

The Thoroughbred Daily News is delivered to your home or business by fax each morning by 5 a.m. For subscription information, please call 908-747-8060.

THOROUGHBRED™

D • A • I • L • Y N • E • W • S



WEDNESDAY, JUNE 8, 1994

\$2 Daily

N • E • W • S
T O D A Y

W • E • E • K • E • N • D
P R E V I E W

TURFWAY CREATES \$1 MILLION

KENTUCKY CUP DAY Turfway Park in Florence, Kentucky is creating a \$1 million day of fall racing for Kentucky-breds as a lead in to the \$10 million Breeders' Cup races, which are being held at nearby Churchill Downs this year. Other big money programs for state-breds have been instituted in Maryland, California, New York, Florida and West Virginia. Turfway officials hope the \$1 million Kentucky Cup Day of Champions, to be held Sept. 24, will highlight their fall meet the way the Jim Beam S. has become the centerpiece of their spring meet. The headline event will be the new \$400,000 Kentucky Cup Classic, which is intended as a prep for the \$3 million Breeders' Cup Classic.

KY HBPA OKAYS NATIONAL BEST SEVEN

The KY HBPA Board of Directors approved the receiving of the National Best Seven Wager for the remainder of the 1994 Churchill Downs Spring Meeting. Following the receipt of additional information, including a copy of the contract agreement between the TRA and Churchill Downs, the Board felt assured that Horsemen will be receiving an equitable share of any additional revenues received from the Best Seven Wager for the purse structure at Churchill.

EPSOM DERBY RIVALS CLASH AGAIN

Erhaab (Chief's Crown) and **Colonel Collins** (El Gran Senor), first and third in the Epsom Derby last week, are set to renew their rivalry over 1 1/4-miles in the Coral-Eclipse at Sandown July 2. Meanwhile, Epsom runner-up **King's Theatre** (IRE) (Sadler's Wells) will stay at a mile-and-a-half. His next outing will be in the Irish Derby at The Curragh June 26, when he could face Sun.'s Prix du Jockey-Club winner **Celtic Arms** (FR) (Comrade in Arms {GB}).

NATIONAL BEST SEVEN TO FEATURE

BELMONT STAKES This Sat.'s National Best Seven culminates with the third leg of the Triple Crown, the Belmont S. The lineup of races, in order, is: the Housebuster H. from Pimlico, the Colin S. from Belmont Park, the Miss Woodford BC H. from Monmouth, the Southland S. from Louisiana Downs, the Senators' S. from AKsarben, the Misty Isle S. from Arlington and the Belmont S. from Belmont.

SATURDAY, BELMONT

BELMONT STAKES-GI, \$500,000a, 3yo, 12f

Strodes Creek (Halo) will turn in his final Belmont Stakes prep this morning when he blows out either three furlongs or a half-mile. Trainer Charlie Whittingham has recovered from the Sunday morning scare he suffered when Strodes Creek was taken off the track in an ambulance after taking a bad step. "I'm glad I was having trouble with my stomach, and not my heart," said the trainer. "Everything is in order now." Both **Brocco** (Kris S.) and **Go For Gin** (Cormorant) will gallop up to the race, but each may open up through the lane Friday morning. **Tabasco Cat** (Storm Cat) was expected to arrive at Belmont Tuesday afternoon.

EARLY TIMES MANHATTAN-GI, \$150,000, 3yo/up, 10fT

A half-dozen turf specialists may try to derail **Paradise Creek** (Irish River {FR}) in his bid to sweep all three races of the Early Times Triple Turf series. Live Oak Plantation plans to run **Solar Splendor** (Majestic Light), but will also enter **Binary Light** (Bionic Light), who would be the stable's colorbearer if the turf came up soft. Owner Robert Perez is expected to run **Astudillo** (IRE) (Common Grounds {GB}), but he might also enter **Warn Me** (GB) (Warning {GB}). The Christophe Clement-trained **River Majesty** (Majestic Light) and the David Cross-trained **Memento Mori** (Super Moment) are considered definites for the race, while **Wesaam** (Riverman), trained by Tom Skiffington, is listed as a probable. **Pride of Summer** (Compliance) now looks doubtful, while **Fourstars Allstar** (Compliance) is expected to ship to Rockingham, although trainer Leo O'Brien has been known to change his plans late in the game. Also possible is **Gary Gumbo** (Mogambo), trained by Joe Orseno.

INSIDE

WEEKEND PREVIEW	1
NEWS CONTINUED	2
RACING REPORTS	2
BELMONT QUIZ ANSWERS	2
BELMONT A SIRE'S CURSE?	3



News Contd.

