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TWO MARES TOP \$1 MILLION AT

KEENELAND A pair of broodmares brought over \$1 million each during Tuesday's second session of the Keeneland January Horses of All Ages Sale. Top price of \$1.8 million was paid for **Lydara** (Alydar), a half-sister to champion Gold Beauty and stakes-winners The Prime Minister, Majestic Venture and Miraloma. It was the fifth highest price in the history of Keeneland's January Sale. Hugo Lascelles, bidding for an undisclosed European client, bought the six-year-old mare, who is in foal to Danzig. Californian John Mabee was the immediate underbidder on Lydara. Bringing a final bid of \$1,250,000 was **Sister Dot** (Secretariat), an 11-year-old multiple stakes-placed mare who is the dam of 1993 Champion Two-Year-Old Colt Dehere. Purchased by Horse France, Sister Dot is not pregnant. **Jade Flush** (Jade Hunter), a five-year-old broodmare prospect who won the 1994 Gil Rare Perfume H. and \$481,518 and was expected to be one of the sale's highlights, was scratched from yesterday's session. The session was highlighted by three dispersals. The Howard B. Keck dispersal, which was handled by Claiborne Farm, agent, sold 16 horses for \$5,907,000, an average of \$369,188. Keck, who announced his retirement from racing late last year, bred 1986 Kentucky Derby winner and 1987 Horse of the Year Ferdinand. The Due Process Stable dispersal, handled by Hill 'n' Dale Sales Agency, agent, sold 19 horses for \$5,176,000, an average of \$272,421. Due Process is owned by Robert Brennan, a resident of New Jersey who recently sold his Kentucky farm. The Estate of J.B.W. Carmichael dispersal, handled by Fred Seitz/Brookdale Farm, agent, sold 13 horses for \$868,200, an average of \$66,785. Buoyed by the three dispersals, Keeneland sold 262 horses Tuesday for a gross of \$19,057,200 and an average of \$72,737, up 198.75 percent from last year's second session average of \$24,347. Yesterday's median price was \$20,000. The sale continues through Thursday.

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Today, Gulfstream Park:

FIRST LADY H.-GIII, \$75,000, 3yo/up, f/m, 6f

PP	HORSE	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Askrania	B. Beagle	Perret	114
2	Confidentially	C. Nafzger	Krone	113
3	Russian Flight (Ire)	M. Moubarak	Santos	113
4	Market Slide	D.W. Lukas	Day	113
5	Bluff's Dividend	W. White	Sellers	115
6	Chaposa Springs	M. Wolfson	Bailey	122
7	Phone the Doctor	B. Perkins	Wilson	117
8	Wave Runner	E. Tortora	Davis	111
9	Fantastic Women	R. Reid Jr.	Boulanger	114
10	Supah Jess	E. Tortora	Gryder	112
11	Dust Bucket	W. Turner	Smith	114

Chaposa Springs (Baldski), the 122-pound highweight, concedes from five to 11 pounds to her rivals. The four-year-old filly, winner of six stakes in 1995 including the GI seven-furlong Test S. at Saratoga July 22, won the GIII Virginia H. over seven furlongs at Calder in her last outing Dec. 23. Jerry Bailey, who has ridden the Florida-bred to victory in three of her last four starts, has the return mount. Chaposa Springs' main challenge is expected to come from **Phone the Doctor** (Phone Trick). The four-year-old filly, winner of the Colleen S. at Monmouth at two, is currently riding on a four-race winning streak, with all four victories coming in listed stakes at Monmouth and The Meadowlands. The New Jersey-bred last raced Nov. 24, winning the \$29,100 Girl Powder H. at The Meadowlands by 2 1/2-lengths. **Askrania** (Afleet), winner of her last two outings including the Just Smashing S. at The Meadowlands Nov. 10, drilled three furlongs in a bullet :35 3/5 at Gulfstream Monday.

