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

BELMONT OPENS TODAY Belmont Park opens its Fall Meeting today. The 33-day meet features a stakes schedule packed with 39 races worth more than \$8 million. Highlighting the schedule are two weekends of Breeders' Cup previews. During the weekend of September 20 and 21, six stakes will be run, including five Grade I races: the \$500,000 Woodward, \$250,000 Ruffian H., \$400,000 Man o' War, \$150,000 Futurity, \$150,000 Matron and \$150,000 Gli Jerome H. Four weeks later, on October 18 and 19, Belmont will host another bevy of graded stakes, including the \$1,000,000 Gl Jockey Club Gold, Gl Moet Champagne, GI Turf Classic, GII Kelso, GI Beldame and GI Frizette. Belmont Park's Fall Meet runs through Sunday, October 19 with first post at 1 p.m. Racing is conducted on a Wednesday-through-Sunday schedule. The lone exception will be Monday, October 13 when the track is open for Columbus Day and dark on Wednesday, October 15.

ALWAYS A CLASSIC RETIRED Grade I winning Always A Classic (Deputy Minister--No Class, by Nodouble) has been retired from racing and will arrive this weekend at Fred Seitz's Brookdale Farm near Versailles, Kentucky. The four-year-old raced for his breeder Ernie Samuel's Sam-Son Farm and retires with six wins in eight career starts for earnings of \$388,648. Always A Classic raced wire-to-wire to capture the 1997 GI Early Times Turf Classic at Churchill Downs and, in his final start, finished third in the GI Manhattan H. He will stand the 1998 season for \$15,000 live foal as the property of a syndicate. "We're absolutely delighted to have Always A Classic retire to stand next to his sire and Silver Deputy," said Seitz. "He's a top-class individual out of one of the best mares in modern times."

STAKES CLOSINGS

TOMORROW, SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 6: 9-20 \$1,000,000 Buick Pegasus H.-GII, Med,

3vo. 9f (\$500)

9-20 \$500,000 Woodward-GI, Bel, 3yo/up,

9f (\$500)

9-20 \$250,000 Ruffian H.-GI, Bel, 3yo/up, f/m, 8.5f (\$250)

9-20 \$150,000 Jerome H.-Gll, Bel, 3yo, 8f (\$150) 9-20 \$75/75,000 River Cities Breeders' Cup-GIII, LaD, 3yo/up, f/m, 8.5fT (0)

9-21 \$400,000 Man o' War-GI, Bel, 3yo/up, 11fT (\$400)

9-21 \$150,000 Futurity-GI, Bel. 2yo, 8f (\$150)

9-21 \$150,000 Matron-GI, Bel, 2yo, f, 8f (\$150)

Today, Haydock Park, England:

HAYDOCK PARK SPRINT CUP-G1, \$162,390, 3/up, 6fT TRAINER **JOCKEY** WT. PP HORSE 126 K Darley Coastal Bluff (GB) Barron 2 126 Tedburrow (GB) Alston A Culhane M J Kinane 124 Danetime (Ire) Callaghan 4 J Reid 126 Averti (GB) Muir 5 J Fortune 124 Muchea (GB) Channon 124 6 Tomba (GB) Meehan M Tebbutt 7 Monaassib (GB) E A Dunlop D O'Donohoe 126 J L Dunlop R Hills 124 8 Indian Rocket (GB) 126 Royal Applause (GB) B W Hills M Hills

Sires of Runners: Coastal Bluff (Standaan (Fr)), Tedburrow (Dowsing), Danetime (Danehill), Averti (Warning {GB}), Muchea (Shalford {Ire}), Tomba (Efisio {GB}), Monaassib (Cadeaux Genereux {GB}), Indian Rocket (Indian Ridge {Ire}), Royal Applause (Waajib {Ire}).

Royal Applause suffered her only defeat in four starts this year when second in the G1 July Cup at July 10. Coastal Bluff dead-heated for first in the G1 Nunthorpe S. August 21, when Averti was third. Monaassib won the G3 Prix de Ris-Orangis at Deauville July 14 before running third in the G1 Prix Maurice De Gheest at the same track August 10. Danetime is on the upgrade after two major handicap wins.