BIG WEEK FOR JULIE KRONE Jockey Julie Krone has been booked for two television appearances in a five-day period this week. Krone will be featured in a 12-minute piece on NBC's "Dateline" Thursday night, which will air at 10:00 p.m. EDT; she was also a guest on Mon. night's "David Letterman Show." The top woman jockey will also receive this year's No Nonsense Council of Women's Issues **Bio Award** next Wed. The award, which has been won in past years by Texas Governor Ann Richards, Barbra Streisand, Oprah Winfrey, Elizabeth Taylor and Rosalynn Carter, among others, honors Krone for "being an inspirational role model for women and men alike, and exhibiting the can-do spirit of the American woman."



E • A • S • T • E • R • N R E P O R T

Yesterday's Result:

7th-MTH, \$28,000, Alw, 3yo/up, f/m, 1m, 1:38, ft.

MADAM PRESIDENT (m, 6, Mr. Leader--Judaire {MSW, \$186,798}, by Explodent), a 2xSW, stayed back off the pacesetters early on then took over in the stretch to win by 4 1/2. **GOONI GOO HOO** (Gone West), the 3-5 favorite, showed the way before fading in the stretch to finish 4th. Lifetime Record: 28-11-2-4, \$169,263. O/T-D. J. Lopez. B-Bright View Farm (NJ).



N • E • W • Y • O • R • K R E P O R T

Yesterday's Results:

8th-BEL, \$34,000, Alw, 3yo/up, 1 1/4mT, 2:03, gd.

MAJESTY'S DARBY (c, 4, His Majesty--Darby Trail, by Roberto), stepping down from stakes company after a 6th-place finish in the May 28 Riggs H. over the Pimlico turf, went from last to first for a head victory as the 9-5 bettors' choice. Majesty's Darby is 1/2 to Cobra Classic (MSW, \$369,975, by Graustark). Lifetime Record: 17-4-2-2, \$94,650. O-James W. Phillips. B-Mr. & Mrs. J.W. Phillips (Ky). T-J. Toner.

7th-BEL, \$28,000, Alw, 3yo/up, f/m, 7f, 1:22 1/5, ft. SEEKING THE CIRCLE (f, 3, Seeking the Gold--Dusty Gloves {MSW, 194,453}, by Run Dusty Run), off since March 1, rallied from 5th under Jerry Bailey for a 5-length victory as the 9-5 second choice. Favorite **MISS PROSPECTOR** (Crafty Prospector) finished 4th. Seeking The Circle was 2nd in last year's GIII Tempted S. Lifetime Record: 4-2-1-0, \$57,644. O-Caesar P. Kimmel. B-W.G. Lyster III (KY). T-John C. Kimmel.



M • I • D • W • E • S • T R E P O R T

Local News:

Banker's Forbes (Bold Forbes) ran his way into the record books yesterday as he established a new track record for five furlongs at River Downs. Overnight rains forced the turf race to the main track. The 5-year-old gelding sped the distance over a fast main track in :57 3/5 seconds, cracking the prior record by 2/5ths of a second.

BELMONT STAKES QUIZ ANSWERS:

- 1) Assault (1946) and Middleground (1950)
- 2) Creme Fraiche (1985)--geldings were not allowed to run in the Belmont Stakes from 1919 to 1957.
- 3) The great Man o' War (1920) sired the winners of three Belmont Stakes: American Flag (1925), Crusader (1926) and War Admiral (Triple Crown winner-1937).
- 4) James Rowe, who enjoyed Belmont S. success with George Kinney (1883), Panique (1884), Commando (1901), Delhi (1904), Peter Pan (1907), Colin (1908), Sweep (1910) and Prince Eugene (1913).
- 5) Hall of Famer Woody Stephens (he was inducted six years before this amazing feat) conditioned the winners of the last leg of the Triple Crown from 1982 through 1986; in order, they were: Conquistador Cielo, Caveat, Swale, Creme Fraiche and Danzig Connection.
- 6) Sally Lundy, who sent out Minstrel Star to finish 11th in 1984.
- 7) 1867--the race is six years older than the Preakness and eight years older than the Derby.
- 8) Secretariat, who set the 2:24 world standard in a 31-length romp.
- 9) There were 15 in the starting gate in 1983, when Caveat defeated Slew o'Gold by 3 1/2 lengths.
- 10) Triple Crown winner Count Fleet paid a paltry \$2.10 in 1943; Sherluck (1961) paid a whopping \$132.10.
- 11) High Echelon, who closed from last to win the 1970 edition by 3/4 at 9-2.
- 12) Sunday Silence, who finished second, eight lengths behind Easy Goer, in the 1989 Belmont S.



