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RECORD HANDLE ON HASKELL DAY Holy Bull (Great Above) proved to be a big draw as 27,174 fans filled the stands on Haskell day Sunday and wagered an all-time Monmouth Park record total handle of \$6,064,781. The previous wagering record of \$5,438,917 was set in 1987. Sunday's crowd was the highest attendance since the 1987 Haskell when 32,836 came to see Bet Twice, Alysheba and Lost Code and represented a 17 percent climb from last year's running. Sunday's total handle was up 19.5 percent from 1993, and the Haskell day on-site handle of \$3,197,185 was up 11.6 percent from last year.

ERHAAB PLANS ON HOLD Plans for Epsom Derby winner Erhaab (Chief's Crown) are on hold due to a period of intermittent lameness following his disappointing showing in Ascot's King George VI & Queen Elizabeth Diamond S. The colt, so impressive at Epsom, was not disgraced when subsequently third over a shorter distance in Sandown's G1 Eclipse S., especially as he suffered a slight hamstring problem in the run-up to the race. But his connections were deeply disappointed by his Ascot run--he finished seventh to King's Theatre (IRE) (Sadler's Wells)--even though he was cut on the outside of the knee when hampered two furlongs from home by the riderless Ezzoud (IRE) (Last Tycoon {IRE}). X-rays on the joint have revealed nothing but Angus Gold, racing manager to owner Sheikh Hamdan al Maktoum, said, "Sometimes, Erhaab's action isn't as it should be." Clearly, no plans can be made for the colt until a reason is found for his lameness, but Gold admitted that potentially it might take two to three months to sort out. A delay of that duration could prevent an Arc bid and may even mean, since Sheikh Hamdan has only rarely kept his star colts in training beyond three, a retirement to stud without another run.

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Today, Saratoga

NIJANA S.-GIII, 1ST DIV, \$100,000a, 3yo, f, 8.5fT

PP HORSE	TRAINER	JOCKEY	Wt.
1 Too Oh Five	L. Olivares	Samyn	112
2 Golden Tajniak (IRE)	Callejas	Perret	118
3 New Wave	O'Connell	Santos	116
4 Vice On Ice	Hough	Velazquez	118
5 Promiseville	Attfield	Day	116
6 Coronation Cup	M. Miller	Bailey	114
7 Marigal	Ferraro	Luzzi	112
8 Red Soul	Gleaves	Smith	112
9 Stretch Drive	Tesher	Krone	114

For the fourth time in its 11-year history, the Gill Nijana will be run in two divisions. Heading the first division is Canadian-bred Promiseville (Alwasmi). The December Hill Farm colorbearer has won three of her six turf efforts including the Bold Queen S. at Laurel two starts back. Howie Tesher trainee Stretch Drive (Regal Classic) is two-for-two on the turf, having taken both a maiden and allowance at Belmont wire-to-wire in her last two outings. "She seems to be a different horse since going on the grass," said Tesher. "We should be competitive in this field. Let's just hope all the tough ones are in the other division."

NIJANA S.-GIII, 2ND DIV, \$100,000a, 3yo, f, 8.5fT

PP HORSE	TRAINER	JOCKEY	Wt.
1 Light And Love	Sciacca	Alvarado	114
2 Irish Forever	Boniface	Chavez	121
3 Uncharted Waters	Schulhofer	Santos	112
4 Chelsey Flower	J. Martin	Sellers	118
5 Knocknock	Schwartz	Day	114
6 Alywow	Attfield	Smith	121
7 Great Triumph	Lostritto	Migliore	116
8 Persnickity	Cordero Jr.	Velazquez	114
9 Casa Eire	O'Brien	McCauley	121
10 Teasing Charm	Hough	Luzzi	116

Irish Forever (Irish River {FR}) left 1993 with three stakes victories, one graded. That was enough for her connections to send her to Newmarket for the April 28 1000 Guineas off a five-month layoff; she finished 10th in the 15-horse field. Since coming home, however, the late-running filly has picked up where she left off last year, taking a grass stake at Pimlico in May and finishing a close second in the GIII Pucker Up S. at Arlington July 2. The Nijana will mark her 10th career start over her ninth different racetrack.



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HATOOF TO ARLINGTON Hatoof (Irish River {FR}), winner of last Sunday's G2 Prix d'Astarte at Deauville, will bid to follow-up in America. Trainer Criquelette Head has nominated the five-year-old mare to Arlington's GI Beverly D Stakes Aug. 27 as the next target in her campaign. "Hatoof came out of Sunday's race well," said Head. "I had doubts about the mile, but luckily she had the pace to win. I always planned to go for the Beverly D afterwards." The major objective after Arlington for Hatoof, who has won eight stakes in three countries, will be a bid to repeat last year's win in Newmarket's Champion S. In her most recent North American start, she was the first overseas challenger home when finishing fifth to Kotashaan in the GI Breeders' Cup Turf at Santa Anita.



