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NYRA TO LIFT BAN ON SHIPPERS The New York Racing Association announced yesterday that it is lifting the ban on horses shipping to and from Aqueduct and Belmont beginning 6 p.m. Thurs., Feb. 17. A health certificate will be required in advance for any horse shipping into NYRA tracks. In addition, any horse from a farm on Long Island must receive prior approval from NYRA veterinarian Dr. Theodore Hill before entering NYRA facilities. Dr. Hill has also recommended that all horses leaving Aqueduct and Belmont obtain a 24-hour health certificate prior to departure. "There have been no signs of new cases of equine viral rhinopneumonitis during the past two weeks," said Dr. Hill. "We were very fortunate that the virus was contained, and that it affected only a small number of horses mainly concentrated in one barn."

CHURCHILL DOWNS TO SELL PART OF ANDERSON PARK STOCK TO INVESTORS Churchill Downs officials announced yesterday that they have agreed to sell to the Pegasus Group, Inc., a group of Indiana investors, 19 percent of the stock in Anderson Park, Inc. (API). The sale will be consummated upon receipt of approval from the Indiana Horse Racing Commission and the Executive Committee of the Churchill Downs Board of Directors. API, a wholly owned subsidiary of Churchill Downs Management Co., is building a harness racing facility in Anderson, Indiana, approximately 40 miles northeast of Indianapolis. Construction of the racetrack is scheduled for completion by Sept. 1. As an Indiana pari-mutuel license holder, API also has the right to develop up to four satellite wagering facilities in the state.

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Today, Gulfstream
THE SUWANEE RIVER H.-GIII, \$75,000, 3&up, f&m, 9f(T)

PP HORSE	TRAINER	JOCKEY	Odds
1 Ginny Dare	Veitch	Fires	15-1
2a Icy Warning	Hennig	Smith	6-1
3 Sheila's Revenge	Nobles	Bailey	3-1
4a Tiney Toast	Hennig	Sellers	6-1
5 Chickasha	Provost	Lopez	12-1
6 River Ball (ARG)	Arnemann	Ferrer	12-1
7 Ratings	Sheppard	Cruguet	20-1
8 Always Nettie	Blengs	Prado	20-1
9 Weekend Madness (IRE)	Kessinger	Woods	10-1
10 Good Morning Smile	Rose	Morales	20-1
11 Marshua's River	Carroll	Santos	4-1
12 Miss Iron Quill	Wolfson	McCauley	20-1
13 Aquilegia	Schulhofer	Penna	5-1
14 Amal Hayati	Lukas	Perret	8-1

Team Valor's **Icy Warning** (Caveat), who defeated '93 Kentucky Derby winner **Sea Hero** (Polish Navy) in her last start at Gulfstream last Feb. 25, breezed four furlongs on a fast Gulfstream track in :51 Sat.

Today, Santa Anita
THE BRADBURY S., \$75,000a, 3yo, 9f
 The field of eight, in post position order, is as follows: Almaraz, Delahoussaye; Al's River Cat, Desormeaux; Halloween Treat, Solis; Call Me Sancho, Nakatani; Numerous, McCarron; Dramatic Gold, Black; Duca, Stevens; Dream Trapp, Antley. **Numerous** (Mr. Prospector), a \$1.7 million yearling, will be making his fourth lifetime start after finishing second by a nose in an allowance at Santa Anita Jan. 30.

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SAM HOUSTON RACE PARK ON TARGET FOR OPENING Sam Houston Race Park, Texas's long awaited first Class 1 horse racing facility, is right on schedule for the April 29, 1994 grand opening. "We're actually a little ahead of schedule and moving at a steady pace," said the Race Park's General Manager Jim Murphy. "If our luck and the weather continue to hold up, we could finish the construction with a few days to spare." Located in Northwest Houston, Sam Houston will play host to 45 days of racing during its inaugural meeting, which will end Sun., June 19. Racing will be conducted six days a week. Racing Secretary Randy Soth commented, "Allotting stalls is probably going to be the toughest part of the job. We've got stall space for about 1200 horses and we've gotten requests for more than three times that amount of stall space." Horses will be allowed to move onto the backstretch April 1.

FLORIDA JOCKEYS ARE STILL UNDER INVESTIGATION Domingo Noguera, a Main Member of the Board of Directors to the Instituto Nacional de Hipodromos in Venezuela, spent Tues. Feb. 15 with Florida state investigator Diana Niera going over records concerning some of the suspended jockeys from his country. The jockeys in question include 1992 Eclipse Award-winning apprentice Jesus Bracho, Eibar Coe, Douglas Portillo, Olaf Hernandez and Teofilo Perdomo. Jose Bolivar and Manuel Cordero have already served 60-day suspensions and are not thought to be part of the new investigation. Two of the suspended jockeys, Bracho and Portillo, have requested hearings before state regulators, but no date has been set for their appeal.

