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AQUEDUCT CANCELS Live racing and simulcasting were cancelled at Aqueduct Tuesday and Wednesday due to the forecast of eight to 12 inches of snow with the likelihood of freezing rain. Wednesday's Aqueduct card will be run Thursday. The card drawn Tuesday will be run Friday. Aqueduct will offer nine-race cards plus five Gulfstream simulcasts this Saturday and Sunday as well as the Saturday, Sunday and Monday of Presidents' Weekend, Feb. 19, 20 and 21. Philadelphia Park also cancelled Tuesday.

SANTA ANITA INSTITUTES QUICK OFFICIAL Santa Anita will institute a quick official procedure as of Wednesday's racing card. The quick official will take place only when the stewards are satisfied there were no incidents in the race and no participants signify that they want to claim foul. Jockeys who wish to claim foul do so through the outrider, who is equipped with a two-way radio.

NATIONAL WAGER TO BE BROADCAST IN-HOUSE The national Pick-7 wager announced by the Thoroughbred Racing Associations Saturday will be shown on an in-house telecast to all outlets accepting the bet, which will emanate from a single, as yet unnamed, location. Rick Baedeker, head of the TRA's Marketing Committee and V.P. of Marketing and P.R. at Hollywood Park, said that the races involved would be broadcast via closed-circuit t.v.'s, with the hope that the program would eventually prove to be commercial. "We hope to develop an over-the-air format," said Baedeker, "and feel we have a reasonable chance to attract sponsors." The weekly bet, with a 50-cent minimum wager, has a projected start-up date of this spring.

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Wednesday, Gulfstream Park

GIII \$75,000 Sabin H., 3yo/up, f&m, 8f & 70yds

PP	Horse	Trainer	Jockey	Odds
1	Joey's Love	Nafzger	Perret	12-1
2	Sambacarioca	Wolfson, Martin	Bailey	2-1
3	Added Asset	Perkins	Fires	3-1
4	Nine Keys	Penna Jr.	Smith	6-1
5	Hunzinga	Farquharson	Felix	8-1
6	Pleasant Jolie	Goldfine	Penna	5-1
7a	Halo America	McNeil	Ferrar	15-1
8	Princess Polonia	Vanier	Sellers	6-1
9a	Eskimo Air	Wolfson, Milton	Santos	15-1

Sambacarioca (Irish Tower), a winner of eight of her 24 career starts, goes for her third straight Florida stakes this afternoon. The five-year-old has missed the winner's circle just once in her last six starts, when she left Florida to finish seventh in Delaware H. She will face **Pleasant Jolie** (Pleasant Colony), placed third in an overnight handicap at Gulfstream last out in her '94 debut.

WEEKEND PREVIEW

Saturday, Santa Anita

GI \$150,000a Santa Maria H., 4yo/up, f&m, 8.5f

Eclipse winner **Paseana** (Ahmad) makes her first start of 1994; the seven-year-old mare was second in the Breeders' Cup Distaff in her most recent try. Also probable for the race are: Moyglare Stud's **Market Booster** (Green Dancer), **Miss Dominique** (Private Account), **Senate Appointee** (Storm Cat), **Southern Truce** (Truce Maker), **Supah Gem** (Gold Meridian) and **Thirst for Peace** (Time for a Change).

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Yesterday's Results:

8th-GP, \$35,700 Alw., f/m, 4yo/up, 8.5fT, 1:47 3/5, fm.

1-GOOD MORNING SMILE (m, 6, Morning Bob--Charming Smile, by Mac Diarmida). O-Harold Rose & Steven Schemer. B-Diarmida Bloodstock (Fl.) T-Harold Rose.

2-Highland Happening (Highland Blade--Listen Here)

3-Miss Iron Quill (Iron Constitution--Court Quillo)
Coming off an Alw. win on the grass, GOOD MORNING SMILE scores her 3rd in a row, breaking on top and fighting for the lead with pressure from Highland Happening, SP last year, before taking the 1/2 length tally. Miss Iron Quill, a 2xSP winner of over \$150,000 gaining for 3rd. Winner receives new stats of 52-11-6-5; income reaches \$145,828.

6th-GP, \$26,000 Alw., f/m, 4yo/up, 8.5T, 1:47 4/5, fm.

