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## N • E • W • S T O D A Y

**PAUL MELLON DEAD AT 91** Paul Mellon, owner of Rokeby Stable, died Monday at his home in Upperville, Virginia, at the age of 91. Born into one of the world's wealthiest families, Mellon spent most of his life focused on the things he loved most: art, charity and horses. He gave an estimated \$600 million to charity over the years and also donated great works to the National Gallery of Art in Washington, D.C. Mellon became enamored with Thoroughbreds "through active foxhunting, point-to-points and ownership of Hunt Meeting steeplechasers in the thirties." His first champion was American Way, who was the nation's top steeplechase horse in 1948. Rokeby Stables became a dominant force in Thoroughbred racing in the 1960s, when Fort Marcy won the Washington D.C. International and was named Champion Grass Horse in 1967. More success followed as Arts and Letters won the Belmont S. and was named Horse of the Year in 1969, and Fort Marcy won five stakes and took honors as Champion Older Horse, Champion Grass Horse and Horse of the Year in 1970. Mellon set his sights on Europe in 1971, where Mill Reef won the Epsom Derby, the Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe and was named Horse of the Year in England. Other champions campaigned by Mellon included Key To The Mint and Run The Gantlet. Mellon, who won Eclipse Awards in 1971 as leading owner-breeder and in 1986 as leading breeder, was given a special Eclipse Award of Merit in 1993. That same year, he won the Kentucky Derby with 13-1 outsider Sea Hero. Later that season, Sea Hero became Mellon's fifth Travers S. winner. Mellon announced he would end his participation in Thoroughbred racing in 1995, the same year his longtime trainer Mack Miller announced his retirement. Mellon is survived by his second wife, Bunny, and by two children from his first marriage.

**MASTER DERBY DEAD AT 27** The winner of the 1975 Preakness, Master Derby, was euthanized due to infirmities of old age Jan. 22 at Notjustanother Horse Farm in California, according to *Thoroughbred Times* on-line. Bred and owned by Golden Chance Farm owner Verna Lehmann, Master Derby was the son of Golden Chance Farm's 1970 Kentucky Derby winner Dust Commander. He won 16 races and earned \$698,624. At stud, Master Derby sired 31 stakes winners, including GI Bowling Green H. winner Uptown Swell.

**THUNDER GULCH COLT TOPS FIRST DAY OF NEW ZEALAND SALE** Hip number 56, a colt by 1995 Kentucky Derby winner Thunder Gulch out of the unraced mare Latour Belle (NZ) (Nuage D'or) brought NZ\$500,000 (US\$261,780) to top yesterday's session of the New Zealand Bloodstock National Yearling Sales Series Premier Sale. The colt, a half-brother to Australian Group 2 winner Pauillac (Aus) (Star Watch {Aus}), was purchased by Killarney Pastoral, the Australian company headed by Mike Bastion. Pencarrow Stud consigned the colt. On the day, 60 lots were sold at an average price of NZ\$103,800 (\$54,345), which was down 5.3 percent from last year's first day average. The median price of NZ\$65,000 (\$34,031), however, was up 18 percent over last year. The sale continues through Thursday.

## ◆ P R E V I E W ◆

Today, Gulfstream Park, post time 4:43 p.m. EST  
**SHIRLEY JONES H.-Gill**, \$100,000, 3yo/up, f/m, 7f  
PP HORSE TRAINER JOCKEY ODDS

1	Harpia	Kimmel	Migliore	3-5
2	U Can Do It	Pilotti	Chavez	4-1
3	Scotzanna	Wright	Sellers	3-1
4	Delta Music	Howard	Day	12-1
5	Memories Of Gold	Toner	Bailey	8-1

Sires of runners: Harpia (Danzig); U Can Do It (Gold Alert); Scotzanna (Silver Deputy); Delta Music (Dixieland Band); Memories Of Gold (Time for a Change).

Harpia broke her maiden by 11 lengths about a year ago at this track and trip and has zoomed through her allowance conditions, most recently scoring a six-length win Jan. 9 in her first start off an extended layoff. Memories Of Gold, a half sister to turf specialist Memories Of Silver, sports a two-for-two record at seven furlongs and has drawn well for her come-from-behind running style. U Can Do It is the reigning champion of this event and comes in to the race off a solid second to Scotzanna in the Jan. 13 Gill First Lady H.

