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Saturday, Pimlico

PREAKNESS S.-GI, \$500,000, 3yo, 9.5f

UNBRIDLED OPTIMISM "I can't imagine him being any more comfortable on his foot than he is right now," trainer Jim Ryerson said of his charge, **Unbridled's Song** (Unbridled), Monday morning. "We just would like to see what he tells us in the next couple of days." Looking past the Preakness, Ryerson added, "Even if he is going well, it has not ever been in our plans to give him a hard late spring/early summer campaign. That's the good thing about the Preakness, from my standpoint, anyway--we don't have to train him hard for it. Then we can look forward to a late summer/early fall campaign that may include the Haskell, Travers, Woodward and Breeders' Cup. Maybe we can win a Triple Crown race and then look toward later in the season. The sooner I get this quarter crack business behind me, and let that foot grow out a little bit, I'll feel a lot better." Ryerson also remarked that both the Met Mile and Massachusetts H. are now very unlikely. "If we chose either of the handicap races, it would require training him further into the summer than we planned, and we'd have to run against Cigar, or a fast mile against older horses in the Met. It's just not the plan."

CLOCKER'S CORNER Trainer D. Wayne Lukas sent both of his Preakness runners out to work at Churchill Downs Monday morning. **Editor's Note** (Forty Niner) went five furlongs in 1:00 3/5, while stablemate **Prince Of Thieves** (Hansel) breezed a half in :48, galloping out the five-eighths in 1:01. "We couldn't be happier with both of them," said Lukas. "(Prince Of Thieves) went a little faster than we wanted; (Editor's Note) is a little more aggressive, but his was an excellent move, also. I didn't want a lot. We just ran a mile and a quarter in a grueling 19-horse field. I just wanted to keep them mentally sharp. They were full of run this morning." The two are scheduled to fly to Maryland Wednesday. **Skip Away** (Skip Trial), getting ready at Monmouth Park, also worked a sharp five furlongs yesterday. "He went a little fast. A couple of horses broke off in front of him and he went after them. I caught him in :59 and change." Monmouth clockers timed the colt going his last half in :47 and galloping out five furlongs in :59. As for travel plans, Hine said, "We'll ship to Pimlico on Thursday rather than Wednesday. Because he worked a little fast, I want to keep an eye on him here for another day."

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Weekend Results:

KEIO HAI SPRING CUP-G2-Jpn, \$1,065,868, Tokyo Racecourse, Japan, 5-11, 4yo/up, 7fT, 1:21.1, fm.

1--**HEART LAKE (GB)**, h, 5, Nureyev--My Darling One (MGSW, \$343,780), by Exclusive Native.

O-Godolphin; B-Sheikh Mohammed Bin Rashid Al Maktoum; T-S B Suroor; J-Y Take; \$563,703.

2--**Taiki Blizzard**, h, 5, Seattle Slew--Tree of Knowledge (Ire), by Sassafras (Fr). \$224,228. *\$210,000 wnlq '91 KEENOV.

3--**Trot Thunder (Jpn)**, h, 7, Dyna Cosmos (Jpn)--La Seine Wonder (Jpn), by Tesco Boy (GB). \$139,751.

Margins: 1/2, HD, 1 3/4. Odds: 11.10, 2.00, 2.30.

Also ran: Big Shori (Jpn), Eishin Vox (Jpn), Yamanin Paradise, Shaanxi, Admire Gale (Jpn), Ogi Tiffany (Jpn), Amber You (Jpn), Sakura Eiko O (Jpn), Yamasho Kiroku (Jpn), Namura Kokuo (Jpn), Inter Spur (Jpn), Eishin Missouri.

Heart Lake, representing the United Arab Emirates, was the fifth favorite here to score his second Japanese victory after taking last year's G1 Yasuda Kinen. The British-bred chestnut overcame a 50-hour trek to become the third straight foreign horse to win the Keio Hai Spring Cup, following in the footsteps of Ski Paradise and Dumaani. Heart Lake, a graded stakes winner in Ireland, and favored Taiki Blizzard rated in mid-pack before bursting out from the group for the stretch run. Taiki Blizzard and Trot Thunder chased Heart Lake home, but could not gain on the winner in the final furlong. Jockey Yutaka Take said, "I was concerned of Heart Lake's condition when I heard about his 50-hour journey to Japan, but I was certain that Heart Lake was in good form as soon as I mounted him."

