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SEA HERO TO LANE'S END Classic winner **Sea Hero** (Polish Navy) will enter stud in 1995 at William S. Farish's Lane's End Farm near Versailles, Kentucky. Bred by Paul Mellon and raced by his Rokeby Stables, Sea Hero was a Grade I winner at ages two and three, capturing the 1992 Champagne Stakes and the 1993 Kentucky Derby and Travers Stakes. A winner on turf and dirt, the four-year-old has earned \$2,926,590 to date. He is out of Glowing Tribute, the dam of five other stakes winners and last year's Broodmare of the Year. Sea Hero will remain the property of Mr. Mellon and a stud fee will be announced at the end of his racing career.

MAKTOUM AND SANGSTER FOLLOW

SHEIKH'S LEAD Sheikh Maktoum al Maktoum and Robert Sangster are both planning to follow Sheikh Mohammed's example by wintering teams of their horses in Dubai. **Lammtarra** (Nijinsky II), a colt out of 1989 Epsom Oaks heroine Snow Bride and successful in his only juvenile start this season, will be among the first of the Maktoum al Maktoum contingent to travel to the Middle East. He will be handled there by Englishman Bill Mather, who said, "Lammtarra's due here at the end of October and I'm looking forward to it. I would think he will do the same as Balanchine last year and not race here." Robert Sangster has so far released no details about his own plans. However, he is known to have been impressed by the success of the operation and the idea of Sangster's involvement was met with much enthusiasm from Simon Crisford, manager of the Godolphin setup responsible for Balanchine's two 1994 Classic victories. "It would be fantastic news for everyone," said Crisford. "It is a superb climate during the winter and the facilities there are superb."

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Sunday, Woodbine:

ROTHMANS LTD. INTERNATIONAL S.-GI, \$1,000,000, 3yo/up, 1 1/2mT

Rothmans entrant **Petit Loup** (Danzig), winner of the G1 Gran Premio de Milano in Italy, arrived at Woodbine Monday from Paris. "He shipped real well," said Rupert Pritchard-Gordon, assistant to top French trainer Criquelette Head. "He's a professional, plus he's shipped all over the world, Italy, France, England, America and now here, and if he runs real well, off to the Japan Cup." Arriving along with Petit Loup was **Volochine (IRE)** (Soviet Star), winner of France's \$563,000 Piaget d'Or Stakes. The chestnut hails from the Chantilly barn of Robert Collet, who is looking to duplicate his success in the Rothmans after winning the race in 1987 with River Memories. Woodbine-based trainer Al Quanbeck is trying to stem the tide of European invaders with a pair of entrants, **Cozzene's Prince** (Cozzene) and **Shiny Key** (Key to the Moon). Gill winner Shiny Key worked five furlongs over Woodbine's training strip yesterday in a leisurely 1:03 3/5 with jockey Robert Landry up. "We didn't want him to go too fast, we just kept him pretty steady to build up some stamina," said Quanbeck. Roger Attfeld trainee **Alywow** (Alysheba), the only filly pointing to the race, is scheduled for a five-furlong drill this morning. "She's really feeling good," said Attfeld. "We can hardly hold her on the ground she's doing so well." Alywow has lost only once in six turf tries, finishing second in the GI Flower Bowl at Belmont in her last start.

E.P. TAYLOR S.-GII, \$300,000a, 3yo/up, f/m, 10fT
Truly A Dream (IRE) (Darshaan {GB}), winner of France's G3 Prix de Royaumont, finished 18th after a nightmarish trip in the Oct. 2 Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe in her last effort. "I thought she ran well, but when it became apparent she wasn't going to finish in the first five, the jockey didn't punish her," said Rodolphe Collet, son of trainer Robert Collet. Chris McCarron has the mount. Back to defend her E.P. Taylor title will be **Hero's Love** (Hero's Honor), who took last year's edition by a neck. Also pointing to the race are **Mysteriously** (Afleet), **Andromaque** (Woodman), **Dahlia's Dreamer** (Theatrical {IRE}), **Silky Feather** (Personal Flag), **Bold Ruritana** (Bold Ruckus), **Ballerina Queen** (Kris S.), **Plenty of Sugar** (Ascot Knight) and **Pennyhill Park** (Ascot Knight).



