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HALO AMERICA MAKES THE GRADE IN

APPLE BLOSSOM Halo America (Waquoit) increased her record at Oaklawn Park to five wins and three seconds from eight starts and picked up her first Grade I stakes victory, taking yesterday's GI Apple Blossom S. by four lengths. The seven-year-old led from gate to wire at nearly 6-1 and handed 1996 champion older mare **Jewel Princess** (Key to the Mint) her first defeat of the season; the Eclipse winner and 4-5 favorite rallied but couldn't catch the winner while outfinishing 5-2 **Different (Arg)** (Candy Stripes) to take second by a head. "This mare is really doing good right now--as good as she has ever done," said winning jockey Calvin Borel. "By the middle of the first turn I was grinning from ear to ear. From that point on all I had to do was make sure I didn't fall off." Halo America will now head for the breeding shed, but winning trainer Bobby Barnett left the door open for a return to the track after she is bred. "We nominated her to a couple of races at Churchill," he said. "In the past (owner John Franks) has bred 'em and brought 'em back." (*Chart, p3*)

CIGAR PAYOUT IMMINENT? According to a report in yesterday's *Racing Post*, the insurance company which holds the fertility policy on **Cigar** (Palace Music) is expected to make the \$25 million settlement payment by the end of this month. But before the check is delivered, Assicurazioni Generali SPA is looking into the question as to who holds the merchandizing rights to the two-time Horse of the Year. "(Allen) Paulson signed over the rights to hats, T-shirts, statues and the like to a management group, and there are numerous companies who are producing such things," Pete Trend, the company's leading underwriter, explained to the *Racing Post*. "They have all got to be stopped. As is common in insurance laws, if you are paying for something you expect to own the whole of it, and our lawyers were talking about it just last night." But he added, "Everyone is relaxed about it and we are ready to go as soon as all that is resolved."

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STAKES CLOSINGS

TODAY, SATURDAY, APRIL 12:
4-26 \$150/50,000 *Excelsior Breeders' Cup*
H.-GII, Aqu, 3yo/up, 9f (\$150)



Today, Keeneland

TOYOTA BLUE GRASS S.-GII, \$700,000, 3yo, 9f

PP	HORSE	TRAINER	JOCKEY	ODDS
1	Jules	Goldberg	Martinez	8-1
2	Acceptable	Zito	Perret	6-1
3	Wrightwood	Lukas	Bravo	15-1
4	Pulpit	Brothers	Sellers	4-5
5	Celtic Warrior	Hutt	Torres	20-1
6	King Crimson	Griffiths	McCarron	7-2
7	Stolen Gold	Puhich	Stevens	6-1

Pulpit (A. P. Indy), handed his first career defeat in the GI Florida Derby March 15, drops a pound off that second-place effort and looks worthy of his odds-on support. Also lightly raced, **King Crimson** (Capote) faced graded stakes foes for the first time in the GII San Felipe S. and finished third to the GI Santa Anita Derby top two, Free House and Silver Charm, in that mile-and-a-sixteenth test. The bay makes his second start around two turns. "He always shows some speed," said trainer and co-owner Riley Griffiths. "I just hope he relaxes--that's the main thing. Each time, he's done a little better and I'm hoping that continues." **Jules** (Forty Niner) flew through killer fractions in the GII Jim Beam S. March 29 and still held on for fourth; the bay gets top Kentucky jockey Willie Martinez in the irons for the first time.

Today, Aqueduct Racetrack

WOOD MEMORIAL S.-GII, \$500,000, 3yo, 9f

PP	HORSE	TRAINER	JOCKEY	ODDS
1	Ordway	Donk	Davis	2-1
2	Accelerator	McGaughey	Smith	5-1
3a	Droopy Stone	Callejas	Alvarado	30-1
4	Activist	Frankel	Migliore	12-1
5a	Jack At The Bank	Callejas	Pezua	30-1
6	Captain Bodgit	Capuano	Solis	8-5
7	Smokin Mel	Destefano	Luzzi	8-1
8	Twin Spires	Lukas	Barton	20-1
9a	Hoxie	Callejas	Chavez	30-1
10	Wild Tempest	Zito	Velazquez	8-1

Wood Memorial cont. p2



THIS WEEKEND'S RACING ON TV

Today:

Wood Memorial S.-GII (live) - ABC, 4:30-6:00 p.m. EDT
(post time: 4:37 p.m. EDT)
Toyota Blue Grass S. & Arkansas Derby-GII (live) -
ESPN, 5-6:00 p.m. EDT

**Wood Memorial cont.**

Third in his first career start, **Captain Bodgit** (Saint Ballado) put together five consecutive victories through the end of the juvenile campaign, then finished third in his first two starts at three. The late-running colt returned to the winner's circle with an impressive score in the GI Florida Derby March 15 and knows how to put them back-to-back. Last year's GI Moet Champagne winner **Ordway** (Salt Lake) disappointed at Gulfstream in his '97 debut but bounced back with a strong second-place showing on Lasix for the first time in the GII Gotham last out. **Smokin Mel** (Phone Order) shipped in from California to post a game victory in the Gotham and could dictate the pace; he makes his two-turn bow.

