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**CIGAR TO MASS 'CAP** Trainer Bill Mott confirmed yesterday that **Cigar** (Palace Music), winner of Saturday's GI Pimlico Special, will make his next start in the June 3 \$250,000 Massachusetts H. "Anything can happen in three weeks, but barring any unforeseen incidents, we'll be in Boston for the Mass 'Cap," said Mott from his Belmont Park base. "The horse came back from Pimlico fine. He seems to have come out of the race in good shape." Cigar will be running for a \$500,000 bonus, awarded to a horse who sweeps the Gulfstream Park H., Oaklawn H., Pimlico Special and Massachusetts H. This year's 56th renewal of the Mass 'Cap will be the first since Suffolk Downs closed in 1989. The track was reopened in 1992 under new management.

**BARRETT'S FIRST SESSION RESULTS** Barretts Equine Ltd. held the first of two sessions of its Spring Sale of Two-Year-Olds in Training Monday in Pomona, California. The highest price of \$110,000 was paid by Edward Nahem for **Fromtheseatohesky**, a dark bay or brown filly by Skywalker--Cloudy Seas (\*Grey Dawn II). Consigned to the sale by Bruno De Berdt, agent, the California-bred filly is out of a half-sister to MGI winner Flying Paster. Overall, 107 two-year-olds were sold for a gross of \$1,995,800 and an average of \$18,652.

**CRAIG LEWIS IS TOBA OWNER OF THE MONTH** Craig A. Lewis, owner/trainer of GI Santa Anita Derby winner **Larry the Legend** (Local Talent), was named the Thoroughbred Owners and Breeders' Association Owner of the Month for April. Lewis also owns and trains **Bee El Tee** (Known Fact), winner of the Pirate Cove S. over the Santa Anita turf in March and most recently third in the Gill Will Rogers Breeders' Cup H. at Hollywood Park. Since claiming his first horse for \$10,000 in 1981, Lewis has trained about 20 stakes winners including Cutlass Reality, Music Merci and Our Sweet Sham. His two most recent stakes winners, Larry the Legend and Bee El Tee, were purchased for \$2,500 and \$4,500 respectively after the former owner, one of Lewis's clients, declared bankruptcy and in settlement for overdue training bills, Lewis received a credit from the court to purchase the horses he trained.

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**CITADEED OUT OF PREAKNESS** An infection in the left front leg of **Citadeed** (Shadeed), described by trainer Richard Violette as "certainly not career-threatening," will keep the colt away from the races for at least a week, forcing him to miss Saturday's Preakness S. "There's no fracture, all the bones and ligaments are fine, but it is certainly very painful," said Violette. "The Preakness is out, but if things go right we'd consider the Belmont." The leg problem appeared for the first time yesterday morning. "We took the bandages off and he had a very slight inflammation. As you stood back and watched, the thing grew like it was bread rising. But it's not tragic. We're much better off finding out before we get there." Violette would like to run Citadeed in Belmont's Peter Pan S. Memorial Day weekend, but visa problems for the European-based colt may preclude entry there. "The permit is pretty specific, that he is supposed to run in the Triple Crown races," said the trainer. "I did nominate him for the Peter Pan, but I'd need a waiver from the (United States Department of Agriculture) and I don't know how open-minded they'd be."

**TEJANO RUN, MYSTERY STORM BREEZE AT PIMLICO** Trainer Kenny McPeck told jockey Donnie Miller Jr. to give Kentucky Derby runner-up **Tejano Run** (Tejano) an easy half-mile breeze in :48 Tuesday morning at Pimlico, and that's exactly what he did as the colt completed his final major work before Saturday's Preakness S. The chestnut galloped out the five furlongs in 1:02 4/5. "It wouldn't be any problem for him to go :46 if you wanted to," McPeck said. "Most breezes, there's nothing to be gained or lost. You just want to keep him at an even keel." Miller added, "(Tejano Run) really wasn't paying attention early. He was looking around. When we turned for home, he settled down and did it without asking." David Beard's **Mystery Storm** (Storm Bird) was clocked in 1:00 3/5 for his five-furlong work over the fast Pimlico surface yesterday. The Gill Rebel S. winner galloped out six panels in 1:14 4/5.  
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## Triple Threats, Continued.

