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DEHERE SURGERY SUCCESSFUL 1993 Juvenile Champion **Dehere** (Deputy Minister) underwent surgery to repair his fractured right hind cannon bone at 12:30 p.m. yesterday afternoon at a clinic in Pompano, Fla. Dr. Wayne McKilwrath inserted three screws horizontally into the bone so that they line up vertically, according to Due Process stable manager John Perrotta, who said that the surgery was considered a success and had gone according to plan. Perrotta said that Dehere was resting back in his stall at Palm Beach Downs. McKilwrath was assisted by Dr. Jim Palmer, Dr. Glenn Gillard and Dr. Dan Hegelston.

SPENDTHRIFT TO BE AUCTIONED Officials of MetLife, the current owners of the Spendthrift Farm property, and Swinebroad-Denton Auctioneers announced an absolute auction of Spendthrift in Lexington, Ky. May 5, two days before the Kentucky Derby. The auction will offer the remaining 636 acres of the farm, including the stallion complex, breeding sheds, main residence and numerous other buildings. Two tracts of land comprise the acreage of Spendthrift. Tract A contains 496 acres that include the stallion complex, main residence and several barns and run-in sheds. Tract B holds the remaining 140 acres, a residence, two barns and three run-in sheds.

CHERRY HILL MILE CANCELLED Garden State Park announced yesterday that they will not reschedule the Cherry Hill Mile, which was called off last Fri. when jockeys refused to ride the night's card. "We think the money can be better used in purses for overnight races," said General Manager Rich Orbann. "At this point, I think more of our horsemen would benefit by putting the money into overnights." The cancellation was the 17th live racing date Garden State has lost due to weather this year.

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Saturday, Gulfstream

FLORIDA DERBY-GI, \$500,000, 3yo, 9f
Canaveral (Relaunch) worked five furlongs at Gulfstream Mon. in a bullet :59 3/5 with regular rider Shane Sellers aboard. "He will have to overcome adversity," said trainer Frank Brothers. "He has never been bounced around, shoved behind horses or had dirt in his face. We have tried to teach him the best we can in the morning. But you never know what young horses are going to do." Canaveral, a \$130,000 Fasig-Tipton Saratoga Aug. yearling, is undefeated in two lifetime starts. **Mr. Angel** (Cormorant), who dumped his rider after galloping Mon. at Calder, breezed an uneventful five furlongs in 1:01 yesterday. "Every day is such an ordeal with this horse," said trainer Marty Wolfson. "That is the fifth time in a month he has dropped a rider. Luckily, the boy hung onto the reins. I just want to get him to the races. This is not a fun thing. This is a lot of work." Herb McCauley has the mount.

Sunday, Gulfstream

PAN AMERICAN H.-GII, \$300,000, 3&up, 12f(T)
Trainer Bill Mott is scheduled to saddle the highweight of 124 pounds, Madeleine Paulson's **Fraise** (Strawberry Road {AUST}). In his last start, the Gil McKnight H. at Calder, the 1992 Breeders' Cup Turf winner finished third at odds of 1-2. Two four-year-olds are scheduled to make their North American debuts in the Pan American. **Laredo** (PER) (Muscovite) is a G1 winner in Argentina, while **Frenesi** (ARG) (Forlitano {ARG}) is a G2 winner, also in Argentina. They will carry 116 and 113 pounds, respectively.

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LARRY COLLMUS NAMED MONMOUTH

ANNOUNCER Larry Collmus, who has served as track announcer at Suffolk Downs for the past three years, has been named the racecaller for the upcoming Monmouth Park meeting. Collmus, 27, began his career at the Birmingham Turf Club in 1987. The following year, he came the youngest announcer ever to call a major race meet when he called the races at Golden Gate Fields, where he remained until 1991. He has also worked at Bay Meadows and the Northern California fairs.



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Yesterday's Results:

7th-GP, \$35,700 Alw., 4yo/up, f&m, 6f, 1:09 2/5, ft.

SAVANNAH STYLE (f, 4, Little Current--Inthreedee, by His Majesty), who ended her '93 campaign with a Philadelphia Park allowance win, opened '94 with a rallying one-length score over even-money favorite Elderberry Drive (SW of \$75,507 by Strawberry Road {AUST}). Stats now sit at 14-4-3-1 and earnings at \$76,340.

O-K. Grainger. B-S. Field (Fla.). T-W. White.

8th-GP, \$31,000 Alw., 4yo/up, f&m, abt.8.5fT, 1:43 (NCR), fm.

