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WEEKEND RACING ON T.V. Friday, May 6--

Thrifty Car Rental Racing Across America, ESPN, 5-6 p.m., EDT, Kentucky Oaks, Early Times Turf Classic. **Saturday, May 7--**Kentucky Derby Special, ESPN2, noon-2 p.m., EDT. Kentucky Derby Special, ESPN, 2:30 to 4:30 p.m., EDT. The Sporting Life, CNN, 7:30-8:00 a.m., EDT, (repeats at 4 p.m. EDT) will include a profile of Angel Cordero Jr., now pursuing a career as a trainer at Belmont Park. Kentucky Derby, ABC, 4:30-6 p.m., EDT. **Sunday, May 8--**Sunday Morning, CBS, 9-10:30 a.m., EDT, will feature a 10-minute profile of the Don MacBeth Memorial Jockey Fund, which assists disabled jockeys and exercise riders.

AQUEDUCT HANDLE, ATTENDANCE DOWN

Total on-track attendance fell 23 percent and total New York State handle was down 29 percent at the recently concluded Aqueduct spring meet. Total attendance at the 91-day meeting was 622,736, off from 812,498 during last year's 95-day meet. The New York State handle totalled \$436,334,585, dropping from \$612,877,939 in '93. Daily attendance on-track averaged 6,843, down 20 percent from 8,552 last year; average daily New York State handle was \$4,794,882, 26 percent lower than the \$6,451,343 in 1993.

EXERCISE RIDER DIES OF APPARENT

HEART ATTACK Exercise rider and former jockey William Strauss, 57, died of an apparent heart attack Thursday after working a horse at Hollywood Park for trainer George Williams. Strauss was pulling up the mount when he was stricken. A native of Louisiana, Strauss rode match races at the age of nine before riding quarter horses in Texas in the '50s.

Saturday, Churchill Downs

GI \$500,000 Kentucky Derby, 3yo, 10f

PP	Horse	Trainer	Jockey	Odds
1	Soul of the Matter	Mandella	Desormeaux	20-1
2	Valiant Nature	McAnally	Pincay Jr.	12-1
3	Powis Castle	Rash	Antley	30-1
4	Holy Bull	Croll Jr.	Smith	8-5
5f	Ulises	Callejas	Chavez	30-1
6f	Mahogany Hall	Baker	Martinez	30-1
7	Strodes Creek	Whittingham	Delahoussaye	8-1
8	Go For Gin	Zito	McCarron	15-1
9	Tabasco Cat	Lukas	Day	6-1
10	Brocco	Winick	Stevens	3-1
11f	Smilin Singin Sam	O'Callaghan	Melancon	30-1
12	Southern Rhythm	Keefer	Gomez	15-1
13	Blumin Affair	Van Berg	Bailey	15-1
14f	Meadow Flight	Ryerson	Sellers	30-1
15	Kandaly	Roussel III	Perret	30-1

Holy Bull's (Great Above) owner/trainer Jimmy Croll had hoped for the five post, but was happy enough one stall to the left. "It's fine," said Croll. "The post is great." **Valiant Nature** (His Majesty) drew the two, solidifying trainer Ron McAnally's plans. "I'm thinking the speed will go out and we'll be laying in the second pack of horses. I'm hoping Laffit will be able to angle out down the backside because I'd prefer not to be down on the rail." Most of the speed sits outside of the favorite, with **Ulises** (Temperence Hill) in the 5 hole, and **Smilin Singin Sam** (Smile) in the 11, which suited trainer Niall O'Callaghan just fine. "There are two or three speed horses right together with Ulises alongside Holy Bull. If they don't go, we'd love to have (the lead)."

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Friday, Churchill Downs**GI \$250,000 Kentucky Oaks, 3yo, f, 9f**

PP	Horse	Trainer	Jockey	Odds
1	Slew Kitty Slew	Bradley	Gomez	30-1
2	Flying in the Lane	Heap	Boulanger	10-1
3	Fair Kris	Peterson	Pincay Jr.	12-1
4	Lakeway	Jones	Desormeaux	EVEN
5	Slide Show	White	Pettinger	15-1
6	Sardula	Mayberry	Delahoussaye	7-5
7	Diane's Halo	Cross Jr.	Stevens	10-1

Slide Show (Slewacide), a winner of her first five starts before finishing in the runner-up spot her last two, tries Grade I competition and a mile and an eighth for the first time. The Oklahoma-bred filly was second, beaten a length in the GI Fantasy at Oaklawn last time out.

