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 $S \cdot T \cdot A \cdot K \cdot E \cdot S$ PREVIEW

ELLIS PARK OPENS TODAY Ellis Park, located in Henderson, Kentucky, opens for its 1997 season this afternoon for a 55-day stand. Offering 10 races each day and more than \$180,000 in daily purse distribution, the track features an 18-race stakes program worth over \$1.4 million. The centerpiece of the meet is the GIII \$200,000 Gardenia S. for fillies and mares going a mile and an eighth on the turf, set for August 31. Ellis Park will be open Tuesdays though Sundays, with a special Monday card closing day, Labor Day, September 1; first post is 3 p.m. CDT on weekdays and 1 p.m. CDT on weekends and holidays.

NUMBERS UP AT CHURCHILL SPRING MEET

Boosted by a double-digit increase in national simulcast wagering, Churchill Downs closed out its 123rd Spring Meet showing growth in both on-track attendance and total handle. On-track attendance for the 47-day meeting was 687,533, up 1 percent over 1996's 48-day season. The daily average of 14,185 was up 3 percent. Total wagering from all sources, \$365,154,680, increased 7.4 percent over last year, while the daily average handle was up 9.6 percent, to \$7,769,249. After three separate raises, the spring meet also boasted a record daily purse distribution of \$409,905, up 11 percent from 1996. "Our shift in marketing strategy and continued commitment to customer service has proved extremely successful," said Tom Meeker, Churchill's president and CEO. "Retaining our patron base with lower pricing and improved services will ensure shortterm success, but I am most pleased by the success that we've had in developing our marketing efforts for families. They will prove vital for the future success of Churchill Downs."

STAKES CLOSINGS

TODAY, TUESDAY, JULY 1:

7-13 \$75/75,000 Kent Breeders' Cup, Del, 3yo, 9fT (\$100)



TOMORROW, WEDNESDAY, JULY 2:

7-12 \$150,000 Washington Park H.-GII, AP, 3yo/up, 9f (\$150)

7-20 \$200,000 Primeco American Derby-Gll, AP, 3vo, 9.5fT (\$500)

7-21 \$75,000 Bison City-GIC, FE, (S), 3yo, f, 8.5f (\$75)

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DOMINION DAY HGIII , \$125,000a, 3yo/up, 10f				
PP HORSE	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT.	
 My Imperial Slew 	Attard	Bahen	107	
2a Firm Dancer	Keogh	Kabel	113	
3 Regal Discovery	Attfield	Ramsammy	115	
4a Northern Sky	Keogh	Ravera	107	
5 Steady Climb	Attfield	Landry	112	
Sires: My Imperial Slew (Slew City Slew), Firm Dancer				
(Affirmed), Regal Discovery (Regal Classic), Northern				

Firm Dancer looks for his first win of the season but has been on the board in four of five 1997 starts, including second-place finishes in the GIII Connaught Cup on turf and GIC Eclipse H on dirt and most recently in a Woodbine allowance on the grass at this distance June 8. Three-year-old My Imperial Slew earned his first stakes win in the GIC Marine S. over this track May 25, then came back to be third in the GIIIC Victoria Park S. at a mile and an eighth last out June 15.

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TURFWAY ANNOUNCES FALL STAKES

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SCHEDULE Turfway Park will offer a total of nine stakes races worth \$1,375,000 during its 1997 fall meet, which begins September 3. The highlight of the 23-day season will be the fourth running of the \$1,150,000 Kentucky Cup Day of Champions, set for Saturday, September 13. The six-race event includes the GII \$250,000 Turfway Breeders' Cup and GIII \$500,000 Kentucky Cup Classic, which will be broadcast live on ESPN for the first time. Also on the card are the \$100,000 Kentucky Cup Juvenile Fillies, GIII \$100,000 Kentucky Cup Juvenile and GII \$150,000 Kentucky Cup Sprint. Another feature of the stakes program is the GIII Turfway Championship, formerly run as the Kentucky Cup Classic Preview. With the name change, the race also has a new place on the schedule, moving to Saturday, September 27.

