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Today, Santa Anita, post time 2:40 p.m. PST

SANTA ANITA H.-GI, \$1,000,000, 4yo/up, 1 1/4m

PP HORSE	TRAINER	JOCKEY	ODDS
1 Silver Charm	Baffert	Stevens	8-5
2 Sidon (Chi)	McAnally	Delahoussaye	20-1
3 Free House	Gonzalez	McCarron	3-1
4 Puerto Madero (Chi)	Mandella	Desormeaux	5-2
5 Dr Fong	Drysdale	Solis	8-1
6 Event of the Year	Mandella	Nakatani	9-2

Puerto Madero (Gallantsky) has done everything right in his last two starts. He proved himself clearly the best in the GIII Native Diver H. at Hollywood Dec. 20, winning by an easy 2½ lengths, then scored a commanding win over Behrens in the GI Donn at Gulfstream Jan. 30. Behrens subsequently came back to take the GI Gulfstream Park H. last Saturday. **Event of the Year** (Seattle Slew) has gradually improved with every start since coming back in December from an injury which left him short of Derby glory. The four-year-old most recently attended a scorching pace then drew off to a 2 3/4-length victory in the GII Strub S. Feb. 6. **Silver Charm** (Silver Buck) has been on a long campaign, without a break since September. He began 1999 with a strong closing victory in the GII San Pasqual H. at Santa Anita Jan. 10, then finished third from the far outside post in Puerto Madero's Donn H. He was as sharp as a horse can be in his most recent workout, blazing five furlongs in :57 Mar. 1. **Free House** (Smokester) came back off a 3½-month layoff to defeat Malek (Chi) by a neck in the GII San Antonio H. Feb. 7. The winner of the GI Pacific Classic last year, he's won four of seven races at Santa Anita and has as good a chance as anyone here.

Today, Gulfstream Park, post time 4:37 p.m. EST

PAN AMERICAN H.-GII, \$250,000, 4yo/up, 12ft

PP HORSE	TRAINER	JOCKEY	ODDS
1 African Dancer	Mott	Bailey	6-5
2 Panama City	Mott	Day	5-2
3 Gimme Steam	Soyer	Ferrer	30-1
4 Unite's Big Red	Mills	Smith	6-1
5 Deep Dive	Howard	Migliore	3-1
6 Rebridled	Ziadie	Samyn	20-1
7 The Kaiser	Pilotti	Chavez	15-1

Deep Dive (Manila) has finished first or second in all 11 of his career starts. He won the Woodchopper S. at Fair Grounds three back, finished a troubled second in the GIII Canadian Turf H. at Gulfstream Jan. 23 and most recently won a Feb. 21 allowance at Gulfstream Feb. 21. **African Dancer** (Nijinsky II) is also remarkably consistent, with six wins from 11 starts, and has never finished out of the money. The seven-year-old is coming off a nine-month layoff. In three 1998 starts, he finished second to Buck's Boy in last year's running of this race, won the GIII Elkhorn at Keeneland in April and was second in the Louisville H. at Churchill in May. **Panama City** (El Gran Senor) struggled last year, finishing out of the money in all of his five starts. He began 1999 on a high note, however, with a 4 1/4-length score in the GIII Mac Diarmada H. at Gulfstream Jan. 10.

Today, Santa Anita, post time 1:24 p.m. PST

ARCADIA H.-GII, \$150,000, 4yo/up, 1mT

PP HORSE	TRAINER	JOCKEY	ODDS
1 Ladies Din	Canani	Stevens	9-5
2 Fabulous Guy (Ire)	Jory	Ramsammy	15-1
3 Budroyale	West	Desormeaux	10-1
4 Commitisize	Baffert	Nakatani	4-1
5 Hawksley Hill (Ire)	Drysdale	Solis	8-5
6 Lord Smith (GB)	Jackson	Gomez	6-1
7 Trident	Cassidy	Valdivia	30-1

Hawksley Hill (Rahy) finished an agonizingly close second to Da Hoss in the GI Breeders' Cup Mile two back, but most recently fizzled in the GII Citation H. at Hollywood Nov. 28, making a mild move and finishing seventh. He appears to be the classiest member of this field, but bettors should heed trainer Neil Drysdale's words. "He hasn't been cranked up at all," Drysdale told *Daily Racing Form*. Should Hawksley Hill be slightly short, Ladies Din (Din's Dancer) might be able to get his four-year-old season off to a winning start. The bay gelding won nearly every important turf stake for sophomores in California last year until coming up short over a yielding course in the GI Hollywood Derby, where he finished fourth. Laid off since that effort, Ladies Din has been training up to this event well over the Santa Anita main track.

