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HIALEAH TOTALS UP, DAILY AVERAGES

DOWN FOR 1994 Total handle for the 1994 Hialeah meet which concluded Sunday was \$143,334,396, more than double the '93 figure of \$70,886,492. The totals include on-track, intertrack and interstate wagering; there was an additional \$39,138,574 handled in non-commingled pools this year. Total on-track handle was up 17 percent, from \$36,667,598 in '93 to \$43,066,572, but the daily average was down 19 percent. Total attendance for the 67-day meet was 342,022 for an average of 5,104, a drop of 19 percent from last year.

JULIE KRONE FEATURED ON ESPN Jockey Julie Krone, who returns to the saddle Wednesday after an eight-month layoff, will be featured on ESPN's *Sportscenter* tonight at 6:30 p.m. EDT; the program will be re-broadcast at 11:30 p.m. Krone will appear live in a segment for ABC's *Good Morning America* Wednesday morning; the show will be telecast from 7-9:00 a.m. The winner of last year's Belmont Stakes will also be featured in a *Sports Illustrated* piece by Eclipse-Award winner Bill Nack, which is scheduled to hit the newstands the week of this year's Belmont.

ROCKINGHAM ANNOUNCES '94 STAKES

SCHEDULE The 15th running of the GIII \$200,000 New Hampshire Sweepstakes and the eighth running of the GIII \$100,000 Spicy Living S., both for fillies and mares going about a mile and an eighth on the grass, highlight a line-up of 19 added-money events worth \$730,000 during Rockingham Park's 1994 meeting. The 100-day meet opens at the New Hampshire oval June 12 and continues through Oct. 19. Friday night racing returns for another season with first post at 7:30 p.m.; post time is 1:00 p.m. for all other race days with the exception of the traditional Labor Day doubleheader, which starts at 10:30 a.m.

LAST WEEK ON THE TRIPLE CROWN TRAIL

Go for **Gin** (Cormorant) missed the second leg of the Triple by three parts of a length as El Camino Real Derby winner **Tabasco Cat** (Storm Cat) bounced back from a sixth-place finish in the Derby to take the Preakness under Pat Day. The two top finishers will head what looks like a short field in the June 12 Belmont S. Also definite for the "Test of the Champion" are the Charlie Whittingham duo of **Numerous** (Mr. Prospector), fifth in the Preakness after bearing out at the start, and stablemate **Strodes Creek** (Halo), second in the Derby; and Santa Anita Derby winner **Brocco** (Kris S.), fourth at Louisville. Possibles include **Kandaly** (Alydar), fourth in the Preakness; **Ulises** (Temperence Hill), last in the Derby; Illinois Derby runner-up **Amathos** (Cox's Ridge), and New York-bred allowance winner **Copper Mount** (Cormorant).

THIS WEEK'S TRIPLE CROWN PREPS

GII \$150,000 Peter Pan S., 5/29, 9f-Belmont

Undefeated **Twining** (Forty Niner) goes for his second straight stakes win in Sunday's feature at Belmont. The regally bred colt captured the GII Withers S. at Belmont opening day going a mile; he tries a mile and an eighth for the second time after taking an Aqueduct allowance at the distance in April. Trainer Scotty Schulhofer saddled Colonial Affair to finish second in the Peter Pan last year; the big bay went on to win the Belmont S.

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BELMONT • BEAT

ATTENTION HORSEMEN:

There will be an Immigration and Naturalization Seminar Tuesday, May 24 at 5:30 p.m. in the Film Theater at Belmont. As agreed to in last year's settlement, attendance is mandatory for all those trainers who had problems with the INS. It is strongly recommended that everyone else attend also.

---NY-HBPA---

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Yesterday's Result:

ECLIPSE STAKES-GR. III, \$112,900, WOX, 5-23, 4yo/up, 1 1/16m, 1:43 4/5, ft.

1--#**@BROCK STREET, 105, c, 4, Afleet--Puzzle Book (SW, \$111,425)**, by Text. O-Baker Reade/Knuppe Robert/Taylor B; B-Ben Taylor, Reade Baker, Et Al (CAN); T-Reade Baker; J-L Gulas; \$67,740. Lifetime Record: 28-6-4-3, \$158,930.

2--**Pomeroon, 114, c, 4, Mt. Magazine--Purple Fantasy**, by Sinister Purpose. O-Malawski J & Polisnelli Vince; B-Minshall Aubrey W (CAN); \$22,580.

3--**British Banker, 117, h, 6, Private Account--London Lady**, by Affirmed. (\$150,000 yr1 '89 KEEJUL). O-Dogwood Stable; B-Graham William D (CAN); \$12,419.

