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### TEMPORARY MOVE FOR OAK TREE IN 2000?

Sources at Santa Anita say that the Oak Tree Racing Association will have to move its fall meet to either Hollywood Park or Del Mar in 2000. Santa Anita, under new owner Frank Stronach, will undergo major renovations and the entire eastern part of the stands, including the turf club, will be torn down for rebuilding after the track's winter/spring season ends in April next year. Oak Tree, a not-for-profit organization, has been running a fall meet of about 27 days annually under a lease arrangement with Santa Anita since 1969. Several of the Oak Tree stakes are important preps for Breeders' Cup horses. Oak Tree recently disqualified itself as host for the Breeders' Cup in 2000 because the track is being rebuilt. Sources say that Oak Tree has had discussions with Hollywood Park and Del Mar officials about moving the 2000 meet. The last time a major Thoroughbred meet in Southern California was moved to another venue came in 1949, when fire damage forced Hollywood Park to run at Santa Anita. Sherwood Chillingworth, executive vice president at Oak Tree, declined to comment about the association's 2000 plans. Regarding the Breeders' Cup, Chillingworth said, "I don't think we have a chance to host the races in 2001, because what I hear is that they're certain to go to New York (Belmont Park). But we hope to be considered as the host in 2002."

### KEENELAND APRIL CATALOGUES 225

A total of 225 two-year-olds will be offered at this year's Keeneland April Two-Year-Olds in Training Sale, to be held in Lexington Apr. 13. "We've worked awfully hard to make sure we took the right horses and that we had quality. Last year, we didn't have the big numbers, but we had good horses and the results proved us to be correct," Keeneland Assistant Director of Sales Geoffrey Russell said. "This year we've got 60 more horses than we had a year ago, but we haven't compromised one thing." Top sires represented in the catalogue include A.P. Indy, Deputy Minister, Gone West, Nureyev, Sadler's Wells, Seattle Slew, Seeking the Gold, Storm Cat, Unbridled and Woodman. The first preview for the sale is set for Monday, Apr. 5, with a second scheduled for Monday, Apr. 12; both will begin at 10:30 a.m.

### Japanese Stakes Results:

**HANSHIN DAISHOTEN-G2-Jpn**, \$1,010,594, Hanshin Racecourse, Japan, 3-21, 4yo/up, 15fT, 3:13.4, yl.

1--**SPECIAL WEEK (JPN)**, 128, c, 4, by Sunday Silence  
1st Dam: Campaign Girl (Jpn), by Maruzensky (Jpn)  
2nd Dam: Lady Shiraoki (Jpn), by Saint Crespin II (GB)  
3rd Dam: Miss Ashiyagawa (Jpn), by Hindostan (GB)  
O-Hiroyoshi Usuda; B-Hidaka Taiyo Bokujo; T-Toshiaki Shirai; J-Yutaka Take; \$574,107. Lifetime Record: 11-7-2-2

2--**Mejiro Bright (Jpn)**, 130, h, 5, Mejiro Ryan (Jpn)--Reru du Temps (Jpn), by Maruzensky (Jpn). O-Mejiro B.; B-Mejiro Stud; \$232,438.

3--**Suehiro Commander (Jpn)**, 123, c, 4, Commander in Chief (GB)--Suehiro Jo O (Jpn), by Tosho Pegasus (Jpn). O-Midori Jutaku Co. Ltd.; B-Koizumi Bokujo; \$142,822.

Margins: 3/4, 7, 2 1/2. Odds: 2.10, 1.70, 73.80.

The 1998 Japanese Derby winner Special Week won his '99 debut in the Jan. 24 G2 American Jockey Club Cup S. and was looking to make it two in a row here. The colt settled in third early in the nine-horse field, took the lead nearing the turn and held off favored Mejiro Bright in the run to the wire. "This was a very valuable victory and was a big step towards the May 2 Tenno Sho," explained winning jockey Yutaka Take. "I thought that Mejiro Bright might catch him before the wire, but Special Week ran a great race," said winning trainer Toshiaki Shirai. "He has had two good races this year and keeps getting more powerful."