Friday, Churchill Downs**GI \$200,000 Early Times Turf Classic, 3yo/up, 9f**

PP	Horse	Trainer	Jockey	Odds
1	Memento Mori	Cross Jr.	Stevens	30-1
2	Atta Hawk	Lynch	Fires	30-1
3	Lure	McGaughey	Smith	4-5
4	The Name's Jimmy	Lange	Delahoussaye	8-1
5	Domperignon (CHI)	Meyers	Romero	30-1
6	Paradise Creek	Mott	Day	7-5
7	Yukon Robbery	Higgins	Desormeaux	10-1

A four-length winner of the GI Elkhorn S. in his seasonal bow, **Lure** (Danzig) looks for his 10th turf win in 12 career tries on the lawn; only last year's Horse of the Year Star of Cozzene has ever beaten the five-year-old on the grass.

Saturday, Belmont**GI \$150,000 Carter H., 3yo/up, 7f**

PP	Horse	Trainer	Jockey	Wt.
1	Dalhart	Bohannon	Santagata	113
2	Virginia Rapids	Jerkens	Samyn	118
3	Chief Desire	Hushion	Velazquez	117
4	StormTower	Perkins, Jr.	Wilson	117
5	Punch Line	Small	Seefeldt	114
6	My Luck Runs North	Medina	Alvarado	108
7	Stop And Listen	Schulhofer	Leon	109
8	Preporant	DePalo	Luzzi	114
9	Cherokee Run	Alexander	Davis	119
10	Ibero	McAnally	Santos	119
11	Federal Funds	Garren	Mickens	108

Virginia Rapids (Riverman), 2nd in his seasonal debut at Gulfstream and a winner of the one-mile Westchester last out, takes on **Cherokee Run** (Runaway Groom), a winner of his seven-furlong debut at Gulfstream and third to Virginia Rapids in the Westchester in his last start.

**M·I·D·W·E·S·T
REPORT****Thursday, Churchill**

LA TROIENNE, CD, 5-5, \$85,800, 3yo, f, 7f, 1:24, ft.

1--**PACKET**, f, 3, Polish Navy (C.B. Stud-Jpn) --Harbor Flag, by Hoist the Flag. O-P. Lenihan and Upson Downs Farm; B-Cherry Valley Farm, Inc. and The Gamely Corporation (KY.); T-Gary G. Hartlage; (\$25,000 two-year-old 1993 Keeneland April two-year-olds in training sale); \$55,770.

2--**Golden Braids**, f, 3, Forty Niner (Claiborne Farm-KY)--Trunk, by Danzig. O-Robert Kirkham; \$17,160.

3--**Miss Ra He Ra**, f, 3, Rahy (Three Chimneys Farm-KY) --Glimmer of Gold, by Slew o' Gold. O-Alyce and Joseph Novogratz; (\$18,000 yearling 1992 Keeneland September yearling sale); \$8,580.

Margins: 1 1/2, 3/4, 1/2.

7th-CD, \$46,720, Alw, 3yo/up, f/m, 6.5f, 1:16 2/5, ft.

1--**MISSED THE STORM** (f, 4, Storm Cat--Missed the Wedding, by Blushing Groom). O-Pin Oak Stable. B-Pin Oak Stud (Ky.). T-W. Mott.

2--**Tassie Belle** (Tasso--Northern Dynasty)

3--**Bessiepunkindo** (Lion d'Or--Rosie's Caroline)

Winner of the GI Test at 3 and the GI Astarita at 2, Missed The Storm has had just two starts at 4 after an 8-month layoff. Second in her seasonal debut at Keeneland April 14, she tracked the pace here, taking the lead at the head of the stretch and drawing off to a 3/4-length victory as the 2-5 favorite. Her figures improve to 12-6-4-0, \$323,786.

2nd-CD, \$33,520 Alw., 3yo, 6f, 1:10, ft.

FORTY WON (c, 3, Forty Niner--Ruth Pitcher {MSP}, by Ack Ack), who finished 40 lengths behind the winner in the April 2 Rushaway S. at Turfway in his last start, found alw. company more to his liking, going wire-to-wire for a 2-length score under Pat Day. The 3-2 favorite, who is 1/2 to Outlaws Sham (MSW, \$265,300, by Sham) and Coastal Connection (MSW, \$237,747, by Coastal), raises stats to 6-3-1-0 and \$55,072.

