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SHAM DOES SOME REAL WORK **Bosra Sham** (Woodman), red hot favourite for Sunday's 1000 Guineas at Newmarket, put herself firmly back on track for the English Classic when going nicely in gallop at home yesterday morning. The unbeaten Henry Cecil-trained filly was found to have bruised her near fore foot last week and had been restricted to light exercise. But early yesterday, partnered by Tony McGlone, she returned to much faster action on the fresh turf of Newmarket's famous Limekilns Round Gallop. Bosra Sham was accompanied in the seven-furlong gallop by two stablemates and, when asked to quicken up, she readily went seven to eight lengths clear of her rivals. Cecil said: "She's moving well again and, so far, things are fine." Bosra Sham, who is expected to require one more piece of fast work before next weekend's big race, remains the 2-5 favourite with most bookmakers.

TAGULA TO MISS GUINEAS **Tagula (Ire)** (Taufan), hero of last year's G1 Prix Morny at Deauville, has been forced out of Saturday's English 2000 Guineas because of a virus. The Ian Balding-trained colt had made an encouraging first appearance of 1996 when third behind **Danehill Dancer (Ire)** (Danehill) in the G3 Greenham S. at Newbury April 20. But, after extensive vets' tests, his trainer has counted him out of Britain's first Classic of this season. Balding, many of whose string are coughing, said: "I think Tagula is alright, but the boffins (technical experts) don't, so he's not going to run." Connections of 18 colts accepted at the 2000 Guineas five-day entry stage for this G1 event over the Rowley Mile. The current favourites are: **Alhaarth (Ire)** (Unfuwain), 6-4; **Beauchamp King (GB)** (Nishapour {Fr}), 9-4; **Mark Of Esteem (Ire)** (Darshaan {GB}), 8-1; **Danehill Dancer (Ire)** and **Storm Trooper (Diesis {GB})**, 10-1; **Royal Applause (GB)** (Waaajib {Ire}), 12-1. **Don Micheletto (GB)** (Machiavellian) and **Helicon (Ire)** (Nashwan), part of the Godolphin string, flew to Britain from Dubai Monday; neither is expected to run in the 2000 Guineas but accepted in case there are any last-minute hold-ups with Mark Of Esteem. Helicon aims for the French equivalent. News cont. p.2

Saturday, Churchill Downs
KENTUCKY DERBY-GI, \$1,000,000, 3yo, 1 1/4m
EL AMANTE, SECRETO DE ESTADO OUT Both El Amante (Wild Again) and Secreto de Estado (General Assembly) have been confirmed as non-starters in the Derby, assuring **Alyrob (Alysheba)** a place in the starting gate Saturday.

UNBRIDLED'S SONG TO TUNE UP WEDNESDAY Looking to avoid an off track with the Kentucky Derby favorite, who is wearing a bar shoe after suffering a quarter crack in the Wood Memorial, trainer Jim Ryerson will wait until Wednesday to give **Unbridled's Song** (Unbridled) his final breeze. "We were going to go Tuesday or Wednesday, and we are fine with Wednesday. Hopefully the track will be all right," said Ryerson.

CLOCKER'S CORNER Despite a sloppy strip at Churchill, five Derby contenders rehearsed up for the big show Monday morning. Santa Anita Derby winner **Cavonnier (Batonnier)** went five furlongs in 1:01 and galloped out the three-quarters in 1:14 2/5. "I love the way he is coming up to this race," said trainer Bob Baffert. "He sure won't mind the track if it's like this Saturday." Blue Grass hero **Skip Away (Skip Trial)** breezed through fractions of :24 and :48 before completing a sharp five furlongs in 1:00 2/5; he went out six furlongs in 1:14 3/5. Lexington S. runner-up **Prince Of Thieves (Hansel)** worked a half in :48 with jockey Donna Barton aboard, going out the five-eighths in 1:02. Said Barton, "He was very much on the muscle and was tough going to the pole. I had my hands full trying to pull him up." Rebel S. runner-up **Blow Out (Marfa)** worked five furlongs in 1:01 1/5; with regular rider Patrick Johnson in the irons, the colt breezed through fractions of :24 2/5 and :48 3/5, and galloped out six furlongs in 1:16 3/5. **Corker (Festin {Arg})**, out on the track at 6:00 a.m., went an easy half in :50 2/5. Corey Black will be in the irons Saturday.