1-SYMPHONY LADY (f, 4, Theatrical {Ire}--Nettie Cometti {G2-\$571,900}, by *Giacometti). O-J. Cohen. B-Jayeff B Stables (Ky.). T-Scotty Schulhofer.

2-Silvery Empress (Ferdinand--Silvery Honey {4xSW-\$220,503})

3-Play on the Levee (Play On--Artful Levee)
Taking her 1st Alw. win after being idle since Oct., SYMPHONY LADY debuts in '94 with a 1 1/4 length score, her 2nd turf triumph for new bankroll of \$43,110; 6-2-2-0. Silvery Empress, 1/2 to POWERFUL PUNCH (G2-\$334,621, by Danzig Connection), found a brief lead before dropping back to 2nd, in front of Play on the Levee by 8.

7th-GP, \$26,000 Alw., 3yo, 8.5f, 1:42 2/5, ft.

1-CANAVERAL (c, 3, Relaunch--Bold Escape {1/2 to BLUSHING GROOM-2xChp., G1-Fr, \$379,633, by Red God}, by Bold Forbes). O-Morven Stud. B-Foxfield (Ky.). T-Frank L. Brothers.

2-Signal Tap (Fappiano--South Sea Dancer {Full to NORTHERNETTE-2xChp in Can., G1-\$404,914 & STORM BIRD-Chp in Eng & Ire, G1-Eng})

3-Lt. Hill (Temperence Hill--Pretty Driver)

Coming off an 8 3/4 length victory in his career opener, CANAVERAL led the entire way and finished 1 3/4 in front for his 1st Alw. tally. Race record now 2 for 2, his purse improves to \$27,000. Signal Tap gained ground throughout but failed to catch the leader, beating Lt. Hill by 3. Second-favorite Presently, a full brother to FLAWLESSLY (2xChp, G1-\$2,224,036) failed to present a threat.

4th-GP, \$21,000 Strtr. Hcp., 4yo/up, 12f, 2:30 1/5, ft.

SPEAK MEAN (g, 5, On to Glory--Jewel Talk, by Speak John) led wire-to-wire to best favorite Morambo (Mogambo), winner of over \$100,000 and coming off a GP win, for a 1 1/4 length victory in his '94 debut; last year's Clm. and Alw. campaign ending with a win in a Dec. Crc Hcp. Earnings now total \$98,372, stats rise to 51-9-11-8. O-N. Delgado. B-D. Dwyer (Fl.). T-H. Viera.

3rd-GP, Mdn., 3yo, 6f, 1:10 3/5, ft.

BLACK BOLT (c, 3, Cutlass--Mito's Touch, by Gentle King) pressed the pace through 3 panels before landing the victory by a half.

O-S. Ellison. B-B. Killeen (Fl.). T-M. Wolfson.

News cont.

OBS CALDER TWO-YEAR-OLD SALE UP The 1994 Calder Selected two-year-olds in training sale, held Monday at Calder Race Course, was up 14 percent over 1993 figures. A total of 142 two-year-olds sold for \$6,248,500, for an average of \$44,003. Last year, 148 hips sold for \$5,712,000, an average of \$38,595. The 1994 sales topper was Absolute Appeal, a colt by Valid Appeal--Secret Papers, by Jet Diplomacy, consigned by Ocala Stud Farm and bought for \$350,000 by Louise McLean, agent. The May foal is a full brother to GSW Garden Gal and a half to GSW Montbrook. Second high price was \$160,000 for Ruff Hewn, a colt by Pentelicus also consigned by Ocala Stud Farm and purchased by James Bracken, agent; he is a half-brother to millionaire GSW Queen Alexandra. The third highest bid came in for a daughter of Dixieland Band consigned by Jerry Bailey Sales Agency, who sold for \$157,000 to Arthur Appleton.

GRAND NATIONAL WEIGHTS ANNOUNCED

Carvill's Hill heads the weights for this year's April 9 Martell Grand National at Aintree. Martin Pipe's fragile chasing star, out of action from injury for more than two years, is one of 17 entries made by the champion National Hunt trainer. The current favorite at 12-1 is **Moorcroft Boy**, who has been assigned 131 pounds, but will have to carry nine pounds of overweight to achieve the official racing minimum of 140. Other entrants: 1992 winner **Party Politics** (154 lbs.) and **Esha Ness**, who finished first last year when the race was declared no contest.

