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PURSES UP AT THISTLEDOWN The overnight purses at Thistledown in Cleveland, Ohio, will increase 20 percent this year, due for the most part to the addition of full-card simulcasting in the state last season. The track kicks off 1997 with its Summit Meeting March 1; a total of 33 stakes worth \$1,845,000 will be offered over the four-meet, 187-day racing season. The Best of Ohio Series returns Columbus Day, Monday, October 13, while the highlight of the stakes calendar, the GII \$300,000 Ohio Derby, is set for Sunday, June 23, and the GIII \$150,000 Thistledown Breeders' Cup will be run Saturday, August 9. Stall applications for the Summit Meeting are now available.

TRIPLE DEAD-HEAT IN AUSTRALIA Three horses hit the line together in Australia for the first time in nearly 10 years when **Churning (Aus)**, **Sleepers (Aus)** and **Sir Laucrest (Aus)** finished in a triple dead-heat at Cowra, New South Wales, Monday. According to the *Daily Racing Form*, the trio shared first place in a Class 3 handicap and became the first to do so since a triple dead-heat at Stony Creek, Victoria, on January 23, 1987. The *Daily Racing Form* reported that there have only been two other occurrences since the photo-finish camera was put into use, one coming in 1985, and the other nearly 30 years earlier, in 1956.

AUCTIONS EARN \$100,000 FOR CHARITY Florida Thoroughbred Charities Inc. raised \$127,854 from its annual Silent and Stallion Seasons Auctions. The fund-raising events began with the Silent Auction Sunday, January 19, at Steinbrenner's Ramada Yankee Inn. Hosted by the Florida Thoroughbred Fillies, the event netted \$30,654. The high bid of the night was \$2,300 for a polled Hereford yearling bull, donated by Janal Farms. Also attracting high bids were tickets to the Super Bowl, bought for \$2,000; tickets to the World Series, which brought \$1,300; and a baseball autographed by the New York Yankees, which went for \$1,050; all were donated by George Steinbrenner. The Stallion Seasons Auction, held following the opening session of the Ocala Breeders' Sales Company's Winter Mixed Sale Monday, January 20, raised \$97,200. Topping the night's bidding was a season to **Sword Dance (Ire)** which brought \$16,000; a season to **Skip Trial** attracted the next highest bid at \$9,000. Since 1990, Florida Thoroughbred Charities has raised \$608,854.

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Today, Gulfstream Park

PP	HORSE	TRAINER	JOCKEY	ODDS
1	Sheasafortunategirl	Davis	Fires	30-1
2	Zesty Zoe	O'Connell	Boulanger	20-1
3	Cupids Revenge	Benson	Bailey	2-1
4	Southern Playgirl	Vanier	Romero	3-1
5	City Band	Lukas	Sellers	9-5
6	Glitter Woman	McGaughey	Smith	7-2
7	Halo of Stars	Musgrave	Velez	20-1

Sires: **Shesafortunategirl** (Fortunate Prospect), **Zesty Zoe** (Premiership), **Cupids Revenge** (Red Ransom), **Southern Playgirl** (Western Playboy), **City Band** (Carson City), **Glitter Woman** (Glitterman) and **Halo of Stars** (Tilt the Stars).

Undefeated Cupids Revenge steps up to graded company after a dazzling 8 1/2-length victory in the Old Hat S. at Gulfstream January 4, but the filly faces a trio of tough competitors in Team Lukas runner City Band, winner of the GI Oak Leaf S. at two and most recently runner-up in the GI Hollywood Starlet; Glitter Woman, first or second in all five career starts, including three straight seconds in graded stakes; and Southern Playgirl, five-length winner of last year's GII Alcibiades at Keeneland and a winner of five of her seven outings.