STAKES CLOSINGS

TOMORROW, WEDNESDAY, MAY 15:

5-17 \$200,000g **Black-Eyed Susan S.-GII**, Pim, 3yo, f, 9f (\$2,000s)

5-18 \$500,000a **Preakness S.-GI**, Pim, 3yo, 9.5f (\$100,000s)

5-18 \$200,000g **Early Times Dixie-GII**, Pim, 3yo/up, 9fT (\$2500s)

5-26 \$200,000 **Washington Park H.-GII**, AP, 3yo/up, 9f (\$200)

5-27 \$500,000 **Hollywood Turf H.-GI**, Hol, 3yo/up, 10fT (\$500)

5-27 \$75/75,000a **Soviet Problem Breeders' Cup H.**, GG, 3yo/up, f/m, 6f (\$75)

6-1 \$100,000 **Selene S.-GIC**, Wo, 3yo, f, 8.5f (\$100c)



**Triple Threats cont.**

ALSO ON THE WORK TAB Longshot **Secreto de Estado** (General Assembly), stabled at Belmont Park, worked a half in :47 Monday morning, galloping out his five-eighths in :59 1/5. "He worked so good," said trainer Alfredo Callejas through an interpreter. "We were surprised by how fast he worked." The gelding will van to Pimlico Wednesday. Callejas said he had not yet decided on a jockey for the Preakness. Also prepping at Belmont, Gll Gotham S. third **Feather Box** (Cherokee Colony) breezed five-eighths in 1:02. "He'll pick up a little piece of it (in the Preakness)," trainer Angel Cordero Jr. predicted. "Those other horses just ran two weeks ago. This is just his third race this year. The others have had five or six. He's fresh. I think he'll run well, and I think it'll set him up good for the Belmont." **Tour's Big Red** (Tour d'Or), winner of the GIII Federico Tesio S. at Pimlico April 20, breezed a half-mile Monday at Calder. "He went in :50," said trainer Enrique Alonso. "He went real good. He's all set to go." The Florida-bred will leave Calder by van early Tuesday evening, and is expected to arrive at Pimlico early Wednesday afternoon after a 20-hour trip. Jockey Joe Bravo picks up the mount for the Preakness.

VICTORY SPEECH JOINS PREAKNESS DEBATE **Victory Speech** (Deputy Minister), 10th in the Derby, will join the Lukas team in the starting gate for the Preakness. The colt worked five furlongs in 1:01 3/5 at Churchill Monday. A Preakness jockey has not yet been named.

◆ P R E V I E W ◆

Today, York, England:

MUSIDORA S.-G3, 3yo, f, 10f 85ydsT

The short field of five, in post position order, is as follows: **Sea Spray (Ire)** (Royal Academy), J. Reid; **Sil Sila (Ire)** (Marju {Ire}), R. Cochrane; **Magnificent Style** (Silver Hawk), M J Kinane; **Obsessive** (Seeking the Gold), T. Quinn; **Ruznama** (Forty Niner), W. Carson. All will carry 120 pounds.

Magnificent Style is likely to earn herself a supplementary entry for June 7's Epsom Oaks if she can win today's Musidora S. in a manner befitting her name. The Henry Cecil-trained filly figured near the head of Epsom betting after her impressive six-length debut success at Kempton last month. But she was eased out by Britain's bookmakers following her rather disappointing third behind Pricket in the listed Pretty Polly S. last out.