Today, Oaklawn Park

ARKANSAS DERBY-GII, \$500,000, 3yo, 9f				
PP	HORSE	TRAINER	JOCKEY	ODDS
1	Thatsusintheolbean	Oliver	Cordova	50-1
2	Phantom On Tour	Whiting	Melancon	4-1
3	River Squall	Vestal	Doocy	12-1
4	Direct Hit	Amoss	Bourque	10-1
5	Zede	Mott	Bailey	12-1
6	Brave Act (GB)	McAnally	Borel	15-1
7	Stop Watch	Brothers	Albarado	9-2
8	Star Of Halo	Wren	Valdivia	20-1
9	Crypto Star	Catalano	Day	3-1
10	Deputy Commander	Dollase	Nakatani	10-1
11	Pacificbounty	Greenman	Desormeaux	4-1

Pacificbounty (Pirate's Bounty) has put together three straight since breaking his maiden in December, opening his three-year-old year with wins in the Golden Gate Derby and GIII El Camino Real Derby last out March 8. The Cal-bred ventures outside his home state for the first time. **Direct Hit** (Mamaison), first or second in every start, stretched out to two turns for the first time in his latest and finished second after cutting out all the pace in the GIII Rebel S. March 22. The well-traveled colt has visited seven states in his nine career outings. GIII Louisiana Derby winner **Crypto Star** (Cryptoclearance) rallied from well off a hot pace at the Fair Grounds and will see plenty of speed up front again.

Today, Hialeah Park

BLACK HELEN H.-GII, \$200,000, 3yo/up, f/m, 9fT				
PP	HORSE	TRAINER	JOCKEY	ODDS
1	Overcharger	Knoll	Martin	30-1
2	Maxzene	Skiffington	Krone	8-5
3	La Malleret	Kimmel	Rivera II	10-1
4	Zephyr	Violette Jr.	Boulanger	12-1
5	Powder Bowl	McCauley	Sheppard	5-2
6	Careless Heiress	Croll	Rivera II	2-1
7	Hurricane Viv	Coa	Hurtak	15-1

Black Helen H. cont.

Maxzene (Cozzene) ended 1996 with four straight wins, taking three New York allowance events before shipping to Kentucky to win the GIII Mrs. Revere S. Nov. 23. She came back from a three-month layoff to take her fifth in a row, posting an impressive tally in the Bayou Breeders' Cup H. at the Fair Grounds March 8.

Today, Aqueduct Racetrack

BOLD RULER H.-GIII, \$100,000a, 3yo/up, 6f
The field of seven, from the rail, will be: **Blissful State** (Buckaroo), 116, Smith; **Busterwaggley** (Housebuster), 109, Chavez; **Golden Tent** (Shelter Half), 111, Nelson; **Royal Haven** (Hail Emperor), 120, Migliore; **Punch Line** (Two Punch), 122, Davis; **Cold Execution** (Eskimo), 113, Pezua; **Alcaughtup** (Salutely), 110, Velazquez.

Today, The Curragh, Ireland

GLADNESS S.-G3, \$46,693, 3yo/up, 7fT
The field, in post position order, is as follows: **My Branch** (GB) (Distant Relative {Ire}), Hills, 130; **Desert King** (Ire) (Danehill), Roche, 126; **Cool Edge** (Ire) (Nashamaa {Ire}), Day, 133; **Raiyoun** (Ire) (Doyoun {Ire}), Murtagh, 133; **Mosconi** (Ire) (Last Tycoon {Ire}), Manning, 119; and **Act Of Defiance** (Ire) (Caerleon), Kinane, 116.

Sunday, Keeneland

COMMONWEALTH BREEDERS' CUP S.-GII, \$200,000, 3yo/up, 7f

The field of seven, from the inside, will be: **Bet On Sunshine** (Bet Big), 112; **Victor Cooley** (Cool Victor), 112; **Irish Conquest** (Conquistador Cielo), 12; **Bick** (Manila), 115; **Appealing Skier** (Baldski), 121; **Why Change** (Time for a Change), 121; and **Western Winter** (Gone West), 112. Irish Conquest and Western Winter run coupled.

News cont.

WORLD-RECORD HOLDER LUCKY FOREVER RETIRED **Lucky Forever** (Lucky North), who set the world record for six-and-a-half furlongs going the distance in 1:13 1/5 in the 1995 Rich Cream H. at Hollywood Park, is likely to be retired after finishing fifth in the GII Potrero Grande Breeders' Cup at Santa Anita April 5. "He had a lot of deep cuts on him after the race," said trainer Gary Lewis. "We're turning him out four-to-five months, but by the time we get him back to racing, he'll be almost nine. So I think we'll retire him." The eight-year-old gelding posted his final victory in a Santa Anita allowance February 14, coming off a 13-month layoff to win by 4 1/2 lengths. He won seven of 22 career starts and \$451,150.

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◆ RESULTS ◆

Friday, Oaklawn Park

APPLE BLOSSOM H.-GI, \$500,000, OPX, 4-11, 4yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16m, 1:41 3/5, wf.