ARBUSHA (f, 5, Danzig--Lulu Mon Amour, by Tom Rolfe), a stakes-winner in Germany and G3 stakes-placed in Ireland, rallied from 7th to take her 1st North American victory by 3/4-length. The full-sister to NICHOLAS (G2 Ger., \$152,277) went off as the 3-2 favorite. North American earnings increase to \$24,090 with new record of 3-1-1-0. O-Henryk Dekwiatkowski. B-Kennelot Stables Ltd. (Ky.). T-W. Mott.

6th-GP, \$29,000 Alw., 3yo, abt.9fT, 1:49 1/5, fm.
CARPET (c, 3, Danzig--Kashan, by Damascus) follows his five-and-a-half length maiden win with a wire-to-wire allowance victory as the odds-on choice. A 1/2 to Herat (SW of \$771,415 by Northern Dancer) and Tile (SW of \$122,018 by Honest Pleasure), his second straight win moves record to 4-2-0-0 and \$32,620 in earnings.

O-Mrs. W. H. Perry. B-Claiborne Farm & The Gamely Corp. (Ky.). T-W. Mott.

4th-GP, \$29,000 Alw., 4&up, f&m, a9f(T), 1:50 3/5, fm.

SHAMEFUL MISS (f, 5, General Assembly--Shameful Act, by Sham) and **PRIVATE SESSION (f, 4, Private Account--Dancing All Night {GII, \$185,420}, by Nijinsky II)** finished in a dead-heat for first place. At odds of 26-1, Shameful Miss raced in 4th until the stretch, when she sprinted to the front of the pack. Private Session, the 7-2 co-choice, raced 9th early on before commencing a strong rally that saw her move up from 7th to 1st in the stretch. Career earnings for Shameful Miss increase to \$50,255 with new stats of 27-2-7-6. Private Session has now earned \$26,470 from a 7-2-0-0 race record.

Shameful Miss: O-J. Arango. B-Pillar Stud Inc. (Ky.) T-M. Estevez.

Private Session: O-Ogden Phipps. B-Ogden Phipps & Ogden Mills Phipps (Ky.). T-C. McGaughey III.

1st-GP, Mdn., 3yo, f, 7f, 1:23 2/5, ft.

+LEAH'S GOLD (f, 3, Slew o'Gold--August Days, by In Reality), a half-sister to FOR REALLY (GIII, \$481,681, by Buckaroo) and RETURN TO QUARTERS (MSW, \$103,638, by Fit to Fight), went wire-to-wire at odds of 21-1 to take her first lifetime start by a nose.

O/B-Regal Oak Farm (Ky.). T-M. Wolfson.



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Yesterday's Results:

6th-Aqu, \$32,000 Alw., 4yo/up, f&m, 8f 70yds, 1:42 :3/5, wf.

NOBLE GIRL (m, 5, Noble Nashua--Optimus Gal, by Roman Reasoning), an allowance winner last time out, sat just off the pacesetting favorite Hooded Dancer (Gate Dancer) until deep stretch, then put a head in front to take the photo. The winner improves to 40-7-6-6 with \$158,800 in the bank.

O-E. Hauman. B-C. Lizza Jr. (N.Y.). T-M. Hushion.

5th-Aqu, Mdn., 3yo, f, 6f, 1:12 3/5, wf.

+PLUCKEMIN (f, 3, Exclusive Era--Princess Westport, by Princely Native) took command from the start and never looked back, widening her lead to 4 lengths at the wire in her career opener.

O/B-Anthony J. Knapp Jr. (Ky.). T-B. Johnstone.

3rd-Aqu, Mdn., 4&up, f&m, 6f, 1:13 2/5, wf.

HIGH DECLINE (f, 4, High Gold--Sharp and Sassy, by Sharp Decline) led from gate-to-wire under Frank Alvarado to break her maiden by three lengths in her 7th try. The 3-1 second choice in the betting raises income to \$12,157 and stats to 7-1-1-0.

O/T-Ted Koziarz. B-Susan A. Metzger (N.J.).



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SECOND TIME AROUND

by: Jay Privman

Watching the hopes and dreams of a Kentucky Derby contender evaporate might be the worst thing that could happen to someone in the spring. It all depends on your perspective, and Doug Peterson certainly sees things differently now than he once did.

