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N·E·W·S TODAY

W·E·E·K·E·N·D PREVIEW

PAINE WEBBER TO BUY BAY MEADOWS A subsidiary of Paine Webber Group Inc., the financial services company which already owns the racetrack property, is in the process of purchasing the racing operation at Bay Meadows in San Mateo, California, from the Patriot American Hospitality Operating Partnership. The deal is expected to be finalized next week. As to Paine Webber's commitment to the continuation of live racing at the track, John Tashjian, vice president of the company's real estate investment banking division, said, "We've just invested \$24 million on new barns and other improvements to the facility even though we had no ownership interest in the racing operation at that time. We support live racing now and for the forseeable future."

I AIN'T BLUFFING RETIRED Five-year-old I Aint Bluffing (Pine Bluff--Cup Of Honey, by Raise a Cup), winner of the '97 Gl La Brea S. and '98 Gl Milady H., has been retired and will be bred to A.P. Indy. Trainer Ron Ellis said the Louisiana-bred would ship to Kentucky Tuesday. A stakes winner on turf and dirt, the mare won eight of her 13 career starts, with three thirds, and earned \$580,329. She made her final appearance in last year's May 30 Milady at 1 1/16-miles, also winning the '98 Gll Hawthorne H. and '97 Gll Railbird S., as well as a pair of Listed stakes on the turf. She underwent surgery on both knees after the Milady and had worked last Sunday. "She was traveling better than ever but, because of her knees, it might have been a struggle to keep her going all year," Ellis said.

SILVER CHARM SHARP FOR BIG 'CAP Silver Charm (Silver Buck), looking to bounce back after his third-place finish in the Jan. 30 Gl Donn H., worked six furlongs in 1:10 4/5 yesterday in preparation for the Mar. 6 Gl Santa Anita H. The gray hooked a stablemate for the work, but left him behind in the stretch to post the bullet breeze under Dana Barnes. "He broke with some company and it worked out just right," trainer Bob Baffert said. "He's thriving." Also working yesterday was Big 'Cap defending champ Malek (Chi) (Mocito Guapo {Arg}), who went a half in :49 1/5. The six-year-old has been second in both starts this year, finishing 1 1/4 lengths behind Silver Charm in the Jan. 10 Gll San Pasqual, his first outing in nearly 10 months, and missing by a neck in the Feb. 7 Gll San Antonio H.

Today, Gulfstream Park, post time 3:14 p.m. EST FOUNTAIN OF YOUTH S.-GI, \$200,000, 3yo, 1 1/16m PP HORSE TRAINER **JOCKEY** ODDS Certain Azpurua Desormeaux 8-1 2 Aly's Alley Tammaro Prado 10-1 Vicar Nafzger Sellers 9-2 4 Casanova Star Hennig Velazquez 20-1 5 **Doneraile Court** Zito Bailey 3-1 6 Successful Appeal Kimmel Migliore 8-1 Cat Thief Lukas Day 7-2 Grits'n Hard Toast Smith Davis 8-1 9 The Groom Is Red Zito Nakatani 15-1 10 Legal Street Schulhofer Santos 20-1

Grits'n Hard Toast (Bates Motel) finished a wide third behind Exploit in his final start of 1997, the GII Kentucky Jockey Club S. at Churchill Nov. 28. Last time out in the GIII Holy Bull S, over this strip Jan. 16, he made a strong late run on the outside to win by 1 3/4 lengths and stamp himself a legitimate Kentucky Derby contender. "He's got me a little excited right now," said jockey Robbie Davis. "I've never had a potential Kentucky Derby horse. I've had some nice three-year-olds, but this one here looks like the one." Vicar (Wild Again) ran second behind Exploit in the Kentucky Jockey Club S., then finished fifth as the favorite in the Holy Bull S. However, he was bumped on the first turn of that race and, with a clean trip, could improved enough to get the win here. Successful Appeal (Valid Appeal) won the GII Cowdin at Belmont in his fourth start, finished second to an alone-on-the-lead Doneraile Court (Seattle Slew) in the GIII Nashua S. Nov. 8 and most recently finished a gutty fourth after a wide and bumpy trip in the GII Remsen going nine furlongs Nov. 28. His work of five furlongs in 1:03 over the Payson training track was deemed "excellent" by trainer John Kimmel who added, "I couldn't be happier with how he's doing, so I'm sure he'll give a good performance."