◆ E A S T ◆

Yesterday's Result:

8th-PHA, \$25,400, Alw, 3yo/up, a1m70yd, 1:42, ft. PRIMITIVE HALL (g, 7, Dixieland Band--Dame Avie, by Lord Gaylord), wire-to-wire winner of the Yankee Affair H. for Pennsylvania-breds in his last outing April 27, made it two in a row here with a frontrunning, 1/2-length tally as the 3-5 bettors' choice. Lifetime Record: GSW, 31-10-7-3, \$382,415. O-Peter D. Lawrie & Wilfred J. Lewis. B-Bayard Sharp (PA). T-Wilfred J. Lewis.

Local News: Canada

Roger Turcotte, the younger brother of Hall of Fame jockey Ron Turcotte and himself a leading apprentice rider in North America in 1975, was found dead at his home in Fort Erie, Canada, Saturday. The 40-year-old led all apprentice riders in North America with 290 wins and \$1,536,362 in earnings in '75; in later years, he moved his tack to Alberta and enjoyed success at Canada's Stampede Park and Northlands Park. Turcotte retired from the saddle in 1992 and moved to Fort Erie three years ago. Funeral arrangements are pending.

◆ S O . C A L I F O R N I A ◆

Local News: Hollywood Park

Trainer Richard Mandella said Sunday that **Sandpit (Brz)** (Baynoun {Ire}), fifth in the GI Early Times Turf Classic at Churchill May 4, will make his next start in the \$500,000 Hollywood Turf H. May 27.

LITTLE REB S., \$66,000, HOL, 5-13, 3yo, 7f, 1:21 2/5, ft.

1--**#SLEWS ROYAL SON, 117, g, 3, Slew's Royalty--Face the King, by King of Kings.** O-Let It Ride Stable; B-Ever Up Front (CA); T-Barry Abrams; J-B Blanc; \$36,750. Lifetime Record: 9-5-1-1, \$136,900.

2--**Odin's Primo, 117, c, 3, Idabel--Mrs. Beeton, by Temperance Hill.** (\$10,000 yrl '94 KEESEP). O-Dominguez & Meglio & Thorson. \$13,000.

3--**Hesabull, 117, c, 3, Dispersal--Proud Clarioness, by Tri Jet.** (\$36,000 yrl '94 KEEJAN). O-Three Sisters Stable. \$9,750.

Margins: 1 1/4, 1 1/4, 4HF. Odds: 1.80, 1.90, 5.00.

Slews Royal Son, winner of his last three, earned his fourth in a row here with a come-from-behind win. Last early, the gelding rallied five wide entering the stretch and closed determinedly.

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3rd-HOL, \$34,000, Msw, 2yo, 4 1/2f, :51 2/5, ft.
 + **SWISS YODELER** (c, 2, Eastern Echo--Drapeau {SW},
 by Raja Baba), a \$60,000 yearling at the '95 KEESEP
 sales, was sent off the 5-2 second choice in his debut.
 The colt recovered quickly from a slow start to duel for
 the lead, gained command on the turn and drew off to a
 three-length win over P.T. INDY (A.P. Indy). Lifetime
 Record: 1-1-0-0, \$18,700. O-Heinz Steinmann.
 B-Martha Gerry & W S Farish (Ky). T-Mike Harrington.

◆ MIDWEST ◆

Local News: Churchill Downs

GIII Churchill Downs H. winner **Criollito (Arg)** (Candy Stripes), looking at making his next start in the GI Met Mile May 27, worked a half-mile in :47 3/5 Monday at Churchill for trainer Bob Baffert.

Eclipse Award winner **Serena's Song** (Rahy), runner-up in the GII Louisville Breeders' Cup H. last out for her third straight loss, went five furlongs in 1:00 Sunday; she is pointing for the GIII Pimlico Distaff H. May 18. Stablemate **Cara Rafaela** (Quiet American) also worked Sunday, going a half in :49; she goes next in the Black Eyed-Susan S. Friday at Pimlico.

◆ WEST ◆

Local News: Emerald Downs

The first Thoroughbred racehorse is scheduled to test the track at Washington's Emerald Downs Friday morning, May 17. A ribbon-cutting ceremony will precede the horse's inaugural tour of the racing strip. The gates open for the track's first meet June 20.

