft.
LADY RULER (f, 3, **Gold Ruler--Lady Aristocrat, by Aristocratic**) Lifetime Record: SW, 9-4-1-0, \$46,150. O-Asiel Stable & Debus Vernon R. B-Dr. Vernon R. Debus & Richard W. Radke (IL). T-Richard P Hazelton.

10th-HIA, \$20,000, 4yo/up, 6f, 1:09 2/5, ft.
KYLE'S CODE (c, 4, **Lost Code--Our Pretty Pam, by Big Bluffer**) Lifetime Record: MSP, 17-5-5-3, \$104,507. O/B-John C Sessa (NJ). T-Edward Plesa Jr. *1/2 to Nyabardi (Lombardi), SP, \$225,484.

7th-RET, \$18,000, 4-23, 3yo/up, 1 1/16m, 1:44 2/5, ft.
COLONEL MACMAC (c, 4, **Colonel Power--Great Notrariety, by Great Above**) Lifetime Record: MSW, 24-6-8-0, \$174,275. O/B-Norman Patricia & Robert (La). T-Robert Norman.

MAIDEN WINNERS:

Danzig for Kisses, f, 3, **Corridor Key--Pay in Kisses**, by Explodent. PHA, 4-24, 1m, 1:41 3/5. B-Brunstetter Patricia (Pa). *SP.

Mr. Particulier, c, 3, **Cozzene--Prix Particulier** (SW, \$110,931), by Private Thoughts. SPT, 4-24, 1m, 1:41 1/5. B-Harris Robert (Ky). *\$15,000 yrl '93 KEESEP; \$30,000 2yo 1994 FTMMAY.

Papalote, c, 3, **Eastern Echo--Cleofe**, by *Grey Dawn 2nd. SAX, 4-24, 6f, 1:11. B-Mrs. Charles H. Theriot (Ky). *\$15,000 wnl '92 KEENOV; \$50,000 yrl '93 KEESEP.

Exculpate, f, 3, **For the Moment--Leading Elopement**, by Mr. Leader. SAX, 4-24, 5 1/2f, 1:05 4/5. B-Roge E C Sr (La). *\$9,500 2yo 1994 FTLAPR.

Dr. McQuade, f, 3, **Magic Banner--Dr. Billie**, by Running Scholar. DET, 4-23, 5 1/2f, 1:05 4/5. B-McQuade Michael (Mi).

Enticing Miss, f, 3, **Premiership--Hopeful Liaison**, by Current Hope. HIA, 4-24, 1 1/16m, 1:44 3/5. B-Fernung Brent (Fl). *\$20,000 yrl '93 OBSAUG; \$24,000 2yo 1994 OBSFEB.

According to Cole, c, 4, **D'Accord--Sweet Country Miss**, by Dr. Giddings. FLX, 4-24, 1m, 1:46. B-Iacovelli Lawrence E (Ny).

Kistra Raven, f, 4, **Private Thoughts--Kistra**, by Indian Emerald. DET, 4-23, 5 1/2f, 1:07 3/5. B-Purdy Clare K (Mi).

Water Prospector, h, 6, **Mr. Prospector--Water Crystals** (MSW, \$244,947), by Crystal Water. SAX, 4-24, 1m, 1:37 3/5. B-Robinson J Mack (Ky). *\$500,000 yrl '90 KEEJUL. *1/2 to Track Gossip (Shahrastani), SW, \$115,627.

FOALING NEWS:

ALGHUZAYLAH (IRE), 14, **Habitat--Asian Princess** (GB) (Native Prince).

Foal born 4-11-95, a colt by Nureyev.

Will be bred back to Slew o'Gold.

Boarded at Shadwell Farm in Lexington, Ky.

Accomplishments: Dam of Zaahi (G3-Eng, GSP-Fr, GSP-Ger, SP-N.A., \$267,623, by Slew o'Gold).

COMMITTED, 15, **Hagley--Mistinguette** (Boldnesian).

Foal born 4-11-95, a colt by Strawberry Road (Aus).

Will be bred back to Theatrical (Ire).

Owned by Allen Paulson.

Boarded at Brookside Farm in Versailles, Ky.

Accomplishments: Co-champion sprinter, France;

Champion sprinter, England & Ireland; Champion older mare, France; and MGISW, England & France. Dam of

Committed Dancer (Nijinsky II), SW, Ire.; Pharma

(Theatrical {Ire}), SW, \$134,197.

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