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## KENTUCKY DERBY UPDATE

### GLITTERMAN FILLY TOPS SECOND SESSION

**AT OBS** Trainer Bob Baffert went to \$115,000 on behalf of Robert and Beverly Lewis for a Glitterman filly, the highest price on the second day of the Ocala Breeders' Sales Company's annual April Sale of Two-Year-Olds in Training. The bay filly, hip number 335 is out of the unraced Storm Bird mare Flight to Rome and was consigned by Tattenham Corner, agent. Her quarter-mile breeze in :22 was the second fastest work of the sale at the distance. For the session, 150 horses grossed \$2,634,500, compared with the 182 lots which grossed \$3,109,200 at the corresponding session a year ago. The average price of \$17,563 increased 2.8 percent from last year's \$17,084 while the median price of \$12,500 is up 6.4 percent from 1996's \$11,750. "It looks like the market is holding steady and the demand is there for the best athletes," said OBS Director of Sales Tom Ventura. The third session of the sale gets underway Wednesday at 11 a.m.

**DEL MAR STAKES SCHEDULE RELEASED** Highlighted by the \$1 million Pacific Classic, the Del Mar Thoroughbred Club announced its 1997 stakes schedule yesterday. The schedule features 23 stakes worth a total of \$4.9 million. The GI Pacific Classic will be run Saturday, August 9 and will be televised nationally by ESPN. Del Mar will open its 43-day summer season Wednesday, July 23 and race through Wednesday, September 10. Other highlights on the schedule are the \$300,000 GI Ramona H. August 2 for fillies and mares, the August 3 GI Eddie Read H. for three-year-olds and up and the August 17 \$250,000 GI Del Mar Oaks for three-year-old fillies, all on the turf. "We offer something for everyone with this schedule," said Del Mar's Director of Racing Tom Robbins. "We know we'll be attracting the best racehorses in the west with it and we hope to be drawing some of the best from across the country with our diversity and rich purses."

### STAKES CLOSINGS

**TOMORROW, WEDNESDAY, APRIL 23:**

5-4 \$300,000 *Sixty Sails H.-Gill, Spt,*  
3yo/up, f/m, 9f (\$100)

5-10 \$500,000 *Illinois Derby-Gil, Spt, 3yo, 9f*  
(\$200)

5-10 \$75,000 *Eclipse-GIC, Wo, 4yo/up, 8.5f (\$75)*



### Saturday, May 3, Churchill Downs:

**KENTUCKY DERBY-GI, \$1,000,000, 3yo, 1 1/4m**

**Pulpit** (A.P. Indy) posted a half-mile work Tuesday at Churchill Downs. Regular rider Shane Sellers was in the saddle as the Gill Blue Grass hero covered the distance in :48 3/5 on a track rated "good." He completed the first quarter-mile in :24 4/5 and galloped out five furlongs in 1:03 3/5. "We were looking for an easy half," said trainer Frank Brothers. "He was very willing, very happy and went easy. We weren't looking to shoot the lights out. There's no reason to." Brothers indicated that Pulpit will work one more time before the Derby.

Also working at Churchill Downs yesterday was GI Santa Anita Derby winner **Free House** (Smokester). The gray breezed five furlongs in 1:01 2/5 and galloped out six furlongs in 1:14 1/5. "I thought it was a fine work," trainer Paco Gonzalez commented. "We never asked him to run." Gonzalez, who saddled Mane Minister to third-place finishes in all three Triple Crown races in 1991, said Free House will work another five-eighths Monday.

The Kentucky Derby status of GIII El Camino Real Derby and Golden Gate Derby winner **Pacificbounty** (Pirate's Bounty) is still up in the air. A bar shoe was put on the colt's right front hoof Saturday to protect a cut. "The bar shoe is doing a good job but it is still kind of iffy," said trainer Walter Greenman. "A lot will depend on this week. He will go back to the track tomorrow (Wednesday)."

**Concerto** (Chief's Crown), who brings a five-race winning streak into the Derby, arrived at Churchill Downs by van from Maryland at 6:30 p.m. Monday.