STAKES CLOSINGS

TODAY, TUESDAY, APRIL 30:

5-3 \$500,000g **Kentucky Oaks-GI, CD, 3yo, f, 9f** (\$25,000s)

5-11 \$600,000g **Pimlico Special-GI, Pim, 4yo/up, 9.5f** (\$30,000s)

TOMORROW, WEDNESDAY, MAY 1:

5-4 \$1,000,000g **Kentucky Derby-GI, CD, 3yo, 10f** (\$150,000s)



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HAMDAN HAS STRONG TEAM AGAIN Sheikh Hamdan al Maktoum, owner of the first two home in last year's English 1000 Guineas at Newmarket, looks set to be represented by a strong team in a bid to equal that success in the 1996 renewal of the Classic this Sunday. Acceptances were made yesterday for four of the owner's fillies and his racing manager, Angus Gold, said: "Sheikh Hamdan has not yet decided how many will race. But at the moment I think both **Bint Salsabil** (Nashwan) and **Bint Shadayid** (Nashwan) are likely runners and I would say **Dawawin** (Dixieland Band) is still a possible starter." The owner's other entry is **Matiya (Ire)** (Alzao).

HELLO HAL SURVIVES TO TAKE MARYLAND HUNT CUP

America's toughest steeplechase course lived up to its reputation Saturday as only one of five entrants in the \$40,000 Maryland Hunt Cup made it to the finish without incident. Three of the five fell and another was pulled up, leaving the race to the lightly regarded **Hello Hal** (Dot Ed's Bluesky) and giving jockey Billy Meister his third Hunt Cup victory. The 10-year-old, a maiden coming into the event, earned \$28,000 for owner Jay Griswold. **Florida Law** (Wardlaw) came to the last of 22 timber fences with a clear lead but unseated jockey John Bosley; Bosley remounted and finished the race to claim second money. The favorite, last year's winner **Buck Jakes** (Turkoman) fell at the 16th fence and Hello Hal's stablemate **T. J.'s Dynasty** (Leonato) went down at the seventh; neither horse was injured. **Welter Weight** (Fit to Fight), winner of the Grand National a week ago, was pulled up.

TED HILL NAMED NYRA STEWARD The New York State Racing and Wagering Board has approved the appointment of Dr. W. Theodore Hill as The Jockey Club Steward for the New York Racing Association. Hill, chief examining veterinarian for NYRA since 1982, fills the position vacated by the resignation of Clinton P. Pitts Jr. earlier this year. "This is a most important position and one which demands the highest levels of respect and integrity," said The Jockey Club Chairman Ogden Mills Phipps. "Dr. Hill brings these qualities to it, together with longtime racetrack experience." The 46-year-old Hill, a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania veterinary school, joined NYRA in the spring of 1977 after serving in private practice in Florida, Pennsylvania, New York and Delaware.

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

◆ NEW YORK ◆

Local News: New York

Trainer John Veitch has been dropped from the New York Racing Association's daily simulcasting program. Explained NYRA Director of Communication and Development Steve Crist, "This was purely for monetary reasons. We had four people doing the show and we wanted to take it down to two. This is no reflection on John's work." Former host Harvey Pack has taken a buyout from NYRA; Jan Rushton and Paul Cornman will remain on the program.

