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ARLINGTON ANNOUNCES STAKES

SCHEDULE Arlington International Racecourse will offer 46 stakes races, 21 of them graded, valued at more than \$6 million during its 1994 meet. The 131-day meeting opens Mother's Day, May 8, and runs through October 7. The highlight of the meet will be the International Festival of Racing the weekend of August 27-28, featuring five stakes races on the turf and including the GI Arlington Million, GI \$500,000 Beverly D S. and GI \$400,000 Secretariat S. All three legs of the 1994 Mid-America Triple Crown will be contested on Arlington's grass course for the first time. The \$300,000 Arlington Classic, the first race in the series, moves from the main track to the turf; it is followed by the \$300,000 American Derby and the Secretariat S.

QUEEN ELIZABETH II PROVES BRITISH CITIZENSHIP; RECEIVES SPANISH PURSE

MONEY Spain's racing authorities have paid Queen Elizabeth II the 57,000 pounds in long-overdue purse money, but only after seeking proof that Her Majesty is British. The Queen was owed the money following the victory of her Enharmonic in the GIII Premio Gobierno Vasco at San Sebastian racecourse last August. However, Spanish officials have been withholding the purse because they needed Inland Revenue verification that the Queen was a United Kingdom citizen and entitled to full non-resident tax exemptions. It was the Queen's first winner in Spain.

THISTLEDOWN STALL APPLICATIONS DUE

Stall applications for Thistledown's upcoming meet, which begins Friday, March 4, are due today, Feb. 1. The North Randall, Ohio track will open its barn area to horsemen Monday, Feb. 14; anyone interested can contact the Thistledown racing office at (800) 289-9956.

Saturday, Gulfstream Park

GI \$300,000 Donn H., 3yo/up, 9f

Pistols and Roses (Darn That Alarm), winner of the 1993 Donn H., will be back to defend his title this year. The grey worked three-quarters of a mile in 1:11 3/5 Sunday morning in preparation for the race. "I guess the track was pretty fast, but it was a good work," said trainer George Gianos. His charge has been less than consistent since taking last year's edition of this race, winning just once and most recently finishing fifth in the Broward H. "There is nothing the matter with him," said Gianos. "I think it is just a matter of when he decides to run. It is just a matter of putting forth the effort--the majority of time he does not."

Virginia-bred **Take Me Out** (Cure the Blues) will also make his next start in the Donn. The Bill Mott trainee worked five furlongs Sunday, going the distance in 1:00 1/5. Primarily regarded as a sprinter, the six-year-old stretched out and won the GIII Tropical Park H. at nine furlongs last out. "He was probably never limited to sprinting," said Mott, "I just thought he was a better seven-furlong horse. Seven-eighths to a mile has probably been his game, but he is getting better."

Multiple Grade I winner **Devil His Due** (Devil's Bag), first in the Broward H. in his '94 debut, will try for his second straight at Gulfstream Saturday. "He's training very well for the Donn," said trainer Allen Jerkens. "He's changed somewhat over the past two years. He used to be kind of feisty and headstrong, but he's calmed down. Early in his career, he ran all of his races on the lead. We taught him how to relax and changed his style."

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ON TAP AT • GULFSTREAM

Team Valor Stable's Santa Catalina, winner of the First Lady H. at the current Gulfstream meeting, heads a roster of 18 distaff stars named for the \$100,000 Shirley Jones H. (GIII). The event, at seven furlongs, will be run Sunday, Feb. 6. Gulfstream Racing Secretary Robert Umphrey has also reported that 36 have been nominated to the \$50,000 Noble Dancer H., which is to be contested Wednesday, Feb. 2. The race will be at a mile and three furlongs on the turf and it has drawn the top grass course performers in the East, including Strolling Along, winner of the '93 Lawrence Realization at Belmont Park in his most recent start.

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FAN A CLAIM By Bill Finley

For most people, the only financial stake involved in a day at the track involves a \$2 bet and a \$3 hot dog, both of which are often losers. Who can afford to own a horse? With the pounding most owners take, who wants to own a horse?

The economic realities are unfortunate because there are few thrills in life that equal the feeling that comes from seeing your silks and your horse thunder under the wire ahead of the pack. You own four legs, a head, a tail and a dream. Of course, you might also own a headache, a hopelessly slow sort who eats just as much hay as Seattle Slew but runs like Seattle Sludge, never bringing home a check. It's not for everyone.

Or is it? It is if you follow the vision of Bob Goldberg and Paul Jabber, co-founders of Fan A Claim, an innovative fantasy game that may be coming to a racetrack near you. Through their Las Vegas-based company, Racing Concepts, Goldberg and Jabber are hoping to enlist racetracks to a totally new means of fan participation, whereby any patron could "claim" any horse running at his local racetrack for a modest cost.

While the pair is still polishing the final rules, Fan A Claim will work something like this:

*Any horse running in a claiming race is eligible and can be "claimed" by any fan for 1 percent of the horse's actual price (e.g. a horse running for a \$10,000 tag could be "claimed" for \$100.)

