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**DEL MAR OPENS TODAY** The Southern California Thoroughbred racing circuit's stop at the shore--the popular summer stand at Del Mar--will be off and running today. The seaside track will offer 43 days of sport on its normal six-days-a-week schedule during its 56th season. As usual, Del Mar will have a 2 p.m. first post time every day except the first five Fridays of the meet, when fans can enjoy twilight racing beginning at 4 p.m. There will be no racing Tuesdays. The \$1,000,000 Grade I Pacific Classic, to be run Sunday, August 13, highlights the richest stakes program in Del Mar history; the schedule calls for \$4,950,000 in purses for the 24 stakes offered. Daily average purses are expected to top \$400,000.

**HOLLYWOOD REPORTS RECORD AVERAGE HANDLE** Handle was up almost \$1.5 million daily from 1994 as the 67-day Hollywood Park spring/summer meeting ended Monday afternoon. The daily average of \$9,618,258 was up 18 percent from the figure of \$8,148,391 in 1994 as an unprecedented \$644,423,260 was wagered, contributing to record daily purses of \$382,838--an eight percent increase from a year ago. In addition, Hollywood Park's daily on-track handle average of \$2,675,783 was down just 1.5 percent from 1994. "Our product is being exposed to more people than ever before," track Chairman R.D. Hubbard said. "We had action around the clock at Hollywood Park with the Hollywood Casino also accommodating race players. For the first time we imported and exported races to Canada. We continued the simulcasts from Hong Kong throughout the season, and fans in New York State also had the opportunity to bet on races from Hollywood Park for the first time." While combined handle was up, the combined average attendance of 27,074 was down 8.1 percent from 1994. The on-track average attendance of 11,611 fell 8.8 percent. Corey Nakatani captured his first Hollywood Park title by riding 82 winners, while Sandy Shulman won his first spring/summer training championship by saddling 23 winners. Juddmonte Farms led all owners in money won with \$958,800. Allen E. Paulson's **Cigar** (Palace Music), who captured the \$1 million Hollywood Gold Cup, was the unanimous choice for Horse of the Meet.

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## S • T • A • K • E • S P R E V I E W

Today, Goodwood, England:

**SUSSEX S.-G1, \$204,918a, 3yo/up, 1mT**

PP	HORSE	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT	ODDS
1	Sulb	Stewart	R. Hills	125	66-1
2	Nicolotte	Wragg	M. Hills	133	11-2
3	Soviet Line	Stoute	Swinburn	133	11-2
4	Sayyedati	Brittain	Doyle	130	13-2
5	Bahri	Dunlop	Carson	125	8-13
6	Darnay	bin Suroor	Dettori	133	9-1

Morning-line favorite **Bahri** (Riverman), four-length winner of the G1 St. James's Palace S. at Royal Ascot in his last start June 20, will try to make it two straight in the Sussex. Longshot **Sulb** (El Gran Senor), undefeated in two career starts, both in England, will serve as Bahri's pacemaker.

**LANSON CHAMPAGNE VINTAGE S.-G3, \$57,377a, 2yo, 7fT**

PP	HORSE	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Allied Forces	Cecil	Ryan	126
2	More Royal	Balding	Dettori	123
3	Oberons Boy	Meehan	Swinburn	123
4	Believe Me	Hannon	Perham	123
5	Alhaarth	Hern	Carson	123
6	Mushahid	Dunlop	R. Hills	123

**Allied Forces** (Miswaki) took Newmarket's Child & Co. Superlative S., also run at seven furlongs over the turf, in his last start July 13. The Florida-bred carries highweight of 126 pounds.