Peterson, 41, is the trainer of Fly'n J. Bryan, a brilliantly fast three-year-old colt who won the first two starts of his career and went into Sunday's San Rafael Stakes at Santa Anita as the odds-on favorite. Fly'n J. Bryan was cooked on a hot pace with Tabasco Cat, however, and faded to finish fourth, 22 lengths in arrears.

Back in 1978, Peterson was thrust into the spotlight as the trainer of Seattle Slew. Back then, a loss like Sunday's might have put Peterson in a dark funk, and sent him reeling towards a binge of drinking to block out the pain.

But that was then, and this, fortunately, is now. In the years between Seattle Slew and Fly'n J. Bryan, Peterson hit the bottom, both personally and professionally. "The worst? I don't know. I had so many bad days, it's hard to say," Peterson said in an interview at his Santa Anita barn. "It's a progressive disease, alcoholism. It's hard to believe unless you've been through it."

Peterson has been through it, and has crossed over to the sunny side of the street. He trains 14 horses at Santa Anita, and is regarded as one of the best-kept secrets on the backside.

Most importantly, though, Peterson is sober, has renewed confidence, and has resurrected a career that seemed filled with promise when he was tabbed to handle Seattle Slew. Peterson was a child prodigy-- he won a \$100,000 race at La Mesa Park in New Mexico when he was 18.

"All the days back then were bad," Peterson said of his life as an alcoholic. "Now, they're all good. Some just are better than others."

Peterson was 26 years old when he took over as the trainer of Seattle Slew. Billy Turner, who had guided Seattle Slew to the Triple Crown in 1977, was fired at the end of that year by Slew's owners, Karen and Mickey Taylor and Dr. Jim and Sally Hill.

Almost immediately, Peterson had to deal with

a crisis. Seattle Slew took ill with Colitis-X and nearly died.

"We spend a lot of time with him," Peterson recalled. "he had a lot of bad days, but we stuck with him, and he pulled through it."

Seattle Slew made it back to the races in the summer of 1978, won five of seven starts, and was named champion older horse that year. He was involved in two of the greatest races of that year, or any year. In the Marlboro Cup, Seattle Slew faced Affirmed in the first meeting between Triple Crown winners. Seattle Slew beat Affirmed by three lengths. A few weeks later, Seattle Slew lost a heartbreaker to Exceller in the Jockey Club Gold Cup after setting a sizzling pace that should have left Slew an also-ran.

"That was his best race," Peterson said.

The glory days of Seattle Slew, however, quickly faded for Peterson. By 1981, three years after training Seattle Slew to an Eclipse Award, Peterson was out of the game. Peterson had gone to California with a division of horses for the Taylors and Hills, but was let go in September 1980.

Peterson drifted between odd jobs before finally getting help in Southern California through the Winners Foundation, an organization funded by the racing industry to help persons deal with substance-abuse problems.

Peterson got sober and started training again in 1988. He gained immediate attention by saddling several longshot winners at Del Mar that summer, and he has slowly but steadily seen his stable grow to 14 head.

"I've taken a lot of small steps," Peterson said about expanding his stable. "It's better to go slow and be patient. If you go too fast, that's no good."

Peterson seems determined to make up for all the wrongs he has committed in the past. He is honest to a fault, gracious with his time, and sincerely earnest when dealing with people.

"It's no secret what I've gone through," Peterson said. "I made a lot of mistakes, burned a lot of bridges."

"This is more or less a second chance for me. I got back my life. Before, I took a lot of things for granted. I didn't get the full impact of what I had. Now, I realize the beauty of the birds in the morning."

"I just pray to God that I do a good job every day. If so, I'm happy with myself."



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Allowance Results:

8th-Lrl, \$22,000, 4&up, 7f, 1:23 3/5, ft.
THREE DREAMS (g, 5, Garthorn--Tunefull Ann, by Bold L.B.), the 5-1 fourth choice in the betting despite winning his last 3 outings, took the lead at the start and gradually increased it until he was 3 3/4-lengths in front at the wire. Favored Bates Return (SP wnr of \$101,658, by Bates Motel) finished 2nd in the 6-horse field. Earnings increase to \$101,675 with new stats of 30-9-2-7.

O-Jones Anderson Farm. B-Stephen Leanhart Sr. (Fla.). T-W. Jamtgaard.

9th-Pha, \$19,000, 4&up, f&m, 6f, 1:12 2/5, my.
TELL MARGIE (m, 5, Talc--Tattle Tale, by Tell), 4th in the Correction H. at Aqueduct last out, stepped down in class and prevailed by a neck as the overwhelming 3-5 favorite. A SW of \$196,099, her new record stands at 26-10-4-7.