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STAKES CLOSINGS

TODAY, SATURDAY, MARCH 6:

03-21 \$150,000 Gotham-III, Aqu, 3yo, 8f,
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Today, Santa Anita, post time 3:45 p.m. PST

SAN CARLOS H.-GII, \$150,000, 4yo/up, 7f

PP	HORSE	TRAINER	JOCKEY	ODDS
1	Lord Grillo (Arg)	Puype	Delahoussaye	4-1
2	Dramatic Gold	Dollase	Nakatani	8-1
3	Kona Gold	Headley	Solis	7-5
4	Big Jag	Valdivia	Pinfield	2-1
5	Gold Land	Drysdale	Desormeaux	6-1

Big Jag (Kleven) and Kona Gold (Java Gold) have developed quite a rivalry, each with one win in their two face-offs this year. Kona Gold, who ended last year with a third-place finish in the GI Breeders' Cup Sprint, won the first meeting when he scored by 2 1/4 lengths in the El Conejo H. going 5 1/2 furlongs at Santa Anita Jan. 3. He was the 3-10 favorite in the GII Palos Verdes H. Jan. 30, but Big Jag was able to turn the tables with his determined closing run to win by a head. These two appear as though they will dominate the race, but a case could be made for Lord Grillo (Engrillado {Arg}), who is turning back to his best distance. The five-year-old made a name for himself when he defeated Silver Charm over this trip in the 1997 GI Malibu S. He was laid off for a year, but came back to score a powerful four-length victory in his return Jan. 7. He ran fourth and last in his most recent start, the GII San Antonio at nine furlongs, and following that performance, his connections decided to concentrate him on one turn races.

Today, Bay Meadows, post time 4:00 p.m. PST

EL CAMINO REAL DERBY-GIII, \$200,000, 3yo, 8.5f

PP	HORSE	TRAINER	JOCKEY	ODDS
1	Brave Gun	West	Puglisi	6-1
2	Charismatic	Lukas	Warren	8-1
3	Tobycapote	McLean	Delgadillo	20-1
4	No Cal Bread	Bradshaw	Antley	7-5
5	Absolute Harmony	Hollendorfer	Carr	10-1
6	Sunday Stroll	Carava	Meza	10-1
7	Cliquot	Shirreffs	Flores	2-1
8	Generally On	Shoemaker	Baze	8-1

Sires: Brave Gun (Boundary), Charismatic (Summer Squall), Tobycapote (Capote), No Cal Bread (Flying Continental), Absolute Harmony (Seeking the Gold), Sunday Stroll (General Meeting), Cliquot (Bertrando), Generally On (General Meeting).

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EL CAMINO REAL DERBY-GIII preview cont.

Cliquot finished second by a neck in his Nov. 28 career debut behind the highly regarded Baffert colt Prime Timber. After a brief break, he came back to set a fast pace and break his maiden in 1:09 at Santa Anita Feb. 6. His talent is obvious, but he must tackle two turns and stakes company for the first time. No Cal Bread broke his maiden by a neck at Santa Anita Jan. 2, returned to take an allowance by 10 lengths Jan. 22 and finished second behind High Wire Act in an allowance Feb. 14. He takes on stakes company for the first time as well. Sunday Stroll is undefeated around two turns on the main track and won the Cal Cup Juvenile in his last start of 1998. He began this year on the turf with a sixth-place finish in the Jan. 3 Hill Rise S. at Santa Anita, and should appreciate being back on his preferred surface here.

Today, Aqueduct, post time 3:53 p.m. EST
GREY LAG H.-GIII, \$75,000, 3yo/up, 1 3/16m

The field, from the rail out (with trainers), is: Brushing Up (Broad Brush), Simone, 115; Victoriously (Gulch), J Jerkens, 113; Carta de Amor (Arg) (Ahmad {Arg}), Serey, 113; Albaha (Woodman), Moschera, 113; Talavera (Cormorant), Moschera, 114; Fire King (Fast Play), Hushion, 116; Ian's Thunder (Gulch), Pletcher, 111; Galloping Gael (Lost Code), Everett, 114; Hail the Hero (Theatrical {Ire}), Orseno, 113; Mr. Sinatra (Mining), Moschera, 119. Albaha and Mr. Sinatra run as an entry.

Today, Oaklawn, post time 5:10 p.m. CST
HONEYBEE S.-GIII, \$75,000, 3yo, f, 1 1/16m

The field, in order of the draw (with trainers), is: Answer to Jordan (Ghazi), Good, 114; The Happy Hopper (El Prado {Ire}), Holthus, 116; Columbine Is Sad (Gulch), Von Hemel, 114; Miss Friday Nite (Gulch), Whiting, 112; Dreams Gallore (Silver Ghost), Asmussen, 114; Expensive Slew (Seattle Slew), Borel, 114; Humble Retha (Siberian Pine), Danaher, 114.