HOLLYWOOD PARK BEGINS SEARCH FOR NEW RACING SECRETARY Hollywood Park has begun a national search for a racing secretary to succeed Eual Wyatt Jr., whose promotion to general manager of the track was announced last week. The search is expected to move quickly. "My first priority as general manager is finding my replacement as racing secretary," said Wyatt. "We are accepting applications and nominations of potential candidates beginning immediately. I want to have a new racing secretary on the job before the spring/summer meeting opens April 27."

GARDEN STATE CANCELS STAKE Garden State Park's \$50,000 Equus Breeders' Cup H. will not be rescheduled this meet, General Manager Richard E. Orbann announced yesterday. The six furlong Equus was scheduled for last Fri. night but was snowed out.



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Yesterday's Results:

9th-GP, \$40,000 Alw., f, 3, 6f, 1:10 1/5, ft.

1-HANDLE WITH CARE (f, 3, Woodman--Antique Glow, by Fluorescent Light) O-Kim Carroll.

B-Camelot Thoroughbred (Ky.). T-David Carroll.

2-Celmis (Bold Ruckus--Ada Prospect {Chp. in Can.})

3-Crafty and Evil (Crafty Prospector--Evil Elaine)

HANDLE WITH CARE broke last and quickly made up ground to win by 4 3/4 over Celmis, a 2xSW of over \$150,000. Crafty and Evil, SP last year, made her 1st appearance coming off a 6-month rest. Winner increases earnings to \$52,366; record to 6-3-1-1.

8th-GP, \$34,000 Alw., 4yo/up, a9fT, 1:49 2/5, fm.

1-BEAU SULTAN (h, 6, Bering {GB}--Devalois {Fr}, by Nureyev) O-B & S L. Port Trust.

B-Alec Head (Ky.). T-Christopher Clement.

2-Huido (Arg) (Ataviado--Awol)

3-Summer Ensign (Tremolino--Summer Fling)

Making his 1st start since 1992, BEAU SULTAN, a G3-wnr in France and SP in the '91 Man o War S. (Bel), came from near last to post a 1 1/2-length win over Huido, a G1 wnr in Arg making his 1st start in NA. Winner's combined Fr/NA earnings now total \$307,199; combined record at 10-5-1-3.

10th-GP, \$29,400 Alw., 3yo, a9fT, 1:50 4/5, fm.

LYNN'S NOTEBOOK (c, 3, Notebook--Buckeye Lynn, by Wardlaw) came from midfield to take the lead in the stretch and chalk up his 1st Alw. victory. New earnings at \$40,743; stats at 6-2-3-0.

O/B-David Aljure (Fl.). T-Jorge Romero.

5th-GP, \$29,000 Alw., f/m, 4yo/up, a8.5fT, 1:43 2/5, fm.

SPECTACULAR IMAGE (f, 4, Spectacular Bid--Overall Image, by Nijinsky II) broke last in a field of 10 and made a late bid for the lead in the stretch to win by 4 over SP Circus Music (Melodisk). Coming off a 2nd place by 2 1/2 in her '94 debut, earnings now total \$50,710; stats improve to 12-3-2-2.

O/B-August Moon Farm (Ky.). T-Kent Stirling.

7th-GP, \$28,000 Alw., f/m, 4yo/up, 6f, 1:09 2/5, ft.

ELDERBERRY DRIVE (f, 4, Strawberry Road {Aus}--Sing Willow {GB} {grandam of WOODEN GIRL (G1-Arg, 7xSW, by *Mariache II)}, by Sharpen Up {GB}) pressured the pace through 3 panels before taking control for a 1 1/4-length triumph over Gipsy Countess (Unite). The 1st win since an August '93 victory in the Duchess S. (WO), she increases money to \$69,427; record at 3 wins in 8 starts.

O/B-Earl O'Neil (Ont-Can.). T-Gordon Cowie.

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1st-GP, \$24,000 Mdn., f, 3yo, 6f, 1:12 1/5, ft.
SUPERB BROAD (f, 3, Broad Brush--Sonia Rose, by Superbity) fought for the lead with favorite Our Miz Waki (Miswaki) before tallying the win by a nose in her 4th career try.
 O-Wizard Stables. B-Frances A. Genter Stable, Inc. (Ky.). T-Rhonda Winsor.

Today's Preview:

1993 Florida Derby winner **Bull in the Heather** (Ferdinand) is scheduled to make his 2nd lifetime appearance on the turf in an allowance at Gulfstream today. In his first start after an eight month layoff, the 4-year-old finished 2nd in an allowance over a sloppy Gulfstream track Feb. 1.



