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CIGAR LEADS AMERICAN SWEEP IN

DUBAI In the end, his jockey summed it up best. "It wasn't Cigar (Palace Music)'s best performance," said Jerry Bailey. "It was his best effort." In front of a crowd of royalty, dignitaries and plain old racing fans who came from every corner of the globe, Cigar earned the title of the world's greatest horse in winning the world's richest horse race with his victory in yesterday's Dubai World Cup. Overcoming a tenuous start, the Maryland-bred champion quickly regained his composure and overcame every obstacle in his path to best a world-class field from around the globe. The toughest competition would come from closer to home, however, with **Soul of the Matter** (Private Terms) in the middle of a one, two, three American sweep completed by **L'Carriere** (Carr de Naskra). "It was the most he has ever been challenged in the stretch," said Cigar's trainer Bill Mott. "We have often wondered what would happen if another horse ran up and looked him in the eye. Now we know. He showed the courage to be a champion, but it certainly wasn't easy. It was a hard-earned win." He impressed his rider as much. "He slipped a little leaving the gate and lost a couple of positions," said Bailey. "In a race like this, against good horses like these, that takes some making up. But he did it. He didn't handle the surface all that well, but I don't think the second (horse) would have gotten by me even if we'd gone around again. Cigar has such a big heart. He just kept giving." Said jockey Gary Stevens on the runner-up, "This was the best horse race I've ever been in. I got in front inside the last eighth, but Cigar's courage took him back to the lead. My horse did me proud, though, and I don't think I've ever been so happy in a defeat." Cigar sets a record for American racehorses with earnings of over \$7.6 million, and moves to fourth-place on the list of the world's all-time leading money earners, behind three Japanese runners with figures over \$8,000,000--Narita Brian (Jpn), Biwa Hayahide (Jpn) and Mejiro McQueen (Jpn). Although wagering is not permitted in Dubai, fans in America were able to bet on the race at 509 sites and poured \$1,658,847 through the windows. Cigar paid \$2.60, \$2.40 and \$2.10; Soul of the Matter, \$4.60 and \$3.00; L'Carriere, \$3.80. The winning exacta returned \$15.80, and the trifecta paid \$64.60. Cigar's winning streak now stands at 14, two wins shy of Citation's modern record of 16. He will now take a three-month break from the races before a possible start in the June 30 Hollywood Gold Cup.

DUBAI WORLD CUP, \$4,000,000, Nad Al Sheba Racecourse, Dubai, 3-26, 4yo/up, 1 1/4m, 2:03.84, ft.

- 1--**CIGAR**, 124, h, 6, **Palace Music--Solar Slew**, by **Seattle Slew**. O/B-Allen Paulson (MD*); T-Bill Mott; J-Jerry Bailey; \$2,400,000. Lifetime Record: 27-16-2-4, \$7,669,815.
 - 2--**Soul of the Matter**, 124, h, 6, **Private Terms--Soul Light**, by T.V. Commercial. O-Burt Bacharach; B-Blue Seas Music Inc (WV); T-Richard Mandella; J-Gary Stevens. \$800,000.
 - 3--**L'Carriere**, 124, g, 5, **Carr de Naskra--Northern Sunset**, by Northfields. O/B-Virginia Kraft Payson (NY); T-H. James Bond; J-Jorge Chavez. \$400,000.
- Margins: 1/2, 8, 3/4.
Also Ran: Pentire (GB) (\$200,000), Tamayaz (\$120,000), Lively Mount (Jpn) (\$80,000), Needle Gun (Ire), Torrential, Larrocha (Ire), Danewin (Aus), Halling.

*Corrected from earlier edition.

CIGAR settled into sixth place racing four wide into the first turn off the early pace of L'CARRIERE, who was closely tracked by a pack including LIVELY MOUNT (JPN) (Green Mount), TAMAYAZ (Gone West), DANEWIN (AUS) (Danehill), HALLING (Diesis {GB}) and the winner. Cigar improved his position down the second straight, took the lead with a quarter mile left to run and looked home free after shaking off his closest pursuers. But SOUL OF THE MATTER, who turned for home in ninth position, had other ideas, mounting a determined come-from-behind run on the outside and collaring Cigar at the eighth pole. Cigar found something extra, though, receiving six taps from jockey Jerry Bailey's whip before his rider tucked it away and drove him to the finish. L'Carriere, who led until overtaken by Cigar at the quarter pole, fell out of the top three at the eighth pole, but rallied to regain the show spot near the wire. Halling, the top hope of the four Saeed Bin Suroor trainees, turned into the stretch in fourth position, but weakened with three furlongs left to run to finish last.

