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WARNER JONES PASSES AWAY Warner L. Jones Jr., former chairman of the board of Churchill Downs Inc., passed away Sunday evening at his home, Hermitage Farm, in Goshen, Kentucky. Jones was 78. His death was attributed to complications arising from lung cancer. Jones was first elected to the Churchill Board of Directors in 1941 and was appointed chairman in June, 1984. He served as chairman for eight years; his 51 years on the board is the longest in Churchill Downs history. A native of Louisville, Jones was the only breeder to have bred the winners of the Kentucky Derby, Kentucky Oaks and a Breeders' Cup race; in 1985, he sold a half-brother to Seattle Slew for a world-record \$13.1 million at Keeneland's July Selected Yearling Sale. Jones was also a founding trustee of the American Horse Council, vice president of Breeders' Cup Ltd and a director of the Keeneland Assoc. and the Kentucky Thoroughbred Breeders and Owners Assoc. He received the Eclipse Award of Merit in 1990. Jones is survived by his wife, the former Harriet Seelbach, two daughters, Mrs. Mina Jones Cox and Mrs. Harriet Jones MacLean, and five grandchildren. A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 9 at St. Francis in the Fields Episcopal Church in Harrods Creek, Kentucky.

EPSOM DERBY RICHEST PRIZE IN EUROPE
This year's Ever Ready Derby at Epsom, with an estimated total value of 800,000 pounds, will be the richest race in Europe for 1994. Added prize money, excluding owners' contributions, at the Classic meeting June 1-4 will be 846,000 pounds. Major changes at the meet include moving the Ever Ready Coronation Cup, traditionally run on the second afternoon, to the third afternoon (Friday). The Steve Donoghue Apprentice H., known as the claimer's Derby, will be brought forward from the track's August meeting and run as part of Thursday's card.
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TRIPLE CROWN TRAIL

Feb. 12--
\$50,000a Whirlaway Breeders' Cup S., 8.5f, Aqu.
\$50,000 Mountain Valley S., 6f, Oaklawn
\$40,000 Cincinnati Trophy S., 6.5f, Turfway

Feb. 13--
Gill \$75,000a San Vicente S., 7f, Santa Anita
\$30,000 Le Comte S., 8f, Fair Grounds

There are five stakes for the three-year-olds around the country this weekend, headed by the Gill San Vicente Breeders' Cup. Possible starters for the seven-furlong event are **Fly'n J. Bryan** (Ogygian); Turfway's Prevue S. winner **Powis Castle** (Rare Brick) with a record of three wins from four starts; Gill SW **Ramblin Guy** (Ogygian), third in the San Miguel in his '94 debut; impressive maiden winner **Strodes Creek** (Halo) and **Numerous** (Mr. Prospector), a \$1.7 million sales yearling who was second by a nose in his first start of the year, a Santa Anita allowance Jan. 30.

The talented three-year-old **Polar Expedition** (Kodiack) will make his '94 debut in the Mountain Valley S. at Oaklawn Saturday. A winner in five of his six career starts, the Hugh Robertson trainee closed his '93 campaign with a sweep of four stakes--the Breeders' Futurity, Arlington-Washington Futurity, Arch Ward Breeders' Cup and Honest Pleasure. "Our plans are to run here Saturday, then come back in the Rebel S., April 2. We hope by then our horse will have proved himself a bona fide Derby three-year-old," said Robertson. Also probable are Dixieland S. winner **Feel Lucky** (Silver Ghost), **Gimme Glory** (Wayne's Crane), **Set Records** (Sauce Boat) and San Miguel victor **Mr. Cooperative** (Raja's Best Boy).

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GULFSTREAM A 'CASTING HIT

By Bill Finley, New York Daily News

From Ozone Park to New Hampshire to Quebec, out to Oregon, they are betting on racing from Gulfstream Park. In South Florida, it's warm, the racing is good, the purses are growing. The problems of the sport still exist, but they exist someplace other than here.

It's starting to happen, just as everyone predicted. Gulfstream is becoming the sport's first supertrack, a racing center that feeds off the rest of the country through simulcasting, a strong track that is becoming a monster as the weak tracks readjust to the economic realities of the business.