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YESTERDAY'S RESULTS:

8th-BEL, \$32,000, Alw, 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:10 1/5, ft. EXQUISITE STAR (f, 3, Star de Naskra--El Hamo, by Search For Gold), who won 2 straight before finishing 2nd in her last start, returned to her winning ways with a wire-to-wire, 9-length romp under Jose Santos. Sent off the 7-5 favorite, Exquisite Star is 1/2 to Exquisite Mistress (MSW, \$118,642, by Nasty and Bold), A Number One (MSP, \$175,697, by Star Choice) and Rollicking Dolly (MSP, \$102,710, by Rollicking). Lifetime Record: 10-5-1-0, \$88,880. O-Sandra H. Austin & Heatherwood Farm. B-Poole Investments (Ky). T-Richard Schosberg.

7th-BEL, \$30,000, Alw, 2yo, 7f, 1:27 1/5, ft. ADAMS TRAIL (c, 2, Fast Play--Beacci, by Alydar), who broke his maiden at Bel. last out, trailed the 6-horse field early, circled four wide on the turn for home, then unleashed a strong late run to win by 3 3/4. 6-5 bettors' choice CHUTE BOSS (Who's Fleet) was 4th. Lifetime Record: 4-2-0-2, \$40,800. O/B-Loblolly Stable (Ky). T-William Badgett Jr.

9th-BEL, \$30,000, Msw, 2yo, 1 1/16mT, 1:42 4/5, fm.

COOPERSTOWN (c, 2, Majestic Light--Office Politics, by Secretariat), beaten 25 1/2 lengths in his only prior start over a muddy Saratoga track in July, seemed to enjoy his 2 1/2-month rest and switch to the turf. Settled in mid-pack down the backside, he made up ground late to finish a neck in front at 6-1 odds. First-time starter HOLLYWOOD FLASH (Northern Baby), who took the lead briefly in the stretch, had to settle for 2nd. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$18,000. O-William T. Young. B-Overbrook Farm (Ky). T-D. Wayne Lukas.

3rd-BEL, 30,000, Msw, 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/4mT, 2:03 3/5, fm.

JODI'S LAND (f, 3, Dixieland Band--Mairzy Doates {GII-N.A., G1-Jpn}, by Nodouble), who finished well for 3rd in her last 2 efforts, stayed closer to the pace this time, taking over at the top of the stretch en route to a 2-length score. Sent off the 9-5 second choice, Jodi's Land was a \$50,000 Keeneland summer yearling. 8-5 favorite CAREFREE KATE (Lyphard) was 6th. Lifetime Record: 4-1-1-2, \$31,140. O-Leslie Alexander. B-Arno Scheffler (Ky). T-William V. Terrill.

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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STAKES RESULT:

THE BALLERINA, \$85,800, Hastings Park, 10-10, 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/8m, 1:50 4/5, ft.
1--#ABOVE THE TABLE, 109, f, 4, Never Tabled--One Night Affair (SW, \$68,792), by O'Hara. O-L.S. Nordahl; B-Rancho Jonata (Ca); T-L. Giesbrecht; J-S. Krasner; \$52,560. Lifetime Record: 24-8-4-5, \$117,848. (\$20,000 2yo '92 CALMAR)
2--Regal Andi, 120, m, 5, Regal Remark--Opening Move, by Kings Favor. O-Kenneth C. Walters; \$17,160.
3--Pilgrim's Treasure, 113, m, 5, Pilgrim--Lexacon, by Verbatim. O-Pilgrim Stable; \$9,330. (\$6,000 wnlng '89 KEENOV)
 Margins: 2, 1, 2. Odds: 12.85, 2.20, 4.20.

MAIDEN WINNERS:

Cooperstown, c, 2, Majestic Light--Office Politics, by Secretariat. BEL, 10-11, 1 1/16mT, 1:42 4/5. B-Overbrook Farm (Ky).
Cherokee Hill, g, 3, Cut Throat (GB)--Tribal Hill, by Cox's Ridge. BEL, 10-11, 1 1/16m, 1:45 1/5. B-Ric Deg Farm (Fl). *\$3,700 yrlg '92 OBSAUG. **1/2 to Aztec Hill (MGII, \$514,868, by Proud Truth).
Jodi's Land, f, 3, Dixieland Band--Mairzy Doates (GII-N.A., G1-Jpn), by Nodouble. BEL, 10-11, 1 1/4mT, 2:03 3/5. B-Arno Scheffler (Ky). *\$50,000 yrlg '92 KEESUM.
Jonaboy, g, 3, Ga Hai--Every Wednesday, by On the Sly. PHA, 10-11, 7f, 1:25 3/5. B-Joel Zisholtz (Pa). *Paid \$125.60. **1/2 to Imalkeyedup (MSW, \$95,480, by Mokhieba).
Mory's Cups, f, 3, Lyphard's Wish (Fr)--Liberally Laced, by Silent Screen. MED, 10-11, 1mT, 1:37 2/5. B-G. Watts Humphrey Jr. (Ky). *1/2 to Lady Lush (SW, \$153,236, by Nikoli {IRE})

News Continued.

