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UNBRIDLED'S SONG'S DERBY STATUS QUESTIONABLE

After fitting Unbridled's Song (Unbridled) with a new shoe Tuesday morning and cancelling the colt's scheduled Wednesday morning work, trainer Jim Ryerson conceded yesterday that his pre-race favorite is no longer a certain starter in Saturday's Kentucky Derby. "We are day-to-day," said Ryerson. "It's hard to tell where we're going to be in four days. If things go our way, we have enough time." The bar shoe with which he was fitted three days after his Wood Memorial victory was replaced yesterday with a Z-bar shoe. "It seemed like the shoe was aggravating the heel a little bit and the horse was sensitive in an area and we tried to relieve that by changing his shoe," said Ryerson. "We were a little concerned (Monday) afternoon. We pulled the shoe and soaked his foot and waited until (blacksmith) Steve (Norman) could come in and put another shoe on. He had a cracked heel already. The hoof shows no trauma." The early favorite for the Derby jogged once around the track alongside a pony Tuesday morning. "I was happy with the way he went and happy with how he cooled out," said Ryerson. "He looked maybe a little tentative starting off, but I thought he went very well. I don't anticipate breezing him (Wednesday). I don't know when we are going to breeze." His trainer said, however, that the colt would be going to the track daily. "We are going to train him," said Ryerson. "He could go into the race without a breeze. If we happen to miss a breeze or something, we will have to decide on alternatives that way. I anticipate he will go better (Wednesday). I don't think we would run this horse if we were not real comfortable with how he was doing. You are talking about relieving a little tender spot in his heel and then toughening it up for a race. I think we have enough days to do that if things go our way. Maybe they won't, but at this point we are thinking optimistically. We enter (Wednesday). And if we are real unhappy, maybe that wouldn't happen. I don't even like to think about that."

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Saturday, Churchill Downs:

KENTUCKY DERBY-GI, \$1,000,000, 3yo, 1 1/4m

Four Star Stable's Alyrob (Alysheba) had his final serious Derby prep Tuesday morning when he breezed five furlongs in 1:03 flat for trainer Wally Dollase. With jockey Shane Sellers deputizing for Alyrob's Derby rider, Corey Nakatani, Alyrob went his opening quarter in :25 flat, the half-mile in :50 3/5 and then accelerated with a final furlong in :12 2/5 en route to his 1:03 final time. He galloped out six furlongs in 1:17. The gelding was equipped with blinkers and the Churchill Downs track was labeled "good." "I wanted him to go in about 1:02," said Dollase, "so it was a little slower than I would have preferred. I don't think Shane asked him until the eighth pole and then he picked it up and finished well. We were just kind of testing the water this morning and it's all he needed. Shane said the track was cuppy, but the horse handled it good. He wanted to let him get a feel for the track before he asked him for speed. But this horse is eating good, in fact, unbelievable, much better than in California. I want him relaxed because that's the secret to going a mile and a quarter."

Fountain of Youth winner **Built for Pleasure** (Homebuilder) breezed five furlongs in 1:02 over the "good" Churchill Downs track Tuesday morning. Splits for the move, accomplished with jockey Willie Martinez aboard, were :25, :49 4/5 and out the six furlongs in 1:16 2/5. "That's about what I thought he would do; we got just what we wanted," said owner/trainer Tommy Heard. "He'll walk tomorrow and then gallop into the race." Jockey John Velazquez has the call for the Derby.

The post-position draw for Saturday's Kentucky Derby will be televised live tonight on ESPN from 6 p.m to 6:30 p.m. (ET).

STAKES CLOSINGS

TODAY, WEDNESDAY, MAY 1:

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

TOMORROW, THURSDAY, MAY 2:

5-17 \$200,000g Black-Eyed Susan-GII, Pim, 3yo, f, 9f (\$300)





P R E V I E W

Friday, Churchill Downs:

KENTUCKY OAKS-GI, \$500,000, 3yo, f, 1 1/8m

The field of six, in post position order, is as follows: **Escena** (Strawberry Road {Aus}), Day; **Birr** (Farma Way), Sellers; **Antespend** (Spend a Buck), Antley; **Pike Place Dancer** (Seattle Dancer), Nakatani; **My Flag** (Easy Goer), Bailey; **Cara Rafaela** (Quiet American), Stevens. All will carry 121 pounds.