Today, Baden-Baden, Germanv: RAAB KARCHER BAUSTOFFE-CUP-G2, \$98,002, 2vo. 6fT

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PP	HORSE	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Sharp Domino (GB)	Suerland	A Tylicki	128
2	Distinct Vintage (Ire)	Hannon	O'Neill	128
3	Evening Set (Ger)	Schutz	A Starke	123
4	Bay Prince (Ire)	Channon	J Carroll	128
5	Wren (Ire)	Huntingdon	F Jovine	123
6	El Maimoun (GB)	Mario Hofer	A Suborics	128
7	Royal Star (Ger)	Baltromei	D Eddery	123
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Sires of Runners: Sharp Domino (Sharpo {GB}), Distinct Vintage (Distinctly North), Evening Set (Second Set {Ire}), Bay Prince (Mujadil), Wren (Bob Back), El Maimoun (Royal Academy), Royal Star (Goofalik).

Today, Epsom, England:

STOP

SEPTEMBER S.-G3, \$48,717a, 3yo/up, 1 1/2mT

The field in post position order will be: Nabhaan (Ire) (In The Wings {GB}), Cochrane, 126; Maylane (GB) (Mtoto {GB}), Roberts, 117; Basman (Ire) (Persian Heights {GB}), Stack, 117; Bahamian Knight (Ascot Knight), Peslier, 126; Posidonas (GB) (Slip Anchor {GB}), Quinn, 131; Dushyantor (Sadler's Wells), Fallon, 131.



(News cont.)

RACING RETURNS TO BIG M Thoroughbred racing returns to the Meadowlands tonight with a first post time of 7:30 p.m. The opening-night feature is the \$100,000 GIII Honey Bee Breeders' Cup H. for three-year-old fillies. While Friday and Saturday nights will continue the track's traditional evening post time, this year's season, which runs through December 13, will include daytime racing on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. Post time for the weekday matinees is 12:45 p.m. The highlight of the meeting will be the \$1,000,000 GII Buick Pegasus S. on September 20. The race figures to attract top three-year-olds Touch Gold, Anet, Frisk Me Now and Tale of the Cat.

SUNNY'S HALO SOLD The 1983 Kentucky Derby victor Sunny's Halo (Halo--Mostly Sunny, by Sunny) has been sold and will stand the 1998 breeding season at Stoneview Farm near Houston, Texas. Currently serving as a dual hemisphere stallion at Haras Ponte Nova in Brazil, Sunny's Halo is scheduled to return to the United States after the first of the year. He will stand the upcoming season for \$5,000 live foal, payable October 1. Sunny's Halo, who previously stood at Walmac International in Lexington, Kentucky, has sired Grade I stakes winners Dispersal, Irgun and Race the Wild Wind.

♦ FOREIGN ←

Stakes Results:

BADENER STEHER-CUP, \$47,912, Baden-Baden, Germany, 9-3, 4yo/up, 2mT, 3:29.62, gd.

- 1--#PASOLINI (GER), 127, g, 6, Cagliostro (Ger)-Passeggiata, by Elocutionist. O-Stall Marowi; B-E & A
 Steigenberger; T-W Kujath; J-S Davies; \$27,223.
- 2--Camp David (Ger), 133, h, 7, Surumu (Ger)--Capitolina (Fr), by Empery. \$10,889.
- 3--Cuff Link (Ire), 127, g, 7, Caerleon--Corinth Canal (Ire), by Troy (GB). \$6,261.

Margins: NK, 3, 1/2.

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STRENSALL S., \$46,281, York, England, 9-4, 3yo/up, 8f 205ydsT, 1:59.80, sf.

- 1--#WINTER ROMANCE (GB), 128, c, 4, Cadeaux Genereux (GB)--Island Wedding, by Blushing Groom (Fr). O-Sheikh Maktoum al Maktoum; B-Gainsborough Stud Management Ltd; T-Edward Dunlop; J-S Sanders; \$30,732.
- 2--Weet-A-Minute (Ire), 128, c, 4, Nabeel Dancer-Ludovica (GB), by Bustino (GB), \$9,175.
- 3--Balalaika (GB), 128, f, 4, Sadler's Wells--Bella Colora (GB), by Bellypha (Ire). \$4,385.

Margins: 1/2, 5, 3 1/2.