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Yesterday's Results:

4th-CRC, \$23,000, Alw, 2yo, 5 1/2f, 1:07 3/5, ft. NICE APPEAL (c, 2, Pentelicus--Appella {SW}, by World Appeal) broke his maiden May 26 and handled the step up to the allowance ranks with equal aplomb, closing from just off the pace to score by a length as the 4-5 chalk. Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, \$31,200. O-Kathy Jo Stable. B-A. Lakin & Sons, Inc. (FL). T-James E Bracken.

6th-CRC, \$22,000, Msw, 2yo, f, 4 1/2f, :53 4/5, ft. +EXCEL PRINCESS (f, 2, Noactor--Gipsy Princess {Col}, by The Prince's Pants), a 1/2 to Gipsy Countess (Unite), SW, \$153,490, was 6-1 in her career opener. The bay rated midpack early, moved into contention at the top of the stretch and prevailed in the drive to win it by three-quarters of a length. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$15,600.

O/B-La Isla Stable (FI). T-Randal Mills.

3rd-PHA, \$18,200, Msw, 2yo, 5f, 1:00 1/5, ft. LUISITA'S PRIDE (g, 2, Sports View--Lead Dancer, by The Minstrel), fourth at first asking June 21, wheeled right back for his second start. Stalking the pace from the start, the gelding took over in the stretch and finished full of run to break his maiden by six lengths at 4-1 odds. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$13,440. O-J N Lazaga. B-Pheasant Valley Farm (Pa). T-C A Cuprill.

♦ MIDWEST ◆

Local News: Kentucky

The Blood-Horse yesterday announced it will be the chief sponsor for the national television broadcast of the inaugural "America's Day at the Races," to be aired on espn2 from 5-5:30 p.m. EDT on Labor Day, September 1. To date, 15 racetracks have signed on to participate in the event, which was created by the Thoroughbred Owners and Breeders Association to establish Labor Day as the holiday Americans celebrate by going to the races. The half-hour t.v. program will feature the three races in the "Coast-to-Coast Triple," a pick-3 wager on the Miss Woodford S. from Monmouth Park, Springfield S. from Arlington International and GII Del Mar Derby from Del Mar. Cosponsors of the telecast are the Breeders' Cup Ltd. and TOBA.

Local News: Churchill Downs

Kentucky Derby and Preakness winner Silver Charm (Silver Buck), accompanied by the majority of trainer Bob Baffert's Churchill Downs string, headed back to California Monday. The remainder of the contingent, millionaire Isitingood (Crusader Sword), Lone Star Derby winner and Ohio and Illinois Derby runner-up Anet (Clever Trick) and Lord Jain (Arg) (Lord Hailey), will stop off at Texas' Lone Star Park to race over the Fourth of July weekend.

♦ FOREIGN

Stakes Results:

HAKODATE KINEN-G3 Jpn, \$729,238, Hakodate Racecourse, Japan, 6-29, 3yo/up, 10fT, 1:59.30, fm.

- 1--ALOHA DREAM (JPN), 123, c, 4, Creator (GB)--Dream Vision (Jpn), by Northern Taste. O-Keisho Kida; B-Shadai Farm; T-H Iwaki; J-K Kato; \$384,617. Lifetime Record: 17-6-5-2.
- 2--Glory Charmant (Jpn), 115, m, 7, Cutting Blade (Ire)--Kodama Eden (Jpn), by Neptunus (Fr). O-Daigo Horse; B-Race Horse; \$151,496.
- 3--Pal Bright (Jpn), 119, m, 5, Pay The Butler--Machikane Inanaki (Jpn), by Mogami (Fr). O-Iwao Kinami: B-Havata Farms; \$97,811.

Margins: 3, 1/2, 1 1/2. Odds: 4.50, 88.60, 30.90. Also ran: Steppenwolf (Jpn), S.G. Flat (Jpn), Meiner Majesta (Jpn), Eishin Olympia, Foundry Rivlia (Jpn), Taiki Flash, Gourmet Frontier (Jpn), Mayano Poseidon (Jpn), Fair Dance (Jpn), Flower Fair (Jpn), T.M. Megaton (Jpn), Mejiro Pharoah (Jpn), Wind Fields (Jpn).

Settled just off the leaders in fifth through the early going, Aloha Dream (Jpn) closed to take control in the final stretch and galloped home to his sixth win at the distance. Said jockey Kazuhiro Kato, "I had confidence because Aloha Dream was so relaxed. There were horses who wanted to go to the front, so I tried to chase them. That gave Aloha Dream the spirit to run. He is a really powerful horse, I think."