Friday, Churchill Downs:

LOUISVILLE BREEDERS' CUP H.-GII, \$200,000a, 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16m

The field of seven, from the rail out, is as follows: **Naskra Colors** (Star de Naskra), 110 pounds; **Sneaky Quiet** (Seeking the Gold), 109; **Jewel Princess** (Key to the Mint), 118; **Serena's Song** (Rahy), 123; **Calliope's Spirt** (Star de Naskra), 110; **Heavenliness** (Lord Avie), 110; **Clear Mandate** (Deputy Minister), 112.

Today, Ascot:

INSULPAK SAGARO S.-G3, Two miles (turf)

The field of nine stayers, in post position order, is as follows: **Jellaby Askhir (GB)** (Salse), 121 pounds; **Double Trigger (Ire)** (Ela-Mana-Mou {Ire}), 131; **Always Aloof** (Alleged), 124; **Old Rouvel** (Riverman), 124; **Assessor (Ire)** (Niniski), 127; **Sanmartino (Ire)** (Salse), 121; **Safety In Numbers (GB)** (Slip Anchor {GB}), 124; **Grey Shot (GB)** (Sharrood), 124; **Daraydan (Ire)** (Kahyasi {Ire}), 121.

Double Trigger, winner of the Insulpak Sagaro S. in 1995, is back to defend his title. The five-year-old won Britain's Triple Crown for stayers last year, which was comprised of the G1 Gold Cup at Royal Ascot plus the G2 Goodwood and G3 Doncaster Cups.

Today, Belmont Park:

NASSAU COUNTY S., \$75,000, 3yo, f, 7f

The field of eight for the opening day feature, in post position order, is as follows: **J J's Dream** (Glitterman), Boulanger; **Star de Lady Ann** (Star de Naskra), Chavez; **Record the Call** (Phone Trick), Santos; **Mindy Gayle** (Cutlass), Krone; **Stop Traffic** (Cure the Blues), Davis; **Zee Lady** (Unreal Zeal), Alvarado; **Gold Sunrise** (Forty Niner), Bailey; **Dahl** (Irish Tower), Luzzi.

News Continued.

KEENELAND MEET SETS WAGERING RECORD

Wagering at Keeneland's spring meeting topped the \$99 million mark. Combined mutuel handle for the 15-date meet was a record \$99,072,764--a 21 percent increase from 1995 when \$81,617,532 was bet on the same number of days. Total handle and daily average wagering on track increased six percent from last year; a total of \$20,003,340 was bet at Keeneland, an average of \$1,333,556. On-track attendance at the meet declined by 1.5 percent from a year ago. For the third time in four years, Shane Sellers was the spring meeting's leading jockey. The 29-year-old won 18 races, three more than Pat Day and Jerry Bailey, who tied for second. Sellers won three graded stakes at the meeting, including the \$700,000 Gil Toyota Blue Grass S. aboard **Skip Away** (Skip Trial). Shug McGaughey was the leading trainer at the meet for the third time, winning nine races. Ogden Mills Phipps won four races to lead the owners standings in total wins.

THOROUGHBREDS SPRING BACK TO

BELMONT Today marks the opening day of the 1996 Belmont Park Spring Meet, which will run five days a week, May 1 through July 22, for a total of 61 days of racing. Belmont will be open Wednesdays through Sundays, with the exception of Memorial Day, Monday, May 27, when the track will be open, and Wednesday, May 28, when the track will be closed. The highlight of the meeting will be the \$500,000 Belmont Stakes, the final leg of the Visa Triple Crown Challenge, which will be run for the 128th time June 8. Belmont is also the site of the Filly Triple Crown for three-year-old fillies, which is made up of the Acorn May 18, the Mother Goose June 22 and the Coaching Club American Oaks July 20. Then there's the Handicap Triple Crown: the Metropolitan May 27, the Brooklyn June 15 and the Suburban on the Fourth of July. A total of 39 stakes, 28 of them graded, will be run with total purses topping \$5,500,000. First race post-time is 1 p.m. except on Belmont Stakes Day, when the first race will go off at 12:30 p.m.