O-J. Spence. B-J.J. McNaughton (Ky.). T-P. Hauswald.

4th-CD, \$29,420, Alw, 3yo/up, 6f, 1:10, ft.

PRIVATE PREMIER (g, 4, Private Account--Sainte Croix, by Nijinsky II), 1-for-7 in California, wasted no time finding the winner's circle in his first start outside the West Coast with a 1/2-length win as the 2-1 2nd choice. Record improves to 8-2-1-1, \$48,783. O-Noland Farms. B-Barronstown Bloodstock (Ky.). T-P. McGee.



Midwest Report (cont.)

1st-CD, Mdn., 2yo, f, 4.5f, :51 2/5 (ETR), ft.
OUR GEM (f, 2, **Our Native--Twenty Eight Gems**, by **Annihilate'em**), 3rd in her debut at Kee. over a sloppy track April 27, went wire-to-wire for a 1 1/2-length victory, equalling the track record and upping her earnings to \$18,733.
 O/B-D. Copeland (Ky.). T-B. Flint.

6th-CD, Mdn, 3yo/up, 6f, 1:10, ft.
COAL MOUNTAIN (c, 3, **Runaway Groom--Wolf Trail** {SP, \$127,725}, by **Superbity**), had been breezing steadily over the surface for his debut, and sat just off the lead for jockey Pat Day, assuming command in the stretch and drawing off to a 1 1/2-length victory as the 5-2 2nd choice. He earned \$12,883 for the win.
 O-Double Diamond Farm. B-D. Dizney (Fl.). T-P. Hauswald.

Today's Preview, Churchill

Gill \$200,000a Louisville Budweiser Breeders' Cup H., f/m, 3yo/up, 8.5f

Shug McGaughey-trainee **Testy Trestle** (Private Account) puts her five-race win streak on the line against graded stakes winner **Kalita Melody** (Chief Singer), 2nd to Paseana in the Santa Margarita H. two starts back, who ships in from the West Coast for trainer Bill Spawr.



SOUTHERN
 C.A.L.I.F.O.R.N.I.A
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Yesterday's Results:

8th-Hol, \$50,000, Alw, f/m, 4yo/up, 8fT, 1:35 2/5, fm.

1--**AUBE INDIENNE** (f, 4, **Bluebird--Salvora**, by **Spectacular Bid**). O-Frankfurt Stable. B-S. Niarchos. T-R. Rash.

2--**Seattle Victory** (Seattle Song--Will of Victory)

3--**Shir Dar** (Lead On Time--Irish Sea)

Last during the early going, Aube Indienne closed stoutly through the stretch to score a 1-length upset victory over the 7-5 favorite, SEATTLE VICTORY. A listed winner in France before coming to the U.S. this winter, she moves her stats to 14-3-3-2, \$114,992.

4th-Hol, Mdn, f, 2yo, 4.5f, :51 3/5, ft.

EUROEXPORT (f, 2, **Imp Society--Portuguese**, by **Jacinto**), won at first asking after a series of sharp works. A 1/2 to Port of Silver (SW of \$82,475), she earned \$17,600 for the victory.

O-ADF Stables. B-B.Jones (Ky.) T-A. Avila.



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8th-Bel, \$44,000 Alw., 3&up, f&m, 8.5f, 1:43 4/5, ft.

1--**TOUCH OF LOVE** (f, 4, **Alydar--Assurgent**, by **Damascus**). O-G. Hofmann. B-Calumet Farm & Sunnyview Farm (NY). T-A. Jerkens.

2--**In Her Glory** (f, 4, **Miswaki--Forever Waving**)

3--**Schway Baby Sway** (f, 4, **Evzone--Schwaybie's Baby**)

Touch of Love, coming off a victory against NY-breds in the Broadway H. at Aqu. March 28, sat behind early pacesetter and 3-5 favorite STARS KNOCKOUT (Two Punch) until the 3/4-pole, when she took over to win by 1/2-length. Stars Knockout tired to finish 5th and last. The winner lifts record to 14-6-1-4 and \$185,932.

7th-Bel, \$30,000 Alw., 3&up, 8f(OT), 1:35 1/5, fm.
JESSE F (c, 3, **Conquistador Cielo--Nobles Lil Girl**, by ***Vaguely Noble**), 9th and last in the GI Wood Memorial in his last trip to the post, stepped down to alw. company and rallied from 7th to win by a neck. Third in both the GI Gotham and Whirlaway BC at Aqu., Jesse F earned his 1st trip to the winner's circle since breaking his mdn. in Dec. Stats rise to 9-2-0-3 and \$77,338.
 O-H. Scheftel. B-L. Littman (Pa.). T-J. Veitch.

