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DENMAN TO SKIP HOLLYWOOD'S SPRING/SUMMER MEET Trevor Denman will not return to Hollywood Park for the 1996 spring/summer meeting, track management and the renowned race caller announced in a joint statement Wednesday. Denman, who could return for the 1996 Autumn Meeting at Hollywood Park, is pursuing other opportunities which conflict with dates for the spring/summer meeting. "The decision is clearly personal, a life decision if you will, to break out into other fields," Denman said. "Working fewer months calling races will allow me to pursue professional opportunities that I find appealing right now. I want to state clearly that I have enjoyed a terrific five years at Hollywood Park. Everyone, from Mr. Hubbard on down, has been great to work with. If circumstances change with race dates or if special projects arise, I would love to work for Hollywood Park again." Hollywood Park will consider all options before making a decision on an announcer or announcers for its 1996 meetings. "Trevor Denman is the best race announcer in America and we will miss him," track Chairman R.D. Hubbard said. "But we hope to keep him involved with us on special television shows or similar things as his new schedule permits."

DOWNGRADE RESCINDED The Graded Stakes Committee has rescinded the downgrade issued to the Budweiser Mile H., it was announced yesterday by the Thoroughbred Owners & Breeders Association. The race had been downgraded from a GIII event to a listed race, but TOBA Executive Director John Hamilton explained that due to a breakdown in communication between Yakima Meadows, where the race was held in 1995, and Emerald Downs, which will hold the race in 1996, the decision has been rescinded. Hamilton said a certified letter sent last year to the Racing Secretary at Yakima putting the track on notice that the race was in danger of losing its graded status had never been delivered to Emerald Racing Associations. "They also sent us written confirmation that they are going to increase the purse from \$75,000 to \$200,000 for 1996," said Hamilton, who added that the name of the race would be changed to the Longacres Mile. Emerald Downs in Auburn, Washington is scheduled to open for its inaugural racing season June 20, 1996.

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Today, Aqueduct:

PP	HORSE	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Nappelon	Araya	Bravo	110
2	Winner's Edge	Kimmel	Chavez	107
3	Hooded Dancer	Brida	Pezua	112
4	Manila Lila	Hernandez	Alvarado	114
5	Incinerate	Jerkens	Leon	119
6	Lotta Dancing	McGaughey	Castillo Jr.	117
7	Hey Hazel	Attfield	Pino	117
8	Transient Trend	P. Kelly	Samyn	110
9	Night Fax	Turner	Carle	115
10	Very True	Schosberg	Maple	111
11	Miss Gold Peace	Pierce	Cordova	110

Five-year-old **Hey Hazel** (Ascot Knight), winner of at least two stakes every year since her two-year-old season in 1992, took the GIII Carousel H. at Laurel in her last outing Nov. 18. The Canadian-bred mare has won 12 races and \$870,170 to date.

Saturday, Hollywood Park:

NATIVE DIVER H.-GIII, \$100,000a, 3yo/up, 1 1/8m Wednesday morning, last year's Native Diver winner **Best Pal** (*Habitony) breezed a half-mile in :48 at Hollywood Park. "He's showing the younger horses what a racehorse is supposed to look like," trainer Richard Mandella said of the seven-year-old gelding. "He's still to be dealt with. There are no plans to retire him. He still enjoys training and he's still competitive." Best Pal, who has earned more money in 1995 (\$538,600) than he did in 1994 (\$420,200), has won six of nine career starts at Hollywood Park, including the GI Hollywood Futurity at age two, the GI Swaps S. at three, the GI Hollywood Gold Cup at five and GIII Native Diver at six. Also probable for Saturday's race are **El Florista (Arg)** (El Basco), **Luthier Fever** (Mt. Livermore), **Alphabet Soup** (Cozzene) and **Caherdaniel** (Tank's Prospect). Considered possible for the GIII event are **Regal Rowdy** (Cozzene), **Cezind** (Ferdinand) and **Cocooning** (Saros {GB}).

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STORM CAUSES BEVY OF TRACK CLOSINGS

Suffolk Downs canceled racing Wednesday and will continue to be dark indefinitely after a winter storm buried the East Coast with snow and ice. The Massachusetts Derby, which had already been postponed once after snow caused the cancellation of Suffolk's Dec. 9 card, had been rescheduled for yesterday, but will now have to be either postponed once again or called off. Laurel Park has canceled Thursday's live racing card, also because of the storm, but will offer full-card commingled simulcast wagering from Calder Race Course, Fair Grounds and Hollywood Park. Currently, live and simulcast wagering are slated to resume at the Maryland track Friday. Penn National Race Course also canceled its Wednesday night races, but continued its simulcast program.

