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Today, Santa Anita Park

SANTA MARGARITA INVITATIONAL H.-GI, \$300,000, 4yo/up, f/m, 9f

PP	HORSE	TRAINER	JOCKEY	ODDS
1	Logia (Arg)	Delima	Almeida	15-1
2	Jewel Princess	Dollase	Nakatani	3-5
3	Top Rung	Proctor	Fires	5-1
4	Tuxedo Junction	Hollendorfer	Desormeaux	15-1
5	Port Plaisance	Puype	Solis	30-1
6	Belle's Flag	Vienna	Stevens	3-1
7	Hidden Lake	McCarron	Greenman	6-1

Impressive winning the GI Breeders' Cup Distaff in her '96 finale, champion **Jewel Princess** (Key to the Mint) looked nearly unbeatable in her first start this season, powering to a five-length victory in the GI Santa Maria H. February 16. Now five, the Florida-bred mare has won three of four starts at this distance, missing only when third by three-quarters of a length in this event last year after a rough trip.

Today, Santa Anita Park

SANTA ANITA OAKS-GI, \$200,000a, 3yo, f, 8.5f

PP	HORSE	TRAINER	JOCKEY	ODDS
1	Demon Acquire	Dominguez	Stevens	6-1
2	High Heeled Hope	Bradshaw	Solis	3-1
3	Sharp Cat	Lukas	Nakatani	1-5
4	Double Park (Fr)	Vienna	Delahoussaye	12-1
5	Queen of Money	Baffert	McCarron	10-1

Four rivals will take their chances against the reigning queen of the western sophomore filly division, **Sharp Cat** (Storm Cat). The Triple Crown nominee has dominated her opponents in her last three starts, most recently winning the GI Las Virgenes by 5 1/2 lengths despite ducking in during the stretch run and causing her rider, Corey Nakatani, to lose an iron. A big race here could put her on track to try her luck against colts, with an eye towards the 1997 Kentucky Derby. "I think the pure handicappers would agree that Sharp Cat's figures measure up with the best colts in America," said trainer D. Wayne Lukas. "She's not big and robust, but if we were to run her against colts, she's got the style, temperament and stride to hold her own. She would have a legitimate chance to get the job done. Our program has done it before successfully, so I'm sure we could do it again--if need be."

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Saturday, Gulfstream Park

PAN AMERICAN H.-GII, \$300,000, GPX, 3-8, 3yo/up, 1 1/2mT, 2:27, fm.

1--**FLAG DOWN**, 117, h, 7, Deputy Minister--Sharp Call (SP), by Sharpen Up (GB). (\$210,000 yrl '91 KEESEP). O-Paulson Allen E; B-Windfields Farm (CAN); T-Christophe Clement; J-J A Santos; \$180,000. Lifetime Record: MGISP-NA, MGSW-Fr, 29-9-7-5, \$985,416.

2--**Lassigny**, 117, h, 6, Gone West--Love Potion (Brz), by Rio Bravo. O-Sultan Mohammed Al Kabeer; B-Scea Haras du Mezeray (KY); \$60,000.

3--**Awad**, 117, h, 7, Caveat--Dancer's Candy, by Noble Dancer (GB). O/B-Ryehill Farm (MD); \$33,000.

Margins: NK, HF, 6HF. Odds: 2.60, 2.20, 3.10.

Also Ran: Marcie's Ensign, Diplomatic Jet, Zakattack. Scratched: Down The Aisle.

Making his first start since running ninth in the G1 Japan Cup last November 24, Flag Down came back after nearly three months off and just missed in the GII Gulfstream Park Breeders' Cup H. February 15, putting a head in front at the top of the lane but failing to hold off the late charge of Lassigny by a neck. Turning the tables on that rival with a tightener under his girth, the crowd's second choice trailed the field for a mile and a quarter but kicked in when it counted, flying past the field in the final quarter to come out on the winning end of this photo. "The difference between today's race and the last race is that we let Jerry (Bailey, aboard Lassigny) get ahead of us first so we could chase him. In the last race, he was chasing us," said trainer Christophe Clement, adding, "You know, I've always wanted to win this race. When I was working for Shug McGaughey about 10 years ago, Tom Skiffington finished one-two-three in this race (April 25, 1987), and since then I have wanted to win this race. I was third in it last year with Flag Down, and second twice before with other horses." As for the future, Clement said, "We have a few choices. We could go to California, or to the Hialeah Turf Cup, or to Keeneland. My main goal is to keep the horse happy and sound."

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Weekend Preview cont.

Today, Gulfstream Park

PP HORSE	TRAINER	JOCKEY	ODDS
1 Storm Song	Zito	Perret	4-1
2 Ajina	Mott	Bailey	3-1
3 Glitter Woman	McGaughey	Smith	8-5
4 Southern Playgirl	Vanier	Romero	12-1
5 Dixie Flag	Jerkens	Samyn	2-1

Two of the top three from the GIII Davona Dale S. Feb. 9 do battle again with **Glitter Woman** (Glitterman) trying to win her third consecutive Gulfstream stakes race after romping by nine lengths in that event. **Southern Playgirl** (Western Playboy) was third in the Davona Dale, while Eclipse champion **Storm Song** (Summer Squall), making her 1997 debut, was fifth. **Ajina** (Strawberry Road {Aus}), off since winning the Nov. 30 GII Demoiselle S. at Aqueduct, and undefeated **Dixie Flag** (Dixieland Band), trying to stretch out after the six-furlong Nov. 24 Valley Stream S. last out, make their 1997 debuts.