3rd-Bel, Mdn., 3&up, 8.5f, 1:42 1/5, ft.

UNACCOUNTED FOR (c, 3, **Private Account--Mrs. Jenney** {MSW, \$42,006}, by **The Minstrel**), sent off as the overwhelming 1-5 favorite, sat in mid-pack early on, took over at the 3/4-pole, then drew off by six at the wire. A \$230,000 FT Saratoga Aug. yearling, Unaccounted For, who finished 2nd by a nose in his only previous start Feb. 5 at Gulfstream, raises earnings to \$20,570.

O-Morven Stud. B-Derry Meeting Farm & Brushwood Stable (Pa.). T-F.S. Schulhofer.



E.A.S.T.E.R.N
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Today's Preview, Garden State

\$50,000 Trenton H.-\$50,000, 3yo/up, 9f

Slick Horn (Red Ryder), a 6-length winner of an allowance over the track in his last start, heads a field of 12. His toughest competition figures to come from New York shipper **Stormy Java** (Java Gold), who won an Aqueduct allowance by a length over GI SW **Miner's Mark** (Mr. Prospector) in his last start.



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Stakes results:

ORMONDE S.-G3, Chester, England, 5-5, \$72,194, 4yo/up, abt 13fT, 2:51 3/5, gd.

1--= **SHAMBO (IRE)**, h, 7, Lafontaine (Kilsheelan Stud-Ire)--**Lucky Appeal**, by ***Star Appeal**. O/B-Mrs. Clive E. Brittain (IRE.); T-Clive E. Brittain; \$44,270.

2--**Shrewd Idea**, c, 4, Alleged (Walmac International-KY)--**Domludge**, by Lyphard. O-Saeed Manana; \$16,550.

3--**League Leader**, c, 4, Shirley Heights (Sandringham Stud-Eng)--**Happy Kin**, by Bold Hitter. O-Lord Weinstock; \$7,934.

Margins: head, 1 1/4, 8.

PRIX DE GUICHE-G3, Longchamp, France, 5-5, \$60,605, 3yo, c, abt 9fT, 1:55 2/5, gd.

1--= **MILLKOM (GB)**, c, 3, **Cyrano de Bergerac--Good Game**, by **Mummy's Game**. O-Jean-Claude Gour; B-R. C. Percival (GB.); T-J. C. Rouget; \$35,650.

2--**River Waki**, c, 3, Miswaki (Walmac International-KY) --**Rixe River**, by Irish River (Fr). O-Sheikh Maktoum bin Rashid al Maktoum; \$14,260.

3--**Lassigny**, c, 3, **Gone West (Mill Ridge Farm-KY)** --**Love Potion (Brz)**, by Rio Bravo. O-Paul de Moussac; \$7,130.

Margins: 2, neck, 2.

DEE S.-G3, Chester, England, 5-5, \$58,875, 3yo, c and g, abt 10fT, 2:10 4/5, gd.

1--= **CICERAO (IRE)**, c, 3, **Alzao (Coolmore Stud-Ire)** --**Massawippi**, by **Be My Native**. O-Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid al Maktoum; B-J. Throsby (IRE.); T-Henry Cecil; \$38,995.

2--**Waiting**, c, 3, **Polish Precedent (Dalham Hall Stud-Eng)** --**Just You Wait (GB)**, by Nonoalco. O-Fahd Salman; \$11,684.

3--**Rainbow Heights**, c, 3, **Rainbow Quest (Banstead Manor Stud-Eng)**--**Height of Passion**, by Shirley Heights. O-Sheikh Ahmed bin Rashid al Maktoum; \$5,615.

Margins: 2 1/2, 3/4, 2.

PRIX DU PONT-NEUF, Longchamp, France, 5-5, \$37,433, 3yo, 7fT, 1:21 4/5, gd.

1--**ETERNAL REVE**, f, 3, **Diesis (GB) (Mill Ridge Farm-KY)**--**Northern Eternity**, by **Northern Dancer**. O-Sheikh Maktoum bin Rashid al Maktoum; B-Delong Road Stable (KY.); T-Francois Boutin; \$21,390.

