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## N • E • W • S T O D A Y

**WOODBINE '97 MEET CLOSES** Woodbine ran its last live race of 1997 on Saturday, December 6. Daily average attendance at the Toronto track increased by 5.2 percent to 3,356 from the 3,191 figure recorded in 1996. Average daily wagering on Woodbine live racing from all sources totaled \$1,608,654 for 178 racing dates in 1997. That figure is down 3.8 percent from last year's 195-day meeting. "I thought that our live racing held up very well this year, especially in light of the short fields we experienced early on," said David Willmot, Ontario Jockey Club President and Chief Executive Officer. "And wagering on Thoroughbred racing in general in this marketplace has shown signs of a turnaround. Our average daily wagering on Calder, Keeneland, Belmont, Saratoga, Churchill, Santa Anita, Del Mar and Hollywood Park will show an increase this year over 1996." Simulcasting continues from Calder and Santa Anita through the end of the year. Emile Ramsammy won 170 races to earn his second consecutive Woodbine riding title and the Sovereign Award as Canada's top jockey. Robert Tiller matched his training feat of 1994, capturing his second Woodbine title with 55 wins. Sam-Son Farm headed the Woodbine owner standings for the third time this decade.

**GOFFS RESULTS** At yesterday's Goffs December Foal Yearling and Breeding Stock Sale in Kildare, Ireland, 160 horses sold for a total of \$907,730, up slightly from last year when 211 horses sold for \$904,797. The average sales price rose 32 percent, from \$4,287 in 1996 to \$5,631 this year. Top price was paid for hip number 138, **Hasaid Lady (Ire)** (Shaadi). The five-year-old mare sold for \$38,597 to Peter Doyle, agent.

**BARRETT'S SALE DATE CHANGE** Barretts Equine Limited will conduct its Winter Mixed Sale in Pomona, California on Tuesday, January 27, a day later than originally scheduled. The continuous session, beginning at 10 a.m., will catalog 371 lots and will include horses of racing age from the dispersal of the R. E. Hibbert Estate. Catalogs will be available from December 30.

### STAKES CLOSINGS

**TODAY, THURSDAY, DECEMBER 11:**  
12-13 \$150,000 *Hollywood Starlet-GI, Hol,*  
2yo, f, 8.5f (\$7,500s)

**TOMORROW, FRIDAY, DECEMBER 12:**  
12-14 \$250,000 *Hollywood Futurity-GI, Hol,* 2yo, 8.5f  
(\$12,500s)



**THA & TPA PLEDGE SUPPORT TO NTRA** In a significant boost for the National Thoroughbred Racing Association (NTRA)'s efforts to coordinate a national marketing plan for the sport, the Thoroughbred Horsemen's Association (THA) Wednesday became the first major multi-state horsemen's organization to commit formally to join the NTRA. Meeting in Tuscon, in conjunction with the University of Arizona's Race Track Industry Program Symposium, the THA Board of Directors voted unanimously to recommend that its member organizations provide the necessary funds to enable the NTRA to begin its operations as soon as possible. The THA represents 20,000 horsemen in Delaware, Illinois, Maryland, New England, New Jersey, New York, and Pennsylvania, the largest concentration of Thoroughbred racing on a daily basis in the nation. Endorsement by the organization's board of directors included the most recent funding formula developed by officers of the NTRA, who are scheduled to make a major presentation at the symposium Friday, December 12. The THA's commitment is significant in that its member organizations will contribute some 42 percent of all national NTRA funding from horsemen. THA Executive President Alan Foreman praised the plan, calling it the best opportunity yet developed to put racing back in competition with other North American professional sports. "Our board believes that the NTRA has developed a workable plan and is recommending that it be accepted by our wide racetrack constituency. We are proud and delighted to play a leadership role and encourage all other horsemen's organizations to join with us to make the NTRA a reality." Nick Nicholson, interim chief operating officer of the NTRA, was one of the first to applaud the THA resolution. "I am really appreciative of the leadership of the THA," he said. "A genuine mutual relationship has been established over the course of our many meetings in recent months. This mutual relationship is exactly the tone of the NTRA, it's plan and the way it intends to do business. The THA has given us a strong lead." Earlier this week, members of the Jockey Guild pledged their support for the NTRA and fully endorsed its preliminary proposals to increase public awareness of racing. And, at its annual meeting in Tuscon yesterday, the Turf Publicists of America (TPA) voted unanimously to endorse the NTRA. "The creation of the NTRA is the most significant step taken in many years to ensure and strengthen the future of Thoroughbred racing," said Dan Metzger, the new president of the TPA and Director of Marketing Services and Licensing for Breeders' Cup Ltd. "As an organization whose members work in publicity and marketing for our sport, the TPA felt it was important to publicly state its enthusiasm for this bold and unified approach to solve racing's problems and build on its successes."