Saturday, Santa Anita

SANTA MONICA H.-GI, \$150,000a, 4yo/up, f/m, 7f

A field of seven is shaping up for the Santa Monica, headed by multiple graded-stakes winner **Raw Gold** (Rahy), who worked six furlongs in 1:15 2/5 at Hollywood Monday, and the consistent **Track Gal** (Track Barron), 11-for-19 lifetime and a three-time stakes winner last year. Also working for the race Monday was GII La Brea S. winner **Hidden Lake** (Quiet American), who went six furlongs in an easy 1:18 1/5 at Santa Anita. **Grab The Prize** (Green Dancer) earned her first graded stakes win in the GIII Monrovia H. to start the season and hasn't been worse than second in her last six starts. "She's in tip-top shape," said trainer Darrell Vienna. "We probably won't even work her again before the race." Also pointing for the GI event are **Advancing Star** (Soviet Star), **Toga Toga Toga** (Saratoga Six), and GII Lady's Secret Breeders' Cup H. winner **Top Rung** (Seattle Slew), who makes her first start since that October 6 win over eventual Eclipse winner Jewel Princess.



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Stakes Results:

NIKKEI SHINSHUN HAI-G2, \$1,072,811, Kyoto Racecourse, Japan, 1-19, 4yo/up, 12fT, 2:27.60, fm.
 1--#**MEJIRO LAMBADA (JPN)**, 117, f, 4, **Telios (GB)**--**Mejiro Merlin (Jpn)**, by **Mogami (Fr)**. O-Mejiro B.; B-Mejiro Stud (Jpn); T-Y Ikee; J-Y Take; \$565,252.
 2--**Ibuki Tamon Yagura (Jpn)**, 121, h, 5, **Carroll House (Ire)**--**Fancy Taste (Jpn)**, by **Northern Taste**. O-Ibuki; B-Shadai Farm (Jpn); \$228,447.
 3--**Foundry Rivlia (Jpn)**, 115, h, 7, **Rivlia--After The Mint**, by **Key to the Mint**. O-T Mito; B-Tomita Bokujo (Jpn); \$140,259.
 Margins: 2, HD, 3/4. Odds: 1.90, 21.00, 45.80.

AMERICAN JOCKEY CLUB CUP-G2 Jpn, \$1,067,604, Nakayama Racecourse, Japan, 1-19, 4yo/up, 11fT, 2:14.9, fm.
 1--**ROSEN KAVALIER (JPN)**, 123, c, 4, **Sunday Silence--Dyna Fairy (Jpn) (MGSW-Jpn)**, by **Northern Taste**. O-Shadai Race Horse; B-Shadai Farm (Jpn); T-Y Suzuki; J-N Yokoyama; \$561,607. *Full to SW Summer Suspicion (Jpn).
 2--**Cygnus Hero (Jpn)**, 126, h, 5, **Inari One (Jpn)**--**Swansky (Jpn)**, by **Maruzensky (Jpn)**. O-K. Hidaka Breeders Union; B-Shirai Stud Farm (Jpn); \$227,406.
 3--**King of Daiya (Jpn)**, 126, h, 5, **Sunday Silence--Will (Jpn)**, by **Mill George**. O-T Ishige; B-Sataka Farm (Jpn); \$139,738.
 Margins: HD, 3/4, NO. Odds: 4.10, 18.70, 1.80.

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ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

9th-PHA, \$20,790, 4yo/up, 6f, 1:09 3/5, ft.
PHIL OVERPHIL (h, 5, Overskate--Rockaway Rosebud (Ire), by **Ballad Rock {Ire}** Lifetime Record: 40-7-3-6, \$76,806. O-Victoria Herlinger. B-Frank & Judy Belford (NY). T-John D Sketchley.

8th-PHA, \$19,500, 4yo/up, f/m, 5 1/2f, 1:04 1/5, ft.
SEAN'S GOLD (f, 4, U. S. Flag--April Gold, by **Gold and Myrrh**) Lifetime Record: 18-6-2-1, \$55,183. O-Robert J Safian. B-Edwin T. Broome (PA). T-Stacie Holt.