2--**Sarmatie**, f, 3, Lyphard (Gainesway Farm-KY) --**Sonoma (Fr)**, by Habitat. O-Haras d'Etream; \$8,556.

3--**Wessam Prince**, c, 3, **Sovittle Current**. O-Sheikh Maktoum bin Rashid al Maktoum; \$4,278.
Margins: neck, 2, head.

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Allowance Winners:

8th-GG, \$32,000, f/m, 4yo/up, 8fT, 1:36 3/5, fm. **BONNE NUITE (m, 5, Knights Choice--Aegean Wind, by Windy Tide)**. Record: 41-13-7-9, \$226,609. O-E. Meltzer. B-Metropole Stable (Wa.) T-C. Roberts. *MSW.

7th-GG, \$25,000, 4yo/up, 8f, 1:37 2/5, ft. **GREAT NEW THINGS (m, 5, Tank's Prospect--What A Terror, by What A Pleasure)**. Record: 19-2-4-1, \$66,865. O-M.Hochman. B-Mr. & Mrs. E.V. Klein (Ok.). T-G. Sinne.

8th-Pim, \$23,000, 5-5, 3&up, 6f, 1:11 1/5, ft. **LATE GUEST (g, 5, Fit to Fight--Sleepytime Gal, by Drone)**. Record: 21-8-7-0, \$159,857. O/B-W. Backer (Ky.). T-B. Tagg. *MSP. **1/2 to Midnight Call (MSW, \$261,131, by Top Command).

4th-Spt, \$22,440, State-bred, 3yo, 6f, 1:12 1/5, ft. **THAT'S BO (g, 3, That's A Nice--Raise A Mermaid, by Princely Native)**. Record: 4-3-0-0, \$28,578. O-B. Chaitman & Lakacima Stable. B-D. Embry (Il.). T-J. McGrath.

8th-GS, \$15,600, 5-4, state-bred, 3&up, f&m, 6f, 1:12 3/5, my. **CAITLIN'S WARRIOR (m, 5, Sun War Dancer--Miss Caitlin, by Briartic)**. Record: 52-8-8-12, \$76,876. O-Outlaw Biker Stable. B-Hidden Oak Inc. (NJ). T-J. Serey. *Won off 3-month layoff.

8th-Hia, \$15,000, f/m, 4yo/up, 7f, 1:25, ft. **OREILLY (f, 4, Cutlass--Mopot, by Nodouble)**. Record: 24-5-6-4, \$54,010. O/T-G. Potter. B-M. O'Reilly.

Maiden Winners:

Our Gem, f, 2, **Our Native--Twenty Eight Gems**, by **Annihilate'em**. CD, 5-5, 4.5f, :51 2/5 (ETR). B-D. Copeland (Ky.). *Won wire-to-wire.
Euroexport, f, 2, **Imp Society--Portuguese**, by **Jacinto**. Hol, 5-5, 4.5f, :51 3/5. B-B. Jones. *\$10,000 Kee. Sept. yearling, \$45,000 BES Mar. 2yo.
B. Fancy, f, 3, **Bailjumper--Steppin Fancy**, by **Turn And Count**. Hol, 5-5, 6f, 1:11 3/5. B-A. Pribble (Ca.).

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**Breeders' Report, cont.**

Miss Syl, f, 3, Buckley Boy--Here Comes Love, by King Pellinore. WO, 5-5, 6f, 1:12 2/5. B-G. Cappuccitti (Ont-C). *Won wire-to-wire.

Pro Finessa, f, 3, Distinctive Pro--Raffinesse (GB), by Dschingis Khan (GER). Bel, 5-5, 6f, 1:12 1/5. B-H. Prieger (NY). *Won wire-to-wire.

Bermuda Triangle, c, 3, Dixieland Brass--Stedes Wonder (SW, \$40,405), by Native Royalty. GS, 5-4, 8f, 1:40. B-J. & J. Mulholland (Ky.). *\$60,000 Kee. Sept. yearling.

Grand Concourse, c, 3, His Majesty--Tremont Road (Granddam of Devoted Brass {MGII, \$350,520, by Dixieland Band}), by Damascus. Pim, 5-5, 8.5f, 1:44 3/5. B-V.K. Payson (Ky.). *Won wire-to-wire. **Full to Killarney Road (SW, \$102,640).