## ◆ FOREIGN ◆

### Local News, England:

The British Racing and Breeding industries shuddered at the contents of Sheikh Mohammed's speech at Tuesday night's Gimcrack Dinner, the annual event which gives the winning owner of the Aug. 20 G2 Gimcrack S. a platform to address the racing and breeding industries. This year's winner was **Carrowkeel (Ire)** (Waajib {Ire}), owned by Sheikh Marwan al Maktoum. Sheikh Mohammed took the opportunity to make a speech on behalf of himself and his brothers. The speech was delivered by Michael Osborne (Chairman of the Dubai World Cup Committee). In the speech, the Sheikh said (British) racing was "being bled dry by chronic underfunding," and added, "Unless we see positive signs of progress and the possibility of change, we will massively reduce our racing and breeding presence in Britain and resign ourselves to racing in countries which bring us less pleasure but make more economic sense." Sheikh Mohammed pointed out that "the (British) Government takes six times the amount that is returned to racing. They have 6.75 pence, the Levy receives 1.2 pence and the rest (1.05 pence) disappears in the general direction of the bookmakers' ever-open pockets." The Sheikh's speech also pointed a finger at British bookmakers who, he said, "must laugh at us as they make their way to the bank with their ever-increasing profits!"

## ◆ NEW YORK ◆

### Yesterday's Results:

**8th-AQU**, \$37,000, Alw, 3yo/up, 1 1/16m, 1:45 1/5, wf.  
**BRUSHING UP** (g, 4, Broad Brush--Sweet Bunny {MSW, \$229,434}, by Deputed Testamony)'s string of 17 losses this year persuaded bettors to send him off a 19-1 longshot. The gelding ran last early before generating a powerful stretch run to just get up for a half-length win. Lifetime Record: 49-4-3-8, \$105,676.  
 O/T-Victor Simone. B-Roland Farm (MD).

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**7th-AQU**, \$33,000, Alw, 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16m, 1:47 2/5, wf.

**NORTH SHORE BABY** (f, 3, Northern Baby--Fond Princess, by Alleged) ran ninth in a Nov. 8 off-the-turf Aqueduct allowance race in her previous start but reversed her form in this spot. The 46-1 longshot trailed the field of eight early before circling the field while four-wide around the far turn and gaining ground quickly in the stretch to win going away by 2 1/2 lengths. She is a 1/2 to Forever Fond (Georgeff), GSP, \$169,249 and to Parkway Drive (Fuzzy), SW & GSP, \$140,780. Lifetime Record: 8-2-1-0, \$37,290.

O-Carron Stables. B-Ron Davis (KY). T-John M Destefano, Jr.

**4th-AQU**, \$29,000, Msw, 3yo/up, 6f, 1:12 3/5, ft.

**SAFELY'S MARK** (c, 3, Danzig--Safely Kept {Ch. Sprinter, MGISW, \$2,194,206}, by Horatius), a \$725,000 1995 KEEJUL yearling purchase, finished second by a neck in a Nov. 19 Meadowlands maiden event in his first start off a three-month layoff last time out but rolled to a 3 1/2-length victory here. The 9-5 second choice forced the early pace before surging to the front at the top of the stretch and drawing away inside the final furlong despite drifting out. Lifetime Record: 3-1-1-1, \$23,420.

O-Jayeff B Stables. B-Jayeff B Stables & Barry Weisbord (KY). T-Alan E Goldberg.

## ◆ MIDWEST ◆

### Yesterday's Results:

**5th-HAW**, \$17,500, Msw, a1m 70yd, 1:47 4/5, sy.  
 + **LORETTA ROAD** (f, 2, Strawberry Road {Aus}--Loretta Wolf {SP, \$212,877}, by Wolf Power {SAf}) prevailed in her debut at odds of 7-1. The \$25,000 1996 KEESEP yearling graduate settled just off the pace and rallied in the drive to get up for a 1 1/4-length victory. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$10,500.  
 O-M & S & T Goldish & Savoy Stable. B-Tod Manley, Bryan Bloom, Et Al (CA). T-Frank J Schiffner.