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**Stakes Preview, Continued.****Sunday, Monmouth Park:****HASKELL INVITATIONAL H.-GI, \$500,000, 3yo, 9f**

D. Wayne Lukas assistant Dallas Stewart reported that Haskell hopeful **Serena's Song** (Rahy) came out of her Monday work in good order. "She's doing great," he said yesterday. "We're looking forward to running her Sunday." GII Peter Pan winner **Citadeed** (Shadeed) breezed five furlongs in 1:01 2/5 yesterday at Saratoga. "That's what we wanted from him and that's exactly what we got," said trainer Rick Violette. Violette added that the colt, third in the GI Belmont S. in his last start June 10, will ship to Monmouth early Sat. morning. Trainer John Ward reported yesterday that **Pyramid Peak** (Mt. Livermore), who took the \$78,000 Long Branch Breeders' Cup S. at Monmouth July 8, will ship into the Jersey Shore track at the end of the week. "He should get in Friday sometime," said Ward. "We won't breeze him again before the race. He'll just gallop."

Trainer Bobby Barbara said Tuesday from Saratoga that **Pat N Jac** (Pentelicus), second in the GII Withers and GII Peter Pan, is on target for the Haskell. "He's all ready to go," said Barbara. "He's got his last breeze in and he'll just gallop up to the race. We'll put him on a van about 9 or 10 Friday night." Also pointing to the GI event is **Blu Tusmani** (Afleet), last year's Highweight Colt at 2 in Italy and more recently winner of the GII Withers S. "He's training forwardly and everything is on course for the Haskell," said trainer Christophe Clement. "He will work (Wed.) morning 1/2-mile at Belmont Park. We'll ship him to Monmouth the morning of the race."

**Kingdom City** (Cryptoclearance), who took the GIII Round Table S. at Arlington July 8, will be trying for his fourth straight victory in the Haskell. "He'll work (Wed.) morning at Saratoga, five-eighths with (regular rider) Craig Perret," said trainer Elliot Walden. "He's doing super right now." Also confirmed for the race are GII Blue Grass winner **Wild Syn** (Wild Again), Long Branch Breeders' Cup third-place finisher **Mighty Magee** (Cormorant) and **John and Pat** (Shimatoree), while **Fritz** (Gulch), winner of the July 2 Victoria Park S. (GIIC) at Woodbine, is considered only a possible starter.

**News Continued.****FRENCH 2000 GUINEAS WINNER TO CONTEST**

**TRAVERS Vettori (Ire)** (Machiavellian), winner of the G1 Dubai Poule d'Essai des Poulains (French 2000 Guineas) at Longchamp May 14, will represent the Godolphin team in the \$750,000 Travers S. at Saratoga August 19. The bay colt will be partnered in the GI race by Britain's champion jockey Frankie Dettori, who has ridden Vettori only once before, guiding him to victory by a short neck in the 2000 Guineas. Vettori, trained at Newmarket last year by Henry Cecil, has twice suffered defeat since his French classic triumph. He finished sixth to Lammtarra in the June 10 Epsom Derby and then third in the G1 St. James's Palace S. at Royal Ascot June 20. Currently trained by Saeed bin Suroor, Vettori, who is two-for-five lifetime with earnings of \$248,024, has never before raced on dirt. Both his career wins came at a distance of one-mile on the turf.

**HOMEBUILDER TO FLORIDA**

John Franks and Josephine Abercrombie have announced that **Homebuilder** (Mr. Prospector) will move next month from Pin Oak Stud in Versailles, Kentucky to Franks Farm Southland Division in Ocala, Florida. Jim Scott, manager of Franks Farm Southland Division, expects the 11-year-old stallion to be well-received by Florida breeders. "Given his pedigree and the popularity of sons of Mr. Prospector here and at other Florida farms, I know he'll do well," said Scott. "I've already had a number of calls from breeders who wish to book to him." A Grade II winner of \$1,172,153, Homebuilder won or placed in 30 stakes and is the only son of Mr. Prospector to win or place in graded stakes each year from age two to age five. His third crop to race is now two, and his runners include Royal Mitch, winner of the 1995 Holy Bull S. at Gulfstream and runner-up in the GIII Flamingo S. and GII Lexington S., as well as stakes-placed Hometogether, Shed Some Light and Amacarpenter.