◆ EAST ◆

Local News: New Jersey

The Board of Directors of International Thoroughbred Breeders, Inc. has approved the purchase of an option to acquire the remaining 2,904,016 shares of ITB Common Stock owned by former chairman Robert Brennan. Brennan will transfer the shares to a liquidating trustee, thereby eliminating his control and any future ownership of the controlling block of shares. This transaction is the final step in Brennan's separation from ITB; it is subject to the approval of the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of New Jersey, the New Jersey Casino Control Commission and the New Jersey Racing Commission. Final approval is expected within 60 days.

The ITB has also announced the resignation of three of its directors: Joseph K. Fischer, Louis P. Guida and George E. Norcross.

Local News: Canada

A total of 20 horses brought in \$238,400 during the 1996 Canadian Thoroughbred Horse Society Horses of Racing Age Sale, held Saturday. More than half of the hips that went through the ring, 23, were listed as not sold. While the gross was down 28 percent from the 1995 sale when 40 horses sold for \$332,200, the average was up 43.5 percent, from \$8,305 a year ago to \$11,920 this year. The sales topper was an unnamed two-year-old gelding by Morning Bob--Star Like Tara (Northern Prospect); consigned by Crown West Farm, agent, the half-brother to stakes-placed Aim For The Stars (Regal Intention) brought a bid of \$85,000 from Cecil Peacock.

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Belmont/Whitney SW Colonial Affair's First Foals Are Looking Very Good.

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◆ So. CALIFORNIA ◆

Local News: Hollywood Park

The California Horse Racing Board has awarded Hollywood Park six racing days in September, 1997, dates which will put the track in direct competition with the Los Angeles County Fair meet at Fairplex. Hollywood, which hosts the '97 Breeders' Cup, will hold live cards on three consecutive Friday nights and Saturday afternoons, racing September 12-13, 19-20 and 26-27 with an emphasis on turf and stakes races; the track will not offer claiming races on those dates.

◆ WEST ◆

Local News: Bandera Downs

Bandera Downs racetrack will be one of 18 consignments offered during an auction of Texas properties in San Antonio May 18. The sale is being conducted by the J.P. Auction Group of Gadsden, Alabama; pre-auction inspections are scheduled for April 30-May 8.

◆ FOREIGN ◆

Stakes Results:

SANKEI SPORTS SHO YONSAI HIMBA TOKUBETSU-G2-Jpn, \$928,236, Tokyo Racecourse, Japan, 4-28, 3yo, f, 10fT, 2:03.4, fm.

1--@#**CENTER RISING (JPN)**, f, 3, **Hector Protector--Dyna Orange (Jpn) (SW-Jpn)**, by Northern Taste. O-M. Nakano; B-Shadai Farm; T-Y Ito; J-H Shii; \$490,392.

2--**Nanayo Storm (Jpn)**, f, 3, **Celestial Storm--Nanayo Atlas (Jpn)**, by Bamboo Atlas (Jpn). \$196,702.

3--**Erimo Chic (Jpn)**, f, 3, (sire n/a)--**Erimo Shooting (Jpn)**, by Tesco Boy. \$121,382.

Margins: 2½, NK, 1 1/4. Odds: 10.20, 3.70, 2.90.

SILK ROAD S.-G3-Jpn, \$760,479, Kyoto Racecourse, Japan, 4-28, 4yo/up, 6fT, 1:07.6, fm.

1--@#**FLOWER PARK (JPN)**, f, 4, **Nihon Pillow Winner (Jpn)--Northern Flower (Jpn)**, by Northern Taste. O-Katsumi Yoshida; B-Hiraku Takahashi; T-Syoichi Matsumoto; J-Seiki Tabara; \$400,967.

2--**Dojima Muteki (Jpn)**, h, 6, **Tudenham King (Jpn)--Dojima Victory (Jpn)**, by Clever Fella (Ire). \$157,992.

3--**Hishi Akebono**, c, 4, **Woodman--Mysteries**, by Seattle Slew. \$102,027. *Ch. Sprinter-Jpn. **\$52,000 wnlg '92 KEENOV.