Trainer Bob Baffert bought a bay filly by Glitterman-Flight to Rome (Storm Bird) for \$115,000 at yesterday's Ocala Breeders' Sales Annual Spring Sale of Two-Year-Olds in Training. It is the same sale he bought Derby hopeful **Silver Charm** (Silver Buck) out of in 1996.

With the prospective Derby field holding at 13, the possibility looms that only one starting gate will be needed for the 123rd Run for the Roses. The main gate holds 14 horses. The last Derby in which only one gate was used was 1994 with a 14-horse field. Prior to that, the last single-gate Derby was 1985 when there was a 13-horse field.



### Kentucky Derby update cont.

Derby jockeys Shane Sellers (Pulpit) and Pat Day (Crypto Star) relayed stories about other sports they have played during a *Thoroughbred Racing Communications* teleconference yesterday. Sellers said he was a linebacker in football--his favorite childhood sport. Regarding basketball, Sellers admitted, "I was too short. I didn't even try that one. I knew that was out." Day also tried his hand at football. "I was never any good because of my small size and I didn't really understand the game," Day said. "I would stand near the water bucket and tackle anyone who came near it. The football coach was also the wrestling coach. I wrestled for four years through high school and was state champion once and runner-up twice. I wrestled in the lowest weight class available. When I first started it was 95 pounds, then it went up to 98 pounds."

(News cont.)

**SANTA ANITA MEET ENDS** Santa Anita concluded its 1997 winter/spring meet Monday. Stemming a national trend of steeply declining on-track attendance figures, the track's average attendance was 12,251. That is down just .57 percent from last year's average on-track attendance of 12,321. On-track handle for the meet totaled \$219,881,262, down 5.51 percent from last year's aggregate of \$232,710,726. Total handle decreased 7.88 percent, from \$1,019,847,734 in 1995/96 to \$939,461,559 in 1996/97. Santa Anita ran fewer races (739 compared to 784), generally offering eight on weekdays and nine on weekends, resulting in an increase in field size from 8.4 to 8.6 horses. "Coming into the meeting we were committed to improving the attractiveness of our racing product," track president Cliff Goodrich said. "By offering fewer races and taking full advantage of our vastly improved turf course, we were successful in doing so. Our fans clearly appreciated the improvement." Leading jockey at the meet was Alex Solis with 90 wins. Bob Baffert took leading trainer honors with 33 victories.

## ◆ PREVIEW ◆

Today, Keeneland:

**BEN ALI-Gill**, \$100,000, 4yo/up, 1 1/8m

The field, in order of the draw, is as follows: **Come on Get Happy** (Cure the Blues), Albarado, 116; **Knockadoon** (Dixieland Band), Martinez, 113; **Editor's Note** (Forty Niner), Bravo, 123; **King James** (Greinton {GB}), Santos, 113; **Louis Quatorze** (Sovereign Dancer), Day, 119; **Grand Teton** (His Majesty), Sellers, 116.

## ◆ EAST ◆

### Local News, Hialeah:

Last year's GI Travers S. winner **Will's Way** (Easy Goer) worked six furlongs Sunday in 1:16 4/5 over the deep track at Payson Park. The four-year-old colt could make his first start since a seventh-place finish in the Breeders' Cup Classic in either the \$50,000 Seminole H. at Hialeah. or in Aqueduct's GII Excelsior Breeders' Cup H., both Saturday.

## ◆ MIDWEST ◆

### Local News, Keeneland:

Chris Antley, who spent the winter in South Carolina, has returned to the racetrack and will resume riding on Thursday's card at Keeneland. "He left California and went to South Carolina for a bit of a rest," said Ronnie Ebanks, who will handle Antley's book as well as that of Shane Sellers. "He's ready to roll. He's going to ride at Churchill Downs the whole meet. Plans are open after that." The 31-year-old jockey won the 1991 Kentucky Derby aboard Strike the Gold.

## ◆ NEW YORK ◆

### Local News, Saratoga:

A discussion of this year's Kentucky Derby will highlight the National Museum of Racing's "Countdown to the Triple Crown" roundtable discussion to be held this Sunday. The free program begins at 4:30 p.m. in the Museum's Hall of Fame.