Sunday, Santa Anita:

SANTA MARGARITA H.-GI, \$300,000, 4yo/up, f/m, 9f
The field, from the rail out, will be: Victory Stripes (Arg) (Candy Stripes), 114; Manistique (Unbridled), 122; India Divina (Chi) (Roy), 116; Magical Allure (General Meeting), 118.

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.

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Sunday, Gulfstream Park:

ORCHID H.-GII, \$200,000, 3yo/up, 1 1/2mT

The field, in post position order, will be: **Flight Delight** (Lear Fan), 112; **Delilah (Ire)** (Bluebird), 117; **Cuando** (Lord At War {Arg}), 114; **Famous Digger** (Quest for Fame {GB}), 113; **Coretta (Ire)** (Caerleon), 118; **Verinha (Brz)** (Baronius {Brz}), 113; **Sopran Londa (Ire)** (Danehill), 112; **Almost Skint (Ire)** (Last Tycoon {Ire}), 113; **Yvecrique (Fr)** (Epervier Bleu {GB}), 113; **Winfama** (Wild Again), 114; **Starry Dreamer** (Rubiano), 114; **Mudslinger** (El Gran Senor), 111.

◆ FOREIGN ◆

AMERICAN-BRED WINNER IN UAE:

Ambassador, h, 6, **Hansel--Taba** (Arg) (Ch. 2yo Filly-Arg, GSW-Arg), by **Table Play**. **Jebel Ali Racecourse**, 3-5, 10f. O-Sheikh Rashid bin Maktoum al Maktoum; B-John R Gaines; T-W D Mather. *1/2 to **Turkoman** (Alydar), Ch. Older Horse, MGISW, \$2,146,924; **Slow Fuse** (Fluorescent Light), SW, \$252,333. **\$250,000 wnlg '93 KEENOV.

AMERICAN-BRED WINNER IN FRANCE:

Sydney Opera, g, 5, **Risen Star--L'Incestueuse**, **Lypheor** (GB). **Saint-Cloud**, 3-5, **Prix de Brocas H.**, 5yo/up, 1 5/16mT, \$9,130 to winner. O-S Fradkoff; B-Cormal Investments Inc; T-Jean-Paul Delaporte.

Godolphin Enters 19 in Epsom Oaks and Derby:

Godolphin has entered 19 horses in both the **Vodafone Derby** and in the **Vodafone Oaks**, with one, **Saytarra** (Seeking the Gold), a half-sister to the 1995 **Vodafone Derby** winner **Lammtarra** (Nijinsky II), being entered in both. **Aljabr** (Storm Cat) and **Charmes** (Personal Hope), two of eight Godolphin entries for the **May 1 Kentucky Derby**, are among the **Vodafone Derby** entries. **Adair** (Theatrical {Ire}), will be entered at the next stage, **Apr. 7**, at a cost of **£8,000** (\$4,958). **Adair**, bought by Godolphin in January for an undisclosed sum, won his only start in America by 11 lengths at 1 1/8 miles on the grass at **Belmont Park**. The colt was previously owned by **Allen Paulson**.

Owner of Running Stag Looking for Partner:

Richard Cohen, the owner of **Running Stag** (Cozzene), is looking to sell a half-interest in his **Dubai World Cup** hopeful. **Running Stag** ran third in last year's **GI Woodward S.**

◆ FLORIDA ◆

Florida Derby Prep:

Valid Trefaire (Valid Appeal), second in the **GIII Spectacular Bid S.**, worked five furlongs in 1:01 1/5 at **Calder Thursday**.

Yesterday's Results:

THE VID S., \$54,550, GPX, 3-5, 3, a1mT, 1:35 2/5, fm. 1--**NORTH EAST BOUND**, 115, g, 3, **D'Accord--North East Dancer**, by **Far North**. O-Demarco Julian & **Disano Richard**; B-Scott E Ricker, Julian Demarco & **Richard J Disano** (Ky); T-William W Perry; J-J A Velez Jr; \$32,730. Lifetime Record: 9-3-1-0, \$62,790.

2--**Wertz**, 122, c, 3, **Foreign Survivor--Bobby's Sweetie**, by **Interdicto**. O-Sunshine Thoroughbred Corp. \$9,819.

3--**Belasco**, 115, c, 3, **Gone West--Musicale**, by **The Minstrel**. O-R Sangster. \$6,001.

Margins: 2 3/4, 1 1/4, HF. Odds: 41.80, 12.90, 1.70.