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MAYANO TOP GUN IS JAPAN'S HORSE OF THE YEAR

Mayano Top Gun (Jpn), by Brian's Time--Alp Me Please (Blushing Groom {Fr}), has been named Japan's 1995 Horse of the Year and Best Three-Year-Old Colt. The chestnut, a winner of five of 13 starts on both turf and dirt for earnings of \$3,581,139, won two stakes in Japan last year including the Kikuka Sho, or Japanese St. Leger. Bred in Japan by Etsuo Kawakami, Mayano Top Gun is owned by Y. Tadokoro and trained by Masahiro Sakaguchi. Japan's other 1995 year-end honors are as follows:

BEST TWO-YEAR-OLD COLT: Bubble Gum Fellow (Jpn)
(Sunday Silence--Bubble Company {Fr}, by Lyphard)

BEST TWO-YEAR-OLD FILLY: Biwa Heidi (Jpn)
(Caerleon--Aghsan {Ire}, by Lord Gayle)

BEST THREE-YEAR-OLD FILLY: Dance Partner (Jpn)
(Sunday Silence--Dancing Key, by Nijinsky II)

BEST OLDER HORSE: Sakura Chitose O (Jpn)
(Tony Bin {Ire}--Sakura Clare {Jpn}, by Northern Taste)

BEST OLDER MARE: Hishi Amazon
(Theatrical {Ire}--Katies {Ire}, by Nonoalco)
Was also Japan's Champion Two-Year-Old Filly in 1993 and Champion Three-Year-Old Filly in 1994.

BEST HORSE BY JAPANESE SIRE: Fujiyama Kenzan (Jpn)
(Lucky Cast {Jpn}--Waka Suzuran {Jpn}, by Contrite)

BEST SPRINTER & MILER: Hishi Akebono
(Woodman--Mysteries, by Seattle Slew)
(\$52,000 wnlg '92 KEENOV)

BEST DIRT HORSE: Lively Mount (Jpn)
(Green Mount--Shinano Kachidoki {Jpn}, by Fathers Image)

BEST STEEPLECHASER: Return Ace (Jpn)
(Bizen Nishiki {Jpn}--Key Kleine {Jpn}, by Prompt {Fr})

SPECIAL AWARD: Rice Shower (Jpn)
(Real Shadai--Lilac Point {Jpn}, by Maruzensky {Jpn})

LEADING TRAINER, RACES WON: Kazuo Fujisawa (53)

LEADING TRAINER, PERCENTAGE OF RACES WON: Yuji Ito (21.95%)

LEADING TRAINER, MONEY WON: Kazuo Fujisawa (\$11,685,075)

BEST TRAINER, TRAINING TECHNIQUE: Kazuo Fujisawa

LEADING JOCKEY, RACES WON: Yutaka Take (134)

LEADING JOCKEY, PERCENTAGE OF RACES WON: Yukio Okabe (20.9%)

LEADING JOCKEY, MONEY WON: Yutaka Take (\$24,800,308)

LEADING JOCKEY, STEEPLECHASE: Tsuyoshi Tanaka (13 races won)

AQUEDUCT CANCELS WEDNESDAY CARD

Aqueduct Racetrack announced Tuesday that Wednesday's live racing card has been cancelled due to the recent snowstorm that hit the Northeast. Wednesday's card will be run Thursday, when Aqueduct reopens. Also cancelling due to the snowstorm was Philadelphia Park, which called off Tuesday's live racing card.

EUROPEANS GOING TO DUBAI All three of Europe's first-choice entries for the Dubai World Cup at Nad Al Sheba Racecourse March 27 have been declared intended starters in the \$4 million contest. Andre Fabre-trainees **Freedom Cry (GB)** (Soviet Star) and **Pennekamp (GB)** (Bering {GB}) were reported on target Tuesday and **Pentire (GB)** (Be My Guest), beaten only once from seven starts in 1995, was also given the go-ahead. Pentire's trainer, Newmarket-based Geoff Wragg, has just come back from a short fact-finding trip to Dubai. He said, "I was very impressed by the condition of the track and by the facilities which will be given to the foreign runners." **Celtic Swing (GB)** (Damister), runner-up to Pennekamp in the 2000 Guineas and out of action due to injury since last July, will now need a defector from the overseas entries to have a chance of revenge on the desert sand in 11 week's time.