## ◆ FOREIGN ◆

### Local News, England:

Texan Cash Asmussen has been lined up to ride the Michael Stoute-trained **Desert Story (Ire)** (Green Desert), winner of last week's G3 Craven S. at Newmarket, in the May 3 British 2000 Guineas. Desert Story is rated at 14-1 odds by most bookmakers.

### Local News, France:

French trainer Criquelette Head has confirmed that her three-year-old colt **Majorien (GB)** (Machiavellian), the disappointing favorite when fourth in last Sunday's G3 Prix de Fontainebleau at Longchamp, injured his back leaving the starting gate. "I thought something was wrong with him, as he was not travelling well behind," said Head. "But I am still hopeful he will run and run well in the French 2000 Guineas on May 11th."

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**AMERICAN-BRED WINNERS IN ENGLAND:**

**Stanton Harcourt**, c, 3, **Sovereign Dancer--Island Style**, by Manila. Pontefract, 4-22, Pontefract Park Limited S., 3yo/up, 10f 6ydsT, \$8,912 to winner. O-Cyril Humphris; B-Pamela H Firman; T-John Dunlop. \*\$57,000 yrlg '95 KEESEP.

**Rosy Outlook**, f, 3, **Tremolino--Rosyphard**, by Lyphard. Pontefract, 4-22, Spring Three Year Old Fillies S., 3yo, f, 6fT, \$5,834 to winner. O-J C Smith; B-Janus Bloodstock Inc.; T-Ian Balding.

## B • R • E • E • D • E • R • S E D I T I O N

**ALLOWANCE RESULTS:**

**8th-DEL**, \$35,200, 4yo/up, 1 1/16m, 1:47 1/5, ft. **SELECT SESSION** (h, 5, **Mi Selecto--Jeunesse**, by Youth) Lifetime Record: GSP, 27-6-3-6, \$135,445. O/B-Anthony F. Carlo (KY). T-Alan E Goldberg.

**6th-DEL**, \$30,000, Opt. Clm., 4yo/up, 6f, 1:11 4/5, ft. **M J CLAIM** (g, 5, **Claim--Quick Burn**, by Big Burn) Lifetime Record: SW, 30-13-4-5, \$150,960. O-The Flying Torch Stable. B-Vinery (Ky). T-Allen Iwinski.

**1st-SPT**, \$29,000, 3yo/up, 6f, 1:10, ft. **SONNY'S BRUNO** (h, 6, **Queen City Lad--Settlers Cabin**, by Cabin) Lifetime Record: SW, 32-9-8-4, \$232,718. O-Sidney L Port. B-Arthur Hancock (KY). T-Lou M Goldfine.

**7th-DEL**, \$26,100, 3yo/up, f/m, 5 1/2f, 1:06 4/5, ft. **SLAVIC LIGHT** (f, 4, **Polish Numbers--Ray Lady {SP}**, by Rajab) Lifetime Record: 12-4-2-1, \$61,256. O/B-William M. Rickman (FL). T-Norman R Pointer.

**9th-SPT**, \$24,000, (S), 3yo/up, 1 1/16m, 1:47 1/5, ft. **FUN SAND SURF** (c, 4, **Florida Sunshine--Plumgrove Katie {SP}**, by Vencedor) Lifetime Record: 14-2-3-0, \$42,430. O-Loeber Mary & Paul. B-Mary Loeber (IL). T-Danny L Miller.

**8th-SPT**, \$23,000, (S), 3yo, f, 6f, 1:13 2/5, ft. **BUCETT** (f, 3, **Buckaroo--Pannie's Sister**, by Pan Dancer) Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, \$25,800. O/B-Gordon W. Bredeson (IL). T-Moises R Yanez.

**8th-PRM**, \$20,000, 4-21, 4yo/up, 6f, 1:09 1/5, ft. **MORO ORO** (c, 4, **Moro--Bernadine**, by Princely Native) Lifetime Record: MSW, 34-9-7-3, \$219,379. O-Walter T Bates. B-L.T. Smith Enterprises (TX). T-David Norris.

