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GULFSTREAM OPENING A SUCCESS

Gulfstream Park set a record for total mutuel handle on an opening day Tues. when \$6,358,845 was wagered on the 11-race program. That figure represented an 80% increase over the 1993 opening day total handle. The breakdown consisted of \$2,166,563 in on-track wagering (up 2% from 1993), \$488,268 in ITW (up 5%) and \$3,704,016 in interstate wagering (up 280%). Opening day attendance was 18,175, down 2% from last year. "Opening day went terrific," said Douglas Donn, Gulfstream President and CEO. "We were up in handle today from last year even though we opened earlier, which is a negative because it's closer to New Year's. Everybody was very pleased with our paddock area. It's just dynamite. Some of the other procedures we have instituted, such as our new holding procedure in the paddock, worked terrific. We ran the races quickly. We think we will save 20 to 25 minutes in the race day, which was reflected today. We ran 11 races, starting at 1 p.m., and finished at 5:35. Last year, it would have taken us that long to run 10."

SANTA ANITA SHOWS INCREASES IN ATTENDANCE, HANDLE

At the conclusion of the first 7 racing days of its meet, Santa Anita has posted across-the-board increases in both attendance and pari-mutuel handle. Total attendance is averaging 38,911, up 5.4% from the first seven days of the 1992-93 season. On-track average attendance is 20,211, a 1.8% increase. Total handle is up a huge 39%, with a daily average of \$10,093,698. The on-track average handle of \$3,736,336 is up 23.9% from a year ago, and the remaining in-state average is \$3,970,944, up 36.8%. Out-of-state commingled handle averaged \$2,386,419, a 77.8% increase.

Saturday, Gulfstream

APPLETON H.-GIII, \$100,000, 3&up, 8 1/2f(T)
Trainer Bill Mott confirmed yesterday that **Paradise Creek** (Irish River-FR) will run in the Appleton. "He is doing good," said Mott. "He is coming off of a good second out in California [in the GII Citation H.] and has trained well here. I would have worked him this morning, but with the off track I rescheduled for tomorrow." Paradise Creek will be the co-highweight along with **Carterista** (Dr. Carter). "It is a very competitive race," said Mott. "It's a good distance for my horse." Pat Day has the call on Paradise Creek. Trainer Barclay Tagg said yesterday that **Social Retiree** (Cormorant) will run in the Appleton if the turf is firm. The seven-year-old gelding was purchased by Tagg for \$10,000 as a yearling at Timonium. "I was buying a lot of horses for a lot of people and no one wanted to buy him," Tagg recalled. Since then the turf specialist has won 10 of 29 starts and earned \$492,720. "We've had a lot of fun with him," said Tagg. "He can do amazing things on a hard fast track. He can carry any weight and go any distance if the conditions suit him."

Saturday, Bay Meadows

WILLIAM P. KYNE H.-GIII, \$100,000, 4&up, 9f
Slew of Damascus (Slewacide) has been assigned highweight of 121 pounds. Trained by Craig Roberts, the six-year-old captured the GII Native Diver H. at Hollywood, the GIII Tanforan H. at Bay Meadows and the GII Bay Meadows H. in his last three outings. Tom Chapman has the mount. Expected to face Slew of Damascus are **Casual Lies** (Lear Fan), 114 pounds, **Big Pal** (Beau's Eagle), 112, **El Atroz** (Timeless Native), 112, **Misty Wind** (Be My Guest), 112, **His Legacy** (Pocketful in Vail), 111, and **Fernandazo** (Ferdinand), 110.

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Yesterday's Results:

HALLANDALE H., GP, 1-4, \$50,000, 3yo/up, 6f, 1:09 3/5, ft.

1--BINALONG, h, 5, **Known Fact (Juddmonte Farms-KY)--Begum**, by **Alydar**.

O-James B. Tafel; B-Mill Ridge Farm (KY.); T-Carl Nafzger; (\$125,000 yearling 1990 Keeneland Sept. yearling sale); \$30,000.

2--I Can't Believe, h, 6, **Our Native (Pensioned)** --Pajama Girl, by Graustark.

O-JB Racing; (\$5,700 2-year-old 1990 Keeneland Jan. horses of all ages sale); \$10,000.

3--Golden Pro, c, 4, **Distinctive Pro (Sugar Maple Farm-NY)--Solicitous**, by **Cutlass**.

O-J. H. Iselin & R. Kaufman; \$5,500.