STAKES CLOSINGS

TODAY, THURSDAY, MARCH 28:

3-30 \$600,000g **Jim Beam-GII, TP**, 3yo, 9f
(\$30,000s)





News Continued.

ODYLE QUESTIONABLE FOR SANTA ANITA DERBY

Odyle (Alleged), winner of the March 17 GII San Felipe S. at odds of 6-1, had heat in his left front ankle Tuesday and his status for the \$1 million Santa Anita Derby April 6 is questionable. Trainer Paco Gonzalez said the heat was discovered in a nuclear imaging scan, and that he would examine X-rays Wednesday before making a determination regarding the Derby. "If the X-rays are good, I'll talk to (owner) John (Toffan) and we'll see what we do," Gonzalez said yesterday. "He could go back to the track and gallop tomorrow, and there's a chance he could make the race." Gary Stevens, who has ridden the last three Santa Anita Derby winners, will ride GII San Rafael S. victor **Honour and Glory** (Relaunch) for trainer D. Wayne Lukas in the Grade I event. Stevens is also the regular rider for **Prince of Thieves** (Hansel), who will retain the services of Shane Sellers for the Derby. Both Lukas trainees worked five furlongs over Santa Anita's main track Monday. Honour and Glory was timed in 1:01 1/5, and Prince of Thieves in :59 2/5. GIII El Camino Real Derby winner **Cavonnier** (Batonnier) prepped for the race Tuesday at Santa Anita, drilling a half-mile in :47 3/5. Other probable starters include **Smithfield** (Halo), **Alyrob** (Alysheba), **Matty G** (Capote) and **Afleetaffair** (Afleet), with **Ready To Order** (Order) considered possible for the race.

FAIR GROUNDS ENDS RECORD MEET

The New Orleans Fair Grounds concluded its 88-day live race meeting Monday with the biggest one-season total mutuel handle in its 124 years. The total mutuel handle on Fair Grounds races, including off-track betting and simulcast outlets nationwide, reached \$175,360,001 for a daily average of \$1,992,727. That was a gain of 7.6 percent compared with last season's previous record handle of \$163,048,551. The on-track handle was \$20,180,889--a daily average of \$229,328. That was down 19.7 percent from a year ago when the on-track handle was \$25,134,326 for a daily average of \$285,617. Fair Grounds will continue to offer simulcasting every day except Tuesday and live racing will resume at the New Orleans track next November.

GERMANY, ROYAL ABJAR RETURN TO TRAINING

Germany (Tremolino), winner of two Group 1 events in Germany last year, and **Royal Abjar** (Gone West), the Highweight Older Horse in Germany in 1995 from 7-9 1/2 furlongs, have both returned to their respective trainers Bruno Schutz and Andreas Wohler after both showed no interest in stallion duties. Both horses were controlled by Gainsborough Stud Management and raced in the colors of Jaber Abdullah.

Stakes Results Continued.

DUBAI DUTY FREE RACE, \$500,000, Nad Al Sheba Racecourse, Dubai, 3-27, 3yo/up, 1 1/4m, 2:03.77, ft.
 1--**KEY OF LUCK**, 124, h, 5, **Chief's Crown--Balbonella** (MSW, \$443,874), by **Gay Mecene**. O-Sheikh Saeed bin Maktoum Al Maktoum; B-Gainsborough Farm Inc., T-K. McLaughlin; J-Gary Stevens; \$250,000. *Won wire-to-wire.
 2--**Cezanne** (GB), 124, h, 7, **Ajda--Reprocolor** (GB), by **Jimmy Reppin** (GB). \$125,000.
 3--**Valley of Gold** (Fr), 120, c, 4, **Shirley Heights** (GB)--**Lustre**, by **Halo**. \$75,000.