STAKES CLOSINGS

TODAY, SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 20: 03-06 \$150,000a John Connally BC Turf, Hou, 3yo/up, 9fT, (0) 03-27 \$750,000 Gallery Furniture.com-II, TP, 3yo, 9f, (100)





Weekend Preview cont.

Today, Fair Grounds, post time 4:09 p.m. CST DAVONA DALE S.-GIII, \$125,000, 3yo, f, 1 1/16m

The field, from the rail out and with trainers, is: Silverbulletday (Silver Deputy), Baffert, 122; Dreams Galore (Silver Ghost), Asmussen, 119; Humble Retha (Siberian Pine), Danaher, 119; Debit Account (Mr. Prospector), Lukas, 114; Brushed Halory (Broad Brush), Carroll, 114; On a Soapbox (Mi Cielo), O'Callaghan, 119; One Bid (Lively One), Winfree, 114; Chief's Lil Queen (Chief's Crown), Ney, 112. Silverbulletday, winner of the GIII Golden Rod S. at Churchill Nov. 28, is 3-5 on the morning line to win her seasonal debut.

Today, Oaklawn Park, post time: 5:02 p.m. CST ESSEX H.-GIII, \$75,000, 4yo/up, 1 1/16m

The field, with trainers and in order, will be: Scott's Scoundrel (L'Enjoleur), Cline, 114; Littlebitlively (Lively One), Barnett, 115; Brush With Pride (Broad Brush), Hobby, 116; Treat Me Doc (Doc's Leader), Brajczewski, 114; Relic Reward (Prospector's Halo), Borel, 114; Battle Mountain (Blushing John), Von Hemel, 113; and Rhonesquarterswish (El Prado {Ire}), Campisano, 108.

Sunday, Guifstream Park

DAVONA DALE S.-GII, \$100,000, 3yo, f, 1m 70yds
The field of five, in order, is: Three Ring (Notebook),
118; Golden Temper (Forty Niner), 112; Superbowl Picc
(Piccolino), 112; Gold from the West (West by West),
116; and Waltz On By (Carson City), 114.

♦ FLORIDA ♦

Yesterday's Results:

7th-GPX, \$44,000, Alw, 4/up, f/m, a8.5fT, 1:42 1/5, fm. 1--PLEASANT TEMPER, 118, m, 5, Storm Cat--Colonial Witch, by Pleasant Colony. O-Stanley M; B-Gottwald J (Ky); T-W E Walden. Lifetime Record: 23-7-4-3, \$313,381.

- 2--Sandy Gator, 116, m, 6, Vicksburg--Lady Gator, by Singular.
- 3--Bursting Forth, 118, m, 5, Alwasmi--Burst of Sound, by Stop the Music.

Margins: 2, 3/4, 1HF. Odds: 0.80, 6.40, 2.00.

Winner of the Kentucky Cup Ladies Turf H. at Kentucky Downs four back, Pleasant Temper followed with an out-of-the-money finish in the GII Churchill Downs Distaff, but came right back to score a turf allowance victory at Churchill Nov. 25. She was most recently sixth in the GIII Joe Namath H. over the Gulfstream turf Jan. 20. The 4-5 choice raced behind the dueling leaders to the far turn, came three wide into the stretch and finished with power to post a two-length victory.

10th-GPX, \$34,000, Alw, 4yo/up, a1 1/8mT, 1:49 3/5, fm.

GREENLANDER (GB) (c, 4, Green Desert--Pripet, by Alleged) captured his first two starts, breaking his maiden in July, 1997 and coming right back to take the G2 Prix Robert Papin later that month, but had not visited the winner's circle since. Fourteenth in the '98 English 2000 Guineas, the bay was 0-for-six last season, managing only a third in a Listed stakes at Newmarket in April and ending the campaign with a fifth-place finish in an allowance race at Doncaster Sept. 11. He made his U.S. debut after the extended absence, but was bet down to 5-2 and rallied from the back of the pack to get up in the final strides and win it by a neck. Lifetime Record: GSW-Fr, 10-3-0-1, \$99,130.

O-Darley Stud Management Inc. B-Marwan al Maktoum (GB). T-Christophe Clement.

Gulfstream's Corrected Times Released:

The corrected fractions and final times for 79 Gulfstream races were released yesterday and will be published in the *Daily Racing Form*. All but five of the races were sprints, and all but one were run between Jan. 3 and Jan. 18. Jack Kelly, field supervisor for Equibase, said, "The new times were sent to Lexington and will be converted from fifths to hundreds in the computer." The corrected times, dates and races will be listed in Sunday's *Form*.