Goffs Sales Abbreviations

GFNOV....France Mixed

GFOC1....France 'Eve of Arc' Mixed

GOAPR...April Mixed

GODE1...December Foal & Breeding Stock

GOFEB...February Mixed

GONOV..November Premier Foal & Breeding Stock

GOOC1...Irish National Yearling

GOOC2...Irish Horses in Training & Yearling

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Foreign Report cont.

RADIO TAMPA SHO-G3 Jpn, \$675,845, Fukushima Racecourse, Japan, 6-29, 3yo, 9fT, 1:50.30, yld.

- 1--AIR GUTS (JPN), 121, c, 3, Mejiro Ryan (Jpn)--Showa Pride (Jpn), by Nihon Pillow Winner. O-Lucky Field Co. Ltd.; B-Kazuhiko Motosu; T-H Kurita; J-D Shibata; \$356,597. Lifetime Record: 11-4-0-1.
- 2--Pulsebeat (Jpn), 121, c, 3, Tony Bin (Ire)--Blue Hawaii (Jpn), by Thrill Show. O-Maeko Farm U.; B-Maeko Farm Co. Ltd; \$142,229.
- 3--Sakura Gallant (Jpn), 119, c, 3, Sakura Chiyono O (Jpn)--Grande Cherie (Fr), by Sharpman (Ire). O-Sakura Commerce; B-Tanioka Bokujo; \$88,765.

Margins: NK, 4, 3/4. Odds: 4.30, 14.80, 64.20. Also ran: Hikoki Gumo (Ire), Tayasu McKinley (Jpn), Big Ines (Jpn), Silk Lightning (Jpn), Palm Shadow, Daiwa Angela, Marvelous Timer (Jpn).

Despite the soft going, Air Guts (Jpn) had no problem handling the turf. Sixth early, the colt made his move a quarter-mile from the wire and outfinished Pulsebeat (Jpn) for a narrow score. "Air Guts was very relaxed today," said jockey Daichi Shibata. "I could control him easily."

GRAN PREMIO D'ITALIA, \$92,253, Milan, Italy, 6-29, 3yo, 1 1/4mT, 2:11.20, hy.

- 1--JAUNTY JACK (GB), 128, c, 3, Midyan--Juliette Marny (GB) (MG1-Ire), by Blakeney (GB). (\$26,208 yrlg '95 TAOCT). O-Allevamento Gialloblu; B-Fonthill Stud; T-L Cumani; J-F Jovine; \$50,074. *1/2 to Lac Ladoga (GB) (MSW-Fr, \$191,592, by Sharpo {GB}).
- 2--Honey Colour (Ire), 128, c, 3, Night Shift--Honey Stage, by Stage Door Johnny. \$22,032.
- 3--Yavlensky (Ire), 128, c, 3, Caerleon--Schwanensee, by Mr. Leader. \$12,018.

Margins: 1 1/2, 2 1/2, 4 1/2.

PRIX PELLEAS, \$44,547, Maisons-Laffitte, France, 6-30, 3yo, c/g, 10f 110 ydsT, 2:19.50, vy sf.

- 1--ARABIAN KING (FR), 128, c, 3, Arazi--Escaline (Fr) (G1-Fr, \$190,598), by Arctic Tern. O-Prince Faisal & Thoroughbred Company; B-Brentwood Farms Ltd; T-Andre Fabre; J-T Jarnet; \$23,987.
- 2--Go Boldly (Ire), 123, c, 3, Sadler's Wells--Diavolina, by Lear Fan. \$8,224.
- 3--**Tango Bop (Fr)**, 123, c, 3, Fijar Tango (Fr)--Chesnebop (Fr), by Chesne (GB). \$6,168. Margins: 5, 2 1/2, 3/4.

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.

