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IT'S OFFICIAL--CIGAR NAMED 1995 HORSE OF THE YEAR

The announcement came as a surprise to no one. After blazing his way through a perfect 10-for-10 campaign that included no less than eight Grade I victories while racing in six different states, **Cigar** (Palace Music), a horse for the ages, was officially named Horse of the Year for 1995 at the 25th annual Eclipse Awards Dinner held Friday night at the Hotel del Coronado in Coronado, California. Cigar, who carried owner Allen Paulson, trainer Bill Mott and jockey Jerry Bailey to Eclipse Award glory as well, bankrolled a single-season record \$4,819,800 last year, culminating with his command performance in the \$3 million Breeders' Cup Classic October 28. The six-year-old earned all of the Horse of the Year votes cast by members of the Thoroughbred Racing Associations and *Daily Racing Form*, and 144 of 146 votes cast by the National Turf Writers Association; **Thunder Gulch** (Gulch) and **Northern Spur (Ire)** (Sadler's Wells) received one vote each. John Henry, voted the honor in 1981, is still the only unanimous Horse of the Year, but Cigar becomes the first Horse of the Year since 1980's Spectacular Bid to go undefeated during his reign. Fittingly, the champ makes his 1996 debut today at Gulfstream Park, where he is the 3-5 morning-line favorite to earn his 13th straight victory while carrying a career-high 128 pounds over the nine furlongs of the GI Donn H. *Last night's Eclipse Award presentations will be televised today on ESPN from 2-3:00 p.m. EST.*

PENNEKAMP SUFFERS SETBACK Last year's 2000 Guineas winner **Pennekamp** (Bering {GB}), who is slated to represent France in next month's Dubai World Cup, has suffered a slight injury while training for the event but should still make the line-up, according to trainer Andre Fabre. The four-year-old "threw a little splint" last month and missed a week's work, Fabre said, but added, "He's back working now."

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Today, Gulfstream Park:

DONN H.-GI, \$300,000, 3yo/up, 1 1/8m

PP	HORSE	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT	ODDS
1	Cigar	Mott	Bailey	128	3-5
2	Wekiva Springs	Mott	Smith	117	6-1
3	Primitive Hall	W.J. Lewis	Molina	110	20-1
4	Heavenly Prize	McGaughey	Day	115	4-1
5	Bay Street Star	McKenzie	Santos	110	20-1
6	Bound By Honor	Nafzger	Krone	112	12-1
7	Flying Chevron	Toner	Davis	114	20-1
8	Star Standard	Zito	Sellers	113	8-1

Cigar (Palace Music) started his undefeated 1995 campaign with three straight wins over this track, including a 5 1/2-length score in last year's Donn. That was the last time the bay was not favored. He carries 13 pounds more in this year's edition but picks up only two pounds off his last four victories, and is unlikely to be slowed by the impost. **Star Standard** (Risen Star) was 2 3/4 lengths behind the top one when second in last year's GI Woodward; the then three-year-old was getting only five pounds in that weight-for-age contest, but enjoys a 15-pound advantage this time and comes off a strong allowance win January 26. **Heavenly Prize** (Seeking the Gold) has never finished off the board, and has been first or second in all six starts at this distance. She takes on the boys for the first time.

Today: Santa Anita

SAN VICENTE S.-GIII, \$100,000a, 3yo, 7f
The field, from the rail out, will be: **Slews Royal Son** (Slew's Royalty), Toscano; **Honour and Glory** (Re-launch), Stevens; **Great Treasure** (Naevus), Antley; **Odin's Primo** (Idabel), Solis; **Afleetaffair** (Afleet), Nakatani; and **Ready To Order** (Order), Black. Michael Tabor's Honour and Glory has been installed as the 4-5 favorite; the colt captured the San Miguel S. in his season opener January 28. Ready To Order worked three furlongs in a bullet :35 1/5 Friday morning.