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HORSES IN TRAINING SALE SET FOR

TONIGHT Soon after post-positions are drawn for the 122nd Kentucky Derby tonight, auctioneer Tom Caldwell will drop his gavel to start the Churchill Downs/Keeneland Horses in Training Sale. The sale will be held at the Churchill Downs Sports Spectrum and is expected to begin at approximately 7:30 p.m. It will be the second year in a row that the sale has been held but the first time it has been conducted by Keeneland. Catalogued for the sale were 53 horses, including this year's GII Razorback H. winner **Juliannus** (Alydar); **Announce** (Forty Niner), eight-length winner of a Keeneland allowance April 20; and **Seven n Seven** (Septieme Ciel), third in the 1995 GIII Hawthorne Derby. The horses-in-training sale will be the first time that Churchill Downs and Keeneland have teamed to conduct an auction.

GODOLPHIN CLASSIC RUNNERS EXERCISE

Mark of Esteem (Ire) (Darshaan {GB}) and **Bint Shadayid** (Nashwan), who will carry Godolphin silks in this week-end's Newmarket Classics, did their first steady exercise Tuesday morning since jetting into Britain from their winter base in Dubai. Sheikh Mohammed himself was on hand as the pair--Mark Of Esteem due to run in Saturday's 2000 Guineas and Bint Shadayid in Sunday's 1000 Guineas--had a six-furlong workout on the owner's private gallops near the racecourse. Others noted undertaking similar work were last season's Epsom Oaks heroine **Moonshell** (Ire) (Sadler's Wells) and **Classic Cliche** (Ire) (Salse), the hero of last year's Doncaster St Leger. Both hold entries in this Friday's G2 Jockey Club Stakes over 1½-miles at Newmarket.

PLEASANT TAP COLT BRINGS \$125,000 AT

FASIG-TIPTON A two-year-old bay colt from the first crop of champion Pleasant Tap out of Believeablee (Believe It) brought a final bid of \$125,000 to top Monday's Fasig-Tipton Kentucky Two-Year-Olds in Training and Horses of Racing Age Sale in Lexington. Consigned by Kirkwood Stables, agent, the Kentucky-bred colt was purchased by Baden P. (Buzz) Chace, agent for Ernie Paragallo's Paraneck Stable. The colt had been sold twice previously, bringing \$52,000 at the 1995 Keeneland September Yearling Sale and \$70,000 just two months ago in the 1996 Fasig-Tipton Florida February Two-Year-Olds in Training Sale. Overall, 81 juveniles were sold Monday for a gross of \$1,597,200 and an average of \$19,719, up 47 percent from last year's two-year-old average of \$13,400. There were 44 juveniles reported as not sold. In addition, four horses of racing age brought an additional \$9,200, for an average of \$2,300.

MONMOUTH TO TAKE NEW YORK SIGNAL

Monmouth Park will resume simulcasting races from Belmont Park and Saratoga May 5. Beginning with the start of the Monmouth meeting Saturday, May 25, the New Jersey track's races will be sent to New York tracks as their primary simulcast signal along with their live cards. "Our agreement is a recognition of the importance of both products to the health of racing in the Metropolitan region," said Hal Handel, executive vice president and chief operating officer of the New Jersey Sports and Exposition Authority. Monmouth racing will be taken at Belmont Park four days a week and at OTB Tuesdays. The NYRA races will be featured at Monmouth five days a week during the Belmont meet and six days a week when Saratoga starts in July. There has been no NYRA signal at Monmouth since the Belmont Fall meet when Monmouth elected not to take simulcasts from New York after learning The Meadowlands would be unable to receive the NYRA product or send its own live racing, harness or Thoroughbred, to New York outlets on a regular basis. "We realize the importance of NYRA racing to our fans as well as our own business," said Handel, "and hope that this resumption of the NYRA signal to Monmouth can open the way for expanded simulcasts to and from all New Jersey outlets. We've had positive discussions with New York officials from all segments of their industry, NYRA, OTB and Yonkers harness, and hope that the embargo on Meadowlands racing can be eliminated."

STRANGLES NOW WIDESPREAD AT

NEWMARKET An outbreak of the potentially fatal disease Strangles, which first came to light in Newmarket during mid-April, is now being described as "widespread" in the English racing town by Britain's Thoroughbred Breeders' Association. The disease, for which there is no effective vaccine, affects animals right across the equine spectrum. But, while it is not particularly dangerous for adult racehorses, it can be very serious in foals. It is normally spread by nasal contact and vets believe the most efficient way of dealing with such an outbreak is to isolate infected animals as soon as possible. Charles Frank, veterinary advisor to the Newmarket-based association, said, "Strangles can cause serious illness in foals, but it is not so serious for adult horses. The current outbreak is a nuisance because of the movement of animals back and forward during the breeding season."

