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KEENELAND NEARS CLOSE The four-year-old broodmare prospect Shara (Sharastani) topped the bidding on the next-to-last day of the Keeneland November Breeding Stock Sale yesterday. BBA England paid \$72,000 for the unraced filly; consigned by James B. Keogh, agent, she is a half-sister to Fara's Team, dam of Breeders' Cup Classic winner Concern. Keeneland sold 196 horses Monday for \$1,998,700, an average of \$10,197. With one day remaining in the sale, a total of 2,278 hips have been sold, bringing in \$119,854,800, an average of \$52,614.

HIGH-PRICED EUROPEAN YEARLING ON THE MOVE Song of Tara (Sadler's Wells), the most expensive yearling purchased in Europe last year, has joined Peter Chapple-Hyam's string following the retirement of his former conditioner, Vincent O'Brien. The now two-year-old is a brother to MGISW Salsabil; he was bought in 1993 for 1.5 million Irish guineas at Goffs in Ireland on behalf of the Ballydoyle Syndicate. Song of Tara has not yet run due to a virus which went through O'Brien's yard this summer; it is hoped he will make his mark in '95, carrying the colors of Tony O'Reilly. O'Brien's career as a trainer officially concluded Saturday when the Irish flat season ended. His final win came with his last runner, Mysterious Ways, in a listed event at The Curragh September 17.

RETAMA PARK HEADQUARTERS OPENS TODAY Retama Park will have its first public appearance today when it opens an information and merchandise headquarters at Rolling Oaks Mall in San Antonio, Texas. Retama is a Class 1 Thoroughbred and Quarter horse facility set to open April 7, 1995.

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Sunday, Hollywood Park

GI \$400,000 Hollywood Derby, 3yo, 9fT

Seventeen three-year-olds are pointing for the Hollywood Derby, but the field will be limited to 14. According to the conditions of the race, first preference will be given to graded or group stakes winners in 1994; second preference will go to those horses with the highest total earnings in '94. The Derby hopefuls are **Dare and Go** (Alydar), **Eagle Eyed** (Danzig), **Exalto** (White Mischief), **Fadeyev** (Nureyev), **Lahint** (Woodman), **Marvin's Faith** (Sharp Victor), **Mighty Forum** (Presidium {GB}), **Numerous** (Mr. Prospector), **Pollock's Luck** (Polish Navy), **Powis Castle** (Rare Brick), **Psychobabble** (Caerleon), **River Flyer** (Riverman), **Signe Divin** (Bering {GB}), **Tabasco Cat** (Storm Cat), **Torch Rouge** (Warning {GB}), **Unfinished Symph** (Aloha Prospector), and **Yokohama** (Theatrcial {Ire}). Yokohama, Mighty Forum and River Flyer would be the three excluded if all were to enter.

Eagle Eyed worked a mile in 1:38 1/5 Saturday and comes into the race off a two-and-a-half month lay-off. The Bobby Frankel trainee was a troubled third in the Del Mar Derby in his last start. "He hasn't been out in a long time," said Frankel. "The problem is, there just aren't enough grass races for three-year-olds and that makes things difficult. That's why you end up with a big field in the Del Mar Derby and a big field in the Hollywood Derby." **Numerous** breezed for the race Sunday, going six furlongs in 1:13 1/5 at Hollywood. Trainer Neil Drysdale is hoping his runner, **Exalto**, makes the cut into the race. The colt was injured at the start of the Gill Ascot H. September 24 and finished fifth. "He stumbled really bad leaving the gate at Bay Meadows," said Drysdale. "He grabbed a quarter and he scraped himself up pretty bad. We had to give him some time off, and now when he's finally ready, he might not get into the race."

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Weekend Results:

QUEEN ELIZABETH II COMMEMORATIVE CUP-GI

Jpn, \$1,762,504, Kyoto Racecourse, Japan, 11-13, 3yo, f, 12fT, 2:24.30, fm.

- 1--**HISHI AMAZON**, f, 3, **Theatrical (Ire)--Katies (Ch. 3yo filly-Eng, GISW-Ire, \$141,038), by Nonoalco.** O/B-Masaichiro Abe (Ky); T-T Nakano; J-E Nakadate; \$939,593. *Ch. 2yo filly-Japan.
- 2--**Chokai Carol**, f, 3, **Brian's Time--Witwatersrand**, by Mr. Prospector. \$369,275.
- 3--**Agnes Parade**, f, 3, **Bamboo Atlas--Agnes Charade**, by Targowice. \$230,664.
- Margins: NO, NK, 2.

KEISEI HAI SANSAI S.-GII Jpn, \$752,661, Tokyo Racecourse, Japan, 11-12, 2yo, 7fT, 1:22, fm.