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Yesterday's Results:

6th-Aqu, \$40,000 Hcp., f/m, 4yo/up, 6f, 1:11 2/5, ft.
1-ENDLESS DESIRE (m, 5, Manila--Lepa, by Fappiano)
 O-Paradise Stable. B-Tily Foster Farms (N.Y.).
 T-S. Baillie.

2-Deputy Miss (Deputy Minister--Native Zone)

3-Air Port Won (Shawklit Won--Porteninove)

ENDLESS DESIRE, a SW last year coming off a 2nd in last outing, settled in behind the pace and surged to the front in the stretch to stick a nose in front of Deputy Miss. Air Port Won, wnr of over \$100,000, held the lead briefly before retiring to 3rd.

7th-Aqu, \$25,000 Mdn., f, 3yo, 9f, 1:58 2/5, ft.
ROAMIN' (f, 3, D'Accord--Copy to Minister, by Northern Baby), 3rd in her last try by 4 1/2, scores by a neck in her 6th outing, after steadily gaining from 5th place.

O-Akindale Farm. B-John Hettinger (N.Y.). T-N. Zito.

5th-Aqu, \$23,000 Mdn., 3yo, 6f, 1:12 2/5, ft.
 + **COSA DIAVOLO** (c, 3, Devil's Bag--Polyrule, by Bold Bidder), a full brother to SPUNKY RASCAL (3xSW-\$300,518) running at almost 30-1 odds, came from just behind the pace to win by a 1/2 over runner-up Approximate (Cox's Ridge--Abrojo {4xSW-\$203,012}) in his debut.
 O/B-Joseph Singer (Ky.). T-Michael Daggett.

1st-Aqu, \$23,000 Mdn., f, 3yo, 6f, 1:13 1/5, ft.
 + **LIGHT AND LOVE** (f, 3, Titanic {Full to ALYSHEBA, 2xChp., Horse of the Year, G1-\$6,679,242}--Bold and Dark, by Bold Forbes) opened her career with a 7 length victory, coming from behind the lead and taking control after a 1/2 mile.

O-Jay Giardina. B-Willowvale Thoroughbreds, Inc. (N.Y.). T-Gary Sciacca.

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DECIDER

Author: Dick Francis

It's been a long day. Your best broodmare is two weeks overdue, your GI stakes winner has heat in his knee and heavy rains turned your track into a sea of mud--or maybe you just missed hitting that \$2,000 triple by a dirty nose. You need to relax, forget your troubles for a few hours. So you climb into your warmest pajamas, sink into your favorite easy chair--and pick up a mystery novel which will take you right back to the world of Thoroughbred racing.

The biggest mystery may be why anyone who makes a living in the racing industry would spend their leisure time on a Dick Francis novel. There are two good reasons: one, the calamities which befall Francis' heroes never happen in 'real life' (knock on wood); two, this author knows whereof he writes.

How many times have you picked up something ostensibly penned by a racing expert, only to find so many glaring errors that you can't possibly follow the narrative--you're laughing too hard. That won't happen with Dick Francis, at one time a champion steeplechase jockey. His situations may be implausible, but he never asks you to believe the impossible.

In his latest effort **Decider**, the author takes us behind the scenes at Stratton Park racecourse, where members of the powerful but eccentric Stratton family are battling for control after the death of the patriarch, Lord Stratton.

But Francis mysteries aren't limited to plots and characters involved in racing. He enjoys exploring other worlds, and the information he imparts to his readers is both interesting and accurate. In this novel, the protagonist, Lee Morris, is an architect and Stratton Park shareholder. The architectural research involved lends authenticity and credibility to the plot. In the process, the reader learns to tell "a rabbit from a raceway." It is knowledge painlessly absorbed--and you never know when the question might come up as "Final Jeopardy."

In the final chapter, you can trust that the hero will resolve his problems, the bad guys will get what they deserve and the good guys will triumph--although it is sometimes left to the final chapter to reveal just who the good guys really are--and there will be a little bitter with the sweet.

As with all of his work, **Decider** moves smoothly from gate to wire; reading is an armchair ride rather than a challenge. If you are looking for stimulation rather than relaxation, Francis is not your author.

But if you are looking for an enjoyable few hours away from the problems of every-day, **Decider** won't disappoint you.



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Stakes Results:

MARDI GRAS H., FG, 2-15, \$32,475, 4yo/up, abt 7.5fT, 1:32, fm.

1--**ARTIC TRACKER**, h, 5, Eskimo (Franks Farms, Southland Division-FL)--Andy's Find, by Buckfinder.

O-Robert Asaro and Greg Tramontin; B-John Franks (LA.); T-Thomas Amoss; (\$39,000 yearling 1990 Kee. Sept. yearling sale); \$19,485.

2--**Pride of Summer**, g, 6, Compliance (The Stallion Park-NY)--Sensational Summer, by Outdoors. O-TOC Stable; \$6,495.

3--**Brother Brown**, g, 4, Eminency (Oklahoma Stallion Station-OK)--Baby's Pet, by J. R.'s Pet.

