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DEL MAR GEARS UP FOR '95 Fans attending the 1995 Del Mar race meeting will be greeted by more than \$1 million in improvements and renovations at the course "where the turf meets the surf." The track's 56th season of Thoroughbred racing begins Wednesday, July 26 and runs through Wednesday, September 13. Among the changes at the seaside oval are the addition of 64 clubhouse boxes at a cost of \$550,000 and enhancement of the track's four sixth floor sky-boxes at a cost of \$100,000. The doubling in width--to 60 feet--of the winner's circle, along with the addition of a tier in its back portion, will allow more owners and their friends to take part in ceremonies and photos. In addition, Del Mar's Silks Lounge has been renamed the Joe Burnham Theater to honor the late Eclipse Award-winning film maker. The track's facilities for the disabled have also been expanded. Racing will be conducted every day but Tuesday throughout the 43-day Del Mar season. First post is at 2 p.m. with the exceptions of the first five Fridays of the meet when a 4 p.m. post will be in effect and Sunday, August 13--Pacific Classic Day--when the first race will go off at 12:30 p.m.

EARLENE MCCABE DEAD Services are scheduled Sunday and Monday in Roseville, California for Earlene McCabe, who was a driving force in the development of racing industry health and safety programs until her retirement from the California Horse Racing Board last year. She succumbed to a long illness Sunday night in her Roseville home at the age of 65. McCabe was the daughter of Earl Knisley, who trained the private stable of Anita Baldwin. McCabe and her husband owned and operated a Thoroughbred breeding farm outside of Sacramento in the 1960's. She joined the CHRB in 1987, and served as manager of the board's policy and regulations unit until her retirement March 1, 1994.

Saturday, Sandown, England:

CORAL-ECLIPSE S.-G1, \$397,899, 3yo/up, 1 1/4mT **Eltish** (Cox's Ridge), sixth in the May 6 Kentucky Derby, is the early favorite to reverse his recent Royal Ascot placing with **Muhtarram** (Alleged) in Saturday's Coral-Eclipse S. **Eltish**, trained by Henry Cecil, was beaten a short head by six-year-old **Muhtarram** in the June 20 Prince of Wales's S. at 1 1/4-miles. But Britain's major bookmakers foresee a different outcome for Saturday's event, and have installed three-year-old **Eltish** as the 9-4 favorite over 5-2 **Muhtarram**. Other possible contenders for the G1 fixture are: **Environment Friend** (Cozzene), **Halling** (Diesis {GB}), **Prince of Andros** (Al Nasr {Fr}), **Red Bishop** (Silver Hawk), **Flemensfirth** (Alleged), **Singspiel** (Ire) (In the Wings {GB}) and the three-year-old filly **Tryphosa** (Ire) (Be My Guest), who was supplemented to the race at a cost of \$31,832.

Sunday, Woodbine:

THE QUEENS PLATE-GIC, \$400,000, Canadian-Breds, 3yo, 1 1/4m

Two three-year-olds have been added to the possible field for the first jewel of the Canadian Triple Crown, the Queens Plate. **Disciple** (Risen Star), a one-time winner, will be entered in the race by trainer Kathryn Ranford and the Hope Stock Farm. **Prince of North** (Dauphin Fabuleux), a maiden, is also expected to be entered Friday. Meanwhile, Plate Trial fourth **Regal Discovery** (Regal Classic) prepped for the race with a five furlong work over Woodbine's training track yesterday. Jockey Todd Kabel, who was announced as Regal Discovery's rider for the 136th Queens Plate after Dave Penna suffered a broken collarbone Monday, was aboard for the work. The colt went three furlongs in :37 en route to a final five furlong time of 1:00 4/5. "Perfect," said trainer Roger Attfield. "Absolutely wonderful. It was exactly what I wanted; I couldn't be happier going into the race. It's just the matter if he's good enough or not." **Freedom Fleet** (Afleet) and **All Firmed Up** (Affirmed), two-thirds of the favored 2-1 Queen's Plate entry (along with last year's Champion Two-Year-Old Filly in Canada **Honky Tonk Tune** {Cure the Blues}), had their final preps yesterday for Sunday's event. MSP **Freedom Fleet** breezed five furlongs in 1:04 1/5, while Plate Trial winner **All Firmed Up** went six furlongs in 1:18 1/5. While the times were not quick, trainer Dan Vella said the works were exactly what he wanted. "They were just easy works," said Vella. "Both came back perfect, weren't stressed at all. Both are dead fit."

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Yesterday's Result:

PRIX CARROUSEL, \$48,884, Maisons-Laffitte, France, 7-5, 4yo/up, gd.

1--**EPAPHOS (GER)**, 127, h, 5, **Acatenango (Ger)--Eidothea (Ger)**, by **Teotepec (GB)**. O/B-Mr. E. Wanke; T-P. Bary; J-D. Boeuf; \$28,280.