- 1--**#GO GO NAKAYAMA**, c, 2, **Well Decorated--Sexy Suzy's Secret**, by **Secreto.** (\$10,000 wnl '92 OBSOCT; \$20,000 yrl '93 OBSAUG; \$105,000 2yo '94 FTFEB). O-Shinichi Izumi; B-J D Farm (Fla); T-K Konishi; J-K Kato; \$393,035.
- 2--**Eishin Berlin**, f, 2, **Cozzene--Blade Of Luck**, by **Blade.** (\$24,000 wnl '92 KEENOV; \$170,000 2yo '94 FTFEB). \$154,669.
- 3--**Singer Jon**, c, 2, **Dixieland Band--Jon's Singer**, by **Caro (Ire).** (\$200,000 2yo '94 BESMAR). \$97,791.
- Margins: 2 1/2, NK, 3/4.

GRAN PREMIO MEMORIAL DUQUE DE TOLEDO-GIII, \$80,176, Madrid, Spain, 11-13, 3yo/up, 12fT, 2:39.83, vy sf.

- 1--**PARTIPRAL**, 127, h, 5, **Procida--Partition (Fr)**, by **Top Ville (Ire).** O-Marques de Miraflores; B-Thorpe Investments; T-M Delcher; J-S Calle; \$47,162.
- 2--**Alexandrovich (GB)**, 123, c, 3, **Mtoto (GB)--No Restraint (Ire)**, by **Habitat.** O-Marquesa de Saint Cruz; \$18,865.
- 3--**La Strada (GB)**, 122, c, 4, **Niniski--Vaison La Romaine (Ire)**, by **Arctic Tern.** O-C Albaros; \$9,432.
- Margins: 9 1/4, 1 1/2, 1 3/4.
- Also ran: **Toba (Ire)**, **Giliberto (GB)**, **King Cobra (GB)**, **Kathlen (Spa)**, **Vert Amante (Fr)**, **Calife d'Or (Fr)**, **Shrewd Idea (GB)**, **Borjito (Spa).**

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ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

4th-HAW, \$21,000, 3yo/up, 6f, 1:10 2/5, sy.
DO IT ALL DANNY (c, 4, **Bold Hour--Icky Vickie**, by **Majestic Fun**) Lifetime Record: 35-8-4-1, \$108,662.
O/B-J Cristel & Tinsley T'breeds (IL). T-M Cristel.

9th-PHA, \$20,925, 3yo/up, f/m, 6 1/2f, 1:17 1/5, ft.
TORNADO CAT (f, 3, **Storm Cat--Trebtor's Choice**, by **Damascus**) Lifetime Record: 5-2-0-1, \$26,850.
O-Kupferberg Max & Saul. B-Derry Meeting Farm (PA). T-Anthony Margotta Jr.

9th-CRC, \$20,400, 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:11 3/5, sy.
EASTER DOLL (f, 3, **Baldski--Stylish Fleet**, by **Fleet Nasrullah**) Lifetime Record: 9-4-2-1, \$56,150.
O-Othel H Frisbie. B-Mr. & Mrs. O H Frisbie (FL). T-Gregory E Sanders.

8th-CRC, \$18,700, 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/8m (off the turf), 1:56 3/5, sy.
SUNSET GAL (f, 3, **Fight Over--Discreet**, by **Super Concorde**) Lifetime Record: 23-8-2-1, \$75,135.
O-Precious Acres. B-Abracadabra Farms (FL). T-Martin D Wolfson.

8th-HAW, \$18,150, 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:12 2/5, sy.
SHAPE SHIFT (f, 3, **Rolfson--Judot's Misty Lady**, by **Mr. Leader**) Lifetime Record: 14-2-1-6, \$39,391.
O/B-Philip Blum (IL). T-Thomas J Pryor.

7th-CRC, \$17,500, 3yo/up, f/m, 1m, 1:41 4/5, sy.
MY MOMMA'S JOLENE (f, 3, **Prospector's Halo--Jolene Jolene**, by **Sunny Clime**) Lifetime Record: 10-2-4-0, \$23,575. O/B-Mr. & Mrs. Wayne Blackwell (FL). T-Merritt A Buxton.

6th-PHA, \$16,500, 2yo, 1m, 1:40 2/5, ft.
SHAM FRANCISCO (c, 2, **Temperence Hill--Sissy Sham**, by **Sham**) Lifetime Record: 7-2-1-0, \$23,015.
O/B-Hidden Lane Farms Inc. (KY). T-Guadalupe Preciado.

MAIDEN WINNERS:

- Iron Soldier**, c, 2, **Iron Courage--Playfully**, by **Play Fellow.** HAW, 11-14, a1m70yd, 1:46. B-Vanier Harvey L Mr & Mrs (Il). *Fourth winner for freshman sire.
- Late Night**, c, 3, **Bet Big--Elmer's Affair**, by **Clandestine.** CRC, 11-14, 1m, 1:43. B-Croll W A (Fl). *1/2 to **Fuddy Dud** (Northern Prospect), SW, \$175,244.
- Tri to Cope**, c, 3, **Copelan--Jumpin Jenny**, by **Nashwood.** SUF, 11-14, 1m, 1:43 4/5. B-Pope Amanda (Fl). *\$5,000 yrl '92 OBSAUG. **1/2 to **Tent Up** (Shelter Half), GSW, \$171,162.
- Gold Copy**, c, 3, **Greinton (GB)--Tartus**, by **Damascus.** HAW, 11-14, a1m70yd, 1:44 2/5. B-Nor Joanne (Ky). *\$15,500 yrl '92 FTKSEP.
- Whisper Louise**, f, 3, **Vigors--Everylittlebreeze**, by **Champagne Charlie.** CRC, 11-14, 1 1/8fT, 1:57. B-Wimpfheimer J D (Ky).