Margins: 3/4, 1, 3½. Odds: 5.00, 13.00, 3.40.

PREMIO BOTTICELLI, \$48,556, Rome, Italy, 4-25, 3yo, 10fT, 2:01.50, gd.

1--#**KAFHAR (GB)**, 123, c, 3, **In The Wings (GB)--Ittisaal (GB)**, by Caerleon. O-Scuderia Colle Papa; B-Satwa Farm (GB); T-L Brogi; J-V Mezzatesta. \$26,976. *GSP-Ity.

2--**Toto Le Moko (Ire)**, 123, c, 3, **Marju (Ire)--Shyoushka (GB)**, by Shy Groom. \$11,869.

3--**Attimo Fuggente (Ire)**, 123, c, 3, **Roi Danzig--Pepi Image**, by National. \$6,474.

Margins: 4, 7, 7.

AMERICAN-BRED WINNERS IN JAPAN:

+ **Air Scat**, c, 3, **Blushing John--L'Incestueuse**, by Lypheor (GB). Tokyo, 4-28, novice race, 3yo, 8fT. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$46,062. O-Tsunebumi Yoshihara; B-Cormal Investments Inc; T-Masanori Ito.

Courir Special, c, 3, **Cure the Blues--Ante Please**, by Raise a Bid. Tokyo, 4-27, Wakaayu Sho, 7fT. Lifetime Record: 4-2-2-0, \$188,116. O-Shuji Yokoyama; B-Mary Anne Hockensmith; T-Tatsuo Ishiguri. *½ to Scorned Timber (Big Spruce), MSW, \$279,896. **\$47,000 yrl '94 KEESEP; \$110,000 2yo '95 FTFFEB.

+ **Keiai Glory**, f, 3, **Kris S.--Star Pitcher (MSP)**, by Star Choice. Niigata, 4-27, maiden race, 3yo, 8fT. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$46,062. O-Morihiro Kameda; B-Meadowbrook Farms, Inc.; T-Yoshio Nakazumi. *\$40,000 yrl '94 KEESEP; \$90,000 2yo '95 BESAPR.

Sukurui, f, 3, **Seeking the Gold--Premier Playmate (MSP)**, by Pass Catcher. Tokyo, 4-28, plate race, 3yo, 6f (dirt). Lifetime Record: 4-2-1-0, \$131,737. O-Hiroshi Takezono; B-G. Watts Humphrey; T-Yasuhiro Suzuki. *\$90,000 yrl '94 KEESEP; \$350,000 2yo '95 FTFFEB.

Monte Sun, c, 3, **Thirty Six Red--Ivory Bay**, by Sir Ivor. Niigata, 4-28, novice race, 8fT. Lifetime Record: 7-1-1-2, \$99,954. O-Kihachi Mouri; B-Mr & Mrs James E Duncan; T-Yasuhisa Matsuyama.

Happy Woodman, c, 3, **Woodman--Pirouette (Ire) (MSW-Ire)**, by Sadler's Wells. Niigata, 4-27, Prix Kokemomo, 11fT. Lifetime Record: 7-1-1-2, \$157,070. O-Takashi Watanabe; B-Roncon, Swettenham Stud; T-Hiroyuki Nagahma.

Good Looks, f, 4, **Mr. Prospector--Lady's Secret (Ch. Older Mare, Horse of the Year, MGSW, \$3,021,425)**, by Secretariat. Kyoto, 4-27, Takagamine S., 8fT. Lifetime Record: 14-3-1-4, \$406,541. O-Yoshio Asakawa; B-Fares Farm; T-Kunihiko Take. *\$700,000 yrl '93 KEEJUL.

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AMERICAN-BRED WINNERS IN ENGLAND:

Mask Flower, f, 3, **Dayjur**--Nom de Plume (GSW-Eng), by Nodouble. Southwell, 4-29, Wensleydale H., 3yo, 6f (all weather track), \$3,590 to winner. O-Sheikh Mohammed; B-Darley Stud Management Inc; T-Mark Johnston.

