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BEST PAL TO CALIFORNIAN Best Pal (Habitony) will make his next start in the June 11 GI Californian S. on the main track in lieu of this Monday's Hollywood Turf H., according to trainer Dick Mandella. "I breezed him a mile on the turf with a horse named **Talloires** (Tremolino) who is going to run in the Turf Handicap, and I didn't think he looked as impressive working on the turf as he does on the dirt," said his trainer. "I told that to Mr. Mabee and we both thought it was best to run him on the dirt."

AVERAGE UP AT FASIG-TIPTON MIDLANTIC The spring selected session of the Fasig-Tipton Midlantic 2-year-olds-in-training sale concluded Monday with 93 horses sold for a gross of \$1,891,200. The average price of \$20,335 was up 4.9% over last year's average of \$19,393. Charles Dunn purchased the sales topper, Scholarship, a colt by Fred Astaire out of the MGSW Illiterate (Arts And Letters) for \$92,000 from Kirkwood Stables. Sixty-four open two-year-olds and horses of racing age were sold at the evening session for a total of \$848,400, an average of \$9,323, up 12.7% from the previous year's session. The topper of the evening session was Devil's Honor, a 2-year-old colt who is the first offspring of Dancing Heroine (Hero's Honor).

PREAKNESS RATING RECORD LOW ABC-TV's May 20 90-minute Preakness Stakes telecast drew a 3.8 overnight rating, down 24% from last year's then record-low 5.0. ABC's Director of Publicity, Mark Mandel, told *USA Today* that the network was examining the messenger--not the message. "How can every other barometer of measurement be up--record attendance and betting handle--and the ratings be down?" Mandel told the paper. "You have to wonder if the ratings really reflect what's going on. So we're talking to Nielsen about more accurately reporting the ratings."

STANLEY LICENSE UPHELD The Richmond, Va. Circuit Court yesterday affirmed the Virginia Racing Commission's issuance of a license to Stansley Racing Corporation, denying an appeal from the Virginia Jockey Club. The Maryland Jockey Club will manage the Thoroughbred operations for Stansley, Inc., at Colonial Downs, located outside Williamsburg.

Saturday, The Curragh
Irish 1,000 Guineas-GI, 1mT
Harayir (Gulch), winner of the English 1000 Guineas, looks set to face 10 rivals in Saturday's Irish equivalent at The Curragh. The Dick Hern-trained daughter of Gulch is certain to be sent off a warm favorite in her bid to become the first filly ever to complete this particular Classic double. But, despite considerable stable confidence behind Harayir, the opposition should be strong enough to make this mile event worthy of its Group I status. John Oxx's locally-trained **Ridgewood Pearl** (Indian Ridge), seven-length winner of last month's Athasi S., will probably provide the Newmarket Classic form with its stiffest test, while **Collecta (Fr)** (Caerleon) and **Ghostly** (Fairy King), fifth and sixth, respectively, behind Matiara (Bering {GB}) in Longchamp's Poule d'Essai des Pouliches last time out, give the race an international flavor. The probables are: **Ailleacht** (Chief's Crown), **Collecta**, **Fleet Hill (Ire)** (Warrshan), **Ghostly**, **Harayir**, **Khaytada (Ire)** (Doyoun {Ire}), **Mediation (Ire)** (Caerleon), **Park Charger (GB)** (Tirol {Ire}), **Ridgewood Pearl**, **Taibhseach** (Secreto) and **Warning Shadows (Ire)** (Cadeaux Genereux {GB}). **Jural (GB)** (Kris {GB}), was the other five-day declaration, but she has already been announced a definite non-runner, both here and in the Epsom Oaks, due to coughing at Mark Johnston's yard.

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Yesterday's Results:

PRIX JEAN DE CHADENAY-GII, \$99,473, Saint-Cloud, France, 5-23, 4yo/up, 12fT, 2:42.30, gd.

1--**SUNSHACK (GB)**, 128, c, 4, **Rainbow Quest--**

Suntrap (GSP-Fr), by Roberto. O-Khalid Abdullah; B-Juddmonte Farms; T-Andre Fabre; J-T. Jarnet. \$58,513. *Hwt 2yo colt-Fr & GISW-Fr. **Full to Raintrap, Hwt. 3yo-Fr & GISW-Fr. & N.A..

2--**Sand Reef**, 123, c, 4, Reference Point (GB)--Reine d'Egypte, by Val de L'Orne (Fr). O-J. Wertheimer. \$23,405.

3--**Partipral**, 128, h, 6, Procida--Petition (Fr), by Top Ville (Ire). O-E. Sarasola. \$11,702.

Margins: 3/4, 3/4, nk.

Also Ran: Danseur Landais (GB), Scribano (GB), Suave Tern, Walter Willy (Ire), Matarun (Ire).

WESTMINSTER TAXI INSURANCE PREDOMINATE S., \$52,722, Goodwood, England, 5-23, 3yo c/g, 10fT, 2:05.83, gd to fm.

