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HOLLYWOOD PARK TO ACQUIRE

TURF PARADISE Hollywood Park, Inc. and Turf Paradise, Inc. yesterday announced they have signed a letter of intent in which Hollywood Park will acquire Phoenix, Arizona-based Turf Paradise in a common stock swap valued at approximately \$33 million. Under the terms of the transaction, Hollywood Park will acquire all 2.6 million shares of Turf Paradise stock in exchange for 1.4 million shares of newly issued Hollywood Park stock. The transaction is expected to be completed in late March. R.D. Hubbard, Hollywood Park Chairman and CEO, said, "The Turf Paradise acquisition meets our strategy of national expansion through racing and other gaming operations that offer excellent value and significant upside potential."

HBPA TO HIRE CEO

The National Horsemen's Benevolent and Protective Association has agreed to hire a CEO, with the title of "President," whose chief responsibility will be to implement initiatives to make the sport more appealing to today's consumer, while improving the profitability of thoroughbred ownership. The move, agreed to by the national board of directors at the HBPA's winter convention in Hot Springs, Arkansas, is contingent upon the organization's completion of a new funding source involving the National Pick Seven. Dr. Ed Hagan, Chairman of the Board, said that a staff, including in-house counsel, will be hired by the president, and will be 'of a number necessary to properly carry out the duties and responsibilities of the National Office.'

FAIR GROUNDS RAISES PURSES

AGAIN The Fair Grounds yesterday instituted its second purse increase in less than a week.

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Saturday, Gulfstream

RAMPART H.-GII, \$200,000, 3&up, f&m, 8.5f
Nine Keys (Forty Niner) worked five furlongs in a bullet 1:00 flat yesterday at Gulfstream. The four-year-old closed late to finish second in her first start this year, the GIII Sabin H., last time out. "I was very pleased," said trainer Angel Penna. "She closed well after giving up a lot of ground. She needed that race. It was a little scary because she stumbled twice at the gate, but she came back all right." Nine Keys has won four of seven lifetime starts and has never been off the board. Mike Smith is scheduled to ride at 113 pounds. The list of probable starters also includes **Educated Risk** (Mr. Prospector), **Santa Catalina** (Cure the Blues), **Hunzinga** (Bet Big), **Added Asset** (Lord At War {ARG}), **Traverse City** (Halo) and **Pleasant Jolie** (Pleasant Colony). Others who are possible for the race are **Testy Trestle** (Private Account), **Touch of Love** (Alydar) and **Joey's Love** (Kris S.), who will run only if the track is sloppy.

Sunday, Santa Anita

BUENA VISTA H.-GIII, \$100,000a, 4&up, f&m, 8f(T)
Kalita Melody (GB) (Chief Singer {IRE}) worked four furlongs in :49 3/5 yesterday at Santa Anita. Trainer Roger Stein said **Southern Truce** (Truce Maker) will run only if the race comes off the grass. The updated list of probable starters also includes **Hero's Love** (Hero's Honor), Pincay Jr.; **Lady Blessington** (FR) (Baillamont), Delahoussaye; **Miss Turkana** (Turkoman), Castanon; **Pracer** (Lyphard), McCarron; **Waitryst** (NZ) (Bassenthwaite {GB}) and **Zoon aqua** (Silver Hawk), Solis.

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Yesterday's Results:

8th-GP, \$31,500 Alw., 3yo, f, 8.5f, 1:47 2/5, gd.
1-MALLI STAR (f, 4, Baldski--Pink Dove, by Argument {Fr}). O-Five Star Stable, Inc. B-Farnsworth Farms & Sticker Stable (Fl.). T-R. McKenzie.
2-Long Gone Blues (Sovereign Dancer--Blue Sage {Ire})
3-Leah Jolean (Our Captain Willie--Filfa {Arg})
 Making her 2nd GP start, 33-1 shot MALLI STAR dropped out of stakes competition and scored by 3/4 length to improve to 9-3-1-1 & \$42,270. Long Gone Blues, a SW of \$45,922, edged SW Leah Jolean by a head.

7th-GP, \$28,000 Alw., 4yo/up, 7f, 1:21 3/5, ft.
1-AZTEC EMPIRE (c, 4, Alydar--Smart Heiress, by *Vaguely Noble). O-Darley Stud Mgt. B-Heronwood Farm, Inc. (Va.). T-B. Mott.

2-Plano Pleasure (Dixieland Band--Headin' West)
3-Gentle Patrick (Charming Turn--Real Gentle)
 New York shipper AZTEC EMPIRE, a 1/2-brother to HOMEBUILDER (G2, \$1,172,153), caught Plano Pleasure at the top of the lane after racing last early, then drew off by 4 lengths for 1st tally since taking his 1st two career starts (BEL mdn & SAR alw) late last summer. Overall record improves to 8-3-0-2 & \$57,840. It was another 3 lengths back to Gentle Patrick, a MSP wnr of \$102,739.