AMERICAN-BRED WINNERS IN ENGLAND:

- + Blue Gentian, f, 2, Known Fact--Caithness, by Roberto. Salisbury, 9-4, EBF Quidhampton Maiden Fillies S. (Div.2), 2yo, f, 6f 212ydsT, \$5,219 to winner. O-K Abdullah; B-Juddmonte Farms; T-Roger Charlton.
- Noble Demand, c, 2, Red Ransom--Noble Nordic, by *Vaguely Noble. York, 9-4, A.C.M.C. Nursery H., 2yo, 7f 202ydsT, \$13,771 to winner. O-Alison Iles; B-Brereton C Jones; T-Mrs Linda Ramsden. *\$60,000 yrl '96 KEESEP.
- Clerkenwell, c, 4, Sadler's Wells--Forlene (Ire) (GSW-Ire), by Forli (Arg). Salisbury, 9-4, Salisbury Festival Conditions S., 3yo/up, 14fT, \$8,131 to winner. O-Sheikh Mohammed al Maktoum; B-Camelot Thoroughbreds & Michael J Ryan; T-Michael Stoute. *\$230,000 wnlg '93 KEENOV.
- Lord High Admiral, g, 9, Bering (GB)--Baltic Sea, by Danzig. Salisbury, 9-4, Blandford H., 3yo/up, 5fT, \$6,211 to winner. O-Elite Racing Club; B-Windfields Farm; T-Mikey Heaton-Ellis. *1/2 to Prospect Bay (Crafty Prospector), GSW, \$185,000.

◆ EAST ◆

Local News, Gulfstream Park:

John F. Heims has been named to the post of Simulcast Coordinator of Gulfstream Park. Heims served as simulcasting assistant during Gulfstream's 1997 meeting and will assume his new duties September 15.

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 maidenclaiming races and an (R) will be used for other restricted races.



Set Speed Records at Churchill Downs & Saratoga

Take Me Out



Yesterday's Results:

8th-DEL, \$31,600, Opt Clm (\$40-35,000), 3vo/up, 6f. 1:11 1/5, ft.

LUJA (c, 3, Once Wild--Hello Fanny {MSP, \$111,188}, by Hello Gorgeous) had his first taste of defeat after reeling off four straight when second in a July 29 \$40,000 Delaware optional claimer. Coming off of a fourth-place finish in the Aug. 9 Vincent A. Moscarelli Memorial S. at Delaware, the 5-2 second choice rallied in the stretch to win going away by 1 1/2 lengths. Lifetime Record: 7-5-1-0, \$92,000.

O-Grandview Stables. B-John Arthur Nester (FL), T-John Parisella.

3rd-CRC, \$23,500, Msw, 2yo, f, 1m, 1:42, sy. SIEMPRE VIVA (f, 2, Zafarrancho {Arg}--Shahtakee (SP), by Villamor) failed to break her maiden in four sprint tries but stretched out to a mile here. The 8-5 favorite bumped rivals at the start, sprinted out to a clear early lead and pulled away around the far turn for a 5 3/4-length victory. Lifetime Record: 5-1-0-1, \$19,635.

O-Cecilia & Elbert R Dixon. B-E R & Cecilia Dixon Trust (FL). T-Frederick Knibbs.

3rd-CNL, \$17,500, Msw, 2yo, 6f, 1:11 4/5, ft. LYTLE LAKE (c, 2, Salt Lake--Spindrift, by Al Hattab), a \$57,000 1996 KEESEP yearling, was well-beaten in July 27 and August 9 Laurel maiden events. The 7-2 second choice took command early and increased his advantage in the lane to win by 5 3/4 lengths here. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-0, \$11,100.

O-Patricia A Massey, B-Chas L Kidder & N L Robenalt (KY). T-Grover G Delp.

MIDWEST



Local News, Churchill:

Claiborne Farm's Pulpit (A.P. Indy), continuing his comeback from knee surgery at Churchill Downs, turned in a bullet four-furlong breeze in :48 1/5 over a fast track yesterday. "We haven't missed a beat with him," commented trainer Frank Brothers after the move. "Everything's going right for now and he's doing very well. Now it's just a process of getting him fit and hopefully we'll get him to the races."

Local News, Lexington:

Thoroughbred Week, a weekly stakes recap show which airs on WLEX-TV Channel 18 in Lexington, will have a new starting time. The show will now air every Saturday at 9:30 a.m.

