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LUKAS OUT OF COMA Jeff Lukas is out of a coma and has been moved to a private room at Huntington Memorial Hospital. "They moved him out of the surgical intensive care unit and into a private room last night," said Peggy Yost, spokeswoman for the Lukas family. "He's out of the coma and listed in serious-but-stable condition." Lukas' condition had recently been upgraded from serious to fair. "Fair in the intensive care unit is about the same as serious-but-stable in a private room," said Yost. "He definitely has not gotten worse. He's showing signs of improvement. He tries to speak, but basically can't. There's a lot of hand movement."

KEENELAND SALE STRONG FOR SECOND STRAIGHT DAY Canadian Frank Stronach paid top price of \$200,000 for a yearling filly by **Seeking the Gold** during Tues.'s session of the Keeneland January Horses of All Ages sale. The filly, out of **Icy Time** (Icecapade), was sold by Oakland Farm, agent, of Versailles, Ky. The yearling is a half-sister to graded stakes winner **Be Cool**. Second high price was \$165,000 paid by Eric Puerari of Paris, France for **Saganeca**. The six-year-old mare by Sagace-Hagletta (Hagley) was a graded stakes winner in France. Gainesway Farm, agent, consigned Saganeca. During Tues.'s session, Keeneland sold 284 horses for \$6,502,500, an average of \$22,896. The average was up a slight 1.05 percent from the corresponding session in 1993, when 271 horses were sold for an average of \$21,783. After two days of the three-day sale, 568 horses have been sold for \$12,286,500, for an average of \$21,631.

CORRECTION: Monday's first session of the Keeneland January Horses of All Ages sale was up 50.8 percent from 1993, not down 48 percent as reported in yesterday's issue. The erroneous comparison figures used were from 1992.

Saturday, Gulfstream

BROWARD HANDICAP-III, \$75,000, 3&up, 8.5f Lion Crest Stable's **Devil His Due** (Devil's Bag), a four-time graded stakes winner in 1993, is scheduled to make his five-year-old debut in the Broward. The Allen Jerkens trainee worked seven furlongs Mon. in preparation for the race, covering the distance in a bullet 1:25 3/5 over the sloppy Gulfstream track. Facing Devil His Due will be six-year-old **Honest Ensign** (Admiral's Flag), winner of the 1992 Broward H., who is coming off a seven month layoff. Four-year-old **Itaka** (Jade Hunter) has won his last four starts, including the Nov. 20 Joseph A. Gimma S. at Aqueduct in his last outing. 1993 Ohio Derby and Flamingo S. winner **Forever Whirl** (Island Whirl) has finished in the money in 9 of 12 career starts. In his last race, the Dec. 18 Sunny Isle H. at Calder, he came off a six month layoff to run ninth. **Powerful Punch** (Danzig Connection), a three-time stakes winner in 1993, and **Meena** (Buckaroo), who has finished in the money in his last five starts, four of them stakes, complete the probable field.

Saturday, Santa Anita

EL ENCINO S.-II, \$100,000, 4yo fillies, 8.5f Perez and Stephen's **Supah Gem** (Gold Meridian), a game second in the Run for the Roses H. New Year's Day, will start in the El Encino, trainer Wally Dollase said Tues. Other expected starters are **Golden Klair** (GB) (Damister), McCarron; **Sensational Eyes** (Roman Majesty), Black; **Stalcreek** (Stalwart), Stevens; and **Tour** (Forty Niner), no rider.

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THE FLORIDA HOPEFULS

by: Frank Carlson

Walking on the backside of Gulfstream Park this time of year gives you the same feeling those early California settlers must have had in the 1800's... "There's a nugget of gold around the next stall door."

The richest crop of three-year-olds in the last 10 years is getting ready to hit the Triple Crown trail. Here's a glimpse of what might be in store May 7 at Churchill Downs.

A strong favorite in the Eclipse voting is Due Process' Dehere, with a record of 7-5-1-0. A son of Deputy Minister trained by Reynaldo Nobles, Dehere lost to Holy Bull in the Futurity at Belmont and to Brocco in the Breeders' Cup Juvenile, but he bled in the Juvenile. The winner of the GI Hopeful and GI Champagne is due to come out in the GII Hutcheson at Gulfstream Jan. 30.