W • R • I • T • E • R • S U P

BELMONT A SIRE'S CURSE?

By Bill Finley

From a crop considered by many among the strongest in years, a Belmont Stakes winner will emerge Saturday, a horse who has passed the so-called Test of Champions. As always, it will be quite an accomplishment--a feat out of the reach of any horse other than a talented animal who possesses a rare combination of speed and stamina.

Only, the celebration never seems to last too long. A year or two later, when the Belmont Stakes winner is taken off to the breeding shed, the results have often been less than satisfactory.

The trend has held up for a couple of years now. It could be nothing more than a fluke; or it could be that the typical winner may have what it takes to win the Belmont, but not what is needed to be a good sire.

As far as sires go, the Belmont had a pretty good run. Seattle Slew (1977) is an outstanding sire and Affirmed (1978), though overshadowed as a sire by rival Alydar, has produced many outstanding horses--dual Eclipse Award winner Flawlessly; Canadian star Peteski; European GI winners Bint Pasha, Zoman, and Tibullo; North American GI winners Buy The Firm and Firm Stance.

But from 1978 on, the list fades to mediocrity.

It starts with Coastal (1979), who produced just a handful of good horses before being sent to South Africa in 1988.

Temperance Hill (1980) has never sired a GI stakes winner, and stands for just \$5,000, twice as much as Summing (1981). Though he sired a Breeders' Cup and Eclipse Award winner in Epitome, Summing is largely considered unsuccessful as a sire.

It wouldn't be fair to call Conquistador Cielo a bust, but one must remember that he was syndicated for \$36.4 million and has never lived up to expectations.

Caveat (1983) is largely considered a grass sire. Swale (1984) died shortly after his Belmont victory and Creme Fraiche (1985) is a gelding. Danzig Connection (1986) has had only modest success as a sire, while Bet Twice (1987) and Risen Star (1988) while only having a few crops each have thus far given little evidence that they will develop into top stallions.

The first foals of the recently deceased Easy

Goer (1989) are currently two year olds. Go And Go (1990) stands for \$5,000 in North Chatham, New York and it would be a surprise if he turned into an outstanding stallion.

Both Hansel (1991) and A.P. Indy (1992) are well-bred horses who have a wealth of ability and both have the credentials to be top sires. Last year's Belmont winner, Colonial Affair, is still racing.

Perhaps Hansel, A.P. Indy, Easy Goer and a few others will reverse the trend. If not, breeders may start to wonder if a horse who excels at a mile and a half can sire a horse suitable to what North American racing has evolved into--a sport that emphasizes precocious fast horses and one that has all but forgotten the true distance test.

The Belmont is the last major race run in this country on the dirt at 12 furlongs.

"There have been some Belmont winners who have been excellent sires, but there are others who have been terrible sires," said Seth Hancock. "You have some who won the Belmont but did little else in their careers--one shot wonders. A horse that wins the Belmont and doesn't do much else is probably a horse who didn't have much speed, so they won't be much of a stallion. If a Belmont winner won the Kentucky Derby, or was a top two year old, you'd have to give them a strong look. Otherwise, I'd be pretty leery"

Breeding expert Steve Roman reasons that the problem is not so much the distance of the Belmont stakes, but that many Belmont winners are horses who mature late and are not the sort to produce brilliantly fast young horses.

"I think that is the real issue--that many don't mature quickly," said Roman. "Everybody wants to get these horses out there as fast as he can. A Stage Door Johnny, who was a terrific sire, would never have a chance today. Even in his last few years he was standing for something like \$1,000."

But Roman, for the most part a defender of the recent Belmont winners, believes that any horse good enough to win a Classic race will always have a place in the industry as a sire.

"You have to remember that people still want to breed a horse capable of winning the Kentucky Derby, which means there will always be a market for these horses," he said. "They say that top milers make better sires, but I see no evidence of that. There will always be an element out there that wants to breed a classic horse."

This year's Belmont winner is likely to be one of four horses--Go For Gin, Tabasco Cat, Strodes Creek, or Brocco. The winning owner can only hope his horse enjoys more than 2 1/2 minutes of fame.

Bill Finley is the racing columnist for the New York Daily News.



B • R • E • E • D • E • R • S E D I T I O N

ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

9th-MTH, \$28,000, Alw, 3/up, f/m, 5fT, :56 2/5, fm.
PRETTY MOMMA (f, 4, Concorde Bound--Turn to Mommie, by Turn to Reason) Lifetime Record: 15-6-0-4, \$104,845. O-Patricia A. Generazio. B/T-Frank Generazio Jr. (FL). *MSW.

