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KENTUCKY DERBY TO BE BROADCAST

LIVE OVERSEAS Satellite Information Services, the company beaming live racing pictures into the majority of Great Britain's tracks and betting shops, is planning to provide live coverage of the 120th Kentucky Derby May 7. Spectators at Newcastle Racecourse, which is set to stage an evening card on that date, are among those most likely to benefit from the link with Churchill Downs. Racing at the British track runs from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. (local time), and the events in Kentucky will keep the spectators there until the Run for the Roses at about 10:30 p.m. "It should be a terrific evening's entertainment," said Newcastle Racing Clerk David Parmley. "We had very good attendance when we showed the Breeders' Cup from here."

ANOTHER PURSE INCREASE AT FAIR GROUNDS

For the fifth time this season, Fair Grounds is increasing its purses. The new enhancements will be in effect for the final six days of the Fair Grounds meet, from Wed., March 23 through closing day, March 28. Through Sun., March 20, Fair Grounds' purse distribution this season had already averaged \$157,756 per day, up more than 30% from last year and easily on its way to an all-time record.

ALLEGED APPOINTED CHEF-DE-RACE

By a vote of 7-0, **Alleged** (Hoist the Flag) has been appointed a chef-de-race by the Advisory Committee on Dosage. A majority of the panel agreed on his proposed and unprecedented classification of Intermediate/ Professional. Alleged has sired 63 stakes winners from 12 crops to race, and has been an important source of stamina both as a sire and broodmare sire.

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LAST WEEK ON THE TRIPLE CROWN TRAIL

California's San Felipe provided runner-up **Brocco** (Kris S.) and third-place **Valiant Nature** (His Majesty) with their first race of the season; both ran well and their respective trainers are looking forward to the Santa Anita Derby (Apr. 9). But it was a week for first-time stakes winners; this GII event gave **Soul Of The Matter** (Private Terms) his first black-type victory and the promising colt took a big step toward the head of the three-year-old class. He is also expected to make his next start in the nine-furlong Santa Anita Derby.

Another lightly-raced runner, **Kandaly** (Alydar) got the job done in his first stakes try with a rallying victory in the Louisiana Derby; trainer Louie Roussel III has not yet decided where his recently-acquired Derby horse will run next, but the Blue Grass (Apr. 16) is a possibility.

Mahogany Hall (Woodman) is now three-for-four lifetime with his initial stakes win in Turfway's John Battaglia Memorial Saturday, a prep for the Jim Beam April 2.

Oklahoma-bred **Silver Goblin** (Silver Ghost) impressed winning the mile-and-seventy-yard Great West S. by 10 1/2 in his first try at a distance; the next stop is the Remington Park Derby (Apr. 9). That race will be televised nationally on ESPN, giving Triple Crown watchers their first glimpse of the Sooner State's Derby hopeful.

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Yesterday's Results:

OCALA BREEDERS SALES CHAMPIONSHIP S., OTC, 3-21, \$100,000, 3yo, c and g, sales graduates, 8.5f, 1:46 (ETR), ft.

- 1--**#CRYSTAL PISTOL**, c, 3, Darn That Alarm (Meadowbrook of Ocala Jockey Club-FL) --Zuppa Inglesa, by Iron Ruler. O-Francis McDowell; B-Big C Farm (FL.); T-Manuel Estevez; (\$60,000 two-year-old 1993 Ocala Breeders' Sales Co. February sale); \$60,000.
- 2-- **Pad**, c, 3, Notebook (Ocala Stud-FL) --Proudest Duchess, by Proudest Roman. O-Cobble View Stable; (\$61,000 two-year-old 1993 Ocala Breeders' Sales Co. February sale); \$20,000.
- 3-- **Can't Slow Down**, c, 3, Dominated (Bourbon Hills Farm-NY) --Erin's Dynasty, by Dynastic. O-High Five Stable; (\$75,000 two-year-old 1994 Keeneland January horses of all ages sale); \$10,000.
Margins: 1/2, 6 1/2, neck.