1--**HALO AMERICA**, 117, m, 7, Waquoit--Ameriangel, by Halo. (\$10,500 2yo 1992 FTLAPR). O/B-Franks John (FL); T-Bobby C Barnett; J-C H Borel; \$300,000. Lifetime Record: 39-14-8-2, \$1,322,980.

2--**Jewel Princess**, 124, m, 5, Key to the Mint--Jewell Ridge, by Melyno (Ire). O-Stephen & Stephen & The Thoroughbred Corp; B-Farnsworth Farms (FL); \$100,000.

3--**Different (Arg)**, 121, m, 5, Candy Stripes--Diferente (Arg), by Propicio (Arg). O-Craig Sidney; B-Haras Abolenga (Arg); \$50,000.

Margins: 4, HD, 1HF. Odds: 5.90A, 0.90, 2.50.

Also Ran: Escena, Gold N Delicious, Hidden Lake, Western Lil, Traces of Gold.

Winner of the Mar. 23 GIII Oaklawn Breeders' Cup H. by four lengths in her last start, Halo America came right back with yet another Oaklawn score here. Part of an entry that was sent off as the fourth choice, the veteran racemare sprang out of the gate and went right to the front, then was able to open up her advantage in the final quarter-mile. Eclipse champion Jewel Princess trailed early before commencing her usual late charge around the far turn; she advanced between horses in the stretch to grab the place spot over Different (Arg), who was making her first start since finishing third in the Oct. 26 Breeders' Cup Distaff. "I can't fault my filly's effort," said jockey Corey Nakatani, aboard Jewel Princess. "When I asked her, she gave me her best. They let the leader go by herself and set her own pace. That always makes it tough on the others."

News cont.

JOHN TAMMARO NAMED UTTA/VINERY

"**TRAINER OF THE MONTH**" John Tammaro III, who sent out Triple Crown hopeful **Concerto** (Chief's Crown) to win both the John Battaglia Memorial and the GII \$600,000 Jim Beam S. last month, has been named the United Thoroughbred Trainers of America and Vinery Stallions '97 "Trainer of the Month" for March. Tammaro, 50, also saddled **Secret Prospect** (Allen's Prospect) to take last month's Conniver S. at Laurel; based in New Jersey, the third-generation horseman has been training since 1976.

◆ MIDWEST ◆

Yesterday's Results:

MAKER'S MARK MILE S.-GIII, \$112,800, KEE, 4-11, 4yo/up, 1mT, 1:34 2/5 (NCR), fm.

1--**@INFLUENT**, 116, h, 6, Ascot Knight--Katerina Key, by Key to the Mint. (\$54,000 HRA 1996 SARHRA). O-Becker Michael & Kumble Richard; B-Taylor Austin (CAN); T-Howard M Teshler; J-J L Samyn; \$69,936. Lifetime Record: 29-9-5-7, \$271,661.

2--**Chief Bearhart**, 114, c, 4, Chief's Crown--Amelia Bearhart, by Bold Hour. O-Sam-Son Farm; B-Maynard Richard D (CAN); \$22,560.

3--**Foolish Pole**, 113, g, 4, Polish Numbers--Don't Be Foolish, by Caveat. O-Fowler Elaine; B-Fowler Anderson (MD); \$11,280.

Margins: HF, 1, 1HF. Odds: 7.30, 6.70, 8.60.

Also Ran: Da Bull, Same Old Wish, Jaunatxo, Shahid (GB), Rising Colours (GB), Gold Facts.

Scratched: Pro Trader.

Influent wired the field in a Nov. 23 Aqueduct turf allowance and came back to win off of a five-month layoff. The winner dueled with Foolish Pole for the lead and then shook off that rival to gain a clear advantage in the stretch before going on to a course record-setting victory. "I felt good turning for home," winning jockey Jean-Luc Samyn said. "I was just sitting there enjoying the ride. They were coming at me at the end, but still he did that very, very well. When I asked him to run when he heard the other horse (Chief Bearhart) coming, he just dug in and went on and did his very best." Last year's GIC Breeders' S. winner Chief Bearhart, unraced since an 11th-place finish in the Oct. 26 GI Breeders' Cup Turf, trailed the field of nine early before commencing his late bid five-wide around the far turn, altered his course in deep stretch, and just fell short. "I thought I was in trouble at the half-mile pole because I was pushing and whipping a little bit and he was going nowhere," Jose Santos, rider of Chief Bearhart, said. "But at the quarter-pole, he switched leads and took off running. He was full of run at the end. The distance was a bit short, but he's going to be a helluva horse." The 2-1 favorite and MGSW SAME OLD WISH (Lyphard's Wish {Fr}) tracked the early leaders but flattened out in the stretch.

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, a (C) will be used for maiden-claiming races, and an (R) will be used for other restricted races.

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**Midwest Report cont.**

7th-KEE, \$52,128, Alw, 4yo/up, 6 1/2f, 1:15 4/5, ft.

1--**COUNT THE BLUES**, 114, h, 5, **Cure the Blues--Colorful Countess**, by Turn and Count. O/B-Jones Frank L Jr. T-Jerry L Romans. Lifetime Record: SP, 26-8-5-4, \$266,977.

