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CANTERBURY PARK TO HOST CLAIMING

CROWN Claiming owners and trainers now have a shot at the big money in the inaugural Claiming Crown, to be held Aug. 7 at Canterbury Park, it was announced yesterday. During a press conference at Gulfstream Park, the Thoroughbred Owners & Breeders Association and the National Horsemen's Benevolent & Protective Association outlined the event, which will consist of six races with a total purse value of \$560,000. The races will fall into the following categories: \$5,000 claimers and below going 1 1/16 miles for a \$50,000 purse; \$6,500 claimers going six furlongs for \$60,000; \$12,500 claimers, fillies and mares, going 1 1/16 miles for \$75,000; \$16,000 claimers going 6½ furlongs for \$100,000; \$20,000 claimers, fillies and mares, going 6½ furlongs for \$125,000; and \$25,000 claimers going 1 1/8 miles for \$150,000. Races will be run under starter allowance conditions (and the horses will not be in for a tag). For additional information, contact Drew Couto or Wilson Shirley of TOBA at (606) 276-2291.

OAKLAWN OPENS TODAY The 21st running of the \$40,000 Dixie Belle S. for three-year-old fillies headlines today's opening-day card at Oaklawn Park in Hot Springs, Arkansas. The 52-day meet, with racing conducted Wednesday through Sunday, will be highlighted by the Racing Festival of the South from Apr. 3 to Apr. 10. The festival includes the \$750,000 GI Oaklawn H., to be run Saturday, Apr. 3; the \$500,000 GI Apple Blossom H., to be run Friday, Apr. 9 and the \$500,000 GII Arkansas Derby, to be contested Saturday, Apr. 10. Oaklawn has also raised the purse of the Oaklawn Breeders' Cup H., to be run on Sunday Mar. 21, from \$150,000 to \$200,000.

STAKES CLOSINGS

TODAY, SATURDAY, JANUARY 30:

04-03 \$750,000 *Santa Anita Derby-I, SA,*
3yo, 9f, (3000)

05-08 \$500,000 *Illinois Derby-II, Spt,* 3yo,
9f, (100)



FAIR GROUNDS ANNOUNCES \$1 MILLION BONUS SERIES Fair Grounds President and General Manager Bryan Krantz yesterday announced the creation of the \$1 million New Orleans Great Post Challenge, a three-race series that consists of the GII Louisiana Derby, GI Kentucky Derby and GIII New Orleans H. Any horse sweeping all three stakes, starting with this year's Derbies and culminates in the 2000 New Orleans H., will be awarded a \$1 million bonus. The bonus will be funded through an insurance policy with Caliber One Indemnity. Explaining the choice of events for the series, Krantz said, "The Louisiana Derby is a traditional stepping stone to the Kentucky Derby. We sense that the quality of three-year-olds at the Fair Grounds in recent years is competitive on the highest level, and we want to make provisions for the year 2000 if we are fortunate enough to have a Louisiana Derby winner go on to win the Kentucky Derby, such as Grindstone in 1996. We want to make it as attractive as possible for that horse to come back to compete in the New Orleans H." The Challenge derives its name from the Great Post State S., which was run at Louisiana's Metairie Race Course in the 1850s and won by the great Lexington in 1854.

◆ P R E V I E W ◆

Saturday, Santa Anita:

PALOS VERDES H.-GII, \$200,000, 4yo/up, 6f

The field from the rail out (with trainers) will be: **Kona Gold** (Java Gold), Headley, 121; **Tres Paraiso** (Honest Pleasure), Vienna, 115; **Big Jag** (Kleven), Pinfield, 116; **Swiss Yodeler** (Eastern Echo), Harrington, 114; **Master O Foxhounds** (Deputy Minister), Lukas, 111.

THIS DATE IN HISTORY...

January 29, 1960...Future Kentucky Derby and Preakness winner **Carry Back** finished 10th in his first start ever, a three-furlong race for two-year-old maiden runners at Hialeah. Sired by Saggy, the only horse to defeat Citation during his three-year-old season, out of an undistinguished mare named Joppy, Carry Back became a popular runner and was dubbed, "the people's horse."



◆ FLORIDA ◆

Yesterday's Results:

9th-GPX, \$34,000, Alw, 4yo/up, 1 1/16m, 1:45, ft. SUMMER LUCKY (c, 4, Summer Squall--Honey League Girl {MSW, \$146,787}, by Honey Jay) missed by a half length in his latest Jan. 11, taking the lead in deep stretch before getting edged on the wire. The 5-2 second choice to get the lion's share this time, the dark bay rallied from fifth to take command in the stretch and pull away to a 2 1/4-length tally. Lifetime Record: 29-4-7-7, \$88,772. O/B-Gary L. Aiken (KY). T-Manuel J Azpurua.