AMERICAN-BRED WINNERS IN JAPAN:

- Field Oscar, c, 3, Gone West--Justicara (Ire) (MGSW & GISP-U.S., SW & MGSP-Fr, \$467,732), by Rusticaro (Fr). Hanshin, 6-28, Novice race, 3yo, 6fT. Lifetime Record: 6-1-0-1, \$60,000. O-K Chida; B-Echo Valley Horse Farm; T-A Nomura.*1/2 to Just Tops (Topsider), MSP, \$202,489. ***\$250,000 yrl '95 KEEJUL.
- Fujino Speed O, c, 3, Nureyev--Desert Holly (GB), by Vain (Aus). Fukushima, 6-28, Novice race, 3yo, 5f. Lifetime Record: 5-1-1-1, \$71,000. O-Hirotoshi Nakamura; B-J T L Jones, Jr.; T-Y Nakamura. *After breaking a step slowly, the colt moved to press the pace in third, then rallied on the outside in the final three-sixteenths to take the lead in the final strides for a nose victory. Said jockey Yutaka Yoshida, "What I want is the longer distance for him." **\$675,000 2yo '96 BESMAR.
- Sound Cascade, c, 3, Salt Lake--Sooty Tern, by Storm Bird. Hanshin, 6-28, Plate race, 3yo, 6f. Lifetime Record: 6-2-2-1, \$157,000. O-Yuichi Masuda; B-Clear Creek Farm; T-M Ryoke. *Rated just off the pace through the opening fractions, he moved to the lead three furlongs from the finish and cruised away to a four-length victory. **\$95,000 2yo '96 BESMAR.
- + Shinko Storm, c, 3, Storm Cat--Maid Of Honor, by Blushing Groom (Fr). Hakodate, 6-28, Novice race, 3yo, 5f. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$42,000. O-Osamu Yasuda; B-R K Kirk; T-M Tsuchida. *Making his debut, the colt broke well and was on the lead from the start, lost his advantage briefly three-eighths from home, but then came back and showed an impressive turn of foot, drawing away to a four-length tally. Said jockey Norihiro Yokoyama, "This race proved the great ability of Shinko Storm. I am looking forward to his races in the future." **\$110,000 yrl '95 KEESEP; \$250,000 2yo '96 BESMAR.
- Sugino Emerald, f, 4, Hansel--Eloquent Queen, by Raja Baba. Hakodate, 6-28, Plate race, 5f. Lifetime Record: 19-3-2-1, \$215,000. O-Mie Sugiyama; B-Courtney & Congleton; T-I Yasuda. *\$62,000 yrl '94 FTSAUG; \$125,000 2yo '95 BESMAR.
- Sukorui, f, 4, Seeking the Gold--Premier Playmate (GSP), by Pass Catcher. Hakodate, 6-28, Plate race, 5f. Lifetime Record: 9-3-1-0, \$193,000. O-Hiroshi Takezono; B-G. Watts Humphrey Jr. & Pierce & Pierce, Inc.; T-Y Suzuki. **\$90,000 yrl '94 KEESEP; \$350,000 2yo '95 FTFFEB.
- A.P. Rahy, h, 5, Rahy--Lady of the Light, by The Minstrel. Hakodate, 6-29, Shimokitahanto Tokubetsu, 6fT. Lifetime Record: 7-3-1-2, \$345,000. O-Del Mar Club; B-Landon Knight; T-H Takeda. *1/2 to Asema (Theatrical {Ire}), MGSW-Ire, \$118,270. **\$410,000 yrl '93 KEEJUL.



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Foreign Report cont.

AMERICAN-BRED WINNER IN ENGLAND:

Queen's Insignia, f, 4, Gold Crest--Years, by Secretariat. Windsor, 6-30, Mark H., 3yo/up, 1m 67ydsT, \$5,179 to winner. O-W H Ponsonby; B-Mr. & Mrs. Stephen E Johnson; T-Paul Cole.

AMERICAN-BRED WINNER IN FRANCE:

Sibling Rival, c, 3, Quest For Fame (GB)--Perfect Sister, by Perrault (GB). Maisons-Laffitte, 6-30, Prix Du Bois Roussel, 3yo, c/g, 1 1/2mT, \$15,420 to winner. O-Sheikh Maktoum al Maktoum; B-Summa Stable & Eric DeSeroux; T-Andre Fabre. *\$23,000 wnl '94 KEENOV.

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ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

7th-DEL, \$34,920, 4yo/up, 6f, 1:10 4/5, ft. MANAGE A BUCK (c, 4, Buck Aly--Good Management {SP}, by Baederwood) Lifetime Record: 17-6-2-1, \$92,925. O-Circle Horse Racing Stable Inc. B-James P. McKenzie & Jeffery C. Reightler (VA). T-Ben M Feliciano Jr.