### UPCOMING SALES:

December 11-13: December National Hunt Breeding Stock, County Kildare, Ire.

December 14: Washington Thoroughbred Breeders Association Mixed, Emerald Downs, Wa.

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## ◆ So. CALIFORNIA ◆

### Local News, Hollywood Park:

Hopefuls for Sunday's GI Hollywood Turf Cup on yesterday's work tab, include: **Awad** (Caveat) (half-mile in :48 4/5), **Egipcio (GB)** (Java Gold) (five furlongs in 1:02), **L'Africain Bleu (Fr)** (Saint Cyrien {Fr}) (five furlongs in 1:01 4/5), **Shanawi (Ire)** (Caerleon) (a bullet five furlongs in :59 3/5), **Sandpit (Brz)** (Baynoun) (five furlongs on the turf in 1:00 1/5). Also prepping for the race, **Rajpoute (Fr)** (Double Bed {Fr}) worked five furlongs on the turf in 1:02 1/5 and **Embraceable You (Fr)** (Ti King {Fr}) drilled six furlongs over the turf in 1:15.

**Swiss Echo** (Eastern Echo), heading into Sunday's GI Hollywood Futurity, worked a half-mile Wednesday in :48 3/5. Also aiming for the 1 1/16-mile race, **Buttons N Moes** (Somethingfabulous) worked five furlongs in 1:02 and **Nationalore** (Video Ranger) went a half-mile in :50 2/5 yesterday.

**Career Collection** (General Meeting), starting next in Saturday's GI Hollywood Starlet, breezed three furlongs in :36 2/5 Wednesday... **Crypto Star** (Cryptoclearance), aiming for the Dec. 26 GI Malibu, drilled six furlongs in 1:12 1/5.

### Yesterday's Results:

**2nd-HOL, \$33,000, Alw, 2yo, f, 7f, 1:22 4/5, ft.**  
**HOPE ISLAND (f, 2, Air Forbes Won--Margaret's Hope {SW, \$118,073}, by Cormorant)** broke her maiden third time out Nov. 9 at Hollywood in her previous trip to the post. The 8-1 shot prompted the early pace on the inside before grabbing the lead turning for home and kicking clear in mid-stretch for a two-length tally. She is a full sister to Let's Be Curious, SW, \$198,085 and a 1/2 to Freon (It's Freezing), SP, \$164,574. Lifetime Record: 4-2-0-1, \$42,840.  
 O-Bell II & Circle A Holdings, Ltd. B-John J. Greely III (KY). T-Thomas R Bell II.

## ◆ WEST ◆

### Yesterday's Results:

**6th-GGX, \$32,400, Msw, 2yo, f, 6f, 1:11, gd.**  
 + **PHILAMINA HALFMOON (f, 2, La Saboteur--Im a Demon {MSW}, by Noholme Way)** was sent off the 4-1 second choice in her debut. The filly ran wire-to-wire and scored by 2 1/2 lengths over 38-1 longshot COOL MISS ASHLEY (Ice Age). Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$14,850.  
 O-Johndrew & Roberts & Yoshikawa. B-Patricia Joanne Roberts (Wa). T-Tom Roberts.

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### ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

**7th-HOL, \$35,000, (S), 3yo/up, 1 1/8m (off turf), 1:50 1/5, ft.**

**RAGGED SHOES (g, 5, Cutlass Reality--Gallant Tribute {MSW}, by High Tribute)** Lifetime Record: 33-6-8-8, \$88,560. O-Can Do Stable. B-Nicoletti & Martin (CA). T-Summer Mayberry.

**3rd-AQU, \$33,000, (S), 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:13, ft.**  
**JAVARA (f, 4, Distinctive Pro--Sugar Devil, by Tilt Up)** Lifetime Record: 26-3-4-4, \$112,805. O-Baltimore & Seiler. B-McMahon Thoroughbreds (NY). T-Gary C Contessa.

**7th-HAW, \$26,772, 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16m, 1:47, sy.**  
**PLIGHT (f, 3, Conquistador Cielo--Troth, by Blushing Groom {Fr})** Lifetime Record: 21-5-2-1, \$83,617.  
 O-Robert D Irwin Racing Stable, Inc. B-Claiborne Farm (KY). T-Robert D Irwin.