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THOMPSONS BUY INTO STORM TROOPER A quarter share in one of the leading British 2000 Guineas favorites, the Prince Fahd Salman-owned and Henry Cecil-trained **Storm Trooper** (Diesis {GB}), has been acquired for an undisclosed sum by David and Patricia Thompson, owners of Cheveley Park Stud at Newmarket. Pat Eddery's chosen mount for Saturday's Guineas, Storm Trooper, out of Stormette, a half-sister to leading sire Storm Bird, won one of his four starts as a two-year-old and was beaten only a length and a quarter by **Beauchamp King** (GB) (Nishapour {Fr}) in the listed Anglo-African Autumn S. at Ascot last October. In his only start this year, he won the listed Feilden S. over nine furlongs at Newmarket by an impressive four lengths; he is currently the third favorite for the season's first Classic. Cheveley Park Stud's General Manager Chris Richardson said, "We are delighted to have acquired a small share in this promising three-year-old colt and to be associated with His Royal Highness Prince Fahd Salman. It is hoped that Storm Trooper will eventually join the portfolio of stallions at Cheveley Park Stud."

CELTIC SET FOR SUMMER SWING Doncaster this August 1 has been earmarked as the comeback target for Europe's 1994 champion juvenile **Celtic Swing** (GB) (Damister). The brilliant colt closed out his juvenile season two years ago with a 12-length score in the G1 Racing Post Trophy over one mile at Doncaster. So it is appropriate that owner Peter Savill has again selected the Yorkshire course for his star's 1996 return to action following an injury which was discovered after Celtic Swing's eighth-place finish in last July's Budweiser Irish Derby at The Curragh. Savill said, "X-rays on Celtic Swing revealed severe concussion to the bones of his near fore knee and the tearing of the high suspensory ligament at the back of the cannon-bone behind that knee. He was restricted to walking until mid-January, just trotted until the start of March, and is now in the middle of a cantering phase. He will do his first piece of work during mid-June and then be prepared for a conditions race at Doncaster August 1."

NEXT YEAR'S FLORIDA DERBY DATE SET The 1997 Florida Derby will be run Saturday, March 15, Gulfstream Park President and Chief Executive Officer Douglas Donn announced Tuesday. A \$500,000 guaranteed Grade I event, the Florida Derby features three-year-olds competing at a mile and an eighth. "The date is comparable to that of the 1996 Florida Derby that was well received by the horsemen," Donn said. "The date affords trainers an excellent time frame if they wish to race in other stakes following the Florida Derby and prior to the Kentucky Derby." The Florida Derby is the only Florida stakes annually carried on network TV.

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.

E A S T

Yesterday's Result:

6th-PIM, \$30,000, Alw, 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16m, 1:46 2/5, sy.

SIX TIMES (f, 4, Oh Say--Sixes and Sevens, by Drone) missed taking her fourth straight decision by a head in a Philadelphia Park allowance April 8. The consistent filly, who has never lost two in a row, returned to her winning ways here, closing from just off-the-pace as the 9-5 second choice to defeat GSW SPECIAL BROAD (Broad Brush) by 3 1/2-lengths. Lifetime Record: 8-6-1-0, \$75,650. O/B/T-Ronald Cartwright (MD).

Local News, Delaware Park:

Delaware Park Racetrack and Slots Casino will add five Mondays to its racing calendar beginning May 20 and concluding June 24. A special twilight live five-race card will be offered from 5 p.m. until 7 p.m. The only exception will be the previously scheduled Memorial Day card, May 27, which will feature a full card starting at 12:45 p.m.

F O R E I G N

AMERICAN-BRED WINNER IN ENGLAND:

Lear Jet, c, 3, Lear Fan--Lajna (GB), by Be My Guest. Bath, 4-30, Blathwayt Maiden, 3yo, 10f46ydsT, \$5,803 to winner. O-Prince Fahd Salman; B-Newgate Stud Farm, Inc.; T-Paul Cole. *1/2 to Gold Land (Gone West), GSW, \$224,210.