But the Hutcheson will not be a walkover for Dehere. Jimmy Croll is pointing the undefeated Holy Bull (four-for-four) towards the two-turn, mile-and-a-sixteenth race. The Great Above colt beat Dehere to the wire in the Futurity at Belmont and took the Florida Stallion Stakes; he wasn't nominated to the Breeders' Cup.

Stan Hough is planning to send his undefeated sophomore You and I in the Hutcheson as well, but first the son of Kris S. will have an allowance prep Jan. 11. [See Florida Report, p.3] His perfect two-for-two record will be on the line as he faces Crary, by Mt. Livermore, in that non-winners of two event. Crary, trained by Nick Zito and with two wins and a second from three lifetime starts, was second to Dehere in the Champagne.

Zito has another Triple Crown hopeful in his barn. Go For Gin, by Cormorant, who took the Remsen by eight and a half lengths in his last start at two. He is being pointed to the mile-and-a-sixteenth Preview S. Jan. 22.

Another by one of 1993's leading sires, Kris S., is Howie Tesh trainee Happy Fella. Owned by George Steinbrenner, the colt has just one win from four tries, but Tesh will take him down the

same path as last year's Florida Derby winner Bull in the Heather. His prep will be the GIII Palm Beach at a mile and a sixteenth on the turf.

Also getting ready for the Hutcheson is John Franks' Sacred Honour, who is four-for-six. Trainer Ben Perkins Jr. also has Code Home in his stable, but is looking for an allowance for that one.

Yesterday's ugly duckling can be tomorrow's swan, and there are several Florida-based three-year-olds who may become swans on the pond.

Rizzi, from trainer Allen Jerkens barn and with a respectable 5-3-1-0 record, finished up the track January 6; that was after Jerkens had to have his runner's turn downs flattened in the paddock when he learned they weren't allowed at Gulfstream. Another promising Jerkens colt is Gold Tower (3-2-0-1), who may go next in the Preview.

Happy Alter's Halo's Image looked impressive in the six-furlong Spectacular Bid January 5, but while that race has produced top-flight sprinters such as Groovy and Housebuster, it has yet to produce a Derby winner.

Shug McGaughey is sitting on Easy Goer's full brother, Strong Goer, who has not yet reached the track. But McGaughey's best chance may be with Ledford, a Claiborne colt by Forty Niner who broke his maiden at Keeneland in October. Others to watch from that barn are Cagey Bidder, a maiden by Seeking the Gold, and Personal Escort, with stats of 8-2-0-2.

Sonny Hine has a strong contender in Patton (3-2-0-1), who demolished a field of allowance horses in a six-furlong dash January 8.

A few more names to remember: Delicate Cure and Golden Gear from trainer Billy Cesare; Daniel Vella's Road Rush, pointing for the Hutcheson or the Fountain of Youth (February 19); and Whitney Tower, from Frank Alexander's stable, who was third to Dehere in the Hopeful at Saratoga but has been away from the races since.

It was just a couple of years ago that Nick Zito was sitting on an Alydar colt at Gulfstream. The colt had broken his maiden at Aqueduct a couple of months before and got very little attention-- until Strike the Gold won the 1991 Kentucky Derby.



AQUEDUCT RETURNS TO 12:30 POST Starting Sat., Jan. 15, Aqueduct's first race post time will return to 12:30 p.m. This change, along with the time-saving "Quick Official" procedures that will go into effect Jan. 12 are designed to help alleviate time problems revealed during the first week of Aqueduct's mix of live racing and Gulfstream simulcasts. "With the 'Quick Official', we'll pick up valuable time the fans need--both on track and at OTB--to cash their tickets and place their bets," said NYRA Executive VP Jerry Lawrence. "With the move to the earlier post, we're putting some more time back into the racing day." In addition to these modifications, 21 new closed-circuit television monitors have been installed at the Big A.

MAJOR IMPACT RETIRED Glen Hill Farm's **Major Impact** will leave Santa Anita Fri. to serve as a stallion, trainer W.L. Proctor said yesterday. Major Impact, a five-year-old son of Roberto-Conveniently (In Reality), will stand at Jonabell Farm in Lexington, where his 1994 fee will be \$5,000. "I think he'll be a good stud," said Proctor, "and \$5,000 is cheap enough." Major Impact, winner of three races and \$518,138, last raced in the July 3 GI Hollywood Gold Cup, in which he finished third to **Best Pal**. Winner of the 1992 Oceanside S. (1st div.), Major Impact is a half brother to three stakes winners, including 1993 SW Concept Win (Manila).