Late Wednesday Results:

5th-TPX, \$26,665, Msw, 2vo, 5 1/2f, 1:06 2/5, ft. + CRAFTY FLIGHT (c, 2, Crafty Prospector--Meadow Flyer (SP), by Meadowlake) prevailed in his debut as the 3-1 third choice. The \$30,000 1996 KEESEP yearling purchase, who was bumped repeatedly at the start, raced just off the pace and angled out in the stretch drive to get up for a half-length victory over fellow first-time starter WARN (Mountain Cat), Lifetime Record:

1-1-0-0, \$17,185.

O-Carl C Icahn, B-Foxfield & Trackside Farm (KY). T-David Carroll.

7th-TPX, \$19,175, Msw, 2yo, 5 1/2f, 1:06, ft. WELL NOTED (c, 2, Notebook--Night Owl Special, by Cathy's Reject), a \$15,000 1996 KEESEP yearling purchase, was sent off the 2-1 favorite here after finishing second in an Aug. 20 Ellis Park maiden event first time out. The colt dueled for the early lead and shook loose in the stretch to win by 11 lengths. Lifetime Record:

2-1-1-0, \$13,030.

O-Frank L Jones, Jr. B-Heather M & S & Wiest Edward (FL), T-Jerry L Romans.

Yesterday's Results:

6th-APX, \$20,000, Msw, 2yo, f, a5fT, :58 3/5, fm. + COPELAN'S NANY (f, 2, Copelan--Nany's Appeal {MSW, \$182,497}, by Valid Appeal), a \$47,000 '97 OBSAPR two-year-old graduate, was favored at 8-5 in her debut. The 8-5 favorite went straight to the lead and pulled away in the stretch to win by 2 3/4 lengths, Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$12,000. O-Frank Mancari, B-Harry T. Mangurian, Jr. (FL). T-Michael L Reavis.

♦ So. Californi**ā** ◀



Four hopefuls for next Wednesday's GII Del Mar Futurity worked yesterday. Souvenir Copy (Mr. Prospector) worked six furlongs in 1:11 1/5 and galloped out seven furlongs in 1:25 4/5. GIII Best Pal S. winner Old Topper (Gilded Time) went five furlongs in :58 3/5. The D. Wayne Lukas-trained pair of **Double** Honor (Gone West) and Yarrow Brae (Deputy Minister) registered identical times of 1:01 1/5 for five furlongs.

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Southern California report cont.

Yesterday's Results:

CRAZY KID S., \$70,000, DMR, 9-4, 3vo/up, 6f, 1:08

- 1--LAKOTA BRAVE, 122, g, 8, Northern Prospect--Norene's Nemesis, by King Emperor. (\$90,000 yrl '90 KEESEP), 0-505 Farms & Headley & Mizrable: B-Hermitage Farm Inc. & Loch Lea Farm Inc. (Kv): T-Headley Bruce; J-E Delahoussaye; \$42,875. Lifetime Record: GSW, 17-8-4-1, \$437,092.
- 2--Gold Land, 122, g, 6, Gone West--Laina (GB), by Be My Guest, \$14,000.
- 3--Cat's Career, 115, c, 4, Mr. Prospector--Comical Cat, by Exceller. \$8,400.

Margins: 3/4, 2 3/4, 1½. Odds: .70, 2.90, 11.50. Lakota Brave, winner of the GIII Ancient Title Breeders' Cup H. last Oct., finished fifth in the '96 Breeders' Cup Sprint and didn't race again until taking a Del Mar allowance August 15. In his second race off of the long layoff, the heavily favored gelding took over turning for home and held on easily to the wire.

6th-DMR, \$47,840, Alw, 2yo, 1mT, 1:37, fm. LADIES DIN (g, 2, Din's Dancer-Ladies Double, by Kris S.), after a tenth-place finish in his debut, was claimed for \$32,000 from his maiden win July 30. The gelding stalked the early leaders before taking charge at the top of the stretch and scored by 1 1/4 lengths as the evenmoney favorite. Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-0, \$37,500. O-Lanni & Schiappa & Sloan. B-Meadowbrook Farms Inc. (FI). T-Ellis Ronald.

