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## STRONG OPENING AT KEENENLAND

JANUARY The 5-year-old MGSW mare lootrhythm (Dixieland Band) topped yesterday's opening session of the Keeneland January Horses of All Ages Sale in Lexington, Consigned by Mill Ridge Sales, agent, lgotrhythm brought a final bid of \$710,000 from Chester Broman, owner of 270-acre Chestertown Farm in Chestertown, NY. "I didn't see too much wrong with her," Broman said of Igotrhythm. "She looks close to being perfect." The mare will go to Hedgewood Farm in Lexington, Ky to be bred and then she'll be taken to Chestertown Farm to have the foal. In all, 257 horses were sold in the first session for a total of \$9,628,800. The gross is up 65 percent from last year's aggregate of \$5,837,700 when 250 horses were sold. The opensession average of \$37,466 is up 60 percent from last year's average of \$23,351. The four-day sale continues through Thursday.

#### JACK KENT COOKE TO DISPERSE AT

**KEENELAND** Sports and business mogul Jack Kent Cooke announced yesterday that he will completely disperse his Thoroughbred racing and breeding stock at Keeneland during 1997. The Virginia resident will sell approximately 140 horses; his 500-acre Elmendorf Farm near Lexington, Kentucky is also up for sale. Cooke's two-year-olds and horses of racing age will be sold in April; his yearlings will be offered in July and September, while broodmares, weanlings and stallion shares will sell in November. Cooke, who has been involved in sports for more than 40 years, is the current owner of the Washington Redskins football team, and is building a \$200-million stadium for the team in Raljon, Maryland, a suburb of Washington, D.C. He also owns the Los Angeles Daily News and the Chrysler Building in New York. In racing since 1980, Cooke purchased Elmendorf in 1984, and has since raced such top homebred as 1996 MGSW Antespend and MGSW Flying Continental.

# STAKES CLOSINGS

TOMORROW, WEDNESDAY, JAN. 8: 1-18 \$100,000 Holy Bull-GIII, GP, 3yo,

81/2f (\$100)

1-19 \$125,000 San Gorgonio H.-GII, SA,

4vo/up, f/m, 9fT (\$50)

1-20 \$150,000 San Marcos H.-GII, SA, 4yo/up, 10fT (\$50)

1-20 \$125,000 El Encino-GII, SA, 4yo, f, 8½f (\$50)



## MONDAY'S TOP TEN

Hip # Sire Dam **Price** IGOTRHYTHM (not in foal) **Slew Princess** \$710,000 96 Dixieland Band Consigned by Mill Ridge Sales, agent Purchased by Chestertown Farm FLOOD (In foal to Caerleon) Hail Maggie \$430,000 66 Riverman Consigned by Mill Ridge Sales, agent

RUBY SLIPPERS (In foal to Affirmed) 211 Nijinsky II Moon Glitter \$350,000 Consigned by Robert Courtney/Crestfield Farm LLC, agent for Heronwood Farm Purchased by Aisling Cross

Purchased by Belgrave Bloodstock

WINDMILL POINT (In foal to Miswaki)

\$335,000 Cinegita 295 Storm Bird Consigned by Taylor Made Sales Agency, agent IV Purchased by Walnut Green Bloodstock HUJJAB (In foal to Caerleon)

Winters' Love 93 \$325,000 Woodman Consigned by Windfields Farm, agent Purchased by B.B.A. (Ireland) KRISTANA (GB) (In foal to Deputy Minister)

\$300,000 111 Kris Sleat Consigned by Robert E Courtney/Crestfield Farm LLC, agent for Heronwood Farm, Inc.

Purchased by Aisling Cross CHARMING FAPPIANO (In foal to End Sweep) 8

\$235,000 Fappiano Charming Story Consigned by Mark Casse, agent Purchased by Nobuo Tsunoda HARBOR ISLAND (not in foal)

\$230,000 65 Flippers Danziq Consigned by Claiborne Farm, agent

Purchased by Brookdale Farm SPOTTY LIGHT RAIN (In foal to Tabasco Cat)

\$210,000 Cryptoclearance Rain a Little 246 Consigned by James B Keogh (Grovendale), agent Purchased by Walnut Green Bloodstock

NASTY AFFAIR (In foal to End Sweep)

150 L'Affaire \$175,000 Nasty and Bold Consigned by Mark Casse, agent Purchased by W. S. Farish

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RECORD YEARLING DIES The colt whose \$1.4-million price tag set a Keeneland September yearling sale record last year was euthanized after suffering a severe case of laminitis. The Gone West--Existentialist colt was purchased by bloodstock agent Buzz Chace for Rick Porter's Fox Hill Farm and was being prepared for Barretts March 2-year-olds in training sale at Bob Scanlon's Sunnyside Farm near Ocala, Florida. The colt was sent to the University of Florida veterinary center at Gainesville where he was put down January 3.

