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**SANTA ANITA CONCLUDES WITH RECORD DAILY HANDLE, PURSES** Santa Anita concluded its winter/spring meet Monday with a North American record average handle of over \$11.1 million. The total included \$9.9 million in common pool handle and \$1.2 million of separate pool handle, most notably from the New York off-track betting network, where the Santa Anita signal was received for the first time. The record handle produced a record Santa Anita daily purse distribution of \$399,484. The common pool average for the meeting was up 10.8% from the previous record of \$8.9 million set last year. Total average attendance was down 6.9%, to 28,782, with on-track attendance slipping by the same margin, to 13,006. Kent Desormeaux took the riding title with 112 wins. Bob Baffert won his first leading-trainer crown with 34 victories, while owners Martin and Pam Wygod set a Santa Anita record as their horses won 25 races.

**OCALA FIRST SESSION RESULTS** The Ocala Breeders' Sales Company held the first of four sessions of its Annual Spring Sale of Two-Year-Olds in Training Monday in Ocala, Florida. There were 138 horses sold during the first session for a gross of \$1,851,600. The average of \$13,417 was up 19% from last year's first-session average of \$11,322. The high price of Monday's session, \$75,000, was paid for a New Jersey-bred chestnut colt by Pappa Riccio--Slap Me Five (Five Star Flight). Consigned by Hoppel's Horse & Cattle Co. and purchased by Buzz Chase, agent for Paraneck Stable, the colt had been previously sold at the Fasig-Tipton Midlantic September Yearling Sale for \$8,000. The sale concludes Thursday.

**HAWKSTER FILLY TOPS CANADIAN SALE** The Canadian Thoroughbred Horse Society, British Columbia Division, held its Spring Horses of Racing Age Sale at the Agridome in Vancouver April 22. There were 40 horses sold for a total of \$239,217 and an average of \$5,980, up 12 percent from the 1994 average of \$5,908. The highest price of \$32,404 was paid by The Grande Racing Stable of British Columbia for Lady Hawkster, a dark bay or brown two-year-old filly by Hawkster--Panning For Gold (SW) (Search For Gold). Lady Hawkster was consigned to the sale by Mr. & Mrs. R.J. Bennett.

### Triple Threats Notes:

**Lake George** (Vice Regent) posted a six furlong move in 1:14 4/5 over a fast Churchill Downs track yesterday, galloping out seven-eighths in 1:28 3/5. "He's been training good and doing good," said trainer Mike Orman. "I look to come back Monday or Tuesday and work him five-eighths because you can't give him too much time because he's feeling so good. He's on the muscle. It takes two boys to graze him in the afternoon." Orman may be shopping for a rider for Lake George, who was ridden in his last three starts by two-time Derby winner Eddie Delahoussaye. "I hear that Eddie may be riding one of the European horses," Orman said, "but I'll find somebody."

Arkansas Derby winner **Dazzling Falls** (Taylor's Falls) arrived at Churchill Downs 5:30 Tuesday morning following an uneventful van ride from Oaklawn Park.

Roy Monroe's **Tejano Run** (Tejano), stabled at Keeneland, will ship to Churchill Downs the morning of the Derby. "The last two wins he had we shipped in the day of the race," said trainer Ken McPeck. "We shipped to Turfway from Churchill for the Kentucky Cup Juvenile and then shipped from Churchill to Keeneland for the Breeders' Futurity. When he gets on the van, he knows what's coming and I think that gives us an edge."

Holy Bull S. winner **Royal Mitch** (Homebuilder), second as the 4-5 favorite in Sunday's GII Lexington S. at Keeneland, will not run in the Kentucky Derby, trainer Dennis Ebert reported Tuesday. "He came out of the race fine," Ebert said. "He ran on a lot of heart and courage because he didn't like the (sloppy) racetrack. The Lexington had to be that stepping stone, that proving ground, and it just didn't work out that way. I've got to go into a race thinking I can be one-two-three--and that includes the Kentucky Derby. I don't want to be an also-ran." Ebert added he is pointing Royal Mitch for the \$500,000 Illinois Derby.