Sunday: Santa Anita

LA CANADA S.-GII, \$200,000a, 4yo, f, 9f
The expected starters, in post position order, are: **Dixie Pearl** (Dixieland Band), Delahoussaye; **Jewel Princess** (Key to the Mint), Solis; **Sharp Point (Ire)** (Royal Academy), Nakatani; **Urbane** (Citidancer), Antley; **Sleep easy** (Seattle Slew), Desormeaux; and **Privity** (Private Account), Stevens. Jewel Princess, winner of the El Encino S. in her last, breezed a half-mile in :49 at Hollywood Friday; trainer Wally Dollase said, "All we have to do now is get lucky."



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HOLLYWOOD ANNOUNCES RECORD

STAKES SCHEDULE A six-race "Super Sunday" stakes package and the \$1 million Hollywood Gold Cup highlight a record \$7.3 million stakes schedule unveiled for Hollywood's 1996 Spring/Summer Meeting. "Super Sunday" is scheduled for July 21 and offers \$1.6 million in stakes purses, including four graded events--the GI \$700,000 Turf Championship (boosted from \$250,000 in '95) at 12 furlongs; GI \$500,000 Swaps S. for three-year-olds going nine furlongs; GI \$300,000 Vanity H., a nine-furlong invitational for fillies and mares; and GI \$100,000-added six-furlong Hollywood Juvenile Championship for two-year-olds. The GI Shoemaker Breeders' Cup Mile will receive the biggest purse increase, going from \$150,000 for last year's running to \$700,000 in 1996; it will become the richest one-mile grass race in America, with the exception of the Breeders' Cup Mile. "We've made a move to strengthen our program for grass horses," said Hollywood Racing Secretary Martin Panza. "Last year we addressed the three-year-old division by increasing the purse and shortening the distance of the Swaps Stakes. Next year we'll look at other areas of our schedule." The \$1 million GI Hollywood Gold Cup, part of the new MGM Grand Classic Crown which offers a \$2 million bonus to the horse which can sweep the Santa Anita H., Hollywood Gold Cup and Pacific Classic, is scheduled for its 57th running June 30. The 1996 Hollywood stakes program includes 29 graded races, eight of them Grade I's; the meet runs April 26-July 22.

CIGAR TOPS WITH BRITISH BOOKIES Cigar (Palace Music) has been made the 5-4 favourite by British bookmakers to win the Dubai World Cup March 27. **Halling** (Diesis {GB}) is next on the list at 5-1, followed by **Pentire** (GB) (Be My Guest), 7-1; **Annus Mirabilis** (Fr) (Warning {GB}) and **Moonshell** (Ire) (Sadler's Wells), 10-1; and **Cezanne** (GB) (Adjal), 12-1. Newmarket trainer Geoffrey Wragg, whose Pentire is the only British challenger for the \$4 million event, said, "Cigar is the one we all have to beat. His races in America appear to fit in really well with the World Cup...he'll be a big danger to every other horse in the race." As for Pentire's travel plans, Wragg said, "He is due to arrive in Dubai on Monday."

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◆ NEW YORK ◆

Yesterday's Results:

7th-AQU, \$43,460, Alw, 4/up, a1m70yd, 1:42 1/5, ft.
1--PROSPECTOR'S LUCK, 113, g, 7, Crafty Prospector

--Halo Country, by Halo. O-Bissett Joan B; B-C B F Corporation (NY); T-John J Lenzini Jr. Lifetime Record: 9-6-1-1, \$108,840.

2--Private Plan, 113, h, 6, Private Account--Ericka Downs, by *Vaguely Noble.

3--Relentless Star, 114, g, 6, West Coast Scout--Star North, by Far North.

Margins: HD, 4, 5HF. Odds: 11.30, 0.80, 6.50.

Trainer Butch Lenzini Jr. had lost this delicate seven-year-old for \$14,000 last November, but took him back after a six-length win against \$12,000 claimers January 17. Making only his ninth start after missing all of 1994 and racing just twice in '95, the bay, who had been favored in all but one of eight previous starts, saw the longest odds of his limited career but paid no attention to the board, taking the lead at the start, opening up a four-length advantage at the top of the stretch, then holding on gamely to best 4-5 Private Plan by a head.