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### STAKES CLOSINGS

**TOMORROW, WEDNESDAY, MARCH 24:**

04-03 \$100/100,000a *Portrero Grande Breeders' Cup H.-II, SA, 4yo/up, 6.5f, (100)*

04-04 \$150,000 *El Rincon H.-II, SA, 4yo/up, 9fT, (150)*



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**Japanese Stakes Results cont.**

**FUJI TV SHO SPRING S.-G2-Jpn**, \$933,227, Nakayama Racecourse, Japan, 3-21, 3yo, 9fT, 1:51.2, sf.

- 1--**@WONDER FANG (JPN)**, 123, c, 3, by Fotitieg  
 1st Dam: **Lovely Star (Jpn) (GSP)**, by **Tosho Boy (Jpn)**  
 2nd Dam: **Good Sapphire (Jpn)**, by **Romulus (GB)**  
 3rd Dam: **Crack Ryu (Jpn)**, by **Hindostan (GB)**

O-N. Yamamoto; B-Nobuoka Bokujo; T-Masazo Ryoke; J-Hideaki Miyuki; \$489,652. Lifetime Record: 7-2-1-0. \*Full to Wonder Perfume, GSW-Jpn, \$1,941,603.

- 2--**Tai Crusher (Jpn)**, 123, c, 3, Commander in Chief (GB)--**Tai Ran Ran (Jpn)**, by **Royal Ski**. O-Meitai Kogyo; B-Meitai Bokujo; \$198,173.

- 3--**Silk Guardian (Jpn)**, 123, c, 3, Hector Protector--**Kachita Girl (Jpn)**, by **Morning Frolic**. O-Silk Co. Ltd.; B-Hosei Farm; \$125,689.

Margins: 2 1/2, 3 1/2, HD. Odds: 22.20, 6.90, 11.60.

Wonder Fang, a full brother to 1995 Japanese 1000 Guineas winner Wonder Perfume, was coming off a ninth-place effort in the Feb. 28 G3 Arlington Cup. The colt took the lead from the start and never looked back, proving himself a candidate for the 10-furlong 2000 Guineas. "We couldn't find an opening from the inside post last time, so we were lucky to break from the outside today. I didn't even ask him until the final turn," said winning jockey Masazo Ryoke. "I hope he can improve a lot mentally," commented winning trainer Masazo Ryoke. "I think 10 furlongs will be no problem for him."

**FLOWER CUP-G3-Jpn**, \$681,387, Nakayama Racecourse, Japan, 3-20, 3yo, f, 9fT, 1:53.7, sf.

- 1--**@SAYAKA**, 117, f, 3, by **A.P. Indy**  
 1st Dam: **Spectacular Sue (GSW, \$169,000)**, by **Spectacular Bid**  
 2nd Dam: **In Concert**, by **Riverman**  
 3rd Dam: **What Charisma**, by **Raise a Native**

O-U. Iyo Syoji; B-Tomonori Tsurumaki (Ky); T-Yasuhiro Suzuki; J-Yoshitomi Shibata; \$359,918. Lifetime Record: 9-3-2-2.

- 2--**Red Chili Pepper**, 117, f, 3, Unbridled--**Raise a Carter**, by **Dr. Carter**. (\$100,000 yrl '97 KEESEP; \$150,000 2yo '98 KEEAPR). O-Kazuko Yoshida; B-Respite Farm, Inc. (Ky); \$359,918.

- 3--**Tenshino Uta (Jpn)**, 117, f, 3, Shanghai--**Crystal Winds (Jpn)**, by **Crystal Palace (Fr)**. O-Keiji Haraguchi; B-Biratori Bokujo; \$89,421.

Margins: 1/2, 3 1/2, 3 1/2. Odds: 3.10, 1.90, 46.30.

**Flower Cup cont.**

Sayaka, breaking from the outside in the 16-horse field, settled near the back of the pack early and weaved her way through traffic down the stretch en route to her first graded-stakes triumph. Favored Red Chili Pepper, runner-up in the Feb. 21 G3 Queen Cup, rallied powerfully down the stretch, but missed catching the winner. "She was a little rank early, but she did relax and gave a good stretch run on the rail," said winning rider Yoshitomi Shibata.

