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GULFSTREAM OPENS TODAY Competition at Gulfstream will be among the most exciting in Florida history with Breeders' Cup Classic winner **Cigar** (Palace Music), Breeders' Cup Juvenile winner **Unbridled's Song** (Unbridled) and Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies winner **My Flag** (Easy Goer) expected to head the array of stars during the 64-day meet which begins today and concludes March 16. Headed by the \$500,000 Florida Derby (GI) March 16 and the \$500,000 Gulfstream Park H. (GI) March 2, there will be 39 stakes races, 29 of them graded. The stakes bonanza will be a Florida record of \$4,750,000. The former record of \$4,625,000 was set last year. Cigar launched his brilliant 1995 stakes campaign at Gulfstream with a victory in the \$300,000 Donn H. (GI) and is expected to defend his title in the February 10 renewal. Unbridled's Song is set to prepare for the Florida Derby in the \$75,000 Holy Bull S. (GIII) Jan. 20; and My Flag is being pointed for the \$200,000 Bonnie Miss S. (GII) March 13. Gulfstream's takeout, reduced last season, remains at the same low level--17 percent for single-horse wagers, 19 percent for two-horse bets, 20 percent for Bet Threes and 24 percent for trifectas and superfectas. In addition, Gulfstream will continue its policy of free parking and free programs for both grandstand and clubhouse patrons. "We intend to maintain a strong focus on what our patrons want and make every effort to be customer-driven in all aspects of our operation," said Douglas Donn, Gulfstream president and chief executive officer. Racing will be conducted every day except Tuesdays with a regular post-time of 1 p.m.

CHURCHILL DOWNS HOME BETTING EXTENDED The experimental period of Churchill Downs's innovative on-line home betting program has been extended through the month of January. The program, which began in the early fall, turns the clients' televisions into personal computers, allowing access to television signals featuring races and pre-race information and allowing bets to be made on the televisions by use of remote controls. The bets are then sent over the phone lines. The program currently has 300 subscribers. Once the month-long extension is completed, the program will be evaluated to determine its future.

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TROPICAL PARK DERBY-GIII, \$100,000, CRC, 1-2, 3yo, 1 1/8mT, 1:47 1/5, fm.

1--#**@OK BY ME**, 117, g, 3, With Approval--Antoinetta, by Inverness Drive. (\$55,000 yrl '94 KEESEP).

O-William Clifton Jr. & Rudlein Stable; B-Live Oak Stud (CAN); T-Harold James Bond; J-J D Bailey; \$60,000. Lifetime Record: 6-3-0-2, \$105,220. * 1/2 to D.J.'s Rainbow (Tom Rolfe), GSW, \$192,464.

2--**Darn That Erica**, 114, g, 3, Darn That Alarm--Call Book, by Relaunch. (\$15,000 yrl '94 OBSAUG).

O-Paraneck Stable; B-Nokoram Sundar & Steve C. Kunbabali (FL); \$20,000.

3--**Tour's Big Red**, 117, c, 3, Tour d'Or--Rose Rasha, by Super Concorde. O-William Penn; B-J D Scott & W E Penn (FL); \$11,000.

Margins: HF, 2HF, NO. Odds: 6.10, 37.20, 18.50.

Also Ran: Sharp Appeal, Old Chapel, Latin Reign, Skullbuster, Secret of Funny, Jazz Time Star, A Real Zipper, Omission, Dancing Glamour.

Ok by Me last raced in an Aug. 26 allowance at Saratoga, winning his turf debut by 1 1/2-lengths under Jerry Bailey. Sent off the 6-1 second choice here, the chestnut gelding returned from his four-month layoff to keep his perfect grass record intact, sitting just off the pace while inside early, angling to the outside nearing the stretch and wearing down Darn That Erica for his first stakes triumph. "We gave him the layoff after Saratoga to give him a chance to grow up and mature," said winning trainer Harold James Bond. "When he won on the turf, we knew he would be useful. He's Canadian-bred and there are a lot of opportunities up there for him later this year. I think he'll stay on the turf, although I'd run him on a sloppy track if a race came off." The late-running 3-5 favorite OLD CHAPEL (Dynaformer), winner of the GIII Generous S. at Hollywood Park in his last start Nov. 25, closed ground while four-wide approaching the stretch, then flattened out in the drive to be fifth. "He felt sound and hit the ground good, but he just ran a dull race," said jockey Mike Smith. "He kind of just went through the motions. I guess it just wasn't his day."