On the Gulfstream Backstretch:

China Storm (Storm Cat), winner of three of her four starts including the Jan. 27 GIII Forward Gal S., will miss tomorrow's GII Davona Dale S. after injuring her right hind ankle. "We found the injury (Thursday)," Barry Knight, assistant to trainer D. Wayne Lukas, said. "We don't know how serious it is yet."

Last year's Fountain of Youth hero Lil's Lad (Pine Bluff) looked sharp in a workout at Gulfstream yesterday morning, going five furlongs in :59 2/5. He is getting ready for his first start since finishing fifth in a Belmont allowance race last Sept. 28.

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Yesterday's Results:

7th-AQU, \$45,000, Alw, 4yo/up, a1m70yd, 1:40 2/5, gd.

- 1--BACK RING AL, 115, h, 7, Allen's Prospect--Run Smart, by Smarten. O-Cape Horn Stable; B-Rathbun Henry T Mr & Mrs (MD); T-Bruce N Levine. Lifetime Record: 62-11-14-11, \$337,934. *1/2 to Land Running (Assault Landing), MSW, \$103,308.
- 2--lan's Thunder, 122, g, 4, Gulch--Dixie Card, by Dixieland Band.
- 3--Well Noted, 115, c, 4, Notebook--Night Owl Special, by Cathy's Reject.

Margins: NO, HF, 1 3/4. Odds: 1.45, 4.10, 3.00.

Searching for his first win in seven starts since taking a \$70,000 claimer at Belmont in July, Back Ring Al had most recently finished a close second in an Aqueduct allowance Feb. 5. The 3-2 chalk was content to sit second, five lengths behind headstrong speedball Vag'lydiscontented (Scarlet Ibis) (5th) down the back-side, came alongside that one entering the stretch, then dug in to hold off GSP lan's Thunder by a nose.

8th-AQU, \$38,000, Msw, 4yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:11 3/5, gd.

COVER GIRL (f, 4, Proud Birdie--Buttercup, by Baldski), a \$170,000 FTFFEB two-year-old, hadn't been out for a year when she ran fourth in an Aqueduct maiden Feb. 7. The 3-2 favorite was well off the pace early, moved up along the rail on the turn, came out for the stretch run and got up late for a neck victory. She is a half sister to Rare Blend (Bates Motel), MGSW, \$657,633. Lifetime Record: 5-1-1-0, \$34,000.

O-Joseph Allen. B-William F & Annabel Murphy (FL). T-Claude McGaughey III.

♦ EAST ♦

Trainer Dick Dutrow Passes Away:

Trainer Dick Dutrow, 61, passed away at his home in Hagerstown, Maryland Friday morning following a long illness. Dutrow, who handled stakes horses such as the durable King's Swan and top-notch sprinter Lite The Fuse, accounted for his first victory in 1955 and went on to be the leading conditioner in the country in 1975, winning a then-record 352 races. He is survived by his wife, Vicki, and sons Chip, Rick and Tony. Funeral arrangements have not yet been announced.

Kentucky Derby Future Wager Approved in New Jersey:

The New Jersey Racing Commission Wednesday approved the state's participation in the "Kentucky Derby Future Wager," allowing patrons at the Meadowlands and Monmouth Park to bet on this year's Derby early. The first pool, which became available in New Jersey at noon yesterday, will close at 4:30 p.m. Sunday.

◆ MIDWEST

Yesterday's Result:

9th-OPX, \$30,000, Alw, 4yo/up, 6f, 1:10 2/5, ft. CINNAMON CREEK (c, 4, Darn That Alarm--Lori Sezme {SP, \$129,901}, by Sezyou) had been nothing but impressive in three career starts, breaking his maiden by five at Oaklawn last February, winning a Churchill allowance by 6 1/4 lengths May 2 and defeating subsequent GISW Arch by five in a Saratoga allowance Aug. 8. Off since, the 2-5 shot had been training well for his four-year-old bow and ran like it, rating off the pace while four wide, challenging with a furlong to go and winning in hand by 1 1/4 lengths. He is a half brother to Hawks Landing (Air Forbes Won), GSW, \$148,997. Lifetime Record: 4-4-0-0, \$76,300.

O-Choctaw Racing Stable. B-K Silva (FL). T-J Jacobs.