◆ **E A S T** ◆

**Yesterday's Result:**

3rd-HIA, \$15,500, Msw, 2yo, f, 3f, :33 1/5, ft. + **KY. PRINCESS (f, 2, American Chance--Sarazen's Pride, by Zen)**, prepped on the farm for her first start, went off the 7-2 third choice. The dark bay pressed 2-1 chalk Rich Emotions (Rizzi) to deep stretch before driving past for a half-length score. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$9,300.

O-Gary A Sweeney. B-Spring Farm (Ont-C). T-Kate A Francy.

◆ **M I D W E S T** ◆

**Yesterday's Results:**

7th-FGX, \$35,500, Alw, 3yo, f, 6f, 1:10, ft. **SWINGIN ON ICE (f, 3, El Prado {Ire}--Swingin Nickel {SW}, by Plugged Nickle)**, a one-length winner on her debut over this track Feb. 6, was even-money to make it two-for-two. The 1/2 to Queen Of The Ice (Alwuhush), SW, \$155,868, grabbed a short lead after a half, edged clear at the top of the stretch and added to her margin to the wire to post a 4 1/2-length score. Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, \$38,400.

O-Don Amos. B-Don Amos & Suzanne Simard (ON). T-Josie Carroll.

8th-HAW, \$25,000, Msw, 3 & 4 & 5yo, f/m, 6f, 1:10 4/5, ft.

+ **SWEET TEJANO (f, 3, Tejano--Unsaddled {SP}, by Pancho Villa)**, getting Lasix in her career opener, was the crowd's 2-1 choice. The chestnut stalked the pace to the turn, then took over and drew away for a handy 6 1/4-length tally. The winner was a \$43,000 KEESEP yearling. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$15,000.

O-Greco Racing Stable. B-Jack & Julia DeMeo (Ky). T-T H Swearingen.

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**AMERICAN-BRED WINNERS IN JAPAN:**

**Kool Neige**, f, 3, **Forty Niner--Kool Arrival** (GISW, \$422,988), by **Relaunch**. Hanshin, 3-20, maiden race, 7f (dirt). Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-1, \$61,592.

O/B-Osaka Kokusai Mansion, Ltd.; T-M Nishizono.

\*1/2 to **Klassy Kim** (Silent Screen), MGSW, \$647,107. \*\*Never far back, the filly took the lead with a furlong to run and won by two lengths.

**Bakushin Hero**, c, 3, **Sea Hero--Sue's Temper** (SW), by **Temperance Hill**. Nakayama, 3-21, plate race, 9f (dirt). Lifetime Record: 4-2-0-0, \$99,368.

O-Seiichi Yoneyama; B-Fred Bower & Lochness; T-Tsuneyasu Kobayashi. \*\$35,000 yrl '97 KEESEP; \$60,000 2yo '98 KEEAPR. \*\*Stalked the pacesetters before taking command at midstretch and holding on for a neck win. "We were in a good position and the nine furlongs were no problem for him," said winning rider Naoto Ito.

**Naturalist**, c, 3, **Two Punch--Shiitake**, by **Green Dancer**. Hanshin, 3-21, novice race, 9f (dirt). Lifetime Record: 4-1-2-1, \$97,544.

O-Koji Maeda; B-Liberty Hill Farm; T-Yasuo Ikee. \*Full to **Taking Risks**, GISW, \$570,295. \*\*Led from start to finish and held on for a half-length tally. "I am very impressed with his performance," observed winning rider Shigefumi Kumazawa. "Even though they were starting to get to him late, he never gave up."

**Haseno Gulch**, h, 5, **Gulch--Net Dancer** (SP), by **Nureyev**. Nakayama, 3-21, **Prix Harukaze**, 6f (dirt). Lifetime Record: 18-4-1-3, \$531,987.

O-Fumio Hasegawa; B-W. S. Kilroy & E J Hudson; T-Fuyuki Tago. \*1/2 to **Let** (A.P. Indy), SW, \$250,480.

\*\*\$125,000 yrl '95 KEESEP. \*\*\*Rallied along the rail in the stretch and inched clear late to win by a 1/2-length. "The pace was very fast early, but he felt great and I was very confident turning for home," Teruo Eda reported after the winning ride.