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ARLINGTON STAKES SCHEDULE APPROVED

The Illinois Racing Board approved the 1996 Arlington International Racecourse Thoroughbred stakes schedule at a teleconference meeting Friday, December 30. The meet will run from May 12 through October 13, and will be highlighted by the August 25 GI Arlington Million, a 1 1/4-mile turf event for three-year-olds and up. Stakes purses for the meet total \$6,525,000.

RECORD-BREAKING CALDER MEET ENDS

Calder Race Course closed Tuesday with most numbers up for the meet. Total handle rose 50 percent to \$203,451,489, obliterating the previous record of \$135,696,692. On-track handle, including full-card simulcasts, increased 13 percent to \$53,786,981. Attendance declined slightly and on-track handle, excluding full-card simulcasts, was \$41,835,869, a 12 percent decline. "As the final numbers are good, what I'm most pleased with is the quality of our stakes," said Calder President Ken Dunn. "The Tropical meet took a major step forward in becoming an important part of the national racing calendar. If full-card simulcasting can resume, there is every reason to believe that both meets (Calder and Tropical) will continue to improve by providing fans with what they want, which is good racing." F.W. "Lou" Ballou and Buckram Oak Farm tied for leading owner at the meet with 11 wins each while trainer Bill White just edged Dan Hurtak for the trainer's title. Wigberto Ramos and Gary Boulanger took the jockey race down to the final race of the season. Ramos emerged victorious with 43 victories, one more than Boulanger. The 1996 Calder meet begins May 24.

SLOT MACHINE TROUBLES IN DELAWARE

According to an *Associated Press* story released yesterday, two Delaware racetracks have been experiencing computer problems that caused malfunctions to their new slot machines New Year's Day. The problems prompted Delaware Park President William M. Rickman to promise a second grand opening once the bugs in the system are ironed out. As many as 380 of the 715 slot machines at Delaware Park were down at times while at Dover Downs, 67 of the 500 machines were out of order. Gambling on the slot machines began Friday, Dec. 29. At Delaware Park, the total for the first three days was \$5.3 million, with the track earning \$600,800 after paying off bettors.

GARDEN STATE PARK RELEASES STAKES

SCHEDULE America's oldest Derby, the \$150,000 Gill Jersey Derby, will be the primary feature on Garden State Park's stakes schedule for its upcoming Thoroughbred racing meet. The 1 1/16-mile Jersey Derby, first contested June 7, 1864, will be run on the grass May 24, closing day of the 74-date session that gets underway Friday night, January 12, 1996. The stakes schedule was released Tuesday by the track's General Manager Richard E. Orbann. A major change to this year's schedule involved re-naming the top fillies and mares sprint "The Maria Handicap," after the late Maria Barnaby Greenwald, former mayor of Cherry Hill, New Jersey, where Garden State Park is located. Greenwald was also a onetime member of the Board of Directors of International Thoroughbred Breeders Inc., the corporation which owns Garden State Park. The Maria H., a GIII, six-furlong dash, was previously named the Garden State Park Budweiser Breeders' Cup and will be run April 26. Other highlights of the stakes lineup: the GIII Cherry Hill Mile for three-year-olds, to be run March 15; and the GIII Vineland H., a grass race for fillies and mares, to be run May 17.

NORTHERN TREND RETIRED

Northern Trend (Sunny North) has been retired to stud and will stand the 1996 breeding season at Solred Farms Inc. in Reddick, Florida. The eight-year-old stallion won 19 of 83 career starts for earnings of \$602,032. His four stakes victories, all at ages five and six, included tallies in the \$75,000 Seminole H. at Hialeah and the \$50,000 Coral Springs H. at Calder. The Florida-bred also placed in four graded stakes including a third-place finish in the 1993 GI Meadowlands Cup. In his final career start Sept. 22, he was fifth in the \$45,000 Alysheba S. at The Meadowlands. A full-brother to Edbert, a stakes-placed winner of \$165,210, Northern Trend will stand for a 1996 fee of \$1,000 live foal.

◆ FLORIDA ◆

Today, Gulfstream Park:

HALLANDALE H., \$50,000, 3yo/up, 6f

The field of nine, from the rail out, is as follows: **Mister Jolie** (Valid Appeal), Gryder; **Ponche** (Two Punch), Bailey; **Stark Ridge** (Lyphard's Ridge), Sellers; **Punch Line** (Two Punch), Santos; **Premier Explosion** (Premiership), Day; **Kings Fiction** (Believe the Queen), Krone; **Lord Carson** (Carson City), Smith; **Meadow Monster** (Meadowlake), Wilson; **Hyroglyphic** (High Brite), McCauley.