Margins: 20, 2, 10.

Also Ran: **Jural** (GB) (Kris {GB}), **Najm Almaydaan** (Nureyev), **Triarius** (Tremolino), **Ihtiram** (Ire) (Royal Academy), **Motakabber** (Ire) (Sadler's Wells), **Regal Discovery** (Regal Classic), **Rehlat Farah** (Pleasant Colony), **Volochine** (Ire) (Soviet Star), **Dover Straits** (Riverman), **Waterperry** (Riverman), **Young Buster** (Ire) (Teenoso).

◆ EAST ◆

Local News, Connecticut:

Autotote Enterprises, which owns and operates Connecticut Off-Track-Betting, is now accepting wagering on races from Woodbine. Connecticut OTB is the first simulcast outlet in the U.S. to accept the entire weekly program from Woodbine. All wagers will be merged with Woodbine and all payoffs will be displayed and paid in U.S. dollars.

Local News, Hialeah:

Three probables for Sunday's GIII Bougainvillea H. at 1 1/8-miles on the Hialeah turf worked yesterday. **Celtic Arms** (Fr) (Comrade in Arms {GB}), winner of the GII Gulfstream Park Breeders' Park H. and GII Pan American H. in his last two starts, breezed a half-mile in :51 3/5 over Gulfstream's main track. Working over the grass at Hialeah were **Dixie Dynasty** (Dynaformer) and **Signal Tap** (Fappiano), who went five furlongs in 1:00 1/5 and 1:03 respectively.

Local News, Suffolk Downs:

Suffolk Downs set a handle record with Wednesday's special morning racing program. The East Boston, Massachusetts track handled \$2,359,863 on its live card, plus an additional \$96,864 on the Dubai World Cup simulcast. Suffolk Downs was the only track in the country to run a morning program directly on the heels of the **Cigar** (Palace Music) win.

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◆ NEW YORK ◆

Yesterday's Results:

8th-AQU, \$33,000, Alw, 4yo/up, f/m, 7f, 1:25 2/5, ft. **HEATHER'S APPAREL** (m, 5, Buckaroo--Icay Appeal, by Valid Appeal), off since finishing fourth Jan. 27, was sent off at 9-1. The mare vied for the early lead before taking control at the top of the stretch and holding on for a 1 3/4 length win. Lifetime Record: 24-7-8-2, \$131,850.

O-Dorothy Demola & P. Nunzio. B-Happy Alter (FL). T-Richard Demola.

4th-AQU, \$31,000, Msw, 3yo, 1 1/8m, 1:53 4/5, ft. **MEADOW GYPSY** (g, 3, Meadowlake--United Scholar, by *Scholar Gypsy), a \$62,000 Kee Nov. weanling and a \$100,000 Fasig-Tipton Saratoga Aug. yearling, had finished second and third in his last two starts. The bay gelding set the pace here, enjoying leisurely fractions, then held off the traffic-plagued NOT TOO EASY (Easy Goer) in the stretch for a 1 3/4 length triumph. The 2-1 shot is a half-brother to Chieftan's Command (Turn and Count), MGSW, \$363,219 and The Berkeley Man (Air Forbes Won), GSP, \$175,575. Lifetime Record: 6-1-2-1, \$36,270.

O-Fox Hill Farm. B-Fred Seitz & R. Eric Waldman (KY). T-John C. Servis.

◆ FOREIGN ◆

AMERICAN-BRED WINNERS IN FRANCE:

Averring, f, 3, Alleged--Chinguetti (Fr) (GSP-N.A., SP-Fr, \$92,006), by Green Dancer. Saint-Cloud, 3-26, Prix La Sega, 10fT, unraced 3yo fillies, \$17,808 to winner. O/B-George Ohrstrom; T-Jacky Cunningham. *1/2 to Tellurium (GSP-Fr, by Timeless Moment).

Jaunatxo, c, 3, Lyphard's Wish (Fr)--Femme de Fer (Fr), by Iron Duke (Fr). Saint-Cloud, 3-26, Prix Magister, 1mT, 3yo, c/g, \$17,808 to winner. O/B-Jose M. Soriano; T-Jean-Claude Rouget. *\$15,000 yrlg '94 KESEEP.