2--**Lafille du General (Fr)**, 120, f, 4, **General Holme--Blushing Bride (Fr)**, by **Raisingelle**. O-R. Dessal; \$9,696.

3--**Limak (Pol)**, 123, c, 4, **Dixieland (Pol)--Limeira (Ger)**, by **Caracol (Fr)**. O-Mme. Guidovelli; \$6,060.
Margins: 1, 3, ½.

American-Bred Winners in England:

Nanton Point, g, 3, **Darshaan (GB)--Migiyas (GB)**, by **Kings Lake**. Folkestone, 7-5, Ross & Co. Anniversary H., 15fT, 3yo, \$5,574 to winner. O-L.G. Lazarus; B-Newgate Stud Farm Inc.; T-Lady Herries.

Sir Joey, g, 6, **Honest Pleasure--Sougoli (Ire)**, by **Realm (GB)**. Chepstow, England, 7-4, **Stewards Trial H.**, 5fT, 3yo/up, \$8,759 to winner. O-Mrs. A.G. Sims; B-William & Natalie Plescia; T-P.G. Murphy. *\$3,500 wnlg '89 OBSOCT; \$8,000 2yo '91 OBSOCT.

Tamarpour, g, 8, **Sir Ivor--Tarsila (Ire)**, by **High Top (Ire)**. Chepstow, 7-4, **Stars & Stripes H.**, 2m2fT, 3yo/up, \$5,042 to winner. O-Mrs. Alison C. Farrant; B-H.H. Aga Khan; T-Martin Pipe. *½ to **Torjoun (G2-Eng)**, \$130,125, by **Green Dancer** and **Takarouna (G2-Ire)**, by **Green Dancer**).

American-Bred Winner in France:

Bene Erit, c, 3, **Bering (GB)--Breath Taking (Fr)** (MG3-Fr), by **Nureyev**. Chantilly, 7-4, **Prix de Brichebay**, 6fT, 3yo, \$17,170 to winner. O-R.C. McNair; B-Janus Bloodstock; T-Carlos Laffon-Parias. *MSP-Fr. **1/2 to **Borodislew (G3-Fr, SW-N.A.)**, \$224,756, by **Seattle Slew**).

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ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

7th-CDX, \$37,300, 7-4, 3yo/up, 1 1/16mT, 1:41 3/5, fm.

ROWDY HERO (g, 5, Our Hero--Fromcottontosatin, by Master Hand) Lifetime Record: 39-6-9-5, \$103,984. O-Gary Hartlage & Lisa Owen. B-Merrick-Allen Joint Venture (OK). T-Gary Hartlage.

9th-MTH, \$25,000, (R), 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:10 3/5, ft. **PLEASURE CARD (f, 4, Lil Fappi--Last Card, by Full Out)** Lifetime Record: 4-3-0-0, \$39,957. O/B-Phillip Giovinco (NJ). T-Edwin T. Broome. *Won off 11-month layoff.

MAIDEN WINNERS:

+ **Ruby Way**, c, 2, **Chromite--Ruby Wax**, by **Gallant Romeo**. DEL, 7-5, 5f, 1:01. B-E. Paul Robsham (Ky). *\$3,000 yrl '94 FTNAUG; \$13,000 2yo 1995 FTMMAY.

+ **That's a Plenty**, f, 2, **Dixieland Band--Busted Willie**, by **Master Willie (GB)**. MTH, 7-5, 5f, :59 1/5. B-Ocean View Stables (NJ). *½ to **Joe Casey (SW)**, \$123,561, by **Pappa Riccio**.

Spirited Gold, c, 3, **Gold Alert--Last Booz (Arg)** (GSP-PR), by **Last Rore**. RKM, 7-5, 1 1/16mT, 1:48 3/5. B-The Four Horseman (Fl).

Legal Eagle, c, 3, **Houston--Acharmer (SW)**, by **Al Hattab**. MTH, 7-5, 6f, 1:11 4/5. B-Beth Clifton (Ky). *\$50,000 yrl '93 KEESEP. **1/2 to **Buck Jakes (SW over jumps)**, \$168,610, by **Turkoman**.

Basket of Flowers, f, 3, **Lil Fappi--Isle of Flowers**, by ***Slady Castle**. MTH, 7-5, a1 1/16mT, 1:45. B-Colonial Farms (NJ).

+ **Queen's Eyot**, c, 3, **Riverman--Grand Bonheur**, by **Blushing Groom (Fr)**. DEL, 7-5, a1 1/16mT, 1:43 4/5. B-Gallaghers Stud (Ny). *\$50,000 yrl '93 KEESEP.

