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OCALA BREEDERS' SALE AVERAGE UP The Ocala Breeders' Sales Company's annual winter mixed auction began Monday. The 136 lots offered during the first session grossed \$1,654,600 for an average of \$12,166. This represented a 1.22 percent increase from 1993, when 71 lots brought a gross of \$673,300 and an average of \$9,948. Monday's opening session also featured the first phase of the Irish Acres Farm dispersal. The dispersal offered an additional 75 lots which grossed \$704,200 and averaged \$9,389. Seven-year-old mare **Stylish Affair**, a daughter of Raise a Man-Northern Style (Ack Ack), brought top price of \$100,000. Purchased by Leo J. Hamel of LJH Farm in Ocala and a Connecticut businessman, Stylish Affair is in foal to **Kris S**. The top-priced yearling was a Florida-bred daughter of Houston-Cacciatore (Cannonade). She was purchased for \$35,000 by Desmond Castle Farm, agent.

LOUISIANA DOWNS TO TAKE OAKLAWN SIMULCASTS The Louisiana Downs off-track betting season will expand to include Oaklawn beginning Fri., Jan. 21, opening day at the Arkansas track. Oaklawn will join Fair Grounds and Delta Downs on Louisiana Downs' simulcasting schedule.

RACING CANCELLATIONS Freezing temperatures, snow, ice and sleet in the northeast forced cancellations of live racing cards at Aqueduct and Laurel. Garden State has already called off Wed.'s card due to the after-effects of the winter storm. Laurel has cancelled simulcast wagering Wed. due to icy and hazardous road conditions and live racing cards Thurs. and Fri. due to a frozen track.

Saturday, Bay Meadows

EL CAMINO REAL DERBY-GIII, \$200,000, 3yo, 1 1/16m

A select field of six stakes winners is shaping up for the Grade III event. **Bit Of Puddin** (Obligato), winner of the Dec. 31 Bertram F. Bongard S. at Aqueduct last out, is shipping from New York for owner Edwin Wachtel and trainer Howie Teshler. "The flight is leaving Wed. and he'll go to Bobby Wingfield's barn," said Teshler. Bit Of Puddin worked four furlongs in :49 4/5 over Aqueduct's inner oval Mon. "He's a durable little thing that seems to be improving," said Teshler. "I hope he's not just an inner-track horse." Teshler will be in attendance to saddle his first horse at Bay Meadows. Gary Boulanger has the mount. **Delineator** (Storm Cat) worked seven furlongs in 1:27 3/5 Sun. at Bay Meadows in his final preparation for the El Camino Real with regular jockey Russell Baze up. "He was a lot more relaxed today," said Baze. "Of course, he was out there by himself, but I liked the way he did what I asked him to do. He came back a little tired. I was glad to see it. He got a lot out of the work." Delineator, trained by Fordell Fierce, has won four of six lifetime starts, including the GIII Generous S. at Hollywood Nov. 27 and the Leland Stanford S. at Bay Meadows Nov. 6. In his last outing, he finished third to **Robannier** (Batonnier), another El Camino Real probable, in the Jan. 1 California Juvenile S. at Bay Meadows. Robannier drilled seven furlongs in 1:23 2/5 Sat. at Santa Anita in preparation for Sat.'s race. The Mel Stute trainee will have a final blowout Thurs. before shipping north. **Tabasco Cat** (Storm Cat) worked six furlongs in 1:13 3/5 Sun. The D. Wayne Lukas trainee won the Fort Springs S. at Keeneland Oct. 15 before finishing third in the Breeders' Cup Juvenile in his last outing. **Flying Sensation** (Flying Paster), winner of the Oct. 16 California Cup Juvenile and third in the Dec. 16 GI Hollywood Futurity last out, will be ridden by Ron Warren Jr. **Fittobetried** (Unpredictable), winner of the Nov. 26 Foster City S. at Bay Meadows two starts back, will be ridden by Pedro Mercado.

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Yesterday's Results:

8th-GP, \$37,000 Hcp., 4yo/up, 10f, 2:03, sy.

1-EXCELLENT TIPPER (g, 6, Vice Regent--Fast Tipper, by Exceller)

2-Bay Rocket (Forbidden Pleasure--Shiny Jade)
3-Meena (Buckaroo--Emphatic)

Coming from mid-field, EXCELLENT TIPPER found his best stride in the stretch, passing the frontrunners and tallying the win by 6 1/2. Bettors' choice Meena, a 2xSP winner of over \$200,000, had the early lead, but faded to finish behind Bay Rocket. The '93 winner of the G3-Cliff Hanger S. in Sept., Excellent Tipper now has record of 37-10-8-5; earnings increase to \$766,547.

O-Wizard Stable. B-Dresden Farm (N.Y.). T-Rhonda Winsor.

9th-GP, \$23,000 Alw., 4yo/up, 7f, 1:24, sy.

IRISH DOCTOR (GB) (g, 4, Siberian Express--Lara, by Lyphard) posted his 1st Alw. win by 1 3/4, running as the favorite after coming off close 3rd and 4th place finishes in his last two tries. The English-bred now holds career earnings of \$29,990; stats improve to 6-2-0-2.

O-Buckram Oak Farm. B-Buckram Thoroughbred Enterprises, Inc. T-Mohammed Moubarak.

7th-GP, \$23,000 Alw., f, 3yo, 7f, 1:24, sy.

TASSO BEE (f, 3, Tasso--Joe's Bee, by King's Bishop) scored her 1st Alw. win by 5 1/4, setting all the fractions and defeating a field of 10, including Miss Aciss (Sham), 2xSP last year, who came from mid-field to settle for 2nd when she could not get in front. Tasso Bee's earnings now total \$30,460; stats go to 7-2-3-0.