*The fan then "owns" the horse for 90 days. In order for the fan to make a profit, the horse must first earn back his original claiming price.

*Once he does, the fan will earn a fixed percentage (about 7%) of actual earnings. If the same \$10,000 claimer goes on to earn \$15,000 within the 90 days, the fantasy owner would make a profit of \$250, assuming the 7% figure. Of course, if the \$10,000 horse bows a tendon the day he is "claimed" and has to be sent to the farm, say goodbye to your \$100.

Welcome to the claiming game.

Racing Concepts has run thousands of claiming races through a computer program and can accurately set the percentages so the racetrack is all but guaranteed of coming out ahead in the long run,

while the player still has a fair chance of making a profit.

"We are introducing for the first time something that will give the average fan a way of wagering on horses that is completely different from anything he has done in the last 300 years," said Jabber. "Instead of wagering on the outcome of a race, you can enter a fantasy contest and claim any horse and become a fan-owner for 90 days. It's a totally new way of handicapping horses and it will enable the fans to get more action out of racing."

Jabber also envisions having additional prize money paid out each month to the leading fan-owner and to the fan that makes the most successful claim. He would even have fantasy owners standings published in the program right alongside the standings of the actual owners and trainers.

Even if a fan loses money, Goldberg and Jabber want the experience to be a pleasurable one. For that \$100, you will have more than a small financial stake in the horse's future performance. The tracks, under their vision, would treat the fantasy owner like any "real" owner. When your horse is racing, you get into the track for free. If your horse wins, you get your picture taken with him in the winner's circle.

Want to watch him train in the morning? The tracks would set up designated times when the fantasy owners could meet their trainers during morning hours.

"The racetrack will treat you like an owner whenever the horse is running and that's very important," said Jabber. "We want to bring people to the track and promote horse ownership, which is something that racing desperately needs. All of these purposes can be fulfilled if this is put on right by the racetracks. We hope that the aim of the racetracks is not to just make money off of this, but to attract more people to the track."

So far, Goldberg and Jabber have met with several racetrack executives, most of whom have been very receptive. Their primary problems have come from officials from various state racing commissions, some of whom feel the fantasy game is not legal within existing state racing regulations. In some states, the rules are vague and racing commissions seem unsure of which way to go.

Nonetheless, Fan A Claim, says Jabber, is close to becoming a reality. He said that he has two or three racetracks that are very close to signing up and he hopes to have his first track on board by the spring. Racing Concepts intends to start out at smaller tracks to get the game established before trying the major circuits.



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Sunday's results:

DAILY HAI QUEEN CUP-G3, Tokyo, Japan, 1-30,
\$690,612, 3yo, f, abt 8ft, 1:35.3, fm.

1--**@HISHI AMAZON**, f, 3, Theatrical (Ire)
(Brookside Farm-KY) --Katies (Ire), by Nonoalco.
O/B-Masaichiro Abe (KY.); T-T. Nakano.

2-- **Eishin Vermont**, f, 3, Cozzene (Gainesway
Farm-KY) --Slanted, by Sir Wimborne.
(\$215,000 two-year-old 1993 Barretts March
two-year-olds in training sale).

3-- **Tax Haven**, f, 3, Alydar (dead-Calumet
Farm-KY) --Tax Payer's Folly, by Lt. Stevens.
Margins: neck, 1/2, 3.

ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

7th-Suf, \$16,660 Alw., 4yo/up, 6f, 1:10 1/5, ft.
TWINKLE A LITTLE (g, 5, Hurlingham--Twinkle Little
Star, by Beau Gar) steps up in class following a 5
3/4 length clm. win, scoring by 2 1/2 after breaking
near last and sprinting to the victory in the stretch.
New earnings add up to \$69,669, stats now
20-8-3-3.

O/T-John Assimakopoulos. B-Hobeau Farm, Ltd.
(Fl.).

8th-Pha, \$15,500 Alw., f/m, 4yo/up, 5.5f, 1:05
1/5, ft.

TIS A HOOCH (f, 4, Hooched--Tis a Native, by
Native Aid) tallied her 1st Alw. win with a 1 1/2
length triumph after placing 3rd in her last try.
Coming from just behind the pace, she overcame
the frontrunner to improve record to 24-2-5-8;
bankroll to \$51,910.

O-William Kuhn, Jr. & James Thomas. B-Don
Giggle & Bobby Noble (Fl.). T-Wallace Neilson.

MAIDEN WINNERS:

Hope Is Real, f, 3, Gallapiat--Thepleasureisreal, by
What a Pleasure. Suf, 1-31, 6f, 1:16 4/5. B-Dale
Harrison (Fl.).

+ Miss Silver Dollar, f, 3, Tejano--Domadollar, by
Dominar. Pha, 1-31, 5.5f, 1:06 2/5. B-Connie &
Bruce Brown and Windwoods Farm (Ky.). *1/2 to
PECUNIARY (8xSW-\$241,475, by George
Navonod).

GENERAL SIRE LIST BY CURRENT EARNINGS

Statistics through December 31, 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	\$4,290,146
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	\$3,543,804

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