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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ECLIPSE OF THE AIRWAVES

By Bill Leggett

Steve Cauthen, Claiborne Farm and Dinny Phipps have earned two Eclipse Awards each. Not many people do that.

John Asher has more.

Paul Mellon, Kent Desormeaux, Fred Hooper, Wayne Lukas and Charlie Whittingham all have three Eclipse Awards.

John Asher has more.

John Asher has actually won four Eclipse Awards. Only John Asher and the late and marvelous Laz Barrera have four. Laffit Pincay Jr. has five Eclipses, and thus is the only living person with more than Asher.

Asher is a 38-year-old radio reporter and essayist for 50,000 watt WHAS-AM in Louisville, Kentucky, and also serves as the in-house analyst for the afternoon cards at Churchill Downs.

The first two Eclipses Asher earned came in 1988 and '89, when he worked at WAVG in Louisville, while the next two came with WHAS in '90 and '92.

What is unique about Asher's awards is that none came for coverage of the Kentucky Derby, an institution dear to his heart.

If one had to describe Asher, the best way would probably be to imagine Charles Kuralt on the backstretch. He goes about in the mornings looking for news or a series of interviews he can weave into an essay.

"In the world I work in," he says, "thirty seconds is considered a lifetime. I have been fortunate enough to be given enough air time so I can tell a complete story."

Sometimes that can run to 30 minutes rather than 30 seconds.

Asher was born on a tobacco and crop farm near Lichfield, about an hour and a half from Churchill Downs.

"I was enchanted by racing," he says. "Something drew me to it. I watched it on television and listened to the race calls on radio.

"When I was 11 years old my mother put me on the Greyhound bus to Louisville and I saw Proud Clarion win the '67 Derby. I was hooked more than ever before."

Asher's first Eclipse came out of the 1988 Breeders' Cup. "When I left the racetrack, I kept thinking what a spectacular day it had been. Arazi; Personal Ensign just beating the Derby winner, Winning Colors; Alysheba winning in the dark...

I went back to the studio and wrote all night. Got the last part of the script done at 6 a.m. and went on the air at 7."

"The Louisville market is very competitive in racing coverage on the radio," says Marty McGee of the *Daily Racing Form*, "and that makes it unlike anyplace else. Asher is working all the time on his stories, either getting interviews or writing his scripts."

McGee should know, because in '88 his brother John trained Balthazar B., a five-year-old that jumped up into the spotlight just long enough to produce an Eclipse Award-winning story.

Go for Wand's death in the '90 Breeders' Cup Distaff was the subject of Asher's third award, and the demise and sale of fabled Calumet Farm brought him his fourth.

He could be found every morning on the Churchill Downs backside during Breeders' Cup week this year...working hard, and probably thinking hard, too--about tying Pincay.

AMERICAN-BRED WINNERS IN EUROPE

France:

Le Flambeur, c, 2, **Bering (GB)**--Golden Era, by Hero's Honor. Saint-Cloud, 11-11, Prix Sirtam, 8fT, \$15,231 to the winner. O-J Wertheimer; B-Skymark Farm Inc.; T-C Head.

Far N' Fancy, f, 2, **Far North**--Phila Fancy, by Irish Love. Saint-Cloud, 11-11, Prix de Medan, 10fT, \$11,423 to the winner. O-J Penso; B-M Cahan & Dr. Geroulis; T-N Madamet.

Rajput Memory, f, 4, **Esprit du Nord**--Quemora (Fr), by Riverman. Saint-Cloud, 11-11, Prix de Haras, 12.5fT, \$17,135. O-C Urzam; B-Wertheimer & Frere; T-M Rolland.

Young Manila, m, 5, **Manila**--Young Hostess, by Arctic Tern. Saint-Cloud, 11-11, Prix de Pierrefonds, 10fT, \$9,519 to the winner. O-J L Bouchard; B-Wertheimer & Frere; T-P Bary.

England:

Dawalib, g, 4, **Danzig Connection**--Centavos, by Scout Leader. Wolverhampton, 11-12, Willow H., 6f, \$4,418 to the winner. O-Jack Brown; B-Hilary J Boone Jr.; T-D Hayden Jones.

Speedy Classic, g, 5, **Storm Cat**--Shadows Lengthen, by Star Appeal. Lingfield, 11-11, Baker Lorenz Winter H., 9f, \$3,522 to the winner. O-Stainless Design Services; B-LaGrange Chance Partnership & Overbrook Farm; T-M Heaton-Ellis.

Ireland:

Kilconnel, c, 3, **Mr. Prospector**--Balidaress (Ire), by Balidar. Leopardstown, 11-13, Intervarsity City Cup H., 9fT, \$5,377 to the winner. O-Mrs. J Maxwell Moran; B-Brushwood Stables; T-D Weld.