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## ◆ MIDWEST ◆

Today, Keeneland:

**FORT HARROD S.-GIII, \$75,000a, 4yo/up, 1mT**

PP HORSE	TRAINER	JOCKEY	Wt
1 Rare Reason	Bindner	P. Johnson	122
2 Bon Point (GB)	Frankel	Nakatani	119
3 Milt's Overture	Puckett	Day	119
4 Little Bro Lantis	Scherer	Barton	119
5 Dove Hunt	Howard	Santos	113
6 Mighty Forum (GB)	Hennig	Bailey	116
7 Camptown Dancer	Flint	Smith	119
8 Night Silence	O'Connor	Perret	116
9 Islefaxyou	P. Kelly	E. Maple	116
10 Road Of War	Regan	Fires	113

Probable favorite **Dove Hunt** (Danzig), back-to-back winner of the GIII Pilgrim S. and GIII Laurel Futurity as a two-year-old, took a Keeneland turf allowance at this distance in his last start April 13. Juddmonte Farms' **Bon Point (GB)** (Soviet Star) was victorious in the GII Col. F.W. Koester H. at Santa Anita in his most recent effort October 16. The five-year-old drilled a bullet five furlongs in 1:00 2/5 at Keeneland April 23 in preparation for his return.

**\$47,000 ALLOWANCE, 4yo/up, f/m, 7f**

Inside Information (Private Account), who notched five straight victories last year including the GI Ashland S. and GI Acorn S., is slated to make her four-year-old debut in Keeneland's seventh race today. The \$47,000 allowance has attracted five other entrants including stakes-winners **Scoop the Gold** (Forty Niner), **Meryl's Myth** (Lion d'Or) and **Traverse City** (Halo).

## ◆ FOREIGN ◆

**Stakes Results:**

**SWEETPEA S.**, \$538,452, Tokyo Racecourse, Japan, 4-23, 3yo, fillies, 9fT, 1:49.50, fm.

1--**IBUKI NEW STAR (JPN)**, f, 3, **Nijinsky II--Regal Endeavour (SP-Fr)**, by Roberto. O-Ibuki Co., Ltd.; B-Hayata Bokujou Niikappu Shijo; T-Kojiro Hashiguchi; J-Shinji Fujita; \$284,595.

2--**Tsukino Roman**, f, 3, Mill George--Shiyono Roman, by Lead Wonder; \$113,285.

3--**Secret Eye**, f, 3, Assatis--Reality Ai, by Par Flite; \$70,928.

Margins: 1/2, neck, head.

\*Winner is 1/2 to Rayonnante (G3-Fr, by Tilt Up).

**PREMIO BOTTICELLI**, \$40,216, Rome, Italy, 4-25, 3yo, 10fT, 2:09.80, hy.

1--**RED PAPER (ITY)**, 123, c, 3, **Emmson (Ire)--Gold Slipper (GB)**, by **Glint of Gold (GB)**. O/T-F. Manganelli; B-Razza della Sila SRL; J-B. Jovine; \$22,342.

2--**Blu Minimambo**, 123, c, 3, Mogambo--Whose Available, by Tri Jet. O-Scuderia Blu Horse SRL; \$9,831. (\$4,500 yrlg '93 OBSAUG).

3--**Big River (ITY)**, 123, c, 3, Love The Groom--Boscher Queen (Ity), by Ela-Mana-Mou. O-Bernardini & Martellino; \$5,362. Margins: 1/2, 2 1/2, 1/2.

**American-Bred Winners in England:**

**Worldnews Extra**, c, 3, **Elmaamul--Wrap It Up (IRE)**, by Mount Hagen (Fr). Pontefract, 4-25, Amec Developments Maiden, 10fT, 3yo, \$4,914 to winner. O-Prince Fahd Salman; B-Raymond Mould; T-Paul Cole. \*\$45,000 wnlg '92 KEENOV.