STAKES CLOSINGS

TODAY, THURSDAY, JULY 6:

7-15 \$75/100 **Aksarben BBC, AKS**, f/m, 3↑, 8.5f (\$50)

7-16 \$50/100 **River Downs BBC, RD**, f/m, 8.5fT (\$100)



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CIGARS ALL AROUND

by: Larry Bortstein

Will Cigar, who solidified his ranking as the nation's No. 1 Thoroughbred with an easy victory Sunday in the Hollywood Gold Cup, return to Southern California next month for another \$1 million race--the Pacific Classic at Del Mar?

Neither owner Allen Paulson nor trainer Bill Mott is saying for sure, but the signs are there--all coming from Paulson. For example:

- Paulson made a \$2,500 sustaining payment last Friday to keep Cigar eligible for the Del Mar race.
- Paulson is a member of the Del Mar Country Club, three miles east of the track in Rancho Santa Fe, where he hosts the Pacific Classic golf tournament the week of the race.

Besides, the Pacific Classic is run under weight-for-age conditions, meaning the horses Cigar trounced in the Hollywood Gold Cup would have to run against him at equal weights--124 pounds, two less than he carried at Hollywood Park--if they want to try him at Del Mar. Cigar, who carried 126 pounds, conceded between three and 11 pounds to his seven opponents in the Gold Cup, beating Tinnens Way--the 1994 Pacific Classic champion--who carried 118, by 3½ lengths.

After the Gold Cup, Paulson was asked about the Pacific Classic. "We'll let you guys (the media) guess on that," he replied.

There's no guesswork as to how Mott feels about it. He had the five-year-old son of Palace Music flown back to Belmont Park Tuesday and has made no bones about his desire to keep him there the rest of the year--to run in the \$500,000 Woodward Stakes September 16 and the \$3 million Breeders' Cup Classic October 28.

"We really want to save something for the end of the year," Mott said after the Hollywood Gold Cup, Cigar's ninth straight victory dating back to last October, and his seventh this year. "I'm sure Mr. Paulson would feel the same way. You can't squeeze blood out of a turnip."

But Paulson admitted that when Hollywood Park chief R.D. Hubbard raised the Gold Cup purse to \$1 million, it assured Cigar's participation. When Mott was asked three days before the race how he'd be able to discourage the horse's owner from running in a \$1 million race in his own backyard, the trainer paused about 45 seconds and said, "Good question."

Mott's well aware that training for a man like Paulson,

who pours million of dollars into the game, has its tradeoffs. In exchange for the possibility of working with several potential champions each year, a trainer may have to yield to an owner's decisions on when and where a horse competes.

Cigar, who has earned \$2,569,000 this year, has a chance to become the first horse to go undefeated and be voted Horse of the Year since Spectacular Bid won all nine of his races in 1980.

Spectacular Bid's last race was a walkover in the Woodward. If Cigar returns west for the Pacific Classic, it assuredly will not be a walkover--not when second money of \$200,000 and third money of \$150,000 is more than is available for winning most other stakes.

The connections of Tinnens Way, Tossofthecoin and Blumin Affair, who ran 2-3-4 in the Gold Cup, all have said the Pacific Classic is next for their horses.

Three-year-olds also figure to play a prominent role, inasmuch as they get into the Del Mar race at 117 pounds. Thunder Gulch, winner of the Kentucky Derby and Belmont Stakes, will next run in the \$500,000 Swaps Stakes for three-year-olds at Hollywood Park July 23. But the Pacific Classic is the next stop on trainer D. Wayne Lukas' agenda for him.

Best Pal won the inaugural Pacific Classic as a three-year-old in 1991.

Alex Hassinger Jr., who trained Cigar in 1993 when the horse was beginning his career in California, isn't surprised Cigar has belatedly risen to stardom.

Cigar broke his maiden in a six-furlong sprint at Hollywood Park May 9, 1993, but ran his next 11 races on turf. "He was big and gawky and it seemed like he'd be best suited for grass," Hassinger recalled. "Besides, being by Palace Music (1986 Breeders' Cup Mile runner-up), it seemed like he'd prefer turf. But he always worked well on dirt. It seems like he just matured."

Mott got the horse in New York in early 1994 after Cigar suffered a knee chip while finishing a badly-beaten 11th in the 1993 Hollywood Derby--on turf--and underwent surgery.

He ran four times on grass for Mott, who finally decided to see if Cigar would show as much liking for dirt in the afternoons as he did in the mornings.

The horse won a mile allowance at Belmont Park by eight lengths, then won the NYRA Mile a month later by seven lengths. He now has six Grade I victories during his nine-race streak of successes.

"There's no way we'll ever know this," Mott pointed out, "but he might have been this good if we'd run him on dirt all along. Or the fact he ran on grass as long as he did might have saved his feet so that he could become as good as he is now. I'm just happy he's where he is now--the best I've had."

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