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STAKES RESULT:

PRIX DE CABOURG-G3, \$64,614, Deauville, France, 8-2, 2yo, 6fT, 1:10 4/5, gd.

- 1--**#@TERESHKOVA**, f, 2, **Mr. Prospector--Lypatia (FR)**, by Lyphard. O-Sheikh Mohammed al Maktoum; B-Mr. & Mrs. John C. Mabee; T-Andre Fabre; J-T. Jarnet; \$38,008. (\$500,000 yearling '93 Kee. July.)
- 2--**Magongo (GB)**, f, 2, Be My Chief--Wanton (GB), by Kris (GB). O-Lady Halifax; \$15,203.
- 3--**PiquetnoI**, f, 2, Private Account--Aviance (IRE), by Northfields. O-Stavros Niarchos; \$7,602.
Margins: 1/2, 2, 6.

Also Ran: Top Shape (FR).

Magongo set the pace, closely followed by Tereshkova and PiquetnoI. With a furlong and a half left to run, the race was between Magongo and Tereshkova, with the latter going on to win cleverly inside the final 50 yards. Tereshkova was previously placed in France's G2 Prix Robert Papin and G3 Prix du Bois. She is a half-sister to Akabir (MGII-N.A., SW-Fr, \$411,227, by Riverman) and Book Collector (SW, \$105,855, by Irish River {FR}) and a full sister to Lycius (G1-Eng, SW-Fr, \$494,326).

FRESHMAN SIRE REPORT:

DAWN QUIXOTE, 1987, *Grey Dawn II--Tilting (Seattle Slew)

Stands at Solred Farms, Inc. in Reddick, FL

1994 Stud Fee: \$2,000 Live Foal

Race Record: Gill, 19-6-5-2, \$223,758.

2YO'S	RNRS	WNRS (SW)	Earnings
21	7	2 (0)	\$29,265



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YESTERDAY'S RESULT:

- 8th-PIM, \$24,000, Alw, 3yo/up, 6f, 1:11, ft.
- 1--**HE IS RISEN**, h, 6, **Dixieland Band--Silver Design (SW, \$59,179)**, by **Silver Series**. O-Arnold Heft; B-Dixiesport Partnership (Ky); T-John Robb; \$13,680.
Lifetime Record: 53-17-8-7, \$438,974.
- 2--**Flaming Emperor**, g, 8, Hail Emperor--Fuel to Burn.
- 3--**Smart Alec**, h, 6, Smarten--Kalimera.
Margins:1/2, nose, 3. Odds: 3.20, 19.10, 0.90.
Stakes-placed **GOLDMINER'S DREAM** (Crafty Prospector), making his 2nd start back off a 14-month hiatus, led through the early fractions. Entering the stretch bettors' choice Smart Alec, winner of the Housebuster H. at Pim. 2 starts back, took over, only to be outfinished by by Gill winner He Is Risen and 6xSW Flaming Emperor. The win was He Is Risen's 2nd straight after taking a July 23 alw. at Laurel.



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TODAY, DEL MAR:

GRADUATION S., \$75,000a, Calif-Breds, 2yo, 6f
The field of 8, in post position order, is as follows:
Kalem's Thorn (Siyah Kalem), Solis; **Charlie Galea** (Falstaff), Warren Jr.; **Bettor Leaguer** (Big Leaguer), Desormeaux; **Royal Calgary** (Fort Calgary), Gonzalez Jr.; **Boys Don't Moan** (West Boy {BRZ}), Atherton; **Desert Mirage** (Skywalker), Nakatani; **Oncefortheroad** (Falstaff), Antley; **Desert Pirate** (Pirate's Bounty), Delahoussaye.



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TODAY, SARATOGA

Three GI-winning fillies and mares will be among those contesting a \$40,000 allowance over seven furlongs at Saratoga today. **Missed The Storm** (Storm Cat) won the GI Test S. a year ago over the same distance and track as today's race; the winner of the 1992 Test, **November Snow** (Storm Cat), is also scheduled to run. Challenging the pair will be 1992 GI Frizette winner **Educated Risk** (Mr. Prospector).

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TOUTS

By Jay Searcy, Knight-Ridder Newspapers

As streams of Saturday bettors made their way from distant parking lots into Monmouth Park, three veteran racetrack barkers, standing side-by-side behind white-and-green sales booths, crowded like roosters for attention.