O-Beverly Cohrs and Mike Bowline; \$3,572. Margins: 1/2, neck, nose.

ARTIC TRACKER gets his 2nd stake-win in a row, returning from a win in the Bienville H., in a close finish that stopped Brother Brown, a 6xSW of over \$440,000, from extending his 5-race winning streak.

CRESCENT CITY DERBY H., FG, 2-15, \$32,400, 3yo, Louisiana-bred, 8.5f, 1:44 4/5, ft.

1--**#FINDER'S WISH**, c, 3, Derby Wish (Summers Mill Farm-TX)--Andy's Find, by Buckfinder.

O/B-John Franks (LA.); T-Bobby Barnett; \$19,440.

2--**Little Jazz Boy**, c, 3, Dr. McGuire (Sebastian's Farm-LA)--Amber Island, by Nalees Man.

O-Southern Racing Stables; \$6,480.

3--**Playoff Birth**, g, 3, Gran Zar (Mex) (Dead) --Marbee's Dancer, by Marshua's Dancer.

O-Jerry Adkins; \$3,564.

Margins: 1, 3, neck.

FINDER'S WISH, scoring his 4th victory in a row, held off a challenge from Little Jazz Boy, a 2xSW of over \$116,000, for the win.

Allowance Results:

8th-Lrl, \$18,000 Alw., 4yo/up, 7f, 1:23 4/5, ft.

SMART 'N TOUGH (c, 4, Smarten--Twixt {G1-\$619,141}, by Restless Native), running as the bettors' choice, sailed from behind the pace to a 2-length victory. Previously SP in the Sly Fox S.(Pim), the 1/2 brother to TWIXT APPEAL (\$279,707, by Proud Appeal) moves record to 9-3-1-1 and bankroll to \$41,005.

O-Katherine Merryman. B-John Merryman & Timber Bay Farm (Md.). T-Katharine Voss.

7th-Lrl, \$17,400 Alw., 3yo, 7f, 1:24, ft.

HEAVENWOOD (g, 3, Baederwood--Failing Light, by Cyane), 4th last out in the Silano S. (Lrl) and never out of the money in 5 career starts, pressured leader Dixie Power (Dixieland Band--Clever Power {G3-\$274,072}) and tallied the win by a nose. New record rises to 5-3-1-0; earnings increase to \$24,328. O-Robert Manfuso. B-Robert Manfuso & Katharine Voss (Md.). T-Katharine Voss.

7th-FG, \$17,000 Alw., 4yo/up, 6f, 1:10 3/5, ft.

WINTER HALO (g, 6, Halo--Martha A., by *Grey Dawn II) makes his return after a lay up since March of last year, taking an early lead and holding on to gain a 2 1/2-length triumph. Stakes-placed in the Mardi Gras H. (FG) last year, he is 6-2-3-1 and has now earned \$34,915.

O/B-Arthur Appleton (Fl.). T-Guilliam Dronet.

6th-Lrl, \$16,500 Alw., f, 3yo, 6f, 1:10 2/5, ft.

LADY REIKO (Ire) (f, 3, Sadler's Wells--Willamae, by Tentam) went off as the favorite and pressed the pace until pulling away in the stretch to win by 2 3/4-lengths for her 2nd straight victory in as many starts. A 1/2 to WILLA ON THE MOVE (G1-\$442,063, by Assert {Ire}), her earnings now total \$18,240.

O-Lorraine Quinchett. B-Robert Quinchett & Calogo Bloodstock (Ire). T-William Turner.

9th-Pha, \$15,000 Alw., 4yo/up, 1m70yds, 1:41 4/5, my.

WISHFUL DREAM (c, 4, Fountain of Gold--Handicappers Dream, by Noble Commander), claimed last August and 3rd in his last try, set all the fractions to triumph by 3 over a 7-horse field. New stats rise to 21-3-8-2 and \$49,975.

O-Richard Malouf. B-Red Oak Farm (Fl.). T-M. Fallon.

American-Bred Winner in England:

Holy Wanderer, g, 5, *Vaguely Noble--Bronzed Goddess, by Raise a Native. Wolverhampton, 2-14, Hearts and Roses H., 12f, 3,319 pounds to winner. O-Mrs. J.A. Leek. B-Parrish Hill Farm et al. T-David Arbuthnot.

Maiden Winners:

Rose of Sheba, f, 3, Alysheba--Clemanna's Rose {5xSW-\$548,787}, by Master Derby. Aqu, 2-15, 6f, 1:14 3/5. B-Lee Pokoik & Lion's Farm (Ky.). Continuous Play, c, 3, Stop the Music--Sword of Song, by Blade. FG, 2-13, 8.5f, 1:46 3/5. B-Caithness Farm Ltd. (Ont-Can). *Won by 9.