**PICCOLO'S CAREER THREATENED**

**Piccolo (GB)** (Warning {GB}), winner of the G1 Keeneland Nunthorpe S. at York last summer and the G2 King's Stand S. at Royal Ascot this past June, has sustained a career-threatening injury. Connections had recently paid \$29,508 to supplement the four-year-old to today's G1 Sussex S. at Goodwood. But Piccolo suffered a fracture to his left hind leg during exercise Monday and may have to be retired. "It's a slight fracture, but I think it's certain to be the last you'll see of him this year, at least," said trainer Mick Channon. "We'll wait a while to assess the situation while he's box-rested. But he could be sold to stud."

**STAKES CLOSINGS****TODAY, WEDNESDAY, JULY 26:**

8-5 \$300,000a **Ramona H.-GI, DMR,**  
3yo/up, f/m, 9fT (100)

8-5 \$150,000a **Arlington Budweiser**  
**Breeders' Cup H., AP, 3yo/up, f/m, 8.5fT (50)**

8-6 \$300,000a **Eddie Read H.-GI, DMR, 3yo/up, 9fT**  
(100)

8-6 \$200,000g **Arlington H.-GII, AP, 3yo/up, 10fT (200)**

**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)
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# ◆ FOREIGN ◆

## Yesterday's Results:

**KING GEORGE S.-G3**, \$74,754, Goodwood, England, 7-25, 3yo/up, 5fT, 0:56.25 (NCR), gd/fm.

1--**HEVER GOLF ROSE (GB)**, 131, f, 4, **Efisio (GB)**--Sweet Rosina (GB), by Sweet Revenge (GB). O-M.P. Hanson; B-Ronald Popely; T-Joe Naughton; J-J. Weaver; \$45,770. \*½ to New Sensitive (GB) (G1-Belg, by Wattlefield {GB}).

2--**Eveningperformance (GB)**, 123, f, 4, Night Shift--Classic Design (GB), by Busted (GB). O-Mrs. D. Blackburn; \$17,141.

3--**Saint Express (GB)**, 126, g, 5, Clantime (GB)--Redgrave Design (GB), by Nebbiolo (GB). O-D.S. Hall; \$8,243.

Margins: 1/2, head, head.

Also Ran: Millstream, Welsh Mist (GB), Palacegate Episode (Ire), Mistertopogigo (Ire), Loch Patrick (GB), Don't Worry Me (Ire), Struggler (GB), Raah Algharb.

Hever Golf Rose, a G2 winner in Italy and G3 winner in Germany, had not won over five furlongs before, and came with a brilliant burst of finishing speed from the back of the field when it looked as if Eveningperformance had the race sewn up. Carrying the highest weight, Hever Golf Rose set a new course record. "We just cannot get to the bottom of her," said trainer Joe Naughton. "She is a superb filly." Hever Golf Rose will probably go next for the G1 Nunthorpe S. at York in August.

**WESTMINSTER TAXI INSURANCE GORDON S.-G3**, \$60,246, Goodwood, England, 7-25, 3yo, 12fT, 2:31.57 (NCR), gd/fm.

1--**@PRESENTING (GB)**, 122, c, 3, **Mtoto (GB)**--**D'Azy (Ire)** (GSP-Eng), by Persian Bold (Ire). O/B-Mr. George Strawbridge; T-John Gosden; J-L. Dettori; \$36,366.

2--**Don Corleone (GB)**, 122, c, 3, Caerleon--Dance By Night (GB), by Northfields. O-Wafic Said; \$13,438.

3--**Istidaad**, 122, c, 3, Chief's Crown--Mazzei Mood, by Roberto. O-Sheikh Hamdan al Maktoum; \$6,433.

Margins: 1 1/2, 1/2, 3.

Also Ran: In Camera (Ire), Kalabo, Indian Light (GB).

Pulled Up: Painter's Row (Ire).

Presenting, third in the G1 Epsom Derby and G2 Princess of Wales's S. in his last two starts, made amends yesterday. Showing his love for the firm going, the colt moved up to challenge the leaders as they hit the home straight, quickened smoothly to hit the front with 2½-furlongs left, and then battled on for his first Group triumph. Istidaad closed some late ground to be

third. Trainer John Gosden now has the St. Leger firmly in mind for Presenting. "Presenting is a good, solid horse," Gosden said. "We'll probably race him in the Great Voltigeur at York next time and then, assuming all is well, go to Doncaster for the Leger."