JACK OF ALL TRADES Environment Friend

(Cozzene), winner of the Gr. I Coral Eclipse S. in 1992, will cover a book of 30 mares before returning to trainer James Fanshawe's Newmarket yard in late spring to prepare for the racing season. The six-year-old covered around 60 mares in his first year year at stud, 1993, before returning to the track; his best race was a third (placed second) to Opera House in the Coronation Cup. He will be pointed for the Eclipse and Champion Stakes.



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BOUND AND DETERMINED

By Andy Belfiore

Trainer Nick Zito is once again setting his sights on the twin spires of Churchill Downs, but he won't let visions of Derby victory blur his judgment. He has been down the Triple Crown trail twice before--with Thirty Six Red in 1990 and Strike the Gold, winner in 1991. Both came into the race with strong credentials and genuine possibilities; Zito says he will only be bound for Louisville if he determines his '94 three-year-olds have what it takes to wear the blanket of roses.

"I've run in other stakes and taken chances when maybe I didn't have the best horse, but this is one race where I certainly believe the Charlie Whittingham philosophy," said Zito. "I will not go unless I believe I have a legitimate chance to win. I won't participate--that's it. You have to have a special kind of horse for this race."

The New York native may have a couple of colts with the right stuff in his barn this year. Go for Gin has been very impressive since breaking his maiden in New York last fall. The son of Cormorant has since taken three straight stakes--the '94 Preview at Gulfstream, the GI Remsen at Aqueduct and the Chief's Crown at the Big A on Breeders' Cup Day, prompting Zito to remark, "Maybe the best juvenile colt did run on Breeders' Cup Day--but he ran at Aqueduct."

Stablemate Crary, a son of Mt. Livermore, was second to champion Dehere in the GI Champagne and has never missed a check in five career starts. The Allen Paulson homebred was fourth in the Hutcheson Jan. 30, but his conditioner is far from losing faith.

"They're both quality horses and I think they'll both show up at the Triple Crown," he said. "I'm not down on Crary--I'm as high as I can be on Crary. I think they'll both make the Final Four."

A trainer since 1972, Zito waited nearly 20 years before making his first trip to the Derby with Wood Memorial winner Thirty Six Red in 1990. Sent off at 6-1, the chestnut loomed boldly 'til the far turn, then faded to finish ninth. But Zito was back again in 1991. This time the way to Louisville wound through Lexington, and Strike the Gold went from Blue Grass to red roses. But the pressure of training a Derby contender is no less difficult third time around.

"It doesn't get any easier," said Zito. "You have

to keep watching, paying attention, making sure you don't make mistakes. It can make you uptight."

And the pressure starts early.

"After Crary was second in the Champagne, after Go for Gin won the Remsen, that's when you start thinking. You know you might have the real thing."

But good three-year-olds are as common as Coca Cola in 1994, and Zito knows what he is up against.

"The problem is, we really have a vintage crop this year. This is what we've been looking for, for a long, long time. In 1994, I think we've found it. We have one good horse after another."

Go for Gin is scheduled to make his next start in the Fountain of Youth at Gulfstream Park Feb. 19, a race which will rematch undefeated Holy Bull and Eclipse Award winner Dehere. Zito would prefer a softer spot for his colt so early in the campaign, but the bay is training well for this test.

"He'll have to be strong," said Zito. "That's the disappointing thing about our schedule--already he has to meet these horses. It's hard--but we'll see what happens. As long as he keeps going in the right direction, I'll be very happy."

Headstrong and difficult, he does not always bring joy to his trainer. At times, it is a battle to get Go for Gin to save his energy for competition.

"Go for Gin reminds me of Thirty Six Red," says Zito. "He's very hard to handle around the barn, very high-strung. Of all the horses I've trained, and I've had a lot of wonderful horses, I would have to think he has the purest talent. But I leave him alone and let him do his thing. He has a mind of his own, but obviously we're happy with the way he performs. He's an exceptional horse."

Crary, on the other hand, reminds Zito of the kinder and gentler Strike the Gold.

"They both have such strong wills," he remarked. "The other two might have more raw talent, but these two are overachievers."