**MECKE, TALKIN MAN & OUR GATSBY WORK AT CHURCHILL DOWNS** James Lewis Jr.'s Mecke (Maudlin) drilled a half-mile in :49 2/5 Tuesday at Churchill Downs. The Kentucky Derby fifth-place finisher galloped out five furlongs in 1:01 2/5. Also working a half-mile at Churchill yesterday was **Talkin Man** (With Approval), who covered the distance in :49 flat. "I'm very happy with him," said trainer Roger Attfield. "He's really on his toes and fit as a flea." Donnie Von Hemel, conditioner of **Our Gatsby** (Strike Gold), said his colt worked a half-mile at the Louisville track yesterday "in :50 and change. He's doing okay."

**OLIVER'S TWIST DRILLS SIX FURLONGS** Gill Federico Tesio S. winner **Oliver's Twist** (Horatius) worked six furlongs in 1:13 at the Bonita Farm training track near Darlington, Maryland yesterday. Joan Boniface said her husband, trainer Bill Boniface, was pleased with the effort. "The track was fast, and he went fast," she said. "It was a great work, considering it was around two turns."

**ITRON WORKS SOLID MILE AT PIMLICO** Texas-bred **Itron** (Quick Style) worked a mile in 1:43 yesterday at Pimlico under Maryland exercise rider Jerilyn Brown. "He just gets better every time I'm on him," said Brown. "He does it so easy." Trainer Roy Frazier added, "I knew he loved this track. He just proved it today."

**EDDIE MAPLE TO RIDE PANA BRASS** Jockey Eddie Maple will ride Robert Perez's **Pana Brass** (Dixieland Brass) in the Preakness. The Kentucky-bred colt was stakes-placed in Panama this year.

## News Continued.

**FASIG-TIPTON NY HORSES OF RACING AGE SALE RESULTS** At Fasig-Tipton New York's Horses of Racing Age Sale at Belmont Park yesterday, 59 horses were sold for a total of \$546,100 and an average of \$9,256, down 19 percent from last year's average of \$11,430. There were 15 individuals reported as not sold. The sales topper was **Bold Spector**, a four-year-old bay gelding by Afleet--Bold Lady Anne (Bold Josh). Consigned by Heatherwood Farm, the gelding, who has won four races and \$82,939 to date, was purchased for \$35,000 by Jose Arraras.

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.

**Correction:** It was reported in yesterday's Thoroughbred Daily News that Zieten (Danzig), "following a deal between (his) owner Sheikh Mohammed and Narvick International, has been sold to take up stallion duties at Glenmorgan Stud," in Australia. While Zieten will stand at Glenmorgan, he is wholly owned by Narvick and no sale has taken place.

## ◆ PREVIEW ◆

## Today, York, England:

**HOMEOWNERS DANTE S.-G2**, \$112,378-added, 3yo, 10f 85yds (turf)

PP	HORSE	TRAINER	JOCKEY	Wt
1	Salmon Ladder	P. Cole	Pat Eddery	123
2	Juyush	B. Hills	R. Hills	123
3	Pipe Major	Haslam	J. Weaver	123
4	Presenting	J. Gosden	L. Dettori	123
5	Stiletto Blade	I. Balding	Cochrane	123
6	Annus Mirabilis	M. Stoute	M. Kinane	123
7	Ten Past Six	B. Hills	M. Hills	123
8	Classic Cliche	Saeed bin Suroor	Swinburn	123

Early favorite **Presenting** (GB) (Mtoto {GB}) is undefeated in four career starts including wins in the Madagans Newmarket S. and the Anglo-African Holdings Autumn S. Likely second choice **Salmon Ladder** (Bering {GB}) last raced as a two-year-old when breaking his maiden by seven lengths at York October 6. The 1994 Dante S. proved to be the definitive Epsom Derby trial, with winner Erhaab going on to a victory in the classic race.