3rd-GPX, \$30,000, Msw, 3yo, f, 8.5f, 1:45 3/5, ft. CONFORMAL (f, 3, Dehere--Bergere Legere {Ire} {SP-Fr}, by Last Tycoon {Ire}) made her debut on the grass at Aqueduct in November, finishing sixth, and had been sidelined since. The \$230,000 FTSAUG yearling, off at 7-1 in her return, showed a preference for the main track, stalking the pace to the stretch before powering to the front and a 4 1/4-length score. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$18,000. O-December Hill Farm. B-Poole Investments (KY). T-David Donk.

Copy Editor Out of Action:

Copy Editor (Maudlin), who was retired two months ago to stand at Farnsworth Farms in Ocala, Florida, has been injured and will not be able to stand the 1999 breeding season. "He should be able to stand next year," said farm manager Jim Scott. The nature of the seven-year-old's injury was not revealed.

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◆ NEW YORK ◆

Yesterday's Results:

8th-AQU, \$49,000, Alw, 4yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:11, ft. 1--SAM'S SUNNY HALO, 115, m, 6, Prospector's Halo --Sam's Reality (MSP), by Sunny Clime. O-Ramos Faustino F & Politano Jack; B-Blackwell Wayne Mr & Mrs (FL); T-Faustino F Ramos. Lifetime Record: 56-14-6-12, \$270,693.

2--Cheers and Tears, 122, f, 4, Bold Ruckus--I'm in Celebration, by Copelan.

3--Hip Wolf, 115, m, 5, Northern Wolf--Hat Tip, by Al Hattab.

Margins: NK, 1, 2HF. Odds: 6.00, 2.00, 2.40.

Sam's Sunny Halo captured back-to-back Philly Park allowance races to end 1998, then shipped to New York and finished third over a sloppy Big A inner track in an overnight handicap Jan. 17. The bay shadowed pacesetter Cheers and Tears until deep stretch before driving past that rival to take the photo.

7th-AQU, \$45,000, Alw, 4yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16m, 1:45, ft.

1--FEATHERED, 115, f, 4, Cormorant--Noble Rondo, by Noble Nashua. O-Schwartz Barry K; B-Flying Zee Stables (NY); T-Michael E Hushion. Lifetime Record: 16-5-1-2, \$135,235.

2--With a Trick, 115, m, 5, With Approval--Freeway Trickster, by Clever Trick.

3--Gold Colony, 115, m, 5, Forty Niner--Dance Colony, by Pleasant Colony.

Margins: 4, 3, HF. Odds: 5.10, 11.10, 8.40.

Claimed for \$70,000 last September, Feathered made his first start under new management in the Ticonderoga H. for New York-breds Oct. 24 and finished 10th, then was freshened for seven weeks. He came back to take a \$50,000 claimer Dec. 11 and made it two straight under the guidance of jockey Frank Lovato Jr. with this front-running victory.

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3rd-AQU, \$43,650, Alw, 3yo, a1m70yd, 1:41 2/5, ft.

1--NOTEASYBEINGREEN, 117, g, 3, Distinctive Pro--Greening, by Greinton (GB). O-Schwartz Barry K & Hauman Eugene; B-Dahlman Jennifer (NY); T-Michael E Hushion. Lifetime Record: 7-3-1-0, \$102,128.

2--Karly's Harley, 114, g, 3, Harlan--Impish, by Majestic Prince.

3--Badge, 117, c, 3, Air Forbes Won--Revenge Time, by Raja's Revenge.

Margins: 2 3/4, NK, 26. Odds: 1.45, 3.50, 2.25.

On the heels of a strong second-place performance in the GII Cowdin S. at Belmont Park Oct. 17, Noteasybeingreen tried his luck in the Breeders' Cup Juvenile where he tired to finish 10th, 16 lengths behind the winner that day. He made his return to the races Jan. 7 with a front-running score against fellow Empire-breds and was favored to make it two-in-a-row in this spot. The dark bay, scratched from last weekend's Capossela S. due to track conditions, showed immediately in front, set good fractions while in hand and proved easily best.

9th-AQU, \$40,000, Alw, 4yo/up, 6f, 1:10 4/5, ft.