MAIDEN WINNERS:

Alamocitos, c, 3, **Private Account--Raclette**, by **Hoist the Flag**. SAX, 1-20, 6f, 1:09 4/5. B-Quinichett Robert L (Ky). *\$85,000 wlng '94 **KEENOV**; \$320,000 yrl '95 **KEESEP**. **1/2 to **Rackstram (Nodouble)**, GSP-Eng & Brz; full to **Tong Po**, GSW, \$116,160.
Mijas, f, 3, **Simply Majestic--Gander Crude**, by **Quack**. GPX, 1-20, 1 1/16m, 1:47 1/5. B-Green Curtis C (Ky). *1/2 to **Light Crude (Flourescent Light)**, SW, \$152,048.
Slewy's Bad Habit, f, 3, **Slewy--Habit Ann**, by ***Habitony**. SAX, 1-20, (S), 6 1/2f, 1:18 3/5. B-Manzani Ronald (Ca).
Ridge Quoit, f, 3, **Waquoit--Lonely Ridge**, by **Cox's Ridge**. PHA, 1-21, 1m, 1:40. B-Baer Sidney (Pa).
Belle Dancer, f, 4, **Seattle Dancer--Boom and Bust (SW)**, \$107,522, by **Mr. Prospector**. GPX, 1-20, 1 1/16m, 1:46 2/5. B-Evans Edward P (Va).
Lucadia, f, 4, **Secret Prince--Sal's Daughter (SP)**, by **Flip Sal**. AQU, 1-20, 6f, 1:12 2/5. B-Combs W M (Ny).
Moonjay, c, 4, **Skywalker--Bajan Moon**, by **Majestic Light**. SAX, 1-20, 7f, 1:22 4/5. B-Moss J S Mr & Mrs (Ca).
Tuner Ala King, c, 4, **Tunerup--A La Russe**, by **Baldski**. GPX, 1-20, 6f, 1:11 4/5. B-John McGreevy, Lisa McGreevy, Et Al (Fl). *Full to **Tune M Up**, SW, \$116,848.

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.

STAKES CLOSINGS

TODAY, WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 22:
 2-1 \$100,000 **Shirley Jones H.-Gill, GP**, 3yo/up, f/m, 7f (\$100)
 2-2 \$100,000 **Danka Hutcheson S.-Gill, GP**, 3yo, 7f (100)

TOMORROW, THURSDAY, JANUARY 23:
 2-1 \$200,000 **Palos Verdes H.-Gill, SA**, 4yo/up, 6f (\$100)
 2-2 \$300,000 **San Antonio H.-Gill, SA**, 4yo/up, 9f (\$100)



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WEEKEND PEDIGREE PERSPECTIVES

by Alan Porter

SANDPIT (BRZ) (Baynoun {Ire}--Sand Dancer, by Green Dancer)

When Sassafras and Nijinsky II met in the 1970 Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe, they fought out a torrid duel through the final furlong. Sassafras prevailed by inches to inflict Nijinsky II's first-ever defeat. From their the two went their separate ways, Nijinsky II to stallion superstardom, and Sassafras to a stud career which, although never spectacular, saw him sire a very respectable 56 stakes winners.

The old rivals are reunited in the pedigree of the GII San Marcos H. victor Sandpit, who is by the Sassafras stallion Baynoun, out of a mare by Nijinsky II's son Green Dancer. Sandpit is linebred to a cosmopolitan collection of influences--Federico Tesio's Italian Derby winners Nearco and Donatello II, Epsom Derby winner Hyperion, and Native Dancer. In addition, Sandpit's dam is linebred to the stout French influence, Vieux Manoir, and this is where the first important connection between the two halves of the pedigree is forged. Vieux Manoir was the son of a great French horse called Brantome--Brantome was by Blanford out of a Clarissimus mare, and therefore very closely related to Donatello II (by a son of Blanford out of a Clarissimus mare). The Brantome/Donatello II combination is found in numerous good European-bred performers, two which spring to mind being Warfever, heroine of the Matchmaker H. during its days as a Grade I event, and the Aga Khan's good stayer Shernazar.