## Friday, Pimlico:

**THE BLACK-EYED SUSAN S.-GII**, \$200,000, 3yo, f, 1 1/8m

PP	HORSE	TRAINER	JOCKEY	Wt
1	Forested	Callejas	Prado	115
2	Rare Opportunity	Attfield	Smith	115
3	Post It	R. Allen	Allen Jr.	122
4	Stormy Blues	Schulhofer	Krone	122
5	Conquistadoress	McGaughey	Day	115
6	Quite Proper	Glazier	Verge	122
7	Serena's Song	Lukas	Stevens	122
8	Forever Cherokee	Medrano	Desormeaux	115

Jim Beam S. winner **Serena's Song** (Rahy), who will be facing females for the first time since winning the GI Santa Anita Oaks March 12, will head the field. Anderson Farm's **Rare Opportunity** (Danzig Connection) is undefeated in two career starts. The Roger Attfield-trainee broke her maiden at Woodbine last July, then was on the shelf until April 26, when she wired a field of allowance runners at Keeneland by six lengths.

## Stallions at Stud:

- Brocco (USA) ● Catrail (USA) ● Chief's Crown (USA)
- Danehill (USA) ● Royal Academy (USA) ● Shalford (IRE)
- Kenmare (FR) ● Bellotto (USA) ● Geiger Counter (USA)
- Danzero (AUS) ● Snippets (AUS)

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## ◆ FOREIGN ◆

### Yesterday's Results:

**TATTERSALLS MUSIDORA S.-G3**, \$57,874, York, England, 5-16, 3yo, f, 10f 85ydsT, 2:11.59, gd/fm.  
**1--PURE GRAIN (GB)**, 122, f, 3, Polish Precedent--Mill Line (GB), by Mill Reef. O-R. Barnett; B-W & R Barnett; T-Michael Stoute; J-J. Reid; \$35,545.  
**2--Caramba (GB)**, 120, f, 3, Belmez--Melodrama (GB), by Busted (GB). O-Lord Carnarvon; \$12,789.  
**2--Musetta (Ire)**, 120, f, 3, Cadeaux Genereux (GB)--Moniaya (GB), by Shareef Dancer. O-B.H. Voak; \$6,113.  
 Margins: 1, 6, 4.

Also Ran: Sparrowhawk (Ire), Germane (GB).

Soon after the break SPARROWHAWK (IRE) (Doyoun {Ire}), making only her 3rd career start, went straight to the lead, with Musetta settled in 2nd and GERMANE (GB) (Distant Relative {GB}) 3rd. The order remained the same until, with ½-mile to go, Musetta went to the front, then was challenged at the 3 furlong pole by Pure Grain, who looked like she would win easily until she was challenged by the maiden filly Caramba with 2 furlongs left to run. Caramba, a half-sister to Lemon Souffle (GB) (Hwt Filly at 2 in Eng. & Ire., G1-Ire, G2-Eng, \$205,597, by Salse) making only her 2nd start, battled on gamely to be beaten a length. Pure Grain is the 9th filly in 35 runnings of the Musidora to win on her first outing as a three-year-old, and will head next for the Epsom Oaks in three weeks. Pure Grain is now quoted as the third choice in the betting for the Oaks at 10-1, while Caramba is listed as the 4th choice at 14-1.

**PRIX DE PONTARME**, \$50,580, Evry, France, 5-16, 3yo, colts, 1mT, 1:40.60, gd.

**1--#BASHAAYEASH (IRE)**, 123, c, 3, Fairy King--Queen Cake (Ire), by Sandhurst Prince (Ire). O-Sheikh Mohammed; B-Ballysheehan Stud; T-C. Laffon-Parias; J-F. Head; \$29,261.  
**2--Pinfloron (Fr)**, 123, c, 3, Caerleon--Pinaflore (Fr), by Formidable. O-J.L. Lagadere; \$10,032.  
**3--Felon (Ire)**, 123, c, 3, Persian Bold (Ire)--Flying Circus (GB), by Gay Mecene. O-M. Abdul Karion; \$6,270.  
 Margins: 1, 2 1/2, neck.

### American-Bred Winners in England

**Tropical Dance**, f, 2, Thorn Dance--Missuma, by Procida. York, 5-16, EBF Zetland Fillies Mdn, 5fT, \$8,269 to winner. O-George Ward. B-N/A. T-Julie Cecil. \*\$57,000 yrl '94 KEESEP.

