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ESPN'S "RACEHORSE DIGEST" TO PRESENT DUBAI WORLD CUP ESPN's *Racehorse Digest* will offer same-day coverage of the Dubai World Cup from Dubai, United Arab Emirates, Wednesday, March 27 at 4 p.m. ET. The Dubai World Cup episode of *Racehorse Digest* will replay Friday, March 29 at 3:30 a.m. and Saturday, March 30 at 6 a.m., both on ESPN.

DUBAI DEVELOPMENTS Horse of the Year **Cigar** (Palace Music) got his first taste of the Dubai sand Tuesday morning when he cantered once around the Nad Al Sheba track. The six-year-old bay was ridden by Tim Jones, assistant to trainer Bill Mott. Afterward, Jones said, "Cigar went on the track today to have a look around and he will resume full training tomorrow; he is very well and eating up." As for the foot bruise that kept Cigar out of the GI Santa Anita H., Jones said, "The foot is completely healed and the interruption to his training will have no bearing on the race." Joining Cigar on the Dubai oval were fellow World Cup hopeful **L'Carriere** (Carr de Naskra) and Dubai Duty Free entrant **Regal Discovery** (Regal Classic). L'Carriere trotted to the 1 furlong pole before cantering steadily over 15f. The H. James Bond-trained gelding is due to work today in preparation for the Mar. 27 World Cup. Last year's Queen's Plate champion **Regal Discovery**, who flew into Dubai on the same flight as Cigar, trotted to the 1 furlong marker before turning and cantering steadily over 8 furlongs. Dubai World Cup hopeful **Needle Gun (Ire)** (Sure Blade) has arrived in Dubai and made himself at home in the European quarantine barn.

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STAKES CLOSINGS

TODAY, WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20:

- 3-30 \$125,000 **Bourbonette, TP, f, 3yo, 8f** (\$100)
- 3-30 \$50,000/60,000 **Queen Breeders' Cup, TP, f/m, 4yo/up, 6f** (\$50)
- 3-30 \$100,000 **Rushaway, TP, 3yo, 8.5f** (\$75)
- 3-30 \$100,000 **Fairway Fun, TP, 4yo/up, f/m, 8.5f** (\$75)
- 3-30 \$150,000a **San Bernardino H.-GII, SA, 4/up, 9f** (\$50)
- 3-31 \$125,000a **El Rincon H.-GII, SA, 4yo/up, 8fT, (\$50)**



DEVIL'S BAG FILLY TOPS OBS FIRST SESSION

A bay filly by Devil's Bag--Canticle (Stage Door Johnny) brought the highest price of \$210,000 during yesterday's first session of the Ocala Breeders' Sales March Open Selected Two-Year-Olds in Training Sale in Ocala, Florida. The Kentucky-bred filly, who breezed an eighth of a mile in :11 flat during Sunday's under-tack show, was consigned by Hartley/De Renzo Thoroughbreds, agent, who sold the 1995 sale topper for \$150,000. The top-priced colt of yesterday's session at \$135,000 was a half-brother by Robyn Dancer to Grade I winning millionaire Mecke. Overall, 132 horses were sold Tuesday for a gross of \$4,676,500, up almost \$500,000 from 1995's opening day, when 116 horses brought \$4,196,000. The average dipped a slight two percent from \$36,172 in 1995 to \$35,428 in 1996. There were 51 horses reported as not sold, for a buyback percentage of 27.8 percent, an improvement over last year's 30.1 percent. "The sale results were steady, as we were able to sell more horses with only a two percent decrease in the average," said Director of Sales Tom Ventura. "As has been the case all year, bidding at the top of the sale remains very competitive." The sale's second and final session will be held today.

TOP FIVE OBS TWO-YEAR-OLDS-TUESDAY

HIP#	SEX	SIRE	DAM	PRICE
159	f	Devil's Bag	Canticle	\$210,000 (\$32,000 wnlg '94 KEENOV)
Consigned by Hartley/De Renzo Thoroughbreds, agent. Purchased by Amstu Stables Inc.				
191	f	Olympio	Distinctive Review	\$147,000 (\$40,000 yrlg '95 FTKJUL)
Consigned by McKathan Bros., agent. Purchased by Dan Jones.				
134	c	Robyn Dancer	Beautiful Bid	\$135,000
Consigned by Farnsworth Farms, agent. Purchased by Jeffrey Kallenberg.				
28	f	Darn That Alarm	Sightseeing	\$110,000 (\$37,000 yrlg '95 OBSAUG)
Consigned by Ricky Leppala, agent for Elliott Farms. Purchased by The Rainbow Stable.				
173	f	Opening Verse	Conquistadoria	\$105,000 (\$17,500 yrlg '95 KEEJAN)
Consigned by Miller Bloodstock, agent. Purchased by Inniscarra Stable Inc.				