"The numbers at this meet have been just awesome," Gulfstream Secretary-Treasurer Mark Gunderson said. "Almost everywhere the laws allow them to, tracks are taking our racing (through simulcasting), and we're counting on further liberalization of laws in other states and increased business from existing simulcast players once they become more accustomed to the product."

The average daily handle at the meet is \$8.2 million and a record handle was reached Saturday (Jan. 22) when \$10.4 million was bet into the Gulfstream pools. If the weather improves in the Northeast, business can only get better. And the current totals do not include another \$1.5 million or so bet each day in Canada but not commingled into the Gulfstream pools. Gunderson projects that \$547 million, which includes the Canadian money, will be wagered on Gulfstream racing during the 62-day meet.

This is the magic of simulcasting. The \$10.4-million handle that Saturday included \$7.8 million bet off track. There are 464 off-track sites where you can bet on racing from Gulfstream, including Scarlett O'Hara's, a topless bar in Sioux Falls, S.D., making it the only place on earth you can watch Dehere and Candy Canteloupes at the same time.

Record handle means record purses. Record purses mean outstanding racing. An all-star team of three-year-olds is here preparing for the Kentucky Derby, including Dehere, Holy Bull, Go for Gin, Crary and You and I. The daily racing

cards are excellent. Fields are full and the 7-2 favorite, almost unheard of in New York, is a common occurrence. Next to Saratoga, this is arguably the best race meet in the country outside of California.

"It's as competitive as Belmont here, probably more so," trainer Tom Skiffington said. "You had better take a horse worth \$100,000 and run for \$50,000 if you want to win here. You have the best horses from the East, from the Midwest and from New England. Then you have the regular Florida horses, every one of which runs their eyeballs out. Here you find out right away if you have a horse that can run."

Gulfstream has gotten caught up in a cycle that quite literally has no end to it. The better it gets, the more outside tracks will simulcast its races. That means better purses, which means still better horses, which means still more wagering. Already, the exodus out of New York for the winter is greater than ever because purses at Gulfstream are on par with Aqueduct purses. In the cycle, growth is the catalyst for more growth.

What we may be seeing is the start of a new face shaping horse racing in this country. As the supertrack grows, the smaller tracks will have less reason to race, particularly in the winter. It will be just as profitable to simulcast and the patrons eventually may come to prefer betting on quality simulcasts to cheap live racing. The sport may eventually come full circle, back to a time when no one heard of winter racing in places such as New York and New Jersey.

"Horse racing was popular initially but has been under siege for 20 years," Gulfstream President and CEO Doug Donn said. "What I'm starting to believe is that it was popular not because of horse racing itself, but because we were in the gambling business and no one else was. Once other forms of gambling came in, we found we couldn't compete. If there had been all that gaming then, there never would have been as many racetracks and races. Look at places where racing is wildly popular with huge handles, like Japan. There are a lot more restrictions on the amount of racing there."

It's obvious that dramatic changes are in store for this sport in the years ahead. In South Florida, the first steps are under way.

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Sunday's Results:

- TOKYO SHINBUN HAI-G3**, Tokyo, Japan, 2-6,
\$381,711, 4yo/up, 8fT, 1:33 3/5, fm.
- 1--**SEKITEI RYU O**, h, 5, **Tosho Boy** --**Rainbow Rose**,
by **First Family**. O-Shingen Kanko; B-lide Farm;
T-Toshibumi Fujiwara.
- 2--**Ken Tony O**, c, 4, **Tony Bin** --**Ken Madonna**, by
Don.
- 3--**Meisho Regnum**, h, 6, **Bellman** (Pensioned)
--**Higashi Hawk**, by **Sea Hawk**.
Margins: 1/2, 1 1/4, head.
- KISARAGI SHO (NHK SHO)-G3**, Tokyo, Japan, 2-6,
\$372,834, 3yo, 10fT, 2:07 2/5, fm.
- 1--**SAMSON BIG**, c, 3, **Sakura Shori** --**Shunichi Okan**,
by **Floribunda**. O-Yoshiko Tanaka; B-Samson Farm;
T-Yukiharu Shikato.
- 2--**lide Liner**, c, 3, **Merry Nice** --**Kalista Esper**, by **Royal
Ski**.
- 3--**Taiki Duke**, c, 3, **Dance of Life** --**Hills of Heather**,
by **Cure the Blues**.
Margins: Head, neck, 1 3/4.