**Cheerful Master**, h, 6, **Dixieland Band--Island Escape** (SW), by **Slew o' Gold**. Nakayama, 3-20, **Bloodstone** S., 6f. Lifetime Record: 9-6-0-1, \$582,574.

O-H Usuda; B-W. S. Farish, James Elkins & Bayard Sharp; T-H Uehara. \*\$300,000 yrl '94 KEEJUL. \*\*Took the lead from the start and widened his lead in the stretch to score by four lengths. "I pushed him right at the start, but after that I never had to ask him for anything," commented rider Yoshikazu Yokoyama.

"He has a lot of potential and nobody could catch him today. The sloppy going helped, too."

**Budweiser Announces Irish Derby Bonus:**

Budweiser has signed a five-year extension to its sponsorship of the Irish Derby, staged this year on June 27 at The Curragh. The company also has announced a special \$1 million bonus for the year 2000. The Budweiser Irish Derby Millennium bonus will be paid to next year's winner if the horse has previously won the Vodafone Derby at Epsom, the Prix du Jockey-Club at Chantilly or the Kentucky Derby at Churchill Downs.

**AMERICAN-BRED WINNER IN ENGLAND:**

+ **Shanghai Crab**, c, 3, **Manila--Saraa Ree**, by **Caro** (Ire).

Southwell, 3-22, **Muirfield Maiden S.**, 3yo, 1m (AWT), \$4,474 to winner. O-Christopher Wright; B-Stratford Place Stud; T-Michael Bell. \*1/2 to **Hagwah** (**Dancing Brave**), MSW-Eng, SW & GSP-Ire, \$113,657.

**Jockey's Death Ruled Accidental:**

Jockey Willy Kan's death in a fall at Sha Tin Sunday was deemed accidental by Hong Kong Jockey Club stewards yesterday, who concluded there was no evidence that the state of the track was a factor in the 20-year-old's spill. Detailed video analysis and interviews with all the riders in the race led the stewards to decide there were no grounds for apportioning blame. Kan sustained head and internal injuries after being run over by two horses after her mount clipped the heels of another horse.

**AMERICAN-BRED WINNERS IN HONG KONG:**

**Electronic Zone**, h, 5, **Rahy--La Griffe**, by **Prince John**.

Sha Tin, 3-21, **Hong Kong Telecom S.**, 7f. O-Yip Man Fan; B-Camelot Thoroughbred IV; T-A S Cruz. \*1/2 to **Night Fire** (**Cannonade**), GSW, \$202,475; **Blushing John** (**Blushing Groom** {Fr}), GISW-U.S., G1SW-Fr, \$1,524,606; and **Indeed Slew** (**Seattle Slew**), SP-Jpn, \$999,011.

**Solid Gold**, g, 6, **Night Shift--Brattice Cloth** (SP, \$143,930), by **L'Enjoleur**. Sha Tin, 3-21, **Hong Kong Telecom 1010 H.**, 8.25fT. O-Chan Chi-hing; B-Bob Berger; T-K W Lui.

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**APRIL 13 TWO-YEAR-OLDS IN TRAINING SALE**

**The No. 1 Two-Year-Old Sale for Grade 1 winners**

**Preview Days on April 5 and 12 at 10:30 a.m.**



**Foreign Report cont.**

**South Africa Sale Shows Gains:**

After the first two sessions of the South African National Yearling Sales at Gosforth Park in Johannesburg, both the gross and average had climbed from last year's figures, while the sales topper was, almost inevitably, a son of the hottest stallion in that part of the world, Fort Wood (Ire) (Sadler's Wells). After business closed Sunday night, 209 lots had been sold for \$2,904,418, compared to last year's totals of 198 sold for \$2,708,916, a rise of just over seven percent. The average of \$13,897 showed a slight increase of about 1.5 percent from \$13,681. The sales topper so far at \$104,418 was Wilgerbosdrift Stud's black colt by Fort Wood (Ire) out of Blakes Affair (SAf) (Commodore Blake {GB}). Bought by Northfields Bloodstock and already named Lionheart (SAf), he was the only yearling by Fort Wood to be offered on the first two days of the four-day sale, but the sire of the country's outstanding three-year-old colt Horse Chestnut (SAf) will be represented by five more yearlings over the next two days.