1--**PENTIRE (GB)**, 126, c, 3, **Be My Guest--Gull Nook (GSW-Eng)**, by Mill Reef. O-Mollers Racing; B-Lord Halifax; T-Geoffrey Wragg; J-M.Hills. \$35,022. *1/2 to Spring (Sadler's Wells), GSW-Ity. **GSW.

2--**Istidaad**, 120, c, 3, Chief's Crown--Mazzei Mood, by Roberto. \$10,450.

3--**Fahal**, 123, c, 3, Silver Hawk--by Land By Sea, by Sauce Boat. \$4,989. (\$160,000 yrl '93 KEESEP).

Margins: short head, nk, 5.

A third Classic "trial" win for the colt who is not entered in the Epsom Derby. With the race not run to suit him, Pentire only just got home to beat Istidaad in a thrilling finish.

PRIX DE LA SEINE, \$47,201, Saint-Cloud, France, 5-23, f, 3, 10.5f, 2:18.80, gd.

1--**#TAMISE**, 128, f, 3, **Time For A Change--Tanapa (Fr)**, by Luthier (Fr). O-Daniel Wildenstein; B-Allez France Stables; T-Andre Fabre; J-O. Peslier. \$27,306.

*1/2 to Quirinetta (Ardross {Ire}), GSW-Saf; 1/2 to Luthier's Launch (Relaunch), SW, \$413,351; 1/2 to Tabac (Storm Cat), GSW-Fr.

2--**Enquiry (Fr.)**, 128, f, 3, Darshaan (GB)--Eloura (Fr), by Top Ville (Ire). \$9,362.

3--**Only Wood**, 128, f, 3, Woodman--Only A Rumour (GB), by Ela-Mana-Mou (Ire). \$5,851.

Also Ran: Tarte Aux Pommes, Lyonushka, Standin Around (Fr).

American-Bred Winners in England:

Shayim, c, 3, **Storm Cat--Bundler** (GISW, \$224,185), by Raise A Native. Beverley, 5-23, Windmill Inn Mdn, 7.5f, \$5,945 to the winner. O-Sheikh Hamdan al Maktoum. B-Nicholas M. Lotz & Overbrook Farm. T-Robert Armstrong.

Ziggy's Dancer, c, 4, **Ziggy's Boy--My Shy Dancer**, by Northjet (Ire). Beverley, 5-23, Royal Standard Conditions S., 5f, \$7,566 to the winner. O-John Patrick Henry. B-Warren Rosenthal. T-Eric Alston.

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STAKES RESULTS:

PHOENIX FUTURITY, \$81,263, TUP, 5-22, 2yo, 5f, :58, ft.

1--**#BENTON CREEK**, 119, c, 2, **Septieme Ciel--Bereavement**, by Timeless Moment. (\$32,000 yrl '94 KEESEP). O-Weir D E & J E; B-Domino Stud of Lexington, Inc (KY); T-Kevin Lewis; J-A J Desilva; \$42,324. Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, \$45,204.

2--**Said Twice**, 116, f, 2, Bet Twice--Fearless Ego, by Bold Ego. (\$10,500 yrl '94 KEESEP). \$15,236.

3--**Araman's Bounty**, 119, c, 2, Never Tabled--T. V. Listing, by Pirate's Bounty. (\$27,000 yrl '94 ARZNOV). \$7,618.44.

Margins: 1HF, HF, 1HF. Odds: 3.40, 22.30, 3.50.

HASTA LA VISTA H., \$28,900, TUP, 5-22, 3yo/up, 1 7/8mT, 3:13 1/5, fm.

1--**#HODE**, 120, c, 4, **Dahar--Roxanne's Capade**, by Icecapade. O-Weir D E & J E; B-Paulson Allen E (KY); T-Kurt Calton; J-M A Hanna; \$16,740. Lifetime Record: 7-6-0-0, \$40,740.

2--**National Center**, 116, c, 4, Tsunami Slew--Excellus, by Exceller. (\$13,000 yrl '92 KEESEP). \$5,580.

3--**Pride of Kings (Fr)**, 113, h, 5, Highest Honor (Fr)--Baino Bluff, by Be My Guest. \$2,790.

Margins: 1 1/4, 2HF, 1. Odds: 1.00, 7.60, 11.40.

Allowance Results:

8th-PHA, \$22,039, 3yo/up, 6f, 1:08 4/5, ft.

GULF RECKONING (g, 4, **War--Bimbo Bello (SW)**, by Sette Bello) Lifetime Record: SW, 13-7-0-2, \$94,920. O-F & L Hall. B-R A Kingwell (FL). T-Ben Perkins Jr.

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THOROUGHBREDS: THE NEXT GENERATION by John Lee

When a champion colt or older horse retires, the hope is that he will reproduce his brilliance in the breeding shed. Actually, there is a lot more than hope riding on his reproductive performance. There can be big money at stake and, with it, big pressure.

But what if he doesn't reproduce at all?

Who you gonna call?

The Love Doctor, a.k.a. Dr. Charles Love. The 38-year-old large animal equine reproduction expert with the New Bolton Center of the University of Pennsylvania works to understand and solve the problems that might prevent a stallion from stopping mares. There are myriad causes for fertility problems, but no one solution. "There's not one simple test that will tell you everything," Love said. And though he works with a wide variety of horse breeds, he finds special challenges in the thoroughbreds.

