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## N • E • W • S TODAY

## W • E • E • K • E • N • D PREVIEW

### NYRA RECOGNIZES COCAINE SUSPENSIONS

Two of the three trainers suspended in Florida after their horses tested positive for trace levels of cocaine have been suspended in New York as well. Trainers Mark Hennig and Todd Pletcher were told Thursday by New York Racing Association stewards that they could no longer enter horses at Belmont Park. New York State Steward John Joyce said, "The [New York] Racing and Wagering Board received a fax from Florida [Wednesday afternoon] with the suspension information. We scratched a horse Todd had in [yesterday]. Mark didn't have any running." The third trainer, David Donk, was out of the country when the suspension notices were served. "We didn't get any information on David, so he can still run his horses," Joyce added. Said Donk yesterday morning, "I don't know what's going on. I've been back a couple of days and I heard they were going to serve me today. Then they changed their minds for some reason. I've got a lawyer, but we don't have anything to appeal." A hearing officer in Tallahassee yesterday denied an appeal for a stay of the suspensions while a Colorado lab tested split samples for Hennig and Pletcher.

### LUCKY COIN BACK ON TRACK

Lucky Coin (Chas Conerly), who finished fourth in the 1997 GI Breeders' Cup Mile but came out of the race with a bowed left front tendon and has been out of action ever since, returned to the work tab Tuesday, going three furlongs in :36 4/5 on the Belmont main track. Now six, the gelding has won seven of his nine turf starts. He set a course record of 1:32 for a mile winning a Belmont allowance race in '97 and also captured the GI Kelso H. that season. "He had surgery right after the Breeders' Cup and we've been taking it one step at a time," trainer Richard Nieminski said. "It's like driving down the highway with a blow-out patch on one of your tires. You take it mile by mile."

### Saturday, Hollywood Park

**RAILBIRD S.-GII, \$150,000, 3yo, f, 7f**

PP	HORSE (Sire)	WT.
1	Lacquaria (Bertrando)	122
2	Perfect Six (Saratoga Six)	119
3	Flirtacious Girl (Excavate)	114
4	Dianehill (Ire) (Danehill)	114
5	Mis Upstart (Falstaff)	114
6	Olympic Charmer (Olympio)	114
7	Affirmed Judgement (Affirmed)	114
8	Crystal Ann (Pirate's Bounty)	122
9	Fee Fi Foe (Unbridled)	114
10	Constantly Classy (Desert Classic)	114

### Saturday, Belmont Park

**SHUVEE H.-GII, \$150,000, 3yo/up, f/m, 1m**

PP	HORSE (Sire)	WT.
1	Catinca (Storm Cat)	121
2	Zuppardo Ardo (Zuppardo's Prince)	116
3	Beautiful Pleasure (Maudlin)	113
4	Sister Act (Saint Ballado)	117
5	Let (A.P. Indy)	112
6	Tap to Music (Pleasant Tap)	115

## ◆ TRIPLE THREATS ◆

### Illinois Derby Winner Works at Belmont:

Vision and Verse (Storm Cat), hero of the May 8 GI Illinois Derby, will make his next start in the June 5 GI Belmont S. The Bill Mott trainee worked an easy half in :50 3/5 over the Belmont main track Wednesday.

### STAKES CLOSINGS

#### TODAY, FRIDAY, MAY 21:

09-04 \$125,000e FSS-Affirmed, Crc, 2yo, 7f, (250)

09-04 \$125,000e FSS-Susan's Girl, Crc, 2yo, f, 7f, (250)

#### TOMORROW, SATURDAY, MAY 22:

06-04 \$200,000 Acorn-I, Bel, 3yo, f, 8f, (200)

06-05 \$300,000 Manhattan-I, Bel, 3yo/up, 10fT, (300)

06-05 \$75/75,000a Just A Game Breeders' Cup H.-III, Bel, 3yo/up, f/m, (75)

06-05 \$150,000 True North H.-II, Bel, 3yo/up, 6f, (150)



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◆ FOREIGN ◆

European Stakes Results:

**PRIX DE GUICHE-G3**, \$58,895, Longchamp, France, 5-20, 3yo, c, 9f 55ydsT, 2:10.20, hy.

1--@**VAL ROYAL (FR)**, 128, c, 3, by Royal Academy

1st Dam: Vadlava (Fr) (MSP-Fr), by Bikala (Ire)

2nd Dam: Vadsa, by Halo

3rd Dam: Rainbow's Edge, by Creme Dela Creme

O-Jean-Luc Lagardere; B-SNC Lagardere Elevage;

T-Andre Fabre; J-Olivier Peslier; \$35,596.

2--**Fils De Viane (Fr)**, 128, c, 3, Kadounor (Fr)--Life On The Road (Ire), by Persian Heights (GB). O-Ant. Caro; B-Francois Bayrou; \$12,944.