O/B-Mack Robinson (Ky.). T-Frank Gomez.

6th-GP, \$21,000 Mdn., f, 3yo, 7f, 1:25, sy.

RETURN OF MOM (f, 3, Deputy Minister--Counting Rainbows, by Halo), making her 3rd career start, tailed the pace after going a 1/2 mile, then took command in the stretch to post her 1st victory by 3 1/2, beating favorite Sam's Diary (Private Account), also 2nd in her last out. Earnings now \$23,600.

O-Due Process Stable. B-Morven Stud Ltd. (Va.). T-Reynaldo Nobles.

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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THE INSPECTOR

by: Alycia Borer

Consider the prime candidates for 1993's Horse of the Year. Kotashaan won six races last year to raise his career wins to 10. Lure also tallied six victories in 1993 for a career total of 11. Neither came close to the numbers accumulated by another of racing's 1993 leaders. This horse did not participate in the Breeders' Cup. In fact, he only occasionally rose to challenge allowance company. What Inspector Moomaw did in 1993 was to win 12 races, twice as many as Lure or Kotashaan, and more than any other horse in North America.

The story of Inspector Moomaw began April 30, 1987, when he was foaled at Farnsworth Farms in Ocala, Florida. The dark bay or brown colt by Entropy-When You Wish (Carry Back) was subsequently sold as a two-year-old at the Ocala Breeders' Sale of February, 1989 for \$41,000 to trainer Manny Tortora. There were high hopes for the Inspector at the beginning. He struggled through a series of Maiden Special Weights before breaking his maiden in his sixth try, a \$40,000 claimer at Calder. Then came the stakes attempts. As a two-year-old, the Inspector was entered in the Florida Stallion Stakes (he ran 11th) and the What a Pleasure Stakes (6th). He started off his three-year-old season with another sixth-place finish, this time in the GII Tropical Park Derby. This marked the end of his stakes career.

Inspector Moomaw was first claimed March 29, 1991 at Gulfstream for \$7,500. Two claims later, he landed in the hands of current owners David Miotke and Clayton Hurt. Miotke, who lives in St. Clair, Michigan, is in the business of manufacturing boxes. Hurt, who is based in Detroit, has been training horses for 32 years. "We've known each other a long time," said Hurt of his partner. "I met him at the racetrack. We own five or six horses together."

Hurt grew up helping his father, a quarterhorse trainer, around the stables. "It's the only thing I've ever done," said Hurt. He recalls the best horse he ever trained as being a Times Roman colt named Times Movin, who won nine starts for earnings of \$45,584 back in the late 1960's and early 70's. But it is Inspector Moomaw who has put him in the spotlight.

"I found out he won the most races from the guy who writes for the Racing Form down here," said Hurt. Down here is the New Orleans Fair Grounds, where Hurt has been wintering for the past six years. He brought 12 horses down with him this season, including the Inspector. The rest of his horses are spending the winter at his farm in Michigan. When

the Fair Grounds meet ends, Hurt will go back to his base at Detroit Race Course.

In 1992, the year Hurt claimed him, the Inspector won only three races. He was running in routes then, and has since been kept strictly in sprints. "He'll go around also, but he runs a real good sprint," said Hurt. "I'll probably try to run him long again." One thing the trainer won't be trying again with Inspector Moomaw is the grass. "He ran on the turf two or three times, but he didn't seem to care for it too well," said Hurt. Hurt is hesitant to take credit for the Inspector's turnaround in 1993. "Horses get good and they get bad," said Hurt. "He happens to be one that got good. But we do want to hope we made a difference." One man who may have made a difference is the Inspector's groom, Tony Mazzola. "Tony works hard on him," said Hurt. "He likes him. They have a rapport together."

Aside from his obvious will to win, Inspector Moomaw is a completely average horse in all regards, insists Hurt. "He looks just like the average horse. Even his personality you've got to call normal. He can be cocky. He has a little bit of an attitude. But he's not much different than most horses. He's a solid running horse, and a good kid like the rest of them." Another thing Inspector Moomaw has in common with many older claiming horses are the minor infirmities caused by age and years of constant training. "He's had his problems," said Hurt. "He's not 100 percent sound, but he's racing sound." According to Hurt, the jockey plays a definitive role in helping the Inspector win races. "His jockeys more or less hold him together and help him," he said.

Hurt refuses to pinpoint any one of the Inspector's performances as the most gratifying. "Anytime he wins is exciting," he said. Inspector Moomaw will not be moving up to challenge stakes company anytime soon. "I don't think he's that kind of horse," said Hurt. "There's tough competition in stakes." In fact, although the Inspector's final victory last year came against allowance company, Hurt did not hesitate to drop him back into a claiming race for his first effort of the New Year. The trainer insists he is not worried about the possibility of his winningist runner being claimed. "There's always another horse," he said. Inspector Moomaw ran six furlongs against \$20,000 claimers January 13 at the Fair Grounds, and finished second.

Inspector Moomaw only failed to pick up a check once in 19 starts last year. His biggest paycheck was \$5,760 from a score in a \$10,000 claiming race at the Fair Grounds March 11. His 12 wins in 1993 earned him \$52,209, for a career total of \$157,792. Lure earned \$1,202,803 in 1993; Kotashaan earned \$2,602,282. When it comes to Horse of the Year, money and class are what matters. But what Inspector Moomaw was missing in those areas he made up for in another-- wins.