Today, Fair Grounds

NEW ORLEANS H.-GIII, \$100,000, 4yo/up, 9f

The seven starters, in order of the draw, will be: **Scott's Scoundrel** (L'Enjoleur), 113, Ardoin; **Da Bull** (Country Pine), 112, Martin Jr.; **Buck Strider** (Easy Goer), 110, St. Julien; **Western Trader** (Herat), 113, Bourque; **Clash by Night** (Conquistador Cielo), 110, Rocco; **Isitingood** (Crusader Sword), 121, Flores; and **Byars** (Deputy Minister), 115, Bourque. Western Trader and Byars run coupled for owner John Franks.

Today, Oaklawn Park

HONEY BEE S.-GIII, \$75,000, 3yo, f, 8.5f

The field of six, in post position order, will be: **Alysum** (Storm Cat), 116, Borel; **Meadow Song** (Marfa), 116, Valdivia Jr.; **Water Street** (Storm Bird), 116, Albarado; **Valid Bonnet** (Valid Appeal), 118, Doocy; **Hooten Annie** (Known Fact), 116, Pettinger; and **Zakcat** (Vilzak), 116, Gonzalez.

Today, Aqueduct Racetrack

NEXT MOVE H.-GIII, \$75,000a, 3yo/up, f/m, 9f

The expected starters, from the rail out, are: **Lotts Talc** (Talc), 117, Nelson; **Aileen's Countess** (Dancing Count), 111, Sheridan; **Prophet's Warning** (Storm Bird), 117, Chavez; **Ruth's Revenge** (Far Out East), 109, Leon; **Shoop** (Double Sonic), 117, McCauley; **Restored Hope** (He's Bad), 112, Pezua; **Mil Kilates** (Gold Alert), 115, C Velasquez; and **Full And Fancy** (Marfa), 115, Migliore.

◆ FLORIDA ◆

Yesterday's Results:

3rd-GPX, \$38,000, Alw, 4yo/up, 1 1/16m, 1:44 3/5, ft. SUR IRISH'S SECRET (c, 4, Irish Sur--Secret Goal {SP}, by On to Glory) finished third in a Feb. 21 Gulfstream allowance race but won here under those same conditions. The 7-1 shot dueled with runner-up EXPECT A WINNER (Bet Big), the 2-1 second choice, the entire way and edged that rival by a neck at the wire. Lifetime Record: 10-4-1-2, \$69,745.

O-B & L Bronfman. B-Briarwood Farm (FL). T-R Ziadie.

5th-GPX, \$32,000, Alw, 3yo, f, 1 1/8mT, 1:50, fm. CALL HER (f, 3, Caller I. D.--Jolie Britt, by Caveat) just missed by a head in a Feb. 14 Gulfstream allowance race. The 5-2 second choice rallied from the back of the pack to get past the 4-5 favorite FRENCH BUSTER (Housebuster) by a neck at the wire. Lifetime Record: 8-2-2-1, \$46,559.

O/B-Triumviri Stable (FL). T-Stanley M Hough.

6th-GPX, \$32,000, Alw, 4yo/up, 1 1/16m, 1:47 3/5, ft. MR. IAN (c, 4, Capote--Eastern Dawn {SW & GSP-NA, GSW-Fr, \$118,453-NA & Fr}, by Damascus) won a Feb. 19 maiden race and handled the jump in class here. In front all the way, the 2-1 second choice had five on the field at the top of the stretch and won by a diminishing 2 3/4 lengths. Lifetime Record: 7-2-0-3, \$47,270.

O-Anstu Stables Inc. B-Dr. & Mrs. R. Smiser West & Mr. & Mrs. M. Miller (Ky). T-Todd A Pletcher.

11th-GPX, \$32,000, Alw, 3yo, f, 1 1/8mT, 1:50, fm. ST LUCINDA (f, 3, St. Jovite--Majestic Nature, by Majestic Prince) broke her maiden in England last September, then traveled to the U.S. and made her second career start in a dirt allowance at Gulfstream Feb. 23, pressing the pace before tiring to fifth. Back on her preferred surface, she once again attended the pace from the start but this time demonstrated a good late kick that carried her to a 1 1/2-length tally as the 5-2 second choice. Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-0, \$23,219.

O-D Grimm Jr. B-Dean Grimm (CAN). T-Roger L Attfield.

8th-GPX, \$31,000, Alw, 3yo, 6f, 1:12 3/5, ft. STORMIN FEVER (c, 3, Storm Cat--Pennant Fever (GSP), by Seattle Slew) was not bothered by a long layoff, having won an August 17 maiden race at Saratoga in his previous start. The Triple Crown nominee was a forward factor early and then swept to the lead in the stretch for a 2 1/2-length victory as the 1-2 favorite. Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-1, \$42,740.

O/B-Edward P. Evans (VA). T-Mark Hennig.



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**Florida Report cont.**

9th-GPX, \$31,000, Alw, 4yo/up, 7f, 1:25 2/5, ft.
MUSCLE POWER (c, 4, Mercedes Won--Present Gal, by Presented) just missed by a neck in a Feb. 8 Gulfstream allowance last time out but came back to win here. The 10-1 longshot winner wired the field and held on by a nose over runner-up CREAM STATION (Rich Cream). Lifetime Record: 24-5-3-3, \$70,650.
 O-L E S Stables Inc. B-Sucher Stable & Farnsworth Farms (FL). T-James McMullen.