One of the Vieux Manoir strains comes in through Val de Loir, the broodmare sire of Green Dancer. Val de Loir traces to a renowned tap-root mare called Simon's Shoes, also the ancestress of Sadler's Wells and Nureyev. Sassafras has two close relationships to Simon's Shoes through Precipitation (his paternal grandsire) and Coronach, who is in his fourth generation. The relationship is a complex one, but it is notable for involving brothers and sisters (Tredennis and Sweet Marjorie). It's not uncommon to see Precipitation appearing with the Simon's Shoes family, one example being Theatrical, who is by Nureyev out of a mare by Sassafras.

The second Vieux Manoir strain appears in Sandpit's third dam, Suffisante, who owns a remarkable pedigree. To start with, Suffisante has Mumtaz Be-

gum and her brother Mirza 5 x 3. On top of this she is inbred 3 x 4 to the mare Sif (best known as the dam of Sicambre, but here through two daughters), and 4 x 5 x 3 to Sif's dam, Suavita, and her three-parts sister, Seraphita. To complete the story, Sif is inbred 2 x 3 to another great French influence, Rabelais, and Simone, the sister to Rabelais, just happens to be found in the pedigrees of both Vieux Manoir and Sheshoon, the sire of Sassafras.

So, Sandpit is not only linebred to a number of major classic influences, but also has a pedigree which has those classic influences linked by brothers and sisters (Tredennis/Sweet Marjorie, Rabelais/Simone) and genetic relatives (Donatello II/Brantome).

Oddly enough, a somewhat similar background is to be found in the GII San Gorgonio H. winner **Sixieme Sens** (Septieme Ciel--Samalex, by Ela-Mana-Mou {Ire}). The sire, Septieme Ciel, is out of a mare by Green Dancer, and the dam has two crosses of Donatello II (giving the Brantome/Donatello II combination), and also Coronach, who is in Sassafras and gives the Tredennis/Sweet Marjorie combination.

PEDIGREE SHORTS...

Seattle Slew's California-based son **Avenue of Flags** looks like a sire to watch. From less than 40 runners and decidedly limited opportunities, he has already had three stakes winners and two graded winners, the latest of which, **Belle's Flag** (Avenue of Flags--Belledoux, by Barachois), took the GII El Encino S. on Monday. Both Belle's Flag and Avenue of Flag's other graded stakes winner, Victor Avenue, are out of Northern Dancer line mares. This might have something to do with the relationship between Amerigo Lady (dam of Avenue of Flag's broodmare sire, Pass the Glass) and Northern Dancer's sire, Nearctic. Nearctic was by Nearco--Lady Angela, by Hyperion--Sister Sarah, and therefore a three-parts sister to Nearctic. In addition, Lady Sybil was out of a mare by Red Mars, a son of Hyperion. Amerigo Lady's sire, Amerigo, was by Nearco out of a daughter of a Hyperion mare. Anyway, Amerigo Lady and Nearctic are 4 x 4 in the pedigrees of both Belle's Flag and Victor Avenue.

UPCOMING SALES:

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PEDIGREE SHORTS cont.

A.P. Indy (Seattle Slew) has a number of very promising three-year-olds, one of which is **Tomisue's Delight** (A.P. Indy--Prospectors Delite, by Mr. Prospector), who was winning her second race in three starts when scoring at Gulfstream on Sunday. Tomisue's Delight is linebred 5 x 5 to the sisters Glamour and So Chic, and has sisters Striking and Busher and their three-parts sister Busanda 6 x 6 x 5 x 6. A very similar combination is found in the pedigree of recent G3 Nikkon Sports Sho Shinzan Kinen winner **Seeking the Pearl** (Seeking the Gold--Page Proof, by Seattle Slew). She has Busanda, Striking and Busher 4 x 6 x 6.