Benefit for Central Kentucky Riding for the Handicapped:

Central Kentucky Riding for the Handicapped is having their annual Used Tack Sale at the Kentucky Horse Park's indoor arena today from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Showcased will be halters from Nureyev and Wild Again as well as a Governess cart offered as silent auction items. For information on the silent auction, call (606) 221-1383 during the sale hours.

◆ FOREIGN ◆

AMERICAN-BRED WINNERS IN HONG KONG:

Whytell you, c, 4, Afleet--Windita, by Mari's Book. Sha Tin, 2-18, Yue Yee Divided H. (Div. 2), 5fT. O-Lai Wing Chiu; B-Mr. & Mrs. Michael Anchel; T-P Biancone. *\$50,000 yrl '96 KEESEP.

Alexandra Palace, c, 4, Saint Ballado--Noontime Jet, by Tri Jet. Sha Tin, 2-18, Red Packet H. (Sec. 1), 7fT. O-Mr. & Mrs. F Fuk Tong; B-Mr. & Mrs. S H Rogers Jr; T-P Biancone. *\$28,000 yrl '96 OBSAUG.

Aly Baba, h, 5, Turkoman--Keep Believing, by Believe It. Sha Tin, 2-18, Kut Cheong H., 10fT. O-H Wai Suk-chong; B-C Nuckols Jr. & Sons; T-W Wai-lit.



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Yesterday's Results:

PIRATE'S COVE S., \$61,075, SAX, 2-19, (R), 3yo, 1mT, 1:37 4/5, fm.

1--#IN FRANK'S HONOR, 118, c, 3, Lost Code--Daunserly, by Oh Say. (\$210,000 2yo 1998 OBSFEB). O-R & R King Stable; B-Three Sister Stable (KY); T-Steven W Young; J-G L Stevens; \$36,645. Lifetime Record: GSP, 5-2-1-0, \$84,125. *1/2 to Don Juan A (Manila), GSP-U.S., SW-Pan; and I Am The Prince (Summer Squall), SW-Jpn, \$577,859.

2--American Spirit, 118, c, 3, Storm Boot--Pillow Dancer, by Northern Jove. (\$12,000 yrl '97 FTKJUL; \$110,000 2yo '98 OBSMAR). O-Dizney D. \$12,215.

3--Company Approval, 122, c, 3, With Approval--Company Girl, by Cormorant. (\$62,000 2yo 1998 OBSAPR). O-Birnbaum, Walski & Walski, et al. \$7,329.

Margins: 3/4, 2, 1 1/4. Odds: 2.00, 27.30, 2.70.

One of the horses pulled from trainer Sonny Hine's stable last month, In Frank's Honor broke his maiden at first asking on the grass at Belmont Park in September, didn't take to a sloppy track and ran a distant fourth in his second start, then returned to the grass and finished second in the GIII Pilgrim S. in October. He didn't seem to handle a yielding Calder turf in the Jan. 2 GIII Tropical Park Derby last time out and finished sixth. Well backed as the second choice in his West Coast bow, the chestnut was rated in seventh through pedestrian early fractions, came with his bid as they straightened into the stretch and just got past longshot pacesetter American Spirit for the narrow score.

6th-SAX, \$50,000, Alw, 3yo, 7f, 1:21 2/5, ft. APREMONT (c, 3, Silver Deputy--Choose a Crown, by Ogygian), off at 6-1 in his career opener, broke sharply and led throughout to post an impressive 6 1/2-length tally over this track Jan. 31. The 7-10 chalk off the effort, the dark bay once again grabbed the lead right at the start and drew off in the lane for a popular five-length victory. Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, \$57,000. O-Prince S al Kabeer. B-Multnomah Land & Cattle Company (KY). T-Ronald McAnally.

RACING ON TV THIS WEEKEND:

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 21 -

Eclipse Awards Special from Bal Harbour, Florida
- 1:30-2:30 p.m., ESPN

GII Fountain of Youth S. from Gulfstream Park - 3:00-3:30 p.m., ABC



Sire of FOUR 1999 stakes horses, plus RUNAWAY VENUS (debut winner by 7 1/2 at Fair Grounds 2/16) and DOWN THE AISLE (allowance winner 2/18 at Gulfstream, GISP of \$436,856 to date).

RUNAWAY GROOM

5th-SAX, \$52,425, Msw, 4yo/up, f/m, a6 1/2fT, 1:15 2/5, fm.