Northeast Bound, a maiden winner at the **Meadowlands** last September, won a **Jan. 23 allowance** over the **Gulfstream turf** before fading to ninth in the **Feb. 15 GIII Palm Beach** last time out. The longest shot in the field of 10, the bay gelding shot to the front from the start and drew off when challenged in the stretch.

3rd-GPX, \$44,000, Alw, 4yo/up, 6f, 1:09 3/5, ft.

1--**KELLY KIP**, 119, h, 5, **Kipper Kelly--Marianne Theresa**, by **John's Gold**. O/B-Hobeau Farm, Ltd (FL); T-H Allen Jerkens. Lifetime Record: MGSW, 25-13-2-3, \$1,017,242.

2--**Cache In**, 119, h, 5, **Lac Ouimet--A Screen Classic**, by **Screen King**.

3--**Stormy Do**, 115, g, 6, **Fortunate Prospect--Doodle Do**, by **Koluctoo Bay**.

Margins: 2 3/4, 1 1/4, 4. Odds: 0.40, 32.10, 17.20.

Kelly Kip was six for 12 last year, and by mid-summer had put together an impressive string of three consecutive wins in the **GIII Finger Lakes Breeders' Cup**, the **GII DeFrancis Memorial** and the **GII A Phenomenon H.** He was injured during a fifth-place finish in the **GI Vosburgh S.** at **Belmont Sep. 26**. Made the 2-5 favorite in his return, the five-year-old pressed a good pace from the outside, accelerated to the lead on the far turn and won by an easy 2 3/4 lengths.

8th-GPX, \$38,000, Alw, 4/up, f/m, a8.5fT, 1:42 2/5, fm. **QUIDNASKRA** (f, 4, **Halo--Miss Jove**, by **Northern Jove**)

was off nearly three months before finishing eighth in the **Super Bowl S.** at **Gulfstream Jan. 31**. The 3-1 shot moved into contention three wide turning for home and closed determinedly to get up for a head win. Lifetime Record: 10-5-1-0, \$114,564.

O/B-Mrs Henry D Paxson (KY). T-David Donk.



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Yesterday's Results:

5th-FGX, \$34,500, Alw, 3yo, f, a1 1/16mT, 1:46 3/5, fm.

RIVIERA COLLEEN (f, 3, Dehere--Sensorious, by Vice Regent) broke her maiden at Woodbine last November and was coming off a runner-up finish at Fair Grounds Jan. 8. Making her turf debut, the Canadian-bred miss circled the field five wide turning for home and scored by one length at 9-5. Lifetime Record: 5-2-1-1, \$45,758.

O-Perrotta John & Keaveney Tom. B-Winsong Farms (AB). T-Michael J Doyle.

6th-FGX, \$32,000, Msw, 3yo, c/g, 6f, 1:10 2/5, ft. + WOODY BE GOOD (c, 3, Colonial Affair--Alyfable, by Alydar), unhurried early, was rallying between foes when forced to check in the final furlong as favored Intern (Dynaformer) drifted in. Intern bested 6-1 shot by 2 1/2 lengths but was quickly disqualified and placed fifth, leaving Woody Be Good a winner. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$19,200.

O-Gary and Mary West. B-Mike G Rutherford (Ky). T-Malcolm Pierce.

◆ **So. CALIFORNIA** ◆

So. California Work Tab:

Exploit (Storm Cat) worked seven furlongs in a bullet 1:24 3/5 on a fast main track Friday morning in preparation for the Mar. 13 GII San Felipe S...Olympic Charmer (Olympio), a dominant 6 1/2-length winner of her '99 debut Feb. 4, worked seven furlongs in 1:25 3/5 at Hollywood Park.

Yesterday's Results:

7th-SAX, \$65,975, Alw, 4/up, a6 1/2fT, 1:13 3/5, fm. 1--INDIAN ROCKET (GB), 122, h, 5, Indian Ridge--Selvi, by Mummy's Pet. O-Shadwell Farms Inc Lessee; B-Red House Stud (GB); T-Neil Drysdale. Lifetime Record: SW-Eng, US, UEA, 20-6-2-4, \$255,669.

2--Riviera (Fr), 118, h, 5, Kris--Manureva, by Nureyev. 3--Vaclav (Arg), 118, h, 5, Itajara (Brz)--Old Flame (Arg), by L'Emigrant.

Margins: 1HF, 1HF, HD. Odds: 3.60, 0.60, 18.10.

Indian Rocket was a narrow winner of the Churchill Down Turf Sprint last spring in his American debut, but had been winless since, most recently running third in a Jan. 2 Santa Anita allowance. The second choice in the six-horse field stalked the early pace before splitting rivals at midstretch to take charge and inched clear late.

