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BELMONT STAKES RATINGS SKYROCKET ABC Sports broadcast of Saturday's 129th running of the Belmont S., featuring the first Triple Crown attempt in eight years, earned a preliminary overnight rating of 6.2/16, up 63 percent over last year's edition of the race. It was the highest rating since Sunday Silence's bid for the Crown in the 1989, and translates to approximately 6 million homes watching the telecast. The New York area achieved an overnight rating of 7.5.

EPSOM DERBY REMATCH CONFIRMED John Gosden and John Dunlop, respective trainers of Saturday's Vodafone Epsom Derby winner and runner-up, Benny The Dip (Silver Hawk) and Silver Patriarch (Ire) (Saddlers' Hall {Ire}), have stated that the pair will renew rivalry in the Budweiser Irish Derby at The Curragh on June 29, and there is a distinct possibility that they may be joined by the impressive French Derby winner Peintre Celebre (Nureyev), trained by Andre Fabre. Gosden told the Sporting Life: "Racing is all about competition and Benny The Dip and Silver Patriarch treated the public to a proper race. Let's build on that." Added Dunlop: "Silver Patriarch was an unlucky loser. He has come out of the race well and I think we have every chance of turning the tables at The Curragh, which might suit him better than Epsom." Silver Patriarch's jockey Pat Eddery threw down the gauntlet, saving: "Benny The Dip will not be able to hold Silver Patriarch at The Curragh. It took my horse a mile to get going at Epsom and The Curragh is a more level course. I would hope to be able to hold my position better."

EPSOM CROWD, TV RATINGS JUMP Epsom racecourse has confirmed that more than 72,000 paying customers attended this year's Vodafone Derby, compared to some 58,000 last year, while Channel 4 Television revealed Monday that the audience for last Saturday's race was 3.5 million, compared to only 2 million 12 months earlier.

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Stakes Results:

YASUDA KINEN-G1-Jpn, \$1,593,806, Tokyo Racecourse, Japan, 6-8, 3yo/up, 8fT, 1:33.8, fm.

- 1--TAIKI BLIZZARD, 128, h, 6, Seattle Slew--Tree of Knowledge (SP-Ire), by Sassafras (Fr). O-U. Taiki Farm; B-H & Y Bloodstock (Ky); T-Kazuo Fujisawa; J-Yukio Okabe; \$844,009. *1/2 to Theatrical (Ire) (Nureyev), Ch. Turf Horse, MGSW-Ire, U.S., \$2,924,115.
- 2--Genuine (Jpn), 128, h, 5, Sunday Silence--Croupier Lady, by What Luck. O-Shadai Race Horse; B-Shadai Farm; \$336,998.
- 3--Speed World, 119, c, 3, Woodman--Gray Tab, by Zulu Tom. (\$190,000 yrl '95 KEEJUL; \$875,000 2yo '96 FTFFEB). O-Ichikawa Fudosan K; B-Grousemont Farm; \$211,510.

Margins: NK, 1½, 3/4. Odds: 2.30, 11.70, 6.40. Taiki Blizzard was coming off a win in the G2 Keio Hai Spring Cup May 10 in his last start, but had never won a Grade 1 race before. Ninth early, the veteran runner rallied strongly down the stretch and outfinished Genuine (Jpn) for the win. Winning jockey Yukio Okabe said, "Genuine looked really good today, so I wondered if we could make it. However I never gave up driving the

STAKES CLOSINGS

TOMORROW, WEDNESDAY, JUNE 11:

6-21 \$75/75,000 Chicago Breeders' Cup H.-GIII, AP, 3yo/up, f/m, 7f (\$75)

- f (\$75) eeders' Cup H.-
- 6-22 \$150/50,000 Milady Breeders' Cup H.-GI, Hol, 3yo/up, f/m, 8.5f (\$100)
- 6-28 \$400,000 **Caesars International-GI, Atl**, 3yo/up, 9.5fT (\$25,000s)
- 6-29 \$100,000 Nearctic-GIC, Wo, 3yo/up, 6f (\$100)
- 7-1 \$125,000 Dominion Day-GIII, Wo, 3yo/up, 10f (\$125)

