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### ***B E L M O N T • B E A T***

The following stakes will close Wednesday, July 13: \$150,000a Saratoga Budweiser Breeders' Cup, for fillies and mares, 1 1/16 mile (turf), run July 27; \$50,000a Screen King S., for 3-year-olds at 6 furlongs, set for July 28; \$75,000a Honorable Miss S., for fillies and mares sprinting 6 furlongs, run July 29; \$125,000a Gil Jim Dandy, for 3-year-olds at 9 furlongs, run July 31; and the \$50,000a Sagamore Hill S., for 3-year-old New York-bred fillies going 7 furlongs, run August 1.

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### Yesterday's Results

8th-BEL, \$32,000, Alw, 3yo/up, 1 3/8mT, 2:14 4/5, fm.

**CHAMPAGNE AFFAIR** (c, 4, Secretariat--Foamflower, by \*Grey Dawn II) ended a 5-race losing streak and scored his 1st win in '94. The 3-1 favorite stayed off the pace and closed in the stretch to finish 2 1/2 lengths ahead of the rest. Lifetime Record: 15-3-3-1, \$82,140.

O-Hudson River Farms. B-Alice Dupont Mills (VA). T-Thomas J Skiffington.

7th-BEL, \$28,000, Alw, 2yo, f, 6f, 1:12 4/5, ft.

**SEE YOU** (f, 2, Gulch--Queens Wild, by Spectacular Bid), sent off as the 4-5 favorite, led wire-to-wire to keep her record intact, finishing seven lengths in front of 2-1 2nd choice A REAL EYE OPENER (Cutlass) at the wire. Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, \$31,800.

O-Rokeby Stables. B-Paul Mellon (VA). T-MacKenzie Miller.

3rd-BEL, \$25,000, Msw, 2yo, 6fT, 1:10 1/5, fm.

**FORTUNATE ERROL** (c, 2, Fortunate Prospect--Surrupitious (Ire), by Northfields), sent off as the 6-5 bettors choice, led wire-to-wire and got it right this time after finishing 2nd in his 1st outing. Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, \$20,500.

O-L S I Gold Stable. B-Sunrise Stable South, Inc. (FL). T-Philip G Johnson.



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### Yesterday's Results:

**PRIX DE RIS-ORANGIS-GIII**, \$62,858, Evry, France, 7-12, 3yo/up, 6fT, 1:09 4/5, Gd to Fm.

1--**WEST MAN**, c, 3, Gone West--Belka (FR) (G3W {FR}), by Riverman. O-H. Chalhoub; B-I. McMoney Stables; T-R. Collet; \$36,975.

2--**Way West** (FR), C, 4, Gone West--Greenway (FR), by Targowice. O-J. Wertheimer; \$14,790.

3--**Brave Note** (IRE), c, 3, Dancing Brave--Rensaler, by Stop The Music. O-Chevely Park Stud; \$7,395.

Margins: 1 1/2, 1/2, 1.

Also Ran (in order of finish): Sarmatie (IRE), Fred Bongusto (IRE), Simply Tricky.

West Man is now a 2-time G3SW in France.

**PRIX DE PAYS DE LOIRE**, \$93,178, Chateaubriant, France, 7-10, 3yo, 12 3/4fT, Time & Conditions N/A.  
1--**GRIOUN** (FR), f, 3, Kaldoun (FR)--Griotte(SW {FR}), by Sir Ivor. O-J. Byng; B-Haras d'Etream; T-D. Sepluchre; \$44,370.

2--**Manyamou** (IRE), c, 3, Ela-Mana-Mou (IRE)--Toast Of The Town (IRE), by Prince Tenderfoot. O-C. Gour; \$22,185.

3--**Segretz** (FR), c, 3, Mad Captain (IRE)--Saubiolles (FR), by Spoutnik (IRE). O-M. Teysot; \$13,311.  
Margins: 1, Nk, 4.

**GRAND PRIX ANJOU-BRETAGNE**, \$38,824, Chateaubriant, 7-10, 4yo/up, 10fT, time N/A.

1--**#MINT CRISP** (IRE), f, 4, Green Desert--Countess Candy (IRE) (G3W {IRE}), by Great Nephew (GB). O-Mrs. A.D.D. Rogers; B-Airlie Stud & Mrs. R.E. Smith; T-D. Sepluchre; \$22,185.

2--**Chamby** (FR), c, 4, Leading Counsel--Portella (FR), by Kashmir II. O-D. Augereau; \$8,874.

3--**Kartabula** (FR), f, 4, Fabulous Dancer--Karmisyn (IRE), by Baldric. O-J.L. Lagardere; \$4,437.

Margins: 3, 2, 1/2.

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### Allowance Results:

9th-MTH, \$20,000, 3yo/up, a1 1/16T, 1:43 3/5, fm.  
**CARO'S SECRET** (h, 5, Caro (Ire)--Infantes, by Exclusive Native). Lifetime Record: 13-3-0-2, \$38,770.