2--**Strategic Intent**, 120, h, 5, **Conquistador Cielo--Gute Nacht**, by Play Fellow.

3--**Mighty Red**, 117, g, 7, **Mighty Appealing--Today's Woman**, by Impressive.

Margins: HD, 1, 5. Odds: 6.30, 2.60, 4.10.

Count the Blues ran fifth in the Mar. 29 Hansel S. at Turfway Park in his previous start. Looking for his first win since a New Year's Day allowance score at Turfway, the chestnut battled with Strategic Intent for the lead early but outgamed that rival to the wire.

4th-KEE, \$45,000, Alw, 3yo, 1 1/16mT, 1:42 2/5, fm.

1--**ROB 'N GIN**, 118, c, 3, **Farma Way--Windy Mindy (MSW, \$116,249)**, by Honey Jay. O-Kelly Nancy & Sabine Stable; B-Justic Farm (KY); T-Robert Barbara. Lifetime Record: SW, 7-3-1-1, \$115,898.

2--**Manassa Mauler**, 113, c, 3, **Theatrical (Ire)--You Make Me Blue**, by Sir Ivor.

3--**Jeff's Agenda**, 116, c, 3, **Twilight Agenda--Syrian Lady**, by Damascus.

Margins: 3, 1HF, 3. Odds: 1.10, 16.80, 9.30.

Rob 'n Gin won the Sept. 29 Garden City S. and then ran fifth in the Oct. 20 GIII Pilgrim S., both of which were taken off the Belmont turf; he came back to win here in his first start since. Second in his only previous grass try, he was the even-money favorite despite the six-month absence and wired the field to win decisively.

6th-KEE, \$44,000, Alw, 4yo/up, a7f, 1:27 1/5, ft.

1--**PERRY JAMES**, 113, h, 6, **Deputy Minister--Dame Amour (SP)**, by Iron Ruler. O-Gottlieb Roy; B-Realaw Farm & Myron Rosenthal (KY); T-Charles Lopresti. Lifetime Record: 15-4-2-2, \$79,681. *1/2 to Learn By Heart (Linkage), MSW, \$311,573.

2--**Blushing Jim**, 113, c, 4, **Blushing John--Savannah's Honor**, by Storm Bird.

3--**Fiftyfiftyovefifty**, 114, c, 4, **Leo Castelli--Kerplop**, by Affirmed.

Margins: 2, 7, HD. Odds: 8.00, 2.80, 4.10.

Perry James ran second in a Mar. 19 Turfway allowance in his latest start. A maiden winner over this track last October, he dueled for the lead with second-choice Blushing Jim before taking over with a furlong to go and drawing off late. The runner-up was making his first start since a fifth-place effort in the Mar. 30, 1996 GII Jim Beam S.

3rd-KEE, \$43,820, Alw, 4yo/up, f/m, 9f, 1:51 1/5, ft.

1--**FOREVER CLASSIC**, 109, m, 6, **Regal Classic--Forleana (SP)**, by Forum. O/B-Sam-Son Farm (CAN); T-Mark Frostad. Lifetime Record: MSP, 33-8-6-9, \$203,102. *1/2 to Queen of Egypt (Vice Regent), MSW, \$138,068.

2--**Brush With the Law**, 122, f, 4, **Broad Brush--Rolfe's Ruby**, by Tom Rolfe.

3--**Clamorosa**, 119, f, 4, **Seattle Dancer--Pretty Flame**, by Mt. Livermore.

Margins: 3HF, 1, 7. Odds: 3.40, 1.50, 1.40.

Forever Classic was beaten a neck in the Mar. 1 Chou Croute H. in her first start off a three-month layoff and ran third last time out in a Mar. 24 allowance race, both at the Fair Grounds. She stalked the early pace before moving up three-wide on the turn and grabbing the lead with a furlong left. The favorite, GSW Clamorosa, eighth in the GII Orchid H. on the Gulfstream grass last out, dueled for the lead but tired in the stretch.

5th-KEE, \$41,000, Alw, 3yo, 6f, 1:10, ft.

OUR IRISH BEAU (c, 3, Beau Genius--Irish Izzy, by Full Out) ran fourth in the Feb. 21 Presidents S. at Turfway and came back in this spot to handle allowance company. The Triple Crown nominee, bumped at the start, contested the pace before seizing the lead at the eighth-pole and pulling away to win it by a length and a half at 8-1. The winner is a 1/2 to Typically Irish (Metfield), GISW, \$231,895. Lifetime Record: 8-2-0-1, \$52,834. O-Prestonwood Farm Inc. B-J Merrick Jones, Jr & Vinery (KY). T-W Elliott Walden.