OCALA BREEDERS SALES FILLIES CHAMPIONSHIP S., OTC, 3-21, \$100,000, 3yo, f, sales graduates, 8.5f, 1:48 3/5, ft.

- 1--**#SHOE BAND**, f, 3, Dixieland Band (Lane's End-KY) --Other Shoe, by Advocator. O-Cobble View Stable; B-Farnsworth Farms, Sucher Stable, and Perlow (FL.); T-L. Olivares; (\$87,000 two-year-old 1993 Ocala Breeders' Sales Co. February sale); \$60,000.
- 2-- **British Bauble**, f, 3, Kris S. (Prestonwood Farm-KY) --English Trifle, by Protanto. O-Hap Stables, et al.; \$20,000.
- 3-- **Darned Alarming**, f, 3, Darn That Alarm (Meadowbrook of Ocala Jockey Club-FL) --Muggels, by Distinctive. O-Brooke D. Lennon; (\$20,000 yearling 1992 Ocala Breeders' Sales Co. August sale); \$10,000. Margins: 1 1/2, 1/2, 2 1/2.

OCALA BREEDERS SALES SPRINT S., OTC, 3-21, \$50,000, 3yo, sales graduates, 6f, 1:11 3/5, ft.

- 1--**#MEADOW MONSTER**, c, 3, Meadowlake (Darby Dan Farm-KY) --Khanbalic, by Vice Regent. O-New Farm; B-Donald T. Johnson (KY.); T-Benjamin Perkins; (\$140,000 two-year-old 1993 OBS Co. March 2yos in training sale); \$30,000.
- 2-- **Hammermill**, c, 3, Notebook (Ocala Stud-FL) --Olduvai, by Olden Times. O-Buckram Oak Farm; (\$65,000 two-year-old 1993 Ocala Breeders' Sales Co. March 2yos in training sale); \$10,000.
- 3-- **Come On Flip**, c, 3, Commemorate (Geret Farm-NY) --Phillippe Dancer, by Sovereign Dancer. O-Ackerman Stable, Bonanza Stable, and Sommer Stable; (\$7,500 yearling 1992 Ocala Breeders' Sales Co. August sale); \$5,000.
Margins: 1/2, 3 1/2, nose.

OCALA BREEDERS SALES FILLIES SPRINT S., OTC, 3-21, \$50,000, 3yo, f, sales graduates, 6f, 1:11 1/5, ft.

- 1--**PAGOFIRE**, f, 3, Island Whirl (The Oaks Horse Farm Corporation-FL) --Horsafire, by Hold Your Peace. O-New Farm; B-Lois C. Harden (FL.); T-Benjamin W. Perkins; (\$130,000 two-year-old 1993 Fasig-Tipton February 2yos in training sale at Calder); \$30,000.
- 2-- **Dance Chime**, f, 3, Danzatore (Prestonwood Farm-KY) --Chime, by Bold Forbes. O-Richard Hearty, et al.; (\$107,000 two-year-old 1993 Ocala Breeders' Sales Co. March 2yos in training sale); \$10,000.
- 3-- **Lets Be Alert**, f, 3, Gold Alert (Franks Farms, Southland Division-FL) --Lets Be Personal, by *Grey Dawn II. O-Pedigree Farm; (\$30,000 two-year-old 1993 Ocala Breeders' Sales Co. two-year-olds in training sale); \$5,000.
Margins: 2 3/4, 3 1/2, 4 1/2.

FLORIDA BREEDERS AND OWNERS ASSOCIATION DISTAFF S., OTC, 3-21, \$35,000, 3yo/up, f and m, sales graduates, 8.5f, 1:47 1/5, ft.