AMERICAN-BRED WINNERS IN FRANCE:

Xaymara, f, 3, Sanglamo--Nimble Folly, by Cyane. Saint-Cloud, 4-29, Prix de Colleville, 1mT, 3yo, f, \$13,643 to winner. O-K. Abdullah; B-Juddmonte Farms; T-Criquette Head. *1/2 to Contredance (GI, \$492,700, by Danzig), Shotiche (GIII, \$207,615, by Northern Dancer), Old Alliance (SW-Eng, \$169,107, by Danzig), Nimble Mind (GSP-Fr, \$103,683, by Lyphard) and Skimble (MGSW, \$777,680, by Lyphard).

Cas D'Espece, c, 3, Septieme Ciel--Cashierette, by Chieftain. Saint-Cloud, 4-29, Prix d'Ecouen (Claimer), 1mT, 3yo, \$9,745 to winner. O-L. Chaille; B-K.J. Wright & Walmac International; T-L. Chaille. *\$35,000 wnlg '93 KEENOV. **1/2 to Launch a Dream (MSW, \$179,406, by Relaunch).

Magano, g, 6, Irish River (Fr)--Miss Carlotta (Arg) (G1SW-Arg), by Masqued Dancer. Saint-Cloud, 4-29, Prix de Blingel H., 1 1/2mT, 5yo/up, \$9,745 to winner. O-P. Matras; B-Allen Paulson; T-T. Foulon. *1/2 to Sudana (SW, \$163,462, by Dahar) and a full to Dowty (GSP, \$154,855).



M I D W E S T

Yesterday's Results:

7th-CDX, \$44,100, Alw, 3yo/up, f/m, 6 1/2f, 1:17 3/5, ft.

1--TOP SECRET, 113, f, 3, Afleet--Half Secret, by Upper Nile. O/B-John Peace (KY); T-George R. Arnold II. Lifetime Record: GSW, 7-4-1-0, \$147,745.

2--Fast Catch, 119, f, 4, Fast Play--Catch On Quick, by Smarten.

3--Secret Proposal, 114, f, 4, Proper Reality--Silver's Secret, by Silver Series.

Margins: 4, 2, NK. Odds: 1.10, 3.80, 21.60.

Top Secret won the GII Astarita S. over a muddy Belmont track last October, then followed with a fifth-place effort in the Nov. 25 GII Demoiselle in her first try around two turns. Returning from a five-month layoff here and back at a sprint distance, the dark bay filly ran like an even-money favorite should, pressing the pace early from between horses, reaching the front after 1/2-mile, then drawing clear late to win under a hand ride.

8th-CDX, \$41,300, Alw, 3yo/up, 6 1/2f, 1:17 3/5, ft.

1--THE CLAN'S CHIEF, 119, g, 5, Image of Greatness--Pretty Legal, by Mr. Justice. O-Harold A. Lynn; B-Frances C. McKay (FL); T-Donald R. Winfree. Lifetime Record: SP, 21-7-2-5, \$144,579.

2--Strategic Intent, 122, c, 4, Conquistador Cielo--Gute Nacht, by Play Fellow.

3--Fit 'n Pepi, 119, g, 7, Fit to Fight--Pepi Wiley, by Hagley.

Margins: HF, HF, 1. Odds: 3.50, 1.50, 7.60.

The Clan's Chief, whose last victory came in a \$50,000 claimer at Churchill Downs last November, hadn't raced since his eighth-place effort in the \$100,000 Kenny Noe Jr. H. at Calder Dec. 16. Returning from his 4 1/2-month hiatus here as the 7-2 third choice, the chestnut gelding settled in behind the leaders while saving ground early, angled to the outside for the stretch drive and rallied five-wide to prevail.

5th-CDX, \$38,500, Alw, 3yo, 1 1/16m, 1:45 3/5, ft. LAFFER (c, 3, Afleet--Giggletree {SW, \$161,846}, by Giboulee) broke his maiden in wire-to-wire fashion at Keeneland April 6, then came right back here to make it two in a row. The bay colt sailed to another frontrunning victory, crossing the wire four lengths the best as the 3-5 bettors' choice. Lifetime Record: 4-2-1-1, \$54,929.

O-John C. Allard. B-George Brunacini (KY). T-Roger L. Attfield.

Local News, Fairmount Park:

Fairmount Park in Collinsville, Illinois was forced to cancel its live racing cards Sunday, Monday and Tuesday due to unsafe track conditions and a partially flooded backside. Following severe storms Sunday, eight barns were evacuated due to flooding and the track lost electricity. Live racing is scheduled to resume Friday.