CHURCHILL DOWNS TO SELL INTEREST IN HOOSIER PARK

Churchill Downs Inc. and Conseco Inc., a diversified financial services holding company, yesterday announced they have entered into an agreement through which Conseco will purchase a 10 percent interest in Hoosier Park, L.P. from Churchill Downs. After the purchase, Churchill Downs will continue to manage Hoosier Park and its satellite wagering facilities in Indiana. The purchase price will be calculated at closing, but is estimated to be approximately \$2.8 million. The agreement also provides Conseco with a three-year option to increase its equity interest in Hoosier Park to 57 percent. Churchill Downs will continue to manage the operations if the option is exercised. The transaction is subject to the approval of the Indiana Horse Racing Commission. "This alliance will bring together the strengths of both companies and enable Indiana racing to achieve its full potential," said Thomas H. Meeker, president and CEO of Churchill Downs. Stephen C. Hilbert, chairman, president and CEO of Conseco, added, "We're delighted to be associated with Churchill Downs--the finest name in the horse racing business. This investment is consistent with our interest in the gaming industry and in other industries which demonstrate the potential for superior returns." With the sale, Conseco becomes the second Indiana-based investor in Hoosier Park, L.P. The Pegasus Group Inc. purchased a 13 percent interest in the Company in February, 1994.

PINCAY OUT THREE TO FOUR WEEKS Jockey Laffit Pincay Jr., who suffered three broken ribs during a spill in Sunday's fourth race at Hollywood Park, said yesterday he felt "fine" and hoped to be able to resume riding within three to four weeks. "I feel fine. I have no pain at all," Pincay said via telephone from his home in Glendale, California. "I'm able to walk and I've had no problem sleeping. It's just going to take a little time." Pincay, aboard the two-year-old filly Kris's Intention, said he saw trouble coming as the field made its way into the clubhouse turn. "The horse outside of me was coming in and I hollered," Pincay said. "Then I remember the horse on the inside was lugging out. I was between them and my filly stumbled, lost her balance and went down. I'm not sure if it was anyone's fault; it was probably just an accident." Pincay, 48, was tied for eighth-place in the Hollywood standings with 11 wins through Sunday. His 8,367 victories are the second highest total ever.

BIG SPORT OF TURFDOM AWARD NOMINEES ANNOUNCED

Jockey Jerry Bailey, owners Bob and Beverly Lewis, trainer D. Wayne Lukas and owner-breeder Allen Paulson head the list of nominees on ballots for the Turf Publicists of America 1995 Big Sport of Turfdom award. The Big Sport award is traditionally presented at a highlight luncheon preceding the annual Eclipse Award ceremony, slated to take place next year Friday, February 9 in San Diego, California.

Stakes Preview Continued.

Tuesday, December 26, Santa Anita:

MALIBU S.-GI, \$150,000a, 3yo, 7f

Afternoon Deelites (Private Terms) worked Tuesday morning in preparation for the Malibu S. According to trainer Richard Mandella, the colt worked seven furlongs over Hollywood Park's fast main track in 1:22.1. Afternoon Deelites, a winner of four graded races including the GI Hollywood Futurity, has not raced since the Kentucky Derby, and Mandella admits to a few nerves prior to his charge's return to racing. "I am a little anxious, you never know how they'll come back, but everything in his works suggests that he'll come back the same. You always worry about something. If it's not this, than it's something else." The Derby was the only off-the-board finish of Afternoon Deelites's career. He has started seven times, recording five wins and one second and amassing earnings of \$668,125 to date.

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Local News, Bay Meadows:

Leland Stanford S. winner **Mr. Thrifty** (Moscow Ballet), who injured his left knee in a seven-furlong work at Bay Meadows last Saturday, had surgery Tuesday at the Northern California track. "He had a (bone) chip removed and everything went like it was supposed to," said trainer Greg Gilchrist. "Dr. Don Smith performed the surgery and he took out a very large chip...very large. He'll just get stall rest for the next two or three weeks and then we'll turn him out (to Harris Farms in Coalinga, California). I'm guessing he'll be back in mid-summer." In his last start Nov. 11 at Santa Anita, the two-year-old gelding finished in a dead-heat for third in the California Cup Juvenile despite a troubled trip.

◆ So. CALIFORNIA ◆

Yesterday's Results:

8th-HOL, \$46,000, Alw, 3yo/up, 1 1/8mT, 1:48 2/5, fm.

1--**GOLDEN POST, 116, g, 5, Golden Act--Top Line (Fr), by Top Ville (Ire).** O-Conejo Ranch; B-Audley Farm, Inc (VA); T-Edwin Gregson. Lifetime Record: SP, 20-5-7-1, \$211,700. * 1/2 to Foolish Line (SP-N.A. & Fr, \$163,548, by Foolish Pleasure) and Miss Union Avenue (Gill, \$283,898, by Steinlen {GB}).

2--**Little Too Much (Ire), 118, g, 5, Storm Bird--Begonia, by Plugged Nickle.**

3--**Onceforthroad, 116, c, 3, Falstaff--Lei of Stars, by *Hawaii.**

Margins: HF, HF, HD. Odds: 2.20, 4.40, 19.00.