**9th-PHA**, \$20,000, 3yo/up, 6f, 1:08 3/5, ft. **VALID DIRECTION** (c, 3, **Captain Valid--Ask Directions**, by Darby Creek Road) Lifetime Record: SW, 13-5-0-3, \$74,110. O-E D R Stables Inc. B-Gilbert G. Campbell (FL). T-Harland Sanders. \* 1/2 to Ask Shananie (Shananie), MSW, \$270,664.

**8th-HIA**, \$18,300, 3yo, f, 6f, 1:13, ft. **SPRITZ** (f, 3, **Relaunch--Supplier**, by Irish River (Fr)) Lifetime Record: 5-3-1-0, \$39,180. O-Bluestem Farm Inc. B-Glen Hill Farm (FL). T-Steve W Standridge.

**8th-PHA**, \$17,600, 3yo/up, 1m, 1:37 3/5, ft. **MOUNTAIN RYDER** (c, 4, **Trapp Mountain--Gallant Ryder {MSW, \$237,507}**, by Red Ryder) Lifetime Record: 31-5-3-9, \$57,730. O-Paul D Zelanko. B-Gail D. Hughes (KY). T-Carol Oxman.

**6th-PRM**, \$17,238, 4-21, (S), 3yo/up, 6f, 1:12 4/5, ft. **CAMALARS FLAME** (g, 5, **Camelar--Brite Rough'n**, by Nashua's Rough'n) Lifetime Record: 17-2-1-3, \$22,726. O/T-Donna Boyles. B-Fred Wagner (IA).

**5th-HIA**, \$17,200, 3yo/up, 1 1/16m, 1:46 3/5, ft. **PREDICTED WILDCAT** (c, 4, **Kris S.--Predicted Winner**, by Tri Jet) Lifetime Record: 15-2-3-3, \$35,095. O-Bask Stables Inc. B-Meadowbrook Farms, Inc. (FL). T-Robert J Richards Jr.

**7th-HIA**, \$15,000, 3yo/up, 1 1/16m, 1:47 1/5, ft. **ALL EXTRA** (c, 4, **Alleged--Extra Touch**, by Fit to Fight) Lifetime Record: 4-2-0-1, \$21,223. O-Longleaf Pine Farms. B-Longleaf Pine Farm & Mrs. Shirley N. Lathrop (KY). T-Ronald B Spatz.

**10th-PHA**, \$15,000, 3yo, 6f, 1:10, ft. **PACO'S FRIEND** (c, 3, **Fortunate Prospect--Other Shoe {SP}**, by Advocator) Lifetime Record: 7-2-3-1, \$27,650. O-South Hill Farm. B-Farnsworth Farms & Sucher Stable (FL). T-Guadalupe Preciado. \* 1/2 to Three Engines (Tri Jet), GSW, \$265,020.

**MAIDEN WINNERS:**

**Hi Finance**, f, 3, **Sir Naskra--More Interest**, by What Luck. SPT, 4-22, 6f, 1:12 3/5. B-Inman Barr (Ky).

**Sudden Sunup**, c, 3, **Slewy--Mornin**, by Halo. HIA, 4-22, a1 1/16T, 1:45. B-Kem Diane C (Ca).

\*\$24,000 yrl '95 WASSEP; \$40,000 2yo 1996 OBSMAR; \$95,000 2yo 1996 FTMMAY.

**Exclusively Risque**, c, 4, **Ecliptical--Magnetic Type** (MSW, \$370,737), by Zen. SPT, 4-22, 1m, 1:38 3/5. B-Haire Mary K (Fl). \*\$29,000 yrl '94 OBSAUG. \*Full to Exclusive Garth, SW, \$120,045.

**Additional maiden winners p. 4**

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## WEEKEND PEDIGREE PERSPECTIVES

by Alan Porter

### MARLIN (c, 4, Sword Dance {Ire}--Syrian Summer, by Damascus)

The last 30 years have seen a compression of North American championship racing into a very narrow distance band. For example, the Jockey Club Gold Cup, once a championship decider run over two miles, was reduced first to a mile and a half and then to a mile and a quarter. In this climate, the GI San Juan Capistrano H., run at a mile and three-quarters, now stands alone as the sole North American Grade I event to be contested at a distance of more than a mile and a half.