STALLION ACCESS SALE TONIGHT Stallion Access will conduct their January Sale of Selected Seasons and Shares at Newton Paddocks in Lexington tonight, with bidding set to begin at 7:30 p.m. Featured among the 91 lots are 1997 seasons in such sires as Cozzene, Broad Brush, Danzig, Kris S., Miswaki, Mt. Livermore and Rubiano. For the convenience of buyers, Stallion Access will offer bid-byphone accommodations. Last year, 57 seasons and 11 shares sold at the January Stallion Access Sale, bringing a total of \$1,109,700.

JIM KEEFER DEAD Veteran Churchill Downs conditioner Jim Keefer died Sunday at Caritas Medical Center of a heart attack after being hospitalized earlier due to emphysema. Keefer, a native of Somerset, Texas and a veteran of the Korean War, initially trained guarter horses but switched to thoroughbreds in 1958. During his career, Keefer accumulated nine Churchill stakes wins from 1975 through 1996. His most recent Downs's stakes victory was a 21-1 upset by Global View in the fall meet's Iroquois for 2-year-olds. Facing declining health, Keefer turned his eight-horse stable over to trainer Lynn Whiting in December. Visitation will be at O.D. White Funeral Home in Louisville, Ky Jan. 7 from 3 PM to 8 PM. A memorial service will be held beginning at 8 PM on Tuesday. Contributions may be made to the American Lung Association or the American Heart Association.

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**HELISSIO FOR DUBAI WORLD CUP** According to a report in the Racing Post, the 1996 Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe winner Helissio (Fr) (Fairy King) is to be aimed at the \$4 million Dubai World Cup in the Gulf on March 29. Helissio is expected to leave trainer Flie Lellouche's stable for the warm Dubai climate on January 14 with his stable companion, Joselito. Owner Enrique Sarasola's racing manager Bruno Ridoux said: "We obviously hope he will run well in the Dubai World Cup, but whatever happens, he will benefit from a winter in the sun. If all goes well and he runs in Dubai, he will bypass the Prix Ganay and go directly to the Coronation Cup at Epsom in June." Helissio won six of his eight starts in 1996, beaten only in the French Derby and the Japan Cup, when he dead-heated for third place behind Canadian International winner and Breeders' Cup Turf runner-up Singspiel.

DON CLIPPINGER AND TOM KEYSER EARN MEDIA ECLIPSE AWARDS Don Clippinger, managing editor of the Thoroughbred Times, and Tom Keyser, horse racing writer for the Baltimore Sun, have been honored with the 1996 Eclipse Awards for outstanding writing. Clippinger earned the Eclipse for Outstanding Achievement in Magazine Writing for his story "Focusing on the Big Picture: How TV Relates to Racing," which appeared in the March/April issue of the Mid-Atlantic Thoroughbred. Honorable mentions in the category went to Thoroughbred Daily News contributor John Lee for two stories, "Running for the Roses" and "Cigar!," published in Cigar Aficionado; and John P. Sparkman for his Thoroughbred Times story "Courage in the Desert." Keyser took the award for Outstanding Achievement in Newspaper Writing for his overall excellence in the coverage of Thoroughbred racing during the year; judges reviewed three samples of Keyser's work, stories on horse intelligence, racing at Saratoga and Cigar's farewell appearance at Churchill Downs. Honorable mentions for newspaper writing went to Cindy Mullaney for her Daily Racing Form entry "Rose Hamburger's Love of Racing," Gary West for "Remembering a Lone Star Legend" and Tracy Gantz for the five-part series "Racing in the West."

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# STALLIONS AVAILABLE FOR INSPECTION DURING THE JANUARY SALES



## AKSARBEN OAKS MOVES TO REMINGTON

PARK The GIII AKsarben Oaks, last run at the Nebraska track in 1995, will move to Remington Park in 1997, and the North American Graded Stakes Committee announced yesterday that the event will retain its graded status for this year's edition. It will be the first graded Thoroughbred stakes to be run at the Oklahoma track. "We are going to do everything we can to make sure we keep this grade and hopefully earn other graded races in the future," said Remington's Director of Racing and Racing Secretary Mike Anifantis. Due to the cancellation of live racing at AKsarben, executives at both AKsarben and Remington made a formal request to have the race moved while keeping its GIII designation. The 1997 AKsarben Oaks will be run Saturday, July 26, with a purse of \$100,000 for three-year-old fillies going a mile and a sixteenth.