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COPELAN COLT TOPS OBS JUNE SALE Bunning Copelan, a two-year-old colt by Copelan consigned by Mark Casse, agent, brought a bid of \$110,000 to top the Ocala Breeders' Sales Company's Annual June Sale of Two-Year-Olds in Training, held yesterday in Florida. Out of stakes winner Miss Running Vany (Runaway Groom), the bay had worked a guarter-mile in :22 1/5 Sunday; he was purchased by Buzz Chace, agent, on behalf of Foxhill Farm of Delaware. "Of all the horses in the sale, he just jumped out at you," said Chace. "He's a very good mover and as well as he worked, he still acts like a baby so you have to think he'll get better as he grows up. He'll go right to Nick Zito's barn in Saratoga from here." A total of 152 two-year-olds sold for \$2,245,800 Monday during the one-day sale; the average, \$14,775, was up an eve-catching 79.7 percent from last year's figure of \$8,219, while the 1997 median of \$10,000 was up 81.8 percent from the 1996 median of \$5,500. Eight older horses sold for \$69,100, an average of \$8,638. The percentage of buybacks was down, from 26.5 percent during last year's sale to 16.2 percent this year.

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Yesterday's Results:

7th-HOL, \$62,640, Alw, Opt. Clm. (\$100,000), 3yo/up, 6 1/2f, 1:14 4/5, ft.

ARGOLID (g, 6, Saros {GB}--Procne {SW}, by

Acroterion), unraced since winning the On Trust H. at Hollywood December 2, 1995, came back off the extended layoff at 9-2. The dark bay shadowed the leaders from the start, moved to challenge in the stretch and outgamed LIL SNEEKER (Lil Tyler) down the lane to take it by a nose. The winner is a 1/2 to Flying Paster (Gummo), MGISW, \$1,127,460. Lifetime Record: SW & GSP, 21-6-5-2, \$321,787.

O-Mike Pegram. B-Ridder Thoroughbred Stable (Ca). T-Bob Baffert.

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TODA UNA DAMA (ARG) (f, 4, Cipayo {Arg}--Stall Dame {Arg} {MGSP-Arg}, by Stallwood {Arg}), second in a Group 2 race in Argentina last September, came back after more than seven months on the sidelines to finish second in her American debut, a Hollywood allowance test May 23. Making her second U.S. start here as the 3-5 favorite, the dark bay sat third through six furlongs in 1:09 2/5, then swept to the lead and drew off to win by 2 1/2 lengths over VALID METAPHOR (Valid Appeal), who was 18 lengths in front of the third horse, REED (Woodman). Lifetime Record: GSP-Arg, 5-2-2-0, \$45,313.

O-Whitham Janis R. B-Haras Rodeo Chico (Arg). T-Ronald McAnally.

Local News: Hollywood Park

Trainer Richard Mandella sent out a trio of Hollywood Gold Cup hopefuls to work Monday morning, with Santa Anita H. winner and Dubai World Cup runner-up **Siphon** (**Brz**) (Itajara {Brz}) going seven furlongs in 1:24 3/5, GI Pimlico Special winner **Gentlemen (Arg)** (Robin des Bois) getting the same distance in 1:24 2/5 and **Sandpit (Brz**) (Baynoun {Ire}) working six furlongs in 1:13 3/5. Also breezing Monday, **Advancing Star** (Soviet Star), looking to become the third filly to win the GII Shoemaker Breeders' Cup Mile this Sunday after taking the GIII Las Cienagas H. last out over fellow fillies, went five furlongs in :59.



Yesterday's Results:

6th-GGX, \$24,000, Msw, 2yo, f, 5f, :58 1/5, ft. +GO AGAIN VALID (f, 2, Valid Appeal--Go Again Girl, by Broad Brush), off at even-money in her first career appearance, settled well off the pace through the opening fractions but finished full of run to break her maiden by a length at first asking. The winner was an \$80,000 OBSAUG yearling. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$13,200. O-Jockey Club Farm. B-Harry T. Mangurian Jr. (Fl). T-A L Diaz.

FOALING NEWS:

CATNIP, 6, Flying Paster--Beware of the Cat (Caveat) Foal born 5-15-97, a filly by Gulch. Will be bred back to Storm Cat. Owned by Jerry Frankel. Boarded at Pegasus Stud in Lexington, Ky. Accomplishments: MSW, \$123,224.