3--**Tijiy (Ire)**, 128, c, 3, Primo Dominie (GB)--Tijara (Ire), by Darshaan (GB). O-H H the Aga Khan; B-H H the Aga Khan's Studs SC; \$6,472.

Margins: HF, 3, SNK. Odds: 0.30, 4.00.

Also ran: Speed Jaro (Fr), Leave Us Leap.

An impressive winner of the Listed Prix Matchem at Chantilly May 3, Val Royal overcame a pre-race scare when slipping and unseating Olivier Peslier on the way to the post to win in workmanlike fashion. Unlike his previous start, where he was reserved off the pace, the colt went straight to the lead, set a slow pace in the driving rain and turned back all challenges in the straight to record a satisfactory win. He will now head to the G1 Vodafone Derby at Epsom June 5. Winning owner Jean-Luc Lagardere confirmed, "We entered him in the Epsom Derby and as he has done everything right since, we will now take a chance in the race. We have paid £8,000 (\$12,851) for the supplementation and you have to be logical with what you do."

**PRIX LA FORCE-G3**, \$58,895, Longchamp, France, 5-20, 3yo, 1 1/2mT, 2:47.30, hy.

1--@**NOWHERE TO EXIT (GB)**, 128, c, 3, by Exit to Nowhere

1st Dam: Tromond (GB) (SP-GB), by Lomond

2nd Dam: Troyes (GB), by Troy (GB)

3rd Dam: Grecian Sea (Fr), by Homeric (GB)

O-Mr & Mrs Gary Pinchen; B-Cheveley Park Stud Ltd;

T-John Dunlop; J-T Quinn; \$35,596.

2--**First Magnitude (Ire)**, 128, c, 3, Arazi--Crystal Cup, by Nijinsky. O-D Wildenstein; B-Green Ireland Properties Ltd; \$12,944.

3--**Magic Whisper (Fr)**, 128, c, 3, Subotica (Fr)--

Fabulous Noble (Fr), by Fabulous Dancer. O-Ecurie

Noire et Bleue; B-Andre Ben Lassin; \$6,472.

Margins: 2, 6, 2. Odds: 1.00, 2.70.

Also ran: Casamasa (Ire), Spendent (GB), High Moon.

Prix La Force cont.

Having won the Listed Prix de l'Avre at Chantilly Apr. 28, Nowhere To Exit continued his fine form on French soil when winning impressively after an enterprising ride by Richard Quinn despite the persistent rain. Taking command after two furlongs, he set a generous pace; on the approach to the home turn, Quinn made a decisive move, kicking his mount into a clear three-length lead and increasing that advantage to four lengths entering the final two furlongs. First Magnitude emerged as the only likely challenger, but couldn't manage to get to the leader despite Olivier Peslier's urgings. Winning owner Gary Pinchen, a director of the Chelsea soccer club, said, "We wanted some cut in the ground, but [with all the rain] we got a bit more cut than we wanted. We wouldn't want it this soft. Last year we thought he was a handicapper, but he is a big-framed horse and has filled out well. This year he has just done everything we have asked of him and he just keeps improving." Quinn added, "I believe the horse is improving with every race; where he's going to stop, no one knows." The winner will now point to the G1 Prix du Jockey Club at Chantilly June 6, for which he will need to be supplemented.

**BT ALEX. BROWN FESTIVAL S.**-Listed, \$51,847, Goodwood, England, 5-20, 4yo/up, 9f 192ydsT, 2:07.36, gd.

1--**GREAT DANE (IRE)**, 130, c, 4, Danehill--Itching (Ire),

by Thatching (Ire). O-Greenbay Stables Ltd; B-C H Wacker III; T-Henry Cecil; J-Kieren Fallon; \$34,151.

2--**Diamond White (GB)**, 119, f, 4, Robellino--Diamond Wedding, by Diamond Shoal (GB). \$10,313.

3--**Dockside (Arg)**, 124, c, 4, Diesis (GB)--Pump, by Forli (Arg). \$5,015.

Margins: 1 1/4, 2, 2HF. Odds: 9-4, 25-1, 11-2.

**EUROPEAN BREEDERS FUND CONQUEROR S.**-Listed, \$34,779, Goodwood, England, 5-20, 3yo/up, f/m, 1mT, 1:40.05, gd.

1--**#HAWRIYAH**, 114, f, 3, Dayjur--Lady Cutlass (SP), by Cutlass. O-Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid al Maktoum; B-Shadwell Farm Inc (Ky); T-John Dunlop; J-R Hills; \$22,993. \*1/2 to Maceo (Nodouble), SW & MGSP, \$294,546; Lahib (Riverman), Hwt. Older Horse-GB at 9.5-11f, G1SW-GB, G1SP-Fr, \$714,019. \*\*GSP-GB.