Hippiater, g, 3, L'Emigrant--Gallic Fable, by Le Fabuleux. Hol, 5-5, 5.5f, 1:03 1/5. B-S. Tulsia (Ky.) *\$8,000 Kee. Sept. yearling.

No Easy Name, f, 3, Northern Flagship--Big Bang, by Big Spruce. GS, 5-4, 8f 70yds (off the turf), 1:45 2/5. B-B. Hundley (Ky.). *\$4,500 FTK Oct. yearling; \$12,000 OBS April 2yo. **Won wire-to-wire.

Trish's Trick, f, 3, Phone Trick--Countersign, by Silent Screen. Hol, 5-5, 6f, 1:10 2/5. B-C. Michaels (Ca.).

Unaccounted For, c, 3, Private Account--Mrs. Jenney (MSW, \$42,006), by The Minstrel. Bel, 5-5, 8.5f, 1:42 1/5. B-Derry Meeting Farm & Brushwood Stable (Pa.). *\$230,000 FTS Aug. yearling.

Needles Last, f, 3, Romantic Lead--Artly Needles, by Needles. Bel, 5-5, 6f, 1:12 3/5. B-Samantha Farms Inc. (NY).

Ruben's Luck, c, 3, Ruben's Art--Permanant Fixture, by Fixture. Spt, 5-5, 8f, 1:44 1/5, ft.

+ Coal Mountain, c, 3, Runaway Groom--Wolf Trail, by Superbity. CD, 5-5, 6f, 1:10. B-D. Dizney (Fl.).

Flashy Pro, g, 3, Royal Gardener--Prospective War, by Prospectin. Spt, 5-5, 6f, 1:13 4/5. B-C. Carrier (Il.).

Deputies Angel, f, 3, Silver Deputy--Double Dolly, by Nodouble. WO, 5-5, 6f, 1:11 4/5. B-Derose Stables (Ont-C).

American-bred winners in England:

Dreamer, c, 2, Zilzal--Affection Affirmed, by Affirmed. Chester, Red Dragon Maiden S., 2yo, c/g, 5f 16 yds, \$7,390 to the winner. O-F. Salman. B-Newgate Stud Farm. T-P. Cole.

Satin Velvet, f, 3, El Gran Senor--Sateen, by Round Table. Chester, Sefton Maiden Fillies S., f, 3yo, 7f 2yds, \$10,707 to the winner. O-Sheikh Mohammed. B-Darley Stud. T-J. Gosden.

Shanghai Venture, c, 3, Unfuwain--Intrepid Lady, by Bold Ruler. Brighton, Varden Maiden S., 3yo, 9f 209 yds, \$5,063 to the winner. O-Dr. Frank S.B. Chao. B-D. Garvin & M. Ryan. T-S. woods.

Dancing Sensation, m 7, Faliraki--Sweet Salina, by Crimson Satan. Brighton, Jim Taylor Memorial H., 4yo/up, 11f 196 yds., \$4,784 to winner. O-Chelgate Public Relations Ltd. B-M. Bach & C. Vonderlohe. T-R. Akehurst.

OVERHEARD

"He has been gelded, though."

Trainer **Clifford Sise Jr.**, on reporting that Bettor Leauger, who unseated Patrick Valenzuela in the post parade and ran off before Wednesday's first 2-year-old race of the season at Hollywood Park, came out of the episode none the worse for wear.

Foaling News:

Winning Colors, 9, Caro (IRE)--All Rainbows (Bold Hour)

Foal born 4-23-94, a filly by Danzig.

Will be bred back to Storm Cat.

Boarded at Gainesway Farm in Lexington, Kentucky. Accomplishments: Champion 3yo filly; MGI winner of the Kentucky Derby; \$1,526,837.

Some Sensation, 10, Somethingfabulous--Conky Johnston (Majestic Prince)

Foal born 4-26-94, a colt by Skywalker.

Boarded at Old English Rancho in Ontario, California. Accomplishments: SW of \$133,600; dam of Flying Sensation (SW, \$279,500, to 1994, by Flying Past-er).

Give Thanks (IRE), 14, Relko (GB)--Parthica (GB) (Parthia {GB})

Foal born 4-27-94, a colt by Gulch.

Boarded at Shadwell Farm in Lexington, Kentucky. Accomplishments: Champion 3yo filly in Ireland, G1-Ire., G3-Eng., \$222,347.

Sacahuista, 10, Raja Baba--Nalees Flying Flag (Hoist the Flag)

Foal born 5-2-94, a colt by A.P. Indy.