That racing over extended distances can provide an exciting spectacle was underlined by this year's running of the San Juan Capistrano Sunday at Santa Anita, which saw Marlin hit the wire just half a length in front of dead-heaters Sunshack and African Dancer. Appropriately enough, Marlin has a number of immediate ancestors who demonstrated outstanding ability at extended distances. Marlin's sire Sword Dance won the GII Del Mar H. at a mile and three-eighths and Sword Dance in turn is a son of Nijinsky II, who became the only English Triple Crown winner since World War II when capturing the mile and three-quarters St. Leger. Sword Dance is out of Rosa Mundi, a mare whose sire Secretariat produced what was arguably the greatest single performance seen on a racecourse when taking the mile and a half Belmont S. and who subsequently won the Canadian International Championship in the days when it was run at a mile and five-eighths. Marlin's broodmare sire Damascus is another Belmont S. hero, but his resume also boasts a victory in the then two-mile Jockey Club Gold Cup. Although stamina is not a particularly fashionable trait these days, it should be noted that Nijinsky II, Secretariat and Damascus have all become extremely influential sires.

It is also worth observing that Marlin is rather closely related to Sadler's Wells, a horse who had top-class performances at a mile and a half and who is now generally regarded as the best sire in the world. Sadler's Wells is by Nijinsky II's sire Northern Dancer and his granddam Special is a sister to Lisadell, the granddam of Sword Dance. This pedigree seems to have imbued Sword Dance with the genetic background to burst through the tanks of the lower-priced Florida stallions and Marlin is just one of four stakes winners from the 27 foals which made up Sword Dance's third crop (his first two crops numbered 15 and 18 foals respectively). It looks as the momentum is being maintained as Sword Dance's fourth crop includes Blazing Sword and Dance for Me, two of the top Florida juveniles of 1996.

As might be expected with a stayer, Marlin's pedigree is something of an outcross, the only ancestors duplicated within the first six generations being Blue Larkspur and Pharamond II. This is somewhat significant as Marlin's broodmare sire, Damascus, has genetic relatives By Jimminy and Blade of Time 3x2 in his pedigree. By Jimminy is a son of Pharamond II out of a Blue Larkspur mare and Blade of Time is by Pharamond II's brother Sickle out of a Blue Larkspur mare. Nijinsky II has Blue Larkspur and Pharamond combined in the pedigree of his dam Flaming Page (sire Bull Page, out of a Blue Larkspur mare; dam by a son of Pharamond II.) Pharamond II and Sickle are half-brothers to Hyperion, a horse who appears 5x5 in the pedigree of Sword Dance.

The pedigree also has a nice balance of genetic relatives from the Mumtaz Mahal family. Sword Dance's dam is inbred 3x4 to Nasrullah and through Nijinsky II he also has Mahmoud, a three-parts brother to Nasrullah's dam, Mumtaz Begum. The Nasrullah double is through sons and in the distaff side of Marlin's pedigree we find not only a daughter of Nasrullah's three-parts brother Royal Charger, but also the mare Perfume II, a close genetic relative to Nasrullah. Perfume II appears as the dam of Damascus's broodmare sire, My Babu, and therefore sits right in the heart of the pedigree.

One other very appealing feature of the pedigree is that Marlin's second dam, Special Warmth, is inbred to Alibhai. By Hyperion out of a mare by Tracery, Alibhai is closely related to Lady Angela (by Hyperion out of a mare by a son of Tracery), the dam of Northern Dancer's sire Nearctic.

#### Maiden winners cont.

**Perkin Hot**, f, 4, **Explodent**--Irish Coffee (SP), by Irish Stronghold. DET, 4-22, (S), 5f, 1:02 1/5. B-J Vitello & C Cusmano (Mi). \* 1/2 to Arabica (Water Bank), MSW, \$365,625.

**Jason's Gift**, f, 4, **Monetary Gift**--Senorita Ribot, by Alto Ribot. DET, 4-22, (S), 5f, 1:01 2/5. B-Hamilton Betty A (Mi).

**Sly Love**, m, 6, **Coal Digger**--Clever Romance, by Clev Er Tell. BEU, 4-22, (S), a1m70yd, 1:46 1/5. B-Moss B A (Oh).

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