2--**Balisada (GB)**, 114, f, 3, Kris (GB)--Balnaha (GB), by Lomond. \$6,908.

3--**Risque Lady (GB)**, 129, f, 4, Kenmare (Fr)--Christine Daae (GB), by Sadler's Wells. \$3,333.

Margins: 2, HD, 1 1/4. Odds: 9-4, 7-1, 11-2.



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**KIRBY'S SONG** (Champion/Classic winner, 1999 SW),  
**PRIME TIMBER** (1999 G2 SW, 4th Kentucky Derby), etc.

**SULTRY SONG**, \$7,500 LF



Foreign Report cont.

**AMERICAN-BRED WINNER IN FRANCE:**

Affiliation, c, 3, Affirmed--Kinema, by Graustark. Longchamp, 5-20, Prix Machado, 3yo, c/g, 1mT, \$14,562 to winner. O-Khalid Abdullah; B-Juddmonte Farms; T-Criquette Head. \*1/2 to Kinema Red (Diesis {GB}), GSP, \$115,404; and Red Earth (Diesis {GB}), GSP, \$242,392.

**AMERICAN-BRED WINNERS IN ENGLAND:**

Forgotten Times, m, 5, Nabeel Dancer--Etoile D'Amore, by The Minstrel. Goodwood, 5-20, Royal Sussex Regiment Apprentice H., 3yo/up, 5fT, \$5,807 to winner. O-John Crook; B-Gainsborough Farm Inc; T-K Ivory. \*1/2 to Bint Lariaaf (Diesis {GB}), MSW-Fr. Salmon Ladder, h, 7, Bering (GB)--Ballerina Princess, by Mr. Prospector. Goodwood, 5-20, A & J Bull Rated H., 4yo/up, 1 3/4mT, \$12,059 to winner. O-M Arbib; B-R Clay & Mr & Mrs M J Ryan; T-P Cole. \*GSW-Eng & GSP-Ity. \*\*1/2 to Capote's Prospect (Capote), SW, \$132,237; and Pico Teneriffe (Red Ransom), GSW & GISP, \$216,776. \*\*\*\$37,000 wnl '92 KEENOV.

**First European Winner for Satish Sanan:**

Two-year-old Bach (Ire) (Caerleon), sent off the red-hot 1-3 favorite on his racing debut against 11 opponents, raced home to win comfortably by two lengths at Ireland's Gowran Park yesterday, giving owner Satish Sanan his first European victory. Trained by Aidan O'Brien, the colt was purchased for approximately \$245,000 at the '98 Goffs Irish National Yearling Sale.

**SO. HEMISPHERE WINNER BY U.S. STALLION:**

Capitalism (Aus), f, 3, Royal Academy--World Party (Aus), by Salieri. Hawkesbury (New South Wales), 5-20, Forbo Floor Coverings Maiden H., 3yo/up, 5fT, \$4,201 to winner. B-Letmar Investments Pty Ltd; T-Jack Denham.

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

The King of Cloyne, c, 4, Chief's Crown--Seattle Kaper, by Seattle Slew. Happy Valley, 5-19, Yau Tong H., 5fT. O-K Lau Ip Keung; B-Stonereath Farms, Inc.; T-A S Cruz. \*1/2 to Kentucky Kaper (The Prime Minister), GSW, \$127,947. \*\*\$28,000 yrl '96 KEESEP. On Fire, g, 5, Time for a Change--All My Memories, by Little Current. Happy Valley, 5-19, Kwun Tong H., 8.5fT. O-Lam Yam-yim; B-Galbreath/Phillips Racing Partnership; T-P. Biancone. \*1/2 to Memories of Silver (Silver Hawk), MGISW, \$1,448,715; full to Memories of Gold, SW, \$114,589. \*\*\$100,000 yrl '95 KEESEP.

◆ NEW YORK ◆

**Yesterday's Results:**

8th-BEL, \$47,000, Alw, 3yo/up, 1m (off turf) 1:35 4/5, ft.

1--SKY APPROVAL, 122, h, 5, With Approval--Skylak (MSW, \$313,034), by Partez. O-Live Oak Plantation; B-Live Oak Stud (FL); T-Patrick J Kelly. Lifetime Record: 31-4-8-3, \$177,349.

2--Be Accountable, 120, c, 4, Belong to Me--Adelphia's Account, by Private Account.

3--Canadeed, 118, c, 4, Alydeed--Ten Guineas, by Strategic Command.

Margins: NK, HD, 1. Odds: 1.25, 7.10, 1.60.

Sky Approval, entered for main track only, sat back off quick early fractions while racing wide. The 6-5 shot advanced steadily through the turn, then gamely outfinished his four rivals.