7th-GPX, \$29,000, Msw, 3yo, 7f, 1:25 3/5, ft.
 + **SKYOKE (c, 3, Roanoke--Sky Meadows, by Conquistador Cielo)** won his debut as the 2-1 second choice. The bay colt raced just off the pace before grabbing the lead in the stretch for a three-length victory. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$17,400.
 O-New Farm. B-Martha Buckner (KY). T-B W Perkins.

4th-GPX, \$29,000, Msw, 3yo, 7f, 1:24, ft.
 + **LUJA (c, 3, Once Wild--Hello Fanny {MSP, \$111,188}, by Hello Gorgeous)** went straight to the winner's circle in his career debut at odds of 14-1. The bay colt sat right behind 2-1 second-choice FELIX THE CAT (Storm Cat), a Triple Crown nominee, before opening up a lead in the stretch en route to a 2 1/2 length victory. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$17,400.
 O-Grand View Stable. B-John Arthur Nester (FL). T-Victor Collazo.

Local News: Hialeah

Last year's GI Belmont Futurity winner **Traitor** (Cryptoclearance) worked a mile in 1:40 3/5 at Hialeah yesterday morning. "It was a good work," said trainer Mary Eppler. "I'm very pleased. We'll work him again Friday, five-eighths out of the gate." The Alfred Vanderbilt colt will make one start in Florida before shipping to New York for the GI Wood Memorial at Aqueduct April 12.

Local News: Gulfstream Park

Trainer Nick Zito sent three stakes contenders out to breeze yesterday morning. **Acceptable** (Capote), prepping for the GI Florida Derby March 15, went five furlongs in 1:00 2/5, while his entymate for that race, **Jack Flash** (Sovereign Dancer) went the same distance in 1:01 4/5. Of Breeders' Cup Juvenile runner-up **Acceptable**, sixth in the GI Fountain Of Youth last out, Zito said, "We want him to rebound. We just want to get back on track with him." Last year's Preakness winner **Louis Quatorze** (Sovereign Dancer), getting ready for his first start since running second in the GI Breeders' Cup Classic, worked five furlongs in :59 and will return in the March 15 GIII Creme Fraiche H.

Local News: Calder Race Course

Arthur L. (Ocala Slew), winner of the GIII Holy Bull S. in January and fourth in the GI Fountain of Youth in his latest start, will be forced to miss the GI Florida Derby March 15 after sustaining an injury in his stall. The three-year-old got hung up in his webbing and suffered an injured tendon at his Calder barn.

Two horses died in a freak accident before dawn on the Calder main track yesterday morning. **Supah Syble** (Major Moran), a three-year-old filly trained by Manny Tortora who finished second in the Old Hat S. at Gulfstream January 4, threw her rider, then ran off the wrong way of the track until she hit **Levity** (Silver Buck), a four-year-old filly claimed for \$16,000 by trainer Tim Ritvo February 17, head-on. Both fillies had to be humanely destroyed; neither of the exercise riders was injured.

◆ **NEW YORK** ◆

Yesterday's Results:

GREY LAG H.-GIII, \$83,650, AQU, 3-8, 3yo/up, 1 3/16m, 1:57 4/5, ft.

1--**MORE TO TELL, 118, h, 6, Moro--Good Heaven's Girl, by Authenticity.** O-B J Davis; B-Albert & Barbara J Davis (NY); T-G S Moschera; J-R Migliore; \$50,190. Lifetime Record: MGSW, 59-15-11-14, \$804,715.

2--**Traffic Circle, 114, c, 4, Cahill Road--With Penny's Luck, by What Luck.** (\$33,000 wing '93 FTKNOV; \$95,000 yrl '94 FTSAUG; \$190,000 2yo 1995 FTFEB). O-Kimmel & Levy & Solandz; B-Bendabout Farm (KY); \$16,730.

3--**Going Gray, 108, h, 5, Wolf Power (SAf)--Gray Tab, by Zulu Tom.** (\$36,000 yrl '93 KEESEP; \$29,000 2yo 1994 OBSFEB). O-Green Leonard C; B-Grousemont Farm (KY); \$9,201.

Margins: 1 1/4, 2, HF. Odds: 2.30, 2.10, 6.30A.

Also Ran: Rum'n Cope, Then Some, Iron Gavel, King's English, Ave's Flag. Scratched: C.C. Gold, Duns Turf.

More To Tell, winner of the Feb. 1 GIII Assault H., finished second in the Feb. 17 GIII Stymie H. but added another graded stakes victory at Aqueduct to his credit here. The second choice rated off the pace before advancing on the rail around the far turn to take the lead and pull away in the stretch. "What can I say, he ran his style of race," winning trainer Gasper Moschera said, "He's a real nice horse, and I'm really proud of him. He really likes this time of the year." The favorite Traffic Circle swung wide at the quarter-pole but could not gain enough ground for the win. IRON GAVEL (Time for a Change), winner of the Stymie H. last time out, tired in the stretch and finished sixth as the 7-2 third choice.

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New York Report cont.

7th-AQU, \$39,000, Alw, 4yo/up, f/m, 8.5f, 1:45, ft. WHALENECK (f, 4, Cormorant--Rhuby Rhu, by Transworld) finished third in the Feb. 15 Gill Barbara Fritchie H. at Laurel in her previous start and took advantage of the drop down in class here. The even-money favorite tracked second-choice AMMY HILLS (Bounding Basque) down the backside before driving past that rival in the stretch for a three-length victory. Lifetime Record: MGSP, 25-6-1-5, \$205,436. O-R. Kay Stable. B-Joy E. Curprier (NY). T-Rene A Araya.