5th-GP, \$27,000 Alw., 4yo/up, a9fT, 1:53, gd.
CHANTING GOSHAWK (g, 4, Silver Hawk--Native Quick, by To the Quick), the mild favorite despite being sidelined since July after an 0-for-7 season, defeated 7-1 shot Splashing Believer (Bucksplasher), also making a comeback from an 0-for-8 campaign that ended in Oct., by 3/4-length for 1st win since a 5-length debut mdn victory at KEE in '92. Earnings rise to \$40,884 with 11-2-1-1 slate.
 O-Gainesway Stable. B-B. C. Jones (Ky.). T-M. Shirota.

10th-GP, Mdn., 4yo, a11fT, 2:24 2/5, gd.
MASHBURN (c, 4, Silver Hawk--Upper Delight, by Upper Nile) found the lead in the final furlong and drew clear to win by 1 1/2.
 O-B.C. Jones. B-Equus Partners (Ky.). T-E. Walden.

Today's Preview:

Six-year-old mare **Fairy Garden** (Lyphard), winner of the Gill Seneca H. at Saratoga against males last Aug. 27, will again face the boys, this time in an about 1 3/8-mile allowance on the turf at Gulfstream today. The race will serve as her 1994 debut.



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Yesterday's Results:

PAGE S., SA, 2-23, \$61,400, 4yo/up, abt 6.5fT, 1:13 3/5, fm.

1--#PEMBROKE, c, 4, Gone West (Mill Ridge Farm-KY)--College Bold, by Boldnesian. O-Darley Stud Management, Inc.; B-Stonereath Farm, Inc. (KY.); T-Gary Jones; (\$160,000 weanling 1990 Kee. Nov. breeding stock sale); \$34,400.
2--D'Hallewant, c, 4, Ogygian (Claiborne Farm-KY) --Tough Tender, by Bold Bidder. O-Haras Santa Maria de Araras; \$12,000.
3--Portoferraio (Arg), h, 6, Salt Marsh--Niza, by Mount Athos. O-DuPont, Polledo, and Vallejo; \$9,000. Margins: 1, 3 1/2, 1.

A 1/2-brother to NASTY AND BOLD (G1, \$337,942) & TOLD (G2, \$336,146), PEMBROKE wins his NA debut after a 3-for-8 UK career.

5th-SA, \$44,000 Alw., 4yo/up, 8fT, 1:35 3/5, fm.
1-TURKISH BLAZOR (c, 4, Ferdinand--Corselette, by Hoist the Flag).

O/B-H. Keck (Ky.). T-C. Whittingham.
2-Tychonic (GB) (Last Tycoon {Ire}--Metair)
3-I'm Checkin' Out (Air Forbes Won--La Lonja)
 Making his turf debut after winning 2 of his last 3 outings, 5-1 shot TURKISH BLAZOR rallied from next-to-last and registered by a 1/2 length to extend stats to 7-3-0-1 & \$64,550. Pacesetter Tychonic (GB) led through deep stretch, then held on for 2nd by 1 3/4 lengths, while favored TOSSOFTHECOIN (MGSP wnr of \$257,250 by Magesterial) finished another 1/2-length back in 4th.

Today's Preview:

A \$55,000 allowance at one mile on the Santa Anita turf today will feature two Allen Paulson-owned and bred four-year-old graded stakes-winners. **Corby** (Dahar) won the GII San Felipe last March 14, while **Yappy** (Herat) took the GIII San Vicente last Feb. 7. Also entered is seven-year-old gray **Forty Niner Days** (Conquistador Cielo), a graded stakes-winner of \$976,037, who will be making his second start back off a 15-month layoff.

Local News:

Hollywood Park is continuing a national search for a racing secretary to succeed Eual Wyatt Jr., whose promotion to general manager of the track was announced earlier this month. "We are accepting applications and nominations of potential candidates beginning immediately," said Wyatt. "I want to have a new racing secretary on the job before the spring/summer meeting opens April 27."



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Stakes Result:

FROSTIE SHADES H., GG, 2-23, \$30,360, 4yo/up, f and m, 5.5f, 1:03 3/5, gd.

1--**BONNE NUITTE**, m, 5, **Knights Choice (Dead)**
--**Aegean Wind**, by **Windy Tide**. O-Eric Meltzer;
B-Metropole Stable (WA.); T-Craig Roberts;
\$16,860.

2--**Beverly Z.**, m, 6, **Zamboni (Pinnacle Vista Ranch-AZ)**--**La Femme Natural**, by **L'Natural**.
O-Oakcrest Stable; \$6,000.