8th-AQU, \$33,000, Alw, 4yo/up, 1 1/8m, 1:54, ft.
ESPRIT DU LAC (c, 4, Lac Ouimet--Spark of Life {GISW, \$196,340}, by Key to the Mint), claimed for \$6,250 at Finger Lakes last year, had raced for a tag at Woodbine and Suffolk Downs before ending the season with a fourth at this level at Aqueduct. The bay started 1996 with a third against the same company; ignored this time at 20-1, the 1/2 to Fire of Life (*Nijinsky II), G1SW-Itly, overcame the odds to rally for a 2 1/2-length tally. Lifetime Record: 12-4-2-2, \$47,458.

O-P Matties Jr. B-Virginia K Payson (KY). T-G Matties.

◆ FLORIDA ◆

Yesterday's Results:

1st-GPX, \$30,000, Alw, 4yo/up, 6f, 1:10 4/5, ft.

MOMENT'S GLORY (h, 5, Moment of Hope--Fancy Tish, by *Grey Dawn II), who had raced in claiming company since being haltered for \$25,000 December 4, stepped up to try an allowance race and earned his first win for his new stable, putting a head in front after a half and persisting to the wire to win by three-quarters of a length over CURE THE JINX (Cure The Blues) at 9-2. Lifetime Record: 40-7-7-8, \$126,655.

O-R L Simoneau. B-Jack Reisz (KY). T-Timothy A Hills.

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**Florida Report cont.**

9th-GPX, \$30,000, Alw, 4yo/up, f/m, a8.5fT, 1:42 2/5, fm.

SAPOR (m, 5, Caveat--First Quad {SW}, by Quadratic) returned from a two-and-a-half month break to finish third on the dirt January 25. Sent off at 5-1 in search of her first win on the grass, the bay rated near the back of the pack early but finished full of run to best 5-2 favorite ROSEBUD (GB) (Indian Ridge) by a length and a quarter. Lifetime Record: SP, 27-4-8-6, \$154,414. O/B-Ryver Meadow Farms (MD). T-William Badgett Jr.

2nd-GPX, \$24,000, Msw, 4yo, f, a8.5fT, 1:43 1/5, fm. LAMINA BLUE (f, 4, Electric Blue--Animal Cracker, by Mongo), who had failed in three prior tries against maidens, ended her 1995 campaign with a second-place finish against colts in a stakes race at Laurel. Making her turf debut in her first start of '96, the ½ to Circus Music (Melodisk), SW, \$197,394, swung out to the middle of the track for the drive, taking the lead at the top of the lane and opening it up to win by 2 ½ lengths at 4-1. Lifetime Record: SP, 5-1-1-1, \$23,208. O/B-Blue Ridge Farm (VA). T-Barclay Tagg.

◆ MIDWEST ◆

Local News: Kentucky

Napalm (*Nilo), 33, had to be put down yesterday due to the infirmities of old age. The mare, dam of MGSW Fighting Fit (Full Pocket), winner of \$1,004,174, and SW Hot Words (Verbatim), produced her last foal, unraced Volcanic (Full Pocket), in 1986; she was pensioned at Nuckols Farm in Midway, Kentucky.

Local News: Churchill Downs

Chris Fowler, host of ESPN's college football and basketball studio programming, and Lesley Visser, correspondent for ESPN's *Gameday* and *SportsCenter*, will be the featured speakers at Churchill Downs' Collegiate Sports Journalism Seminar this April. The three-day seminar, to be held April 26-28 in conjunction with the build up to the 1996 Kentucky Derby, is for college students interested in careers in sports journalism. The seminar is tuition-free and selection is limited to 50 students nominated by professors and department heads. The application deadline is March 19.

Local News: Oaklawn

ide (Forty Niner), away since winning the Gill Kentucky Jockey Club S. November 25, worked three furlongs in :36 4/5 at Oaklawn Thursday; he is expected to make his '96 bow in the Gill Southwest S. March 2.

◆ SO. CALIFORNIA ◆

Yesterday's Results:

7th-SAX, \$57,000, Alw, 4yo/up, 1 1/16m, 1:43 2/5, ft. 1--R FRIAR TUCK, 112, h, 5, Religiously--Brooch, by Halo. O/B-Plummer S David (UT); T-Ian P D Jory.

Lifetime Record: GSW, 16-4-2-0, \$205,485.

2--Westport Landing, 118, c, 4, Green Dancer--Tuesday Evening, by Nodouble.