Margins: HF, HD, 5. Odds: 15.30, 8.40, 3.65.
Also Ran: Blitzter, Dont You Trust Me, Bronze Basque, Major Pots, Comarctic, Cozzene's Prince, Truth of It All, Flashy Regent.

Going straight to the lead, Brock Street led the field from start to finish and paid \$32.60 for his first career stakes win. The homebred winner is a full brother to Mysteriously, who earned her first stakes win in Woodbine's Fury S. Sunday.



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Yesterday's Results:

PREIS DER DIANA (GERMAN OAKS)-GII, \$180,723, Mulheim, 3yo, f, 11f, 2:23.70, gd.

1--#**@RISEN RAVEN, 123, f, 3, Risen Star--Aurania**, by Judger. O-Gestut Fahrhof. B-Lee Eaton & Ronald Lamarque. T-H. Jentzsch. J-P. Schiergen.

2--**Flying Dream (GB)**, 123, f, 3, Most Welcome (GB)--Finlandaise (FR), by Arctic Tern. O-Stall Imperator. T-B. Schutz.

3--**Theophanu, 123, f, 3, The Minstrel--Ticket to Paradise**, by Alydar. O-Dr. C. Berglar. T-H. Remmert.

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

Also ran: Wild Romance (GER), Hollywood Dream (GER), Life's Luck, Depeche Toi (GER), Adonara (GER), Malatesta (IRE), Beldale Brave (GER), Moon Affair, Very Mighty (FR), Nastasia (IRE), Advantage (GER).

The winner is a 1/2 to Russian Bride (Saratoga Six), SW, \$162,851, and Agotaras (Saratoga Six), SW, \$124,150.

GROSSER HERTIE-PREIS VON DEUTSCHLAND INTERNATIONAL-GII, \$150,602, Munich, 3yo, 11f, 2:19.10, gd.

1--#**@VIALLI (IRE), 128, c, 3, Niniski--Vaison La Romaine (GSP)**, by Arctic Tern. O-Gestut Ittlingen. B-Airlie Stud. T-H. Jentzsch. J-S. Eccles.

2--**Savinelli, 128, c, 3, Surumu (GER)--Schwarz-Grun (GER)**, by Athenagoras. O-Gestut Charlottenhof. T-H. Jentzsch.

3--**Tempelherr, 128, c, 3, Lagunas (GER)--Tannenprinzessin (GER)**, by Kaiseradler. O-Stall Borsalino. T-R. Prinzinger. Margins: hd, hd, hd.

Also ran: Oasis Hawk, Flamingo Paradise (GB), Honorius (GER), Akrobat (GER), Bohannon (IRE), Kasparow (GB), Zillion (FR), Indio Dorado (GER).

The winner is a full brother to La Strada (GB), 4x Ch. in Spain, and 1/2 to Queenemara (IRE) (King of Clubs {GB}), SW, \$147,421.

PRIX JEAN DE CHAUDENAY-GII, \$89,474, Saint-Cloud, 4yo/up, 12f, 2:36.70, gd.

1--**PETIT LOUP, 123, h, 5, Danzig--Bambee T T**, by Better Bee. O-Sheikh Maktoum al Maktoum. B-Gainsborough Farm Inc. T-C. Head. J-W. Swinburn.

2--**Marchand de Sable, 123, c, 4, Theatrical--Mercantile (FR)**, by Kenmare. O-Ecurie Fabien Ouaki. T-E. Lellouche.

3--**Husband, 130, c, 4, Diesis (GB)--Beaming Bride (IRE)**, by King Emperor. O-Miss Peggy Augustus. T-J. Fellows. Margins: 1/2, head, 1 1/2.

Also ran: Bright Moon, Djais (FR), Matarun (IRE), Turners Hill (GB), Dariyoun.

Petit Loup, a 4x champion including Horse of the Year in Spain, led from start to finish in a gallant effort; he is a 1/2 to Bounding Away (Vice Regent), Ch. grass horse in Can. and MSW of \$282,819; and Ascot Knight (Danzig), SW, \$216,582.

PRIX DE LA SEINE, \$36,842, Saint-Cloud, 3yo, f, 12.5f, 2:14.50, gd.

1--#**HER LADYSHIP (GB), 128, f, 3, Polish Precedent--Upper Strata**, by Shirley Heights. O-Sheikh Mohammed al Maktoum. B-Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid al Maktoum. T-A. Fabre. J-T. Jarnet.

2--**Trefoil (GB), 128, f, 3, Kris (GB)--Triple First (GB)**.

3--**Sail Storm, f, 3, Topsider--Desert Broom**. Margins: 1/2, 1/2, 1/2.

Weekend Results:

YUSHUN HIMBA (JAPANESE OAKS)-GI, \$1,743,639, Tokyo Racecourse, 5-22, 3yo, f, 1 1/2mT, 2:27 5/10.