**News Continued.**

HIALEAH SIMULCASTS ON HOLD All interstate wagering on races from Hialeah Park has been suspended after a temporary restraining order was issued by Judge Nesbitt at the request of the Florida Horsemen's Benevolent and Protective Association. Hialeah is set to challenge the restraining order at a hearing scheduled for Thursday morning. Intrastate wagering from Hialeah is not affected by the order.

LUKAS DERBY HOPEFULS ARRIVE AT

CHURCHILL DOWNS Trainer D. Wayne Lukas shipped three Kentucky Derby contenders to Churchill Downs Tuesday to prepare for the May 4 classic. The trio are the first Derby hopefuls to arrive on the grounds, and include GIII Louisiana Derby winner **Grindstone** (Unbridled), GI Florida Derby runner-up **Editor's Note** (Forty Niner) and GI Fountain of Youth third-place finisher **Victory Speech** (Deputy Minister). The group was greeted by freezing temperatures and snow. Tentative plans call for Victory Speech to contest Turfway's \$600,000 Jim Beam S. March 30, with Keeneland's April 13 Blue Grass S. scheduled as the next start for Editor's Note and Grindstone.

GARDEN STATE INCREASES PURSES Garden State Park will increase purses on its races by \$7,000 a night, beginning with Friday's card. Racing Secretary Ed Vomacka said all races will be affected by the added money. The increases will range from \$500 to \$1,000 a race. In announcing the increases, track President Arthur Winkler said the money will come from the scheduled but unused portion of purses resulting from 10½ weather-related cancellations of racing programs, along with revenues generated by The Garden's simulcasting business.

LUCKY DRAW FOR MRS. SWINBURN

Doreen Swinburn, whose jockey son Walter narrowly escaped death in an accident at Sha Tin Racecourse last month, now has another reason to celebrate. Not only is Walter's condition improving so fast that he plans to return to the saddle next month, but she is also the proud owner of a new BMW. Mrs. Swinburn won the car--an 850 series coupe--after buying a raffle ticket at the airport last week when she and Walter flew back home to Britain from a break designed to give the rider a period of convalescence in the Dubai sun. Doreen's husband Wally said, "It's absolutely unbelievable and just shows how quickly luck can change. My wife bought a ticket for \$100 and the car's worth something like £80,000 (\$125,000)."

◆ EAST ◆

Local News, Calder:

Calder Racing Secretary Robert Umphrey announced the appointment of Sean Greely to the new position of Assistant Racing Secretary. The 32-year-old Greely, a native of Lexington, Ky. is the son of Keeneland President and C.E.O. William Greely. He has served as placing judge at Aksarben, Monmouth Park and The Meadows and is currently assistant to Gulfstream and Hialeah Racing Secretary Sam Abbey. Calder's 1996 season begins Friday, May 24.

Local News, Florida:

The Florida Thoroughbred Breeders' and Owners' Association yesterday announced that Michael Sherman's Farnsworth Farms has been named Florida Breeder of the Year for 1995. Other FTBOA awards include **Fortunate Prospect** (Northern Prospect), Stallion of the Year; and **La Chuposa (Per)** (Ups {Per}), Broodmare of the Year.

Local News, Woodbine:

Last year's Coronation Futurity winner **Firm Dancer** (Affirmed) breezed a half-mile in :48 3/5 yesterday over Woodbine's training track, galloping out five furlongs in 1:01 3/5. "I thought he went quite well," said trainer Mike Keogh. "Especially over a track like that, cuppy and deep. It really was just a maintenance breeze." The three-year-old's long-term goal is the July 13 Queen's Plate.

Kathie's Colleen (Woodman), winner of the 1995 GI Monmouth Oaks, also breezed over Woodbine's training track yesterday, covering a half-mile in :52 1/5. The four-year-old filly has not raced since finishing 11th and last against the boys in the Sept. 17 GI Molson Million.

◆ WEST ◆

Local News, Emerald Downs:

Emerald Downs inaugural stakes schedule features 32 races and includes the return of the GIII Longacres Mile. The Mile, which has been won in the past by Skywalker, Judge Angelucci and Simply Majestic, will be run Aug. 18 and will be worth \$200,000. The stakes schedule also includes three races worth \$100,000-- the Budweiser Emerald H. July 21, the Eagle Hardware & Garden Derby Sept. 1 and the Joe Gottstein Futurity Nov. 4. The Emerald Downs meet runs from June 20 through Nov. 4.