**8th-LRL, \$26,460, 3yo/up, 6f, 1:11 2/5, gd.**  
**ALLEN GORGEOUS (c, 4, Allen's Prospect--Just Gorgeous {SW, \$191,685}, by Princely Pleasure)** Lifetime Record: 18-4-4-1, \$72,897. O-Hal C B Clagett.  
 B-Jeanne F. Begg (MD). T-John J Robb. \*1/2 to Bold and Gorgeous (Caveat), SW, \$142,437.

**7th-LRL, \$24,000, 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:11 4/5, gd.**  
**BIG EGO (f, 3, Norquestor--Big Pride {MSW, \$115,011}, by Bet Big)** Lifetime Record: SP, 14-3-6-2, \$77,770. O-Murmur Farm Racing Partnership. B-Murray E. Allen Mr. & Mrs. Jr (MD). T-Linda L Albert. \*Full to Chip, MGSW, \$347,546.

**7th-MED, \$22,500, (S), 3yo/up, a1m 70yd, 1:44 2/5, ft.**

**GEE EYE GUY (c, 3, Wonderloaf--Turnitup {SP, \$101,706}, by Tunerup)** Lifetime Record: 19-3-3-5, \$40,447. O-Anthony R Caputo. B-Stacey P. Small (NJ). T-Chuck Spina.

**4th-LRL, \$22,000, 2yo, f, 6f, 1:12 1/5, gd.**  
**PRIMA NEENYA (f, 2, Spend a Buck--Our Pavlova, by Vanlandingham)** Lifetime Record: 5-2-1-1, \$31,936.  
 O-Sarum Stables. B-Jim McKenzie (KY). T-Ben M Feliciano, Jr.

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8th-MED, \$20,000, 3yo/up, f/m, 1m, 1:38 2/5, gd.  
**CALENDAR LADY** (f, 3, Seattle Slew--Smart Angle {Ch.  
 2yo Filly, MGSW, \$414,217}, by Quadrangle) Lifetime  
 Record: 9-3-1-0, \$45,650. O-Dennis A Drazin.  
 B-Swettenham Stud & John T. L. Jones, Jr. (KY).  
 T-Peter Fortay. \*Full to Houston, MGSW, \$240,632;  
 1/2 to Saratoga Classic (Saratoga Six), GSP, \$128,811.

#### MAIDEN WINNERS:

**Piazito**, c, 2, **Baederwood**--Grad Party, by Worthy Too.  
 HOL, 12-10, (C), 6f, 1:10. B-Kelley Ashton (Md).  
 \*\$11,500 yrl '96 FTMSEP.

**Iron Cop**, c, 2, **Hot Cop**--Final Crossing (SP, \$100,688),  
 by Ends Well. AQU, 12-10, (S), a1m 70yd, 1:46 4/5.  
 B-Deluke Dominick J Dr (NY).

**Arctic Gold**, f, 2, **Java Gold**--Playful Hooky, by Master  
 Derby. AQU, 12-10, (C), 6f, 1:15 1/5. B-Marcus &  
 Hortense Vogel (Ky).

+ **Philamina Halfmoon**, f, 2, **La Saboteur**--Im a Demon  
 (MSW), by Noholme Way. GGX, 12-10, 6f, 1:11.  
 B-Roberts Patricia Joanne (Wa).

**Nat's Wedding**, f, 2, **Line in the Sand**--Valid Eloquence,  
 by Valid Appeal. HOL, 12-10, (C), 7 1/2f, 1:32 1/5.  
 B-Hirsch Anita (Md). \*\$19,000 wlng '95 FTMDEC;  
 \$37,000 yrl '96 OBSAUG. \*\*Eighth winner for  
 freshman sire Line in the Sand (Mr. Prospector).

**Hello Move Over**, c, 2, **Secret Hello**--Mythical Mover, by  
 Graustark. LRL, 12-10, (C), 1 1/16m, 1:48 4/5.  
 B-Lazy Lane Stables, Inc. (Va).