6th-BEL, \$44,000, Alw, 3yo/up, 6f, 1:08 2/5, ft. BOUGHT IN DIXIE (c, 3, Dixieland Band--Shopping, by Private Account), unplaced in his first three starts, has improved greatly since moving back to New York from Florida. After easily winning an Apr. 30 Aqueduct allowance by 6 1/2 lengths, the homebred was sent off at 3-5 against five rivals. The bay colt pressed the pace while wide, then took command late in the stretch to win by 2 1/2 lengths over Montana Bill (Mt. Livermore). Lifetime Record: 7-3-1-0, \$84,600. O/B-Hobeau Farm (FL). T-H Allen Jerkens.

3rd-BEL, \$41,000, Msw, 3yo/up, 1 1/8m, 1:48 3/5, gd. BILLSTOWN (c, 3, Williamstown--Key to Baghdad, by Key to the Mint) had run second in both starts this year, most recently a seven-furlong maiden event at Keeneland Apr. 23. Sent off at 1-2, the \$95,000 KEESEP yearling purchase went straight to the front and widened his lead at every call to win ridden out by 10 1/2 lengths. Lifetime Record: 5-1-2-0, \$45,140. O-John H Peace. B-Autumn Hill Farms Racing Stable Inc (KY). T-George R Arnold II.

**Three Ring Pointing for Acorn:**

Three-year-old filly Three Ring (Notebook), who finished last of 19 in the Kentucky Derby, has bounced back from the experience and will make her next start in the GI Acorn S. at Belmont Park June 4. She worked a mile in 1:38 3/5 over the main track Tuesday. "She came out of the work 110 percent," trainer Eddie Plesa Jr. said, adding, "I plan on using [jockey Jerry] Bailey in the Acorn."

*Two lengths behind the champion and 16 1/2 lengths better than the rest in the G2 Black-Eyed Susan – DREAMS GALLORE, by*

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◆ MIDWEST ◆

**Wednesday's Late Result:**

5th-LSX, \$25,584, Msw, 2yo, f, 5f, :59, ft.  
 +HURRICANE QUEEN (f, 2, Shuttleman--Tipalock, by Lockjaw) made a quick return on the \$6,500 invested in her at the TEXMAR two-year-old sale. Sent off at 15-1 in her debut, the dark filly vied for the lead before taking command in midstretch and drawing off to win by 1 1/2 lengths over Mysterious Woman (Mystery Storm). The winner was also a \$5,200 TEXAUG yearling. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$15,984.  
 O-Joe Freeman. B-John Henson (TX). T-Caroline Dodwell.

**Yesterday's Results:**

9th-CDX, \$55,260, Alw, 3yo/up, 1mT, 1:35 2/5, fm.  
 1--ROD AND STAFF, 116, h, 6, Marsayas--Bristol Dream, by Quack. O-Plemmons Jim H & Gallagher Liam; B-Plemmons Jim H (KY); T-Bobby C Barnett. Lifetime Record: SW & GSP, 25-7-6-4, \$325,411.  
 2--Richter Scale, 116, h, 5, \*Habitony--Devine Pet, by Bel Bolide.  
 3--Yaqthan (Ire), 120, h, 9, Kris (GB)--Al Sylah (GB), by Nureyev.  
 Margins: 1 3/4, 1, 1 3/4. Odds: 12.50, 4.80, 5.30.  
 Winless since taking the Prairie Bayou S. at Turfway Park in December, 1997, Rod and Staff came back this January after a 10 1/2-month layoff and had been second or third in four of his five prior starts this year. The chestnut missed by only a nose in his most recent try, a Churchill allowance test on the dirt Apr. 29. Switching to the turf for the first time since his return, the 12-1 shot sat third while MGSW Richter Scale set a moderate pace, then drove past that rival in the waning yards and won going away to run his grass record to three wins and two seconds in six attempts.

7th-CDX, \$41,600, Alw, 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16mT, 1:41 1/5, fm.  
 NANI ROSE (f, 3, Peteski--Our Wild Irish Rose, by Irish Tower) broke her maiden by 19 lengths at Gulfstream Mar. 7 and followed that with a third at Churchill Apr. 24 after being transferred from the barn of Robert Reid. Sent off at 1-2 in her turf debut, the \$95,000 FTMMAY two-year-old purchase pressed the pace, then drew off at will to decimate her field with a 17 1/2-length score. Lifetime Record: 6-2-1-1, \$57,350  
 O-Stonerside Stable. B-Ronald Marcus (KY). T-Patrick Byrne.

◆ EAST ◆

**Colonial Downs Fined:**

According to the *Harness Tracks of America* newsletter, the Virginia Racing Commission fined Colonial Downs \$10,000 after the track missed its Apr. 16 deadline to post a \$3.25 million bond guaranteeing 1999 Thoroughbred purses. The bond was posted six days late. Hearing officer Stan Bowker had recommended that, instead of a fine, the track's four OTB facilities be shut down for five days. Reacting to Bowker's recommendation, Colonial President Ian Stewart reportedly said, "It appears that horse racing in Virginia and Colonial Downs are on the brink of mutual destruction."