1--#**@CHOKAI CAROL, f, 3, Brian's Time--Witwatersrand (GIII, \$66,006)**, by Mr. Prospector. O-K. Nitta; B-T. Bokujo (Jpn); T-A. Tsurudome.

2--**Golden Jack, f, 3, Afleet--Comaz**, by Danzig.

3--**Agnes Parade, f, 3, Bamboo Atlas--Agnes Charade**, by Targowice. Margins: 3/4, nose, neck.

*Winner is 1/2 to Nelson (GIII, \$220,642, to 1994, by Seattle Slew).



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EL CAMINO IS FOR REAL

by William Leggett

So much time is spent each winter and spring trying to divine which prep race will feature the Kentucky Derby winner that by the time the Preakness comes around our research genes have gone to sleep through overwork or laziness.

For some oblique reason, people don't make lists of how Arkansas Derby heroes do in the Preakness, or get all steamed up over when the Wood Memorial is run in relation to the middle leg of the Triple Crown. Not once will you hear, "four weeks from the Wood to the Preakness is too close, it should be five."

Listen, when 99,000 folks turn out for the Preakness in Maryland and the nation bets in excess of \$24 million on it, the race should not be given short-shrift by the media. Not after it has bored everyone for months explaining the worth of the Florida and Santa Anita Derbies in relation to the Kentucky Derby, as well as those aimless columns about dosage, which no one ever reads all the way through.

Know the best route to the Preakness, do you? Probably not, but let the word now go forth; it is the El Camino Real Derby at Bay Meadows in San Mateo, California. Next year, when the dates come out for Bay Meadows, put a ring around the date for the El Camino Real and book passage to it.

This year the California Derby reached the grand old age of 80, and we know its sad history of never having produced a Kentucky Derby winner. But the Wood Memorial at Aqueduct and Keeneland's Blue Grass became 70 while the Louisiana Derby celebrated its 69th running. Seemingly, it is impossible to write a story about the Louisiana Derby without including the phrase, "No winner of the Louisiana Derby has gone on to win the Kentucky Derby since Black Gold in 1924."

Should you want to know the ages of other major Triple Crown preps, the Arkansas Derby is 58; the Santa Anita Derby 57 and the Florida Derby 42.

The El Camino Real reached 13 this year, meaning it is but a pup in the litter. But when the Overbrook Farm and D. P. Reynolds' Tabasco Cat went under the finish line in the Preakness three-quarters of a length in front of Derby winner Go for Gin, lights, sirens and bells should have gone off in the San Mateo skies.

Somehow, Tabasco Cat became the fourth Preakness winner in those mere 13 years to roll out of the El Camino Real and on to glory in Baltimore. On Jan. 26 Tabasco Cat won the El Camino real by a length as the second choice in the betting (\$6.60).

Gate Dancer finished a strong second in the '84 El Camino Real to heavily favored French Legionaire

(\$3.60) and went on to win the Preakness. Tank's Prospect took the El Camino and Preakness in '85 and Snow Chief came along the following year to take both events.

If providing four Preakness winners in a mere 13 years isn't enough for you, the El Camino winner of 1992, Casual Lies, ran second in that year's Derby and third in the Preakness.

For all intents and purposes, the El Camino is the first major Derby prep with a giant jackpot, \$200,000. Oh, the Tropical Park Derby is run before the El Camino, but it is now a grass race. To a lot of people, a January prep is too early to take seriously in the Triple Crown picture. Once that was valid thinking, but no more.

Taking prep races and trying to make them fit Triple Crown patterns often is little more than an exercise in futility, but it is fun to do. And new trends have emerged in recent years, some of them bewildering. The Derby Trial at Churchill Downs has become almost hysterically funny. It has turned into a prep for virtually anything but the race it was designed for.

The last Derby Trial winner to return and take the Derby was Tim Tam in 1958. But the race has been a boon to the Preakness and Belmont Stakes. This year Charlie Whittingham used it to get Numerous ready for the Preakness. A year ago Cherokee Run won the trial and was beaten only a length in the Preakness by Prairie Bayou. Ditto Alydeed in '91, who lost the Preakness to Pine Bluff.

Jimmy Croll won the Derby Trial with Housebuster and swung him right back to take the Withers and lose the Met Mile by only a neck to ultimate Horse of the Year Criminal Type. Twice Woody Stephens used the Derby Trial to set horses up to win the Belmont Stakes. He did it with Caveat in '83 and Creme Fraiche two years later.