MY PAL LITTLE JOHN (c, 4, Waquoit--Newsun, by Penowa Rullah) wired the field in his career opener, a maiden special weight race at Philadelphia Park Jan. 11, and was 9-5 to remain undefeated in his second start. Showing good early foot once again, the 1/2 to Rockabye Joshua (Rock Talk), MSW, \$330,081; and Charlie You Know (Horatius), MSW, \$374,630, opened up a clear lead at the top of the lane and then held off second choice Lauren's Lad (Commemorate) to take it by three-quarters of a length. Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, \$38,400.

O/T-Wallace C Neilson. B-Perry Joseph (PA).

Jockey Injured at Aqueduct:

Jockey Filiberto Leon suffered a fractured right ankle in a fall during Wednesday's first race at Aqueduct. Leon was leading the field aboard Petersfield at the top of the stretch when the horse broke down and fell. He was stepped on by a trailing horse. The 32-year-old will be in a cast for at least two weeks. Petersfield was euthanized.

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.

◆ **SO. CALIFORNIA** ◆

Yesterday's Results:

7th-SAX, \$58,000, Alw, Opt. Clm. (\$62,500), 4yo/up, f/m, 1m, 1:38 2/5, ft.

BREFNY (f, 4, Slewpy--Tara's Hall, by Envoy) broke her maiden Oct. 29 at Santa Anita, took a state-bred allowance at Hollywood Nov. 13 and most recently scored in a Santa Anita optional claimer Jan. 6. The 2-1 shot raced five wide on the first turn, attacked the pacesetters while five wide on the second turn and gamely reached the wire 3/4 lengths the best. She is a half sister to Tarascon (Flying Paster), MSW, \$238,290. Lifetime Record: 4-4-0-0, 126,000. O/B-Ridder Thoroughbred Stable. T-David Hofmans.

Santa Anita Worktab:

Over a fast main track at Santa Anita yesterday, **Real Quiet** (Quiet American) worked six furlongs in 1:13...**Silverbulletday** (Silver Deputy) went six furlongs in a bullet 1:11 3/5...**Excellent Meeting** (General Meeting) went a mile in 1:38 4/5...**Malek (Chi)** (Mocito Guapo {Arg}) drilled seven panels in 1:28 1/5 in preparation for the Feb. 7 GII San Antonio H...**Event of the Year** (Seattle Slew), readying for the GII Strub S. Feb. 6, worked five furlongs in :58 4/5 under Corey Nakatani...**Ladies Din** (Din's Dancer), who will go in the Mar. 6 GII Arcadia H., went three furlongs in :35 1/5...**Brave Act (GB)** (Persian Bold {Ire}), last out winner of the Jan. 18 GII San Marcos H., breezed a half mile in :49 3/5.

◆ **WEST** ◆

Danzatore To New Mexico:

The 19-year-old stallion **Danzatore** (Northern Dancer--Shake a Leg, by Raise a Native) has been purchased by Dr. Leonard Blach and will take up stud duty at Blach's Buena Suerte Equine Clinic near Roswell, New Mexico, according to *The Blood-Horse* online. The sire of last year's Breeders' Cup Sprint winner Reraise, Danzatore began his stud career in New Zealand in 1983, stood at Prestonwood Farm in Kentucky from 1990 to 1996 and was most recently located at Summers Mill Farm in Texas. The final purchase price was not disclosed.

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SO. HEMISPHERE WINNERS BY SHUTTLE STALLIONS:

Honorable Lord (NZ), c, 3, Honor Grades--Lacework, by In Reality. Kyneton (Victoria), 1-28, Macedon Ranges Maiden Plate, 3yo/up, 6fT, \$2,387 to winner. B-Haunui Farm Ltd & Mr. Dar Williams; T-John Meagher. *1/2 to Mane Minister (Deputy Minister), SW & MGISP, \$374,776.

Thread Needle (Aus), c, 4, Last Tycoon (Ire)--Licousse, by Liloy (Fr). Kyneton (Victoria), 1-28, Sunbury H., 3yo/up, 9f 65ydT, \$3,779 to winner. B-Mr. E W Cockram & Mrs S J Cockram; T-Peter Hayes.

AMERICAN-BRED WINNERS IN DUBAI:

Ambassador, h, 6, Hansel--Taba (Arg), by Table Play. Nad Al Sheba, 1-28, Handicap, 4yo/up, 12f, 2:28 1/5. O-Sheikh Rashid bin Maktoum al Maktoum; B-John R Gaines (Ky); T-W D Mather.

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ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

8th-LRL, \$34,000, 4yo/up, 1 1/16m, 1:44 1/5, ft. **FRED BEAR CLAW** (h, 5, Salutely--One Smart Girl, by Smarten) Lifetime Record: 29-7-4-4, \$160,134. O/T-A A Smith Jr. B-William Dixon & Kathleen Kelley (MD).

