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**IRGUN OUT OF DERBY** Irgun (Sunny's Halo), winner of the GI Wood Memorial and GII Gotham S. in his last two starts, was declared out of the Kentucky Derby picture yesterday afternoon by owner Brandon Chase. Chase said that because Irgun missed a work Tues. morning due to a sore right foot that had suffered a popped gravel, he, as well as trainer Steve Young, did not feel the colt would have enough time to catch up to make the Derby. Jockey Jerry Bailey, who was scheduled to ride Irgun in the May 7 event, will instead ride **Blumin' Affair** (Dynaformer).

**SANTA ANITA WRAP-UP** Santa Anita completed its 90-day racing season Mon. with a California record \$8,991,084 daily average pari-mutuel handle, up 21.6 percent over the 1992-3 season. The daily average on-track handle of \$3,005,021, a slight decrease of .5 percent from last year, was offset by the 79.2 percent increase in interstate daily average handle. Daily average attendance of 30,902 was up .7 percent from 1992-3, although on-track crowds declined by 4.5 percent. Jockey Kent Desormeaux and trainer Jack Van Berg won their first Santa Anita winter/spring titles, capturing 90 and 33 races, respectively. Trudy McCaffery and John Toffan took the owners title with \$2,231,875 in purses; their turf runner **Bien Bien** (Manila) topped all horses at the meeting with \$1,146,925 in earnings.

**HOLLYWOOD PARK OPENS TODAY** The action shifts to Inglewood, Cal. when Hollywood Park begins its 68-day spring/summer meeting today. The meeting will feature eight GI events including the \$750,000 Hollywood Gold Cup for at 10 furlongs to be run July 2. Hall of Fame jockey Chris McCarron starts the meeting 30 victories shy of winning of 6,000 races in his career, a standard eclipsed by only 10 other jockeys.

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### Sunday, Hollywood

**JOHN HENRY H.-GII, \$150,000a, 3&up, 9f(T)**  
Daniel Wildenstein's **Arcangues** (Sagace {FR}) will make his first start since his upset win in the '93 Breeders' Cup Classic. "We had hoped to have him ready for the Santa Anita H.," said trainer Richard Mandella, "but he had lost some weight and the weather cost us delays in his training schedule. But he's been doing fine of late. He's gained weight and acclimated well, so we're looking forward to the John Henry." Arcangues worked a mile in 1:38 1/5 on Santa Anita's fast main track Wed. with Eddie Delahoussaye in the saddle. Others considered definite for the John Henry are **Earl of Barking** (IRE) (Common Grounds {GB}), McCarron; **Kingdom Found** (The Bart), Desormeaux and **Misil** (Miswaki), Black. Trainer Ron McAnally said **Johann Quatz** (FR) (Sadler's Wells) is also a candidate, although he indicated he may not want to face Arcangues at this time.

### Friday, Hollywood Park

**A GLEAM H.-GII, \$100,000a, 3yo/up, f/m, 7f.**  
Chris McCarron will ride **Golden Klair** (GB) (Damister) for trainer Darrell Vienna. Other expected starters include Santa Anita Budweiser BC H.(GIII) runner-up **Cargo** (Caro {IRE}) and Claiborne Farm's **Tour** (Forty Niner). **Mamselle Belette** (Copelan), winner of four stakes at Santa Anita, was assigned highweight of 122 pounds, but is not expected to start. Neither is **Southern Truce** (Truce Maker) at 120, who is being pointed for the Sixty Sails H. at Sportsmans Park May 7. That leaves Cargo and Golden Klair (GB) as starting co-highweights at 117.

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## T • R • I • P • L • E T H R E A T S

**Kandaly** (Alydar): The Louisiana Derby winner worked six furlongs in 1:15 4/5 Tues. morning at Churchill Downs with Gary Stevens substituting for Craig Perret for the work. Kandaly galloped out seven furlongs in 1:29 2/5. "It was excellent and I was real impressed with him," said Stevens. "His last quarter was awesome. I have watched several horses work the last two days and I haven't seen any come home like he just did." Trainer Louie Roussel said Kandaly would come back next Tues. and work five-eighths with Perret, his Derby rider, in the irons. "There was just a miscommunication this morning," said Roussel after Perret went to Keeneland instead of Churchill for the work. "Next week Keeneland will be closed so maybe he won't get confused."

**Mahogany Hall** (Woodman): In his first work since a third-place finish in the Blue Grass S. April 16, Mahogany Hall was clocked in :49 3/5 for a half-mile Tues. morning under exercise rider Paul O'Sullivan. "He has never raced here but he seemed like he liked the track," said trainer Jimmy Baker. "He'll probably come back and work five-eighths or three-quarters next Mon. or Tues. and that will be it. He doesn't require a lot of training."