2nd-CRC, \$25,500, 3yo/up, f/m, 1mT, 1:36 4/5, fm. COURTLIN (f, 4, Maudlin--Courtaflame, by Court Trial) Lifetime Record: SP, 22-10-3-1, \$146,935. O-Joseph Graffeo. B-Farnsworth Farms (FL). T-S L Dimauro.

3rd-DEL, \$25,400, 3yo/up, a5fT, :58, fm. KOOTER (c, 3, High Brite--Billini, by What Luck) Lifetime Record: 13-3-2-1, \$37,328. O-Sunset Pointe Stable. B-J. K. Griggs, C. L. Kidder, et al. (KY). T-Ronald J Taylor.

8th-PHA, \$21,680, 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:10 4/5, ft. BUSHY'S PRIDE (m, 5, Hagley's Reward--Bushy's Babe {SW, \$113,581}, by Frontage) Lifetime Record: SP, 24-7-4-2, \$68,634. O-Anthony Lucidonio. B-Edward T. English (PA). T-Colin Sherwood.

9th-PHA, \$19,000, 3yo/up, 7f, 1:22 4/5, ft. PHIL OVERPHIL (h, 5, Overskate--Rockaway Rosebud (ire), by Ballad Rock) Lifetime Record: 46-8-3-8, \$95,559. O-Victoria Herlinger. B-Frank & Judy Belford (NY). T-John D Sketchley.

9th-CRC, \$18,800, 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16mT, 1:43 3/5, fm.

SAINT AUBIN (f, 3, Saint Ballado--Clever Lou, by Tri Jet) Lifetime Record: 16-2-2-1, \$33,515. O-Carolina Stable Inc & Tobin R. B-Manuel Estevez & Ocala Stud Farms (FL). T-Manuel A Estevez. *1/2 to Unembellished (True Colors), SW, \$134,477; Cache and Carry (On To Glory), SW, \$166,414; and Clever Thing (On To Glory), SW, \$115,150.

MAIDEN WINNERS:

Donna's Gift, f, 2, Dunham's Gift--Georgy's Kat, by Comet Kat. PRM, 6-30, 5f, :59 3/5. B-Foster Jack R (Ks).

Hurricane Crisis, c, 2, Invoke--Ba Ba Bamba (SP), by Lucky Legend. CRC, (C), 6-30, 4 1/2f, :54 4/5. B-Ledogar William C (FI). *First winner for her 17-year-old sire.

+ Nijinsky's Passion, f, 2, Nijinsky's Table--Trumanita, by Capote. CRC, (C), 6-30, 5 1/2f, 1:08 3/5. B-D J Graphics (Ca).

+ Excel Princess, f, 2, Noactor--Gipsy Princess (Col), by The Prince's Pants. CRC, 6-30, 4 1/2f, :53 4/5. B-La Isla Stable (FI). *1/2 to Gipsy Countess (Unite), SW, \$153,490.

Luisita's Choice, c, 2, Sports View--Lead Dancer, by The Minstrel. PHA, 6-30, 5f, 1:00 1/5. B-Pheasant Valley Farm (Pa). *\$4,000 wlng '95 KEENOV; \$8,500 yrl '96 FTMSEP.

Little Oyster Baby, f, 3, Caveat--Ippolita, by Buckfinder. DEL, 6-30, a1 1/2mT, 2:33 1/5. B-Kirkham & Ewing Partnership (Md).

Shot Gun Rich, c, 3, Shot Gun Scott--Jen's Trueheart, by Hold Your Peace. RKM, 6-30, 6f, 1:12 1/5. B-Pollard Evelyn M (FI).

Cassy Wag'er, f, 4, Elocutionist--Stop Over Station, by Stage Door Johnny. TDN, 6-30, 5 1/2f, 1:07 4/5. B-Magargee Corporation (Oh).

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What a Weekend!

Fasig-Tipton July Graduates: HONOR GLIDE wins GII Arlington Classic & SMOKE GLACKEN wins GIII Jersey Shore Breeders' Cup

Fasig-Tipton Saratoga Graduates: **VICE N' FRIENDLY** wins GIIIC Clarendon S. & **SEMORAN** wins GIII Prairie Meadows Cornhusker H.



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