We have previously mentioned that the Seattle Slew/Mr. Prospector combination can be a good one; now watch out for Seattle Slew with Mr. Prospector's close genetic relative, Alydar. The latest stakes winner bred this way is **Meteor Cap** (Capote--Meteor Aly, by Alydar) who was running for only the second time in her life when she won the Marshua S. at Laurel by four lengths. Seattle Slew and his sons account for about 10 percent of the stakes winners produced by Alydar mares, others produced by the cross including Lakeway and Lucayan Prince (the top-weighted three-year-old sprinter on the international classification).

With his sire now standing in Kentucky (at Stone Farm), there should be a few chances to copy the rather interesting pattern which is found in the pedigree of weekend stakes winner **Skywalker's Choice** (Skywalker--Chosen Slew, by Slew o'Gold). Skywalker is out of a mare by Boldnesian, and Boldnesian is also the paternal great grandsire of Slew o'Gold, so it could be worth trying Skywalker with other mares by sons of Slew o'Gold's sire, Seattle Slew.

Anyone with an interest in pedigrees will have had their interest sparked by the "Irgun Challenge." A winner of three of his five starts including the Gotham S. and a Wood Memorial victory over that's year's Kentucky Derby hero Go for Gin, Irgun was retired to Walmac International for the 1997 breeding season. The owners of **Irgun** (Sunny's Halo--Late From Lunch, by Secretariat) are offering a \$1,000,000 bonus for the breeder of the first U.S. Grade I winner from Irgun's 1998 foal crop. What is the recipe required to grab this prize? Well, Irgun is by Kentucky Derby winner Sunny's Halo, but what is really interesting from the point of view of his potential as a stallion, is that he is out of a mare by Secretariat, who is *the* broodmare sire of sires right now. One shot might be to double up on Secretariat's dam, Somethingroyal, by introducing Sir Gaylord. Sir Gaylord's son, Sir Ivor, is broodmare sire of Grade I winners Goodbye Halo and Jolie's Halo, both by Halo, the grandsire of Irgun. Irgun's pedigree also carries Lady Sybil, a three-parts sister to Nearctic, the sire of Northern Dancer, and of course if the Northern Dancer strain of Nearctic was introduced, there would also be a double of Almahmoud, granddam of Northern Dancer and Halo. There must be plenty of Northern Dancer/Sir Gaylord combinations out there, and perhaps breeding one to Irgun could reap a rich reward.

One doesn't usually expect late-maturing Epsom Derby winners to sire precocious two-year-olds, but **Quest For Fame** (Rainbow Quest--Aryenne, by Green Dancer) has been breaking the mold. A shuttle sire, Quest For Fame has had two juveniles from his first Southern Hemisphere crop win listed races on their racecourse debuts. Hockney (out of Artistic Princess by Luskin Star) took the Canonbury S., and Le Mans (out of Road to Glory by Provideo) won the Debutant S. Quest For Fame also has a promising youngster in his first Northern Hemisphere crop. This Dame d'Harvard (out of Card Table by Riva Ridge), who finished second in the G3 Prix du Calvados and fourth in the G1 Prix Marcel Bousac.

<u>TRACK ABBREVIATIONS:</u>			
AQU	Aqueduct	BEU	Beulah Park
BMX	Bay Meadows	DET	Ladbroke DRC
EMD	Emerald Downs	FGX	Fair Grounds
GGX	Golden Gate	GPX	Gulfstream Park
GSX	Garden State	HOO	Hoosier Park
HOU	Sam Houston	LRL	Laurel Park
OPX	Oaklawn Park	PEN	Penn National
PHA	Philadelphia Park	SAX	Santa Anita
SPT	Sportsman's Park	SUF	Suffolk Downs
TAM	Tampa Bay Downs	TDN	Thistledown
TPX	Turfway Park	TUP	Turf Paradise

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