**Meadow Flight** (Meadowlake): The Flamingo winner galloped 1 5/8-miles Tues. morning. Trainer Jim Ryerson has a six-furlong work scheduled for Wed. Ryerson is still looking for a rider for the Derby and hopes to have that finalized by Wed.

**Powis Castle** (Rare Brick), **Smilin Singin Sam** (Smile): Both are scheduled to work Wed.

**Strodes Creek** (Halo): With jockey Eddie Delahoussaye aboard for the first time, Strodes Creek worked a mile in 1:42 4/5 Tues. at Churchill Downs. "I thought he worked good," said Delahoussaye, who returned to California later in the morning. "I had never been on him and he's a big, lazy horse and he showed that this morning. He was just gawking around." Trainer Charlie Whittingham expressed satisfaction with the work. "I wasn't going for a fast time because this track is slow and deep," he said.

**Tabasco Cat** (Storm Cat): Overbrook Farm and David Reynolds' Tabasco Cat worked a mile in 1:42 4/5 Tues. with exercise rider Kelly Castanada up. He was joined by a stablemate at the half-mile pole

and spotted that horse some eight lengths, closing the gap to nearly two lengths entering the stretch and finishing about two lengths in front at the wire. "We just wanted a good, solid work and have him gallop out strong and that is what we accomplished," said trainer D. Wayne Lukas. "He has been having good, strong two-minute gallops and all we have to do now is fine-tune the engine."

**Southern Rhythm** (Dixieland Band): The Lexington S. winner jogged a mile with exercise rider Bryan Beccia up.

News Continued.

**OBS HOLDS OPTIMISTIC FIRST SESSION** The Ocala Breeders' Sales Company opened its Annual Spring Sale of Two-Year-Olds in Training Mon. at its Sales and Training Complex in Ocala, Florida. Leading Mon.'s first session was **Valid Perception**, a gray colt by Valid Appeal--Light Miss (Iron Constitution). Consigned by Mockingbird Farm as agent, the colt was purchased by K. Sheena for \$56,000. There were 159 horses sold for a gross of \$1,800,200 and an average of \$11,322, up 6.17 percent from the 1993 first session average of \$10,664. The four-day sale will conclude Thursday.

### SHERGAR SHAREHOLDERS LOSE CASE

Shareholders in **Shergar** (IRE) (Great Nephew {GB}), the 1981 Epsom Derby winner, have lost their High Court insurance claim. The claimants, including Vincent O'Brien and the Robert Sangster-owned Swettenham Stud, brought the case in a bid to force insurers to pay damages over Shergar's disappearance and presumed subsequent death at the hands of the IRA, in February 1983. Presiding judge Mr. Justice Rattee found that the defending insurers had never been asked by shareholders to provide theft coverage on the 10 million pound stallion.

**ARC PLAN CRITICIZED** An elimination scheme designed to restrict the number of runners in future renewals of the Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe to 20 has drawn fire from leading racing figures in Britain. The plan, based on prize-money won in each entry's previous two seasons, would seem to work against horses who have done most of their racing in countries where purses are relatively low. Runners from Japan, for example, where eight of the ten richest races in the world are currently run, would have a huge advantage over horses from Britain, none of whose events figures in the top dozen. Newmarket trainer Luca Cumani said, "If the Japanese wanted to enter 20 horses then they could run them all."



## W • R • I • T • E • R • S U P

### WHO DO YOU LIKE IN THE '94 KENTUCKY DERBY?

**Fran LaBelle, Daily Racing Form** - "Right now, I like **Go for Gin** (Cormorant). Holy Bull will be pressed; the speed horses won't be allowed to get out there by themselves and that will set it up for Go for Gin."

**Rick Lang, New York Post** - "Brocco (Kris S.)--I think he's the best in the West, and I think the West has the best horses."

**Bill Finley, New York Daily News** - "Holy Bull (Great Above); he's faster than everybody else."

**John Pricci, Newsday** - "I think that **Holy Bull** is a legitimate favorite, but beyond that I'm not prepared to say--yet."

**Paul Moran, Newsday** - "It's too early for me to make a pick, but I don't like Holy Bull. The god of genetics will hit him between the eyes at the three-sixteenths pole."

**Earle Mack, owner** - "I like **Brocco** and **Valiant Nature** (His Majesty). Brocco has proved the class of California and I think California, with the exception of Holy Bull, has the superior horses this year. It's a longshot for a speed horse not to be engaged in the Derby; there's a lot of speed and usually a 14 or 15 or 16-horse field. They're not going to let Holy Bull go for a mile and a quarter. I don't think Valiant Nature was all out to get Holy Bull in the Blue Grass; he gets a good race into him and he has the breeding to be a closer."