3--**J'Aime Jebbis**, f, 4, **Jebbar (Farnsworth Farms-FL)**
--**Things Pending**, by **Vigors**. O-Evelyn Eberhard;
(\$67,000 two-year-old 1992 Ocala Breeders' Sales Co. February sale); \$4,500.
Margins: 6, 2, head.
*6th SW for wnr.

Allowance Results:

9th-FG, \$26,500, 4yo/up, f/m, 8.5f, 1:44 4/5, sy.
FOREVER NORTH (m, 6, Lucky North--Forever Restless, by Majestic Prince), who ended '93 against stk company in Oct. and fell short by a neck to Quiet Cleo last out, returned for a 1-length score over 16-1 outsider Say Punch (Devil's Punch Bowl). Even-money choice Quiet Cleo, a MSW of \$517,467, was another 2 back in 3rd. A SW of \$126,690, Forever North pushes stats to 30-8-4-4.
O/B-J. Franks (Fl.). T-W. Bradley.

9th-OP, \$25,000, 4yo/up, 6f, 1:10 3/5, gd.
MERTZY MAN (g, 4, Mertzon--Derrick's Lady, by Janas Nashua), heavily favored after winning two straight claiming events by a combined 9 lengths, elevated in class and went wire-to-wire for a 6-length romp over Covered Wagon (Gone West). New slate at 17-6-3-1 & \$66,716.
O-J. Franks. B-Franks & Summers Mill Farm (Tx.). T-B. Barnett.

American-Bred Winners in England:

Saddlehome, g, 5, **Aragon--Kesarini**, by Singh.
Wolverhampton, 2-21, Jack And Jill H., 3&up, 5f, 3,028 pounds to winner. O-Kevin Shaw. B-Saddle Home Farm. T-David Barron.

Ringlet, f, 4, **Secreto--Double Lock**, by Home Guard.
Lingfield Park, 2-22, Rhone H., 4&up, 10f, 3,158 pounds to winner. O-Sir Eric Parker. B-Pillar Stud Inc. T-Barry Hills.

Maiden Winners:

Eccentric, c, 3, **Lyphard's Ridge--Babu's Princess**, by Beat Inflation. OP, 2-23, 6f, 1:12 4/5. B-K.K. Jayaraman (Ark.).

Blakearama, c, 3, **Nalees Man--Nightly Affair**, by Lypheor (GB). FG, 2-23, 8f-40yds, 1:42 4/5. B-Gerald Hannahs (La.).

Stricken Soviet, g, 3, **Soviet Lad--Stricken Revenge**, by **Staunch Avenger**. GP, 2-23, 6f, 1:10 3/5. B-C.B. Farms, Inc. (Fl.).

My Sal's Gal, f, 3, **The Carpenter--Princess Sal**, by **L'Natural**. SA, 2-23, 6f, 1:10 2/5. B-Austin Dwyer (Ca.). *Won by 5.

Alycap, c, 4, **Capote--Unavoidable**, by **Alydar**. SA, 2-23, 9f, 1:50 2/5. B-Calumet Farm (Ky.).

Half a Crown, g, 4, **Chief's Crown--Graceful Gal**, by **Key to the Mint**. Aqu, 2-22, 8.5f, 1:48 3/5. B-Robert Clay & Mr. & Mrs. M. Ryan (Ky.). *1/2 to **DULUTH (G3-\$499,652, by Codex) & REAL COURAGE (G3-\$263,437, by In Reality)**. **Won by 9.

Gate Princess, f, 4, **Gonzales--Gate Hostess**, by **Sovereign Dancer**. GP, 2-22, 9f, 1:52 4/5. B-Mardean Davis (Fl.).

Mashburn, c, 4, **Silver Hawk--Upper Delight**, by **Upper Nile**. GP, 2-23, a11fT, 2:24 2/5. B-Equus Partners (Ky.).

News Continued.

FAIR GROUNDS CONTINUED The race most affected by the recent purse increase will be the GIII New Orleans H. at nine furlongs, whose value is being boosted \$50,000 to \$200,000 guaranteed. The deadline for nominating to the New Orleans H. has also been extended from Feb. 27 to March 2. This is actually the third purse increase at Fair Grounds this season. The first came Dec. 15, while the second came last Fri., Feb. 18. "The fire notwithstanding, this has been the best season ever for our horsemen," said Mervin Muniz Jr., Director of Racing at Fair Grounds. Through Feb. 22, daily purse distribution has averaged \$142,352, up 29% from last year.

RACING CANCELLATIONS Due to inclement weather in the Northeast, Aqueduct, Garden State Park, Suffolk Downs and Philadelphia Park were forced to cancel Wed.'s live racing cards.