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◆ MIDWEST ◆

Local News, Retama Park:

Retama Park in San Antonio, Texas will simulcast the \$4 million Dubai World Cup Wednesday, March 27. All wagers placed at Retama Park on the Dubai World Cup will be commingled into a national pool. Advanced wagering and program information will be available at the track beginning Sunday afternoon, March 24.

1995 F • R • E • S • H • M • A • N SIRE REVIEW

1995 FRESHMAN SIRE STATS

BY NUMBER OF TWO-YEAR-OLDS:

1. Black Tie Affair (Ire) (Miswaki) (92)
2. Farma Way (Marfa) (79)
3. Thirty Six Red (Slew o' Gold) (56)
4. Metfield (Seattle Slew) (55)
5. Cahill Road (Fappiano) (49)
6. Opening Verse (The Minstrel) (48)
7. Housebuster (Mt. Livermore) (44)
8. Academy Award (Secretariat) (42)
9. Polish Numbers (Danzig) (42)
10. Mercedes Won (Air Forbes Won) (40)

BY MONEY WON:

1. Farma Way (Marfa) (\$818,073)
2. Quiet American (Fappiano) (\$792,431)
3. Polish Numbers (Danzig) (\$668,823)
4. Unbridled (Fappiano) (\$626,230)
5. Black Tie Affair (Ire) (Miswaki) (\$514,715)
6. Metfield (Seattle Slew) (\$416,214)
7. Summer Squall (Storm Bird) (\$388,202)
8. Prized (Kris S.) (\$290,380)
9. Housebuster (Mt. Livermore) (\$289,474)
10. Secret Hello (Private Account) (\$283,622)

BY WINNERS:

1. Black Tie Affair (Ire) (Miswaki) (20)
2. Farma Way (Marfa) (13)
Metfield (Seattle Slew) (13)
4. Summer Squall (Storm Bird) (11)
5. Mercedes Won (Air Forbes Won) (10)
6. Academy Award (Secretariat) (9)
Cahill Road (Fappiano) (9)
Polish Numbers (Danzig) (9)
Thirty Six Red (Slew o' Gold) (9)
Tricky Creek (Clever Trick) (9)

BY STAKES-WINNERS:

1. Farma Way (Marfa) (5)
2. Polish Numbers (Danzig) (3)
3. Gold Seam (Mr. Prospector) (2)
Hadif (Clever Trick) (2)
Metfield (Seattle Slew) (2)
Quiet American (Fappiano) (2)

At the beginning of 1995, the *Thoroughbred Daily News* asked experts from the Thoroughbred industry to predict which Freshman Sires would top the charts. Only Sid Fernando, bloodstock editor for the *Daily Racing Form*, correctly picked Vinery stallion Farma Way on top. Here are his reasons:

"I didn't delve into Farma Way's 12th generation to find the answer, nor did I look for patterns of greatness to emerge from inbreeding quotients and double back flips. Instead, I saw a terrifically handsome physical specimen, a fast Grade I winner at 10 furlongs, a genuine performer, and a horse who withstood the demanding regimen of trainer D. Wayne Lukas. Priced at \$5,000, he looked a terrific bargain next to Summer Squall and Hansel at \$30,000, and given that he was managed by Ben Walden Jr., who the year before had orchestrated Red Ransom's championship first-crop season, the choice of Farma Way was, to me, a no-brainer. In fact, I take greater pride in having chosen the \$3,500 sire Polish Numbers to finish third, which he did."

FOALING NEWS:

NEVER KNOCK, 17, Stage Door Johnny--Never Hula (Never Bend)

Foal born 2-20-96, a colt by St. Jovite.

Will be bred back to Pleasant Colony.

Owned by Pam DuPont and Dean Grimm.

Boarded at Pillar Stud in Lexington, Ky.

Accomplishments: Dam of Pleasant Tap (Pleasant Colony), Ch. Older Horse and MGISW, \$2,721,169; Go For Gin (Cormorant), GISW, \$1,380,866.