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◆ FOREIGN ◆

American-Bred Winner in England:

Labudd, h, 6, Deputy Minister--Delightful Vie, by Barb's Delight. Lingfield Park, 1-2, Coleridge H., 4yo/up, 1m (all weather), \$5,816 to winner. O-Isaac, Cloute, Adams, Ingram; B-Winsome Farm Inc. & Star Stable; T-R. Ingram. *½ to Sefa's Beauty (Lt. Stevens), MGSW, \$1,171,628. **\$200,000 wnlg '90 KEENOV.

◆ WEST ◆

Local News, Bay Meadows:

According to a story in Tuesday's *USA Today*, the Bay Meadows Foundation, a nonprofit charity organization, is suing Bay Meadows Racetrack for allegedly withholding over \$500,000 in state-mandated funding. The Foundation filed the lawsuit Friday, Dec. 29.

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ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

9th-CRC, \$18,700, 3yo, f, 6f, 1:13 1/5, ft.
SILK APPEAL (f, 3, Valid Appeal--Silk Stocks {SW}, by Medieval Man) Lifetime Record: 3-2-1-0, \$26,640.
O/B-E. Paul Robsham (FL). T-William P. White.

8th-CRC, \$17,500, 4yo/up, 1 1/16mT, 1:40 2/5, fm.
AURORAL (c, 4, Cormorant--Polestar {GB}, by Northfields) Lifetime Record: 5-3-0-0, \$52,265.
O/B-Silverleaf Farms Inc. (KY). T-William I. Mott. *Full to Social Retiree (GIII, \$535,900).

10th-CRC, \$17,500, 4yo/up, f/m, 1m, 1:40 2/5, ft.
THREE'S A CROWD (f, 4, Topsider--Sporting Ack {MSW, \$177,977}, by Ack Ack) Lifetime Record: 21-5-4-5, \$77,425. O-Punta Barco Stud. B-Mike G. Rutherford (KY). T-Jose A. Mendez.

MAIDEN WINNERS:

+ Coco Jabo, f, 3, Salem Drive--Coco Is Good, by Quadratic. CRC, 1-2, 6f, 1:13. B-Dan Mallory (Ky). *\$10,000 yrlg '94 KEESEP.
+ Aunt Pia, f, 3, Sejm--Atlanta Call, by Flip Sal. CRC, 1-2, 6f, 1:14. B-Jon A. Marshall (Fl).

A # will distinguish first-time stakes-winners, a @ will indicate first-time graded stakes-winners, a + will denote winners who are first-time starters and an (S) will be used for state-bred races.

1995 THOROUGHBRED RACING LEADERS
(as of December 24, 1995)

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Jockeys	Mounts/Wins	Purses
Jerry Bailey	1,267/287	\$16,311,876
*Corey Nakatani	1,359/299	\$14,943,826
*Gary Stevens	1,014/221	\$14,526,108
Pat Day	1,146/239	\$11,750,800
Mike Smith	1,354/262	\$11,667,662
Chris McCarron	892/162	\$11,079,753
Kent Desormeaux	1,155/232	\$10,564,829
Eddie Delahoussaye	1,059/163	\$ 8,917,580
Alex Solis	1,403/207	\$ 8,587,445
Jorge Chavez	1,358/242	\$ 8,356,059

*Includes foreign figures.

Horses	Starts/Wins	Purses
Cigar	10/10	\$4,819,800
Thunder Gulch	10/7	\$2,644,080
Serena's Song	13/9	\$1,524,920
Sandpit (Brz)	8/4	\$1,342,700
Peaks and Valleys	8/5	\$1,323,750
Northern Spur (Ire)	4/2	\$1,265,000
*Awad	15/4	\$1,209,851
Inside Information	8/7	\$1,160,408
*Ridgewood Pearl	6/5	\$1,158,704
Mecke	14/2	\$ 988,750

*Includes foreign figures.

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STAKES CLOSINGS

TODAY, WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 3:

01-13 \$200,000a San Fernando S.-GII, SA, 3yo/up, 9f (\$100)

01-14 \$125,000a San Gorgonio H.-GII, SA, 3yo/up, 9fT (\$50)

01-15 \$200,000a San Pasqual H.-GII, SA, 3yo/up, 8.5f (\$100)



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