4th-SAX, \$58,000, Alw, Opt. Clm. (\$100,000), 4yo/up, 6 1/2f, 1:15, ft.

1--MAJORBIGTIMESHEET, 118, c, 4, Carson City--Roll Over Baby (MSW, \$180,806), by Rollin On Over.

O-Sahadi Fred; B-Roberts Kenneth (Ky); T-Jenine Sahadi. Lifetime Record: SW, 13-4-3-1, \$161,186.

2--Early Pioneer, 118, g, 4, Rahy--Golden Darling, by Slew o' Gold.

3--Regal Thunder, 120, g, 5, Chief's Crown--Summertime Showers, by Raise a Native.

Margins: HD, 1 3/4, HD. Odds: 11.80, 15.60, .90.

Majorbigtimesheet, third in the '97 GIII Hollywood Juvenile Championship, won an off-the-turf Hollywood optional claimer last November and returned this year with a fifth-place showing in the Jan. 3 El Conejo H. last time out. The 11-1 outsider led from the start, carried a two-length advantage into the stretch and just held off Early Pioneer in the run to the wire.

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ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

9th-FGX, \$44,500, 4yo/up, a5 1/2fT, 1:04 1/5, fm. SPIRITBOUND (h, 7, Spellbound--Rays Joy {GSP}, by Staunch Avenger) Lifetime Record: MSW, 46-16-9-7, \$640,951. O-Free Spirit Stable. B-Nick Karabaic, Rudolph Bucsko, Et Al (KY). T-Jeff Trosclair. *1/2 to Free Spirit's Joy (Joey Bob), GISW, \$841,278.

1st-HAW, \$42,124, 3yo/up, f/m, a1m70yd, 1:46, ft. SISTER CABRINI (m, 5, Cabrini Green--Laid Claim, by Believe a Little) Lifetime Record: 40-8-8-4, \$120,930. O-Franson Curt. B-Snowden Hal Jr (IL). T-C J Vinci.



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◆ **NEW YORK** ◆

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Garden City to Host Belmont Celebration:

A committee of business and government leaders announced that Garden City will host a special event commemorating the Belmont S. The Belmont Festival at Garden City is scheduled for the eve of the final Triple Crown race, June 4, 1999 from 6 p.m. to 11 p.m in Garden City. "Belmont Park is most pleased that Garden City has taken the initiative to host this event and NYRA pledges its full support," said Terry Meyocks, NYRA president and COO. "NYRA's strong commitment to reach out and be involved in the regions in which we operate tracks is exemplified by this type of community celebration for area residents and visitors to the region."

Yesterday's Results:

6th-AQU, \$41,000, Alw, 3yo, a1m70yd, 1:42 2/5, ft. HOLMDEL (c, 3, Housebuster--Onyx {SP}, by Mr. Prospector), third in the Rushing Man S. at the Meadowlands three back, had most recently run fifth versus Aqueduct allowance foes Jan. 31. The 3-1 shot set a good pace along the inside, dug in when challenged at the top of the stretch and drew off to win by 2 1/4 lengths. Lifetime Record: SP, 10-2-3-1, \$70,299. O-Carpenito N. B-R Rankin & R Lenihan (Ky). T-W Reese.

8th-AQU, \$41,000, Alw, 3yo, a1m70yd, 1:41 4/5, ft.

GHOST RANSOM (c, 3, Red Ransom--Marital Spook, by Silver Ghost) was claimed for \$50,000 from a 14 1/2-length romp in his last start Feb. 10. The even-money choice was always near the lead and drew clear in the stretch for a 1 1/4-length tally. Lifetime Record: 13-3-1-2, \$75,624.

O-Corbisiero John. B-Edward P Evans (VA). T-Michael E Hushion.

5th-AQU, \$39,000, Msw, 3yo, f, 8.5f, 1:46 1/5, ft. QUIXOTE'S HOPE (f, 3, Conquistador Cielo--A Private Matter, by Private Account), a \$25,000 KEESEP yearling buy, lost all chance in his Jan. 31 Aqueduct debut when he was carried out on the first turn, then faded to finish eighth. He came back to run second, beaten a half length, in the slop Feb. 18. The 7-2 shot was able to make an easy lead, set a moderate pace and hold on for a 1 1/4-length victory. Lifetime Record: 3-1-1-0, \$31,200.

O-Mottola Gary & Kurtin Barbara. B-Burning Daylight Farms Inc (Md). T-Carl J Domino.