O-Lawrence Jr. & Wendy Jennings Jr. B-Ridge Partnership Stone (NY). T-L. Jennings Jr.

9th-LRL, \$20,000, Alw, 3/up, 1 1/16m, 1:42 3/5, ft.  
**BRASS SCALE** (g, 3, Dixieland Brass--Noble Scale, by \*Vaguely Noble) Lifetime Record: 8-3-3-0, \$43,695.  
O/B-Bayard Sharp (KY). T-Charles Peoples.

10th-LRL, \$18,500, Alw, 3yo/up, 1 1/2mT, 2:33, fm.  
**HARMR IT** (Soukab (GB)--I've Gotta Crow, by Crow). Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$10,545. O/T-Patrick J Graham. B-Richard W Eichhorn (PA).

### MAIDEN RESULTS:

Maybe Baby, f, 2, Beaudelaire--Divine Glory, by On To Glory. LRL, 7-12, 5 1/2f, 1:05 1/5. B-Lucky Belk & Samara Farm (Fr).

Candi's Legacy, f, 2, Candi's Gold--Courtney's Legacy, by Run of Luck. SOL, 7-12, 5f, :59 2/5.

B-Gladys Roberts (Ca).

Fortunate Errol, c, 2, Fortunate Prospect --Surrupitious (Ire), by Northfields. BEL, 7-12, 6fT, 1:10 1/5. B-Sunrise Stable South, Inc (FI).

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## MONEY WELL SPENT?

by Larry Bortstein

An oft-asked question among racetrack officials: Do seven-figure purses attract large inter-sectional fields?

Consider that when the Hollywood Gold Cup was a \$1 million race in 1992, six horses were in the field. When the race was run for the 55th time last Saturday, it was a \$750,000 affair and five horses ran in it.

Did the 25 percent reduction in purse money help create the smallest Hollywood Gold Cup field since 1967.

Not according to officials at Hollywood Park and several other tracks who were asked to comment on what has become a declining number of \$1 million races.

"When we offered \$1 million for the Hollywood Gold Cup, we weren't getting any more horses than we get when the purse is less," said R.D. Hubbard, Hollywood Park's chief executive officer.

In fact, 10 runners contested the 1993 Gold Cup, won by Best Pal, after the purse was dropped to \$750,000 following three years as a \$1 million event.

In 1992, the last time the Gold Cup was run for \$1 million, the event had the added attraction of being part of the American Championship Racing Series. The winner, Sultry Song, was a New York-based animal shipped west not entirely because of the race's purse and prestige, but also because he was a strong contender for ACRS bonus money.

Hubbard said the money which used to go into the Gold Cup purses is being redistributed.

"We're putting more money into our overnight races," Hubbard said. "We're also looking into upgrading some of our other stakes, raising some \$100,000 races to \$200,000, and so on."

Martin Panza, in his first year as Hollywood Park's racing secretary, said \$1 million purses are a good way for fans to keep score on big races, but not necessarily meaningful to horsemen or tracks.

"There's a lot of prestige involved in \$1 million races, but the handle isn't any bigger and very few horsemen have the chance to run in those races anyway," Panza said.

"Gary Jones, whose Best Pal won the 1993 Gold Cup, passed up this year's running, but not because of the purse. He chose to run Kingdom Found for less than half the Gold Cup purse--in the \$350,000 Suburban Handicap at Belmont Park later that weekend--because he thought his horse should have received a bigger break in the weights from pre-race Gold Cup favorites The Wicked North and Arcangues.

In the long run, Jones outsmarted himself.

Kingdom Found ran last in a five-horse Suburban field and received no share of the purse, though he did get a nine-pound weight concession from victorious Devil His Due.

Had he remained in California and run fifth in the Hollywood Gold Cup, he would have received \$18,750, since California tracks pay back to fifth place.

But the Gold Cup isn't the only formerly seven-figure event to lose a digit. The Travers, Jockey Club Gold Cup and Super Derby are others which had \$1 million status for a time, but no longer.

"Like a lot of tracks, business is down in New York," said NYRA spokesman Glen Mathes. "So we've had to cut purses, or make money available for other stakes. Sure, we'd like to have a \$1 million race, but we have other priorities."

Though the Hollywood Gold Cup is no longer a \$1 million race, the two others in California--the San Anita Handicap and the Pacific Classic at Del Mar--will retain that status.

The Big 'Cap, launched as the first \$100,000 race in the United States in 1935, has been run for \$1 million since 1986.

The Pacific Classic, created in 1991, has been a \$1 million race since its inception. It will be run for the fourth time Aug. 13.

"Both tracks like the idea of marketing a \$1 million race," said Tom Robbins, the director of racing at both facilities. "It's a way of calling attention to those races, making them special and helping to make the winners stand out as glamour names."

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