**PRIX MADAME JEAN COUTURIE**, \$51,599, Maisons-Laffitte, France, 7-25, 3yo, f, 10fT, 2:08, gd/fm.

1--**#REDWOOD FALLS (IRE)**, 128, f, 3, **Dancing Brave--Robertet (G2-Fr, \$239,887)**, by Roberto. O-D. Wildenstein; B-Dayton Ltd.; T-Andre Fabre; J-O. Peslier; \$29,851.

2--**Powder Bowl**, 128, f, 3, Pleasant Colony--Snowbowl, by Northjet (Ire). \$10,235.

3--**Saderlina (Ire)**, 128, f, 3, Sadler's Wells--Dinalina (Fr), by Top Ville (Ire). \$6,397.

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

**OAK TREE S.**, \$51,393, Goodwood, England, 7-25, 3yo/up, f/m, 7fT, 1:23.88 (NCR), gd/fm.

1--**#BRIEF GLIMPSE (IRE)**, 119, f, 3, **Taufan--Mini Look (Fr)** (SP-Fr), by In Fijar. O-Whiteways Racing; B-J.C. Condon; T-Major D.N. Chappell; J-M. Hills; \$34,126.

2--**Cheyenne Spirit (GB)**, 119, f, 3, Indian Ridge (Ire)--Bazaar Promise (GB), by Native Bazaar (GB). \$10,189.

3--**Epagris (GB)**, 122, f, 3, Zalazl--Trikyimia (GB), by Final Straw (GB). \$4,869.

Margins: 2, neck, 1/2.

## American-Bred Winners in England:

**Modern Day**, c, 2, **Dayjur**--Modena, by Roberto.

Beverly, 7-25, E.B.F. Minster Moorgate Maiden S., 7f 100ydsT, \$6,552 to winner. O-K. Abdullah; B-Juddmonte Farms; T-Henry Cecil. \*½ to Elmaamul (Hwt. Colt at 3 in Ire. 9 1/2-11 furlongs, G1-Eng, G1-Ire, \$758,832, by Diesis {GB}) and Modernise (GIII, \$162,976, by Known Fact).

**Silk Masque**, f, 2, **Woodman**--Silk Slippers (G2-Eng, \$117,788), by Nureyev. Goodwood, 7-25, Findon Maiden S., 6fT, 2yo, f, \$11,426 to winner. B-Swettenham Stud; T-P. Chapple-Hyam.

**Secret Aly**, g, 5, **Secreto**--Bouffant, by Alydar. Goodwood, 7-25, Citroen Xantia H., 1mT, 3yo/up, \$13,156 to winner. O-B.H. Voak; B-Northern Equine Thoroughbred Productions; T-Clive Brittain. \*\$19,000 wnlg '90 KEENOV; \$29,000 yrlg '91 FTKJUL.

**A # will distinguish first-time stakes-winners, a @ will indicate first-time graded stakes-winners, a + will denote winners who are first-time starters and a (R) will be used for races restricted to state-breds.**

## ROCK HALL STUD AT SARATOGA

Tuesday, August 8: Hip #14 **GULCH** colt  
Hip #35 **SUMMER SQUALL** colt  
Thursday, August 10: Hip #209 **SHEIKH ALBADOU (GB)** colt

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## ◆ SO. CALIFORNIA ◆

Today, Del Mar:

**OCEANSIDE S.-1st Div., \$75,000a, 3yo, 1mT**

The field of 10, in post position order, is as follows:

**Von Raven** (Silver Hawk), Delahoussaye; **Tres Paraiso** (Honest Pleasure), Desormeaux; **Calypso Clue** (Ogygian), McCarron; **Private Interview** (Nureyev), Stevens; **Riot On The Road** (Strawberry Road {Aus}), Black; **Lake George** (Vice Regent), Nakatani; **Chocolate Threads** (Candi's Gold), Pedroza; **Score Quick** (Northern Score), Solis; **Oncefortheroad** (Falstaff), Sorenson; **Stiletto Blade** (GB) (Dashing Blade), Antley.