2nd-KEE, \$36,580, Msw, 3yo, 6 1/2f, 1:17 1/5, ft + **ENTERPRISING (g, 3, Dayjur--Inreality Star, by In Reality)** prevailed in his debut at odds of 4-1. The

\$110,000 KEEJUL yearling pressed the pace, inherited the lead at the top of the stretch and held off runner-up and 6-5 favorite TOUGH CALL (Deputy Minister), a Triple Crown nominee, for a half-length victory. The winner is a 1/2 to Meadow Star (Meadowlake), Ch. 2yo Filly, MGISW, \$1,445,740; Optic Nerve (Majestic Light), GSW, \$177,698. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$23,192. O-Lewis Beverly J & Robert B. B-Jaime S. Carrion, Trustee (KY). T-D Wayne Lukas.

1st-KEE, \$31,540, Msw, 2yo, 4 1/2f, :52 1/5, ft.

+ **DABNEY CARR (g, 2, Lost Code--Penny's Growl {MSP, \$137,501}, by Strike Gold)**, off as the 8-5 favorite, dueled on the lead from the start before putting away his rivals at the quarter-pole for a 3 1/2-length victory. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$17,732.

O-Everard E & P A & My Joe Lee Stable. B-Another Episode Farm & Firth Bob. T-Robert Barbara.

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Midwest Report cont.

Local News: Oaklawn Park

A half-interest in Dennis Weir's **Hidden Lake** (Quiet American), winner of last year's GII La Brea S., was sold Friday morning to Robert Clay for an undisclosed sum. The four-year-old filly, a winner of \$294,889, was subsequently sixth in yesterday's GI Apple Blossom S.

◆ NEW YORK ◆

Yesterday's Results:

7th-AQU, \$45,000, Alw, 4yo/up, f/m, 1 1/8m, 1:51, ft. 1--SHOOP, 117, m, 6, Double Sonic--Noble Dream

Maker, by An Eldorado. O-Davis Barbara J;

B-Petrucione J (FL); T-Gasper S Moschera. Lifetime Record: GSW & MGISP, 40-9-11-5, \$656,055.

2--Punkin Pie, 109, m, 7, Our Liberty--Slapstick, by Slap Jack.

3--Radiant Megan, 117, f, 4, Commadore C.--Radiant Flower, by Sir Jinsky.

Margins: NK, NK, 3 1/4. Odds: 0.70, 3.50, 11.20.

Shoop ran second in the Mar. 9 GIII Next Move H. in her previous start. Dropping back to the allowance ranks after five straight starts in graded-stakes company, the favorite was allowed to set her own pace with second-choice Punkin Pie closely tracking her, then was able to hold off that rival in the stretch for her first win since taking an Aqueduct allowance last November.

8th-AQU, \$37,000, Alw, 3yo/up, 1 1/8m, 1:50 4/5, ft.

SECRETO DE ESTADO (g, 4, General Assembly--

Marchpane (SP), by Go Marching), who trailed some of

the best horses in training in 1996, came back to win his 1997 debut after running fourth in the Dec. 14 GIII Queens County H. at Aqueduct in his most recent outing. Off the board in the GI Preakness, GI Travers, GI Super Derby and GI Jockey Club Gold Cup last year, the 5-2 second choice forced the early pace before grabbing the lead around the far turn and holding off 7-5 favorite AIR SHAWKLIT (Air Forbes Won) for a 1 3/4-length victory. Lifetime Record: GSP, 15-2-0-2, \$111,247. O-R Perez. B-Morgan's Ford Farm (VA). T-A Callejas.

6th-AQU, \$33,000, Alw, 3yo/up, f/m, 7f, 1:22 4/5, ft.

SONG OF AFRICA (f, 4, Alzao--Intensive, by Sir Wiggle)

won her belated debut Feb. 26 at Gulfstream and came right back to handle allowance foes in this spot. The 4-5 favorite set a pressured pace but drew away in the stretch for a 2 1/2-length victory. She is a 1/2 to Intensive Command (Dust Commander), GSW & GISP, \$323,997; and Bestofbothworlds (Globe), MSW & GSP, \$274,748. Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, \$37,200.

O-Ronald E Magers. B-Freeman-Betz & Hanley & Egan (KY). T-John C Kimmel.

4th-AQU, \$33,000, Alw, 3yo/up, f/m, 7f, 1:23 3/5, ft. EXCLUSIVE HOLD (f, 3, Phone Trick--Bonnie Baugh, by Alleged) finished fourth in a Mar. 27 Aqueduct allowance event in her first start off of a seven-month layoff last out. The 5-1 shot sprinted out to an early lead and held on for a 3/4-length victory over runner-up UNDERVALUED (Cox's Ridge). Lifetime Record: MGSP, 5-2-1-1, \$75,330.

O-Michel Jean Zerolo. B-J. J. McNaughton & K. Higuchi (KY). T-John C Kimmel.

Local News: Belmont Park

The Silver Move (Silver Buck), who displaced his soft palate during a disappointing 10th-place finish in the GII Gotham S. March 29, worked a half-mile in :49.04 over the Belmont main track yesterday morning. "We scoped him after his work, and everything checked out perfectly," said trainer Linda Rice. "I'm more convinced now than ever that his displaced soft palate was a symptom of us maybe being too aggressive in trying to get to the Kentucky Derby. We've learned our lesson from this horse. We'll let him dictate to us when he's ready to run again."