## STAKES CLOSINGS

### TODAY, WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 3:

02-13 \$200,000 Las Virgenes-I, SA, 3yo, f, 8f, (200)

02-13 \$100/100a GP Breeders' Cup Sprint H.-III, GP, 3yo/up, 7f, (200)

02-14 \$200,000 Santa Maria H.-I, SA, 4yo/up, f/m, 8.5f, (200)

02-15 \$200,000 San Luis Obispo-II, SA, 4yo/up, 12fT, (200)

### TOMORROW, THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 4:

02-06 \$500,000 Strub-II, SA, 4yo, 9f, (20000s)





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**MassCap Winner Soldier Boy Dead:**

**Soldier Boy** (Tumiga), the winner of the 1981 Massachusetts H. at odds of 23-1, died of colic at Tufts Veterinary School of Medicine in Massachusetts recently at the age of 26. The stallion, who earned \$315,520 during his career and stood stud in the Bay State at Butters Farm, will be represented by his final crop of foals this year.

◆ SO. CALIFORNIA ◆

**Antley Comeback Slated For Today:**

Jockey Chris Antley, who has been out of racing since November of 1997, begins his comeback at Santa Anita today. The 33-year-old has mounts in the second and fourth races.

**San Antonio H. Hopefuls Work:**

In preparation for Sunday's GII San Antonio H., **Malek (Chi)** (Mocito Guapo {Arg}) blew out three furlongs in :35 4/5 over the fast main track at Santa Anita yesterday...**Dramatic Gold** (Slew o'Gold) worked a bullet 1:11 2/5 over the sloppy going at Hollywood Park Sunday.

**Also On Southern California Worktab:**

**Manistique** (Unbridled) worked five furlongs in 1:01 4/5 over a fast main track at Hollywood Park in her final preparation for Sunday's GII La Canada S...**Exploit** (Storm Cat), preparing for the Feb. 6 GII San Vicente, worked five furlongs in company in :58 3/5 yesterday at Santa Anita...**Son of A Pistol** (Big Pistol) blazed a half-mile in a bullet :45 4/5...GII Hollywood Futurity runner-up **Prime Timber** (Sultry Song) worked a mile in 1:38 4/5...**Love That Jazz** (Dixieland Band) breezed three furlongs in :39 4/5 at Hollywood yesterday.

**TELL IT TO THE TDN...**

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◆ FOREIGN ◆

**Chilean Stakes Result:**

**PREMIO EL DERBY-G1**, \$112,500, Valparaiso, Chile, 1-31, 3yo, 1 1/2mT, 2:26 1/5, fm.

1--**VAL GARDENA (CHI)**, 121, f, 3, Roy--Set Queen

(Chi), by **Settlement Day**. O-Stud Dona Sofia; B-Haras Figuron; T-Juan Cavieres; J-L Torres; \$83,333.

2--**Pure Silk (Chi)**, 128, c, 3, Puro Toro (Chi)--Syrma

(Arg), by **Oak Dancer**. O-Stud Francesco; B-Haras Don Raul; \$16,667.

3--**Vasca Furia (Chi)**, 128, c, 3, The Great Shark--Vasca

Tranquila (Arg), by **Farnesio**. O-Stud San Andres; B-Haras Porta Pia; \$8,333.

Margins: HD, HF, NK. Odds: 3.30.

**Dream Well to Race in 1999:**

The Niarchos family and Jean-Louis Bouchard's 1998 G1 French and Irish Derby winner **Dream Well** (Fr) (Sadler's Wells) will remain in training for the 1999 season, it was reported yesterday by the *Racing Post*. While no definitive plans are in place for the colt's campaign, trainer Pascal Bary told the *Racing Post* that Dream Well has "really begun to thrive over the past few weeks," though "is unlikely to be seen out before May." The four-year-old last competed in the Oct. 4 G1 Arc de Triomphe, a race in which he finished eighth, 3 1/4 lengths behind Sagamix.



**FOALING NEWS**

**QUEENS N VAGABONDS**, 6, Black Tie Affair (Ire)--

Tobriand, by Mr. Leader

Foal born 1-22-99, a filly by Gilded Time.

Boarded at Denali Stud, Kentucky.

Owned by Mr. & Mrs. William Heiligbrodt.

Accomplishments: MSW, \$141,509.

**ALLEGRETTA**, 21, Lombard (Ger)--Anatevka (Ger), by Espresso

Foal born, 1-23-99, a filly by Diesis (GB).

Will be bred back to Deputy Minister.

Boarded at Denali Stud, Kentucky.

Owned by M-3 Elevage.

Accomplishments: GSP-Eng. Dam of Urban Sea (Miswaki), Hwt. Older Mare in Fr at 11-14f, G1SW-Fr, GSP-NA, Eng & Ger, \$1,698,901; Allez Les Trois (Riverman), GSW-Fr, GSP-NA, \$151,109.