**OCEANSIDE S.-2nd Div., \$75,000a, 3yo, 1mT**

The field of 10, in post position order, is as follows:

**Chilly Billy** (GB) (Master Willie), Nakatani; **Hoedown B. Good** (Hoedown's Day), Desormeaux; **Semi Maar** (Semillero {Chi}), Antley; **Boundless Moment** (Crafty Prospector), Black; **Major Funding** (Proper Reality), Pincay Jr.; **American Day** (Nureyev), McCarron; **Turbulent Dancer** (Gate Dancer), Stevens; **Beau Temps** (GB) (Mtoto), Solis; **Lab Test** (Ire) (Doulab), Flores; **Farofino** (Buckaroo), Delahoussaye.

## ◆ EAST ◆

Today, Monmouth Park:

Today's 4th race at Monmouth, a 5 1/2-furlong Maiden Special Weight for two-year-olds, features the debut of **Unbridled's Song** (Unbridled). Out of the Caro (Ire) mare Trolley Song, Unbridled's Song was purchased for \$200,000 by current owner Paraneck Stable at the 1994 Fasig-Tipton Saratoga August Yearling Sale. More notably, the gray or roan colt was resold for \$1,400,000--the world record for a juvenile purchased at a two-year-olds in training sale--at Barretts March Sale of Selected Two-Year-Olds in Training this past March 8. However, the buyer, Hiroshi Fujita, later returned the colt to Paraneck Stable. In preparing for today's debut, Unbridled's Song, trained by Jim Ryerson, registered three bullet workouts at Monmouth, including a 6-furlong drill in 1:12 from the gate July 19.

Local News, Pimlico:

Total handle for yesterday's opening day of the Pimlico Summer/Fall meet was \$2,302,354. In-state attendance, excluding patrons at the state's off-track wagering locations, was 7,871.

## ◆ NEW YORK ◆

Today, Saratoga:

**HONORABLE MISS H., \$75,000a, 3yo/up, f/m, 6f**

The field of five, in post position order, is as follows:

**Classy Mirage** (Storm Bird), Krone; **Twist Afleet** (Afleet), Bailey; **Unreal Cupcake** (Unreal Zeal), Chavez; **Miss Gibson County** (Winrightt), Sellers; **Low Key Affair** (Affirmed), Day.

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STAKES RESULT:

**THE PARK HEIGHTS S., \$55,875, PIM, 7-25, 3yo/up, f/m, 5fT, :58 2/5, fm.**

1--**#IRISH IVOR, 115, m, 5, Sir Ivor Again--Red**

**Pennant, by Flag Raiser. O/B-Helen M. Kelly (MD); T-Linda L Albert; J-J L Umana; \$33,525.**

Lifetime Record: 29-5-3-6, \$96,825.

2--**Clever Clever, 122, m, 5, Clever Trick--Ms. Rutledge, by Lord Gaylord. \$11,175.**

3--**I'm An Old Fool, 115, f, 4, Groovy--Joy's Fool, by Foolish Pleasure. (\$32,000 yrl '92 KEESEP; \$32,000 2yo 1993 FTKAPR). \$6,146.**

Margins: 3, NK, NO. Odds: 35.00, 0.80CT, 22.80.

ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

**9th-MTH, \$32,500, (R), 3yo/up, 1m, 1:38 3/5, ft.**

**HATMANDU (g, 4, Hatchet Man--Starrett, by Halo)**

Lifetime Record: 8-4-0-1, \$72,165. O-Mrs Kenneth A Roe. B-Hemlock Ridge Stables (NJ). T-Frank L Pollara.

\* 1/2 to Femma (Gill, \$287,390, by Full Pocket) and full to Gillingham (MSP, \$124,311).

**9th-ELP, \$29,200, 3yo/up, f/m, 1mT, 1:34 1/5, fm.**

**MARI'S KEY (m, 5, Mari's Book--Key to the Trophy, by Wajima)**

Lifetime Record: 36-6-12-4, \$213,793. O-N.J. Herthel & T. Becker. B-Albert F. Polk Jr. (KY). T-Philip J. Thomas. \*MSP.