Different temperaments, different roads to the Derby. If all goes well, Go for Gin will follow the hoofsteps of Thirty Six Red--but he will have an extra week to recover from the Wood Memorial, now three weeks before the Derby. Crary will track Strike the Gold's path through Blue Grass country.

The last stop for both, if they prove themselves worthy, is Churchill Downs, first Saturday in May. It is no less a dream for a man who has been there before. Says Zito:

"Truly, there is just one race in America. That's the Derby."



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ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

8th-Lrl, \$31,500, f/m, 4yo/up, 7f, 1:24 2/5, ft. **SENTIMENTALDIAMOND** (f, 4, Maudlin--Beautiful Diamond, by Fappiano), coming off a 6-month lay up and a 2xSW last year, opened her '94 campaign with a 2 1/4 length score, wearing down the frontrunners and passing Lea Carter (Dr. Carter), winner of the Moonlight Jig S. last out in Nov., who fell to 3rd. Runner up Mighty Rose (Mighty Appealing), a SW this year at Lrl in the Francis Scott Key S., surged from near last to snatch 2nd by a 1/2 length. Winner holds new record of 12-5-1-1, money increases to \$107,786.

O-Arc B Stable. B-D. W. Frazier (Fl.). T-D. Barr.

7th-Lrl, \$20,500, 4yo/up, 6f, 1: , ft. **QUICKEN** (g, 4, Gilded Age--Jangleno, by Noble Jay), a previous 2xSW over the Lrl course, returned from last year's 1 for 4 campaign to gain steadily on the leaders before striding to the wire a length in front. Stats now posted at 9-3-1-0, income up to \$70,925.

O-E. Cassidy. B-Donelson Christmas Stables (Md.). T-D. Cassidy.

6th-Lrl, \$20,300, f/m, 4yo/up, 9f, 1:53 1/5, ft. **BEG ME** (m, 5, Marine Brass--Suzzie Rooney, by *Vimy Ridge), the betting choice, came from the back-field and surged to a 4 3/4-length triumph, her 1st in 3 tries this year; she placed 3rd in last 2 outs. Winnings improve to \$46,016 with new record of 17-4-3-4.

O-The Jim Stable. B-King Leatherbury Association, Inc. (Md.). T-K. Leatherbury.

MAIDEN WINNERS:

Black Bolt, c, 3, Cutlass--Mito's Touch, by Gentle King. GP, 2-8, 6f, 1:10 3/5. B-Bill Killeen (Fl.).

FOALING NEWS:

UNFORGETTABLE YOU, 12, Vice Regent-Amerigirl (Drone).

Foal born 1-23-94, a filly by Ascot Knight. Will be bred back to Ascot Knight.

Boarded at Windfields Farm, Ontario.

Accomplishments: Stakes-placed dam of Super You (SW, \$144,549, by Super Concorde).

DELTA COLLEEN, 9, Golden Reserve-Great Poise (Delta Judge)

Foal born 1-27, a colt by Lively One.

Foaled in Canada; Owned by John Franks.

Accomplishments: Won 23 races, 19 stakes; earned \$810,798.

MAIKAI, 19, Never Bend-Hula Girl (Native Dancer)

Foal born 1-29-94, a filly by Twilight Agenda.

Boarded at Vinery, Lexington, Kentucky..

Accomplishments: Stakes-winning dam of Sovereign Dignity (2xSW of \$112,802, by Mr. Leader).

STRAY FLIGHT, 19, Viceregal-Barn Swallow (Mongo).

Foal born 1-29-94, a filly by Regal Classic.

Will be bred back to Ascot Knight.

Boarded at Windfields Farm, Ontario.

Accomplishments: Dam of Ever Steady (MSW, \$487,123, by Steady Growth); Sparrow Lake (2xSW, \$233,215, by Apalachee).

PERFECT PROFILE, 15, Stop the Music-Moll Buzz-er (No Robbery)

Foal born 2-2-94, a filly by Storm Bird.

Will be bred back to Strike the Gold.

Boarded at Vinery, Lexington, Kentucky.

Accomplishments: Dam of Boom Towner (GIII, \$463,647, by Obligato); Kryptonite (2xSW, \$94,530, by Bionic Light).