9th-FGX, \$33,000, 4yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16m, 1:45 1/5, ft. **WHOOZIE** (f, 4, Major Impact--Fan Mail, by Zen) Lifetime Record: 13-4-6-2, \$133,010. O-On Target Racing Stable. B-Sally Nims (KY). T-Thomas Amoss. *1/2 to Royal Fanfare (Royal Roberto), SW, \$189,712.

8th-FGX, \$29,000, 4yo/up, a1 1/16mT, 1:47 4/5, fm. **EQUITY SILVER** (g, 6, Silver Hawk--Normia {GB} {SP-Fr}, by Northfields) Lifetime Record: 20-2-4-4, \$69,439. O-J Gunther. B-Flaxman Holdings Limited (KY). T-D Stewart. *1/2 to Metamorphose (Lord Avie), GISW-U.S., SW & GSP-Fr, \$177,722; and Norma (Procida), MSP, \$221,221.

7th-FGX, \$29,000, 4yo/up, 5 1/2f, 1:04 2/5, ft. **OX BOW** (h, 5, Zuppardo's Prince--Fancy Crimson {SW}, by Crimson Falcon) Lifetime Record: 22-5-8-4, \$108,280. O-V Krantz. B-Clear Creek Stud (LA). T-G Palmisano. *1/2 to Carm's Fancy (Fatih), SW, \$131,153.

5th-FGX, \$29,000, 3yo, f, a1mT, 1:41 3/5, fm. **ONE BID** (f, 3, Lively One--Balancing Act, by Spectacular Bid) Lifetime Record: 5-2-0-0, \$50,410. O-Walter L Wheatley. B-Pin Oak Stud (Ky). T-Donald R Winfree.

9th-TPX, \$27,100, 1-27, 3yo, 6f, 1:11 4/5, ft. **SOLD TO WALLSTREET** (c, 3, Wall Street Dancer--Musetta, by Slewy) Lifetime Record: 5-3-0-1, \$42,152. O-Leslie D Linkenhoker. B-Wafare Farm & Bayne & Jackson (KY). T-Bernard S Flint.

7th-LRL, \$24,300, 4yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:12, ft. **GOLD COURT** (f, 4, Strike the Gold--Millcreek Court {SW}, by Rainy Lake) Lifetime Record: 16-3-4-4, \$75,565. O-Barracuda Stables. B-W Combs & Vinery (KY). T-L G Glazier.

MAIDEN WINNERS:

Silver Chele, f, 3, Cahill Road--Silver Hiawatha, by Silver Buck. GPX, (C), 1-28, 1 1/16m, 1:48 3/5. B-Eaglestone Farm Inc. (Ky). *\$4,500 wing '96 KEENOV; \$29,000 yrl '97 OBSAUG.

Swiss Country, f, 3, Country Pine--Chocolate Swiss (SW & GSP, \$113,067), by Magesterial. AQU, 1-28, 1 1/16m, 1:48 1/5. B-Hidden Point Farm, Inc (Fl). *\$7,000 yrl '97 KEESEP.

Conformal, f, 3, Dehere--Bergere Legere (Ire) (SP-Fr), by Last Tycoon (Ire). GPX, 1-28, 1 1/16m, 1:45 3/5. B-Poole Investments (Ky). *\$230,000 yrl FTSAUG.

Gone North, c, 3, Dynaformer--Exclusia North, by The Minstrel. FGX, 1-28, a8.5fT, 1:48 2/5. B-B Hundley (Ky). *\$32,000 yrl '97 KEESEP; \$65,000 2yo '98 OBSFEB.

+ **Shrewd Move**, c, 3, Gallapiat--Passalittle, by Tonzarun. AQU, (C), 1-28, 6f, 1:13 1/5. B-S & M Armstrong (Fl). *\$6,500 yrl '97 OBSAUG.

Constantly Correct, f, 3, Pirate's Bounty--Constantly Right, by Drone. SAX, (C), 1-28, 6 1/2f, 1:18 3/5. B-Savario Farm (Ky). *\$30,000 yrl '97 WASAUG. **1/2 to Regal Rhythm (Regal Classic), SW, \$123,355.



WRITERS UP

A BUG'S LIFE

by John Lee

There aren't many horse flies at Aqueduct this time of year, but a certain kind of bug is drawn to winter racing like a moth to a flame. What makes the Aqueduct winter meet the number one breeding ground of the championship caliber "bug" rider?