**Arctic Thunder**, g, 4, Far North--Flying Cloud, by Roberto. York, 5-16, British Legion Insurance Services H., 12fT, \$12,257 to winner. O-Peter Savill. B-H&Y Bloodstock. T-Lady Herries.

**Zifta**, f, 4, Zilzal--Shoalih, by Alydar. Redcar, 5-15, Huntcliffe Fillies H., 7fT, \$6,041 to winner. O-Ron Dawson. B-Darley Stud Mgt. T-Stuart Williams.

**La Menorquina**, m, 5, Woodman--Hail The Lady (SW), by Hail the Pirates. Southwell, 5-15, Italy H., 2mT, \$4,045 to winner. O-Joe Arden. B-R.L. Elam. T-Doug Marks. \*\$80,000 yrl '91 KEESUM.

**Moshaajir**, h, 5, Woodman--Hidden Trail, by Gleaming. Redcar, 5-15, Tecs H., 2mT, \$6,041 to winner. O-Steve MacDonald. B-Katalpa Farm. T-C. Smith. \*½ to Left Them Laughing (Shecky Greene), SW, \$120,048. \*\*\$100,000 wlg '90 KEENOV.

### Local News, France:

Connections of **Carling** (Garde Royale {Ire}), runner-up to **Matiara** (Bering {GB}) in Sunday's Poule d'Essai des Pouliches, have lodged an official appeal against the winner. Beaten just a nose for the French Classic, Carling made rapid late headway after encountering traffic in the Longchamp stretch. Patrick Barbe, husband of trainer Corine Barbe, believes a maneuver made by Freddie Head at the point caused his wife's filly to lose the race. "Yutaka Take was disqualified in last year's Prix de l'Opera for doing the same thing (while riding Erin Bird) as Freddie Head did on Sunday. Freddie pulled out off the rails, taking Carling's ground. We have to appeal so as to highlight the unfairness of French stewarding." Whatever the result of the official inquiry, a chance to avenge the defeat should not be long in coming. **Matiara** and **Carling**, as well as the third-place **Shaanxi** (Zilzal), are already confirmed as starters for the June 11 Prix de Diane Hermes at Chantilly.

### Local News, England:

Newbury's Juddmonte-sponsored Lockinge S., elevated this year to G1 status, has attracted a field which promises to justify the move, but good to firm ground conditions threaten to eliminate some of the possible contenders before Sunday. **Missed Flight (GB)** (Dominion) may head to Germany's Badener Meile if it fails to rain before the race, and **Lavinia Fontana** (Sharpo {GB}) and **Penny Drops (GB)** (Sharpo {GB}) could also skip the event if the course remains firm. The 11 entries are: **Cotteir Chief (Ire)** (Chief Singer {Ire}), **Missed Flight (GB)**, **Muhtarram (Alleged)**, **Mutakkdim** (Seeking the Gold), **Port Lucaya** (Sharpo), **Ridgewood Ben (GB)** (Indian Ridge {Ire}), **Soviet Line** (Soviet Star), **Young Ern (GB)** (Efisio {GB}), **Belle Argentine (Fr)** (Fijar Tango {Fr}), and **Lavinia Fontana**.

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## HORSE OF THE DECADE?

By Bill Finley

The search for a great horse, that sometimes futile chase in which horse racing indulges, may be over. Yet no one seems to have noticed.

It was another quiet day at the office Saturday at Pimlico for Cigar, a 2 ¼-length winner of the \$600,000 Pimlico Special. Facing, among others, a Breeders' Cup Classic winner, Concern, and a horse who had earned \$3.8 million, Devil His Due, he loped casually around the racetrack and was never challenged from the gate to the wire. It was a dull race--which effortless, dominating performances tend to be. It takes an awfully good horse to be that boring.

Who's the best horse in the country? That's obvious. Who's the best older horse this country has produced since Spectacular Bid? That's debatable, but, when consistency and dominance are factored in, a solid case can be made that the answer is Cigar. Consider: he has won seven straight, including four Grade 1's in a row, has never been seriously challenged since trainer Bill Mott switched him to the dirt and appears to be, at least for now, virtually invincible.

So where's the fanfare?

Great horses aren't supposed to come from nowhere: unknown grass horses one day, superstars the next. They are supposed to be manufactured, the product of hype, two-year-old phenoms, Triple Crown material, Breeders' Cup winners. A few appearances in nationally televised races helps. Cigar, is none of the above.