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Local News: Maryland

Rakeen (Northern Dancer), a half-brother to Rahy now standing at the Northview Stallion Station in Chesapeake City, Maryland, was represented by another Group 1 winner in South Africa Saturday as North By Northwest (SAf) bested Golden Hoard (SAf) (All Fired Up) in the final strides of the mile-and-a-quarter G1 Daily News 2000 at Greyville in Durban. Winning by just the bob of a head at 12-1, the gelding added this to his victory in the G1 South Africa Derby in April. The top two head next to the G1 Rothmans July H., to be run July 5 at Greyville.



Stakes Results:

MEGURO KINEN-G2-Jpn, \$964,301, Tokyo Racecourse, Japan, 6-7, 3yo/up, 121/2 fT, 2:32.7, fm.

- 1--@AGNES KAMIKAZE (JPN), 117, c, 4, Sunday
 Silence--Dyna China (Jpn), by Northern Taste.
 O-Takao Watanabe; B-Shadai Farm; T-Kazuo Fujisawa;
 J-Hiroki Hashimoto; \$508,559.
- 2--Tsukuba Symphony (GB), 123, c, 4, Danehill--Lyndonville (Ire), by Top Ville (Ire). O-A Hosoya. \$200,602.
- 3--Air Dublin (Jpn), 130, h, 6, Tony Bin (Ire)--Dancing Key, by Nijinsky II. O-Lucky Field Co. Ltd. \$130,409.
- Margins: HD, ½, NS. Odds: 17.00, 26.30, 3.30. Agnes Kamikaze (Jpn) captured his first graded stakes

win Saturday after taking the TV Saitama Hai in February and the May S. Jockey Hiroki Hashimoto rated the bay colt in fifth early, and the pair rallied between Tsukuba Symphony (GB) and Air Dublin (Jpn) in deep stretch to score by a head.

CHUNICHI SPORTS SHO YONSAI S.-G3-Jpn, \$661,505, Chukyo Racecourse, Japan, 6-7, 3yo, 6fT, 1:09.6, fm.

- 1--@OPENING THEME, 123, c, 3, Seeking the Gold--All About Style (MSW, \$115,907), by Raja Baba. (\$275,000 yrl '95 KEEJUL). O-Koji Maeda;
 B-Heronwood Farm Inc; T-Yoshihito Dazai; J-Takao Koike; \$349,505.
- 2--Land Speed (Jpn), 121, c, 3, Scan--Modern Times, by Cawston's Clown. O-Koji Maeda. \$139,183.
- 3--Port Brian's (Jpn), 121, c, 3, Brian's Time--Foundry Pearl (Jpn), by Northern Native. O-Zenichi Kimura. \$86,796.

Margins: NS, HD, ½. Odds: 8.80, 77.10, 40.10.

Chunichi Sports Sho Yonsai S.

Opening Theme, an unlucky second in the G1 Asahi Hai S. last December, was content to sit behind the early lead of the filly SUPER DRESS (Storm Cat) (8th) before taking charge midway through the race and then holding on for a narrow win. "Opening Theme was in good condition today and also showed his impressive turn of foot," winning jockey Takao Koike said. "Breaking from the 14th post position among 16 runners, I let him run as he liked in the early stage of the race. I think Opening Theme is a type of the horse who makes all and that would be better for him, too."

PREMIO BUONTALENTA, \$53,435, Rome, Italy, 6-7, 3yo, f, 10fT, 2:02.60, gd.

- 1--GREY WAY, 128, f, 4, Cozzene--Northern Naiad (Fr), by Nureyev. O/B-Carlos Vittadini (Ky); T-G Botti; J-E Botti; \$29,947. *GSW-lty.
- 2--Veri's Game (Ire), 128, f, 4, Astronef (GB)--Chehana (GB), by Posse. \$13,177.
- 3--Nenna (Ire), 128, m, 5, Dancing Dissident--Eskaroon (GB), by Artaius. \$7,183.
- Margins: 1 3/4, 1 3/4, 1 1/2.

PREMIO VERZIERE, \$53,905, Milan, Italy, 6-8, 3yo, f, 8fT, 1:40.50, gd.