Margins: 1/2, 3 1/2, neck.

Second-favorite BINALONG gained steadily and passed the early leaders to increase his wins to 7, money to \$291,876. I Can't Believe, winner of over \$275,000, pressured the pace from early on and led briefly before dueling with Binalong in the stretch. Golden Pro made a late drive for 3rd. Trainer Carl Nafzger said of Binalong, "We always thought this horse would be good someday. He could have gone five for five last year if a couple things had gone differently. He got beat a head by Alydeed and chipped an ankle in the race. He was unsound last year and couldn't go on. He is a nice, competitive sprinter. The only time I wasn't concerned [about him being far back] was when I knew he had crossed the wire." Even money favorite D.J. Cat was eased in the stretch.

9th-GP, \$28,500 Alw., 4yo/up, f/m, 7f, 1:24 4/5, ft.

LUCKY HO (m, 5, Interdicto--Action Street, by *Tudor Grey), a 13-1 shot, 3rd in her last out, tallied her 1st Alw. win since Aug. as she came from near last to gain on favorite and frontrunner Cielo Song (Conquistador Cielo), passing her and scoring by a neck. Income improves to \$64,280; record to 18-4-3-3. O-Sidney Gilbert & J. S. Tierney III. B-Sidney Gilbert (Fl.). T-Chester Bowles.

7th-GP, \$27,000 Alw., 4yo/up, 9f, 1:51 4/5, ft.

BAY ROCKET (g, 7, Forbidden Pleasure--Shiny Jade, by Mighty Gun), after settling just off the pace then taking the lead after a 1/2 mile, widened the gap to 5, then was pressured by late-runner Boss Man Jarett (No Exception) but held on to win by 3 1/2. Placing 3rd or better in last 9 starts, he now holds record of 53-14-15-4; earnings of \$118,268.

O-H. Sachs. B-James Stroope (La.). T-O. Edwards.

6th-GP, \$23,000 Alw., 3yo, 8.5f, 1:46, ft.

WARM WAYNE (c, 3, Affirmed--Winnebago Seven, by Alleged), the bettors' choice, triumphed in his 3rd lifetime start, 1st Alw. attempt, as he came from mid-field to score a 1 3/4 length victory over 8 rivals. Earnings increase to \$30,000 with 2 wins from 3 starts.

O/B-Due Process Stable, Inc. (Ky.). T-R. Nobles.

10th-GP, \$23,000 Alw., 4yo/up, 8.5f, 1:46 2/5, ft.

LAMINATE (c, 4, Exclusive Era--Festivity {G2-\$297,123}, by Spectacular Bid) broke last but recovered nicely in a late surge that took him from 7th to 1st by 3/4-length at the wire. Chalking up his 1st Alw. victory after just missing last out by 1 length, the betting favorite now has stats of 10-2-3-2; earnings of \$52,970.

O/B-Harbor View Farm (Ky.). T-Patrick Kelly.

4th-GP, \$20,000 Clm. \$62,500-\$57,500, 4yo/up, 6f, 1:11, gd.

GALLANT STEP (h, 7, Go Step--Turquoise Gal, by Navajo), a 3xSW in '93, improved his bankroll to \$303,592 after coming from just off the pace to lead in the stretch and win by 2 1/2. Recently running in stakes company, his race record is now 43-15-5-7.

O-R.D. Schibell. B-D.B. Schwartz (Oh.). T-J. Forbes.

2nd-GP, Mdn., 3yo, 8.5f, 1:46 4/5, gd.

SILVER PROFILE (c, 3, Silver Buck--Low Profile, by Cutlass) was victorious in his 3rd career try after placing 1st by disqualification. Favorite Stoner Creek (Cryptoclearance) finished 1st by 2 3/4 but was moved down to 2nd due to a bumping incident with 2nd place My Magic Touch (Fortunate Prospect), also DO'd and placed 3rd.

O/T-Vincent Blengs. B-August Moon Farm (Fl.).

5th-GP, Mdn., 3yo, 8.5f, 1:46 1/5, ft.

LAHINT (c, 3, Woodman--Count On Bonnie, by Dancing Count), a full brother to 3yo champion HANSEL (G1-\$2,936,586), scored in his 3rd lifetime outing coming from the outside to lead after a 1/2 mile and win by 2 1/2, beating odds on choice Signal Tap (Fappiano), a \$390,000 Kee-July yearling. The winner now holds earnings of \$17,170.