"Get yourself a winner here."

"The double, here it is--Bailey's."

"New York, Jack's Lawton, all cards. Get 'em heah."

They are racetrack touts, relics from another era, leftover Damon Runyan characters with a flair for fast talk, fast action, fast bucks and, by all their account, at least, fast horses.

For nearly a hundred years, tip sheets have flourished at mainstream tracks across America, sold by hucksters with pool room names such as Onion Joe, Jigger, Tokey, Izzy, Cockeye Harry, Big Mike, Rip and The Alligator. The infamous Jack Ruby peddled sheets at the Fairgrounds in New Orleans for a decade.

Art Rooney, who owned horses and the Pittsburgh Steelers, followed the sheets. Robert Mitchum and Babe Ruth did, too. J. Edgar Hoover, who publicly denounced the sheets as fraudulent, is said to have used them in the privacy of his box.

"What fraud has Jack's Green Card perpetrated on the public in the fifth race?" the FBI chief would ask an aide--or so the story goes.

From the '30s through the '60s, it wasn't unusual for touts to sell 1,000 to 1,200 tip sheets each on big race days, charging from a quarter to a dollar. That when many working Americans were taking home \$25 to \$50 a week or less.

Today, most of the touts, graybeards in their 60s and 70s, could keep a week's receipts in a shirt pocket, what with meager sales of 25 or 30 sheets most days, maybe 100 on a good day.

The sheets--Jack's Little Green Card, New York Handicap, Clocker Lawton, Collier, Bailey's Turf Master and others like them--are virtually dead. Once, there were scores of them around the country. Now there is scarcely a handful. They are barely profitable at most major tracks and hardly exist at others. Only two sheets are now sold at Philadelphia Park and one at Garden State.

The sheets have fallen victims to the information boom--trackside television with in-house handicappers, newspapers, and the 1-2-3 selections in track programs, with past-performance information on every horse. All free information.

"It doesn't matter if we are better," said Don Bailak, the former groom and trainer from Howell, New Jersey, who publishes Bailey's and claims to have picked

more than 25,000 winners in his 17-year career. "It doesn't help to be better. Free will always win out."

Exotic or gimmick betting contributed to the tout's decline because bettors no longer are satisfied with just a winning horse. They want the first three finishers. They was exactas and trifectas and the Pick Six, a big return for their \$2.

"It isn't that we're picking fewer winners," said bailak, 40, one of the few young sheet owners in the East. "We're as successful as anybody could be at it. But it's harder now. The way they're betting today, I could have four or five winners, but if they don't have an exacta or trifecta, my sheet is worthless to them. They may not cash a ticket. Years ago, with four or five winners, they'd be lined up to buy my sheets the next day."

In the old days, touts could hustle the track grounds, bellowing and tempting and teasing a racegoer into buying a sheet.

Don Burke, 65, the Haddonfield resident who owns New York Handicap and manages the Green Card and Clocker Lawton, remembers the tricks some of the old guys used.

"They used to have what they called pass-outs or bulldogs," he said. "If a sheet had a good day, the seller would circle his winners and pass them out as bettors left the track. Next day, he'd do a good business."

The story is that, some days, a guy would not sell his sheet, wait until after the fifth race, print the winners as if he had picked them, and pass them out at the end of the day. He could expect big business the next day.

"But it didn't happen much," Burke said, "and it was over by the time I got into the business in the '60s."

The tip sheet business was so good then that Burke left the University of Bridgeport to help his father sell his New York sheet and never went back.

"I never saw so much money in my life," Burke said. "Piles of cash. On a Saturday, we would take in \$1,200, all in bills--ones and fives and tens."

The business began sliding in the late '70s and '80s and took a knockout blow in 1991, when most tracks took charge of sheet sales and demanded half the profits. That crippled most sheets and forced others out of business.

Monmouth is one of the few tracks that allows the hawksters to continue. The track requires a \$750 annual fee, and it instructs tipsters to stay in booths, out of main admission-gate paths. Only one booth, one in the clubhouse, stands in the mainstream of traffic. It is a spot so popular that sellers, in fairness, alternate using the location.

At most tracks now, including Garden State, tip sheets are offered only at the program booth by a track employee who makes no attempt to hawk them.

"Garden State used to be electric with those guys hawking the sheets," Bailak said.

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"It's lost a lot of its charm. Now it's like walking into a library."

Once affable, ambitious, fiery and competitive, sheet owners have become passive and saddened, waiting for the end they know is coming. They are close as a carnival in dealing with outsiders--cautious, suspicious and tight-lipped. It is a habit, no doubt, left over from the days when there might have been something worth hiding.