AUSTRALIAN STRIKE CONTINUES With no compromise in site, the jockeys' strike in Australia looks set to continue indefinitely. While the jockeys are insisting on \$52-dollar riding fee increase, racing authorities have fined many of the senior riders for not taking the mounts for which they were booked last Saturday. In New South Wales, the Australian Jockey Club fined riders \$396 for each ride they refused to take at Randwick in Sydney, John Marshall, on the committee of the New South Wales Jockeys Association, said: "We've been trying to get this issue heard for 12 months and have been put off each time, so we decided to take this drastic action." The AJC's Executive Officer Tony King said: "I am disappointed that the jockeys have taken the action that they have. I still hope that common sense will prevail and that we can settle this matter without further industrial disruption." The Gold Coast Club in Queensland was forced to abandon the first day of the prestigious Magic Millions Carnival when not enough riders were available.

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# ◆ EAST ◆

## Yesterday's Results:

8th-GPX, \$37,000, Alw, 4yo/up, a1 1/16mT, 1:42 1/5, fm.

DONTHELUMBERTRADER (c, 4, John Casey--Miss Swiss, by Captain Courageous), winner of two straight including the Pete Axthelm H. before finishing second in a Calder allowance last out, returned to his winning ways in his '97 debut, closing from second to outgame AGO (Danzig) for a nose victory at 7-2. Lifetime Record: SW, 18-9-3-1, \$158,330.

O/B-Julie Miron (FL). T-Edward Plesa Jr.

9th-GPX, \$33,000, Alw, 4yo/up, 6f, 1:09 1/5, ft. SARATOGA SHARK (h, 6, Saratoga Six--Telescopica (Arg), by Table Play) came back from a nine-month layoff to run third in a Churchill allowance test November 26. Making his second start after the extended break, the 1/2 to Ms. Aerosmith (Skywalker), MSW & MGSP, \$240,566, settled near the back of the pack early but finished full of run to take the lead midstretch and cruise away to a seven-length score at 3-1. Evenmoney LEFT BANKER (Afleet) was second best. Lifetime Record: 18-4-4-4, \$126,289.

O-Edward J Kelly Jr. B-David's Farm (KY). T-S Penrod.

**5th-GPX**, **\$30,000**, **Alw**, 4yo/up, f/m, a1 1/8mT, 1:49 4/5, fm.

LYRE DE CASTELLI (f, 4, Leo Castelli--Lyre de Saron (Fr), by Luthier), an allowance winner at Calder in her latest, was a generous 14-1 to make it two in a row but defied the odds with a front-running 1 1/2-length tally. The winner is a 1/2 to Lady de Saron (Fr) (Targowice), MGSP-Fr; and Ken de Saron (Kenmare {Fr}), GSW, \$124,181. The 8-5 favorite INNER CIRCLE (El Gran Senor) was second throughout and just held on to take the place spot over MARI TIE (Black Tie Affair {Ire}). Lifetime Record: 6-3-1-0, \$38,060.

O-Fares Farms. B-Fares Farm, Inc. (KY). T-C Clement.

7th-GPX, \$29,000, Alw, 4yo/up, 1 1/16m, 1:46 1/5, ft. COLIN O'CURL (c, 4, Ogygian--Platinum Wave, by Mr. Prospector), sent off the 9-5 second choice after finishing fourth at Aqueduct in his most recent appearance, settled in fifth for six furlongs, then rallied to take the lead at the top of the lane and draw away to a 2 1/2-length victory. Lifetime Record: 7-2-2-1, \$45,615. O-Mrs, Fay Elliot. B-Geoffrey Elliott (KY). T-C Clement.

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# OFF TO A WINNING START

Keeneland April Sale graduate Confide won the first graded stakes race of the year for 3-year-olds – the Spectacular Bid. April Two-Year-Olds in Training Sale – April 15



4th-GPX, \$29,000, Alw, 4yo/up, f/m, 7f, 1:23 1/5, ft. TERMLY (f, 4, Private Terms--Wisely, by Smarten), off for a year from October, 1995, to October, 1996, won her first two starts off the long layoff, then was fourth in an Aqueduct allowance last out November 29. Off at 4-1 to get back on track, the dark bay miss rated just off the pace through the opening fractions before launching a bid that just caught APRIL DANCE (Sword Dance {Ire}) by a nose on the wire. Lifetime Record: 5-3-0-0, \$61,713.

O/B-Mrs Richard C Dupont (MD). T-H Allen Jerkens.