**Bill Nack, Sports Illustrated** - "**Strodes Creek** (Halo). He will be the best value at the windows. Eddie D. moves him up. He was closing fastest of all at the end of the Santa Anita Derby. He's by a Kentucky Derby sire, out of a very good former racemare. Charlie Whittingham thinks he has a chance. I am counting on some horse to pressure Holy Bull on the front end--otherwise, he gallops."

**Michael Jackson, Santa Anita Press Box** - "**Strodes Creek**. Charlie made two winning moves--the first was in the Santa Anita Derby and the second was putting Eddie Delahoussaye in the driver's seat."

**Matt Stevens, KCAL-TV** - "**Holy Bull**--fast at the start, fast in the middle, fast at the end."

**Alex Kahn, UPI** - "**Holy Bull**. His style reminds one of Count Fleet, who in the '40's dominated Triple Crown racing with his front-running style."

**Bob Ike, Los Angeles Daily News** - "**Strodes Creek**, because Jay Hovdey said a jockey switch wouldn't matter."

**Rodney Rash, trainer**: "I'm gonna win it with **Powis Castle**. He's just peaking at the right time."

**Dave Johnson - ABC racecaller** who will call the **Kentucky Derby**--"I'm leaning at this point to **Strodes Creek**, but I'm not 100% in anybody's camp and I have to stress the word 'leaning.' I thought his race in the Santa Anita Derby was very promising. He's four inches taller than anybody else in the field and learning from the master, and if anybody can break the jinx against unraced two-year-olds, it will be Charlie."

**Bill Murray, author** - "I think from what I've seen of **Holy Bull**, he's quite possibly the best three-year-old I've seen since Spectacular Bid. Everybody thinks he can't win because they'll cook him on the front end. All the stuff you're reading about Holy Bull needing the lead is just not true. I've seen him come from behind. He doesn't have the dosage index, but that's nonsense, in my opinion. Strike the Gold didn't have the dosage either until after he won the Derby and they adjusted it. He's unquestionably the Derby winner."

**Reynaldo Nobles, trainer** - "I like **Holy Bull** because of his speed. He's dangerous. Since he beat my horse (Dehere), I kind of took to him. I want to see somebody from the East win it."

**Thomas R. Bell, trainer** - "I think they'll all be running for second money behind **Holy Bull**. I was in Kentucky for the Blue Grass and he was very impressive. Of course I've seen all the California horses run, but Holy Bull was as impressive as I've seen. He's got the stride and the ability to relax on the front end, similar to Winning Colors. And his trainer and jockey are both adamant about saying that if someone else wants the lead, he'd have no problem sitting behind them."

**Steve Cauthen, Triple Crown-winning jockey** - "I haven't really made a final decision yet. I like a few horses. A lot will depend on the post positions. **Brocco** and **Strodes Creek** from the west are nice horses. Brocco has been running against top company, and Strodes Creek is lightly raced but ran good in his last one and is improving at the right time. I admire Charlie Whittingham a lot, and I know he can get him ready."

**Andy Beyer, author & handicapper** - "**Blumin' Affair** (Dynaformer). It's a little too early to make a definitive prediction, but I'm leaning in that direction. He's a strong stretch runner, and that's the type that's going to win the race. But I don't want to commit myself until we get closer to the race."

**Richard Small, trainer** - "I can't see anyone beating **Holy Bull**; he looks too strong."

**Chris Lincoln, host, ESPN's "Racing Across America"** - "I think so much emphasis this year is on the speed of Holy Bull that I'm looking for a closer. Nobody gets them ready for a big race better than Charlie Whittingham, so I like **Strodes Creek**. I've only been right about one Derby, my first one, when Alysheba won, and that was because I knew Jack Van Berg--and that was all I knew."



## M • I • D • W • E • S • T R E P O R T

### Today, Keeneland

**THE FORT HARROD-GIII, \$75,000a, 4&up, 8f(T)**  
The field of 10, from the rail out, is as follows: **Desert Waves** (Alysheba), Day; **Gee Can He Dance** (Fred Astaire), Sellers; **Namaqualand** (Mr. Prospector), Smith; **Joey Jr.** (Joey Bob), Moss; **The Name's Jimmy** (Encino), Perret; **Dixieland Heat** (Dixieland Band), Romero; **Pride of Summer** (Compliance), Walls; **Bidding Proud** (Explosive Bid), Fires; **First and Only** (Avatar), Hebert; **Domperignon (CHI)** (Domineau), Martinez.