- 1--#KARLA WYLLER (ITY), 126, f, 4, Salse--Calder Hall (GB), by Grundy (GB). O-Scuderia Longobardi; B-S.R.P.; T-M Livraghi; J-A Di Nardo; \$29,947. *1/2 to Studford Girl (GB) (Midyan), 2x Ch. Sprinter-Holland, MSW-Hol.
- 2--Bazelle (Fr), 126, f, 4, Fabulous Dancer--Copy Cat (Fr), by King of Macedon (Ire). \$13,177.
- 3--Woopi Gold (Ire), 115, f, 3, Last Tycoon (Ire)--Borough Counsel (GB), by Law Society. \$7,183. Margins: NO, 1, short HD.

AMERICAN-BRED WINNERS IN JAPAN:

- + Agnes World, c, 2, Danzig--Mysteries (GSP-Eng), by Seattle Slew. Hakodate, 6-7, maiden race, 2yo, 6fT. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$51,613. O-Takao Watanabe; B-Calumet Farm; T-Hideyuki Mori. *½ to My Sea Castles (Polish Navy), MSW, \$173,503; Hishi Akebono (Woodman), Ch. Sprinter, MSW-Jpn. **\$1,050,000 yrl '96 KEEJUL.
- Taiki Shuttle, c, 3, Devil's Bag--Welsh Muffin (Ire) (SW-Ire), by Caerleon. Tokyo, 6-8, Shobu S., 8fT. Lifetime Record: 3-3-0-0, \$259,269. O/B-Taiki Farm; T-Kazuo Fujisawa. *Remains undefeated in his stakes debut after winning in his first start in April and taking a plate race in May. The colt led from start to finish and won by 1 3/4 lengths.

Foreign Report cont.

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Foreign Report cont.

- Change My Heart, f, 3, El Gran Senor--Coast Patrol (MSW, \$203,003), by Cornish Prince. Tokyo, 6-7, novice race, 3yo, 6f (dirt). Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-1, \$54,194. O-Mitsuo Haga; B-Farfellow Farms Ltd; T-Masakazu Akiyama. *\$40,000 wnlg '94 KEENOV. **Ran 11th in her debut in April and improved to third in her last outing in May. She drew away easily in the stretch to score by 3½ lengths.
- Midnight Bet, c, 3, Housebuster--Catherine's Bet (GSW, \$247,512), by Grey Dawn II. Hakodate, 6-7, Okushiri Tokubetsu, 9fT. Lifetime Record: 6-2-1-1, \$200,430. O-Shadai Race Horse; B-John R Williams; T-Hiroyuki Nagahama. *½ To Blushing Katy (Blushing Groom {Fr}), Ch. 3yo filly-Can, MSW, \$376,008. **\$120,000 wnlg '94 KEENOV.
- Eishin Vincennes, c, 3, Relaunch--Telescopica (Arg), by Table Play. Chukyo, 6-7, plate race, 3yo, 8.5f (dirt). Lifetime Record: 7-2-2-0, \$161,204. O-Toyomitsu Hirai; B-David's Farm; T-Akira Nomoto. *½ to Ms. Aerosmith (Skywalker), MSW, \$240,566. **\$95,000 wnlg '94 KEENOV. ***Scored his first victory last December and finished second in a plate race in May.
- Biko Minister, c, 3, Silver Deputy--Roger Dodger, by Olden Times. Chukyo, 6-7, novice race, 3yo, 5f (dirt). Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, \$60,210. O-Legend, Inc; B-Mr & Mrs R David Randal; T-Tsugio Yanagida. *1/2 to Golden Dodger (Golden Act), MSW, \$251,431; Dread Me Not (Turkoman), GSP, \$193,408. **\$65,000 yrl '95 KEESEP; \$100,000 2yo '96 KEEAPR. ***Biko Minister, second in his debut in May, dueled for the early lead here and drew away in the stretch to score by six lengths.
- Taiki El Dorado, c, 3, Theatrical (Ire)--Royal Bride, by Blushing Groom (Fr). Tokyo, 6-8, Hosenka Sho, 10fT. Lifetime Record: 4-2-1-1, \$177,204. O/B-Taiki Farm; T-Kazuo Fujisawa. *Second in his debut, the colt won his second outing before finishing third in the Azerea Sho in April. Well back early, he rallied nearing the stretch and went on to score by a ½ length. Winning rider Hiroki Hashimoto said, "Being unraced since April, Taiki El Dorado did not concentrate on this race, I think. Once he hit the front, it seemed that he lost his spirit."
- Mother Mary, f, 4, Lyphard--Querida (Ire), by Habitat. Hakodate, 6-7, TVH Hai, 6fT. Lifetime Record: 12-4-3-2, \$628,043. O-Symboli Farm; B-Lynaire Limited; T-Yasuhisa Matsuyama. *½ to Quintillion (Ire) (Rusticaro {Fr}), SW, \$256,149; Theatre Critic (Ire) (Sadler's Wells), SW-Fr, \$161,930; Kirov's Premiere (GB) (Sadler's Wells), GSW, \$110,368. **\$57,000 yrl '94 FTKOCT; \$225,000 2yo '95 BESMAR.

