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CIGAR WORK POSTPONED Cigar (Palace Music)'s work was again postponed yesterday morning due to the track condition at Gulfstream Park, which was hit by heavy rains Sunday. Trainer Bill Mott said that Cigar should be ready to go this morning, and said the delays should not be a problem. "The track is like potato soup," Mott said. "(Missing the work) won't be a problem. The only problem would be if he worked on a bad track." Mott said that his main goal is still to get a good work into Cigar Saturday before his scheduled departure for Dubai. "Working him on Saturday has been the main goal all along," he said. "So we're not missing anything, we're just changing some of the days around."

ARLINGTON REQUESTS SHORTER WEEK The Illinois Racing Board has until April 3 to decide to take action on Arlington International Racecourse's "emergency" request to reduce its weekly racing schedule from the required six days to five days. Arlington asked that the request be included as an emergency item on the agenda for Tuesday's board meeting to give the track time to plan for its May 12-Oct. 13 meeting. "There are not enough horses available for us to be confident a quality race meet could be conducted," Arlington CEO Scott Mordell told the board. An additional hearing will be held March 25 at which time Arlington will be asked to submit more evidence.

STAKES CLOSINGS

TODAY, WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13:

3-16 \$500,000 *Florida Derby-GI, GP*, 3yo, 9f (\$20,000s)

3-23 \$150,000a *Santa Ana H.-GI, SA*, 4yo/up, f/m, 9fT (\$50)

3-24 \$250,000 *San Luis Rey S.-GI, SA*, 4yo/up, 12fT (\$100)

8-25 \$1,000,000 *Arlington Million-GI, AP*, 3yo/up, 10fT (\$1000)

MID-AMERICA TRIPLE: One \$300 nomination

6-30 \$200,000 *Arlington Classic-GII, AP*, 3yo, 9fT

7-21 \$300,000 *American Derby-GII, AP*, 3yo, 9.5fT

8-25 \$500,000 *Secretariat-GI, AP*, 3yo, 10fT

TOMORROW, THURSDAY, MARCH 14:

3-17 \$350,000 *Louisiana Derby-GIII, FG*, 3yo, 8.5f (\$6000s)



Today, Gulfstream Park:

THE BONNIE MISS-GII, \$200,000, f, 3yo, 1 1/16m

PP	HORSE	TRAINER	JOCKEY	ODDS
1	My Flag	McGaughey	J. Bailey	4-5
2	Marfa's Finale	P. Donovan	T. Turner	12-1
3	Faithful City	L. Poulos	J. Guerra	15-1
4	La Rosa	N. Zito	J. Krone	5-2
5	Escena	W. Mott	P. Day	7-2
6	Supah Avalanche	E. Tortora	R. Davis	20-1

Escena (Strawberry Road {Aus}) sports a lifetime record of three wins in four starts and her lone loss was a third-place finish in the GII Demoiselle last Nov. She was a 4½-length winner of a Gulfstream allowance in her 3-year-old debut Feb. 11. Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies champ **My Flag** (Easy Goer) and Demoiselle winner **La Rosa** (Wild Again) both come into the Bonnie Miss from the GIII Davona Dale, where they were placed second and third, respectively, after a disqualification. Trainer Shug McGaughey is seeking his third Bonnie Miss win in four years with My Flag. Should the daughter of champion Personal Ensign win today, she would join stablemates Dispute and Inside Information. **Faithful City** (Hooched) the only filly besides Escena to come into today's race off a win, scored her second win in four starts with a win in the Suncoast S. at Tampa Bay last time out Feb. 24.

Saturday, Oaklawn Park

RAZORBACK H.-II, \$150,000a, 4yo/up, 8.5f

Dazzling Falls (Taylor's Falls), the winner of the 1995 Arkansas Derby and a 3-length allowance winner in his 1996 debut March 3, brings a nine-for-19 record into Saturday's race, but he'll have to get past a healthy list of contenders to move his batting average to an even .500. That list includes **Classic Fit** (Bucksplasher) and **MGSW Judge T C** (Judge Smells), the one-two finishers in the GIII Essex H. at Oaklawn Feb. 17; **Joseph's Robe** (Lord At War {Arg}), second in the Razorback last year and second to Dazzling Falls last out; and **Humble Nine** (Hickory Ridge), a 2 1/2-length allowance winner Feb. 29 at Oaklawn.

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JOCKEYS' GUILD TO FORM LABOR UNION

John Giovanni, National Manager of the Jockeys' Guild, announced the Guild will form a national labor organization "for their mutual betterment, protection and advancement," as part of a restructuring plan approved by its membership. "(This) will better position us to ensure that jockeys continue to enjoy fair compensation and employment-related benefits such as health insurance and a worker's compensation program," Giovanni said. "The Guild intends to participate as an active partner with the organizations representing owners, trainers and tracks and these changes will help us do so."

◆ MIDWEST ◆

Local News: Turfway Park

Turfway Park has hopped on the Information Superhighway with a home page on the World Wide Web--www.turfway.com. The site features upcoming events, entries and results.