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WEEKEND PEDIGREE PERSPECTIVES

by: Alan Porter, Highflyer International

At this time of year, we usually have to carefully scrutinize the pedigrees of the Kentucky Derby contenders to determine whether or not they will last the mile and a quarter, a distance which most will be attempting for the first time. There should be no doubts about the San Felipe S. winner **Odyle** (Alleged) on that score, however, as his pedigree indicates that the further he is asked to run, the stronger he will be. A half-brother to Metropolitan H. winner Dixie Brass, Odyle was sired by Alleged, who was the hero of two runnings of the Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe, and was a close second in the English St. Leger (at a mile and three-quarters). Odyle is out of a mare by Sham, who chased Secretariat to the line in the first sub two-minute Kentucky Derby. We actually find Odyle's pedigree extremely exciting. Why? We have frequently advocated planning matings which involve permutations of the sisters How, Cherokee Rose and Sequoia. This trio were all by Princequillo out of The Squaw II, and could all run more than a tad, How and Cherokee Rose winning the CCA Oaks and Sequoia the Spinaway. What's more, the trio bred on, How becoming granddam of Tom Rolfe and Chieftain; Cherokee Rose, the granddam of Ack Ack; and Sequoia breeding Sham. Since Odyle is by Alleged (grandson of Tom Rolfe) out of Petite Diable by Sham, he has How and Sequoia 5 x 3 in his pedigree. Of course, Odyle is far from a first for one of these combinations. For example, there have been six runners by Ack Ack out of Tom Rolfe mares, and four of them have won stakes! Champion sire Broad Brush and the GI-winning filly Southern Truce are by sons of Ack Ack out of mares carrying Tom Rolfe and Chieftain, respectively. Broad Brush's half-brother, Hay Halo, has a stakes winner out of a mare carrying Chieftain. The GI winning Sham Say, by some way the best runner to represent Tom Rolfe's grandson, Oh Say, is out of a mare by Sham. Forty Niner (out of a Tom Rolfe mare) has sired GSW Niner's Home out of a Ack Ack mare. The \$2 million earner Lost Code has Chieftain and Ack Ack in his pedigree. The biggest money earner sired by Tom Rolfe's grandson, Stalwart, millionaire Stalwars, adds another dimension by doubling Pocahontas herself. The foregoing should be enough to encourage shrewd breeders to consider combining the sisters, and there are plenty of opportunities out there--just look for Tom Rolfe, Chieftain, Ack Ack and Sham--and mix and match!

PEDIGREE SHORTS...Diligence (Miswaki), winner of Saturday's Unbridled S. at Gulfstream, is out of the Al Hattab mare Honeytab. We think that champion Black Tie Affair and Diligence are two of just four runners by Miswaki out of Al Hattab mares. What's more, Miswaki has two stakes winners, including champion Misil, out of three mares by Al Hattab's sire, The Axe II. Is it a coincidence that every time Miswaki meets The Axe II, it creates linebreeding to the sisters Businesslike and Big Event (daughters of La Troienne)?...The much-touted **Dr. Caton** (Seattle Slew) dropped into maiden company this past weekend to score by 6½ lengths on his third start. Whether or not he proves up to the task, Dr. Caton certainly has a classic pedigree. He is by Triple Crown winner Seattle Slew out of a half-sister to Triple Crown winner Affirmed. Incidentally, we love his pedigree pattern. Seattle Slew's dam is inbred to the marvelous mare Busher and a full-sister, Striking. Dr. Caton's dam is by Banner Sport, who is out of half-sister to Busher and Striking.

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SAEED BIN SUROOR

By: Graham Rock

Saeed Bin Suroor will saddle four of the 13-runner field for the \$4 million Dubai World Cup next Wednesday, March 27. No surprises; he was the man chosen by Sheikh Mohammed to train horses under the Godolphin banner, which took Europe by storm last year. Bin Suroor was beaten a whisker in the English trainers' championship, but sent out Lammtarra to win both the Epsom Derby and the Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe.

A native of Dubai, one of the seven United Arab Emirates, Bin Suroor first appeared in England as the official trainer for Godolphin in the spring of last year. Bearded, bespectacled, the 28-year-old might have been mistaken for one of the thousands of earnest foreign students who travel to British universities.

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Saeed Bin Suroor, Continued.

Then the stories began to emerge. Yes, he had been a policeman in Dubai, training horses at first light before putting on his official uniform for duty as a lieutenant during the day. Not that police work in Dubai is onerous; the small country in the Arabian Gulf has one of the lowest recorded crime rates in the world.

Bin Suroor was given his first horse by an elder brother when he was 11, and he handled a few Arabs and Thoroughbreds through his teens. When he wanted his own stables, he knocked together two garages and converted them himself. At the nadir of his career, he sold his car to pay for the horses' feed.

But he sent out winners in the surrounding Emirates, and when the glamorous Nad Al Sheba racecourse opened in 1988, the winners kept coming. "Sheikh Mohammed often saw me and one day he asked to visit and see my horses," Bin Suroor said. "He came to my stables, and soon after he sent me 30 horses." Now Bin Suroor trains from a custom-built yard at Al Quoz, close to Sheikh Mohammed's palace and a few minutes drive from the track.