ALLOWANCE RESULT:

9th-Suf, \$16,660 Alw., f/m, 4yo/up, 6f, 1:13 3/5, ft.
PROMISE ME HOPE (m, 6, **Gallapiat--Isle of Winds**, by
Windy Sands) paid \$50.60 winning her '94 debut; her
1st victory since taking a Rkm Alw. last July. Fa-
vored **Foxy Episode** (Regal and Royal), a SW of over
\$160,000 who placed 3rd in the **Red Holman S.** last
year, failed to threaten and finished last. Winner im-
proves to 43-5-5-6; \$56,443.
O-Curtis & William Stathis. B-Dale Harrison (Fl.).
T-Arthur Maniatis.

MAIDEN WINNERS:

Co Art, g, 3, **Copelan**--**School of Art**, by ***Noholme II**.
Suf, 2-7, 6f, 1:14 2/5. B-Fred Hooper (Fl.).
Landed **Gold**, g, 3, **Far Out East**--**Ingoldsby**, by **Screen
King**. Suf, 2-7, 1m70yds, 1:49. B-Mr. and Mrs.
Kelly Rhodes (Ky.). *1/2 to **MAPLE LAKE**
(\$273,901, by **Varick**).

AMERICAN-BRED WINNERS IN ENGLAND:

- L'Etat C'est Moi**, f, 3, **Danzig Connection**--**Sounds of
Secret**, by **Secretariat**. **Wolverhampton**, 2/5, **Robin
Maiden S.**, 6f, 3,260 pounds. O-H.
deKwiatkowski. B-Kennelot Stables Ltd. T-Lord
Huntingdon.
- Nornax Lad**, h, 6, **Northern Baby**--**Naxos**, by **Big
Spruce**. **Lingfield**, 2/5, **Collingwood H.**, 13 f, 2,976
pounds. O-Ladyswood Racing Club. B-Hillfields
Farm. T-M. Meade.
- Saddlehome**, g, 5, **Aragon**--**Kesarini**, by **Singh**.
Wolverhampton, 2/5, **Starling H.**, 5f, 3,173 pounds.
O-K. Shaw. B-Saddle Home Farm. T-D. Barron.
- Second Colours**, g, 4, **Timeless Moment**--**Ruffled Silk**,
by **Our Hero**. **Lingfield**, 2/5, **Jervis H.**, 7f, 3,319
pounds. O-P. Savill. B-Dinnaken Farm. T-Mrs. M.
Reveley.

News cont.

CROWN PRINCE'S SON WINS CROWN

PRINCE CUP Wiorno (Wassl), owned by **Mittib**, the
son of Saudi Arabia's Crown Prince, captured the
Crown Prince Cup in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia Sunday.
Ridden by jockey **John Reid**, the six-year-old defeated
Danae de Bruie to take the 40,000 pound purse, with
Another Review third. **Wiorno** won the **King's Cup** in
Riyadh last year, and was second to **Opera House** in
the 1992 **Brigadier Gerard S.** at Sandown. American
export **Another Review** (Buckaroo) earned \$752,370
in the U.S., winning the **GI Californian** and the **GI San
Bernadino H.** in 1992.

ECLIPSE-WINNING OWNER TAKES FIVE AT OAKLAWN

John Franks, 1993's **Eclipse Award**-
winning owner, had five winners at **Oaklawn Park**
Saturday. **Franks'** big day was capped off by a victo-
ry in the \$58,500 **American Beauty S.** with **Parisian
Flight** (**Concorde Bound**)--it was the mare's seventh
stakes win, and gave trainer **Bobby Barnett** his fourth
victory of the afternoon.

FOALING NEWS:

WHY GO ON DREAMING, 7, **Danzig-Heatherten** (GI,
\$1,019,888) (Forceten)
Foal born 1-25-94, a colt by **Homebuilder**.
Foaled in Kentucky; owned by **John Franks**.
Accomplishments: SP earner of \$102,068.