**Florid**, c, 4, **The Minstrel--Kenanga (GB)** (SP-Eng), by Kris (GB). Pontefract, 4-25, Wakefield Eurosport Agents S., 10fT, 4yo/up, \$8,216 to winner. O/B-Lord Howard de Walden; T-Henry Cecil. \*SP-Eng.

## B • R • E • E • D • E • R • S E D I T I O N

**ALLOWANCE RESULTS:**

**6th-PIM**, \$19,600, 3yo/up, 6f, 1:11 1/5, ft.

**ASSET IMPRESSION** (g, 5, **Sitzmark--It's a Mitsubishi {Ire} {GSP-Ire}**, by **Royal Match {GB}**) Lifetime Record: 36-5-13-7, \$139,246. O/B-Morris Bailey (FL). T-Edmond D. Gaudet. \*GSP.

**8th-PIM**, \$18,000, 3yo/up, f/m, 5 1/2f, 1:06 3/5, ft. **FOXCROFT SISTER** (f, 4, **Lord Gaylord--Foxcroft Value {SP}**, by **Real Value**) Lifetime Record: 4-3-0-1, \$32,061. O-Rivermoore Stables. B-David P. Reynolds (MD). T-Ronald A. Alfano. \*SP.

**10th-HIA**, \$17,600, 4yo/up, f/m, a1 1/8mT, 1:49 1/5, fm.

**LIL'S CUP OF SOUP** (f, 4, **Stalwart--Minestrone**, by **Minnesota Mac**) Lifetime Record: 10-3-0-2, \$44,880. O-Wendy Dwoskin. B-Born to Win Thoroughbred Farm, Inc. (FL). T-Sтивен Dwoskin. \*1/2 to Prima Roma (SW), \$124,143, by Princely Pleasure).

**8th-PHA**, \$16,000, 4yo/up, 7f, 1:23 3/5, ft.

**BLITZ THE PASS** (g, 9, **Pass the Tab--Cushy**, by **Tentam**) Lifetime Record: 117-21-20-18, \$174,613. O/T-Gary F. Santucci. B-Beth & Ray Clifton (KY).

**MAIDEN WINNER:**

**Kate D'Kate**, f, 3, **D'Accord--Smart Kate**, by Smarten. FLX, 4-25, 5f, 1:02 2/5. B-David Knisely (Ny). \*\$13,500 2yo 1994 SARHRA.

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# W • R • I • T • E • R • S U P

## THE EXPERTS PICK THE TOP FRESHMEN SIRES OF '95

by: Sue Finley

The period from retirement until the first runners hit the track is a long time to wait for the answer to the question: what kind of sire will this horse be? While the arrival of the first foals, the weanlings' development and his first progeny's sales performance are all early indicators, no one is really sure who will catch fire and who will sizzle until the starting gate opens.

Who will come out on top? We asked experts from different ends of the industry to make their selections and found some surprising differences--and similarities.

### Jack Werk - Werk Thoroughbred Consultants

"What counts as success is largely defined by expectations," says Werk. "In that sense, stud fee, not pedigree and not race record, is the most important single variable to success, or at least to its perception."

Taken in that light, his top pick for freshman sire of 1995, Summer Squall (Storm Bird) is priced conservatively, and answers all the questions, says Werk. "Two key indicators of a stallion's potential at stud are pedigree and performance. Summer Squall is blessed with both," said Werk. "Storm Bird is rapidly becoming recognized as a 'sire of sires,' and has a bottom line as strong as they come. Although Summer Squall was passed over twice for championship honors, we expect to see him daylight the field in the race for freshman sire honors."

#### Predictions:

- 1) **Summer Squall** (Storm Bird), Lane's End Farm, \$25,000: pedigree, performance: he has it all.
- 2) **Black Tie Affair** (Miswaki), Vinery, \$15,000: Durable sprinter to router could give top choice a run for his money.
- 3) **Quiet American** (Fappiano), Gainsborough Farm, \$10,000: Versatile runner with intense inbreeding could prove surprise of the year.