5th-AQU, \$37,000, Alw, 4yo/up, 1 1/8m, 1:51 4/5, ft. UNREAL FIRE (h, 5, Unreal Zeal--Pure Fire {SW}, by Fire Dancer), unraced until his fifth birthday, January 1, 1997, ran second last time out in a Feb. 21 allowance race at Aqueduct after taking two in a row over the Big A inner track. The 5-2 second choice here sat just off the pace before accelerating to the lead at the top of the stretch and drawing off to an eight-length romp. Lifetime Record: 5-3-2-0, \$60,000. O-P A Generazio. B-J & P Stable (FL). T-F Generazio Jr.

6th-AQU, \$31,000, Msw, 3yo, 6f, 1:12 2/5, ft. + EL PRIMO (c, 3, The Prime Minister--Vigorous Miss, by Vigors) went straight to the lead in his debut and never looked back. The 22-1 longshot went on to win by 5 1/2 lengths. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$18,600. O/B-Cort and Trak Stable (TX). T-J Willard Thompson.

◆ MIDWEST ◆

Yesterday's Results:

BAYOU BREEDERS' CUP H., \$153,125, FGX, 3-8, 4yo/up, f/m, a1 1/8mT, 1:53, fm.

1--**MAXZENE, 116, f, 4, Cozzene--Jacky Max (Ire) (SW-Fr, \$105,093-NA & Fr), by Sexton Blake.** O-Ken-Mort Stable; B-Epstein Morton (KY); T-Thomas J Skiffington; J-J A Krone; \$91,875. Lifetime Record: GSW, 11-6-1-0, \$265,165.

2--**Flame Valley, 112, f, 4, Gulch--Lightning Fire (GB), by Kris.** (\$190,000 yrl '94 KEESEP). \$30,625.

3--**Tough Broad, 114, m, 5, Broad Brush--Richard's Choice, by Private Account.** \$16,843.

Margins: 7, NK, 1. Odds: 1.50, 6.60, 9.60.

Maxzene, off since winning the Nov. 23 Gill Mrs. Revere S. at Churchill, took her 1997 debut to run her winning streak to five. The favorite came from well off the pace, commencing her late bid around the far turn and drawing off impressively in the stretch. GSW Flame Valley tracked the early leaders but was clearly second best.

JOHN BATTAGLIA MEMORIAL S., \$100,000, TPX, 3-8, 3yo, 1 1/16m, 1:42 2/5, ft.

1--**CONCERTO, 118, c, 3, Chief's Crown--Undeniably, by In Reality.** O-Kinsman Stable; B-Kinsman Farm (KY); T-John J Tammaro III; J-C H Marquez Jr; \$62,600. Lifetime Record: GSW, 8-5-1-2, \$310,234.

2--**Star of Halo, 113, c, 3, Halo--Star On the Move, by Blade.** (\$130,000 yrl '95 KEESEP). \$20,000.

3--**Esteemed Friend, 112, c, 3, Gulch--Charlotte Amalie (Fr), by Gay Mecene.** (\$300,000 yrl '95 KEESEP). \$10,000.

Margins: 6, 3, NK. Odds: 1.10, 22.10, 7.70B.

Concerto, winner of the Nov. 30 Gill Kentucky Jockey Club S. at Churchill and the Feb. 8 Whirlaway S. at Aqueduct, made it three consecutive stakes victories. The favorite sat just off the leader down the backside, took command on the far turn, then pulled away for an easy win despite ducking out in mid-stretch. "He needs horses to stay near him, but it has been tough to find ones that can," winning trainer John Tammaro III said. "I don't want to put blinkers on him; he is very competitive and I don't want horses sneaking up on him. I want to keep him winning and let the competition get more competitive. The (Jim Beam S., March 29) will be a good test."

CAROUSEL H., \$54,500, OPX, 3-8, 4yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:09 2/5, ft.

1--**WESTERN LIL, 116, f, 4, Western Trick--Evolutionary, by Silent Screen.** O-Chamberlain Linda & Williams Len; B-Ridgemont Farms Inc (OK); T-Garry Chamberlain; J-T T Doocy; \$32,700. Lifetime Record: 7-6-1-0, \$125,259.

2--**Icy Morn, 117, m, 5, Crowned Jewel--Frosty Straw, by Damascus.** \$10,900.

3--**J J'Sdream, 120, f, 4, Glitterman--Thwack, by Fight Over.** (\$50,000 yrl '94 OBSAUG; \$23,000 yrl '94 OBSJAN). \$5,450.

Margins: 1HF, 5, 3. Odds: 3.10, 2.30, 0.90.

Western Lil started only twice at two and three times at three but had won every time. Making her 1997 debut after an eight-length victory in a restricted Remington Park stakes November 3, the lightly raced filly suffered her first defeat, setting the pace before falling to second in the Pippin S. over this track February 16. Looking to get back into the winner's circle, the Oklahoma-bred this time followed Icy Morn through the opening fractions, moving to challenge at the top of the stretch and outfinishing that rival for a decisive score. The 4-5 choice J J'Sdream made a bid at the leaders as they straightened for home but could not sustain the rally and had to settle for third.

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**Midwest Report cont.**

10th-OPX, \$25,000, Alw, 3yo, f, 6f, 1:10 3/5, ft.
NORTHERN SILVER (f, 3, Silver Ghost--Northern Wife {MSP}, by Northern Baby), fourth at Turfway in her debut in December, made her second start February 16 and galloped to an 11-length score as the even-money choice. Off at 3-5 in her second start of the year, the grey filly stalked the pace for a half, took over on the far turn and cruised away from the field for another easy win, crossing the line six lengths to the good. Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-0, \$28,915.
 O/B-Stephanie G Clark (AR). T-Terrance W Dunlavy.