- 1--**SLEW KNEW**, f, 4, Show'em Slew (Bridlewood Farm-FL) --New Reality, by In Reality. O-Mar Vic Stable; B-Arthur Appleton (FL.); T-Diana Cesarini; (\$3,500 yearling 1991 Ocala Breeders' Sales Co. January mixed sale); \$21,000.
- 2-- **Show No Fear**, m, 5, Show Dancer (Franks Farms, Southland Division-FL) --No Fear of Flying, by Super Concorde. O-R. Coto and C. Y. Justi; \$7,000.
- 3-- **Future of Gold**, f, 4, Fountain of Gold (Red Oak Farm-FL) --Buy the Future, by Honest Pleasure. O-D. Vitesse; \$3,500. Margins: neck, 4, neck.

Triple Threats cont.

THIS WEEKS' TRIPLE CROWN PREPS

GII \$250,000 Gotham S., 3/26, 8f, Aqueduct

The field includes confirmed starters **Bit of Puddin** (Obligato), **Irgun** (Sunny's Halo), **Jesse F.** (Conquistador Cielo), **Mr. Meadow** (Meadowlake), **Mr. Shawkit** (Afleet), **Next Wave** (Cherokee Fellow), **Popol's Gold** (Strike Gold) and **Thrill of Victory** (Thrill of Victory). Next Wave will ship in from Suffolk Downs. Owned and trained by Gary Larson, the Florida-bred has won three of four races since the addition of blinkers, all at six furlongs. Larson said, "I'm trying to get him in a stake to see what he is." The campaign of Willard Thompson trainee Thrill of Victory has been compromised by the weather this winter; he has not raced since winning a mile allowance at Garden State Feb. 5. Said Thompson. "We were going to run him in the Cherry Hill Mile, but that was cancelled by a snowstorm."

\$150,000 Tampa Bay Derby, 3/27, 8.5f

\$50,000 Bahamas S., 3/27, 7f, Hialeah



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BUMPER CROP?

by: William Leggett

There are now a mere seven weeks until the Triple Crown chase commences, but already a unique set of feelings are extant about this year's series.

There seems to be a general consensus among writers, trainers, owners, jockeys, breeders and track executives that this year's batch of three-year-olds may be both versatile, deep and capable of making major news. Let's raise a glass to that, and hope that prediction holds true not only during the five weeks between the Kentucky Derby and the Belmont Stakes, but throughout the remainder of the year as well.

Like it or not, the truth of the matter is that racing has endured an almost endless succession of less than inspiring three-year-old seasons which have failed to measure up to expectations. Granted, perhaps the expectations got too high because too much is often made of the three-year-old male division compared to the other divisions in racing.

Please consider, though, what has transpired in the division over the past 14 years. Between 1980-93 a total of 42 Triple Crown races were run, and only seven favorites won.

That's 16.6 percent. And downright embarrassing, because racing fans are well aware of the statistical reality that favorites win 33 percent of all races run. In stakes the figure should be somewhere between 40-45 percent. The stunning race in the equation is the Derby, where no favorite has won since Spectacular Bid in 1979.

Prior to the ongoing 0-14 run of beaten favorites, the Derby had never previously had a favorite drought which lasted more than a half dozen years (1916-21). In fact, it also once had a six-year run during which favorites won every race (1891-96).

No matter how many times it is explained to them, people keep making the same error in judgement about the Derby: that the two-year-old champion of one fall will be the best three-year-old at Churchill Downs on the first Saturday of the following May. Utter nonsense.

In the 57 years since "official" champions have been named, only nine two-year-old champions won the Kentucky Derby, and six of those came in racing's eight "Wonder Years" from 1971-78 when Riva Ridge, Secretariat, Foolish Pleasure, Seattle Slew, Affirmed and Spectacular Bid emerged. Take those eight years out of the block and you get three Derby winners from 49 champion two-year-olds (6 percent). To further confuse the issue, no Breeders' Cup Juvenile winner has ever won a Triple Crown event in nine years, and only one (Chief's Crown) has even hit the board in a Triple Crown race.