O-Gainsborough Farm. B-Marvin Little & Thomas Vanmeter II (Ky.). T-Bill Mott.

Today's Preview:

Four of 1993's top juveniles will make their debuts as 3-year-olds today in the \$70,000-added Spectacular Bid S. at Gulfstream. **Distinct Reality** (Distinctive Pro), winner of the GIII Tremont S., is the morning line favorite. Facing him will be **Ride the Rails** (Cryptoclearance), **Air Mike** (Flying Pidgeon) and **Rizzi** (Afleet), all of who won one or more stakes as a 2-year-old.



FAIR GROUNDS REOPENS TODAY Nineteen days after a seven-alarm fire burned the track to the ground, Fair Grounds Race Course reopens for an abbreviated 60-day meeting today with a 10-race card. A total of 160 horses were entered for the races. Until approximately 5:30 p.m. yesterday, when Fair Grounds officials were given the green light for the public to attend the races at the temporary facility, it was still not known whether the card would be run with fans on hand or not, as city and county inspectors continued their investigation of the new electrical installations. Racing would have been conducted with or without the public's participation, according to Director of Publicity Bill Mooney, who said that 74% of the track's handle is traditionally wagered off-site. Fans will be greeted by a tented grandstand with seating for 3,000, clubhouse seating with buffet dining for an additional 500, modular boxes on the apron, and 100 mutuel machines. The Fair Grounds will conduct racing Wed. through Sun. with daily purse distribution remaining at pre-fire levels of \$149,614 per day, a 22% increase over the corresponding period of last year. "We've got a stable area full of horses just itching to run," said Mervin Muniz, Jr., Fair Grounds' director of racing. "Since the fire, we haven't lost a single horseman. That tells you something about the loyalty people have for this track." Mooney said that Fair Grounds management has guaranteed the jobs of all of its employees, which he estimated at upwards of 1,000, for the duration of the meeting, which runs until March 28. Officials blamed faulty wiring for the blaze.

AQUEDUCT CANCELS RACING Racing at Aqueduct was cancelled yesterday due to a major winter storm that brought snow, sleet, low temperatures and high winds to the New York metropolitan area. "For the safety of everyone concerned--jockeys, horses, patrons, employees--our only move was to cancel racing," said NYRA Executive VP Jerry Lawrence. Yesterday was to have been the start of a mixed program of seven live races run at Aqueduct and five simulcast races from Gulfstream. "You never like to lose a day's racing, but today was even worse because we were kicking off the new simulcast program," said Lawrence. "Everybody was looking forward to the start of the simulcasting from Gulfstream. We'll just have to wait. We'll just have to put off until tomorrow what we were planning to do today."

RACING CANCELLED AT LAUREL Maryland's second storm in as many weeks forced the cancellation of both live racing and simulcasting at Laurel Race Course Tuesday. Weather permitting, Laurel will offer full-card, commingled simulcast wagering

Wednesday from Gulfstream, Santa Anita, Fair Grounds and Bay Meadows. Live racing is scheduled to resume Thursday.

CHANGES ANNOUNCED IN SANTA ANITA BOARDS OF DIRECTORS The Boards of Directors of The Santa Anita Companies announced the resignation of Royce B. McKinley and the retirement of Felix S. McGinnis. Mr. McKinley joined Santa Anita Consolidated, Inc. in 1968, working in several different officer capacities through December 1979, when Santa Anita Realty Enterprises, Inc. was formed and he was appointed its CEO. Mr. McGinnis, who retired upon attaining the mandatory retirement age of 75, joined the Board of Directors of Los Angeles Turf Club, Inc. in 1960, shortly before it became a wholly-owned subsidiary of Santa Anita Consolidated, Inc. As a result of these changes, there are now 12 Directors for Santa Anita Operating Company and 13 for Santa Anita Realty Enterprises, Inc.

BULL IN THE HEATHER POINTS FOR DONN HANDICAP Trainer Howie Tescher had big hopes for **Bull in the Heather** after the son of Ferdinand won the 1993 Florida Derby. But the colt went on to run 2nd in the Flamingo S., 11th in the Kentucky Derby and 8th in the Belmont S. in his final performance of the year. Now, Bull in the Heather is back in training at Gulfstream and seeking to regain his stature. "I gave him all the time he needed to get back to himself and I didn't get serious with him until we came down here," said Tescher. "He really has picked up. He loves this track. He has blossomed and he has worked very well. If he continues on this pace I'll aim him for both the Donn and Gulfstream Park Handicaps." No horse has ever managed the Florida Derby-Gulfstream Park H. double. "I know it is a tough assignment," said Tescher. "Still he is really going well here and I might as well shoot for the big ones."