COBRA GOLF TO SPONSOR TDN SUBSCRIBER OF THE MONTH

Cobra Golf and the *Thoroughbred Daily News* announced Tuesday the creation of the Cobra Golf Thoroughbred Daily News Subscriber of the Month award, which will be presented each month throughout 1996 to a newsmaker in the Thoroughbred industry. The winner will receive a set of King Cobra steel-shaft oversize irons and woods with a retail value of \$1,200. The winner may choose from either the King Cobra, Senior King Cobra or Lady Cobra Oversize models. To qualify for the award, the winner must have made news in the Thoroughbred industry in any way in the past month, and be a subscriber to the *Thoroughbred Daily News*. "We at Cobra Golf take great pride in announcing the Cobra Golf Thoroughbred Daily News Subscriber of the Month award," said Cobra Golf Chairman and Thoroughbred owner/breeder Gary Bizzanz. "Throughout the years, Cobra Golf has had the honor of being associated with top tour money winners Greg Norman, Hale Irwin and Ben Crenshaw, as well as other great names such as Beth Daniel, Tony Jacklin, Jim Albus and Brett Ogle. We look forward to adding some great names in horse racing to that list." Nominations will be accepted from *Thoroughbred Daily News* subscribers, with the winner being selected by a panel of judges from Cobra Golf and the *Thoroughbred Daily News*.

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COLONEL COLLINS IN IRELAND Colonel Collins (El Gran Senor), third behind Erhaab in the 1994 Epsom Derby, will begin stallion duties at Ireland's Tara Stud starting in the middle of next month. The five-year-old stallion already has proven fertility, having covered around 70 mares in New Zealand. He arrived at his new base December 29 and now, after completing a spell in quarantine, will stand for a fee of \$3,500. Derek Iceton, joint-manager at the Irish stud, stated, "Colonel Collins is a big, good-looking horse, so we are very hopeful of getting him a full book. Everybody knows his record and his pedigree speaks for itself." Colonel Collins won twice from three starts at two and grabbed places in Newmarket's Craven S. and the 2000 Guineas before finishing third at Epsom. He later filled a similar position behind Balanchine in the Irish Derby.

KEENELAND TUESDAY-TOP SIX BROODMARES:

HIP#	SIRE	DAM	PRICE
		LYDARA (in foal to Danzig)	
524	Alydar	Stick to Beauty	\$1,800,000
		Consigned by Claiborne Farm, agent for Howard B. Keck (a complete dispersal). Purchased by Hugo Lascelles, agent.	
		SISTER DOT (not pregnant)	
642	Secretariat	Sword Game	\$1,250,000
		Consigned by Hill 'n' Dale Sales Agency, agent for Due Process Stable (dispersal). Purchased by Horse France.	
		OSCILLATE (not mated)	
572	Seattle Slew	Dance Number	\$800,000
		Consigned by Claiborne Farm, agent for Howard B. Keck (a complete dispersal). Purchased by Brian Grassick Bloodstock.	
		LA LUPE (in foal to Kris S.)	
505	Mr. Prospector	Larida	\$710,000
		Consigned by Claiborne Farm, agent for Howard B. Keck (a complete dispersal). Purchased by Silky Green Inc.	
		WATCH OUT (in foal to Danzig)	
709	Mr. Prospector	Stick to Beauty	\$700,000
		Consigned by Hill 'n' Dale Sales Agency, agent for Due Process Stable (dispersal). Purchased by Horse France.	
		TRIPLE WOW (in foal to Gone West)	
693	Coastal	Iva Reputation	\$580,000
		Consigned by Fred Seitz/Brookdale Farm, agent for Kinghaven Farms. Purchased by Shadai Farm.	

KEENELAND TUESDAY-TOP SIX YEARLINGS:

HIP#	SEX	SIRE	DAM	PRICE
643	f	Danzig	Sister Dot	\$625,000
			Consigned by Hill 'n' Dale Sales Agency, agent for Due Process Stable (dispersal). Purchased by John C. Mabee.	
506	f	Seattle Slew	La Lupe	\$325,000
			Consigned by Claiborne Farm, agent for Howard B. Keck (a complete dispersal). Purchased by Stonerside Ltd.	
710	c	Deputy Minister	Watch Out	\$300,000
			Consigned by Hill 'n' Dale Sales Agency, agent for Due Process Stable (dispersal). Purchased by T. Hyde.	
573	c	Pleasant Colony	Oscillate	\$280,000
			Consigned by Claiborne Farm, agent for Howard B. Keck (a complete dispersal). Purchased by Brushwood Stables.	
428	f	Kingmambo	Divas Debut	\$220,000
			Consigned by Fred Seitz/Brookdale Farm, agent for the Complete Dispersal of the Estate of J.B.W. Carmichael. Purchased by Katsumi Yoshida.	
590	c	El Gran Senor	Population (Ire)	\$220,000
			Consigned by Fred Seitz/Brookdale Farm, agent for the Complete Dispersal of the Estate of J.B.W. Carmichael. Purchased by T. Hyde.	