Will be bred back to Deputy Minister.

Boarded at Lane's End Farm in Versailles, Kentucky. Accomplishments: Champion 3yo filly; G1 winner of \$1,298,842.

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DOSAGE'S TRUE TEST

By Bill Finley

Every student of pedigree has by now analyzed and re-analyzed the situation, poring over every generation, every factor, trying to explain the phenomenon that is Holy Bull. He is neither particularly well-bred, nor bred to handle any race much further than seven furlongs. But he will be the favorite to win the best and most demanding horse race run in this country, the Kentucky Derby.

Perhaps his trainer, Jimmy Croll, has the answer--there is none.

"A genetic fluke," says Croll.

Could a man, 5'9", a total klutz, and a woman, 5'0", with no athletic ability, produce a son who grows to 6'6" and becomes the world's best basketball player? Perhaps the case of Holy Bull is not that extreme, but his continued success, particularly in distance races, is something that appears to defy every law of genetics.

Holy Bull is by Great Above, out of an Al Hattab mare named Sharon Brown, who won just three races from 32 career starts. She has had four foals to race before Holy Bull, and the best of them was Whinnie D., a minor stakes winner on the grass who earned \$167,300 in her career. Croll was so unimpressed with the dam that he negotiated her sale to George Steinbrenner for \$13,000.

Great Above, 22, has had, according to the latest available statistics, 458 foals of racing age, and has never produced a horse anything like Holy Bull. Until Holy Bull came around, Great Above had never sired a graded stakes winner beyond a mile, and it appeared that he would never do any better than Love That Mac, who won the Carter Handicap at seven furlongs.

"I had a horse named Ron Brown out of her, and Whinnie D.," said Croll, who arranged the mating of Great Above and Sharon Brown for Holy Bull's horse's late owner, Sharon Carpenter. "They both ran better on the turf than the dirt. I picked Great Above, who's by Minnesota Mac, thinking I could get a nice grass horse."

If there is, in fact, an explanation for Holy Bull's ability, you'd have to dig deep to find it. Going back a few generations, there is quality to be found and there are some ancestors to produce sturdy horses capable at a distance. But that seems to be the case with most any horse.

"The best way I can analyze it is that it's not his immediate family," said Ron McAnally, who trained another genetic wonder, John Henry, bred to be about a \$3,000 claimer. "It has to be a grandfather

or someone before that. Sometimes it happens that way. With his pedigree and the way he's been running, the back generations have to be rising to the surface."

Peter Kirwan, the general manager of The Oaks Horse Farm in Ocala, Florida, where Great Above stands, also believes that may be the case, but he is still the first to admit that what happened with Holy Bull is a tremendous longshot.

"The blood has to come from somewhere," he said. "You put a mare with a horse and you never know what will come out of the gene pool. He must have gotten all the right genes out of this. There's always that element of chance with breeding and that's what gives the little guy a chance."

And keeps dreams alive. Instead of a 'nice grass horse,' Croll got the top three-year-old in the country. But the Kentucky Derby presents another unsolved question. As surprising as it is that Holy Bull has won two major stakes races at a mile and an eighth (the Blue Grass and the Florida Derby) the unique nature of the Kentucky Derby will make this still another mountain for him to climb. The Derby distance of 10 furlongs, combined with the frenetic atmosphere and quick early pace puts it out of the reach of most horses.

Those factors usually show up in the Dosage Index, a pedigree analysis that is boiled down to a single number. Holy Bull has a Dosage Index of 6.0, well above the 4.0 cutoff that has included every Kentucky Derby winner in modern times, save one.

Dr. Steve Roman, the leading figure behind the Dosage Index, should be the first to dismiss Holy Bull Kentucky Derby Day, but he won't. Roman has too much respect for the horse and realizes that perhaps no breeding theory applies here.

"If he wins the Kentucky Derby, we have an absolute freak on our hands," said Roman. "If it happens, everyone will come out of the woodwork to try to explain his pedigree." Roman believes that the outcome relies mainly on how much pressure the rest of the field can put on Holy Bull.

"One of the reasons the system has worked is because there is usually intense early pressure in the Derby and that's what causes genetic factors to show up," he said. "Otherwise, pedigree doesn't mean nearly as much. If they let him go, he can easily win. People think laws can't be violated, but that's not so. (The Dosage) is one factor, and it's not always the determining factor. It's just that every once in a while, a horse comes along and changes things. This may be it."

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