When owner Allen Paulson shifted Cigar to Mott's New York stable, the then four-year-old was as ordinary as they come, an allowance horse that filled out forgettable races on the weekday cards. He had never run in any major races for the simple reason that he had never shown that he belonged. After four grass starts, Mott finally made the fortuitous decision to put the horse on the dirt for an October 28 allowance race at Aqueduct and, since his eight-length victory that day, he has never stopped smoking.

"I only had to be hit on the head with a ball-peen hammer about four times before I got the message," said Mott jokingly.

Still, Cigar always seems to be in the right place at the wrong time. When he won the Donn H. he was barely noticed because his victory was overshadowed by Holy Bull's breakdown. His breakthrough win came in the Oaklawn H., where he easily beat the best field assembled so far this year.

"He beat the best horses they could throw at him and he blew them away," said jockey Jerry Bailey.

Yet, the Oaklawn H. win came on the same day as the Blue Grass and Wood Memorial, races that grab the bulk of the attention in the racing press because the focus is on the upcoming Kentucky Derby. Even the Pimlico Special, a rich and important race that is tele-

vised on ABC, gets less attention than it may deserve because it is sandwiched between the Derby and the Preakness.

Beating Holy Bull in the Donn may have changed everything; people notice when you slay a giant. But the chance eluded him and all anyone can do know is wonder, what if?

"I think you would have seen one heck of a horse race that would have been tremendous to watch," said Mott. "I'm sorry we didn't get to see it."

Mott knows that Horse of the Year is his to lose and will take a careful path toward his championship goal. Because a \$500,000 bonus is involved, the June 3 Massachusetts H. at Suffolk Downs will be the horse's next start. From there, he said he may go in the Whitney, the Woodward and then the Breeders' Cup. A perfect year, capped off by a victory in the Breeders' Cup Classic, is well within reason.

It could be a sensational ending to what has already been a sensational year. Must be a sensational horse.

*Bill Finley is a columnist for the New York Daily News*

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### ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

**10th-HIA, \$22,000, 4yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:10 2/5, ft. SLY MAID (f, 4, Desert Wine--Sly Charmer {SP, \$105,300}, by Valdez) Lifetime Record: 21-4-4-3, \$73,335. O-CES Racing Ltd. B-Stelcar Stables, Inc. (KY). T-Eduardo Azpurua Jr.**

**8th-PHA, \$21,000, 3yo/up, a1m70yd, 1:40 2/5, ft. CANTON RIVER (g, 4, Waquoit--China Bound {SW, \$155,563}, by Salem) Lifetime Record: MSW, 17-6-3-3, \$176,887. O/B-Andrew G.P. Hobbs (MD). T-Eugene E. Weymouth. \*1/2 to Under Oath (Deputed Testimony), GSW, \$426,547.**

### MAIDEN WINNERS:

**Ru Bobs Pride, f, 3, Centauress--Joanie's Pride, by Herb Water. FLX, 5-16, 6f, 1:15 4/5. B-Pond View Stud Farm (Ny).**

**Classy Profile, f, 3, Country Pine--Low Profile, by Cutlass. HIA, 5-16, 7f, 1:28 2/5. B-My Won Day Farm (Fl). \*\$11,000 yrl '93 OBSAUG. \*\*1/2 to Silver Profile (Silver Buck), GSW, \$154,036.**

**Uptown Duchess, f, 3, Downtown Davey--Purple Ibis, by Cormorant. PHA, 5-16, 6f, 1:12 1/5. B-Stud Aire Farm (Pa).**

**Puttin On The Ritz, c, 3, Fred Astaire--Yehonatan, by T.V. Lark. HIA, 5-16, a1 1/16T, 1:42 2/5. B-Clarkland Farm (Ky). \*\$70,000 yrl '93 KEESEP. \*\*1/2 to Tasteful T.V. (Gustoso), MSW, \$319,137.**

**Lady's Investment, f, 3, Reinvested--Lady Courageous, by Native Royalty. FLX, 5-16, 6f, 1:15 3/5. B-Harbor View Farm (Ny). \*\$6,000 yrl '93 FTMSEP.**