Why has it become so difficult for a favorite to win a Triple Crown race? The Trail is far different than it once was; the game has changed drastically. One of the oldest sayings in racing is that a "good horse can come from anywhere," and that seems truer now than ever before.

It is no longer the easy exercise it once was to take the Florida Derby, Santa Anita Derby or Wood Memorial winner and assume that those races are the be-all and end-all of Derby preps. Whereas the Jim Beam Spiral Stakes was a \$15,000 event in 1972, it has become the "now" prep of the 90's. With a purse of \$600,000, the Jim Beam is the richest three-year-old prep, and its winners in the 90's have taken five of the most recent dozen Triple Crown races won.

A look at racing in Florida over the past couple of years shows that some of Gulfstream Park's preps have been won by major longshots. My Luck Runs North paid \$81 when he won the '92 Hutcheson, Technology paid \$26.20 when he took the '92 Florida Derby and Bull in the Heather paid \$60.80 a year ago. And don't forget Rockamundo, the \$218 winner of the \$500,000 Arkansas Derby in '93.

Also, that mythical "Road to the Triple Crown" has been widened to such a degree that the landscape has become blurred for those trying to keep up with progress of various horses. The very first weekend in April brings up the \$600,000 Jim Beam, the \$125,000 Rebel Stakes at Oaklawn Park and the \$200,000 Flamingo at Hialeah.

On April 9 there is \$900,000 hanging up for three-year-old males and one week later the pots total \$1,275,000 for the Blue Grass, Wood Memorial, Best Turn and California Derby. Just looking at the schedules and the money values of the races gives one a clear indication that a horse does not really have to run against the top opposition in order to gain passage to Louisville. It was not always that way.

It is the variety of venues which has helped to confuse the Triple Crown chase and caused so many strange favorites to go up on the board. Seemingly, the nation's fans had the right favorite in 5-2 Hansel in '91, but after he ran tenth in the Derby behind Strike the Gold he paid a remarkable \$20.20 in the Preakness and a solid \$10.20 in the Belmont.

Of the dozen Classic winners in the 1990's, Hansel is the only horse to account for two of them. Lil E. Tee, Prairie Bayou, Summer Squall, Pine Bluff, Go and Go and Hansel all experienced problems of major or tragic results, while Unbridled and A.P. Indy won the \$3 million Breeders' Cup Classic, and Strike the Gold rebounded to win the American Championship Racing Series after a long losing streak following his Derby victory.

Certainly these have not been the best of times, but the enthusiasm coming out of the three-year-old training centers seems genuine and fairly well thought out. Let's hope that it is also correct and that our glasses can remain raised on high for a long time.



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Weekend Results:

FLOWER CUP-GIII, Nakayama Racecourse, 3/19, \$717,997, 3yo, f, 1800m(T), 1:50 3/5, fm.

1-**ONWARD NOBLE**, f, 3, **Amber Shadai--Onward Nancy**, by **Hard to Beat**. O/B-Onward Bokujo Co. Ltd. (Jpn.). T-T. Nihonyanagi.

2-**Mellow Fruits**, f, 3, **Halo--Buffed Orange**, by **Exclusive Native**.

3-**Chokai Carol**, f, 3, **Brian's Time--Witwatersrand**, by **Mr. Prospector**.

Margins: 1 1/4, 3/4, 1 1/4

HOCHI HAI YONSAI HIMBA TOKUBETSU-GII, Chukyo Racecourse, 3/20, \$935,286, 3yo, f, 1200m(T), 1:10 2/5, fm.

1-**GOLDEN JACK**, f, 3, **Afleet-Comaz**, by **Danzig**. O-Kyoei Co., Ltd. B-Masaru Tabata (Jpn.). T-S. Kitahashi.

2-**Risk Flora**, f, 3, **No Pass No Sale--Myojin Asahi**, by **Die Hard**.