◆ **So. CALIFORNIA** ◆

**Valenzuela's Attorney Predicts Vindication:**

Pat Valenzuela's attorney is confident that the jockey of 1989 Kentucky Derby winner Sunday Silence will be exonerated of robbery charges. Valenzuela was arrested Feb. 26 and accused of robbing a cab driver of \$150 at gunpoint near Santa Anita two days earlier. "If I don't win this one, I'll turn in my license," said Donald Calabria, the second attorney to represent Valenzuela in the case. "The evidence is weak and circumstantial. This is the kind of case where if it gets to the jury, they appoint a foreman and five minutes later they turn in a not-guilty." Valenzuela, 36, has had a checkered career that's been repeatedly interrupted by drug-related suspensions and arrests. The winner of six Breeders' Cup races, Valenzuela hasn't ridden since the fall of 1997. Last Friday, after his bail had been reduced from \$75,000 to \$40,000, Valenzuela was released from custody when his family put up the money. Calabria said that Valenzuela has witnesses who will testify he was elsewhere at the time of the robbery. The lawyer also said that the cab driver has not been able to identify his client, and that Valenzuela will plead not guilty at an arraignment hearing on Mar. 31.

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**ALLOWANCE RESULTS:**

10th-FGX, \$45,000, 4yo/up, 1 1/16m, 1:43 1/5, ft. PHIL THE GRIP (g, 5, Crafty Prospector--Ionian Bride, by Icecapade) Lifetime Record: MSP, 24-6-4-5, \$203,964. O-Saylor Paul H. B-Geret Farm Corp (NY). T-Niall M O'Callaghan.

2nd-FGX, \$40,500, (S), 4yo/up, a7.5fT, 1:33 3/5, fm. ZIP BY ZAK (c, 4, Vilzak--Star n' Garters, by Star de Naskra) Lifetime Record: 9-2-2-1, \$49,020. O-Romero Gail. B-Briley Lonnie (LA). T-John J Romero.

9th-FGX, \$39,500, 4yo/up, a5 1/2fT, 1:05, fm. EXCELLENT LUCK (c, 4, Lucky North--Swiss Excellence {SP}, by Exceller) Lifetime Record: SW, 12-4-2-1, \$341,958. O/B-John A Franks (FL). T-Bobby C Barnett.

10th-HIA, \$22,900, Opt. Clm. (\$150,000), 3yo, 1 1/16m, 1:44 3/5, ft. GOLD CURE (c, 3, Gold Alert--Bedroom Chatter, by Cure the Blues) Lifetime Record: 4-2-0-0, \$33,540. O/B-John A Franks (FL). T-William P White.

9th-PHA, \$21,100, 4yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:11 2/5, gd. NEVER CAN TELL (m, 5, Regal Classic--Azorable {SW}, by Topsider) Lifetime Record: 32-6-4-6, \$108,103. O-Mervin G Smith. B-McClelland D. G. (ON). T-Lisa M Aitchison.

8th-PHA, \$20,790, 4yo/up, 1 1/16m, 1:44, gd. BEST PARTY (h, 7, Carnivalay--Elegant Best, by Run the Gantlet) Lifetime Record: SP, 72-9-15-14, \$172,295. O-Sunshine Hill Farm. B-Frank A. Bonsal (MD). T-Jose Martinez.

**MAIDEN WINNERS:**

+ Ky. Princess, f, 2, American Chance--Sarazen's Pride, by Zen. HIA, 3-22, 3f, :33 1/5. B-Spring Farm (Ont-C).

Fairly Persuasive, c, 3, Bates Motel--Aggressive Lady (MSP), by Imacornishprince. HAW, (S), 3-22, 5 1/2f, 1:04 4/5. B-Tom Dorris (II).

Etaria, f, 3, Eskimo--Shades of Green, by Secretariat. HIA, 3-22, a1 1/16mT, 1:44. B-Sunshine Thoroughbred Corporation (FI).