6th-OPX, \$22,000, Msw, 3/4yo, 6f, 1:10 4/5, ft.
 + **DIABLO WON** (c, 3, Diablo--Starbase Won, by Star de Naskra) won his debut as the 7-2 second choice. Sporting a bullet half-mile work March 6, the chestnut colt raced in fourth early, took the lead at the top of the stretch and drew off to a three-length victory. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$13,200.
 O-N Lee & W Stockseth. B-W Stockseth (Fl). T-J Gaston.

Local News: Fair Grounds

Fair Grounds' Director of Racing and Racing Secretary Mervin Muniz has announced a five-percent across-the-board increase for all overnight purses, which went into effect March 7. Additionally, five stakes will receive purse raises of between \$15,000 and \$25,000. They are the six-furlong Victoria Lass S. for fillies and mares, set for March 22, boosted to \$100,000; Harry Allsman Memorial for Louisiana-bred older horses going seven-and-a-half furlongs on the turf March 9, up to \$75,000; six-furlong Battle Star H. for three-year-old Louisiana-bred fillies March 16, raised to \$75,000; Gentilly H. at a mile on the turf for three-year-olds March 16, up to \$75,000; and the Red Camilia H. for older Louisiana-bred fillies and mares at about one mile on the grass March 31, also up to \$75,000. This is the sixth time the Fair Grounds has raised its purses this season.

◆ EAST ◆

Yesterday's Results:

7th-LRL, \$15,840, Msw, 3yo, 6f, 1:10 4/5, ft.
 + **VISITOR** (c, 3, Hagley Mill--La Ti Do, by Dixieland Band), ignored in his debut at 19-1, sat third to the final drive before striding to the lead and drawing away to break his maiden by a length and a half at first asking. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$9,031.
 O/B-David B. Bloom (Md). T-S D Posey.

◆ FOREIGN ◆

Local News: Australia

Australia's most coveted two-year-old prize, the G1 \$1,568,380 Golden Slipper S. over six furlongs at Rosehill in Sydney on March 22, has a new favourite after an impressive victory by **General Nediym (Aus)** (Nediym {Ire}, by Shareef Dancer) as the 2-5 favorite in Saturday's G2 Todman Slipper Trial over six furlongs at Rosehill. Bookmakers have now installed the unbeaten General Nediym as the 9-4 favourite for the Golden Slipper, but the colt, winner of the \$784,190 Magic Millions on the Gold Coast in Queensland in January, has yet to be entered for the Golden Slipper; it will cost his owners a supplementary fee of \$78,420. "He really needed to win today in order to qualify," said trainer Bill Mitchell. "But I knew he would. He's by far the best two-year-old I've ever trained." General Nediym's jockey Mick Dittman, who has won three Golden Slippers, said: "I don't want to be on any other horse in the Slipper. He has a lot going for him and his greatest asset is that he's a true professional."

Local News: Dubai

Luso (GB) (Salse [GB]) and **Needle Gun (Ire)** (Sure Blade), set to represent trainer Clive Brittain's stable at the Dubai World Cup meeting on March 29, will fly to the Middle East next Thursday. The duo did their final piece of work before they travel Friday and the trainer said: "We gave them some speed work on the Al-Bahathri gallop and they showed they were in excellent form. Luso is in great shape for the Dubai World Cup and I let him sit in behind two stablemates to give him some idea of the kick-back he is likely to face. It was good work and just what they needed. I am hoping for a good run from both Luso and Needle Gun, who goes for the Dubai Duty Free."

Already in Dubai, both **Helissio (Fr)** (Fairy King) and **Sorbie Tower (Ire)** (Soviet Lad) were scheduled to work under the lights at Nad Al Sheba Saturday evening. **Singspiel (Ire)** (In The Wings {GB}), who went a leisurely six furlongs Friday, stepped it up a notch with a half-mile in :49 Saturday morning. **Carling (Fr)** (Garde Royale {Ire}) arrived safely Friday morning and is currently stabled at the World Cup Quarantine Centre.

Two World Cup hopefuls will run at Nad Al Sheba today, with both **Bijou d'Inde (GB)** (Cadeaux Genereux {GB}) and **Key of Luck** (Chief's Crown) set to go against two rivals in a nine-furlong condition race.

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Yesterday's Results:

LA HABRA S., \$106,350, SAX, 3-8, 3yo, f, a6 1/2fT, 1:13 3/5, fm.

1--**#LAVENDER**, 114, f, 3, Smile--More Than Willing (SW, \$135,075), by Seattle Dancer. O-Estate Of Hibbert Robert E; B-Hibbert Robert Emmett (KY); T-B D A Cecil; J-A Solis; \$66,350. Lifetime Record: 6-3-0-2, \$113,650.

2--**Wealthy**, 116, f, 3, Regal Classic--Money Player, by Marshua's Dancer. O-Elia Christopher & Patricia. \$20,000.

3--**Granja Realeza**, 116, f, 3, Slew's Royalty--Suelta, by Zante (Ire). O-Granja Vista Del Rio Stable. \$12,000. Margins: 2, 1 1/4, 1. Odds: 4.50, 3.00, 2.50.

Lavender ended her 1996 campaign with back-to-back wins at Hollywood, then disappointed in her stakes debut, running seventh in the GIII Santa Ynez S. in January. Trying turf for the first time last out, the bay filly finished a promising third, and she made good on that promise in her second stakes try. Rated early through hot fractions of :43 3/5 and 1:07, the Kentucky-bred closed strongly to win going away. Trainer Ben Cecil said the filly could return to the dirt for her next start in the GIII Bay Meadows Oaks March 22. "She seems just as good on either surface," Cecil said.