◆ SO. CALIFORNIA ◆

**Yesterday's Results:**

7th-HOL, \$51,000, Alw, 3yo/up, f/m, 7f, 1:21 3/5, ft.  
 PENNY MARIE (f, 3, Sky Classic--Aspenglo, by Raise a Native), a seven-length maiden winner going six furlongs in her debut at Santa Anita in February, made her second start Apr. 8 at a mile and tired to be fourth. Dropping back an eighth as the 1-2 chalk, the gray filly led every step, opening up to the wire to win by 4 1/2 lengths. Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-0, \$60,240.  
 O-Caufield, Eaton, Sigband, et al. B-Albert G Clay (KY). T-R B Hess Jr.

6th-HOL, \$47,000, Msw, 3yo/up, f/m, 1mT, 1:35 1/5, fm.  
 HOLLYWOOD BALDCAT (f, 3, Kris S.--Bald Cat {MSP}, by Baldski) was tested on the turf for the first time in her last start and finished third, beaten only a length at Hollywood Apr. 29. The 8-5 favorite off the effort, the dark bay was rated near the back of the pack through six furlongs after getting off a step slowly, but circled the field on the far turn and ran down 3-1 Solitary Angel (Dehere) in the lane to post a two-length tally. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-1, \$36,353.  
 O/B-Irving & Marjorie Cowan (KY). T-Neil Drysdale.

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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Hollywood Work Tab:

GSW Indian Rocket (Ire) (Indian Ridge {Ire}), the highweight for Sunday's \$75,000 Radar Ahead H., worked a half in :52 4/5 around the "dogs" yesterday morning...also headed for the Radar Ahead, Sam's (Arg) (Lode), twice a Grade I winner in Argentina and runner-up in a Santa Anita allowance in his second U.S. appearance Mar. 24, went a half in :47 4/5 and GSW Naninja (Alysheba) eased through a half in :50 2/5...prepping for the GI Charlie Whittingham H. May 31, GSW Majorien (GB) (Machivellian), runner-up in the GII El Rincon H. last out Apr. 4, went seven furlongs in 1:29 1/5 and Alvo Certo (Brz) (Tsunami Slew), a champion in his native country and second by a nose in the May 2 Fastness H., went six furlongs in 1:17, both on the turf... MGSW Hal's Pal (GB) (Caerleon), winner of the Mar. 31 Berkeley H. at Golden Gate in his lone start this year, breezed seven-eighths in 1:27 2/5 on the main track for the May 29 GII Californian S. The six-year-old was second in last year's GI Meadowlands Cup.

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**ALLOWANCE RESULTS:**

8th-CDX, \$50,000, 3yo/up, 6f, 1:09 3/5, ft. TROPIC LIGHTNING (c, 4, Ogygian--Mitsubishi Vision {Ire} {SW & GSP-Ire}, by Cure the Blues) Lifetime Record: SW, 20-4-7-6, \$238,175. O-Mersack Ira P. B-Dr & Mrs Ira P Mersack (KY). T-Thomas Amoss. \*1/2 to Tipper Too (Tremolino), SW, \$161,298; and Daiwa Angela (Crafty Prospector), SP-Jpn, \$574,565.

9th-BEL, \$44,000, (S), 3yo/up, 6f, 1:09 2/5, ft. POOSKA HILL (c, 4, Phantom Jet--Mine Tonight, by Upper Nile) O-Timothy Ahern. B-Jim Tim Stable (NY). T-Michael H Daggett. Lifetime Record: 12-3-4-1, \$89,540. \*1/2 to Mine'spro (Distinctive Pro), MSP, \$151,756.

7th-GGX, \$38,475, 4yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:09 1/5, ft. SUNATRA (f, 4, Sunshine Forever--Atrevida, by Vice Regent) Lifetime Record: 11-3-4-0, \$63,360. O-Hollendorfer Jerry & Morphy Sam & Mark. B-William J. Murphy (KY). T-Jerry Hollendorfer.

8th-PRM, \$33,000, 3yo/up, 6f, 1:09 1/5, ft. FUN TO RUN (g, 6, Regal Intention--Stretch Your Wings, by Graustark) Lifetime Record: MSW & GSP, 53-9-11-6, \$271,872. O-Robert B Warnock Jr. B-James E. Day (ON). T-Carlis D Pixley. \*1/2 to Stretch Drive (Regal Classic), GSP, \$133,652.

7th-WOX, \$29,600, 5-19, 3yo, f, 5f, :59, ft. BELLAMANCER (f, 3, Great Gladiator--Fareeda, by Key to the Moon) Lifetime Record: 12-2-5-0, \$64,786. O-Ramos, Roberts & Hardy. B-Grant Roberts (ON). T-James M Hardy.