Four Weddings, g, 3, **Runaway Groom**--Kitty's Best, by Amen II. Pontefract, 4-29, Tote Credit Selling S., 3yo, 12f8yds, \$3,722 to winner. O-P Michaelson; B-James D Conway; T-M Bell. *\$25,000 yrl '94 KEESEP. **½ to First 'n Gold (Fast Gold), MSP, \$112,115.

Golden Touch, c, 4, **Elmaamul**--Tour d'Argent, by Halo. Kempton Park, 4-29, Florence Nagel Girl Apprentices' H., 3yo/up, 9fT, \$4,086 to winner. O-Mrs. Rita Godfrey; B-Woodcote Stud Limited; T-Neville Callaghan.

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ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

9th-SPT, \$26,000, 3yo/up, 6f, 1:12, sy.

PRINCE DOMAINE (g, 5, **Fortunate Prospect**--Peroxide Princess, by What a Pleasure) Lifetime Record: 32-7-7-2, \$104,986. O-E S Stables Inc. B-Gerald Robins & Jay Weiss (FL). T-James McMullen. *½ to P J Floral (Baldski), SW, \$245,403.

8th-SPT, \$25,000, (S), 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:13, sy.
SMILLA (f, 3, **Far North**--Susem, by Muttering) Lifetime Record: 9-3-0-0, \$44,336. O-Dale McCarty. B-Scott E. Ricker & Richard S. Kaster (IL). T-Roger Brueggemann.

8th-PHA, \$19,050, 3yo, f, 7f, 1:26 1/5, ft.
CITY LADY (f, 3, **Citidancer**--Lady Lamour, by Regal and Royal) Lifetime Record: 11-2-2-4, \$28,471. O/T/B-Martin L Fallon (PA).

7th-PHA, \$15,742, 3yo/up, f/m, a1m70yd, 1:45, ft.
ACEY TRACEY (f, 3, **Lord Avie**--Distinctive Review, by Distinctive Pro) Lifetime Record: 8-2-1-1, \$21,077. O-Drapkin Andrew L. B-Nelson McMakin & Becky Thomas (KY). T-Keith Dickey.

10th-HIA, \$15,000, 3yo, 7f, 1:24 4/5, ft.
L'ARC DE CIEL (c, 3, **Classic Account**--Edisto Light, by El Gran Capitan (Arg)) Lifetime Record: 5-2-0-0, \$17,075. O/T-Cynthia K Magray. B-Diamond Oak Farm (KY).

MAIDEN WINNERS:

+ **Amazing Kiss**, c, 3, **Spectacular Bid**--Parting Kiss, by Buckaroo. FLX, (S), 4-29, 5 1/2f, 1:07. B-Milfer Farm, Inc. (Ny). *\$16,500 2yo 1995 OBSAPR.

That's a Steel, c, 4, **Steel Robbing**--That's My Jennifer, by That's a Nice. SPT, 4-29, (S), 6f, 1:13 1/5. B-Moler Rippey W (II).

FOALING NEWS:

BERU, 11, Dr. Blum--Zany Girl (Stage Door Johnny) Foal born 4-16-96, a filly by Carson City. Will be bred back to Thunder Gulch. Owned and boarded at Stonewall Farm in Granite Springs, NY. Accomplishments: MSW of \$188,146.

IDLE GOSSIP, 16, Lyphard--Toll Booth (Buckpasser) Foal born 4-16-96, a filly by Kris. Will be bred back to Pleasant Colony. Owned by John R. Gaines Thoroughbreds. Boarded at Hill 'n' Dale Farm in Lexington, Ky. Accomplishments: SW of \$101,721.