◆ **MIDWEST** ◆

Criquette Head to Point Franc for Derby:

Trainer Criquette Head announced Thursday that she is considering a tilt at the Kentucky Derby with her three-year-old colt Franc (Woodman), owned by American Edward Kelly. Franc won his first two starts, but on his third run he was beaten a head by Charmes (Personal Hope), a Godolphin Kentucky Derby nominee, in the Criterium du Fonds European de l'Elevage at Deauville, Aug. 22. On his final outing, he was unplaced in the G1 Criterium de Saint-Cloud. With reference to his last start of the season, Head admitted, "I should not have run him as he was not at his best. You should see a different horse when he runs in the Listed Prix Montonica for three-year-olds (at Maisons-Laffitte, March 24)."

Record Purse for Louisiana Derby/Explosive Bid:

The Mar. 14 GII Louisiana Derby and the Mar. 28 GIII Explosive Bid S. will now both offer \$600,000-added purses, Fair Grounds President and General Manager Bryan Krantz announced yesterday. Depending on the number of starters in the races, the purse of one of the events will offer the largest purse in track history.

Thursday's Late Result:

7th-TPX, \$31,500, Msw, 3yo, 6f, 1:10 4/5, ft. PERSHING (c, 3, Unbridled--Buzz My Bell, by Drone) finished 11th and seventh in his first two career starts, both at Fair Grounds, Dec. 10 and Jan. 7. The 7-2 shot, the full brother to Grindstone (GISW, \$1,224,510) and a half to Western Territory (Storm Cat, SW, \$194,316) and Deputy Bodman (Deputy Minister, SW, \$126,757) was sent straight to the lead, opened up by four lengths on the turn and had enough left to hold on by a length. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-0, \$19,884.

O/B-Overbrook Farm (Ky). T-D Wayne Lukas.

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9th-AQU, \$40,000, (S), 4yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:13, ft.
RHINESTONE DEWEY (f, 4, Double Negative--Princess Halo, by Halo) Lifetime Record: 7-2-1-2, \$54,450.
 O-Edwards James F. B-C B F Corporation (NY).
 T-Harold James Bond.

1st-FGX, \$37,000, (S), 4/up, f/m, a1mT, 1:39 4/5, fm.
LA PLUMA (m, 5, Lord of the Night--Confident Writer {SP}, by Staff Writer) Lifetime Record: MSP, 24-4-3-6, \$112,343. O/B-Tom Ball (La). T-William Stice. *1/2 to Fresa (Strawberry Road {Aus}), MSW, \$427,647.

9th-TPX, \$36,000, 3-4, 3yo/up, f/m, 1m, 1:40 4/5, ft.
OUTLIER (f, 4, Corporate Report--Hot Pillow, by Bates Motel) Lifetime Record: 6-3-1-1, \$74,857. O-L W Z Racing Stable. B-Mary Lou Wootton (Ky). T-Paul J McGee.

8th-FGX, \$34,500, 4yo/up, f/m, a1 1/16mT, 1:46 1/5, fm.
AFFAIR OF HONOR (f, 4, Regal Affair--Special Miscue, by Persevered) Lifetime Record: 15-2-6-2, \$65,545.
 O/B-Bobby J. Jenkins (FL). T-Christopher Candies.

8th-TPX, \$31,760, 3-4, 3yo, f, 1m, 1:40 3/5, ft.
PERSONAL ADVICE (f, 3, Personal Flag--No Holme Keys, by Dewan Keys) Lifetime Record: 8-2-0-1, \$40,160. O-Equinox Stable. B-Derby Lane Farm (Ky). T-Eduardo Caramori.

9th-OPX, \$30,000, 4yo/up, 6f, 1:09 3/5, ft.
WITCHER'S CREEK (g, 4, Star de Naskra--Kiandra, by Shareef Dancer) Lifetime Record: 7-4-2-1, \$89,910.
 O-D J Grum. B-Betsi McCullough (KY). T-Cecil P Borel.

8th-HAW, \$27,000, 3yo, 6f, 1:12 3/5, ft.
HE'S A DRUMMER (c, 3, Spanish Drummer--She's Sultry, by Sun Power) Lifetime Record: 5-2-0-0, \$28,680. O-James M Levitch Jr. B-M. Levitch James (IL). T-Rick Lindsay.

1st-OPX, \$27,000, 3yo/up, 6f, 1:10 4/5, ft.
AIR ROCKET (c, 3, El Prado {Ire}--Runaway Royalty, by Runaway Groom) Lifetime Record: SP, 7-4-0-1, \$87,234. O-Jones Dan & Fletcher Frank. B-P Coppola Albert (KY). T-Robert E Holthus.

8th-LRL, \$27,000, 4yo/up, f/m, 1 1/8m, 1:52 2/5, ft.
GILDED RAINBOW (m, 5, Gilded Age--Rainbow Corner, by Dancing Champ) Lifetime Record: 24-4-5-5, \$111,275. O-Mrs Orme Wilson Jr. B-Wilson Orme Mrs. Jr. (MD). T-Charles H Hadry.