9th-PRM, \$29,148, (S), 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:11 4/5, ft. ZIGWAY (f, 3, Zignew--Practical Way, by Practitioner) Lifetime Record: 5-3-0-1, \$42,840. O-Bader Farms Inc & Tonderum Paul. B-Bader Farms Inc (IA). T-Mark S Bader.

8th-LSX, \$28,308, 5-19, 3&4yo, f, 6f, 1:10 3/5, ft. SINTRESS (f, 3, Gold Legend--Devilish Intent, by Full Pocket) Lifetime Record: SW, 9-3-1-3, \$84,756. O-Allai, Alexander & Von Hemel. B-Glenary Farm, Inc. (KY). T-Donnie K Von Hemel. \*1/2 to Wantin an Havin (Tsunami Slew), Ch. Older Mare-Jam, MSW.

7th-LSX, \$28,000, 5-19, 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16mT, 1:45, fm. CAPOTIVA (f, 4, Capote--Albonita, by Deputed Testimony) Lifetime Record: 16-5-2-2, \$96,432. O-Triple Joy Farms. B-Atwood Richards, Inc. (KY). T-Barry H Germany.

8th-PIM, \$28,000, 3yo/up, 1 1/16mT, 1:42 4/5, fm. KENTUCKY TIMBER (c, 4, Green Forest--Flapper Dancer, by Fappiano) Lifetime Record: 16-4-1-4, \$49,946. O-Robert L Cole Jr. B-J Mack Robinson (KY). T-Howard E Wolfendale.

3rd-PRM, \$24,984, (S), 4yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:11 2/5, ft. MY SARAH (m, 6, Comet Kat--Jumps Haven {SP}, by Jump Over the Moon) Lifetime Record: 30-3-4-7, \$57,541. O/B-Edward R Amdor (IA). T-Warren E Lamont.

5th-GSX, \$20,600, 5-19, (S), 3yo/up, 1m, 1:38 3/5, sy. KOLUCTOO KRIS (g, 5, Evening Kris--Bare Pockets, by Koluctoo Bay) Lifetime Record: 18-3-3-4, \$42,993. O-Pam Shavelson & Mike Chorna. B-Louis Cocelli Jr. (NJ). T-Pam Shavelson.



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**MAIDEN WINNERS:**

**Alarcity**, f, 2, **Allen's Prospect--Fuel to Burn**, by Northern Native. HOL, 5-20, (C), 4 1/2f, :53 2/5. B-R Mather (Md). \*\$28,000 yrl '98 FTMOCT. \*\*Full to Prospector's Fuel, MSW, \$118,150; ½ to Flaming Emperor (Hail Emperor), MSW & GSP, \$691,356.

+ **Nut N Better**, f, 2, **Miracle Heights--Native Secretary**, by Our Native. PRM, 5-20, (S), 4 1/2f, :53 2/5. B-Shady Bend Thoroughbreds (Ia).

+ **Hurricane Queen**, f, 2, **Shuttleman--Tipalock**, by Lockjaw. LSX, 5-19, 5f, :59. B-J M Henson (Tx). \*\$5,200 yrl '98 TEXAUG; \$6,500 2yo '99 TEXMAR.

+ **Tanta Bertie**, f, 2, **Slew City Slew--Wondrous Me** (MSW, \$110,775), by My Dad George. CDX, 5-20, (C), 5f, :59 3/5. B-J D Santen & Joseph Allen (Ky). \*\$21,000 yrl '98 KEESEP.

+ **Victory Coin**, f, 2, **Tossofthecoin--Victory Found** (SW), by Lost Code. HOL, 5-20, (S), 4 1/2f, :52 1/5. B-Sidney H Craig (Ca). \*Second winner for freshman sire (by Magesterial).

**Doctor Cat**, c, 3, **Belong to Me--Emotional Wave**, by Sham. BEL, 5-20, (S), 1 1/16m, 1:44 2/5. B-Dr Frank Ariosta & E Lee (NY).

**Friend of Mine**, g, 3, **Danzig Connection--Shine Is Mine**, by Majestic Light. WOX, 5-19, 1 1/16m, 1:46. B-Rise 'n' Shine Stables (On).

**Via Cavate**, f, 3, **Devil's Bag--Dinners On Me** (MSW, \$201,653), by Lost Code. GSX, 5-19, 5f, :58. B-Dr A Gary Lavin (Ky). \*\$55,000 2yo '98 KEEAPR. \*\*SP.

**Talkmeister**, c, 3, **Fly So Free--Greek Wedding**, by Blushing Groom (Fr). CDX, 5-20, 1m, 1:37 2/5. B-Centaur Farms, Inc (Ky). \*1/2 to Smart Squall (Summer Squall), SW-Fr, GSP-Ger, SP-Swi.