Also breezing at Belmont yesterday, MGISW **Awad** (Caveat) went six furlongs in 1:18.05. The seven-year-old will make his next start in the GI San Juan Capistrano Invitational at Santa Anita April 20. **My Flag** (Easy Goer), unraced since running fourth in last year's GI Breeders' Cup Distaff, breezed a half in :49.93 Friday.

◆ SO. CALIFORNIA ◆

Local News: Santa Anita

Millkom (GB) (Cyrano de Bergerac), winner of the 1995 GI Man o'War S. at Belmont Park but on the shelf since with a tendon injury, breezed a half-mile on the turf in :47 3/5 Thursday and is being pointed for a return to action in the Golden Gate H. June 15. Now six, the bay has won 12 of his 18 career starts, including two French Group 1 races, and \$703,078.

Funontherun (Runaway Groom), winner of the GII San Rafael S. last out, worked seven furlongs in 1:28 3/5 on the turf Friday and will make his next start in the GIII California Derby April 19.

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◆ EAST ◆

Thursday's Late Result:

7th-GSX, \$10,000, Msw, 4-10, 3yo/up. f/m, 6f, 1:13 1/5, ft.

+ **RACEY RUMORS (f, 3, Lively One--Native Echo {SW}, by Crimson Satan)** captured her debut as the even-money favorite. The \$19,500 1995 OBSAUG yearling purchase sprinted out to get the early advantage and never looked back en route to a 2 1/2-length victory. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$6,000.

O-Double K Roc Stables. B-The Oaks Horse Farm Corporation (Fl). T-George Gross.

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Yesterday's Results:

PRIX DJEBEL, \$45,202, Maisons-Laffitte, France, 4-11, 3yo, c/g, 7fT, 1:26.80, gd.

1--**FANTASTIC FELLOW, 128, c, 3, Lear Fan--Chateaubaby, by Nureyev.** (\$100,000 yrl '95 KEESEP; \$200,000 2yo '96 KEEAPR). O-The Thoroughbred Corporation; B-Mrs J G Jones; T-Clive Brittain; J-O Peslier; \$24,339.

2--**Nombre Premier (GB), 128, c, 3, Kendor (Fr)--Sabiola (Fr), by The Wonder (Fr).** \$8,345.

3--**Inkatha (Fr), 128, c, 3, Double Bed (Fr)--Majuba (Fr), by Mendez (Fr).** \$6,259.

Margins: 3/4, 2, 3.

Fantastic Fellow cruised into the lead two furlongs out; Nombre Premier tried to challenge, but Fantastic Fellow found more without apparent effort and won comfortably. Winning trainer Clive Brittain was delighted, saying: "Olivier Peslier came over to Newmarket to ride the horse at work and he was impressed. That workout did the horse a lot of good. I was always confident before the race. There is still improvement left in the horse and I would think the French 2000 Guineas (Poule d'Essai des Poulains) on May 11 is the next target." Nombre Premier's trainer Alain de Royer-Dupre said: "I'm pleased with the colt. I think they watered the track too much and my horse likes it faster. He should improve on this. We have yet to decide whether to go for the 2000 Guineas at Newmarket on May 3 or stay in France for the French 2000 Guineas a week later."

PRIX IMPRUDENCE, \$38,943, Maisons-Laffitte, France, 4-11, 3yo, f, 7fT, 1:30.90, gd.

1--**PAS DE REPOSE, 126, f, 3, Danzig--Soundings, by Mr. Prospector.** O/B-Wertheimer et Frere; T-Mme Criquelette Head; J-F Head; \$24,339. *G1SW-Eng. **1/2 to Didyme (Dixieland Band), GSW-Fr, MSP-U.S. \$188,122; Green Tune (Green Dancer), Hwt. Older Horse-Fr at 7-9.5f, MG1SW-Fr, \$443,505; and Ecoute (Manila), SW & G1SP-Fr, \$114,756.

2--**Barnata (Fr), 126, f, 3, Diamond Prospect--Tanny (Fr), by Gift Card (Fr).** \$8,345.

3--**Psylla (Fr), 126, f, 3, Fabulous Dancer--Silicon Lady (Fr), by Mille Balles (Fr).** \$6,259.

Margins: 2 1/2, 3.

Prix Imprudence cont.

This was nothing more than a good exercise gallop for Criquelette Head's Newmarket 1000 Guineas contender Pas De Reponse, who was forced to take the lead from the start in the three-filly field, but the pace was little more than a crawl. A furlong and a half out, Pas de Reponse quickened well and her jockey, Freddy Head, rode her out to well past the winning post, ensuring she had a good workout. Criquelette Head said: "This was a nice return to action for the filly and she is spot on for the 1000 Guineas. I told Freddy to give her a good workout and that's why he rode her past the winning post. She's very relaxed filly, easy to train. She has a lovely action when she quickens. We have high hopes for Newmarket on May 4. This was no real test, but at least it showed that she is in good form."

AMERICAN-BRED WINNERS IN ENGLAND:

Here's To Howie, c, 3, Hermitage--Choice Comment (SP), by Rich Cream. Brighton, 4-11, Varndean Median Auction Maiden S., 3yo, 9f 209ydsT, \$3,637 to winner. O-The Breeze Uppers; B-Holton Grigsby Ingram & Mr & Mrs Theodore Kuster; T-Richard Hannon. *\$15,000 yrl '95 KEESEP.