LADY'S SECRET, 14, Secretariat--Great Lady M. (Icecapade) Foal born 4-16-96, a filly by Seattle Slew. Will be bred back to Thunder Gulch. Owned by and boarded at Fares Farm, Inc, in Lexington, Ky. Accomplishments: Horse of the Year, Ch. Older Mare, MGSW, \$3,021,425.

SUMMER SECRETARY, 11, Secretariat--Golden Summer (Key to the Mint) Foal born 4-16-96, a filly by Seattle Slew. Will be bred back to Deputy Minister. Owned by Joseph and William Stavola. Boarded at Taylor Made Farm in Nicholasville, Ky. Accomplishments: MGSW of \$555,144.

VENNILA CREAM, 6, Valid Appeal--Redundancy (Creme Dela Creme) Foal born 4-16-96, a filly by Time for a Change. Will be bred back to Unbridled. Owned and boarded at Brylynn Farm in Reddick, Fl. Accomplishments: MSW of \$233,330; first foal.

WHY ME LORD, 22, Bold Reasoning--Tomorrowland (Pappa Fourway) Foal born 4-16-96, a filly by Rubiano. Will be bred back to Buddy. Owned and boarded at Gallagher's Stud. Accomplishments: Dam of Allez Milord (Tom Rolfe), Ch. 3yo-Ger, MGSW-Eng, USA, \$362,913.

LAST FEATHER, 17, Vaguely Noble--Quill (Princequillo) Foal born 4-16-96, a filly by Dayjur. Will be bred back to Gone West. Boarded at Shadwell Farm, Inc. in Lexington, Ky. Accomplishments: GSW-Eng of \$97,888.

CLASSY CATHY, 13, Private Account--Trestle (Tom Rolfe) Foal born 4-17-96, a filly by Seeking the Gold. Will be bred back to Gone West. Owned by Ed Cox. Boarded at Claiborne Farm in Lexington, Ky. Accomplishments: MGSW of \$537,970; dam of Placerville (Mr. Prospector), GSW-Eng, \$125,621.



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LIVE FROM KENTUCKY...IT'S THE DERBY

By Bill Leggett

Shortly after last year's Kentucky Derby, a group of television people gathered around a large dinner table at Vincenzo's restaurant in downtown Louisville and discussed not only Thunder Gulch's victory, but the growing mystique that surrounds Oaks and Derby Days at Churchill Downs.

The television folks had seen the biggest Derby crowd (141,110) in two decades, another 87,383 on the day preceding it, plus a single-day nationwide record handle of \$37.5 million on the Derby alone.

"We kept saying to each other," says Jim Wilburn, president and CEO of Winner Communications, "'why don't we capture more of the color; we ought to do more coverage of these events'."

One of those at the table was Steve Risser, vice president of programming at ESPN, who had seen his first Derby and become fascinated by both the backside and frontside of the racetrack.

"The more we talked, the more enthusiastic we became," says Wilburn, "but we would have to bring the important parties together quickly. We also knew shortly thereafter that it would cost real money and present a lot of technical problems."

Commencing tomorrow night with the post position draw live on ESPN from 6-6:30 p.m. (ET), 16 ½ hours of live Derby television will unfold over ESPN, ESPN2 and ABC-TV. That's a stunning 900 minutes of air time to devote to a sporting event which lasts two minutes. It's also a major boost for Thoroughbred racing in general and Churchill Downs in particular.

While contracts between Churchill Downs, ESPN and Winner Communications were not signed until September, the majority of what would be done had been hammered out by the time last year's Preakness had been run, remarkable for both the racing and television businesses. More importantly, the new deal is far from a one-shot; it goes for five years, the same length as ABC's new contract with Churchill Downs.

Moving the post position draw up by a day and giving it national exposure on ESPN is a huge public relations boon for this year's Derby. Although the post position draw has been on television previously, it certainly has never been carried by ESPN in a major time slot. ESPN is the world's largest cable network, reaching some 67.7 million homes. Instead of being held at the racetrack or the Derby Museum, the event will be moved to the Sports Spectrum, a location far more conducive to t.v.