Bin Suroor's English is limited, but he has learned over the past year to relax in the European arena, and is refreshingly honest about the welfare of the 80 horses he now trains for the Godolphin operation, which was set up by the Sheikh in Dubai, as a base from which to plunder the top races worldwide.

The Godolphin team has two advantages: the horses spend the warm winter in Dubai, and considerable efforts are taken to ensure that they are trained in an environment free of the viruses and infections which plague other racing countries. They enjoy a clean shot at their targets.

When Bin Suroor left Dubai last spring to set up in Newmarket for six months, he benefited from the incalculable help of Jeremy Nosedo, who had spent his career as assistant to John Gosden, first in California, and then in Newmarket. Now Nosedo has returned to the West Coast to train in his own name, and his place has been taken by Tommy Albertrani, formerly assistant to Bill Mott.

"Yes, it was difficult to begin with," says Bin Suroor. "I left my family behind and had to learn again. In Dubai I had one training area, on sand. When I went to England there were many different gallops at Newmarket, and it took some time to learn about them. And I knew little of the European races. I had watched them on the television, but I knew little about the possibilities. Jeremy was very helpful and taught me a lot."

There are many differences between training in a desert country and in Europe. "Well, in Dubai the racing is centralized around one course, and others in the Emirates are quite near," Bin Suroor said. "The weather is nearly always the same, predictable, but in Europe if the weather is bad it can stop you. You have to change your plans, switch training grounds. All the gallops there are straight, and we train round a bend on the track in Dubai, but there are obvious advantages in having different surfaces."

Of Godolphin's quartet in the world's richest race, Bin Suroor rates **Halling** (Diesis {GB}) and **Tamayez** (Gone

West) as his best chances. Halling finished last behind Cigar in the Breeders' Cup Classic at Belmont Park in October, but he hated the off track. "The day and night before, it rained a lot. He just couldn't race on it. He travelled well to halfway but then he lost his action. He has won his race in Dubai recently very easily, and he should go well."

Halling is a dual Group 1 winner, but Tamayez has yet to win a major race; his best effort was fourth in a Group 1 mile event in France. However, he has raised hopes with an impressive victory over top-class horses at Nad Al Sheba, seemingly relishing the surface. "It was a good win, and he seems better on the sand than on grass."

Bin Suroor travels to England with a team of 50 horses in the final week of April, and will spend a second six months at Newmarket, but this year his family will accompany him. "It should be easier this time," he said. "I'll know more and I'm looking forward to meeting all the friends I made." The affable trainer from Dubai, whose name means "happy," appears relaxed, but he is fiercely competitive and will not be truly content until he has won a trainers' championship.

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ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

9th-PHA, \$18,232, 4yo/up, 5 1/2f, 1:04 2/5, wf.
SPACEMAKER (g, 8, **Sunny Clime--Raise the Bayou, by Raise a Cup**) Lifetime Record: 71-18-11-9, \$109,778. O-Ann Marie Hill. B-George C. Turner (FL). T-Harry F. Thompson Jr.

8th-HIA, \$18,000, 4/up, f/m, a1 1/16mT, 1:42 1/5, gd.
POWDER BOWL (f, 4, **Pleasant Colony--Snowbowl {MSP}, by Northjet {Ire}**) Lifetime Record: SW-Fr, 13-3-3-1, \$104,314. O-Augustin Stable. B-George Strawbridge Jr. (PA). T-Jonathan E. Sheppard.

6th-HIA, \$15,000, 4/up, f/m, a1 1/8mT, 1:48 2/5, gd.
SISTERELLA (f, 4, **Diesis {GB}--Minstrella {Ch. 2yo-Ire, MG1-Ire, G1-Eng, \$358,429}, by The Minstrel**) Lifetime Record: 8-2-0-1, \$35,098. O/B-Edward P. Evans (VA). T-Mark Hennig. *1/2 to **Minidar** (GIII, \$350,900, by Alydar).

7th-HIA, \$15,000, 4yo/up, 7f, 1:25 2/5, ft.
LUCKY PREMIER (g, 4, **Premiership--Brian's Lucky, by Lucky Lark**) Lifetime Record: 24-5-1-4, \$35,787. O/B-Alice Ann Farm (FL). T-Joseph Calascibetta.

MAIDEN WINNER:

+ **Hurry Sundown**, c, 3, **Temperence Hill--On the Charts**, by Prince John. PHA, 3-19, 7f, 1:26 4/5. B-Kathy Brown (Ky).

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