10th-GPX, \$28,000, Alw, 4yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:10 3/5, ft. EFFICIENTLY (f, 4, Seattle Slew--Cuddles {GISW, \$582,996}, by Mr. Prospector) had been on the shelf since finishing second in a Churchill allowance affair in April, but showed solid works for her return and lived up to her 4-5 odds. The bay dueled on the lead from the start and pulled away in the lane to record a 2 3/4-length tally. Lifetime Record: 7-2-3-1, \$52,050. O/B-Overbrook Farm (KY). T-D Wayne Lukas.

3rd-GPX, \$28,000, Msw, 4yo, f, 1 1/16m, 1:47 2/5, ft. SWEET LITTLE KRIS (f, 4, Kris S.--Sweet Little Star, by Chieftain) hit the board for the first time in her latest try, rallying to get second at a mile and an eighth on the grass December 23. Switched to the dirt for the first time in her career here, the 1/2 to Nasty Little Star (Nasty And Bold), SW, \$134,261, sat last for a half but finished well once again, this time getting up for a three-quarter length score at 6-1. Lifetime Record: 5-1-1-0, \$21.890.

O/B-Four Horsemen's Ranch Inc. (FL). T-Martin D Wolfson.

6th-GPX, \$27,000, Msw, 3yo, f, 1 1/16m, 1:46 3/5, ft. ALL THE MOVES (f, 3, A. P. Indy--Naskra's Return, by Naskra), second at Calder last out, was 5-2 to break her maiden in her Gulfstream debut and did just that, closing from fourth to take it by a length. The winner was a \$430,000 FTSAUG yearling. Lifetime Record: 6-1-3-0, \$34,784.

O-Mrs M J Vance Jr. B-Maple Leaf Farm (PA). T-Flint S Schulhofer.

#### **UPCOMING SALES:**

Jan. 6-9 - Keeneland Mixed, Lexington, Ky.

Jan. 7 - Fasig-Tipton Stallion Access, Lexington, Ky.

Jan. 13 - Barretts Mixed, Fairplex Park, Ca.

Jan. 20-22 - Ocala Breeders' Sales Co. Mixed, Ocala, Fl.

# ◆ FOREIGN



#### AMERICAN-BRED WINNERS IN ENGLAND:

Onefortheditch, f, 4, With Approval--Wee Dram (SP, \$192,960), by Nostrum. Wolverhampton, 1-4, Manny Bernstein Bookmakers Maiden S., 4yo/up, 9f 79yds (All-weather), \$5,725 to winner. O-Onefortheditch Partnership; B-Linda L Ramsey; T-James Fanshawe. \*\$50,000 yrl '94 KEESEP.

Elite Hope, m, 5, Moment Of Hope--Chervil, by Greenough. Wolverhampton, 1-4, Manny Bernstein Wednesbury H. (Div.2), 4yo/up, 7f (All-weather), \$4,805 to winner. O-Elite Racing Club; B-Barbara Hunter; T-Nigel Tinkler. \*\$7,000 wnl '92 KEENOV; \$8,500 yrl '93 OBSAUG.

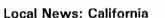
Pleasure Trick, g, 6, Clever Trick--Pleasure Garden, by Foolish Pleasure. Southwell, 1-6, Wicklow H., 4yo/up, 7f (All-weather), \$4,840 to winner. O/T-Don Enrico Incisa; B-W S Farish. \*\$13,000 wnl '91 KEENOV; \$24,000 yrl '92 KEESEP.

#### **AUSTRALIAN WINNERS BY AMERICAN SIRES:**

Damascus Dawn (Aus), m, 5, Dahar--Damascus Dew, by State Dinner. Moonee Valley, 1-4, Moonee Valley Tabaret H., 3yo/up, f/m, 8fT, \$29,274. T-Lee Freedman.

Inter Musician (Aus), g, 5, Palace Music--Her Dynasty, by Dynastic. Moonee Valley, 1-4, Dean Street H., 3yo/up, 8fT, \$29,274. T-M J Cerchi.

# ♦ So. CALIFORNIA



Britain's champion apprentice jockey of 1996, Dane O'Neill, leaves for California after racing tomorrow at Lingfield Park for a working holiday with trainer Jeremy Noseda, who was formerly involved in the training of the Godolphin team of horses in Britain. O'Neill, who is apprenticed in Britain to former champion trainer Richard Hannon, rode 79 winners last year and has partnered two winners already this year. He will stay in California for a month.