"A thoroughbred stallion can have the same problems common to all horse breeds, but thoroughbreds are managed very differently than other breeds," he said. "There's no option of artificial insemination for one thing, and there can be additional problems associated with the horse coming off the track. The majority will do well, but one or two prominent horses with fertility problems can publicize the problem.

"It's usually not an all-or-nothing thing," he continued. "Usually it's a case of sub-fertility, not infertility. One of our main approaches is to change how the horse is managed to compensate for the situation where the sperm count is low or the quality is insufficient."

Love refers to "the suppression of the racetrack," a condition which can have a physical manifestation, such as suppression in the growth of the testicles, as well as a behavioral aspect, such as suppression of the libido.

"A horse coming off the track has been subjected to the stress of racing and perhaps to medications, which may combine to suppress the growth of the testicles, and testicle size is an important indicator of sperm production," said Love.

But Love is quick to point out it's not just a numbers game. Sperm mobility, morphology and longevity are also critical factors. "If a stallion is having a problem, we want to see how long the sperm live after they've been collected," he said. "That test may provide the key to successfully managing the stallion. The answer may be to breed him to mares who are as close to ovulation as possible."

In most cases, the sub-fertile stallion represents a management problem. "Proper management of a problem stallion is often difficult, and causes more work for everyone. Management is contingent on the worth of the stallion. It may be a matter of getting him to the best mares, both in terms of pedigree and reproductive records and to breed to him as close as possible to the mare's ovulation."

Occasionally, the reproductive problem has nothing to do with the reproductive organs or the libido. "The problem could just be that he has pain in his hind leg or back that is affecting his behavior," he said.

As for the behavioral component, the off-track stallion is expected to rise to an entirely new challenge...about 100 times a season.

"On the track, they are managed to maximize their racing career," said Love. "A horse would have been discouraged to act like a stallion on the track. If he did act like one, he'd be punished. On the farm, he has to learn how to be a true stallion. Some can be easily distracted and need it to be quiet and calm around them in the breeding shed. I've found that Thoroughbreds in particular can pick up subtle signs from a mare that she's not really ready. Some thoroughbreds can be finicky."

On the track, the goal was to go fast. Before he gets to the breeding shed, he may need time to slow down.

"A horse comes off the track, he's coming off the suppression of the track and right then, there's no way of predicting how he'll do," said Love. "But his syndicate wants to know--fast. They'll want the reproduction exam done right away and that's the worst time to do it. His syndicate may be putting on the pressure, but we take the stallion out of the pressure. We give the horses the freedom to work themselves out."

John Lee is a member of the publicity staff of the New York Racing Association.

Breeders' Edition, cont.

8th-SPT, \$22,000, 5-22, St.-bred, 3yo/up, 6f, 1:11, ft. SAL BRUNO (c, 3, Judge Smells--Square Key Hour (SW), by Notable Square) Lifetime Record: 7-3-1-1, \$41,771. O-Chilaca Team. B-Dennis Keller & Elizabeth Keller (IL). T-Paul Darjean. *1/2 to Splashing Fancy (Bucksplasher), SW, \$119,430.

8th-PIM, \$21,000, 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/8mT, 1:51 3/5, fm. TURNING AROUND (m, 5, Exclusive Era--Mrs. Roberts (SP, \$194,592), by Singh) Lifetime Record: 26-4-8-3, \$78,365. O/B-M Ritzenberg (Va). T-William H Turner Jr.

Maiden Winners:

+ **Sweetheart Slew, f, 2, Slew City Slew--Emotional Storm, by Storm Bird. PIM, 5-23, 4 1/2f, :53 2/5. B-Visual Emotional Partners, et al (Ky).**

Rosie's Buddy, c, 3, Buddy--Rosie's Dancer (SP), by Classical Ballet. FLX, 5-23, 6f, 1:12 4/5. B-Shako George (Ny). *\$3,900 yrl '93 FTMFEB.

+ **Lion Sleeps Tonight, c, 3, Caveat--Let Me Sleep, by Cyane. PHA, 5-23, 1m, 1:38 2/5. B-Camac Robert W (Pa).**

General Gridlock, c, 3, General Assembly--Magnolia Lass (SW), by Cutlass. SPT, 5-22, 6f, 1:13 3/5. B-Pillar Stud Inc (Ky). *\$16,000 wlng '92 KEENOV. **1/2 to Gateway South (At The Threshold), SW, \$120,953; 1/2 to Drummond Lane (Spanish Drums), GSW, \$378,182.

Ack Be Quick, c, 4, Ack Kerala--Lead Article, by Dr. Do Much. FLX, 5-23, 6f, 1:13 4/5. B-Labe Paul E Sr (Ny)

Silver Nibblets, m, 6, Silver Ghost--Northern Nibblets, by North Pole. DEL, 5-23, 6f, 1:11 1/5. B-Jones, John F Jr (Ky)