◆ FOREIGN ◆

Weekend Results:

NHK MILE CUP-G1-Jpn, \$1,667,066, Tokyo Racecourse, Japan, 5-12, 3yo, 8fT, 1:32.6, fm.

1--**@TAIKI FORTUNE**, c, 3, **Seattle Dancer--Patently Clear**, by Miswaki. O-U. Taiki Farm; B-Taiki Farm; T-Yoshiyasu Takahashi; J-Yoshitomi Shibata; \$884,680.

2--**Tsukuba Symphony (GB)**, c, 3, **Danehill--Lyndonville (Ire)**, by Top Ville (Ire). \$351,469.

3--**Generalist (GB)**, c, 3, **Danehill--Ruthless Rose**, by Conquistador Cielo. \$217,190.

Margins: 3/4, 1 1/4, 1 1/2. Odds: 11.80, 6.80, 16.70.

NIIGATA DAISHOTEN-G3-Jpn, \$719,116, Niigata Racecourse, Japan, 5-12, 4yo/up, 10fT, 2:02.1, yl.
 1--**#@MAILLOT JAUNE (JPN)**, h, 6, **Rivlia--Infinie (Jpn)**, by **Maruzensky (Jpn)**. O-S Shibahara; B-Etsuo Kawakami; T-Shigenori Hatakeyama; J-Chiaki Sakai; \$382,607.

2--**Osumi Max (Jpn)**, h, 5, **Sakura Yutaka O (Jpn)--Tenzan Otome (Jpn)**, by **Maruzensky (Jpn)**. \$148,798.

3--**Foundry Shori (Jpn)**, c, 4, **Nihon Pillow Winner--Shuzan Hard (Jpn)**, by **Hard to Beat (Ire)**. \$92,824. Margins: NK, 3/4, NK. Odds: 20.20, 6.70, 13.70.

KEIHAN HAI-G3-Jpn, \$401,548, Kyoto Racecourse, Japan, 5-11, 4yo/up, 11fT, 2:12.8, fm.

1--**DANCE PARTNER (JPN)**, f, 4, **Sunday Silence--Dancing Key**, by **Nijinsky**. O-Katsumi Yoshida; B-Shadai Farm; T-Toshiaki Shirai; J-Hirofumi Shii; \$401,548. * 1/2 to Air Dublin (Jpn) (Tony Bin {Ire}), MSW-Jpn; Full to Dance in the Dark, SW-Jpn. **Ch. 3yo filly-Jpn.

2--**Ibuki Tamon Yagura (Jpn)**, c, 3, **Carroll House (Ire)--Fancy Taste (Jpn)**, by **Northern Taste**. \$158,157.

3--**Nehai Caesar (Jpn)**, h, 6, **Sakura Toko (Jpn)--Nehai Tesco (Jpn)**, by **Tesco Boy (GB)**. \$102,110. Margins: NK, 1, 2 1/2. Odds: 2.90, 17.00, 12.80.

AMERICAN-BRED WINNERS IN JAPAN:

Eishin Olean, f, 3, **Devil's Bag--Copious**, by **In Reality**. Tokyo, 5-12, plate race, 8f (dirt). Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, \$117,918. O-Toyomitsu Hirai; B-Peter E Blum; T-Masanori Sakaguchi. *\$215,000 2yo '95 KEEAPR.

Inter Shark, c, 3, **Lyphard--Rowdy Angel**, by **Halo**. Niigata, 5-12, maiden race, 3yo, 8.5f (dirt). Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$46,062. O-Masao Matsuoka; B-Loblolly Stable; T-Shoji Yamamoto. * 1/2 to Demons Begone (Elocutionist), GSW, \$609,944; Pine Bluff (Danzig), MGSW, \$2,255,884. **\$275,000 yrl '94 KEEJUL.

+ **Midnight Meteor**, c, 3, **Mr. Prospector--Midnight Pumpkin (SW)**, by **Pretense**. Tokyo, 5-11, novice race, 8f (dirt). Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$46,062.