7th-SAX, \$46,000, Alw, 3yo, 1 1/16m, 1:42 4/5, ft. **CLASSIC CREDENTIAL** (c, 3, Sky Classic--Mystical Lass {SW & GSP, \$373,687}, by Balzac), a five-length maiden winner in his latest trying two turns for the first time February 5, made it two in a row here, sitting second to the stretch drive, then engaging pacesetter TIBERON (Danzig) in a battle to the wire, winning it by a head as the 6-5 choice. Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-0, \$51,740.

O-Cobra Farm Inc. B-Duchossois Richard L (IL). T-Mike Puype.

5th-SAX, \$46,000, Alw, 4yo/up, f/m, 1mT, 1:36, fm. **BLENDING ELEMENT (IRE)** (f, 4, Great Commotion--Blue Wedding, by Irish River {Fr}), one-for-seven in her native Ireland, made her U.S. bow after an eight-month layoff. Overlooked at 10-1 on the board, the chestnut lassie was last after a quarter but moved steadily through the field to take the lead in deep stretch and pull away for a three-length score. Lifetime Record: 8-2-0-1, \$33,593. O-Williamson Warren B. B-E J Loder (Ire). T-Carla Gaines.

Local News: Santa Anita

Trainer Paco Gonzalez reports that **Del Mar Dennis** (Dixieland Band) came back from his third-place allowance finish March 1 in good order and will shoot for a fourth straight victory in the GII San Bernardino H. in his next start April 6. "Del Mar Dennis needed that last race," said Gonzalez of the seven-year-old, who had not raced since running fourth in the GI Californian June 2. "He came out of it very, very good. To win another San Bernardino would be something else."

Trainer Richard Mandella's latest South American import **Seaborg (Arg)** (Candy Stripes), looking to make his American debut and his first start since finishing eighth in the G1 Gran Premio Brasil last August, worked a mile in 1:41 1/5 over the Santa Anita turf yesterday; he could be pointing for the GI San Juan Capistrano Invitational April 20. "Seaborg is training real well and is getting real close to a race," said Mandella. "It looks like he can run all day long--he put up some nice races in South America." The six-year-old, a two-time Group 1 winner and champion stayer in Argentina, has won five of his 14 career starts.

Also breezing yesterday, **Windsharp** (Lear Fan), getting ready for her 1997 debut in the GII Santa Ana H. March 22, worked seven furlongs in 1:25 1/5 at Hollywood Park.

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Yesterday's Results:

EL CAMINO REAL DERBY-GIII, \$200,000, BMX, 3-8, 3yo, 1 1/16m, 1:41 4/5, ft.

1--**@PACIFICBOUNTY**, 120, c, 3, Pirate's Bounty--Fast Katie, by Fast. O-Grey & Harris & Partners; B-Ocean Air Stables (CA); T-Walter Greenman; J-K J Desormeaux; \$110,000. Lifetime Record: 6-3-0-1, \$253,975.

2--**Wild Wonder**, 115, c, 3, Wild Again--Carol's Wonder, by Pass the Tab. O-V H W Stable Inc; B-Winchell Verne H (KY); \$40,000.

3--**Carmen's Baby**, 117, c, 3, lam the Iceman--Andriana B., by Far North. O-Markarian Edward & Noriega Robert; B-Paul Nicoletti & Mari Ann Nicoletti (CA); \$30,000.

Margins: 1, HF, 9HF. Odds: 2.70, 0.60, 4.80.

Also Ran: Twin Spires, Neumann, Flying With Eagles.

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**El Camino Real Derby cont.**

Pacificbounty earned his first victory over a muddy Hollywood strip last December, then came back on January 18 against stakes foes and captured the Golden Gate Derby with a stout late rally. Not quite so far back stepping up another notch to the graded ranks in his first start since, the black Cal-bred colt was fifth for a half, then gradually moved to the leaders, finally overtaking favored Wild Wonder in the final yards for his third consecutive win. "He was closer today because he was a little fresher," said trainer Walter Greenman. "I've been trying to space his races in case he's good enough to get there (to the Kentucky Derby). He should like the distance." Greenman added that the Jim Beam S. at Turfway March 29 or the Arkansas Derby at Oaklawn April 12 could be next. Favored Wild Wonder suffered his first career defeat after dueling Carmen's Baby through the early fractions. "I tried to get him to relax and he did relax a little bit, but in order to hold my position I had to let him run more than I wanted," said jockey Russell Baze. "There was not much I could do. We held them off until it counted. I'm not disappointed in him."

7th-BMX, \$20,000, Msw, 3yo, f, 6f, 1:09 2/5, ft. MISS CITY PRINCESS (f, 3, Carson City--Battle Princess, by Great Above) was sent out against stakes horses in her career debut at Golden Gate last June and finished fifth after running greenly. Bet down to 4-5 for her return after the extended vacation, the bay jumped out to a clear lead at the break and was never threatened, coasting home to win by seven lengths. The winner was a \$22,000 KEESEP yearling. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$11,875. O-D P Patterson. B-S J Andersen (Ky). T-D M Patterson.

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STAKES RESULTS:

POLITELY S., \$60,000, LRL, (S), 3-8, 3yo, f, 7f, 1:24 4/5, ft.

1--**#TRUTH AND NOBILITY**, 117, f, 3, Proud Truth--Commonsencical (SW, \$174,852), by Bates Motel. (\$8,500 2yo 1996 FTMMAY). O-Briter Stable; B-Merryman Ann W (MD); T-M L Fallon; J-S Capanas; \$36,000. Lifetime Record: 7-4-1-1, \$67,650.