3--Phoenician, 117, h, 6, Secretariat--Kendra Road, by Kennedy Road.

Margins: 1, 4, HD. Odds: 2.50, 2.10, 48.00.

R Friar Tuck, bidding for his first win since the Gill Affirmed H. at Hollywood Park in July, 1994, made his 1996 debut off a second-place finish vs. starter allowance foes December 20. Rated fourth in this five-horse field, the Utah-bred made his move from along the rail to take the lead at the top of the stretch and draw clear.

6th-SAX, \$53,000, Clm (\$80-70,000), 4yo/up, f/m, a6.5fT, 1:15 1/5, fm.

KA LAE (m, 7, *Hawaii--Port Desire, by Elocutionist), unraced since being eased in the mud at Philadelphia Park December 17, returned to the West Coast for the first time since August, 1994. Showing a bullet five-furlong breeze for her comeback, the veteran racemare closed from midpack at 8-1 to edge 15-1 SUNSAMIA (Sunshine Forever) by a neck. Lifetime Record: SW, 32-5-6-7, \$199,875.

O-Chessy & McLean. B-Pope McLean (Ky). T-W Dollase.

Local News: California

According to a report in today's *Daily Racing Form*, Ed Friendly has informed the Thoroughbred Owners of California that he plans to resign as president. Friendly, 73, has served as TOC president since the organization was founded three years ago; he will continue as the TOC's chairman and as a member of the board of directors.

◆ FOREIGN ◆

Local News: Ireland

Vintage Crop (Ire) (Rousillon), being prepared for a fourth attempt at the Melbourne Cup, leaves frosty Ireland Monday for a warm vacation in Dubai. The nine-year-old is expected to stay in the United Arab Emirates for two months, then will return to trainer Dermot Weld's barn in mid-April to start what is likely to be his final season of racing; he won the 1993 Melbourne Cup, then finished seventh in 1994 and third in 1995.

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EL GRAN SENOR

Graded Stakes Double at Santa Anita on February 4.

Helmsman won the Strub Stakes - Gr. 1 and

Lit de Justice took the Palos Verdas Handicap - Gr. 3.



◆ EAST ◆

Local News: The Meadowlands

Water main breaks in New Jersey Wednesday have left The Meadowlands without water in the grandstand and barn area. Track personnel brought in 500 five-gallon bottles of water for the nearly 1,000 Standardbred horses on the grounds Wednesday, but the supply lasted only until Thursday morning; two of the track's 1,500-gallon water trucks have been shipping water from nearby North Arlington to the backstretch since. "We understand they've repaired one of the mains, but the water won't be drinkable for a few more days," said Meadowlands Director of Properties John Chevalier. "We'll be prepared to truck in the water until at least Monday. We've already brought in more than 10,000 gallons." Track patrons are being served bottled water at concession stands, restaurants and bars.

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ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

9th-AQU, \$31,000, (S), 4yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:13 3/5, ft. QUALITY CONTROL (f, 4, Cojak--Rich and Righteous {SW}, by Search for Gold) Lifetime Record: 7-2-4-0, \$61,020. O-Hickory Plains Farm. B-Albert H. & Randy L. Cohen (NY). T-John J Lenzini Jr.

9th-TPX, \$28,530, 2-8, 4yo/up, 6f, 1:13 1/5, my. DEFIANTLY (h, 7, Northern Prospect--Khalluah, by Fleet Nasrullah) Lifetime Record: 42-12-6-8, \$141,024. O-Quality Racing Stables. B-Petelain Stables (FL). T-G York. *Toffeee (Distinctive Pro), GSW, \$347,473.

8th-OPX, \$27,000, 4yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16m, 1:46 1/5, ft. LADY BAIUL (f, 4, Tasso--Guinevere's Folly {MSW}, by Round Table) Lifetime Record: SW, 17-5-2-3, \$78,875. O/B-Loyd V Jones (KY). T-Kenny P Smith.

2nd-OPX, \$25,000, 4yo/up, 6f, 1:12 1/5, ft. ILE DE BUCK (c, 4, Ile de Jinsky--Buck's First Dream, by Buck's Last Dream) Lifetime Record: SP, 10-3-1-1, \$55,100. O/B-R D Phillips (AR). T-Randy Allen.