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◆ **INDUSTRY INFO** ◆

**Santa Anita Signs Deal With Youbet.com:**

Santa Anita has signed a nonexclusive agreement with Youbet.com to broadcast the tracks live video and audio signals, it was announced yesterday in the *Daily Dispatch*. Santa Anita had previously been under contract with the Television Games Network, but was able to make a deal elsewhere when TVG failed to meet certain contractual requirements. "We're keeping our options open," Cliff Goodrich, Santa Anita's executive vice president and general manager, told *Daily Dispatch*. "We are going to be in discussions with both groups and I don't know how it is going to play out. The immediate results, in terms of numbers, probably won't be earth shattering, but it's important to be thinking about the future."

**Oak Tree Association to Receive Eclipse:**

The Oak Tree Racing Association will receive a Special Eclipse Award for outstanding service to racing, the NTRA announced yesterday. Bill Dow, president of *Daily Racing Form* and a senior member of the selection committee said, "The Oak Tree Racing Association, spearheaded by the triumvirate of Clement Hirsch, Sherwood Chillingworth and Jack Robbins, has been a shining benefactor to the racing industry since its inauguration in 1969. Although focusing primarily on California, Oak Tree has also extended its altruism to deserving national undertakings like the NTRA, the National Museum of Racing and Hall of Fame and the Winners Foundation. The industry is very fortunate indeed to have this exemplary association working on its behalf on a variety of equine projects." A non-profit entity, Arcadia-based Oak Tree has contributed a total of nearly \$13 million to projects benefiting the Thoroughbred industry.

**CORRECTION:** In yesterday's American-bred Winners in England, the sire of **Bamboo Garden** (Desert Secret {Ire}) was incorrectly listed. We regret the error.

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**ALLOWANCE WINNERS:**

**9th-PHA, \$18,990, 4yo/up, f/m, 5 1/2f, 1:04, sy.**  
**DIXIE SLIPPERS** (f, 4, Dixieland Band--Cyane's Slippers, by Cyane) Lifetime Record: 7-3-0-0, \$36,000. O/B-Michael Cavey, DVM (Ky). T-Paul D Seefeldt. \*1/2 to Woods Of Windsor (Woodman), GSW, \$197,132.

**8th-PHA, \$18,000, 4yo/up, f/m, a1m70yd, 1:46 1/5, sy.**

**TIA'S ORPHAN ANNIE** (f, 4, Prospector's Halo--Tia Bellissima, by Turville {Fr}) Lifetime Record: 19-2-4-4, \$33,958. O-Milton McKenzie. B-Horace B Davis (Ga). T-Jose F Agrinoni.

**MAIDEN WINNERS:**

**Launch At Sunrise, c, 3, Relaunch--Sunrise Symphony,** by Secretariat. PHA, 2-2, 5 1/2f, 1:06. B-Maple Leaf Farm (Pa).

**Another Freespirit, c, 4, Afleet--Rays Joy (GSP),** by Staunch Avenger. FGX, 2-1, 6f, 1:10 3/5. B-Nick Karabaic Et Al (Tx). \*1/2 to Free Spirit's Joy (Joey Bob), GISW, \$841,278; Spiritbound (Spellbound), MSW, \$614,251.

**WEEKEND PEDIGREE PERSPECTIVES**  
*by Alan Porter*

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**HUTCHESON S.-GII, \$150,000, GPX, 1-31, 3yo, 7f, 1:22 1/5, ft.**

**1--@BET ME BEST, 122, g, 3, by Barberstown**  
1st Dam: Tough Wendy, by Tough Assignment  
2nd Dam: Wendy Sacks, by \*Danton II  
3rd Dam: Sin Alley, by \*Arturo A.  
O-B Casner, J & A Preston; B-J Weldon Granger (La); T-W Elliott Walden; J-J D Bailey; \$90,000. Lifetime Record: 6-6-0-0, \$236,136.

The speedy Bet Me Best looks unlikely to stretch out to the Kentucky Derby distance, but he did succeed in capturing one of the first major stepping stones on the Triple Crown trail, Sunday's GII Hutcheson S. Now unbeaten in six starts, Bet Me Best actually has plenty of Triple Crown connections in his pedigree. His sire, a

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son of Gummo, finished third in the 1983 Belmont S. However, more illustrious relatives are found in the tail-female line. His fourth dam, Sin Igual, is a sister to the 1946 Triple Crown hero, Assault, and his seventh dam, Masda, is a sister to Man o' War, who missed the Kentucky Derby (his owner believed that the race came too early in the season), but won the Preakness and Belmont.