3-**Nagara Flash**, f, 3, **Flash of Steel--Noto Lypheor**, by **Lypheor**.

Margins: 1 1/2, 1, nose.

NIKKEI SHO-GII, Nakayama Racecourse, 3/20, \$1,152,574, 4&up, 2500m(T), 2:32 4/5, fm.

1-**STAGE CHAMP**, c, 4, **Real Shadai--Dyna Actress**, by **Northern Taste**. O-Hidetou Furuoka. B-Shadai Farm (Jpn.). T-S. Yano.

2-**Rice Shower**, h, 5, **Real Shadai--Lilac Point**, by **Maruzensky**.

3-**Matikanetannhauser**, h, 5, **Northern Taste--Kuri Pussy**, by **Arrow Express**.

Margins: nose, 1/3, 3 1/2

TOYOTA SHO CHUKYO KINEN-GIII, Kokura Racecourse, 3/20, \$793,576, 4&up, 2000m(T), 2:03 3/10, fm.

1-**SHIMANO YAMAHIME**, m, 5, **Kolymsky--Shimano Remand**, by **Remand**. O-Hisae Shimakura. B-Yamaoka Bokujo (Jpn.). T-H. Shimazaki.

2-**Golden Hour**, h, 7, **Amber Shadai--Maeko Linear**, by **Aranas**.

3-**Osumi Point**, c, 4, **Bellypha--Point Getter**, by **Silver Shark**.

Margins: neck, 1/2, neck.

ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

8th-Spt, \$34,100, 4yo/up, 8f, 1:38, ft.

JAN ARTIC (h, 5, **Son of Briartic--Janacan**, by **Bold Forbes**), winless in two starts in '94 since taking the Sun Beau Stakes at Hawthorne in his last '93 outing, made the lead here and cruised home to a three-length victory as the 9-5 favorite; career record now at 31-11-4-6 with \$236,530 in the bank.

O-Hartley Stable & Khan Stable. B-Khan Stables & Zwarun S. Management Ltd (Alb.-C). T-D. Hartley.

1st-Spt, \$23,700, State-bred, 3/up, f/m, 6f, 1:11 45, gd.

YOUR LADYSHIP (f, 4, **Moment of Hope--Education Lady**, by **Bold Hitter**) winner of the August, '93 Colfax Maid at Arlington, closed from last and just in time for a head victory. Even-money Kuma (Naevus) was second. The winner is now at 18-5-4-2, \$121,493.

O-A&L Racing Corporation. B-A. Delighter (Ill.) T-G. Cilio.

7th-Spt, \$22,440, State-bred, 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:11 4/5, ft.

MAUVAIS (f, 4, **Cut Throat--Deux Chevaux**, by **Mr. Ralph**), in the money eight of 11 last year but 0-for-2 in '94, was better than her name suggested, cruising home by two. Her stats now: 18-5-5-4, \$70,676.

O-J. Amoroso & J. Diesi. B-W. Leilani & E.W. Reynolds (Ill.) T-M. Scherer.

7th-Pha, \$15,500, 4yo/up, 8f 70 yds., 1:44 1/5, ft.

BADGER BANE (c, 4, **Badger Land--Urbane Manner**, by **Northern Bay**), plagued by seconditis in four of his last seven starts, found the winner's circle for the first time this year, holding on to a 1/2-length victory as the even-money favorite. The colt's record is now 27-7-8-1, \$95,150.

O-C Breeze Racing Stable. B-Bud Mills (Fla.) T-H. Yanofsky.

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WOODBINE OPENS NEW MAIN TRACK

Woodbine's "new" main track opened yesterday morning. For the first time since the track was dug up and new drainage, base and topsoil added, horses galloped and worked over the one-mile oval during a two-hour period Mon. morning. "We didn't have too many workers, but everyone was delighted with the track," said John Whitson, General Manager of Racing for the Ontario Jockey Club. Work was begun late last Oct.