2--**Weather Vane**, 122, f, 3, Willard Scott--But in Vain, by Shelter Half. \$12,000.

3--**G. O'Keefe**, 115, f, 3, Smarten--Artful Girl, by Big Burn. \$6,600.

Margins: 2, NO, 3/4. Odds: 10.90, 1.20, 15.70.

SUNCOAST S., \$43,075, TAM, 3-8, 3yo, f, 1 1/16m, 1:44 4/5, ft.

1--**POOPSIE**, 118, f, 3, Cherokee Colony--Famous Speech (GSP), by Elocutionist. (\$6,500 wIng '94 FTKNOV; \$25,000 2yo 1996 OBSAPR). O-Ferguson Stephen R; B-Evans T M (KY); T-S M Casey; J-W H Daniels; \$25,845. Lifetime Record: 9-4-1-1, \$82,057.

2--**Pyrite Anne**, 113, f, 3, Silver Buck--Anne Dodd, by Villamor. \$8,615.

3--**Zesty Zoe**, 121, f, 3, Premiership--Northern Crisp, by Lucky North. \$4,307.

Margins: 8HF, 1, 6. Odds: 4.70, 7.70, 2.10.

ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

3rd-SAX, \$42,000, (S), 3yo, 6 1/2f, 1:16 2/5, ft. DEVOTED PIRATE (c, 3, Pirate's Bounty--Love Conquers All {MSW, \$149,783}, by Romeo) Lifetime Record: 7-2-2-2, \$69,250. O/B-Mr & Mrs Martin J Wygod (CA). T-Dan L Hendricks.

9th-AQU, \$35,000, (S), 4yo/up, 1 1/16m, 1:48, ft. W'AXED MOON (g, 4, Hatchet Man--Spuyten Duyvil, by Quack) Lifetime Record: 20-2-3-3, \$73,910. O/B-Iler Stable (NY). T-John C Jayko.

8th-BMX, \$33,300, 3-7, 4/up, f/m, 5.5f, 1:03 3/5, ft. HONEY BE GOOD (f, 4, Torsion--Knight Traker {SW}, by Knights Choice) Lifetime Record: 11-4-2-4, \$125,325. O-Three Point Stable Inc. B-Robert Antonacci (CA). T-Robert W Marshall.

3rd-AQU, \$33,000, (S), 3yo, 6f, 1:12 2/5, ft. RESILIENCY (c, 3, Talc--Affirming, by Affirmed) Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, \$38,400. O/B-Harbor View Farm (NY). T-H Allen Jerkens.

6th-BMX, \$31,080, 3-7, 4yo/up, 6f, 1:09 1/5, ft. NOR'EASTER (g, 5, Pirate's Bounty--Radiant Glow, by Northern Dancer) Lifetime Record: 10-3-4-1, \$95,701. O/B-Wygod Mr & Mrs Martin J. (CA). T-Dan L Hendricks. *Full to Pirate's Glow, GISP, \$179,005; 1/2 to Table Glow (Never Tabled), SP, \$164,425.

8th-OPX, \$30,000, 4yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:10 4/5, ft. CATCH ME FOOL (m, 5, Foolish Pleasure--Sudden Exposure, by Mr. Washington) Lifetime Record: 26-5-1-4, \$64,280. O-Barnett Stables. B-Joe & Joye Thomas Family Partnership (TX). T-Jerry Hinojosa.

10th-FGX, \$29,300, 4yo/up, a5 1/2fT, 1:05 3/5, fm. SADDLERIDGE (h, 6, Forty Niner--Top of My Life {GSW & GISP, \$168,595}, by Topsider) Lifetime Record: SP, 48-10-6-3, \$130,155. O/T-Robert H Bone. B-Robert Masterson (KY).

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6th-BMX, \$28,000, 3yo, 1 1/16mT, 1:44 3/5, fm.
HINT (GB) (c, 3, Warning (GB)--Throw Away Line, by Assert (Ire)) Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-0, \$16,351.
 O-Highclere Stables. B-T D Holland-Martin (GB). T-W Greenman. *Breaks maiden in allowance company.

8th-SPT, \$25,920, 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:11 3/5, ft.
MYSTICAL TRICKS (f, 4, Zen--Classy Tricks {MSW, \$175,972, by Hold Your Tricks}) Lifetime Record: 20-5-3-4, \$81,355. O-Roulette Stable. B-Harry Katz & Sid Port (FL). T-Roy D Houghton.

9th-TPX, \$25,300, 3-7, 3yo, 1 1/16m, 1:45, ft.
ST. CLOUD (c, 3, Lord Avie--Runaway Diamond {SP, \$108,654}, by Runaway Groom) Lifetime Record: 12-2-3-3, \$62,602. O-Dizney D & English J & Foley V. B-Donald R. Dizney (KY). T-Vickie L Foley.

8th-TPX, \$24,790, 4yo/up, f/m, 1m, 1:38, ft.
ARRIVE ALIVE (f, 4, Broad Brush--Bob's Blue, by Bob's Dusty) Lifetime Record: 5-2-1-1, \$37,533. O-Donnelly W & Ray B & Shapiro R. B-Loch Lea Farm Inc. (KY). T-W Elliott Walden.

7th-SPT, \$22,000, 3yo/up, 6f, 1:11 2/5, ft.
TRANSTAR (c, 4, Notebook--She Commandum {SW, \$68,484}, by Barachois) Lifetime Record: 17-2-6-5, \$61,408. O-Tommy Ligon. B-Norman Casse (FL). T-Anthony J Granitz.