Local News, Kentucky:

Lilly Capote (Capote), winner of the GII Golden Rod S. at Churchill Downs in 1994, has been retired and is confirmed in foal to Storm Cat. The four-year-old filly, who will be shipped to Offutt-Cole Farm near Midway, Kentucky, won five of 13 career starts for earnings of \$265,799. She finished third in her final outing, a Keeneland allowance sprint April 6.

Local News, Texas:

The Texas Thoroughbred Association Board of Directors has named two new board members to fill the vacancies created when Bruce Hill and Ed Dodwell resigned in early April. Danny Shifflett will serve Hill's term that runs through 1998 and Robert Folsom will serve Dodwell's term that expires at the end of 1996. Shifflett, a TTBA board member from 1991-94, is the farm manager of William S. Farish's Huisache Farm in Hempstead, Texas. Folsom is a longtime Thoroughbred owner and breeder and is also a former mayor of Dallas.

S O . C A L I F O R N I A

Local News, Hollywood Park:

Today's featured eighth race, a \$60,000 allowance at 1 1/16-miles on the turf for ages four and up, has drawn last year's Champion Turf Male Northern Spur (Ire) (Sadler's Wells). The five-year-old, unraced since his fourth-place finish in the GII San Luis Obispo H. at Santa Anita Feb. 19, will face five rivals including GSW's Pollock's Luck (Polish Navy) and Silver Wizard (Silver Hawk).

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ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

6th-CDX, \$35,100, Alw, 3yo/up, 6f, 1:11, ft. WESTERN.CIELO (g, 4, Conquistador Cielo--Waterford Harbour, by Irish River {Fr}) Lifetime Record: 8-2-0-1, \$43,524. O-Joseph Fowler Jr. B-Clovelly Farms (KY). T-Gregory D. Foley. *Paid \$103.80 to win.

9th-PIM, \$22,800, 3yo/up, 1 1/4m (off turf), 2:09, sy. SCULL (c, 4, Marine Brass--Scoff, by Northern Fling) Lifetime Record: 11-3-0-2, \$30,686. O/B/T-Lyn L. Raymond (MD).

8th-DEL, \$22,000, 3yo/up, a1m70yd, 1:46, sy. PROOFMAN (c, 3, Proof--Surface Missile, by Sassafras {Fr}) Lifetime Record: 7-3-1-2, \$46,822. O/B-Maltese Stables Inc. (PA). T-Robert W. Camac.

6th-DEL, \$20,500, 3yo, f, 6f, 1:12, sy. CHART TOPPER (f, 3, Groovy--Mistain, by Chieftain) Lifetime Record: 6-2-3-0, \$25,579. O-Don Newcomb. B-William Denzik (KY). T-Brad Newcomb.



8th-PHA, \$20,320, 3yo/up, 6f, 1:11 3/5, sy.
VALADAN (g, 4, Carnivalay--Dana Leader {MSP}, by Double Leader) Lifetime Record: 25-3-6-3, \$59,379.
 O/B-Sidney M. Baer (PA). T-Joseph H. Pierce Jr.

8th-PIM, \$19,250, 3yo, 6f, 1:13 1/5, sy.
SMARTEN UP (c, 3, Baederwood--Smartster, by Smarten) Lifetime Record: 6-2-1-1, \$23,939.
 O-Warwick Stable. B-Allen Ferris (MD). T-Allen A. Ferris III.

9th-PHA, \$18,000, 3yo/up, 1m, 1:39, sy.
POINT OF ATTACK (g, 4, Rock Point--Pauline Runyan, by Ack Ack) Lifetime Record: 7-4-1-0, \$37,200.
 O-Thomas L. Teal. B-Martin Community College Foundation (NC). T-Richard A. Wasserman.

10th-HIA, \$17,600, 4yo/up, 7f, 1:25, wf.
LUCKY PREMIER (c, 4, Premiership--Brian's Lucky, by Lucky Lark) Lifetime Record: 26-6-2-4, \$49,867.
 O/B-Alice Ann Farm (FL). T-Joseph Calascibetta.

MAIDEN WINNERS:

+ **And Nothing, f, 2, Jog--Moonlight Party, by Hechizado** (Arg). CDX, 4-30, 4 1/2f, :54 1/5. B-Winston Skaggs (Ky). *First winner for sire. **Won by DQ. ***Paid \$79.20 to win.