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

Local News, Japan:

Japanese businessman Terunobo Nakao is planning to set up a 200-horse strong racing empire in a bid to win major prizes across Europe and the USA. Nakao, based in Hokkaido, has already agreed to purchase the Friarstown Stud at The Curragh. He is to employ Irish trainer Liam Browne to handle a string of 145 and will be embarking on a breeding project which will add at least another 50 horses to his team. Nakao plans to race the string under the "Omni Irish Racing Club" banner. He revealed, "My dream is to see good horses carrying my colors worldwide. Mr Browne will be given unlimited funds."

◆ So. CALIFORNIA ◆

Local News, Santa Anita:

Del Mar Dennis (Dixieland Band) breezed a half-mile in :48 3/5 Wednesday at Santa Anita. The six-year-old will be trying to win Saturday's GII San Bernardino H. at 1 1/8-miles for the third straight year.

Score Quick (Northern Score) drilled four furlongs in a bullet :46 2/5 over Santa Anita's fast main track yesterday. The GSW will try to bounce back from a 9th place finish in the March 2 Santa Anita H. when he competes in Sunday's GII El Rincon H. at a mile on the turf. Also working for the El Rincon was **Tychonic (GB)** (Last Tycoon {Ire}), who enters Sunday's event on a four-race winning streak. The six-year-old went six furlongs in a bullet 1:12 2/5 Monday at Hollywood.

Exotic Wood (Rahy), five-for-five lifetime until finishing second to champion Serena's Song in the Jan. 27 GI Santa Monica H., breezed a mile in 1:40 2/5 yesterday. Trainer Ron Ellis said the four-year-old filly will run next in either the \$75,000a Santa Lucia H. April 7 at Santa Anita or the \$150,000a Bed o' Roses Breeders' Cup H. (GII) April 8 at Aqueduct.

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ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

8th-SAX, \$46,000, 4yo/up, 1mT, 1:36 1/5, fm.
SHANNDOUR (FR) (c, 4, Zayyani {Ire}--Shannfara {Fr} {MSP-Fr}, by Zeddaan {GB}) Lifetime Record: 9-2-2-1, \$65,340. O-Battle & Caufield & Huene. B-H.H. Aga Khan (FR). T-R.B. Hess Jr. * 1/2 to Shantaroun (MGSP-Aus & Eng, by Green Dancer).

9th-OPX, \$37,000, 4yo/up, 6f, 1:09 4/5, ft.
QUIXOTE'S LUCK (g, 4, Dawn Quixote--Luck's Baby, by What Luck) Lifetime Record: SP, 31-8-9-6, \$166,412. O-Janelle Grum. B-F. Berens & S. Garazi (FL). T-Cecil P. Borel.

9th-AQU, \$33,000, (S), 3yo, 1m, 1:41 1/5, ft.
BOUNDING BABE (f, 3, Bounding Basque--Never There, by Far Out East) Lifetime Record: 6-2-3-0, \$54,400. O-Four Drake Stable. B-Raymond J. Leveille & Diane M. Leveille (NY). T-Gasper S. Moschera.

7th-GGX, \$30,000, 4yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16mT, 1:44 2/5, fm.
JALFREZI (GB) (f, 4, Jalmood--Annabrianna {GB}, by Night Shift) Lifetime Record: SP, 13-3-4-1, \$116,233. O-Milch & No Problem Stable & Ptnrs. B-Philip & Janice Galarneau (GB). T-Darrell Vienna.

8th-SPT, \$25,000, (S), 3yo/up, 1m, 1:42 2/5, ft.
FIVE STAR MOTEL (h, 5, Bates Motel--Frosted Star, by Star de Naskra) Lifetime Record: 9-2-0-4, \$32,761. O/T-Kenneth E. Hoffman. B-William Elias & Jacqueline Phillips (IL).

7th-SPT, \$25,000, 3yo, 1m, 1:41 2/5, ft.
THELEADERINCANDY (c, 3, Mr. Leader--Candy Rind {SP}, by Barachois) Lifetime Record: 12-2-2-5, \$38,618. O-James P. DiVito & Sam Villardito. B-Mereworth Farm (KY). T-James P. DiVito.