O-John R. Perrotta. B-F. Seitz (N.Y.). T-A. Goldberg.

7th-Lrl, \$16,500, 3yo, f, 6f, 1:12, ft.
BLUE SKIES FOREVER (f, 3, Stormin' Again--Sprizabarb, by Sprizzo) went wire-to-wire to remain undefeated in two career starts. Even-money favorite Shang Valay (Carnivalay) finished 5 1/2-lengths back in second. The win brings Blue Skies Forever's career earnings to \$15,390.

O-Cecille L. Baiardo. B-Mrs. Cecille L. Briqrd (Md.). T-G. Capuano.

8th-Pha, \$15,500, 4&up, f&m, 8.5f, 1:49, my.
KIRA'S DANCER (m, 5, Sun War Dancer--Biscayne Baby, by Lord Avie), coming off two consecutive 2nd-place finishes, took the lead from the start, then lost it after 3/4-mile to Hopester (Arctic Tern), only to regain it in the stretch and draw off to a five-length victory. Hopester finished 2nd in the 7-horse field. The 3-2 bettor's choice, Kira's Dancer increases bankroll to \$38,160 and stats to 16-3-3-4.

Foaling News:

LADY'S SECRET, 12, Secretariat--Great Lady M.
 (Icecapade)

Foal born 3-6-94, a colt by Mr. Prospector.

Boarded at Fares Farms in Lexington, Kentucky.

Accomplishments: 1986 Horse of the Year, Champion Older Mare, Breeders' Cup Distaff. 11-time GI winner of \$3,021,425.

Maiden Winners:

+ **Pluckemin, f, 3, Exclusive Era--Princess Westport,** by Princely Native. Aqu, 3-8, 6f, 1:12 3/5, wf. B-Anthony J. Knapp Jr. (Ky.).

+ **Leah's Gold, f, 3, Slew o' Gold--August Days, by In Reality.** GP, 3-8, 7f, 1:23 2/5, ft. B-Regal Oak Farm (Ky.). *1/2 to FOR REALLY (Gill, \$481,681, by Buckaroo) and RETURN TO QUARTERS (MSW, \$103,638, by Fit to Fight).

Owned By Us, c, 3, Waquoit--Owned By All (MSW of \$328,983), by Mitey Prince. Lrl, 3-8, 6f, 1:12, ft. B-All Stable (Md.).

High Decline, f, 4, High Gold--Sharp and Sassy, by Sharp Decline. Aqu, 3-8, 6f, 1:13 2/5, wf. B-Susan A. Metzger (N.J.).

American-Bred Winners in France:

Second Service, f, 3, Diesis (GB)--First Service, by Busted (GB). Evry Racecourse, 3-5, Prix de Pithiviers, 10f, 3yo, f, \$13,793 to winner. O-Mme. Laignel. B-G.W. Leigh. T-A. Spanu.

Coral Beach, c, 4, Blushing Groom (FR)--Sunny Bay, by Northern Bay. Saint-Cloud, 3-7, Prix de Brocas H., 12f, 4yo, \$11,945 to winner. O-F.

McNulty. B-Juddmonte Farms. T-M. Rolland.

Kitwood, h, 5, Nureyev--Kittiwake, by Sea Bird II. Saint-Cloud, 3-7, Prix Vollandry, 4&up, 8f, \$10,239 to winner. O-Sheikh Mohammed bin rashid al Maktoum. B-Lazy Lane Stables. T-A. Fabre.

American-Bred Winners in England:

Mahool, g, 5, Alydar--Tax Dodge, by Seattle Slew. Wolverhampton, 3-5, Grocer H., 7f, 3&up, \$5,035 to winner. O-A.A. Scott. B-Wooden Horse Investments Inc. T-Alex Scott.

Mystic Eagle, c, 3, Woodman--Touch Of Greatness, by Hero's Honor. Wolverhampton, 3-5, Wheelwright Conditions S., 8f, 100yds, 3yo, \$5,460 to winner. O-David J. Heerensberger. B-Silver Springs Farm Inc. T-Lord Huntington.

Anorak, c, 4, Storm Bird--Someway Somehow, by What Luck. Wolverhampton, 3-7, Souffle H., 9f, 79yds, 3&up, \$5,033 to winner. O-Dunnington, Shaw and Smart. B-Ashwood Thoroughbreds Inc. T-P. Haslam.