**Hollywood Baldcat**, f, 3, **Kris S.--Bald Cat** (MSP), by Baldski. HOL, 5-20, 1mT, 1:35 1/5. B-Irving & Marjorie Cowan (Ky).

**Joy Boy**, c, 3, **Marked Tree--Joy the Lady** (SW, \$103,419), by Chidester. LSX, 5-19, (S), 1 1/16m, 1:46 3/5. B-David Unnerstall DVM (Tx). \*\$12,000 yrl '97 TEXAUG.

**Black Tiger**, f, 3, **Miner's Mark--Mystic Moves**, by Green Dancer. BEL, 5-20, (C), 6f, 1:10 4/5. B-William S Farish (Ky). \*\$50,000 wnlg '96 KEENOV; \$40,000 2yo '98 OBSFEB.

**Made in Philly**, f, 3, **Mt. Livermore--Unbeknownst**, by Lyphard. GSX, 5-19, 5f, :59 4/5. B-Hill 'n Dale Farm, Inc (Il).

**Serge to Victory**, f, 3, **Mythical Ruler--Tudor Art**, by Smarten. WOX, 5-19, 1 1/16m, 1:47 3/5. B-James & Janeane Everatt (On). \*\$10,000 yrl '97 CBSSEP.

**Compass Rose**, f, 3, **Northern Flagship--Winsome Pleasure**, by Super Pleasure. BEL, 5-20, (S), 1 1/8m (off turf), 1:55 1/5. B-Jeffery S Lovinger (NY).

**Centsimetubaby**, c, 3, **Saint Ballado--Apres Ski**, by Northern Answer. PIM, 5-20, 1 1/16m, 1:46. B-Red Sunset Farm (Fl). \*\$2,700 wlng '96 OBSOCT; \$15,000 yrl '97 OBSAUG; \$50,000 2yo '98 OBSAPR. \*\*1/2 to Ski Maker (Fire Maker), SW, \$116,372.

**Tequilla Shot**, c, 3, **Summer Squall--Delightful Linda**, by Slew o' Gold. CDX, 5-20, 1m, 1:35 3/5. B-Courtlandt Farm (Ky). \*\$65,000 yrl '97 FTSAUG.

**Billstown**, c, 3, **Williamstown--Key to Baghdad**, by Key to the Mint. BEL, 5-20, 1 1/8m, 1:48 3/5. B-Autumn Hill Farms Racing Stable Inc (Ky). \*\$95,000 yrl '97 KEESEP.

**Sentimental Susan**, f, 4, **Native Prospector--Lady Colleen**, by Mickey McGuire. HOL, 5-20, (C), 7f, 1:23 4/5. B-Winning Ways Stable (Ca). \*Full to Cove Way, MSP, \$228,815; Spirited Susan, MSW, \$363,195; and Spirited Jaclyn, MSW, \$337,113.



## FOALING NEWS

**HISHI AMAZON**, 8, **Theatrical (Ire)--Katies (Ire)** (Nonoalco)  
 Foal born 4-22-99, a filly by Silver Deputy.  
 Will be bred back to Saint Ballado.  
 Owned by Masaichiro Abe.  
 Boarded at Taylor Made Farm, Ky.  
 Accomplishments: Ch. 2yo & 3yo & Older Mare-Jpn, MG1SW, \$6,981,102.

**SKY BEAUTY**, 9, **Blushing Groom (Fr)--Maplejinsky (Nijinsky II)**  
 Foal born 4-29-99, a filly by Deputy Minister.  
 Will be bred back to Gone West.  
 Owned by Georgia Hofmann.  
 Boarded at Taylor Made Farm, Ky.  
 Accomplishments: Ch. Older Mare, MGISW, \$1,336,000.

**FAMILY STYLE**, 16, **State Dinner--Sharp Kitty (Blade)**  
 Foal born 5-10-99, a filly by Rahy.  
 Will be bred back to Carson City.  
 Owned by Brushwood Stable.  
 Boarded at Three Chimneys Farm, Ky.  
 Accomplishments: Ch. 2yo Filly, MGISW, \$1,537,118; dam of Polish Style (Danzig), SW-Fr.

**SAVANNA ANNA**, 19, **Vice Regent--Mount Victoria (Victoria Park)**  
 Foal born 3-19-99, a colt by Pulpit.  
 Will be bred back to Tale of the Cat.  
 Boarded at Offutt-Cole Farm, Ky.  
 Owned by John R. Gaines Thoroughbreds.  
 Accomplishments: Dam of Miss Indy Anna (Apalachee), MGSW, \$349,175; Time Limit (Gilded Time), MGSW, \$379,129.