5th-SPT, \$25,000, 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:13, ft.
JUNGLE BONNET (m, 8, Jungle Blade--Shaliko Doll, by Dancing Dervish) Lifetime Record: 40-6-12-8, \$88,570. O/T-Kenneth E. Hoffman. B-Claude Cowan Jr. (TX).

1st-SPT, \$24,000, 3yo, 6f, 1:12 2/5, ft.
LOOTER (c, 3, Prospectors Gamble--Summer Romance, by Cutlass) Lifetime Record: 5-2-0-0, \$25,120. O-Marco Bommarito. B-Mr. & Mrs. S.H. Rogers Jr (FL). T-Rickey B. Harris. * 1/2 to Tozudito (Big Stanley), Ch. Imp. 2yo Colt-Pr, SW-Pr.

9th-HIA, \$16,500, 3yo, f, 1 1/16m, 1:48 2/5, ft.
BOOK OF PENNIES (f, 3, Notebook--Lucky Penny, by Golden Act) Lifetime Record: 16-4-3-2, \$44,635. O-Ruth Goldman. B-Harry T. Mangurian Jr. (FL). T-Laura Posada.

10th-HIA, \$16,500, 4yo/up, f/m, 7f, 1:24 1/5, ft.
COMBAT AFFAIR (m, 5, Minshaanshu Amad--Deo Volente, by What a Pleasure) Lifetime Record: 55-4-8-9, \$51,195. O-Victoria Farm Inc. B-Sugar Hill Farm (FL). T-Luis Vera.

MAIDEN WINNERS:

+ **Starry Ice, f, 2, Ice Age--Forumstar, by Inherent Star.** SAX, 3-27, (S), 2f, :21 1/5. B-Jerry Dutton (Ca).

General Quarters, c, 3, Badger Land--Lost Fleet (MSP), by Fleet Nasrullah. SAX, 3-27, 6 1/2f, 1:17 3/5. B-Fred W. Pace (Ky). * 1/2 to That's a Fleet (SW, \$219,057, by That's a Nice) and Changed Tune (MSW, \$315,920, by Tunerup).

Nicky's Rainbow, c, 3, Castle Guard--In Overtime, by Over Arranged. GSX, 3-27, (S), 5 1/2f, 1:06 2/5. B-Barbara A. Lenczyk (Nj).

Manny 'n Jackie, c, 3, Major Moran--Many Dreams, by Fantasy 'n Reality. HIA, 3-27, 5f, :59 2/5. B-Bee Bee Stables & Equitor Inc. (Fl).

Meadow Gypsy, c, 3, Meadowlake--United Scholar, by *Scholar Gypsy. AQU, 3-27, 1 1/8m, 1:53 4/5. B-Fred Seitz & R. Eric Waldman (Ky). *\$62,000 wlng '93 KEENOV; \$100,000 yrl '94 FTSAUG. ** 1/2 to Chieftan's Command (Turn and Count), MGSW, \$363,219; The Berkeley Man (Air Forbes Won), GSP, \$175,575.

Tombar, c, 3, Red Ransom--Wilmar, by In Reality. HIA, 3-27, a1 1/8mT, 1:49 1/5. B-Aldila Farm (Fl). *\$45,000 2yo 1995 FTFFEB.

Prepsy, f, 3, Shimatoree--Miss Preppy (SP), by Rollicking. AQU, 3-27, (S), 1m, 1:41. B-Milton Ritzenberg (Ny). * 1/2 to Preporant (Cormorant), MSW, \$340,094.

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Broadway Blondie, f, 3, **Shimatoree**--Proximal (SP, \$115,819), by Lucky Colonel S. AQU, 3-27, (S), 6f, 1:13 3/5. B-Tri Noble Stables (Ny). *\$17,500 2yo 1995 OBSJUN.

Fleet Flame, g, 4, **Seattle Slew**--Fleet Loveliness, by Alydar. SAX, 3-27, 1 1/16m, 1:44 3/5. B-Mr. & Mrs. John C. Mabee (Ky).

Charge to the Top, g, 4, **Silveyville**--Agile Princess, by Lord Rebeau. SAX, 3-27, 6f, 1:10 2/5. B-Kjell Qvale (Ca). *1/2 to Jousting Match (MSW, \$215,983, by Medieval Man).