Television has also wrought other changes. By moving the draw up to Wednesday, the \$500,000 Oaks draw backs up to Tuesday. That will allow tracks to take Oaks bets starting Thursday. In the case of the Derby, both Northern and Southern California carry twilight cards Fridays, meaning folks can bet the Derby and other Churchill supporting stakes throughout the evening that's payday for many.

And, of course, the Derby is still The Derby, meaning that instead of getting the 3 percent simulcast cut that most tracks get for their stakes, Churchill takes some 7 percent for America's most exciting animal act. This year, Churchill also introduces the Oaks-Derby Double, the first "two-day wager" in this country, as well as a Derby Superfecta, which begs the player to pick the first four finishers in the race. A year ago horses trained by Wayne Lukas finished 1-3 in the Derby and were split by Tejano Run for a \$2,099.20 triple payoff. Just imagine what putting four in a line might get you. This year's Derby Superfecta will have horseplayers all over the country fascinated.

ESPN will carry five hours this week, ESPN2 has 10 and ABC's Saturday telecast covers 1 ½ hours. Louisville will look like a "Yakkers Convention" as those three outlets alone will send 20 announcers to the scene.

In addition to the Derby, Churchill will present nine other stakes worth \$1.425 million Friday and Saturday. If you subscribe to ESPN2 along with ESPN you will be able to see the following racing stars prior to the Derby: Antespend, Cara Rafaela, Dove Hunt, Earl Of Barking, Escena, Jewel Princess, My Flag, Pike Place Dancer, Sandpit, Serena's Song, and last year's Derby runner-up Tejano Run.

ESPN will present interviews with Derby principles Thursday and Friday between 6-6:30 p.m. (ET) by Chris Myers, giving the Derby three straight days on the air in that time slot. ESPN2 will broadcast two hours each morning (7-9:00 a.m. ET) Thursday and Friday. By combining ESPN, ESPN2 and ABC Saturday, one can watch nine--repeat nine--hours of Derby telecasts, including a one-hour wrap-up on ESPN2 from 6-7:00 p.m. with the stars of the race.

More and more, television is moving into "big eventing" major sports attractions. We all get a little tired of the build-up to the Super Bowl, but the Final Four, Indy 500, NBA and baseball All-Star games have benefited from the added television exposure.

ABC, of course, is used to covering the Derby, but the undertaking by Winner Communications, ESPN and ESPN2 is huge. Some 200 technicians will be employed along with four television trucks and four satellite dishes. "The cost of this is going to be very high and there won't be any money made," says Wilburn, "but it is a start in a new direction."

A welcome one, too.

THIS WEEK'S DERBY COVERAGE:

| <u>Date</u> | <u>Event</u> | <u>Time (Eastern), Network</u> |
|-------------|----------------------|--------------------------------|
| May 1 | Ky Derby Post Draw | 6:00-6:30 p.m., ESPN |
| May 2 | Ky Derby/Up Close | 6:00-6:30 p.m., ESPN |
| May 3 | Breakfast/Churchill | 7:00-9:00 a.m., ESPN2 |
| May 3 | Ky Oaks Special | 3:30-5:00 p.m., ESPN2 |
| May 3 | Ky Oaks (CD) | 5:00-6:00 p.m., ESPN |
| May 3 | Ky Derby/Up Close | 6:00-6:30 p.m., ESPN |
| May 3 | Derby Night of Stars | 11 p.m.-12:30 a.m., ESPN2 |
| May 4 | Breakfast/Churchill | 7:00-9:00 a.m., ESPN2 |
| May 4 | Derby Special2 | 12:00-2:00 p.m., ESPN2 |
| May 4 | Derby Special | 2:00-4:30 p.m., ESPN |
| May 4 | Kentucky Dby (CD) | 4:30-6:00 p.m., ABC |
| May 4 | Derby Wrap-up | 6:00-7:00 p.m., ESPN2 |