**5th-MTH, \$22,000, 3yo/up, a1 1/16mT, 1:45 1/5, fm.**

**TIMMONS (g, 3, Demons Begone--Liz's Axe, by Lucy's Axe)**

Lifetime Record: 9-4-0-0, \$70,260. O-Fox Hill Farm. B-Leroy S. Close (KY). T-John C. Servis.

**8th-PHA, \$21,847, 3yo/up, a1m70yd, 1:41 2/5, ft.**

**BRISTLING (g, 3, Broad Brush--Carrie's Dream {MSW, \$240,811}, by Stop the Music)**

Lifetime Record: 7-3-2-1, \$61,357. O/B-Mrs Eugene E. Weymouth (PA). T-Eugene E. Weymouth. \*MSP. \*\* 1/2 to Encaustic (SP, \$181,107, by Tank's Prospect).

**7th-MTH, \$21,000, 3yo/up, a1m70yd, 1:42 1/5, ft.**

**GIN ON LAND (c, 3, Copelan--My Mom Ginny {SW}, by Wardlaw)**

Lifetime Record: 10-2-1-4, \$38,320. O-Arthur F. Parent. B-Art Parent (FL). T-Charles Carlesimo Jr.

**8th-PIM, \$20,580, 3yo/up, 6f, 1:09 3/5, ft.**

**SUNDEE DREAM (c, 4, Fountain of Gold--Dynasty**

**Reign, by Seattle Slew)** Lifetime Record: 4-4-0-0, \$44,370. O-Mel Stempler. B-Marvin Saurbier (FL).

T-Gene A. Lotti Jr. \*Won off 10-month layoff.

**7th-PIM, \$19,000, 3yo/up, 1 3/8mT, 2:22 4/5, fm.**

**HIGH CARD (c, 4, Exceller--Passionate Pursuit, by Dick-**

**ens Hill {Ire})** Lifetime Record: 13-4-1-0, \$32,150.

O-Mrs Louis Ledyard. B-Robert Raggio (NY). T-F. Bruce Miller. \*Won his previous start May 21 over jumps.

**MAIDEN WINNERS:**

**Season's Flair**, f, 2, **D'Accord**--Elegant Moment, by Timeless Moment. PIM, 7-25, 5 1/2f, 1:03 3/5. B-John Hettinger (Ny). \*\$49,000 yrl '94 FTKOCT.

+ **Bold Questor**, f, 2, **Norquestor**--Twice Boldly, by Anticipating. PIM, 7-25, 5 1/2f, 1:05 4/5. B-Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth Holt (Md).

**Highly Respectable**, c, 2, **Time to Explode**--Beau Swapper, by Beaudelaire. MTH, 7-25, 5 1/2f, 1:06 3/5. B-G. Watts Humphrey Jr, J. Pierce, Et Al (Ky). \*\$10,000 wlng '93 KEENOV.

**G.U. Lucky**, c, 3, **Air Forbes Won**--Meet Me Half Way, by Nodouble. ELP, 7-25, 1 1/16mT, 1:42 2/5. B-Albert F. Polk Jr (Ky). \*\$12,000 yrl '93 KEESEP.

**Perfervid**, g, 3, **Moment of Hope**--Daddy's Dish, by Marshua's Dancer. ELP, 7-25, 1 1/16mT, 1:42 3/5. B-J. Merrick Jones Jr (Ky). \*\$3,700 yrlg '93 KEEJAN.

**Unleash the Wolf**, f, 3, **Northern Wolf**--God Given, by Double Zeus. DEL, 7-25, 1m, 1:38 2/5. B-Dr. George Harmening & Harold Allen (Md).

**My Little Love**, f, 3, **Reinvested**--Rekindling (SP, \$120,065), by Affirmed. FLX, 7-25, 5 1/2f, 1:09. B-Harbor View Farms (Ny). \*\$2,000 yrl '93 FTMSEP.