AMERICAN-BRED WINNER IN ENGLAND:

Blockade, g, 8, Imperial Falcon--Stolen Date, by Sadair. Nottingham, 6-9, Sherwood Apprentices' S., 3yo/up, 9fT 213yds, \$3,695 to winner. O-A Warrender; B-P C Warrender; T-M Bell. *1/2 to Bubinka (Nashua), GSW-Ity.

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ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

7th-DEL, \$35,400, 4yo/up, 1m, 1:38 1/5, ft. **DUTCH DAULTON (h, 5, Foligno--Queen's Robe, by Robellino)** Lifetime Record: MSW, 24-9-7-3, \$212,381. O/B/T-Robert W. Camac (PA).

7th-GGX, **\$32,000**, Opt. Clm. (\$40,000), 4yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16mT, 1:44 3/5, fm.

APPEALING CRUSADER (m, 5, Crusader Sword--Flaming Appeal, by Valid Appeal) Lifetime Record: 22-6-4-2, \$104,686. O-Blau & Crownover & Partners. B-Harry T Mangurian Jr. (Fl). T-V Cerin.

8th-DEL, \$28,800, 3yo/up, a1 1/8mT, 1:49 4/5, fm. ZENTREPRENEUR (h, 5, Fit to Fight--Captivating Appeal, by Valid Appeal) Lifetime Record: 41-7-1-8, \$94,388. O-Hardwick Stable. B-Centaur Farm Inc. (FL). T-M Rea.

MAIDEN WINNERS:

- + Oly Ogy, c, 2, Ogygian--Sorrowful, by Olympiad King. HOL, (S), 6-9, 5f, :57 3/5. B-Oak Glen Farm (Ca). *\$42,000 yrl '96 FTKJUL; \$75,000 2yo 1997 BESMAR. **1/2 to T.V. of Crystal (Crystal Water), GSW, \$224,135.
- + Go Again Valid, f, 2, Valid Appeal--Go Again Girl, by Broad Brush. GGX, 6-9, 5f, :58 1/5. B-Mangurian Jr. Harry T (Fl). *\$80,000 yrl '96 OBSAUG.
- Mommy's Honor, c, 3, Elite Syncopation--Mommy's Joy (SP), by Be a Rullah. RKM, 6-9, 6f, 1:12 1/5. B-Chaves & Arruda Stable (Ma).
- Abebnego, c, 3, High Honors--Literally, by Verbatim. TDN, (S), 6-9, a1m70yd, 1:47. B-Dr John Graver & S R Davis (Oh).
- Music to My Ear, c, 3, Stop the Music--Suite (MSP), by Graustark. HOL, (C), 6-9, 7 1/2f, 1:27 2/5. B-Ross Valley Farm (Md). *\$60,000 yrl '95 KEESEP.
- Flag Parade, f, 4, Avenue of Flags--Well Alleged, by Alleged. HOL, (C), 6-9, 6 1/2f, 1:18. B-Commonwealth Stable (Ca).
- Stairs to Stars, c, 4, Lyphard's Ridge--Sportin' Star, by Sportin' Life. DEL, 6-9, 6f, 1:13 2/5. B-K K Jayaraman & Dr Vilasini D Jayaraman (Ar).

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