**ROYAL VALE**, 7, **Ascot Knight--Extrovale (Tom Rolfe)**  
 Foal born 4-6-99, a colt by Saint Ballado.  
 Will be bred back to Boston Harbor.  
 Owned by/boarded at Brylynn Farm, Inc., Fl.  
 Accomplishments: MSW, \$186,645.



## WRITERS UP

### RATING THE RATINGS

By Bill Handleman

A few weeks ago, two of the most influential sports columnists in the country were on national television shoveling dirt on the remains of horse racing. Sure, the Kentucky Derby is an event, they were willing to admit. But look at the ratings, they kept saying. Nobody's watching, except maybe a few hardcore gamblers and a bunch of old people with nothing better to do.

This was the day after 151,000 people jammed into Churchill Downs to watch the Derby, two days after 101,000 showed up to see the Kentucky Oaks.

Didn't matter. Doesn't count. All people know today are television ratings.

It's almost enough to make you think Dick Vitale has a point when he goes off on his annual rant every March. As he says, the ratings for the NCAA tournament don't mean a blessed thing because it's not something you watch at home, by yourself. The NCAA tournament is best viewed as a shared experience, in a crowded bar, in a big raucous room on a college campus with a lot of kids jumping up and down.

But if you think the ratings are irrelevant for college basketball, what are they for horse racing? A hill of beans, right? What does it mean that ABC's rating for this year's Derby rose from 6.1 to 6.3?

Means nothing. Until home betting and racing networks become the new reality for the old game, anyone with even a passing interest in the Derby is going to get in a car and drive to a place where they accept wagers. A racetrack, a simulcasting parlor of some sort, a casino race book, whatever's most convenient.

There were 576 such outlets in the United States in 1994. By 1997, the last time anyone bothered to take inventory, there were 1,020 of them. At that rate of growth, and with the proliferation of full-card simulcasting, you would have to figure there are now at least 1,500 places in this country where they will take a bet legally, parimutually.

Naturally, Derby day would be the biggest day of the year. But how big is big? More and more places have wised up and no longer charge admission. Therefore they don't keep attendance figures.

They know business when they see it, though, and they know how to count money.

A television rating of 6.3 means that approximately six million Americans were watching the Derby. But what about the 151,000 people who were there? And what about the crowds that descended upon all the simulcasting outlets? Don't they count?

At New Jersey's Monmouth Park Saturday the attendance figure was 6,000 on the nose, which is probably capacity for anyone who needs to know. By comparison, there were 2,041 customers the Saturday before the Derby, 2,260 the Saturday after the Derby.

Same thing at the Meadowlands: 3,556 the Saturday before, 3,439 the Saturday after, and 10,636 on Derby day.

While Freehold showed a modest jump--from 3,275 to 5,766 and back down to 3,243--Philadelphia Park and Garden State packed 'em in. For the three Saturdays in question, Philadelphia and its various turf clubs went from 6,639 to 13,426 and back down to 5,846. Garden State went from 3,413 to 7,133, and back to 4,023.

Aqueduct went from 8,043 to 12,288, and back to 6,802.

Then there are the 75 OTB parlors in New York City, including three tele-theaters and a half-dozen restaurants, none of which keep attendance figures. Said Allen Gutterman, senior vice president for marketing, "This Derby day produced the single largest one-day handle in New York OTB history." A history that dates back to 1971.

The numbers? Saturday before the Derby: \$3,646,453. Saturday of the Derby: \$7,046,139. Saturday after the Derby: \$3,660,506.

Noticing a pattern here?

Up in Connecticut, they had 2,625 customers show up at Sports Haven, compared to 827 the week before, 833 the week after. At the Bradley Tele-Theater in Hartford, the fire marshal actually stood at the door to make sure they didn't exceed capacity, and people were kept waiting in line outside as others made their bets and left.

Do those people count in the estimation of the high and the mighty who make sweeping statements about a game they don't know the first thing about?

While there is nothing wrong with the Derby's TV ratings--everyone's ratings are down what with the fierce competition for the nation's eyeballs--a number like 6.3 is insidious in many ways. It becomes the only number that matters to some decision makers, many of them advertisers, many of them in the newspaper business.

Papers are paying less and less attention to racing these days, except during the week leading up to the Derby. For at least one week every year there isn't a paper in the country that can afford to ignore the sport of kings.

So what's the correlation between a week's worth of steady publicity and the fact that business triples at simulcasting outlets the day of the Derby? Is it reasonable to assume that there is some correlation?

This is something the National Thoroughbred Racing Association might consider looking into. Maybe someone over there could find a way to collect attendance figures from all the various simulcasting outlets around the country and get a hold of an adding machine and see what kind of numbers we're talking about.

Either that or we can all sit around and listen to influential sports columnists talk about how racing is history, that the game died 20 years ago, that no one cares.