*Additional Maidens in tomorrow's TDN.*

**Graded SW SISTER ACT** (6 wins & 2 seconds in 10 starts),  
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◆ PEDIGREE INSIGHTS ◆  
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**WORLDLY MANNER, c, 3, by Riverman**  
1st Dam: Lady Pastor, by Flying Paster  
2nd Dam: Youthful Lady, by Youth  
3rd Dam: Slew, by Bold Ruler

When is a race not a race?

The simple answer is when it is a private trial of the Godolphin horses in Dubai. For the last five years, Classic contenders have been jetting into Britain in late April fully primed for their big test, but without any public form to their name since the fall. Instead the horses have been readied in a series of works which, in everything but name, amount to proper races.

This type of Classic preparation has produced rich dividends for Godolphin. Since Dayflower got the venture off to a respectable start with her fifth in the 1993 English 1000 Guineas, the Dubai raiders have enjoyed success with Mark of Esteem (Ire) in the English 2000 Guineas, with Vettori (Ire) in the French equivalent and with Cape Verdi (Ire) in the English 1000 Guineas.

Now American racegoers will have to come to terms with the idea of horses challenging for the Kentucky Derby without the demanding type of preparation considered essential. They will have to take seriously the Godolphin candidates after Worldly Manner clocked a speedy 1:46.59 for nine furlongs in defeating a high-quality collection of colts at Nad El Sheba Sunday.

Of course he is no stranger to American racecourses, having won three of his four starts last year before being sold by the Mabees for an estimated \$5 million. His victories included five-length wins in the GIII Best Pal S. and the GII Del Mar Futurity.

Worldly Manner's emergence as a potentially top-class colt puts another feather in the cap of his astonishing sire, Riverman. Back in January I mentioned, in connection with Mr. Prospector, that one of the unanswered questions in Thoroughbred breeding is whether a veteran stallion can be expected to be as effective in his ripe old age as he was in the first flush of youth. The answer seems to be a definite "yes" where Riverman is concerned.

Although his fertility was naturally in decline by the time he turned 26 in 1995, Riverman sired 26 live foals from the 47 mares he covered that year. It is a small crop by today's standards, but it has already produced two graded-stakes winners bred by the Mabees, the other being Brancaster, an unbeaten winner of both his juvenile starts in England, including the G3 Horris Hill S.

Riverman currently has 62 Group or Graded stakes winners to his credit in the major Northern Hemisphere countries and has also sired important winners in Australia and South Africa. Although the majority of his 22 Group/Grade I winners have been turf specialists, they also include such runners as Latin American (Californian S.), Loup Sauvage (third, Dubai World Cup), River Special (Hollywood Futurity, Norfolk S.) and Virginia Rapids (Carter H.). We shouldn't be surprised, as Riverman is largely a product of European bloodlines which have enjoyed great success, via the likes of Never Bend, Prince John and Princequillo, on America's dirt tracks.

Nor should we be surprised that the Mabees continued to support Riverman into his ripe old age. They have enjoyed plenty of previous success with him in the shape of such as Worldly Manner's three-quarter brother River Flyer (GI Hollywood Derby), River Special and Half A Year (G2 St James's Palace S.).

The idea of sending Lady Pastor to Riverman probably owed something to the fact that she is inbred 4x4 to Nasrullah, through Fleet Nasrullah and Bold Ruler. As Riverman is by Never Bend, Worldly Manner is inbred 3x5x5 to the brilliant Nasrullah through three of his successful stallion sons.

Worldly Manner's fourth dam is Bayou, a champion three-year-old filly out of the outstanding broodmare Bourtai. His third dam, Slew, was a half-sister to Alluvial, a mare who found fame as the dam of Slew o'Gold and Coastal and as second dam of Sleep Easy (GI Hollywood Oaks). Slew herself bred Slew's Exceller, winner of the GI Flower Bowl H., and Youthful Lady, the dam of four stakes-winning daughters including Lady Pastor.

Although Lady Pastor was a stakes winner over six furlongs at two, Worldly Manner should stay the Kentucky Derby distance. Her broodmare sire, Flying Paster, got the distance well enough to finish second in the Santa Anita H. and Strub S., and Youthful Lady is by Youth, a top-class winner at up to 13 furlongs.

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