OBS SECOND SESSION STRONG Yesterday's second session of the 1994 Ocala Breeders' Sales Fall Mixed Sale saw 138 horses sell for a gross of \$1,180,600 and an average of \$8,555. The session topper was **Flaming Gold**, a six-year-old unraced mare by Storm Bird--Molalla (*Gallant Man) in foal to Red Ransom. Consigned to the sale by Bedford Hills, agent, Flaming Gold was purchased for \$57,000 by Buzz Chace, agent for Charles Hesse. Through the first two days of the sale, 273 horses have brought \$2,397,600 for an average of \$8,782, up 10.8 percent from last year's comparable figure of \$7,929.



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YOU'RE IN GOOD HANDS...

By: Frank Carlson

Psssssst!

I know a guy at Calder offering 10-1 that the turf races won't come off the grass October 15. That's like stealing recess money in the school yard. Everybody knows it's always raining in Miami.

Herb Spiegel is a professor of meteorology, not a gambler. He teaches in South Florida and served in the Coast Guard for 31 years. Spiegel has 35 years experience in weather and weather-related matters and he's helped develop state-of-the-art technology that can accurately measure and validate weather conditions.

Spiegel knows a whole lot about the weather and almost nothing about turf racing. What he does know is that October 15 there's a 10 percent probability of enough rain on the Calder turf course to cause the three scheduled grass races on the Festival of the Sun card to come off the grass.

While Spiegel may put an occasional deuce on a nag's nose, he's not a punter. He looks like the TV weatherman on the 5 o'clock news. He's surrounded by rain charts, accuracy tables and computer disks that help him predict the probability of rain anywhere in the United States to within one-quarter of an inch.

When Spiegel's company, SureWeather, Inc., is asked to write an insurance policy on a concert or Grand Prix race, the nebbish professor plots, charts and calculates the chance of rain. Then Spiegel writes a policy guaranteeing promoters can recover their expenses if the event gets rained out. The insurance policy is backed by Tyser & Company, N.A., whose parent company is a partner is Lloyd's of London.

One of Spiegel's friends is Milt Wolfson, a trainer stabled at Calder. One day Wolfson explained to Spiegel the frustrations of shipping a horse to another part of the country for a turf race only to be rained out. Not only is the race lost, all the money put up by the owner goes down the drain. Often when that happens, Wolfson told Spiegel, a trainer will leave his horse in the race even though it's switched to the main track, hoping to recoup some of the owner's expenses. Usually it doesn't pan out.

Working together, Wolfson and Spiegel came up with an idea...turf insurance. No, it's not a policy to guarantee your grass will grow like the 15th green at Augusta. It's a unique policy that offers a refund on all expenses incurred by an owner when a race comes off the turf because of weather.

Calder Race Course will be the first track in the country to offer horsemen this unique insurance policy. SureWeather guarantees to refund all the expenses incurred by the owner if a horse has to be scratched because a race can't be run on the grass due to the weather.

How does it work? The insurance policy is activated at the time a horse is nominated for a stakes race. A form is filled out listing the anticipated expenses that will be incurred by an owner, such as nomination and entry fees, vet bills (up to \$200), transportation for the owners, groom and horse, plus hotels and meals. The policy has a maximum coverage of \$8,000, and all expenses must be accompanied by receipts. The cost of the policy is calculated by SureWeather well in advance of the race so the insurance form carries the cost of the policy. The cost runs between 5-15 percent of the estimated expenses, depending on the rainy season. The higher an owner estimates his expenses, the higher the cost of the policy. The policy can only be taken out at the time of nomination, and if a horse is nominated but doesn't make the overnight, the policy is negated and the money is refunded. Policies are only written on stakes races.

Trainer Gary Jones listens to an explanation of the details for turf insurance and says, "It sounds like a great idea. I'm thinking of sending Rapan Boy to Calder for one of the turf races October 15. If I go I'll use it. When I ask an owner about going to Florida for a turf race, they usually say the chances of it coming off the grass is about 50-50. They don't want to spend the money to ship and have the race come off, so they'll tell me to stay home. Now I think they'll go. I've got some good turf horses that can fit in Florida and be competitive. There's less of a gamble in sending them."

Calder racing secretary Bobby Umphrey said, "I expect we'll get more horses shipping in for our turf races if owners can be sure of getting their money back if it comes off the grass."

Now, if only you could buy insurance against lousy racing luck as well as lousy weather.

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