+NEW FOCUS (f, 4, Half a Year--Tracy Leroy, by Alleged) was bet down to 3-1 in her debut, going off as the second choice versus nine others. Breaking from post nine, the bay filly was away slowly and running last for a quarter mile, came between horses entering the stretch and closed with a rush to win going away by two lengths. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$33,750. O-Golden Eagle Farm. B-Mr & Mrs John C Mabee (Ca). T-Craig Dollase.

So. Cal Work Tab:

Unbeaten General Challenge (General Meeting), pointing for the Mar. 13 GII San Felipe S., worked six furlongs in 1:14 3/5 at Santa Anita yesterday...trainer Bob Baffert also sent out '98 Kentucky Derby winner Real Quiet (Quiet American), who went a mile in 1:37 4/5 and is probable for the Mar. 7 GIII New Orleans H. at the Fair Grounds...MGSW Tuzla (Fr) (Panoramic {GB}), getting ready for the Feb. 27 GII Buena Vista H., went five furlongs in 1:01 1/5...Mud Route (Strawberry Road {Aus}}, off since his six-length score in the July 25 GIII San Diego H., went the same distance in 1:00...MGSW Ladies Din (Din's Dancer), fourth in the Nov. 29 GI Hollywood Derby last out, went six furlongs in 1:12...GSW Buck Trout (Waquoit), runner-up in the GII Santa Catalina S. Jan. 31, went six furlongs in 1:14 at Hollywood Park.

♦ INDUSTRY INFO

NYC-OTB to Join NTRA:

The New York City Off-Track Betting Corporation has agreed to join the National Thoroughbred Racing Association. NYC-OTB will support the NTRA financially and participate in its co-op advertising program and select consumer promotions.

In other NTRA news, the organization will join forces with the Thoroughbred Charities of America, Inc. to form and fund the NTRA Charities. "After careful study, the NTRA staff and Board concluded that our best strategy in the charitable area is to avoid duplication with existing organizations, but to use our resources and profile to make these other efforts even more effective," NTRA Commissioner Tim Smith said. The NTRA will raise supplemental charitable funds through an NTRA affinity card and will donate television air time and production services for a series of public service announcements to publicize NTRA Charities and the benevolent projects now existing in the racing industry.







WRITERS UP

THE BAFFERT BRIGADE By Bill Christine

"I never think about him."

Asked in early February about the Kentucky Derby prospect that got away--for a reported \$5 million of Sheik Mohammed's money--trainer Bob Baffert answered the only way he knew how. Without letting his mind wander all the way to Dubai, where Worldly Manner (Riverman) is now stabled, Baffert has enough on the brain. In California this winter, a strange scenario is unfolding, with Baffert at the forefront. To assess the three-year-olds on the West Coast, you start with Baffert's juggernaut and work down.

Probably never before in California has there been such a disproportionate distribution of horseflesh. Not even in palmier days did Wayne Lukas, for example, dominate a division the way Baffert has taken over at Santa Anita. Ask almost any horseman the question, "Outside of Baffert's horses, who's the best three-year-old out here?" and you're likely to get a long pause followed by no answer. The others are scrambling to catch up to the Baffert brigade.

He gave them some relief, Baffert did, when he switched plans last weekend. Instead of keeping Silverbulletday (Silver Deputy) at home to run against colts in a prep for the Santa Anita Derby, Baffert announced that she'd run today at the Fair Grounds in the Davona Dale S. Silverbulletday, the Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies winner, might wind up running in the Kentucky Oaks. But Baffert's entourage includes another sharp filly, Excellent Meeting (General Meeting), and if both stay sound it's possible that one, probably Silverbulletday, could run in the Derby.

In 1996, Lukas tied a Derby record with four starters as his Grindstone nosed out Baffert's Cavonnier, but Baffert is in a position to match or better that participation record in the 125th running on May 1. Besides his two fillies, Baffert's barn includes Exploit (Storm Cat) and General Challenge (General Meeting), both undefeated, and the late-developing Prime Timber (Sultry Song), Forestry (Storm Cat), Finder's Gold (Seeking the Gold) and Straight Man (Saint Ballado).

Baffert's barn is so deep that last Sunday, not long after Finder's Gold faded to last in a tough five-horse allowance race, he introduced Straight Man, a Florida-bred who won his first start by running six furlongs in a blistering 1:08.82.