MAIDEN WINNERS:

Teachem Linda, f, 3, Black Moonshine--Song of the Nile, by Upper Nile. HAW, 3-5, (S), 6f, 1:14 4/5.
 B-Donald R Hundley (II).

+ **Skylights, f, 3, Citidancer--Skyjak, by Cojak. LRL, 3-5, (C), 6f, 1:12.** B-Albert H Cohen & Randy L Cohen (Md). *1/2 to Carnivorous Habit (Carnivalay), MSW, \$183,285.

+ **Woody Be Good, c, 3, Colonial Affair--Alyfable, by Alydar. FGX, 3-5, 6f, 1:10 2/5.** B-Mike G Rutherford (Ky). *\$100,000 yrl '97 KEESEP. **Won via DQ.

Quixote's Hope, f, 3, Conquistador Cielo--A Private Matter, by Private Account. AQU, 3-5, 1 1/16m, 1:46 1/5. B-Burning Daylight Farms Inc (Md). *\$25,000 yrl '97 KEESEP.

Liquid Icon, c, 3, Cure the Blues--Belle Noel, by Tom Rolfe. AQU, 3-5, (S), 6f, 1:13 3/5. B-Amherst Stable (NY). *1/2 to Ms. Eloise (Nasty and Bold), MGISW, \$870,982; Belle of Amherst (Far Out East), SW, \$284,614; Belleofbasinstreet (Dixieland Band), GSP, \$141,482; Belle Nuit (Dr. Carter), SW, \$162,392.

Slew Gulch, c, 3, Gulch--Lyphard's Princess (SW-Fr, \$122,912), by Lyphard. GPX, 3-5, (C), 7f, 1:25 1/5. B-Runnymede Farm, Inc & Catesby W Clay (Ky). *\$70,000 yrl '97 KEESEP. **1/2 to Private Man (Private Account), GSW, \$287,280.

Kyle's Lady, f, 3, Kyle's Our Man--Brilliantly Rich, by Rich Cream. OPX, 3-5, 6f, 1:11 2/5. B-Mr & Mrs Theodore Kuster & Holton Ingram (Ky). *\$4,000 yrl '97 FTKOCT; \$41,000 2yo 1998 TEXMAR.

Major Gun, c, 3, Major Impact--Royal Competition, by El Baba. OPX, 3-5, 1m, 1:40 4/5. B-Felty J & Virginia Yoder (Ky). *\$10,000 yrl '97 KEESEP; \$85,000 2yo 1998 OBSAPR.

Shout Out, c, 3, Northern Smartee--Gold Wish, by Gold Meridian. GPX, 3-5, (C), 1 1/16m, 1:48 4/5. B-J D Farm (Fl). *\$7,700 2yo 1998 OBSAPR.

Three Little Words, f, 3, One Little Hustler--Dusty's Word, by Ray's Word. HAW, 3-5, (S), 6f, 1:13 3/5. B-Carl C Dykema (II).

Angels Bounty, c, 3, Pirate's Bounty--Angels Fly, by Flying Paster. SAX, 3-4, (S), (C), 6f, 1:10 4/5. B-Moonshadow Stables (Ca).

I Think I Can Fly, c, 3, Pistols and Roses--Sensible Avie (SP), by Lord Avie. TAM, 3-5, a1 1/16mT, 1:45 2/5. B-Robert E Cseplo (Ky).

Jenisilver, f, 3, Silver Deputy--Inner Strength, by Carson City. SAX, 3-5, (C), 5 1/2f, 1:05. B-Td Racing Stables, Inc (Il). *\$3,500 yrl '97 KEEJAN; \$27,000 yrl '97 WASAUG.

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SAVORING THE MOMENT by John Lee

If any of the high-end handicappers assembled for the Sports Haven Handicapping Challenge back on Feb. 6 had managed to come up with the #9 horse in the first Aqueduct race of the contest, they could have taken the rest of the weekend off. A winning ticket on the third-time starter Barrier Free paid \$338, the highest win payout in New York since a \$434 mutuel in 1943.

"It's unbelievable he paid that much," said Barrier Free's trainer, Sue Duncan. "In his first race he broke greenly and then was down inside. His second start was on a very sloppy track."

That being said, it's not as if she was planning a trip to the winner's circle.

"Going in, I would have been happy to be fourth or fifth," she said.