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### Stakes Result:

**PRIX MONTENICA**, Maisons-Lafitte, France, 4-26, \$35,775, 3yo, 8fT, 1:36 3/5, gd.  
1--**GREEN TUNE, c, 3, Green Dancer (Gainesway Farm-KY)--Soundings, by Mr. Prospector.** O-J. Wertheimer; B-Wertheimer & Frere (Ky.); T-Criquette Head; \$20,443.  
2--**Freedom Cry (GB), c, 3, Soviet Star--Falling Star (FR), by Mount Hagen (FR).** O-D. Wildenstein; \$8,177.  
3--**Garza (GB), f, 3, Kris (GB)--Gabina, by Caro (IRE).** O-Sheikh Mohammed al Maktoum; \$4,089.  
Margins: 3/4, 2 1/2, head.  
Also ran (In order of finish): **Wessam Prince (GB)** (Soviet Star), **Le Vivarois (Local Talent)**, **Just Java (Java Gold)**, **Lord Davis (IRE)** (Lomond), **Cult Classic (FR)** (Caerleon).

### Thursday's Preview:

A total of 18 fillies are likely to go to post for the 1000 Guineas at Newmarket on Thursday, April 28. They are: **Balanchine** (Storm Bird), **Bulaxie** (Bustino), **Coup de Genie** (Mr. Prospector), **Dance To The Top** (Sadler's Wells), **Fairy Heights (IRE)** (Fairy King), **Irish Forever** (Irish River), **Lady Fairfax** (Sharrood), **Las Meninas (IRE)** (Glenstal), **Maidment** (Insan), **Mehthaaf** (Nureyev), **Mytiline (IRE)** (Soviet Star), **Prophecy (IRE)** (Warning), **Randonneur (IRE)** (Red Sunset), **Red Rita (IRE)** (Kefaah), **Relatively Special** (Alzao), **Rohita (IRE)** (Waajib), **Threatening** (Warning), and **Velvet Moon (IRE)** (Shaadi).

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### ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

**8th-Pim, \$20,500, 4yo/up, 5.5f, 1:04 1/5 (ETR).**  
**ROLLICKING TRICK (g, 4, Rollicking--Kalindi, by Lord Gaylord).** Record: 7-4-0-0, \$33,585. O-E. Vinson. B-Mrs. G. Wheeler (Md.) T-G. Vinson.

**9th-Pha, \$20,250, State-bred, 3yo/up, 6f, 1:12 4/5, ft.**  
**TIMS VALENTINE (g, 4, Sonsetta--Roman Temptress, by Bravest Roman).** Record: 9-2-2-0, \$31,574. O-T. Giovia-Smith. B-V. Maria (Pha.). T-A. Iwinski.

**8th-Pha, \$17,000, 3yo/up, f/m, 8f 70 yds, 1:44 4/5, ft.**  
**WAJAWONDER (f, 4, Wajima--Mitch Louise, by Clandestine).** Record: 20-3-3-4, \$44,712. O/B-M. Herbert (NJ). T-E. Koons.

**9th-Hia, \$15,000, 4yo/up, 8.5f (off turf), 1:45 3/5, ft.**  
**LUCIANO P. (Fappiano--Like a Train, by Great Sun).** Record: 16-2-1-4, \$46,320. O-R. Collier. B-D. Hall & B. C. Jones (Ky.) T-T. Williams. \*1/2 to By Land By Sea (Sauce Boat), MGSW of \$627,963.

### MAIDEN WINNERS:

**Classy Justice, f, 3, Judge Smells--Silver's Secret, by Silver Series.** Hia, 4-26, 6f, 1:12 3/5. B-C. Sturgill (Ky.). \*\$7,700 FTK Sept. yearling; \$10,500 OBS April 2yo.  
**Homer's Ghost, g, 3, Quicksilver--Loving Home, by Time for Home.** Pha, 4-26, 6f, 1:12 4/5. B-Land of Believe Farm Inc. (Pa.).  
**Fleethoof, c, 4, Afleet--Empty Nest, by No Robbery.** Hia, 4-26, 9.5f (off turf), 1:58 1/5. B-Glade Valley Farms Inc. (Md.). \*1/2 to Mister S. (Rollicking), GSW of \$400,098; and King's Nest (Rollicking), GSW of \$513,024. \*\*\$175,000 Kee. July yearling.

### Foaling News:

**Knowledgeable Lady, 17, Tree of Knowledge--Nasrullah Lady (Fleet Nasrullah)**  
Foal born 4-20-94, a filly by Somethingfabulous. Boarded at Old English Rancho in Ontario, California.  
Accomplishments: Dam of Journalism (Gil, \$407,650, by Publicity).