Sore shins had prevented Straight Man from getting to the races sooner. "Has any first-time starter ever run that fast?" said Bob Lewis, who bought Straight Man for \$290,000 and races him with his wife Beverly. The Lewises, of course, own Silver Charm, Baffert's first Kentucky Derby winner. Silver Charm and Real Quiet, the winner in Louisville last year, have given Baffert a shot at becoming the first trainer to win three Derbys in a row.

The Lewises also own Exploit, who could turn out to be the best horse they never sold. After buying the Storm Cat--My Turbulent Miss colt for \$525,000 off John Gaines as a weanling, the Lewises wanted to pinhook him at the 1997 Keeneland September yearling sale. The reserve was set at \$1.5 million, and trainer John Kimmel took the bidding to \$1.45 million. There the interest stopped, causing the auctioneer to look at the Lewises and say: "We've got real money here." Bob Lewis raised the bid to \$1.475 million, but Kimmel didn't come back. Exploit went home with the couple that brought him to the dance.

A half-brother to Prized, Exploit is a May 25 foal. "It's earie the way he won this race so much like Silver Charm did," Bob Lewis said after Exploit's fifth straight win, in the San Vicente on Feb. 6. "He didn't break through the gate, like Silver Charm did, but there were a lot of other similarities."

Baffert also draws a comparison.

"Exploit doesn't like to lose," he said. "He gives you more in the afternoons than he does in the mornings, and Silver Charm has always been like that."

Their physiques are quite different. Exploit has some growing up to do.

"Right now," Baffert said, "Exploit could walk underneath General Challenge. But of course, General Challenge looks like Phar Lap."

Gary Stevens was going to ride Silver Charm in the Donn H. at Gulfstream, then stay for the Super Bowl the next day, but with General Challenge scheduled to run in the Santa Catalina S., the jockey hurried back to California. They teamed up to win by three lengths over Buck Trout (Waquoit).

"I've never seen a horse with so little experience be so competitive," Stevens said. "He's got the physique and the tools."

Lukas has nominated 21 horses to the Triple Crown, five more than Baffert, and one of them, Cape Canaveral (Mr. Prospector), was scheduled to run against Prime Timber in the San Rafael S. on Feb. 28, but suffered a stress fracture of the right front shin and is now out of the Triple Crown picture.



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Baffert Brigade cont.

But trainer Bobby Frankel's precocious filly, Honest Lady (Seattle Slew), will go in the San Rafael. Yes, another West Coast filly. Frankel is dropping Honest Lady into open company rather than run her against Excellent Meeting in the Santa Anita Oaks two weeks

Frankel is not being coy about wanting to win the Derby with Honest Lady. "It's not the other filly, it's the timing of the races," he said in explaining his decision to run in the San Rafael. "Five weeks from her last race is perfect. I'm very anxious to see what she can do around two turns."

The answer to the earlier question about challengers for Baffert might come from trainer John Shirreffs' barn. Shirreffs, who trains for Marshall Naify's 505 Farms, ran a pair of horses the day Finder's Gold finished last--High Wire Act (End Sweep) won the race to go two-for-two and Lethal Instrument (Gulch) was third. High Wire Act, who cost Naify \$425,000, will run on March 13 in the San Felipe, which is also supposed to be the next race for both Exploit and General Challenge. In this company, Shirreffs will find out quickly what he has.

Bill Christine writes for the L.A. Times.

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ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

4th-HAW, \$43,400, 3yo/up, 6f, 1:10 3/5, ft. SWEET BABY JAMES (c, 4, Housebuster--Explosive Scarlet {SW, \$117,274}, by Explodent) Lifetime Record: 10-6-2-0, \$135,940. O/B-Racing Stable (IL). T-Anthony J Granitz.

3rd-AQU, \$40,000, (S), 3yo, 6f, 1:10 2/5, gd. DEVIL'S CHARM (c, 3, Devil's Bag--River Char {SW}, by Riverman) Lifetime Record: 7-2-1-0, \$38,480. O-N Carpenito. B-Geret Farm Corp (NY). T-Walter C Reese.

9th-TPX, \$36,000, 2-18, 4/up, f/m, 8.5f, 1:46 2/5, ft. ENCHANTED DREAMER (m, 5, Claim--Storm Damage, by Forceten) Lifetime Record: 32-5-6-5, \$138,677. O-D L Parrish. B-Robert C Keller Jr (Ky). T-Robert J Pincins.