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TACKLING THE THOROUGHBREDS

By: John Lee

Football Hall-of-Famer Sam Huff is getting ink again in the New York sports pages thanks to Jerry Bossert, equine prognosticator for the *New York Daily News*. In his weekly Wednesday harangue on racing's ills, Bossert has been taking NYC-OTB chief Allie Sherman to task for a reign of error that Bossert traces back to Sherman's stewardship of the New York Football Giants in general, and his trading of Huff in particular.

If Huff picked up the *Daily News* one of these Wednesdays, he'd go right to Bossert's column, because while he still gravitates to the sports page, racing news now has priority over gridiron goings-on. Huff has traded-up to Thoroughbred racing in a big way. While a middle linebacker for the New York Giants back in the 50's and 60's, Sam Huff got to see such great runners as Jimmy Brown up-close and personal, but the runner who made the biggest impression on him had the advantage of an extra pair of legs. "Secretariat got me involved with racing. He was the greatest sales and marketing tool racing ever had," Huff recalled.

It was during a trip with *Atlanta Journal Sports Editor* Furman Bisher to the Kentucky horse farm of Brereton Jones, now the Governor of Kentucky, that Huff plunged headlong into the Thoroughbred business. "I looked out at all the yearlings Brery had. There must have been a hundred. They all started coming over to the fence. I said, 'Let's make us a racehorse,'" Huff recalled. "I pointed to one of the yearlings and said, 'What about this one, Brery? What's he worth?' Once Brery figured out I was serious, he said the horse would get about \$45,000 at auction. I said--okay, the three of us will buy him."

Runs counter to the conventional wisdom about going into Thoroughbred ownership with a well thought-out business plan, doesn't it?

"I'm driving back home and I say, 'Holy Christ! Where am I going to get \$15,000?' Like all football players, I let my wife handle the money. I had no idea what was in my savings account," Huff said. "Well, there's happy money and there's sad money, but that \$15,000 I spent on Marco Island was the happiest money I ever spent."

He would be spending more happy money in a hurry.

"I remember the first time I got my bill for one third of the upkeep on the horse. I about fell out of my chair," Huff said. "I was working for Marriott, so when I called Brery, I told him let's move Marco Island into a Marriott Hotel. I'm sure we could keep him there for cheaper.

"You'll need deep pockets in this game. My accountant finally said, 'Why are you doing this? Do you really want to be handling all of these details?' Huff recalled.

The accountant showed him an article about the Thoroughbred syndications Carol Holden had set up and Huff decided that was the way to go. "Carol is an expert on pedigree and conformation," Huff said. "You can't go in and buy a piece of the Washington Redskins, but in racing syndications you can own a piece of the rock."

Holden selected one filly who would give Huff his brush with Thoroughbred greatness. Huff sold a three-quarter share in that filly to a Charles Engel. When Engel wanted outright ownership, Huff sold him his remaining share. The filly was Saratoga Dew and she went on to win the Eclipse Award as the best three-year-old filly in the land in 1992. "I sold my interest to Charles Engel and friendship went out the window" Huff said ruefully.

Today, Huff is a Thoroughbred owner, breeder, buyer and broadcaster via his own syndicated radio program. He is also a major force in the West Virginia breeding industry and the driving force behind the state's biggest day of racing, the West Virginia Breeders' Classic. "I'm dealing with legislators, trainers, ESPN, sponsors," Huff said. "It must be that I like headaches."

He likes something in racing that he found in football.

"I love the competition at both the races and the sales," the gridiron great said. "I remember a horse of mine that kept picking up checks, but wasn't winning. My trainer Carl Nafzger told me he's not the kind of horse that he likes. I sent the horse to Penn National and he wins a nice mile-and-70-yard allowance race. Hell! He's the kind of horse I like. He wins!"

"If I hadn't been a football player, I would have loved to have been a jockey," Huff said, conjuring up an unlikely image. "And I'm telling you, I'd ride to win."