**Substantial**, f, 3, **Stalwart**--Madam Magoo (SP, \$123,825), by Far Out East. PIM, 7-25, 6f, 1:10 1/5. B-Robert S. Evans (Fl).

**Charles' Sister**, f, 4, **Rough Iron**--Trance's Delight, by In a Trance. PIM, 7-25, 6f, 1:10 2/5. B-M.Jenkins (Wv).

## W • R • I • T • E • R • S U P

**BEHIND THE SCENES**by: **Frank Carlson**

A leggy brunette named Pam perched atop a high stool. She spun a tale of woe, including returning home from a trip only to find her week-old Volvo up to its headliner in water. Then, a couple of days later she was \$130 short in the cash drawer and had to use her previous week's paycheck to cover the shortage. It wouldn't be the last tale of woe heard that day.

No, it wasn't a seedy singles bar in Miami. It was the second floor mutuel line at Calder Race Course. Pam had nine years experience punching tickets and instructions from the head of the mutuel department to keep an eye on the new guy sitting beside her. I was the new guy, and I'd be spending the day finding out what its like to punch bets.

There isn't a punter alive who doesn't have horror stories about clerks punching wrong tickets, or a teller whose fingers got stuck in the machine just as the bell shut them out. I knew the bettor's side of the window, but what was it like on the other side...what was it like to be a pari-mutuel clerk for a day? I soon found out, when I punched in at 12:15 and didn't stop punching until 6:00.

With an editor's blessing and the okay of Calder management I stepped to the other side of the window. Three mornings of training on the AmTote Spectrum 2000 didn't prepare me for the onslaught of abuse and

anxiety that thousands of clerks face every day.

You haven't felt guilt until you experience a customer who gets locked out in the middle of a complicated daily double ticket when the bell rings. And the language...I'm not sure those words were meant to be used together in some of the combinations heard.

Placing a bet commands a language of its own, but there are people out there speaking a dialect I've never heard. It's a language within a language and while clerks admit that they get used to the rhythm of people calling tickets, it's not always easy. When I asked people to repeat their tickets they just walked. The ones who stayed made you pay the price for not understanding them. They attempted to enunciate their words, but what often came out is portions of their lunches, which somehow seemed to land on the key I was about to hit.

Calder ran 11 races July 8 and simulcast 22 more from Arlington and Monmouth. Considering I sold 540 tickets worth \$5,440, cashed 78 more for \$3,597, cancelled 31 to the tune of \$392 and only came up \$11.45 short, I don't think that's bad for the first day. And while people came back to inform me I had punched the wrong ticket, nobody came back and said I gave them too much money.

The day could be viewed in increasing degrees of anxiety, for myself and the bettors. The first couple of hours produced an even flow of money and customers. Jimmy Halavas, a former jump rider whose picture graced one of the early editions of *Sports Illustrated*, guarded my right flank while Pam Jenks, the leggy brunette, took care of the left. Jimmy, a veteran clerk, had a steady patter of conversation which kept people coming back. But even Jimmy's congenial personality didn't stop patrons from jumping lines when the clock ticked down to the final minute.

As the day reached its mid-point and bank rolls started to strain, the anxiety level of patrons grew. Customers became more irritated when they had to repeat numbers, less forgiving when they asked for Monmouth and received Calder tickets, more abusive when the tri they were trying to bet at Arlington wouldn't go into the machine because the track didn't offer a tri on that race.

The favorite in Belmont's feature race finished second at 1-5, wiping out the last few dollars of many. There was one race left at Calder and two at Arlington to get even. Calder offered a superfecta and the back end of the late double held some last hopes for a few. Two of the hundreds of customers who stood in my line all day cashed on the last race. The rest were on their way to the parking lot, while a couple stayed for the Arlington races, but my day was done.

In the end, the experience was worth the effort. The overall impression was one of pleasant surprise at how well-behaved most people were and a better understanding of how the person on the other side of the window views a horse race. I'll probably still get mad if I get a wrong ticket, but I'll probably walk away from the window before screaming.

(NOTE: Frank repaid the \$11.45 shortage and donated the remainder of his \$54 salary to the Disabled Jockeys Fund.)