9th-FGX, \$22,500, 4yo/up, f/m, a5 1/2fT, 1:05 4/5, fm. FRESA (f, 4, Strawberry Road (Aus)--Confident Writer {SP}, by Staff Writer) Lifetime Record: MSP, 14-3-4-3, \$56,095. O/B-Tom Ball (LA). T-William Stice.

8th-TPX, \$22,200, 2-8, 3yo, 1 1/16m, 1:50 4/5, my. RESTON (c, 3, Sewickley--Lust, by Hail to Reason) Lifetime Record: 12-2-1-1, \$28,455. O-Novogratz A & J. B-Dakotah Connection T'breeds (KY). T-N Wismer. *1/2 to Lusty Lady (Star de Naskra), SW, \$116,398.

8th-LRL, \$19,000, 4yo/up, f/m, 7f, 1:25, ft. JULIE'S BRILLIANCE (f, 4, Marine Brass--Brilliant Paces, by Thirty Eight Paces) Lifetime Record: 9-3-2-0, \$37,065. O-Elaine L Bassford. B-Mrs. Julie Bassford Collison (MD). T-King T Leatherbury.

MAIDEN WINNERS:

Our Golden Promise, f, 3, Afleet--Warranty Applied (MSW, \$112,278), by Monteverdi (Ire). SAX, 2-9, 1 1/16m, 1:48 1/5. B-Gehl Joseph E (Ky). *\$50,000 2yo 1995 BESMAR.

Flag of the Day, c, 3, Avenue of Flags--Truly Splendid (SP), by Naskra. SAX, (S), 2-9, 6f, 1:10 4/5. B-Mabee John C Mr & Mrs (Ca). *1/2 to Splendid Dream (Bel Bolide), SW, \$196,300.

Brother Rock, c, 3, Cherokee Fellow--High On Annie, by Whitesburg. SUF, 2-9, 6f, 1:15. B-Mahon Gary (Fl).

Brainless, f, 3, Chief's Crown--Hire a Brain, by Seattle Slew. AQU, 2-9, 1 1/16m, 1:49 1/5. B-Robert N. & Albert G. Clay (KY). *\$35,000 yrl '94 KEESEP; \$25,000 2yo 1995 OBSAPR. *1/2 to Political Fact (Tremolino), GSP-Ire, \$116,321.

+ Beta Site, c, 3, Dixieland Band--D. J.'s Imp (MSW), by Stonewalk. FGX, 2-9, a5 1/2fT, 1:07. B-Imp Stables (Ky). *1/2 to Majesty's Imp (His Majesty), MSW, \$260,056; Imps Gift (Monetary Gift), MSW, \$277,089.

Glade, c, 3, Gulch--Vaguely Foolish, by *Vaguely Noble. GPX, 2-9, 1 1/16m, 1:47 3/5. B-Firman Pamela H (Ky). *\$60,000 yrl '94 KEESEP.

Regal Traveler, f, 3, Regal Search--Traveling Expences, by Speedy Prospect. GPX, 2-9, 6f, 1:12 1/5. B-Paul H & Alice M Horn (Fl).

+ Young Thing, f, 3, Sewickley--Spiritualist, by Silver Series. AQU, 2-9, 6f, 1:14 2/5. B-Evans Robert S (Fl).

Wicked Fun, c, 4, Baederwood--Reethia, by Friend's Choice. LRL, 2-9, 6f, 1:13 1/5. B-Clark Mark T (Md). *\$17,000 yrl '93 HBSSEP.

Lamina Blue, f, 4, Electric Blue--Animal Cracker, by Mongo. GPX, 2-9, a1 1/16mT, 1:43 1/5. B-Blue Ridge Farm (Va). *1/2 to Circus Music (Melodisk), SW, \$197,394. **SP.

Fire Temple, c, 4, Majestic Light--Zee Mimms, by Damascus. AQU, 2-9, 6f, 1:13 1/5. B-Christina Stables (Ky). *\$70,000 yrl '93 KEESEP.

Tactical Heir, h, 5, Pretensor--Columbia Flight, by Windy Sands. SAX, (S), 2-9, 6f, 1:10 2/5. B-Putnam George (Ca).



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