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Yesterday's Results:

5th-GP, \$38,000 Alw., 4yo/up, 8.5f, 1:45 3/5, sy. **CONVEYOR** (h, 6, **Sharpen Up {GB}--Lucky Lady Ellen, by What Luck**), coming off a 6 month lay-off, tallies his 1st win since setting a new track record in the Gill Grey Lag Breeders' Cup H. at Aqu. in March. The bettors' choice set the pace from start to finish, pressured by runner-up **DANC'N JAKE** (Affirmed--Tamaral), a SW last year and G3-SW in '92. **ALWAYS SILVER** (Spanish Drums--Divine Glory), SW of over \$300,000, pressed the pace through 3 panels but landed as 3rd best. Conveyor picks up new earnings of \$330,456.
O-D.C.B. Farms, Inc. B-Cloyce Cox (Fl.). T-D. Wayne Lukas.

8th-GP, \$28,000 Alw., 4yo/up, 7f, 1:23 2/5, sy. **SWEET BEAST** (g, 4, **D. J. Trump--Finalmente, by Danzig**) led the field in a wire-to-wire gallop that put him in front by 6 at the finish for his 1st score since winning the Mercer Raceabout S. (Med) in Sept. Money earned climbs to \$94,020, race record to 20-5-6-4.

O-William Curtis. B-Howard Crowell & Gerald Gallo (Ky.). T-Robert Durso.

6th-GP, \$26,400 Alw., 3yo, 7f, 1:23 2/5, sy. **YOU AND I** (c, 3, **Kris S.--La Chaposa {Per}, by Ups**) tallies his 3rd in a row after pressing the leaders throughout to gain the triumph by a neck, pushing earnings to \$101,280. The highly favored colt, winner of the Gill Cowdin S. last out, holds impressive stats of 3 for 3. 8-5 second choice **CRARY** (Mt. Livermore), facing a muddy track for the first time, finished third.
O-Triumviri Stable. B-W.A. Fabry & Jeffrey Johnson (Fl.). T-Stanley Hough.

5th-GP, \$25,000 Alw., 4yo/up, f/m, 9f, 1:54 1/5, sy. **RUSSIAN TANGO** (f, 4, **Nijinsky II--Brave Raj {Chp. 2yo-f, G1-\$933,650} by Rajab**) pushed early leader **REGAL RUNNER** (Regal Remark--Dedicated Runner), a recent claimer running as the favorite, before taking the lead in the stretch and scoring by 1 1/4 for new income of \$56,090. Stats increase to 10-3-1-3.
O-Buckram Oak Farm. B-Warren Rosenthal (Ky.). T-Mohammed Moubarak.

4th-GP, \$24,300 Alw., 4yo/up, 6f, 1:10 2/5, sy. **IMTOOCOOL** (c, 4, **Shananie--For Variety, by Triple Bend**) set all the fractions, steadily pulling away for an impressive 8 length win, his 3rd lifetime victory in 11 starts. Grabbed for a tag of \$25,000 in his last outing, the favored colt has now earned \$29,380.
O-J.R. Team Stable, Inc. B-Linda Sorrell (Fl.). T-G. Lotti.

2nd-GP, Mdn., 4yo, 6f, 1:12 2/5, sy. **WIND CHEATER** (c, 4, **Danzig--Queen's Colours, by Reviewer**), coming off a 8 3/4 length loss in his career opener at CD, led from gate-to-wire to score by a neck. The bettors' choice, he picked up winnings of \$11,400.
O-James Tafel. B-Hill 'N Dale Farm (Il.). T-C. Nafzger.

Today's Preview:

First Lady H.-Gill, \$50,000, f&m, 3&up, 6f.
The First Lady H. will be contested at Gulfstream today. Drawing the outside post in the field of 14 was morning line favorite **Ophidian** (Ogygian), who was handed her first defeat in five lifetime starts last out when she finished second by a head in the Gill Virginia H. at Calder. Also in the field are SW's **Jeano** (Fappiano), **Santa Catalina** (Cure the Blues), **Insight to Cope** (Copelan), **Sing and Swing** (Dixieland Band), **Maggie's Pistol** (Big Pistol), **Kimscountrydiamond** (Country Pine), **Super Doer** (Skip Trial) and **Circle Command** (Conquistador Cielo).