Barrier Free's win was bracketed by victories from the other two horses in her tiny stable, Wallpaper on Feb. 3 and Not Exactly Monday on Feb. 10, all of which proved therapeutic for Duncan, who was coming off a career low. Her stable stalwart, Petersfield, had suffered a fatal injury in the opener at Aqueduct Jan. 27.

"He was only a \$25,000 claimer, but he was the best I had. He was a runner, one of those teeth-grabbers," she said. "I was totally devastated."

After that, Duncan admitted, "I've found this is not a game for boys in short pants."

But it seemed like a game to a young English girl who grew up around horses. Racing gave her a ticket to tour the world. First stop, France and the Shangri-La of training centers, Chantilly.

"When I was 18 I worked there for Jack Cunningham, who trained for Bunker Hunt and Jacques Wimpfheimer. I'd rub three and ride three. I was one of the first girls to work at Chantilly. The training grounds there are spectacular," she recalled.

After her stint in France she decided to cross the pond.

"In '72 or '73, in the winter, I went to work for Barry Ryan in Aiken," she said. "It was so nice--I could just ride horses and not have to muck out stalls."

With the spring would come her first taste of Belmont Park. She did make a foray into California one winter to work for Bobby Lake, who was there with Alfred Vanderbilt's horses, but most of her U.S. education came at the hands of East Coast trainers such as T.J. Kelly, Peter Howe, P.G. Johnson, Dick Destasio, and Stanley Hough, who helped her get another stamp in her passport.

"I went over to Japan with him in 1982 for the Japan Cup," she explained. "Some other American horses were invited, but couldn't go, so Half Iced was next on the list. The Japanese do a great job. There was no pressure. It was very relaxed."

At least it was until race day.

"The walking ring was surrounded with so many people, it was like going into a room with black-dotted wallpaper," she recalled.

Her memories of Japan gained added luster when Half Iced won the ultra-rich event at odds of 30-1.

The next step on Duncan's journey was to become a trainer, a career move she hadn't planned to make.

"Stanley Hough went to Florida, but left horses with me. Then I got a couple from Joe Cantey to take care of, but I found out you couldn't run horses for two trainers," Duncan said. "What could I do? They said, 'looks like you'll have to take out a trainer's license, Sue.'"

Was it the right road to take? When the off ramp leads to the winner's circle, as it did after Madame Adolphe took the 1996 running of Aqueduct's Gill Next Move H., the answer is a resounding yes. The victory was the highlight of a very good year for Duncan; with only a small string, she earned more than \$270,000.

But times have been lean lately, with only four winners over the next two seasons. The death of her pet Petersfield was nearly the end of the road.

"I was ready to pack it in," she said. "It has been terrible for the last two years."

Then came the winners. Only two months into 1999, Duncan's horses have earned more than they did during all of '98.

And no matter how many potholes she hits, there are moments that make it all worthwhile.

"You have to really like horses, you have to be truly dedicated and you have to savor the moment," she said. "No matter how bad things are, just to come in every morning, to look at the horses for the first time each day--it picks your head up."

Maiden winners cont.

Taken, c, 3, Take Me Out--So Sanguine, by Moment of Hope. SAX, 3-5, (C), 5 1/2f, 1:04 1/5. B-W Lussy (Ky). *\$10,500 yrl '97 KEESEP; \$14,000 2yo '98 OBSAPR.

Pershing, c, 3, Unbridled--Buzz My Bell (GISW, \$223,295), by Drone. TPX, 3-4, 6f, 1:10 4/5. B-Overbrook Farm (Ky). *1/2 to Western Territory (Storm Cat), SW, \$194,316; Deputy Bodman (Deputy Minister), SW, \$126,757; Full to Grindstone, GISW, \$1,224,510.

Ashore, c, 3, Valid Appeal--Gartshore, by Full Pocket. GPX, 3-5, (C), 6f, 1:12. B-Harry T Mangurian, Jr (Fl). *\$70,000 yrl '97 OBSAUG.

Rarelenda, f, 3, Wallenda--Rare Fling, by Kris S. AQU, 3-5, (C), 6f, 1:13. B-Dixiana Farm Inc (Ky). *\$60,000 yrl '97 FTKJUL.

Asherman, c, 4, Proper Reality--Mousam River (SW), by Cohoes. LRL, 3-5, (C), 6f, 1:12 2/5. B-Fuller Peter (Ky). *1/2 to Shananie (In Reality), MSW, \$175,895.

Twickley, f, 4, Sewickley--Speedy Tweetie, by Proud Birdie. LRL, 3-5, (C), 6f, 1:13 2/5. B-Stevens V (Md). *1/2 to Buffels (Vaal Reef), MSW, \$385,173; Speedquestor (Norquestor), MSP, \$166,804; Sylvester Questor (Norquestor), MSP, \$160,098.