O-Hiroyoshi Usuda; B-Hermitage Farm, Inc.; T-Masakazu Akiyama. *Full to Tank's Prospect, MGSW, \$1,355,645. **\$250,000 yrl '94 KEEJUL.

Kingswood, c, 3, **Woodman--Gallanta (Fr) (SW-Fr)**, by **Nureyev**. Tokyo, 5-12, Prix Natsukodachi, 8fT. Lifetime Record: 7-2-1-2, \$226,716. O-Green Fields Inc.; B-Flaxman Holdings Inc.; T-Akio Tsurudome. * 1/2 to Sportsworld (Alleged), GSW-Ire, \$107,534; Full to Gay Gallanta, MGSW-Eng, \$209,799.



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Hishi Musashi, c, 4, **Storm Cat**--Glimmering, by Troy. Niigata, 5-12, plate race, 6fT. Lifetime Record: 13-2-3-1, \$207,646. O-Masaichiro Abe; B-Mr & Mrs David R Caldwell; T-Yoshio Takagi. *\$67,000 yrl '93 KEESEP; \$200,000 2yo '94 BESMAR.

AMERICAN-BRED WINNER IN FRANCE:

Suresnes, c, 4, **Lomond**--Saison (SW, \$115,886), by L'Enjoleur. Longchamp, 5-12, Prix Maxime Caccia, 10f 110ydsT, 4yo/up, \$15,592 to winner. O-Daniel Wildenstein; B-Allez France Stables Ltd; T-Andre Fabre. *GSP-Fr. **1/2 to Serrant (GISP-N.A., MG2-Fr, \$510,692, by Bering {GB}).

AMERICAN-BRED WINNER IN ENGLAND:

Classic Find, c, 3, **Lear Fan**--Reve de Reine (GSP-Fr), by Lyphard. Redcar, 5-13, Danby Maiden, 10fT, 3yo, \$5,839 to winner. O-Classic Bloodstock PLC; B-Marie Bloodstock Inc; T-Stuart Williams. *1/2 to Roi de Rome (G3-Fr, \$71,075, by Time for a Change).

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ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

6th-HOL, \$43,000, (S), 3yo/up, 1 1/8m, 1:49 3/5, ft. **DESERT LEADER** (g, 4, **Desert Wine**--Student Body Pres, by Mr. Leader) Lifetime Record: MSP, 21-6-3-3, \$82,525. O-Ladd Frank & Peggy; B-Friendly Ed (CA); T-Henry Moreno.

8th-APX, \$38,520, 3yo, 7f, 1:24 4/5, ft. **HUNK OF CLASS** (g, 3, **High Brite**--Shimmering Silver, by Barrera) Lifetime Record: SP, 4-2-1-0, \$52,200. O-Dickson Jodi & Spraggins Kenneth R. B-Carolyn Friedberg & Serendipity Tb Inc. (IL). T-Kenneth R Spraggins.

6th-APX, \$21,000, 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:13, ft. **CONPLAY** (f, 3, **Fast Play**--Scarlet Scandian, by Nordic Prince) Lifetime Record: SW, 9-3-1-0, \$53,665. O-Frank C Calabrese. B-Leon Tonelson & B. G. Dunham (KY). T-Britt A McGehee.

1st-APX, \$21,000, 3yo/up, f/m, 1m, 1:40 4/5, ft. **TURBO LADY** (f, 3, **Lear Fan**--My Silver Secret, by Lyphard) Lifetime Record: 13-2-3-3, \$44,804. O-Just Meddles. B-Sea Horse Breeders (KY). T-David H. Hinsley.

MAIDEN WINNERS:

+ **Swiss Yodeler**, c, 2, **Eastern Echo**--Drapeau (SW), by Raja Baba. HOL, 5-13, 4 1/2f, :51 2/5. B-Martha Gerry & W S Farish (Ky). *\$60,000 yrl '95 KEESEP.
B.A. Sensation, f, 3, **Apalachee**--Louisa's Pleasure, by Quadrangle. PHA, 5-13, 1m, 1:42 4/5. B-Metro Ted & Alberta Butner (Ky).