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Yesterday's Results:

6th-Aqu, \$36,000 Alw., 4yo/up, 6f, 1:09 3/5, ft.
GOLDEN CLOUD (h, 6, John's Gold--Yellow Cloud, by Duck Dance), running for a tag a year ago and now earner of \$107,129, came off a 3rd place finish and rebounded with a 2 1/2 length tally over next best **STALKER (Stalwart--Hawkeye's Girl)**, a 3xSW in '91 and earner of \$300,000+. Early frontrunner **CHANNELS TITANIC (Titanic--Chanel Solitaire)**, '93-SP and coming off a Meadowlands win, pressured by **Stalker**, faded to 3rd.
 O/B-Hobeau Farm, Inc. (Fl.). T-Allen Jerkens.

5th-Aqu, \$28,000 Alw., 4yo/up, 6f, 1:09 3/5, ft.
WON SONG (c, 4, Air Forbes Won--Lullaby Song {grandam of T.V. of Crystal, G3-\$224,135, by Crystal Water}, by T. V. Lark) led through the last three panels and drew ahead by a 1/2 at the wire to gain his 6th career victory in 23 starts and earnings of \$128,712. Stakes-placed 3 times last year, including the GIII Best Turn S. (Aqu), the recent claimer went off heavily favored by the bettors.
 O-Edward Anchel. B-Michael Campbell & Treasure Hill (Ky.). T-Frank Labocchetta.

4th-Aqu, \$26,000 Alw., 4yo/up, 6f, 1:10 4/5, ft.
KAKARAPIS (c, 4, Cojak--Cautious Fairy, by Neptune), making his 11th start and coming off a Mdn. special win, proved his position as the bettors' favorite with a wire-to-wire triumph of 1 1/4 lengths. The 1/2 brother to **SHADOWMAR** (winner of \$263,580, by Pontoise) gains a new bankroll of \$36,100.
 O-Lack Farms. B-Schoenborn Brothers Farm, Inc. (N.Y.). T-Sandino Hernandez.

7th-Aqu, Mdn., 3yo, f, state-bred, 6f, 1:12, ft.
REACH FOR A STAR (f, 3, Star Gallant--Message Received, by Hoist the Flag), 1/2 sister to **VIGOROUS REPLY** (\$235,965, by Vigers), tallies a win in her 4th career effort, leading the entire way and crossing the wire 3 1/2 in front. Placing 2nd by 6 1/2 last out, she now has an income of \$19,300.
 O/B/T-Stephen DiMauro (N.Y.).

3rd-Aqu, Mdn., 4yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:11 4/5, ft.
MUSKOKA ICE (f, 4, It's Freezing--Muskoka Weekend, by Nostrum), a 1/2 sister to **KARMANI** (\$367,256, by Run the Gauntlet), led early then drew clear to a 3 length score for new earnings of \$44,807. Clear favorite **EX FACTO (Known Fact)** finished 4th but was DQ'ed to last place.
 O-William Sorokolite. B-John Rooker (Ky.). T-Horace Armstrong.

GENERAL SIRE LIST BY CURRENT EARNINGS

Statistics through December 30, 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	\$4,860,815
4 MR. PROSPECTOR (Miner's Mark, \$928,570)	103	51	\$4,283,396
5 PRIVATE ACCOUNT (Valley Crossing, \$799,212)	121	67	\$3,963,910
6 DIXIELAND BAND (Devoted Brass, \$330,250)	144	84	\$3,921,885
7 COZZENE (Star of Cozzene, \$1,620,744)	96	53	\$3,704,407
8 CONQUISTADOR CIELO (Marquetry, \$1,084,100)	121	67	\$3,654,980
9 DEVIL'S BAG (Devil His Due, \$1,939,120)	95	39	\$3,596,164
10 RELAUNCH (Gray Cashmere, \$407,317)	125	85	\$3,543,817
11 STORM CAT (Sardula, \$532,545)	84	50	\$3,517,644
12 AFFIRMED (Peteski, \$1,287,150)	101	61	\$3,431,026
13 POLISH NAVY (Sea Hero, \$2,484,190)	65	35	\$3,409,621
14 SKYWALKER (Bertrando, \$2,217,800)	66	33	\$3,315,821
15 PLEASANT COLONY (Colonial Affair, \$776,740)	72	43	\$3,116,300
16 DANCING BRAVE (Commander in Chief, \$1,273,389)	43	23	\$2,997,062
17 BOLD RUCKUS (Bold Anthony, \$224,837)	104	73	\$2,974,866
18 DEPUTY MINISTER (Dehere, \$595,912)	106	59	\$2,942,409
19 MISWAKI (Urban Sea, \$1,032,943)	107	54	\$2,888,461
20 CRAFTY PROSPECTOR (Infernos Reality, \$116,193)	126	88	\$2,868,786



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Allowance Results:

8th-Lrl, \$22,600 Alw., 4yo/up, f/m, 8.5f, 1:45 1/5, ft.