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Richard Migliore, John Velazquez and Jorge Chavez have flown south for the winter, leaving all that good purse money up for grabs. Needing to fill the void are trainers anxious for the edge of an apprentice's gravity-defying weight allowance. And there's the popularly held belief that if you can make it here, you can make it anywhere.

A kid who makes it in New York during the rugged Aqueduct winter could find himself on the on-ramp to an Eclipse Award. Last winter's top apprentice, Shaun Bridgmohan, is one of three finalists for the 1998 apprentice Eclipse. Phil Teator, Wesley Ward, Richard Migliore, Frank Lovato, Jr., Cash Asmussen and, the gold standard of apprentice riders, Steve Cauthen, all wintered at Aqueduct en route to the apprentice jockey's Eclipse.

Ariel Smith is emerging as the class of this year's Aqueduct apprentice crop. Barely 16 years old, he got himself right into the thick of the '98 Hollywood fall meeting jockey race. Schooled on the moves of his favorite riders Gary Stevens, Alex Solis and Laffit Pincay, Jr., Smith finished 10th in the standings with a 14-percent win rate. He bought a ticket to New York and after one uneventful day of race riding, he came out on New Year's Day to win the first race of the year.

As of January 26, he has won 19 races for a 20 percent win rate to rank fourth in the inner track standings, which started being tallied almost a month before he arrived. He now gets a five-pound allowance after losing one of his "bugs" Jan. 27.

"My goal is to win the Eclipse," Smith said. "Since I came to New York I've rededicated myself to riding, even more than when I was in California. I'm more focused and more disciplined."

He'll need discipline because he has set the bar high. Winning the Eclipse Award isn't his only lofty goal.

"In California, I'd only ride three or four a day so I'd have time to study and do my homework. Now I'm riding eight and nine a day and going to school three nights a week, so I need a lot of discipline. I'm going to finish high school and go on to college," Smith said. "I'm still growing--maybe in a few years I can't ride anymore. I want to have an education"

Smith did not come by his riding skills or his work ethic all on his own, nor did he make the cross country trip by himself.

"My dad and mom were both jockeys. My dad (Alfredo Smith) taught me everything he knows," he said. "Little by little I'm catching on. I'm only 16 so my parents came with me out here. They left their jobs, they left a life back in California. It's tougher on them...I'm young, I can adapt."

Ariel's dad left behind a job galloping horses to keep a close eye on his son.

"I'm so proud of him," he said as he watched his son go from paddock to post. "He likes the competition. He's having the best time of his life."

The elder Smith retired in 1990 after a successful career that began in Panama and included successful forays into a number of circuits around the country, including New York's. Mother Ursula rode in South America as well.

"Did you ever see the way Alfredo rode?" trainer Gary Contessa asked. "I loved this guy. He was so strong! He could pick up a (tired) horse in the lane, muscle him back into the race and get him to win...my kind of rider."

Contessa was quick to give Ariel a leg up on his horses.

"Ariel Smith has what I'm looking for in a jockey. His seat is good, he's patient," the trainer said. "He always takes the shortest route home. He goes inside, he splits horses, he takes chances. I love to see that in a rider."

"The other thing is that he makes adjustments. I'll give him instructions, but if the race doesn't unfold the way I thought, he'll play the race the way it comes up. That gives me a lot of confidence in him. He rides like a journeyman, a good journeyman. Let me tell you I've seen all the good bug riders that passed through here, Cash (Asmussen) and (Steve) Cauthen. I'm telling you, this kid fits the mold."

Smith's agent is Steve Adika, who also handles the book of Mike Smith, the top-tier rider getting ready to go back to work after a long recuperation from his summer spill.

"This kid is focused. He's been riding against the best, those guys in California, guys you can watch and learn from," Adika said. "He's in the gym every day. I don't have him out there on these cold morning galloping horses. He'll go out only if he's going to ride the horse."

Ariel Smith isn't the only bug to bet at Aqueduct this winter. Jeremy Beasley rode in from Texas as an Eclipse Award finalist for 1998, but he's already trying to win it for 1999. He has gotten off to a rough start however. After his first New York win Jan. 21, he was disqualified Jan. 22, given a seven-day suspension Jan. 23 and involved in a spill Jan. 24. He came out of the accident unscathed, but his suspension will keep him from riding until Feb. 5.

In the meantime, Ariel Smith looks to keep opening up the lead on his apprentice rivals, just doing what he likes to do best.

"I love riding horses. It's not a job to me," Smith said. "It's something I love to do. It's my life. I was raised with it. It's something that's inside of me. I just love horses."

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