Storm Squaw, f, 3, Cabrini Green--Little Ann Marie, by Fifth Marine. HIA, 4-30, 1 1/16m (off turf), 1:49.
 B-Hal Snowden Jr (IL). *\$2,700 wlng '93 OBSOCT.

On Line, g, 3, Secret Hello--Adroit Move, by Flush. PIM, 4-30, 1 1/16m, 1:47 4/5. B-J.D. Santen (Ky).
 *\$30,000 yrl '94 KEESEP.

Milliondollarsmile, f, 3, Smile--Calling Distance (MSP, \$179,993), by Within Hail. FLX, 4-30, (S), 5f, 1:01 2/5. B-Christine Strange (Ny).

Mr. Muck, c, 3, T.V. Alliance--Uwila Native, by Gallant Native. PHA, 4-30, 1m, 1:42 1/5. B-Mr & Mrs Charles B. Lyman, Jr & Russell C. Muck (Pa).

WEEKEND PEDIGREE PERSPECTIVES

by: Alan Porter, Highflyer International

VALANOUR (IRE) (c, 4, Lomond--Vearia {Ire}, by Mill Reef)

One of the factors which defined the greatness of Federico Tesio as a breeder (he was responsible for Ribot, Nearco and Donatello II) was his ability to create matings which produced top-class runners by less than fashionable stallions.

It is a trait which in modern times has also distinguished the Wildenstein family, and another European breeder, the Aga Khan. The most recent Aga Khan star, Valanour, is a further example of this rare ability.

The top-rated middle-distance three-year-old in France last year, Valanour showed he could be the horse to beat in Europe this season when producing a tremendous finishing effort to defeat **Luso (GB)** (Salse), **Swain (Ire)** (Nashwan) and **Spectrum (Ire)** (Rainbow Quest) in the Prix Ganay.

Valanour is a son of the Irish 2000 Guineas winner

Lomond. A Northern Dancer half-brother to Seattle Slew, Lomond could hardly have owned a better stallion pedigree, but if not exactly a failure, he certainly did not come anywhere near fulfilling expectations, despite having plentiful opportunities. After beginning his career under the Coolmore banner in Ireland, Lomond was first transferred to Coolmore's Kentucky associate, Ashford Stud, and then leased to Italy. To date, he has sired 27 stakes winners (6% to foals), including the outstanding filly Marwell. Ironically, however, in the light of Valanour's potential, what really hurt Lomond commercially was his failure to sire a top-class colt.

Valanour's pedigree is interesting and somewhat paradoxical too. It is based on a cross that looks promising on paper (that of Lomond on mares by Mill Reef), and yet has produced just one stakes winner from eight runners. The key to the pedigree is some fairly straight forward opposite sex linebreeding. Lomond's maternal grandsire, Poker, is by a son of Princequillo out of a mare by Nasrullah, whereas Valanour's dam is by Mill Reef, by a son of Nasrullah out of a Princequillo mare. This duplication of a proven cross is backed by linebreeding to La Troienne. Lomond's dam, My Charmer, is inbred to the sisters Striking and Busher, who are both out of daughters of La Troienne, and Mill Reef carries Bimelech, the only son of La Troienne.

As we have said, one would have expected a combination which looks as good on paper as the Lomond/Mill Reef one to have worked more frequently. However, matings don't take place on paper, and perhaps other considerations came into play, such as the fact that Lomond and Mill Reef were rather small individuals, resulting in the combination producing foals which lacked scope.

PEDIGREE SHORTS...

Dixieland Band seems to have struck something of a useful partnership with Mr. Prospector mares, the first 14 runners from the union producing four stakes winners. Something of a variation on the theme is found in the pedigree of the GII A Gleam H. winner **Igotrhythm (Dixieland Band--Slew Princess {Seattle Slew})**, whose granddam is a half-sister to Mr. Prospector.

A lightly-raced four-year-old who looks to have a bright future is **Secret Society (Private Account--Nalees Flying Flag {Hoist the Flag})**, who took his record to two wins in three starts with an easy Keeneland allowance victory. The half-brother to champion Sacahuista is bred on the same cross as Personal Ensign and Personal Flag, that of Private Account on Hoist the Flag mares. It is worth noting that this cross gives linebreeding to War Admiral, who appears as broodmare sire of both Buckpasser (in turn broodmare sire of Private Account) and Hoist the Flag.

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