Rags N Bones, c, 3, **Just Like Jo**--Scarlett Miss, by Groshawk. PHA, 5-13, 6f, 1:13. B-Francis J. Puleo (Pa).

Kenneth, c, 3, **Mari's Book**--Kona Lady (SP), by Hula Chief. APX, 5-13, (S), 6f, 1:12 3/5. B-Radke Richard W Dr (IL).

Once Poetic, f, 3, **Once Wild**--Noetic, by Tri Jet. SUF, 5-13, 6f, 1:14 3/5. B-F.W. Hooper (Fl).

La Ville Foret, f, 3, **Slewvescent**--Fordet, by Bold Forbes. HOL, 5-13, 7f, 1:24. B-Walter Robert H (Ca).

Tombeur, c, 4, **Wild Again**--Truffles (MSW, \$212,300), by Don B.. HOL, 5-13, 6 1/2f, 1:16 2/5. B-Louise Julian & Arthur Julian (Ky).

FOALING NEWS:

RACE THE WILD WIND, 7, **Sunny's Halo**--Redpath (Indian Chief II)

Foal born 4-28-96, a colt by Rahy.

Will be bred back to Storm Cat.

Owned by Group 1 Stables.

Boarded at Walmac International in Lexington, Ky.

Accomplishments: GISW of \$458,250.

FAIR ADVANTAGE, 20, **Raja Baba**--Close Control (Dunce)

Foal born 5-2-96, a colt by Brocco.

Owned by John R. Gaines Thoroughbreds.

Boarded at Offutt-Cole Farm in Midway, Ky.

Accomplishments: Dam of Darby Fair (Darby Creek Road), GSW, \$337,374; Fairly Affirmed (Affirmed), MSW, \$256,970; Advancing Star (Soviet Star), SW, \$129,150.

FLOWING, 8, **El Gran Senor**--Flo Russell (Round Table)

Foal born 5-2-96, a colt by Seeking the Gold.

Will be bred back to Gone West.

Owned by Brushwood Stable

Boarded at Brushwood Stable in Pa. and Plum Lane Farm in Ky.

Accomplishments: Hwt. Older Mare-Ire, 5-7f, MGSW-Ire, \$113,638.

LARIDA, 17, **Northern Dancer**--Kittiwake (*Sea-Bird)

Foal born 5-2-96, a colt by Seattle Slew.

Will be bred back to Seattle Slew.

Owned by John R Gaines Thoroughbreds.

Boarded at Offutt-Cole Farm in Midway, Ky.

Accomplishments: MGSW of \$328,319; dam of Magic of Life (Seattle Slew), MGSW-Eng, \$252,598.

AT THE HALF, 5, **Seeking the Gold**--Knitted Gloves (*White Gloves II)

Foal born 5-3-96, a filly by Deputy Minister.

Will be bred back to Storm Cat.

Owned by Wayne G. Lyster III.

Boarded at Ashview Farm in Versailles, Ky.

Accomplishments: GSW of \$338,393.

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



THE AGENT BEHIND THE JOCKEY

By Bill Leggett

In the 42 days between March 24 and May 5, jockey Jerry Bailey reeled in \$4,186,927 in purses, the wealthiest six-week period any jockey has ever produced.

He won the world's two most significant races during that time, the \$4 million Dubai World Cup on Cigar and the first \$1 million Kentucky Derby aboard Grindstone. You can also add to those the \$750,000 Oaklawn Handicap with Geri, the \$540,750 Ashland with My Flag, seven additional stakes in the state of Kentucky plus accepting congratulations for a second consecutive riding championship at Gulfstream Park.

If Bailey were a Broadway show, the reviews pasted on the billboards outside his theater would read: "The best positional rider there is"-D. Wayne Lukas; "The rider of the '90s"-Nick Zito.

He seems to go from one good horse to another the way a squirrel springs from limb-to-limb. Even though he lost Grindstone to injury he is suddenly on Prince Of Thieves in this Saturday's Preakness, unhorsing Pat Day, who had won the last two runnings of Baltimore's showcase event.