◆ FOREIGN ◆

VRC AUSTRALIAN CUP-G1-Aus, \$640,736, Flemington, 3-11, 3yo/up, 10f, 2:02:10; gd.

- 1--**SAINTLY (NZ)**, 116, g, 3, **Sky Chase--All Grace**, by Sir Tristram (Ire). O-J B Cummings, Dato Tan Chin Nam, Dr. C P Lim, E H K Hong & T Tan; B/T-J B Cummings (NZ); J-D Beadman; \$416,478.
 2--**Vialli (GB)** 128, h, 5, **Niniski--Vaison La Romaine**, by Arctic Tern. T--D J O'Sullivan; \$128,147.
 3--**Peep On The Sly**, 116, g, 3, **Shy Rambler--Little Gig**, by Supernatural. T-R Maxwell; \$76,500.
 Margins : 2 1/2, NO, 1/2.

Also Ran: Circles Of Gold, Nothin' Leica Dane, Jeune (GB), Paris Lane, Dark Ksar, Star Dancer, Protara's Bay, Toil, Campaign Warrior, Racer's Edge, Count Chivas (NZ), Starstruck, Beaux Art.

VICHEALTH NEWMARKET H-G1-Aus, \$376,903, Flemington, 3-11, 4yo/up, 6f, 1:07:70, gd.

- 1--**BRAWNY SPIRIT (AUS)**, 119, g, 5, **Rustic Amber (Ire)--Devil Hostess (Aus)**, by Without Fear (Fr). O-D R & Mrs. J T Toye; B-Mrs C J Crawford (Aus); T-J M Winks; J-M Clarke; \$244,987.
 2--**Sequalo (Aus)**, 118, h, 5, **Rustic Amber (Ire)--Dash Around**, by Bending Away. T-C O Waymouth; \$75,381.
 3--**Royal Discard (Aus)**, 111, g, 6, **King Hadrian--Apilinsky**, by Valinsky (GB). T-M E Riley; \$33,921.
 Margins: HD, 1/2, 2.

Also Ran: Cut Up Rough, Gold Ace, All Our Mob, Seascay, Primacy, Baryshnikov, Khaptingly (NZ), Strategic, Drum, Aunty Mary, Ben's Rocket (NZ), Centisle (NZ), Power And Glory, Mobile Link, Prince Marauding, Another Excuse, Petite Amour, Delsole.

STC CANTERBURY GUINEAS-G1-Aus, \$227,272, Canterbury, Australia, 3-9, 3yo, 1m 1 1/2f, 1:59:36, dead.

- 1--**OCTAGONAL (NZ)**, 122, c, 3, **Zabeel (NZ)--Eight Carat (GB)**, by Pieces Of Eight. O-Woodlands Stud; B-Cambridge Stud (NZ); T-J R Hawkes; J-D Beadman; \$154,545. *Ch. 2yo-Aus. **1/2 to Kaapstad (NZ) (Sir Tristram), MGSW-Aus; Marquise (NZ) (Gold and Ivory), MGSW-Aus.
 2--**Filante (NZ)**, 122, c, 3, **Star Way (GB)--Eau D'Etoile (NZ)**, by Sir Tristram (Ire). T-J. Denham; \$40,909.
 3--**Future King**, 122, g, 3, **Wonder Dancer (NZ)--Blazing Dollar**, by Gypsy Kingdom. T-G. H. Walter. \$18,181.
 Margins: NK, 1 1/4, 1/2.
 Also Ran: Classy Fella, Super Slew, Bravo Zulu, Pay Back Time.

SUPER VOBIS SIRES PRODUCE S.-G1-Aus, \$227,272, Flemington, Australia, 3-11, 2yo, 7f, 1:23:10, gd.

- 1--**@MY DUKE (NZ)**, 122, g, 2, **Deputy Governor--Zamoon (NZ)**, by Zamazaan (Fr). O-R G & Mrs D E Cook; B-P S Davison (NZ); T-G A Ryan; J-D Nikolic; \$147,727.
 2--**Zeya (Aus)**, 119, f, 2, **Marauding (NZ)--Tsarevana**, by Muscovite. T-P C Hayes; \$45,454.
 3--**Clang (Aus)**, 122, c, 2, **Bellotto--Sudden Impulse**, by Luskin Star. T-J R Hawkes; \$20,454.
 Margins: Short neck, 2, 2.
 Also Ran: Prattler, Express Gold, Alfa, Victory Dash, Tertius, Red Rascal, Polish Native, Eau Savage, Angel's Image.

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ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

9th-PHA, \$22,860, 4yo/up, 1 1/16m, 1:46 4/5, gd.
AGUILA REEF (c, 4, Another Reef--You're Impossible, by L'Natural) Lifetime Record: 22-4-6-5, \$90,044.
 O/B-Susan B. Thayer (PA). T-Steve E Rowan.