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Allowance Result:

9th-Suf, \$14,000 Alw., 1-3, 4yo/up, f/m, 6f, ft.
TEDDY'S DOLL (m, 6, **Teddy's Courage--Dolly Mandate, by Mandate**), running as the odds-on favorite, gained steadily on the leaders throughout to triumph by a head at the wire over the the 7-horse field. With wins or shows in her last 5 starts, she increases bankroll to \$98,682 and record to 77-14-7-11. O/T-Emilio Rodriguez. B-Rivergreen Farm (Fl.).

Maiden Winners:

Silver Profile, c, 3, Silver Buck--Low Profile, by Cutlass. GP, 1-4, 8.5f, 1:46 4/5. B-August Moon Farm. *Won by DQ.
Lahint, c, 3, Woodman--Count On Bonnie, by Dancing Count. GP, 1-4, 8.5f, 1:46 1/5. B-Marvin Little, Jr. & Thomas Vanmeter II (Ky.). *Full to 3yo Chp. HANSEL (G1-\$2,936,586).
Awesome Jewell, f, 4, Awesome Count--Barbies Clover, by Three Bagger. Tam, 1-4, 6f, 1:13 2/5. B-L. Greenberg (Fl.).

American-bred Winners in England:

Hillzah, g, 6, Blushing Groom (FR)--Glamour Girl (ARG), by Mysolo. Acorn Limited S., Wolverhampton, 1-3, 12f, 2,243 pounds. O-Mrs. P. Churm. B-H,M,B,K&J Polinger. T-R. Bastiman.
Magic Junction, c, 3, Danzig Connection--Sleeping Beauty, by Mill Reef. Rowan Maiden S., Woverhampton, 1-3, 1m100yds, 3,524 pounds. O/B-Her Majesty The Queen. T-Lord Huntingdon.
On Y Va, m, 7, Victorious--Golden Moony, by Northfields. Oak H., Wolverhampton, 1-3, 7f, 2,243 pounds. O-Marriott Stables Ltd. B-Pillar Stud Inc. T-Robert Williams.

GENERAL SIRE LIST BY CURRENT EARNINGS

Statistics through December 23, 1993

Sire	Strtrs	Wnrs	Prog.Earnings
1 DANZIG (Lure, \$1,212,323)	98	58	\$5,082,552
2 SADLER'S WELLS (Opera House, \$1,016,158)	90	38	\$5,041,941
3 KRIS S. (Kissin Kris, \$1,341,292)	114	62	\$4,850,572
4 MR. PROSPECTOR (Miner's Mark, \$928,570)	102	51	\$4,268,711
5 PRIVATE ACCOUNT (Valley Crossing, \$799,212)	120	67	\$3,940,730
6 DIXIELAND BAND (Devoted Brass, \$330,250)	143	82	\$3,843,603
7 COZZENE (Star of Cozzene, \$1,620,744)	95	52	\$3,691,280
8 CONQUISTADOR CIELO (Marquetry, \$1,084,100)	120	66	\$3,614,285
9 DEVIL'S BAG (Devil His Due, \$1,939,120)	95	39	\$3,595,794
10 STORM CAT (Sardula, \$532,545)	84	50	\$3,496,494
11 RELAUNCH (Gray Cashmere, \$407,317)	125	85	\$3,493,402
12 AFFIRMED (Peteski, \$1,287,150)	101	61	\$3,427,830
13 POLISH NAVY (Sea Hero, \$2,484,190)	65	34	\$3,400,921
14 SKYWALKER (Bertrando, \$2,217,800)	66	33	\$3,307,421
15 PLEASANT COLONY (Colonial Affair, \$776,740)	71	43	\$3,113,930
16 DANCING BRAVE (Commander in Chief, \$1,273,389)	43	23	\$2,997,062
17 BOLD RUCKUS (Bold Anthony, \$224,837)	104	73	\$2,971,550
18 DEPUTY MINISTER (Dehere, \$595,912)	106	59	\$2,939,814
19 MISWAKI (Urban Sea, \$1,032,943)	107	54	\$2,888,461
20 ALYDAR (Adorydar, \$211,425)	121	62	\$2,815,992