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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# ♦ MIDWEST ◆

#### Local News: Sam Houston

Total handle at Sam Houston Race Park, which ended its 1996 fall season December 15, showed gains for the third consecutive year. A total of \$49,055,991 was wagered during the fall meet at the Houston track; the daily average of \$1,114,908 was up 45 percent from the 1995 fall meeting. The most significant rise came in handle on Sam Houston's races by simulcast outlets around the country; about 100 outlets received the Sam Houston signal, and the handle from those sources accounted for a daily average of \$953,733, up from \$571,367 in 1995. But on-track handle on the live card was down 15 percent, from \$190,376 in 1995 to \$161,174 in 1996. The daily average attendance, 3,281, was nearly identical to the 1995 figure of 3,289. Steve Bourgue led all jockeys with 51 wins, while Doris Hebert led the trainer standings with 26 victories. Hebert also led all owners, picking up 15 wins with his colorbearers. Sam Houston's 1997 season opens January 9.

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#### ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

9th-FGX, \$29,500, 4yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:10 3/5, ft. FRESA (m, 5, Strawberry Road (Aus)--Confident Writer {SP}, by Staff Writer) Lifetime Record: MSW, 30-8-8-5, \$221,187. O/B-Tom Ball (LA). T-William Stice.

**7th-FGX**, **\$22,000**, 4yo/up, 1 1/16m (off turf), 1:45 3/5, ft.

BLACK STAIRS (h, 5, Lomond--Madruga {SP-Fr}, by Irish River (Fr)) Lifetime Record: 22-7-4-1, \$64,207. O-Joy Stables Inc. B-Joseph Arriola (KY). T-Gene A Cilio.

9th-PHA, \$15,825, 3yo, f, 7f, 1:27 4/5, ft. SMART ERIN (f, 3, Smarten--All in Mist, by The Minstrel) Lifetime Record: 5-2-2-0, \$25,500. O-M O Stables. B-Brian Cullen (CAN). T-Flint W Stites.

## **MAIDEN WINNERS:**

All the Moves, f, 3, A.P. Indy--Naskra's Return (MGSW, \$271,642), by Naskra. GPX, 1-6, 1 1/16m, 1:46 3/5. B-Maple Leaf Farm (Pa). \*\$430,000 yrl '95 FTSAUG. Cozy Blues, f, 3, Cure the Blues--Cozumel Kitty, by Tom Rolfe. FGX, 1-6, 1m (off turf), 1:38 1/5. B-Estate of H John Reed (Ky). \*\$16,000 wlng '94 KEENOV.

# Grasping At Straws, f, 3, D'Accord--Rose of Ashes (GSP), by Mr. Redoy. PHA, 1-6, a1m70yd, 1:47 2/5. B-Griggs J K (Ny). \*\$2,700 yrl '95 KEESEP.

Toop, f, 3, Forever Silver--Miss Takenly, by Tanthem. SUF, 1-6, 6f, 1:17 3/5. B-Shapoff Edward L (Ny). \*\$7,000 yrl '95 FTNAUG.

Fabulous Claim, c, 3, Claim--Firm and Fabulous, by Somethingfabulous. GPX, 1-6, 6f, 1:12 2/5. B-Carroll Jerry (Ky). \*\$600 yrl '95 FTKOCT.

Sweet Little Kris, f, 4, Kris S.--Sweet Little Star, by Chieftain. GPX, 1-6, 1 1/16m, 1:47 2/5. B-Four Horsemen's Ranch (FI). \*1/2 to Nasty Little Star (Nasty And Bold), SW, \$134,261.

# LEADING EUROPEAN SIRES OF 1996 UNRESTRICTED STAKES-WINNERS

# (Statistics through 12/19/96)

COUNTRY	SWs
IRE	21
iRE	11
IRE/AUS	10
IRE/AUS	10
FRA	9
ENG	9
IRE	8
JPN	8
JPN	8
JPN/AUS	7
ENG	7
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(Based on winners of unrestricted stakes with purses of \$25,000 or more in North America and winners of European stakes that qualify for "black-type" by North American catalogue standards and graded SWs in Japan.)

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#### 1996 THOROUGHBRED RACING LEADERS

(through December 22, 1996)

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<u>Jockeys</u>	<u> Mounts/Wins</u>	<u>Purses</u>
*Jerry Bailey	1,181/298	\$ 19,457,531
*Chris McCarron	789/182	\$ 14,229,228
Corey Nakatani	1,041/227	\$ 13,675,808
Pat Day	1,337/272	\$ 13,455,946
*Gary Stevens	787/161	\$ 12,596,634
Mike Smith	1,406/253	\$ 12,406,944
Shane Sellers	1,319/284	\$ 11,962,915
Alex Solis	1,427/268	\$ 11,257,123
*Jorge Chavez	1,461/242	\$ 9,606,616
John Velazquez	1,352/212	\$ 9,159,848

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