Cigar, Grindstone, Geri, D. Wayne Lukas, Bill Mott and Bailey himself have all been widely and correctly covered by the media during the rider's remarkable run, but little attention, if any, has been paid to a 56-year-old man named Bob Frieze, Bailey's crackerjack agent.

How well do Frieze and Bailey work together? Well, in the 26 ½ months since January, 1994--Bailey takes Decembers off--they have earned over \$31 million. Aside from that time frame they have worked together to earn an Eclipse Award and two straight Saratoga riding titles and win four of the last five runnings of the \$3 million Breeders' Cup Classic--and are odds-on to make it five of six at Woodbine this fall.

Frieze, born in Council Bluffs, Iowa, was a superior athlete as a young man and gravitated to coaching basketball and football. He was a Little All-America as a linebacker and a shortstop. But those aren't his only sports. "When the seasons changed," he says, "I changed sports right along with them."

If you are wondering how an athlete and coach in Iowa gets to the top of the agenting business, the answer goes right through Fonner Park in Grand Island, Nebraska. Fonner, a five-eighths mile track, drew Frieze, first out of curiosity and then out of fascination.

"I guess I was a pretty good handicapper," he says, "but a bad horseplayer. So instead of betting them, I joined them. I went with a friend named Paul Young and he kind of showed me the way around."

The first rider Frieze moved was Felix Chavez. "We won some races at Fonner," the agent says, "but Fonner is a summer meeting and when winter came I didn't have a job and had to scuffle to feed my family. I tended bar and worked in kitchens at pizza parlors until it got warm again."

Frieze moved around the fair circuits, saw a young trainer named Billy Mott just starting out in Lincoln, Nebraska, got to know Jack Van Berg in the Mid-

west, booked mounts for Bill Stallings, Al Herrera, David Whited, had good years at Detroit Race Course and Oaklawn Park. Oddly, in the mid-'70s, he handled the book briefly for a young apprentice passing through Oaklawn. Name? Jerry Bailey.

In '79 he maneuvered Eddie Maple to the riding title at Oaklawn, and his hard work was starting to reap dividends. He had noticed that in the agenting business at some tracks a day's work consisted of touting and playing cards. He was an excellent race-watcher who could keep things in his head. He came to New York because two of his friends at Oaklawn, Joe and Charlsie Cantey, recommended that he do so; after five years as Maple's agent, he joined forces with Bailey once again. And on of the secrets of their success?

"Jerry and I go looking for two-year-olds even before one year's Kentucky Derby is run," says Frieze. "He has a remarkable winning percentage with two-year-olds. One of the reasons, aside from the purses, that we go to Keeneland is because that's where the two-year-olds first start to show."

Of the 19 horses that started in this year's Derby, Bailey had ridden seven of them previously. "The biggest thrill for an agent," Frieze says, "is to win the Kentucky Derby because everybody tries so hard to do it. In Jerry's case he won his first one for Mack Miller and Rokeby, and that was wonderful because they were good to us. The one with Grindstone was also so special because we had stayed with Wayne and he had stayed with us for quite a while. Those four Breeders' Cup Classics are terrific, but the Derby is still the Derby."

Frieze does virtually all of his work at the track. "When I leave for the day," he says, "I am somehow able to put it all behind me by the time I get home. I don't want to bother people after the races are over because I know how hard they work during the day and most of them don't want to be bothered once they leave.

"When conflicts come up," he continues, "we sit down and talk them out and try to do the right thing."

The two have been doing more things right in recent times than seems imaginable.

FOALING NEWS:

CAMPANERO, 14, Foolish Pleasure--Belle O' Reason (Hail to Reason)

Foal born 5-3-96, a filly by Relaunch.

Will be bred back to Unaccounted For.

Owned by Double J Farm and Don Robinson.

Boarded at Winter Quarter Farm in Lexington, Ky.

Accomplishments: Dam of Good Response (Relaunch), SW, \$105,365

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