1st-SPT, \$22,000, 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:12, ft.
OGALGIAN (m, 5, Ogygian--Axspect {SW}, by Northern Prospect) Lifetime Record: 13-2-3-2, \$42,853. O/B-R L Golden & Mrs. Richard Dupont (MD). T-Ralph T Rose.

8th-PHA, \$20,790, 4yo/up, 7f, 1:24, ft.
BUCKS WAR (c, 4, War--April Love, by Regal and Royal) Lifetime Record: 18-6-2-1, \$56,611. O-Joseph C Sabini. B-Arthur W. Schulz (FL). T-John Dunn.

12th-TDN, \$20,400, 3yo, f, 5f, :58 1/5, ft.
ROSE COLORED LADY (f, 3, Formal Dinner--Pink Forest, by Green Forest) Lifetime Record: SW, 10-3-2-1, \$41,403. O-Blazing Meadow Farm, Inc. B-Daniel W. Frazier (Oh). T-Thomas E. Hamm.

8th-LRL, \$18,240, 3yo, f, 1 1/16m, 1:45 4/5, ft.
CURVED (f, 3, Kokand--Black Gold Nugget, by Ruthie's Native) Lifetime Record: 12-4-1-2, \$43,667. O-Stellar Racing Stable. B-O H Wienges & Son (SC). T-H A Smith.

7th-PHA, \$17,600, 4yo/up, 1m, 1:38 2/5, ft.
DUMBEAU (c, 4, Beau Genius--Holdingabigspuce, by Big Spruce) Lifetime Record: 14-3-2-2, \$38,400. O-Agnes Nixon. B-Jerome Michaelson (KY). T-Pam Shavelson.

6th-LRL, \$16,800, 3yo, f, 7f, 1:25, ft.
FIGHT OVERNIGHT (f, 3, Fight Over--Stay Overnight, by Night Invader) Lifetime Record: 4-2-0-0, \$19,446.
 O-M N Stable. B-Hidden Point Farm (FL). T-C G Nicholson. *1/2 to Layovernite (Laomedonte), SW, \$144,703.

9th-LRL, \$16,800, 4yo/up, 7f, 1:24 1/5, ft.
TREZEVANT (g, 5, Valiant Lark--Pewter Pitcher, by Motor Line) Lifetime Record: 9-4-0-0, \$27,029. O-G Resta. B-O. H. Wienges & Son (SC). T-J J Hartsell Jr.

8th-SUF, \$16,660, 4yo/up, 6f, 1:12 3/5, ft.
SARATOGA RIDGE (h, 8, Saratoga Six--Bridge Table, by Riva Ridge) Lifetime Record: 79-7-24-11, \$166,122.
 O-Duffy Arthur A Jr & Roos Manfred. B-Lin-Drake Farm, Lee Eaton, et al. (FL). T-Arthur A Duffy Jr. *1/2 to Dame d'Harvard (Quest For Fame {GB}), GSP-Fr.

5th-GSX, \$16,200, (S), 3-7, 3yo/up, f/m, a1m70yd, 1:45, ft.
MORE MARGIN (m, 6, Proof--Kilkare Mary, by *Slady Castle) Lifetime Record: 52-3-10-7, \$90,655. O-Jeanne M Cocciolone. B-Frank F. Stetson & Milt Woolfenden Jr. (NJ). T-Gus Cocciolone.

13th-BEU, \$15,000, (S), 3yo/up, 5 1/2f, 1:06 1/5, gd.
BABY'S CHOICE (g, 6, Air Forbes Won--Icy Yew, by Plugged Nickle) Lifetime Record: SP, 34-8-8-3, \$109,955.
 O-Team Cash. B-Knight Landon (OH). T-E C Cash.

MAIDEN WINNERS:

Miss City Princess, f, 3, Carson City--Battle Princess, by Great Above. BMX, 3-8, 6f, 1:09 2/5. B-Andersen Sally J (Ky). *\$22,000 yrl '95 KEESEP.
 + **Theresa's Tizzy, f, 3, Cee's Tizzy--Theresa's Pleasure (MSW, \$130,840), by Greenwood Star (GB).** SAX, (S), 3-8, 6f, 1:10 3/5. B-Smith Lester William (Ca).
Lady of Blue, f, 3, Danzig Connection--Blue Charmer, by Mr. Leader. SPT, 3-8, 6f, 1:12 3/5. B-Charles Nuckols, Jr & Sons (Ky).
 + **Diablo Won, c, 3, Diablo--Starbase Won, by Star de Naskra.** OPX, 3-8, 6f, 1:10 4/5. B-Stockseth W O (Fl).
 + **Visitor, c, 3, Hagley Mill--La Ti Do, by Dixieland Band.** LRL, 3-8, 6f, 1:10 4/5. B-David Bloom (Md).
Happy Jack Man, c, 3, Happy Jazz Band--She's a Tanthem, by Tanthem. SUF, 3-8, 6f, 1:14 2/5. B-S G Eskilsen Jr & Jo Ann Eskilsen (Tx). *\$14,200 yrl '95 TEXAUG; \$13,500 2yo 1996 OBSAPR.
Wendasunhitsdamoon, f, 3, Hawkster--Tom's Lass (SW), by Tom Rolfe. TPX, 3-8, 1 1/16m, 1:46 4/5. B-Pegasus Stud and Partners (Ky). *1/2 to Carrie's Dream (Stop The Music), MSW, \$240,811.
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