8th-PHA, \$16,350, 3yo, f, 1m70yd, 1:46 3/5, gd.
SHE'S ALL CLASS (f, 3, Rahy--Fast Nellie, by Ack Ack) Lifetime Record: 13-2-1-0, \$26,990. O-Paraneck Stable. B-Makk Laszlo Dr. & Mrs. (KY). T-Louis Albertrani.

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7th-PHA, \$15,742, 4yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:12 1/5, my. **SWEET CONCERTO** (f, 4, **Amazing Prospect--Sweet Sound, by Nasty and Bold**) Lifetime Record: 6-2-0-0, \$13,855. O-Daniel D Dubuc. B-Michael Hushion, Jerry Samuels, Et Al. (FL). T-Charles E Dubuc Jr.

MAIDEN WINNER:

Early Alarm, f, 4, **Dixieland Brass--Consueto**, by The Cool Virginian. PHA, 3-12, 6f, 1:14 4/5. B-Booth Edward G (Va).

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THE LONG (SHOT) ROAD TO LOUISVILLE

By **Bill Leggett**

This weekend, the 3-year-olds come at us not so much in a line, but in a pile.

There are seven stakes events stretched out between Garden State Park's \$50,000 Cherry Hill Mile Friday evening through Saturday's \$50,000 Unbridled, \$75,000 Swale and \$500,000 Florida Derby at Gulfstream, and the \$125,000 John Battaglia Memorial at Turfway Park. Sunday brings the \$350,000 Louisiana Derby at the Fair Grounds and the \$250,000 San Felipe at Santa Anita. Mirror, mirror on the wall...

Cobra King (Farma Way), **Unbridled's Song** (Unbridled) and **Editor's Note** (Forty Niner) will probably draw most of the attention prior to the Florida Derby, but Thomas H. Heard Jr.'s **Built For Pleasure** (Homebuilder) is going to lure an inordinate amount of it compared to his last start, a victory in the \$200,000 Fountain of Youth at an amazing \$288.20.

If you go through major Kentucky Derby prep races, you will find no other winner that paid such a price. In 1993, Rockamundo won the Arkansas Derby at \$218 and a year later, Screaming Don took the California Derby at \$103.60.

The highest-priced Santa Anita Derby winner was Destroyer in 1974. Aqueduct's Wood Memorial had its biggest upset when Manassa Mauler won at \$129.50 in '56 and never got to the Derby. Back in 1982, the first year that Jim Beam picked up sponsorship of the Spiral Stakes at then Latonia, Good N' Dusty won it at \$81.60. But he never got a chance to get good and dusty at Churchill Downs because he also missed the Derby.

Is it really possible, then, to have a horse win one of the major preps at a huge price and then roll into Churchill Downs and take the big enchilada? Indeed it is. In 1970, Dust Commander won the Blue Grass over a

sloppy track at \$72.80 and shortly thereafter went into Churchill Downs and took the Derby at \$32.60.

The Blue Grass normally brings blood rushing to the wallets of Kentuckians and they bet its winner back in the Derby. But they missed with Dust Commander more than they hit, and the highest-priced Kentucky Derby winner of all time, Donerail at \$184.90 in 1913, had come off a second-place finish in the Blue Grass.

In recent years, of course, the Derby has been a terrible betting proposition for favorite players. Over the last 16 runnings, no favorite has been able to win it, and if you swallowed that much chalk by now, you would be the color of Casper.

In the 16 years prior to the ongoing slump, eight favorites (50%) had won the Derby.

The Florida Derby has been won by the favorite only twice over the last 13 runnings (Fly So Free at \$2.80 in '91 and Snow Chief at \$5 in '86). During that period, the tote board has been rattled with such payoffs as Bull in the Heather (Ferdinand) at \$60.80 in '93, Brian's Time at \$67.60 in '88; Mercedes Won's \$32 in '89 and the record-setter, Croeso at \$172 in '83.

Obviously, there will be no 143-1 on Tommy Heard's Built for Pleasure this time around. Heard is from Refugio, Texas and at one stage wanted to be a journalist, but instead joined his father on the racetrack. He got his first stakes winner with Be Blue in 1938, meaning he has trained at least one stakes winner in each of seven decades.

At 78 now, Heard is an excellent story teller. "I'm never going to retire," he says. "I basically train my own horses and a few for friends, but I have a piece of those horses, too. I don't want to explain why I did this or that. If there's a mistake, it's mine to deal with."

In 1973, he sold a major piece of property in Dade County, bought some horses and shipped to California. "The first three horses I ran were claimed by Bobby Frankel at Hollywood Park," Heard recalled. "I wasn't going to take anything like that. So I claimed the next 13 horses he ran. He wouldn't even look at anything I trained for the rest of the year. I ended up being the leading owner at Hollywood that year and it was with the horses I claimed."

A year ago, of course, D. Wayne Lukas won the Florida Derby when eventual Kentucky Derby winner Thunder Gulch paid \$6 at Gulfstream. At Churchill Downs, his price was \$51. Go figure.

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