9th-FGX, \$34,500, (S), 4yo/up, 6f, 1:11, ft. ELMO ADOLPH (h, 5, Lord Rebeau--Recollect, by Olden Times) Lifetime Record: 10-3-1-1, \$59,264. O/T-Robert H Bone. B-Paul Sita (LA).

8th-LRL, \$24,300, 4yo/up, 7f, 1:24, ft. BOLO (h, 5, Two Punch--Nun Buoy, by Run the Gantlet) Lifetime Record: 47-7-5-3, \$87,870. O-Jackson D Brown. B-Bayard Sharp (Md). T-Dale L Mills.

8th-PHA, \$21,400, 4yo/up, 6f, 1:08 4/5, my. HOLIDAY MUSIC (g. 4, Prospector's Music--Christmas Coin, by Key to the Mint) Lifetime Record: 9-6-1-1, \$47,155. O-Casella Nick & Brogan Joe, Et Al. B-Edward P Evans (Va). T-Jose A Gallegos. *1/2 to Perfect Coin (L'emigrant), MSP, \$171,965; Mr. Scrooge (Silver Ghost), SW, \$108,998.

MAIDEN WINNERS:

Friendly Chad, c, 3, Chad's By Geo.--Friendly Fire (MSW), by Tweeber. FGX, 2-19, (C), 6f, 1:12 1/5. B-Woodrow V Rivers (La).

Tomadache, c, 3, El Prado (Ire)--Too Loud, by No Louder. TAM, 2-19, 9fT, 1:49. B-F Stronach (Ky). *\$13,000 yrl '97 KEEJAN; \$42,000 yrl '97 OBSAUG.

Clark Fork, g, 3, Horatius--Lucky Duckett, by Alleged. LRL, 2-19, 8.5f, 1:46 3/5. B-Buckingham Farm (Md).

Elektraline, f, 3, Line in the Sand--Pinch Penny, by Spend a Buck. FGX, 2-19, (C), 6f, 1:11 2/5. B-Farnsworth Farms (FI). *\$6,200 yrl '97 OBSJAN.

Mini Scent, f, 3, Mane Minister--Won Scent (GSW, \$303,110), by Air Forbes Won. AQU, 2-19, (S), 1m, 1:39 2/5. B-Judith Anchel (NY).

Dixie Law, g, 3, Martial Law--Dixie Derby, by Dixieland Band. SAX, (C), (S), 2-19, 1 1/16m, 1:45. B-Robert & Fred Miller (Ca).

Ludovicus, c, 3, Miner's Mark--Mysia (Fr), by Lyphard. OPX, 2-19, (C), 6f, 1:12 1/5. B-Highclere & Clear Creek (Ky). *\$175,000 yrl '97 KEESEP. **1/2 to Make Luck (Strike Gold), SW, \$196,588.

+Sun Island, c, 3, Seattle Sun--A. Tosca, by Our Native. HOU, 2-18, 6f, 1:13 2/5. B-Heidelberg H (Ok).

Pretty Sky, f, 3, Sky Classic--Flip's Pleasure (GISW, \$603,636), by Flip Sal. AQU, 2-19, (C), 1 1/16m, 1:45. B-Hobeau Farm (FI).

Come September, f, 3, Stars n' Stripes--No Buzzers, by Drone. HAW, 2-19, 6f, 1:12 2/5. B-Gaudreau & Gillen (II). *1/2 to Testimony (Never Tabled), SW, \$360,984.

Little Dipper, f, 3, Thirty Eight Paces--Bardip (SP), by Barrera. LRL, 2-19, 1 1/16m, 1:48. B-Alan H Anthony (Md). *Full to Faster and Farther, SW, \$173,436; Hot Salsa, SW, \$190,787.

Alarming Fable, f, 4, Darn That Alarm--A Dancing Fable, by Danzig. OPX, 2-19, 6f, 1:13. B-Howard & Penny Scarberry (FI).

Additional Maidens in tomorrow's TDN.

Leading First-Crop Sires of Weanlings by Average, Dec. 10, 1998 TBH MarketWatch 1st Unbridled's Song \$259,286 (1999 fee, \$40,000), 2nd Hennessy \$156,192 (\$45,000), 3rd Our Emblem \$115,667 (\$10,000), 4th Honour and Glory \$82,974 (\$20,000), 5th Forest Wildcat \$78,769 (\$10,000), 6th Grindstone \$71,167 (\$10,000),

th FLYING CHEVRON \$58,333

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