5th-DMR, \$39,000, Msw, 2yo, f, 1m, 1:37 3/5, ft. EASTSIDE WESTSIDE (f, 2, Eastern Echo--Tap Routine {SW, \$114,955}, by Fred Astaire), a \$42,000 KEESEP yearling, had an eventful debut Aug. 10, breaking in the air and finishing third under the wire before being disqualified and placed eighth. The 6-5 favorite stormed to the front leaving the backstretch and romped by twelve lengths. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$23,400.

O-Lewis Bevery & Robert, B-Thompson James & Van C (Ky). T-Bob Baffert.

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ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

7th-BMX, \$39,600, (Opt. Clm., \$80,000), 3vo/up. 1mT, 1:36 4/5, fm.

AIR FORCE M.D. (g, 4, Air Forbes Won--Margaret's Hope {SW, \$118,073}, by Cormorant) Lifetime Record: SP, 14-4-3-2, \$83,747. O-Dedomenico Mark. B-Greely John J III (Ky). T-Jerry Hollendorfer, * ½ to Freon (It's Freezing), SP, \$164,374.

6th-DEL, \$28,000, 3yo/up, a1 1/16mT, 1:43 2/5, fm. WESTERN NOBILITY (g, 5, Mark of Nobility--Arctic Challenge, by Northern Challenge) Lifetime Record: 24-5-6-5, \$70,754. O-Sam N Brunozzi. B-F. L. Malov (FL). T-Allen Iwinski.

9th-TPX, \$26,440, 9-3, 3yo/up, 6f, 1:11 2/5, ft. BOWL BID (c, 3, Forty Niner--Harbor Flag, by Hoist the Flag) Lifetime Record: 6-2-2-0, \$43,498. O-James R Stivers. B-Cherry Valley Farm, Inc. (KY). T-Charles L Dickey. *1/2 to Packet (Polish Navy), MSW, \$228,505; Country Light (Majestic Light), GSW, \$196,349.

9th-APX, \$22,000, (S), 3yo/up, 6 1/2f, 1:17 4/5, ft. HOLDING TIME (c, 4, Timeless Moment--Lady Brigand, by Pancho Villa) Lifetime Record: 10-3-1-0, \$39,860. O-Stonecrest Farm. B-Dr. William A. Reed (IL). T-Murray W Johnson.

7th-CRC, \$21,600, 3yo/up, 1 1/16m, 1:46 4/5, sy. FOR CRYVAL (c, 3, In the Slammer--Cremosa (Arg), by Dancing Flight) Lifetime Record: 17-4-2-3, \$66,440. O-Rogers L & Rosas-Canessa Elaine, B-Elaine Rosas-Canessa (FL). T-Walter Rosas-Canessa.

9th-LAD, \$21,000, 3yo, f, 6f, 1:11, ft. UNFORGETABLE LADY (f, 3, Darn That Alarm--Night n' Pleasure, by Princely Pleasure) Lifetime Record: 5-3-0-0, \$38,400. O-Robideaux Brenda & Rosenblum Harry. B-Big C Farm (FL). T-Larry R Robideaux Jr.

8th-APX, \$21,000, (S), 3yo/up, f/m, a1 1/16mT, 1:44 3/5, fm.

LITTLE SUNRISE (m, 5, Proud Truth--Valgravya, by Sauce Boat) Lifetime Record: 32-3-0-3, \$37,116. O-Bommarito Marco & Goodboe Barbara. B-Scott E Ricker & Richard S Kaster (IL). T-Barbara Goodboe.

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10th-CRC, \$20,400, 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:11, sy. RUNAWAY CHEROKEE (f, 3, Runaway Groom--Cherokee Dame, by Silver Saber) Lifetime Record: 8-3-2-0, \$51,235. O-Jaime S Carrion. B-Siegfried & Janelle Mertins (FL). T-Joseph J Waunsch. *Full to Cherokee Run, Ch. Sprinter, GISW, \$1,531,849.

8th-CNL, \$19,000, 3yo/up, 1m, 1:37 1/5, ft. ORGANIC (c, 3, Sunny's Halo--Carpenter's Lace, by Woodman) Lifetime Record: 17-3-4-3, \$61,265. O-Meyerhoff Harry C & Thomas O. B-Edward P. Evans (VA). T-Grover G Delp.