8th-MTH, \$21,200, Alw, State-breds, 3yo/up, 6f, 1:12 1/5, ft.

CLOSE CALL (g, 3, Marine Patrol--Royal Troupe {SP, \$62,295}, by Akureyri) Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-0, \$25,440. O-Windy Irons Stable. B-William A. Purdey (NJ). T-John H. Forbes.

10th-MTH, \$21,200, Alw, State-breds, 3yo/up, 6f, 1:12 1/5, ft.

SAVVY SAMMY (g, 4, Temperence Hill--Talus, by On to Glory) Lifetime Record: 21-2-6-5, \$61,321. O-Hidden Lane Farms Inc. B-Jack G. Mondel (NJ). T-Guadalupe Preciado.

7th-PIM, \$18,500, Alw, 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16mT, 1:45 4/5, fm.

DENARII (f, 4, Explosive Bid--A Nice Soft Day, by Jontilla) Lifetime Record: 13-2-3-3, \$31,659. O-David S. Romanik. B-Catherine Bloomfield Goldman & Vintage Acres (FL). T-Vincent L. Blengs.

2nd-PIM, \$18,000, Alw, 3yo/up, 5fT, :58 3/5, fm.

BOLD PRINT (g, 5, Exclusive Era--Cancaniere, by Nijinsky II) Lifetime Record: 28-3-4-4, \$62,510. O/T-W. D. Sams. B-Harbor View Farm (KY).

9th-PIM, \$18,000, Alw, 3yo/up, 5fT, :58 3/5, gd.

ANQUILLA POINT (c, 4, Allen's Prospect--On Notice, by Caveat) Lifetime Record: 9-3-0-1, \$32,724. O-T.M. Beach Jr. B-B.K. Beach (VA). T-J.W. Murphy.

MAIDEN WINNERS:

Aidan's Breath, f, 2, Compliance--Montana Anna, by Bailjumper. BEL, 6-7, 5f, :58 4/5. B-R. Bomze (NY).
 + White Cliffs, f, 2, Dover Ridge--Judge Supreme, by Big Burn. PIM, 6-7, 4.5f, :54 1/5. B-Carol Kaye Garcia (Md).

Touch of Nature, f, 3, Overskate--Gift of Reason, by Crown Gift. BEL, 6-7, 7f, 1:25 2/5. B-Juliana Garofoalo (NY).

Snowberto, f, 3, Uno Roberto--Snow Person, by Double Hitch. PIM, 6-7, 1 1/16m, 1:49 1/5. B-Mr. & Mrs. W. Koppelman III (Md).

BREEDING NEWS: Owner-Breeder has announced the release of its new publication for Thoroughbred owners and breeders, titled "Sires and Dams." This annual reference book contains pedigree information, stud fee and location for over 6,700 North American stallions, along with indexes by dam and sire's sire, plus 10-year stakes summaries. For more information, contact Owner-Breeder at 510-651-5151.

FOALING NEWS:

Highest Trump, 22, Bold Bidder--Dear April (*My Babu)

Foal born 5-12-94, a filly by Theatrical (IRE).

Bred back to Strawberry Road (AUST).

Boarded at Brookside Farms in Versailles, KY.

Accomplishments: Ch. 2yo filly in Ireland; dam of Dance Bid (G3-Ire, by Northern Dancer), Northern Plain (G3-Ire, SW-Aus, by Northern Dancer), Winglet (GII, \$155,975, by Alydar).

Savannah Dancer, 12, Northern Dancer--*Valoris II (*Tiziano II)

Foal born 5-15-94, a filly by Mr. Prospector.

Bred back to Jade Hunter.

Boarded at Brookside Farms in Versailles, KY.

Accomplishments: GII winner of \$360,600, dam of Sha Tha (GII, 202,260, by Mr. Prospector), Brier Creek (G3-Eng, by Blushing Groom {FR}).

Quarrel, 21, Raise a Native--Rhubarb (Barbizon)

Foal born 5-21-94, a colt by Strawberry Road (AUST).

Bred back to Strawberry Road (AUST).

Boarded at Brookside Farms in Versailles, KY.

Accomplishments: Dam of Lets Dont Fight (GI, \$404,588, by Drone), Fight Over (GIII, \$257,778, by *Grey Dawn II), Fuzzy (GIII, \$477,370, by It's Freezing), Wise Counsellor (G3-Ire, by Alleged).

© Copyright Thoroughbred Daily News. This newspaper may not be reproduced in any form or by any means, electronic or mechanical, without prior written permission of the copyright owner, MediaVista.

Information as to the races, race results and earnings was obtained from results charts published in Daily Racing Form and utilized herewith with the permission of the copyright owner, Daily Racing Form.