IVORGOT AGAIN (f, 4, Sir Ivor Again--Wise Empress, by Wise Exchange) gets her 2nd in a row by a head after struggling for a position early on, then finding room to open up in the stretch. The '93 winner of the Silver Ice S. (Lrl) improves record to 28-4-6-5 and income to \$87,709.

O/B-Edgar A. Murray (Md.). T-Linda Albert.

4th-Lrl, \$20,000 Alw., 4yo/up, 9f, 1:49 4/5, ft.

RISKABIT (g, 5, Bet Big--Pronetta, by Mr. Prospector), placed in his last 3 tries, settled just off the pace then pulled in front for a 1 1/4 length win. The odds-on favorite increases winnings to \$40,320, with a new race record of 11-3-1-2.

O-Samuel Rogers. B-Bruce McAlister (Ky.). T-Mary Eppler.

6th-Lrl, \$18,500 Alw., 3yo, f, 8.5f, 1:45 4/5, ft.

PHI BETA (f, 3, Horatius--Carefully Taught, by Majestic Prince), coming off a Mdn. win, broke last but made a late run for the lead, pressuring the early pace-setter in the stretch and winning by a length for new earnings of \$18,565; record at 2 wins in 8 starts.

O-Anderson Fowler. B-Mill House (Md.). T-C. Hadry.

9th-Pha, \$16,585 Alw., 4yo/up, f/m, 7f, 1:23 4/5, ft.

MOMENTO'S LADY (f, 4, Momento {Chi}--Newgroup Lady, by Beat Inflation) led a field of 12 from start-to-finish and took her 1st victory since winning an Oct. Alw., by 3 1/2 lengths. The clear betting favorite, recently seen in the claiming ranks, improves stats to 26-6-8-3 and raises bankroll to \$59,975.

O-Bernard Gorsky. B-Trafford Hilton (Fl.). T-J. Serey.

Maiden Winners:

+Lenape Sachem, g, 3, John Alden--Lenape Rose, by *Meadow Court. Pha, 1-11, 6f, 1:13 2/5. B-Wind O Hill Farm (Pa.).

Reach For A Star, f, 3, Star Gallant--Message Received, by Hoist the Flag. Aqu, 1-11, 6f, 1:12.

B-Stephen DiMauro (N.Y.). *Led wire-to-wire.

Muskoka Ice, f, 4, It's Freezing--Muskoka Weekend, by Nostrum. Aqu, 1-11, 6f, 1:11 4/5. B-John Rooker (Ky.). *1/2 to KARMANI (\$367,256, by Run the Gauntlet).

+Willie Wood, f, 4, Woodman--Willie's Cobra, by Master Willie (GB). Lrl, 1-11, 7f, 1:25 2/5. B-Sabra Enterprises (Ky.).

NEW STALLION FOR 1994

WOLF (CHI)

LANE'S END FARM

dkb/br 1987 Domineau-Luna Fria, by Rigel II
Stud fee: Private

"Brilliant." Trainer Neil Drysdale couldn't seem to stress the word enough when describing former student Wolf (CHI). In 1990, Wolf became the first horse in 24 years to sweep the Chilean Triple Crown. His race record in Chile was a perfect 8 for 8, earning him consecutive Horse of the Year titles at 2 and 3. He was then shipped to Drysdale's barn in California to try and make his mark in America. "He was a very good horse," Drysdale recalled. "He never reached his full potential in North America. He had just started getting going, then he nearly died of colic. After that, we were trying to play catch up." Still, Wolf occasionally managed to display the talent that earned him so much recognition in Chile. "He showed brilliance when he beat Golden Pheasant in a mile and an eighth allowance on the grass at Santa Anita in his second North American start," said Drysdale. Drysdale believes there is every reason Wolf will pass his speed on to his progeny. "He'll make an excellent sire because he had brilliance," he said. "He's an outcross as well. He is also very good looking. He's jet black, really flashy. He suffered bad luck, but was a horse who had brilliance.