But there is a Stephens move that should be bronzed and hung on every trainers' tack-room wall. It happened May 8, 1982. Stephens was looking for a race to get Conquistador Cielo moving in the right direction. He spotted the Preakness Prep at Pimlico, and easy pot worth \$16,200. That same afternoon there was an allowance race at Aqueduct which fit into trainer John (Butch) Lenzini's plans for Aloma's Ruler, a colt based at Pimlico.

Woody has often maintained that he tooted his horn at the van bringing Aloma's Ruler north on the New Jersey Turnpike as he went south to win the Preakness Prep with Conquistador Cielo. Eventually, of course, Aloma's Ruler took the Preakness and Woody won the Met Mile and the Belmont with Conquistador Cielo. He had used the Preakness Prep to cash in at the Belmont.

Next year keep a steady eye on the El Camino Real Derby. Don't worry about the race being too early in the year or that it is run at only 1 1/16 miles. The El Camino has become the hot prep for Baltimore at Preakness time.



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Allowance Results:

9th-APX, \$22,550, Alw, 3yo/up, 1m, 1:38 3/5, ft.

HOMING PIGEON, (c, 4, Magloire--Bird House, by Yukon Eagle). Lifetime Record: 11-3-3-1, \$48,155. O-Nancy A Vanier. B-Mr. & Mrs. Harvey L. Vanier (IL). T-H. Vanier.

9th-PHA, \$20,925, Alw, 3yo/up, f/m, 7f, 1:26 2/5, ft.

NORTH HALL BETTY, (f, 3, Iron--Bellegorian, by Gregorian). Lifetime Record: 6-2-2-2, \$31,171. O-Lyman Charles B & Mucklow Russell C. B-Russell C. Mucklow & Mrs. Charles B. Lyman (PA). T-Guadalupe Preciado.

8th-APX, \$18,500, Alw, 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:12 1/5, ft.

CLEVER BIT (f, 4, Clever Trick--Mama Dearly, by *Forli). Lifetime Record: 9-2-1-3, \$32,433. O-C. Heider. B-W. H. Tite III (KY). T-D. Von Hemel. *Won on DQ.

8th-WOX, \$20,500, Alw, 3yo/up, 6 1/2f, 1:16 3/5, ft.

HE'S A SMARTEN, (c, 4, Smarten--Rainbow Era, by Al Hattab) Lifetime Record: 25-6-5-4, \$135,835. O-Bruno Schickedanz. B-The Bell Farm (CAN). T-M. Wright. *SP.

8th-PHA, \$18,190, Alw, 3yo/up, 7f, 1:24 3/5, ft.

HARD HAT, (c, 4, Chief's Crown--Flag Waver {SW, \$102,051}, by Hoist the Flag) Lifetime Record: 20-4-4-2, \$48,690. O/T-Efrain T Garcia. B-Whitney John Hay Mrs. (KY). *1/2 to Abidjan (SW, \$147,238, by Sir Ivor) and Bunting (MGSP, \$141,134, by Private Account).

9th-LAD, \$18,000, Alw, 3yo, 6 1/2f, 1:16 2/5, ft.

MR. MANGO, (c, 3, Tasso--Dandy Hannah (SW, \$106,430), by Dandy Binge). Lifetime Record: 8-3-0-0, \$26,030. O-Amparo Arranaga. B-Bert Arranaga (KY). T-Gilbert Ciavaglia.

1st-LAD, \$17,500, Alw, 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16m, 1:46 2/5, ft. **MISS DIM LIGHTS**, (f, 4, Rivertot (Fr)--Beach Party, by Proud Clarion) Lifetime Record: 9-2-0-3, \$20,948. O/B-M. & V. French (OK). T-Garry Chamberlain.

Maiden Winners:

+ Chip N Charge, f, 2, Distinctive Pro--Chip o' Chocolate, by Cornish Prince. WOX, 5-23, 4 1/2f, :52 3/5. B-Dr. N. Cole & C. Kline (Ky). *\$25,000 yrl '93 KEESEP. **1/2 to Barronette (SW, \$105,680, by Track Barron).

Influent, c, 3, Ascot Knight--Katerina Key, by Key to the Mint. WOX, 5-23, 1 1/16m, 1:46 3/5. B-Taylor Austin (Can).

Foaling News:

Kristin, 11, Kris S.--Chairman's Lady (Iron Ruler)

Foal born 4-10-94, a filly by Darn That Alarm. Boarded at Meadowbrook of Ocala Jockey Club, Ocala, Florida.

Accomplishments: SW of \$153,765.

Premier Question, 7, Premiership--Question D'Argent (Tentam)

Foal born 5-15-94, a colt by Mt. Livermore.

Boarded at Franks Farms in Ocala, Florida.

Accomplishments: MSW of \$526,013.

A # will distinguish first-time stakes-winners, a @ will indicate first-time graded stakes-winners and a + will denote winners who are first-time starters.

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