**Jinxy**, c, 2, **Star of the Crop**--Baby Jinx, by Crafty  
 Prospector. AQU, 12-10, (C), a1m 70yd, 1:46 4/5.  
 B-Hart Farm, Inc (Fl). \*1/2 to Cimarron Secret  
 (Tejano), GSW, \$369,481. \*\*\$35,000 yrl '96  
 KEESEP; \$60,000 2yo 1997 OBSFEB. \*\*\*Seventh  
 winner for freshman sire Star of the Crop (Relaunch).

+ **Loretta Road**, f, 2, **Strawberry Road (Aus)**--Loretta  
 Wolf (SP, \$212,877), by Wolf Power (SAf). HAW,  
 12-10, a1m 70yd, 1:47 4/5. B-Tod Manley, Bryan  
 Bloom, Et Al (Ca). \*\$25,000 yrl '96 KEESEP.

**Lucky Molar**, c, 2, **Wheatly Hall**--Landalucky, by Wing  
 Out. HOL, 12-10, (S), 7f, 1:22 3/5. B-Vanberg J (Ca).

**Safely's Mark**, c, 3, **Danzig**--Safely Kept (Ch. Sprinter,  
 MGSW, \$2,194,206), by Horatius. AQU, 12-10, 6f,  
 1:12 3/5. B-Jayeff B Stables & Barry Weisbord (Ky).  
 \*\$725,000 yrl '95 KEEJUL.

**Naturally the Best**, c, 3, **Dealaway**--Casey's Plum, by  
 Young Commander. HOL, (S), (C), 12-10, 1 1/16m,  
 1:44 2/5. B-Di Pietro Joseph J (Ca). \*\$6,000 2yo  
 1996 BESAPR.

**Buenos Dias**, c, 3, **Mt. Livermore**--Tamanaco Day, by  
 Naskra. LRL, 12-10, 7f, 1:25 3/5. B-Sondra &  
 Howard M Bender (Md). \*1/2 to Rhapsodic (Dixieland  
 Band), GSW, \$223,281.

## WEEKEND PEDIGREE PERSPECTIVES

by Alan Porter

### PEDIGREE SHORTS

**Tower Full** (h, 5, Irish Tower--Fine Dining, by State  
 Dinner), who captured his first stakes event when tak-  
 ing the Gill Vernon O. Underwood S. Saturday at Holly-  
 wood Park, has a variation on the popular theme of  
 bringing together relatives featuring Menow and Bull  
 Dog. In the fourth generation on the dam's side we have  
 Tom Fool (Menow out of a Bull Dog mare) who is fre-  
 quently found with other Menow/Bull Dog combinations.  
 The variation comes through the mare Longford  
 (granddam of Irish Tower's sire, Irish Castle). She is by  
 Menow and her dam is by a son of Bull Dog's brother,  
 Sir Gallahad III. Tower Full also has two combinations of  
 Teddy--sire of Bull Dog and Sir Gallahad III--with Blue  
 Larkspur, these coming in through Revoked in Irish  
 Tower and Businesslike in Tower Full's dam, Fine Din-  
 ing.

Still on the Menow/Bull Dog theme, there was another  
 example when **Tate** (f, 3, **Afleeet**--**Half Secret**, by **Upper  
 Nile**) won Saturday's Garland of Roses H. at Aqueduct  
 by seven lengths. Tate is the fourth stakes winner by  
 Afleeet out of a mare by Nijinsky II or a son of Nijinsky II,  
 the others being graded stakes winners Top Secret  
 (sister to Tate), Blu Tusmani and Flat Fleet Feet. Of  
 course Afleeet carries Tom Fool, and Nijinsky II has  
 Menow and Bull Dog through his dam, Flaming Page.  
 Afleeet is now in Japan, where he should meet up with  
 plenty of Nijinsky II strains, and it is obviously going to  
 be worth trying Afleeet mares with stallions carrying  
 Nijinsky II.

### 1997 THOROUGHBRED RACING LEADERS

(through December 7, 1997)

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Horses	Starts/Wins	Purses
Skip Away	11/4	\$4,089,000
Gentlemen (Arg)	6/4	\$2,125,300
*Siphon (Brz)	6/2	\$2,021,000
Chief Bearhart	7/5	\$2,011,259
Deputy Commander	10/4	\$1,849,440
Silver Charm	6/3	\$1,598,750
Touch Gold	7/4	\$1,522,313
Marlin	10/4	\$1,521,600
Free House	10/3	\$1,336,910
Favorite Trick	8/8	\$1,231,998

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