**BEST VALUE: Polish Numbers** (Danzig), Northview Stallion Station, \$3,500: All-star breeding and flashes of on-track excellence.

### John Kimmel, Trainer

A perennial top buyer at the spring two-year-old sales, Kimmel was most impressed this spring by Cahill Road, and even bought two of his own by the sire.

"They showed well," said Kimmel. "They had top conformational attributes, they breezed very well and had terrific cardiac profiles." Kimmel recalls liking Cahill Road equally well as a racehorse. "He ran a tremendous race in the Wood--the best three-year-old race of the year. He's a big, powerful horse by a sire line that seems to be carrying itself on."

#### Predictions:

- 1--**Cahill Road** (Fappiano) Gainesway Farm, \$7,500.
- 2--**Summer Squall** (Storm Bird), Lane's End Farm, \$25,000: Showed very well at the sales, and have

been handling their early training well.

3--**Black Tie Affair** (Miswaki), Vinery, \$15,000. Breeders' Cup runner in two different divisions, competing in the Sprint and winning the Classic later on.

**BEST VALUE: Cahill Road** (Fappiano). "Here's a horse standing for \$7,500 that I thought enough of to spend six figures on two of his two-year-olds," said Kimmel. "That's serious value."

### James Delahooke, Bloodstock Agent

One of Europe's top bloodstock agents and the man who purchased Dancing Brave at auction along with 17 other Group I winners, Delahooke also chose younger brother against older, making Cahill Road his top pick for freshman sire of '95. "It shouldn't be that way around, perhaps," said Delahooke, "but it's an inexact science. I thought Cahill Road had an awful lot of very nice horses who looked like racing horses, looked like they would make two-year-olds. I thought they were outstanding. He had a lot of big horses, but Fappiano was big and it didn't stop them."

#### Predictions:

- 1--**Cahill Road** (Fappiano) Gainesway Farm, \$7,500. Combination of speed and precocity. "I even bought one and brought him back to Europe."
  - 2--**Housebuster** (Mt. Livermore) Jonabell Farm, \$20,000. Quite a number of progeny were getting a second look.
  - 3--**Unbridled** (Fappiano) Gainesway Farm, \$20,000. Could overtake little brother in the long haul.
- BEST VALUE: Cahill Road** (Fappiano).

## QUICK PICKS FROM OTHER EXPERTS...

### Bill Oppenheim, Racing Update:

- 1--**Housebuster** (Mt. Livermore), Jonabell, \$20,000.
  - 2--**Hansel** (Woodman), Gainsborough, \$30,000.
  - 3--**Farma Way** (Marfa), Vinery, \$5,000.
- BEST VALUE: Quiet American** (Fappiano), Gainsborough, \$10,000.

### Sid Fernando, Bloodstock Editor, Daily Racing Form:

- 1--**Farma Way** (Marfa), Vinery, \$5,000.
  - 2--**Housebuster** (Mt. Livermore), Jonabell, \$20,000.
  - 3--**Polish Numbers** (Danzig), Northview Stallion Station, \$3,500.
- BEST VALUE: Double Negative** (Mr. Prospector), The Stallion Park, \$2,500.

### Reiley McDonald, Eaton-Williams

- 1--**Unbridled** (Fappiano), Gainesway, \$25,000
  - 2--**Black Tie Affair** (Miswaki), Vinery, \$15,000
  - 3--**Summer Squall** (Storm Bird), Lane's End, \$25,000
- BEST VALUE: Corporate Report** (Private Account), Overbrook, \$6,000.

### Ben Taylor, Taylor Made Farms

- 1--**Summer Squall** (Storm Bird), Lane's End, \$25,000
  - 2--**Black Tie Affair** (Miswaki), Vinery, \$15,000
  - 3--**Quiet American** (Fappiano), Gainsborough, \$10,000
- BEST VALUE: Deposit Ticket** (Northern Baby), Overbrook, \$3,500.