China Red, c, 3, Red Ransom--Akamare (Fr), by Akarad (Fr). Nottingham, 4-11, Bassingfield Maiden S., 3yo, 8f 54ydsT, \$7,096 to winner. O-N N Browne & Partners; B-Robert Masterson; T-John Hills. *\$45,000 yrl '95 KEESEP.

Local News: Dubai

Bijou d'Inde (GB) (Cadeaux Genereux {GB}), who injured a tendon when he fell over the stricken **Hokuto Vega (Jpn)** (Nagurski) in the Dubai World Cup April 3, is still sidelined despite hopes he could return to training this past week, according to yesterday's *Racing Post*. "I got a phone call that he had the tendon scanned but there was still some swelling and fluid in the tendon area and so he was not returning to ridden exercise as hoped," trainer Mark Johnston told the *Racing Post*. "He is not out of the woods yet but has still made tremendous progress."

Local News: Australia

Australian racing's richest earner **Octagonal (NZ)** (Zabeel {NZ}) faces nine opponents in today's G1 Cathay Queen Elizabeth S. over a mile and a quarter at Randwick in Sydney, his final racecourse appearance before retirement to stud.



FOALING NEWS

ACTION FRANCAISE, 12, Nureyev--Allez France (*Sea-Bird)

Foal born 3-13-97, a filly by Woodman.

Will be bred back to Seeking The Gold.

Owned by Allez France Stables.

Boarded at Three Chimneys Farm in Midway, Ky.

Accomplishments: GSW-Fr; dam of Android (Riverman), GSW & G1SP-Fr, \$141,999.



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STAKES RESULTS:

ALTHEA S., \$40,000, OPX, 4-11, 3yo, f, 1 1/16m, 1:45 1/5, wf.

1--#**ZAKCAT**, 116, f, 3, Vilzak--Catherine Jo, by Joey Bob. O-Franks John; B-Ball Tom (LA); T-Bobby C Barnett; J-C V Gonzalez; \$24,000. Lifetime Record: 6-3-0-2, \$60,780.

2--**Two Steppin' Toni**, 116, f, 3, Happy Jazz Band--Two Timin Toni, by Thanks to Tony. \$8,000.

3--**Looking**, 116, f, 3, Norquestor--Seeno, by Encino. (\$20,000 yrl '95 FTMSEP). \$4,000.

Margins: 1, 2HF, 1. Odds: 6.20, 3.70, 4.40.

ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

2nd-AQU, \$35,000, (S), 3yo/up, f/m, 9f, 1:53 3/5, ft. **MAUVE** (f, 3, D'Accord--Skat, by Big Spruce) Lifetime Record: 9-2-2-0, \$55,200. O-Chuckolow Stable. B-Philip Chuck (NY). T-William D Anderson.

8th-OPX, \$30,000, 4yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16m, 1:45, wf. **PROUD MARY BURNING** (m, 5, Proud Birdie--Powder Burnt, by Fire Dancer) Lifetime Record: 30-7-8-4, \$124,109. O/B-Lou Harper (OK). T-Kenny P Smith.

6th-GGX, \$29,125, 4yo/up, 1 1/16m, 1:42 3/5, ft. **PRIVATE MUSIC** (h, 5, Floriano--La Belle Naturelle, by L'Natural) Lifetime Record: 9-2-1-0, \$40,800. O-Adler & Stamler & Suzukawa. B-S Suzukawa (Ca). T-R Amescua.

1st-OPX, \$27,000, 4yo/up, f/m, 5 1/2f, 1:04 4/5, sy. **GORGEOUS PRINCESS** (f, 4, Cure the Blues--Slew Jeune Fille, by Seattle Slew) Lifetime Record: 16-4-2-4, \$97,978. O-Millsap Stable Inc. B-Wooden Horse Investments, Inc. & Post Time Syndicate (KY). T-D W Whited.

1st-SPT, \$23,000, 3yo, 6f, 1:11 3/5, ft. **ALEX THE GREAT** (c, 3, Blue Buckaroo--Super Looper {SP, \$100,496}, by Peace Corps) Lifetime Record: 6-2-2-0, \$29,280. O-C P C Racing Stable. B-Martha A. Johnson (FL). T-James P Divito.

10th-SPT, \$23,000, (S), 3yo, 6f, 1:13 1/5, wf. **OUR ENDEAVOR** (c, 3, Don't Hesitate--Kindance {SW, \$150,341}, by Kinsman Hope) Lifetime Record: 5-2-0-0, \$17,335. O/B-L. J. Gaudreau & J. Ramsey (IL). T-Joseph P McKellar.

9th-SPT, \$23,000, (S), 3yo, f, 6f, 1:13 4/5, wf. **MS. JANE** (f, 3, Cure the Blues--Miss Bell P. R. {PR} {Ch. 3yo Filly-PR, GISW-PR}, by Bell Bird) Lifetime Record: SP, 5-2-0-1, \$31,081. O-Hondo Ranch Inc. B-Forest G. Niccum & L. R. French Jr. (IL). T-F J Kirby.