Winceler, g, 5, **Majesty's Prince**--Victoria Wind, by *Hawaii. AQU, 3-27, 6f, 1:14 2/5. B-Just Resting Farm (Ny). *\$1,800 yrl '92 FTMSEP.

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PARISELLA HITTING NOTHIN' BUT NET by: Bill Leggett

On Saturday, true Kentuckians will have their emotions spread over two vital and vibrant locations: Turfway Park in Florence and The Meadowlands in East Rutherford, New Jersey.

Turfway, "the little track that did," will be running a \$1.1 million stakes card highlighted by the \$600,000 Jim Beam during the afternoon, while the Meadowlands hosts the Final Four in the evening with the University of Kentucky (33-2) meeting Massachusetts (35-1) in a "must-see" game for basketball fans everywhere.

Oddly, there are two New Yorkers involved in both events more deeply than all the Kentuckians. Rick Pitino, 43 and originally from New York City, is not only the coach of the Wildcats, but a former star player at UMass. John Parisella, a 51-year-old horse trainer from Brooklyn, will be starting a horse named Mr. Tyler (Prosperous) in the \$75,000 Hansel S. on Beam Day. Mr. Tyler is co-owned by Mr. Pitino.

Recently, Parisella shattered Turfway's training records for a winter/spring meeting by sending out 35 winners from 108 starters for a stunning 32.4 percent. The previous record of 31 had been set by Tom Dorris in 1981. Seven of Parisella's winners were owned, all or in part, by Rick Pitino.

Pitino and Parisella first met a decade ago at a Belmont Park luncheon hosted by Joe Taub, at the time a Parisella client, but also one of the owners of the New Jersey Nets. "I had never met Rick before," says Parisella, "but I'm a big basketball fan and had admired his teams at Providence," a team Pitino had taken over with an 11-20 record and put into the Final Four two years later.

"We just seemed to hit it off. In many ways he became the brother I never had." Pitino is the godfather to Parisella's daughter Gabrielle. But while Pitino's career took off, Parisella's career went so far on a downward spin on racing's map that Rand McNally couldn't find him.

In the mid '80's, Parisella and owner Ted Sabarese tore up the New York winter racing stakes schedule and built up an operation that once had 120 horses. When Sabarese's computer business went belly-up, however, John Parisella was out some \$450,000. His confidence was also lost.

He left New York in '90 and in all of '91 started only 27 runners. "When my horses came out of the starting gate," he says, "I just dropped my head. I was an emotional mess."

But Pitino and Ken Dunn, Calder's president, and Dunn's wife Jody, kept working to get Parisella over the doldrums. In the fall of '93 he returned to New York with five horses and stalls in the receiving barn. "I didn't know if I could get off the ground again," he says. "I walked over to look at the winner's circle and I didn't think I'd ever get into it again."

But Parisella can train. Always could. Given time he might be able to train an octopus to juggle. He trained Simply Majestic, the best horse he ever had, to four track records plus a world record of 1:45 for 1 1/8 miles on grass. He finished the winter/spring Aqueduct '94 meeting on top with a 31.7 percent win average.

"During the down period," the trainer says, "Rick kept telling me, 'No matter what you want to accomplish, keep the mood of winning and everything else will follow.' He is so focused. He is the best motivator in sports."

At the end of the '95 Saratoga meeting Parisella sensed that his stock could not compete at Belmont Park's fall meeting, so he took nine horses and hit the road for Turfway, just an hour from UK. Parisella won 10 of 22 races his horses were in, and only D. Wayne Lukas was in front of him in the standings.

Each Monday and Tuesday this winter the trainer would drive down to watch UK practice. "I took notes on what Rick does," Parisella says. "I try to turn his motivational skills to my own use. I'm in awe of how good he is. There are times when I'm not focused at all. I daydream. With getting up early in the morning and racing till midnight and trying to go for the record, I got tired one day and fell asleep at practice. Just kind of dozed off. Boom! I got hit in the chest with a basketball. You do not fall asleep at Rick Pitino's practices."

How have the UK players reacted to seeing Turfway's leading trainer at their practices? "They call me Horse," Parisella says.



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