4th-LAD, \$19,000, 3yo/up, 1 1/16m, 1:44 1/5, ft. LITTLEBITLIVELY (c, 3, Lively One--Littlebitapleasure {MSW, \$567,015}, by I'ma Hell Raiser) Lifetime Record: SP, 7-3-1-0, \$42,970. O/B-John Franks (FL). T-Bobby C Barnett. *1/2 to Built For Pleasure (Homebuilder), GSW, \$234,065.

MAIDEN WINNERS:

- + Copelan's Nany, f, 2, Copelan--Nany's Appeal (MSW, \$182,497), by Valid Appeal. APX, 9-4, a5fT, :58 3/5. B-Mangurian, Jr, Harry T. (FI). *\$47,000 2yo 1997 OBSAPR.
- + Crafty Flight, c, 2, Crafty Prospector--Meadow Flyer (SP), by Meadowlake. TPX, 9-3, 5 1/2f, 1:06 2/5. B-Foxfield & Trackside Farm (Ky). *\$30,000 yrl '96 KEESEP.
- Eastside Westside, f, 2, Eastern Echo--Tap Routine (SW, \$114,955), by Fred Astaire. DMR, 9-4, 1m, 1:37 3/5. B-Thompson James & Van C (Ky). *\$42,000 yrl '96 KEESEP; \$130,000 2yo '97 BESMAR. **12-length winner
- + Flybywire, f, 2, Fit to Fight--Advise, by Linkage. CRC, 9-4, (C), 6f, 1:12 4/5. B-Land Trust (FI). *\$4,000 wing '95 OBSOCT; \$10,500 yrl '96 OBSAUG; \$13,000 2yo 1997 OBSAPR.
- + A Touch of Grey, g, 2, Incinderator--Irish Anthem (SP), by Kleven. DMR, 9-4, (C), (S), 6f, 1:10 2/5. B-Bunn Thomas M Jr. (Ca).
- Well Noted, c, 2, Notebook--Night Owl Special, by Cathy's Reject. TPX, 9-3, 5 1/2f, 1:06. B-Heather M & S & Wiest Edward (FI). *\$15,000 yrl '96 KEESEP.
- Loma Linda Lass, f, 2, Phone Trick--Mayflower Lass (GSW, \$209,482), by Pilgrim. DMR, 9-4, (C), 5f, :58 1/5. B-Biszantz Betty & Gary E (Ky).
- Lytle Lake, c, 2, Salt Lake--Spindrift, by Al Hattab. CNL, 9-4, 6f, 1:11 4/5. B-Chas L Kidder & N L Robenalt (Ky). *\$57,000 yrl '96 KEESEP.
- Siempre Viva, f, 2, Zafarrancho (Arg)--Shahtakee (SP), by Villamor. CRC, 9-4, 1m, 1:42. B-E R & Cecilia Dixon Trust (FI).

- Silver Feather, c, 3, All Thee Power--Estrella Blanca (MSW, \$186,807), by Jaklin Klugman. BMX, 9-4, 6f, 1:09. B-John R Moresco & Janet Buc (Ca).
- Star of Field, f, 3, Festive--Another Liz, by Forever Sparkle. CRC, 9-4, 1 1/8m (off turf), 1:55. B-Sorted Oaks Farm (FI).
- Mt. Paradise, c, 3, Mt. Livermore--Blissful Union (MSW, \$473,410), by John's Choice. LAD, 9-4, a1m70yd, 1:43. B-Franks John (Ky).
- + Cathy's Lass, f, 3, Native Prospector--Lady Hostage, by Hostage. DMR, 9-4, (C), 5 1/2f, 1:04 2/5. B-Dolan John K (Ca). *\$10,000 HRA 1997 BESJUN.
- Expected Takeover, c, 3, Proper Reality--Takeover Target, by Nodouble. CNL, 9-4, 6f, 1:12 2/5. B-Braeburn Farm Corp (Va).
- Katies' Chance, f, 4, Wavering Monarch--Red and Fiery (MSW), by Mr. Leader. DEL, 9-4, (C), a1 1/16mT, 1:45 1/5. B-Puttmann William Dr (Ky). *\$5,000 yrl '94 KEEJAN.