8th-WOX, \$21,000, 3yo, f, 5f, :58 3/5, ft. **BRITE PROSPECTOR** (f, 3, High Brite--Crafty Quarry, by Crafty Prospector) Lifetime Record: 8-1-3-1, \$35,015. O-Greenstar Racing. B-Bob Berger (NY). T-A A Bankuti.

10th-HIA, \$18,000, 4yo/up, 7f, 1:24 1/5, ft. **HIGHLAND RIVER** (h, 6, Ten Gold Pots--Highland Greene (SP), by Shecky Greene) Lifetime Record: 40-12-8-5, \$116,858. O-Silver Hawk Stable. B-Linmac Farm (CAN). T-Ross B Wolfendale. *1/2 to Highland Vixen (Highland Ruckus), MSW, \$164,669.

8th-HIA, \$16,000, 4yo/up, 1 1/16m, 1:45 3/5, ft. **TALE OF THE TAPE** (c, 4, Mane Minister--Pretentious Gal, by Pretense) Lifetime Record: 8-2-0-1, \$32,843. O-Ramsey Kenneth L & Seaman Cecil O. B-Taylor James Mr. & Mrs. (KY). T-Edward Plesa Jr.

9th-HIA, \$16,000, 4yo/up, 1 1/8fT, 1:54 2/5, ft. **RANSOM ME DADDY** (h, 5, Red Ransom--Happy Sunshine, by Secreto) Lifetime Record: 25-2-3-5, \$66,318. O-Philip Teinowitz. B-Galbreath & Phillips Racing Partnership (KY). T-Flint S Schulhofer.

3rd-HIA, \$16,000, 4yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:11 3/5, gd. **THREE DECADES** (f, 4, Citidancer--Ferriana, by Iron) Lifetime Record: 19-3-1-0, \$44,235. O-Rogers Alexander S & Jacqueline. B-Sue Huguely (MD). T-O Edwards.

MAIDEN WINNERS:

+ **Love in the Hills**, f, 2, Burnt Hills--Willing Love, by Balzac. HIA, 4-11, (C), 3f, :33 2/5. B-Silverleaf Farm Inc (FL). *\$4,000 wlng '95 OBSOCT.

+ **Dabney Carr**, g, 2, Lost Code--Penny's Grawl (MSP, \$137,501), by Strike Gold. KEE, 4-11, 4 1/2f, :52 1/5. B-B-Another Episode Farm & Firth Bob.

Ambidextrous, f, 3, Cannon Shell--Change Hands, by Halo Hattab. AQU, 4-11, (S), 6f, 1:13. B-Cohn S (Ny).

Holly Creek, f, 3, Crafty Prospector--Princesse de Glace, by L'Heureux. AQU, 4-11, (S), 6f, 1:12 1/5. B-Don & Ann Rudder (Ny).

+ **Enterprising**, c, 3, Dayjur--Inreality Star, by In Reality. KEE, 4-11, 6 1/2f, 1:17 1/5. B-J S Carrion, Trustee (Ky). *1/2 to Meadow Star (Meadowlake), Ch. 2yo Filly, MGISW, \$1,445,740; Optic Nerve (Majestic Light), GSW, \$177,698. **\$110,000 yrl '95 KEEJUL.

Wills Deer, c, 3, Deerhound--Willie's Favorite, by El Gran Capitan (Arg). PIM, 4-11, 6f, 1:12 4/5. B-Harris William (Md).

Omarfairleygreen, c, 3, Fenter--Comishar, by Hail the Pirates. OPX, 4-11, (S), 6f, 1:12. B-Parrish Paula (Ar).

+ **Racey Rumors**, f, 3, Lively One--Native Echo (SW), by Crimson Satan. GSX, 4-10, 6f, 1:13 1/5. B-The Oaks Horse Farm Corp. (FL). *\$19,500 yrl '95 OBSAUG.

Requesting More, f, 3, Norquestor--Casamora, by Villamor. OPX, 4-11, 6f, 1:10 3/5. B-Targan Ron (Pa). *\$2,500 wlng '94 FTMDEC; \$50,000 2yo '96 BESAPR.

Shard, c, 3, Rocky Mountain--Tabayour (GSW & GISP, \$160,248), by Al Hattab. WOX, 4-11, (C), 5f, :58. B-Rice Clyde (FL).

Hootspa, c, 3, Zen--Fastcean, by Jaycean. SPT, 4-11, (S), 1m, 1:42 4/5. B-Gordon Male & Robert Rast (Ill).

+ **M'Etoile**, f, 4, Drouilly (Fr)--Mailie's Comet, by Reb's Policy. SAX, (S, C), 4-11, 6f, 1:11 1/5. B-Jerry Fanning & John Harrison (Ca)

+ **Quick Annie**, f, 4, Quick Speed--Good Rosey, by Good n' Dusty. BEU, 4-11, (S), 6f, 1:13 3/5. B-Charles & Sophie Haddix (Oh).