Once, they trusted no one. Today, they sell one another's sheets on the honor system, which works, they say, because there isn't enough money to steal.

Once, they fought. Today, they fuss.

"Look at this mess," one of them said about Collier, a crude, homemade 8x10 yellow sheet published and sold by Bill Mulray of Philadelphia. "He only uses the sheet as an excuse to come to the track and bet."

Mulray, a scowling man who appears to be in his late 60s, bought the 100-year-old Collier years ago, after the owner died. He has been a one-man operation since, doing his own handicapping, printing and selling.

"Why are you asking?" he said bitterly when asked about the business. "It's over. It's dead."

While his sheet may be the least sophisticated, Mulray is respected as a handicapper. Over three days recently, he has nine winners in 33 races.

The hottest of the five Monmouth tipsters is Bialak of bailey's, who had 22 winners in 56 races over five days. He was six for 10 on Wednesday, with three exactas, one worth 69.60. He had nine winners and a second on a 10-race card in June.

"If anybody can make it today," Burke said, "it's him."

Bialak, a professional handicapper for 17 years, paid \$4,000 for the Turf Master sheet in 1985 and changed the format and the name. He claims to maintain a winning percentage of 32 to 33 percent. No one monitors the sheets at Monmouth.

Jack's Little Green Card, believed to be the original tip sheet, has been around since 1893, when its founder, Charles Bussey, came up with the idea with two friends in a Turkish bath in Baltimore. It made him a multimillionaire, but two sons took the business away from him late in his life, confined him to a hotel room and put him on an allowance. In 1955, he jumped into Baltimore Harbor and drowned. The sons have since died, one suffering a natural death, the other committing suicide.

The Green Card picks at Monmouth are phoned in by Vincent DeThomas, a Baltimore handicapper who worked for the Busseys for years.

Burke's partner, Bob Griffin, 59, from Cherry Hill, prints Burke's three sheets in a rented trailer outside Garden State Park and sells one of them, New York Handicap, at Philadelphia Park. Clocker Lawton is phoned in daily from New York.

New York Handicap, which Burke inherited from his father, was founded in Brooklyn in 1905 by a young

lawyer named Lawton Garside. He used the name George Lawton on his sheet so his parents wouldn't know what he was doing with his law degree. As far as anyone knows, he never practiced law in his New York "law office," but he became a millionaire many times over. He was known as New York Lawton--no relation to Clocker Lawton--and is considered one of the greatest of all time.

"At one time," Burke said, "they said some New York bookies couldn't take action if you bet straight Lawton."

Hard to believe, but the Runyanesque world of the tipsters has always been part fantasy world.

In small print on the front of the New York sheet, it still reads "Handicapped by George Lawton," though he has been dead for 50 years.

Old dead George was 5 for 11 on Sunday and hit a \$1,227 Pick 3.

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ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

8th-MTH, \$21,200, 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:13, ft.
TUSCANY BREEZE (f, 3, Foligno--Whirlwind Affair, by Island Whirl) Lifetime Record: 9-2-2-1, \$31,320. O-Up Star Stable Inc. B-Joseph Rodi (NJ). T-Kelly J. Breen.

9th-ELP, \$20,500, 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:11 2/5, ft.
MISS MINNIE JULIA (m, 6, Roulette Wheel--Winarena, by To Windward) Lifetime Record: 46-17-6-5, \$190,719. O-Joe Lucas & Teddy Walker. B-Teddy Walker (Ok). T-James Arnett. *MSW.

9th-PIM, \$20,000, 3yo/up, 1 3/8mT, 2:19 1/5, fm.
WARNING GLANCE (c, 3, Caveat--Laughing Look, by Damascus) Lifetime Record: 8-3-0-0, \$32,845. O/B-Stuart S. Janney, III (MD). T-Charles H. Hadry. *1/2 to Military Look (MSW, \$184,249, by Assault Landing).

9th-MTH, \$20,000, 3yo/up, 1 1/16fT, 1:44 1/5, ft.
CURRENT IMPACT (g, 4, Stacked Pack--Lyuba, by D'Accord) Lifetime Record: 17-8-2-4, \$104,359. O-Just for Fun Stable. B-William Hettinger (NY). T-John Dowd.

9th-SRX, \$19,400, 3yo, f, 6f, 1:12 1/5, ft.
RACINGWITHDESTINY (f, 3, Singular--Inca Connection, by High Counsel) Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-0, \$14,300. O-Tackett & Trinchard. B-Jan Siegel, Mace Siegel, Et Al. (FL). T-Barry Trinchard. *1/2 to Zealous Connection (Gil, \$75,770, by Unreal Zeal).