Bet Me Best's broodmare sire, Tough Assignment, picks up on the Man o' War theme, as he has two crosses of Man o' War and one of Man o' War's three-quarters genetic relative, Mad Hatter. Barberstown, the sire of Bet Me Best, reinforces this Man o' War background in a most unusual way. His pedigree is free of Man o' War, but he has a double of Man o' War's brother, My Play. Although not in the same league as his brother, My Play was still good enough to win the Jockey Club Gold Cup as a five-year-old. My Play appears in a particularly interesting way in the female line of Barberstown. Aphrodite, the third dam of Barberstown is by a son of Friar Rock out of a My Play mare. Since Friar Rock is by Rock Sand out of Fairy Gold--two of the grandparents of Man o' War and My Play--Aphrodite is very intensely inbred to this pair.

Oddly enough, intense inbreeding to this background is also found in the distaff side of Bet Me Best's pedigree. His dam carries Speed Boat, a sister to Man o' War's excellent son, War Relic. Speed Boat and War Relic were out of a Friar Rock mare and, therefore, again were closely inbred to Rock Sand and Fairy Gold.

Of course it may be nothing more than a romantic notion to attribute Bet Me Best's ability to an accumulation of Man o' War, his brother and sister and other relatives. Still, it is worth noting that this branch of the family has otherwise produced little of note for several generations, which leaves us to wonder if this is another example of the unusual power of combining genetic relatives.

#### PEDIGREE SHORTS

General Meeting has been featured frequently in this column in recent weeks, and the son of Seattle Slew certainly seems to be on a tear on the West Coast. On Sunday, his son **General Challenge** (c, 3, General Meeting--Excellent Lady, by Smarten) took his record to three for three with an impressive win in the GII Santa Catalina S. General Challenge's granddam is by Northern Dancer and his fourth dam by Bold Ruler, and both these patterns are reinforced by son strains in the pedigree of General Meeting. The Bold Ruler strain appears in the tail-male line, which gives the oft successful pattern of inbreeding to a son and daughter in the male

line of the sire and the female line of the dam.

The winner of the \$100,000 Tiffany Lass Stakes at Fair Grounds, **Boom Town Girl** (f, 3, Unbridled--Once to Often, by Raise a Native), has some very close inbreeding. Her broodmare sire, Raise a Native, is also the great-grandsire of Unbridled, and so appears 4 x 2 in Boom Town Girl's pedigree. A second weekend stakes winner with similar inbreeding was Red Chili Pepper (f, 3, Unbridled--Raise a Carter, by Dr. Carter). She is inbred 4 x 3 to Raise a Native and in addition, has In Reality's dam, My Dear Girl, 5 x 4.

**Big Jag** (g, 5, Kleven--In Hopes, by Affirmed), who won Saturday's GII Palos Verdes S., may be something of a history maker. As best we can recall, this is the first major stakes winner to combine those old rivals Alydar (sire of Kleven) and Affirmed. Alydar and Affirmed are both Raise a Native line sires, and while Alydar is out of a mare inbred to Bull Lea (by Bull Dog), Affirmed's dam is inbred to Bull Dog and his brother Sir Gallahad III.

One of the most successful nicks of current times is that of Gone West with mares by The Minstrel. Gone West has sired at least five stakes winners--four group/graded--out of mares by The Minstrel. Now the cross appears to be working it's magic for Gone West's son, West By West. Last season, from his first crop of two-year-olds, West By West was represented by stakes winner Western Woman, out of a mare by The Minstrel. Last weekend, West By West added another new stakes winner when **Gold From The West** (f, 3, West By West--Quimper, by Palace Music) captured the Heavenly Prize S. at Gulfstream Park Saturday. Gold From The West is out of a mare by The Minstrel's son, Palace Music. This is an extremely clever mating as it not only gives the combination of genetic relatives Tim Tam and Flaming Page (granddam of The Minstrel), but also brings together West By West's fourth dam, Perception, with her sister, Banish Fear (dam of Palace Music's broodmare sire, Prince John). Note that the Perception/Banish Fear combination is also in West By West's stakes winning daughter, Appealing Phylly.

Brocco was represented by a stakes winner from his first shuttle crop when the colt **Charm Scene Land** (c, 2, Brocco--Vowed, by Without Fear) captured the Talindert S. at Flemington. From a pedigree perspective, there are two points to note. The first is that Charm Scene Land's dam has a double of Nasrullah, where Brocco has Nasrullah's three-parts-brother Royal Charger in the male line, and Nasrullah's genetic relative, Odesa, in the center of his pedigree. Secondly, Brocco's granddam is inbred to Eight Thirty, and Charm Scene Land's dam has a double of Eight Thirty's genetic relative, War Admiral.

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