1997 LEADING SIRES OF 2YO WINNERS IN N.A. (through 9/1/97)

SIRE	STATE	Foals	2yo wnrs
Irish Open	Τx	67	12
Pentelicus	Fl	52	11
Carson City	Ky	69	10
Copelan	dead	61	10
Phone Trick	Ky	73	10
Salt Lake	Кy	63	10
Caller I.D.	Ky	62	9
Clever Trick	Ку	47	9
Lost Code	Ky	79	9
Red Ransom	Ky	99	9
*Belong to Me	KY	56	8
Danzig	Ky	47	8
Diablo	Fl	52	8
Diesis (GB)	Ky	41	8
Eastern Echo	Ky	46	8
Notebook	FI	44	8
Unreal Zeal	Fl	15	8
Zuppardo's Prince *Freshman Sire	La	33	8

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A TWO-SPORT "HERO"

Thirty Slews, winner of the 1992 Breeders' Cup Sprint, retired from racing in 1994 but has found a new career as a show hunter. The gelding will be featured on a segment of the October "Thoroughbred World," but he is not the only ex-racehorse to seek the spotlight in another sport. Honor The Hero, who finished off the board in the 1994 Breeders' Cup Sprint but had 13 stakes wins to his credit, looks to make his mark in the world of three-day eventing.

When a ligament injury forced him into retirement in February, 1996, Honor The Hero had already proven he was an exceptional athlete. The then eight-year-old gelding had 13 wins, eight seconds and three thirds in stakes competition for an overall record of 57-25-11-4 and earnings of \$688,037. He equaled the world record for six furlongs and set track records at Turf Paradise and Canterbury Park.

Now into his second career as a three-day event competitor, Hero continues to show the same mettle over the cross-country course as he once did on the racetrack.

Honor The Hero has been in the hands of his owners, Minnesota-based Allan Burdick and Arnie Ueland Jr. and his wife Rebecca, since 1989. The trio purchased him as yearling for \$25,000 at the Keeneland September Sale on the advice of trainer Doug Oliver. Oliver would manage Hero throughout his seven-year racing career, and he and the owners continue to pay regular visits to his new home, Trojan Horse Farm in Cave Creek, Arizona. There he is learning the basics of eventing from trainer Andrew Popeil.

Hero is ridden by Popeil's wife, Danielle, and has competed in eight horse trials (one-day beginner versions of the three-day event), two show jumping and two dressage events and "the son-of-a-gun has placed," said Popeil, who added that he had to slow the gelding's training schedule a bit because he was just a little too brave in the cross-country endurance phase of eventing. Hero "gets macho" in cross-country competition, but he needs to know what he's doing before he can become proficient jumping the ditches, water hazards, banks and hedges that are part of the course.

"He certainly has the physical ability," said Popeil, despite having one hoof that is noticeably smaller than the others and having sustained damage to the ligament in his right front leg. But these imperfections appear to have no bearing on his ability to jump or to run at speeds up to 29 miles per hour during the steeplechase, also part of the endurance test in three-day eventing.

Hero has progressed so well that Popeil plans to enter him in preliminary-level competitions next year. The five levels of three-day eventing (which includes dressage competition on the first day, a combination of steeplechase and cross-country during the second day's endurance phase, and show jumping on the final day) are novice, training, preliminary, intermediate and advanced, so the ex-racehorse is already approaching mid-level competition in his new sport.

In the mean time, he is scheduled to compete at shows in Colorado, Arizona and California over the next few months. Having spent years traveling from track to track (he competed at 12 different tracks in nine states, plus Nakayama Racecourse in Japan), Hero is a true "road warrior" and the travel "is no big deal to him," said Popeil. "He's very relaxed about new places."

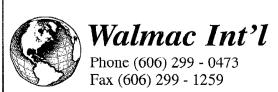
Next spring, Hero will take a short but very special trip back to Turf Paradise in Phoenix. There, he'll give an exhibition of show jumping on the day of the Phoenix Gold Cup--a race he won in 1993 and 1995. "He's extremely well known in Phoenix," said Popeil, "and he'll be doing every horse a favor out there, showing how well he's doing in another career."

In his current life as a novice three-day eventer, "He has difficulty accepting that at this end of the business, he's just a beginner," said Popeil. "This horse knows that he was a star and as far as he's concerned, he still is."

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