Golden Post returned from a two-month layoff to finish third in the H.P. Russell H. at Santa Anita Oct. 22, then posted a second-place finish in a Hollywood turf allowance in his last start Nov. 24. Continuing to improve here, the bay gelding forced the pace early, took a short lead on the second turn, surrendered the advantage into the stretch, then came back on the outside to win by 1/2-length as the 2-1 second choice. Race favorite TABOR (Tejano) was fourth.

3rd-HOL, \$36,000, Alw, 2yo, f, 1 1/16m, 1:42 2/5, ft.

JADE HAWK (f, 2, Hawkster--Rich Niece, by Rich Cream) broke her maiden Oct. 6 at Santa Anita, then tried turf for the first time in the Gill Miesque S. at Hollywood Nov. 24, finishing seventh. Back on the main track here, the bay filly was sent off the 3-5 favorite and did not disappoint, going wire-to-wire for a three-length tally over COLLODIA (Leo Castelli). Lifetime Record: 4-2-1-0, \$46,450. O-Cardiff Stud Farm & Chaiken & Heller. B-J.S. Meredith (KY). T-Richard C. Mettee.

6th-HOL, \$35,000, Alw, 3yo/up, 1 1/16m, 1:41 1/5, ft.

GEENGER MAN (g, 4, Falstaff--Bold Zest, by Bold Tropic {Saf}), a MSP runner who was fourth in the \$111,000 On Trust H. for California-breds in his last start Dec. 2, raced in second until the final strides, when he got up to win by a head as the 4-5 bettors' choice. Lifetime Record: 19-5-3-7, \$210,435. O-Mr & Mrs William J. Murphy. B-William J. Murphy (CA). T-Dan L. Hendricks.

◆ EAST ◆

Local News, Miami:

Today the Women's Thoroughbred Action League (WTAL) is sponsoring a Merry Christmas for "Kids in Distress" to be held at their Wilton Manors facilities. "Kids in Distress" is a private non-profit agency that provides responsive prevention and treatment programming for young abused, neglected or abandoned children. Funding was received from Thoroughbred racehorse owners, trainers, jockeys, exercise riders, grooms, hotwalkers and included donations from the Florida Horsemen's Benevolent and Protective Association and Calder Race Course. Donations and gifts purchased with these funds by the WTAL will be given to 66 children ages three weeks to 12 years old.

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

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ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

7th-BMX, \$30,000, 3yo/up, f/m, 1m, 1:37 1/5, ft.

JUST A WISH (f, 3, Horatius--Justine {SP}, by Val de l'Orne {Fr}) Lifetime Record: 13-4-3-1, \$80,764.

O-James A. Egide. B-Elizabeth M. Hendriks (PA). T-Brent Sumja. * 1/2 to Mike's Cavil (SW, \$136,512, by Mari's Book).

8th-HAW, \$25,305, (S), 3yo/up, a1m70yd, 1:46 1/5, ft.

TOOTSINGSTHEBLUES (c, 3, Blue Ensign--Toot's Zing, by Zingalong) Lifetime Record: 13-3-2-3, \$55,944.

O/B-Mrs. Loretta J. Clark (IL). T-Robert J. Byrne. * 1/2 to Tex's Zing (MSW, \$557,598, by Text).

MAIDEN WINNERS:

Skywalker's Choice, c, 2, Skywalker--Chosen Slew, by Slew o' Gold. HOL, 12-20, (S), 1 1/16mT, 1:42 3/5. B-Evergreen Thoroughbreds, Inc. (Ca).

+ **Sweet Dish**, f, 3, Candi's Gold--Shanes Queen, by Shanekite. HOL, 12-20, 6f, 1:10 1/5. B-Halo Farms (Ca).

Liteup My Life, f, 3, Green Dancer--In Neon (SW, \$111,595), by Ack Ack. HAW, 12-20, 6f, 1:13 1/5. B-Meryl Ann Tanz, Hedgewood Farm, Et Al (Ky). *\$40,000 yrl '93 KEESEP. ** 1/2 to Star Recruit (MGIII, \$807,200, by Al Nasr {Fr}).

A Duchess for K, f, 3, Kalim (Ire)--Duchess Zanthé, by Zanthé. HOL, 12-20, 6f, 1:11. B-Brooks, King, Landsburg & Weinberger (Ca). *Won off 6-month layoff.

North Cape, c, 3, Majestic Light--Golden Shore, by Windy Sands. BMX, 12-20, 1 1/16m, 1:44 3/5. B-William H. Oldknow & Robert W. Phipps (Ky). * 1/2 to Golden Act (MGSW, \$928,268, by Gummo) and Majestic Shore (GIII, \$311,695, by Majestic Prince).

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THRILL SHOW (by Northern Baby)	18	7	\$1,090,665
REAL SHADAI (by Roberto)	20	5	\$1,003,502
JADE ROBBERY (by Mr. Prospector)	17	7	\$ 982,589
AMBER SHADAI (Jpn) (by Northern Taste)	11	6	\$ 818,218
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