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### ANOTHER SETBACK FOR CIGAR

Superstar Cigar (Palace Music) has once again suffered a bruised right front foot, an injury that has put future plans on hold and could keep him out of the GI Hollywood Gold Cup June 30. Trainer Bill Mott said yesterday that Cigar was showing signs of a problem in the foot before his victory in Saturday's MassCap, and that the situation could have been aggravated by the race. "I don't think this is something that just started," said Mott. "It is something that was there and we were aware of it. It was something that needed to be tended to, but we were confident on race day that it would not be a problem." Cigar bruised the same foot while training for the Santa Anita H. at Gulfstream this winter, but Mott said this bruise is in a different area of the foot, closer to the bulb of the heel, and is not directly related to the previous injury. "It's a white foot," he did say, "and I suppose it's a situation where the foot is weakened a little bit. Once you have a horse who gets this kind of problem, sometimes they're over it and sometimes they're never over it." It is not believed to be a career-ending injury, but Mott said the six-year-old is out of training for now and will not run again until the foot is fully healed. "Everything is on hold," he said. "In due time, (the foot) will be okay. I'm confident that if we take care of it properly, in the long term, it's something we can handle. Are we going to make Hollywood? I wouldn't dare say one way or another. We won't go to California in a rush situation. In a week, I'll probably be able to tell more. I think if we miss 10 days of training, the possibility of going to California is very doubtful."

### KENTUCKY CUP PURSES RAISED

Turfway Park Chairman Jerry Carroll announced yesterday that purses for the third edition of the Kentucky Cup Day of Champions will be raised by a total of \$250,000 for this year's running. The six Kentucky Cup races, set for Saturday, September 21, will be worth \$1,250,000; they are the \$500,000 GIII Kentucky Cup Classic, now the richest race for older horses in the state; \$300,000 GII Turfway Breeders' Cup; \$200,000 GII KC Sprint; \$100,000 GIII KC Juvenile; \$100,000 KC Juvenile Fillies; and \$50,000 KC Starter S. Said Carroll, "Boosting purses for our Kentucky Cup races is one way to insure we put on the best show we can as we continue to build this day into a major national event." Next to Derby Day, the Kentucky Cup Day of Champions is the richest day in Kentucky racing. **News cont. p2**

### Saturday, Belmont Park

**BELMONT S.-GI, \$500,000, 3yo, 1 1/2m**  
**WORK TAB: PREAKNESS WINNER SHARP FOR BELMONT** Out on the track before the rains came, Preakness hero **Louis Quatorze** (Sovereign Dancer) breezed five furlongs in :58.56 over a fast strip at Belmont Monday morning; clockers caught the colt going in fractions of :23.84 and :35.06 and galloping out six furlongs in 1:11.82. Derby runner-up **Cavonnier** (Batonnier) did not get out until after the skies opened up, but went six furlongs in an impressive 1:11.07 in the mud yesterday. "He was just cruising out there," said trainer Bob Baffert. Trainer D. Wayne Lukas sent out his Belmont duo to breeze at Churchill yesterday morning. Working separately, **Editor's Note** (Forty Niner) and **Prince Of Thieves** (Hansel) went five furlongs in identical times of 1:00 4/5; jockey Donna Barton was aboard for both moves. The two are scheduled to ship to New York Wednesday. **Natural Selection** (Slew City Slew) went six furlongs in 1:13 1/5 early Monday while the track at Belmont was still fast; Randy Romero was in the irons. **Latin Reign** (El Gran Senor), on the fence for the race, worked five furlongs in 1:01.23 yesterday.

**APPEALING SKIER JOINS LIST OF POSSIBLES** Withers winner **Appealing Skier** (Baldski) may join the field for the Belmont, trainer Ben Perkins Sr. said yesterday. Perkins has been eyeing the seven-furlong Riva Ridge S. the same day, but now says he could go either way. "He'll work (Tuesday) morning and then I want to look at the past performances of the horses in the Belmont and see what we're going to do." The colt will need a new rider either way, as regular pilot Rick Wilson suffered a fractured vertebra when thrown from his mount in Sunday's fifth race at Monmouth and will be out from six-to-eight weeks. Just hours before the spill, Wilson had breezed Belmont starter Skip Away at Monmouth; Skip Away's regular rider Shane Sellers was injured in a spill at Churchill Sunday afternoon.

**Triple Threats cont. p2**

### STAKES CLOSINGS

**TOMORROW, WEDNESDAY, JUNE 5:**

6-16 \$200,000g **Golden Gate H.-GII, GG, 3yo/up, 11fT (\$200)**

6-16 \$600/100,000 **Shoemaker Breeders' Cup Mile-GII, Hol, 3yo/up, 8fT (\$25,000s)**

6-30 \$200,000g **Arlington Classic-GII, AP, 3yo, 9fT (\$500)**





## Triple Threats cont.

**SANTOS TO RIDE SKIP AWAY** Trainer Sonny Hine has named jockey Jose Santos to replace the injured Shane Sellers aboard **Skip Away** (Skip Trial) in Saturday's third leg of the Visa Triple Crown Challenge. "He's the best available rider," said Hine. Trainer Alfredo Callejas has named Cornelio Velasquez to ride longshot **Secreto de Estado** (General Assembly), who is nursing a small quarter crack in his right front hoof, in the Belmont.

## News cont.

**SUAVE DANCER SIRES FIRST WINNER** The 1991 Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe and French Derby winner **Suave Dancer** (Green Dancer) sired his first winner when the colt **Classem Ducere** won the seven-furlong Premio Niccolo' Dell'Arca for unraced two-year-olds by four lengths at the Capannelle racecourse in Rome Saturday. Owned jointly by The National Stud and Henri Chalhoub, Suave Dancer is represented by his first crop of runners this year. Classem Ducere is his second racecourse performer, following the filly Suave Star, who was second on her recent debut in England. Classem Ducere is out of the General Assembly mare Kaweah Maid and was bred in Ireland by Kip McCreery. He was sold for 8,000 Irish guineas at the Goffs Irish National Yearling Sales at Kill last October.

**TWENTY-TWO STAND GROUND FOR EPSOM**

**DERBY** Saturday's Epsom Derby, run over a mile and a half and sponsored by Vodafone, will have a maximum of 22 runners. Yesterday's five-day forfeit stage, the last one before declarations to run are made Thursday morning, revealed the following list: **Acharne (GB)** (Pharly {Fr}), **Alhaarth (Ire)** (Unfuwain), **Busy Flight (GB)** (Pharly {Fr}), **Chief Contender (Ire)** (Sadler's Wells), **Classic Eagle (GB)** (Unfuwain), **Clever Cliche (GB)** (Danehill), **Double Leaf (GB)** (Sadler's Wells), **Dr Massini (Ire)** (Sadler's Wells), **Dushyantor (Sadler's Wells)**, **Even Top (Ire)** (Topanoora {Ire}), **Glory Of Dancer (GB)** (Shareef Dancer), **Jack Jennings (GB)** (Deploy {GB}), **Mystic Knight (GB)** (Caerleon), **Portugese Lil (GB)** (Master Willie {GB}), **Prince Of My Heart (GB)** (Prince Daniel), **Shaamit (Ire)** (Mtoto {GB}), **Shantou (Alleged)**, **Spartan Heartbeat (GB)** (Shareef Dancer), **St Mawes (Fr)** (Shahrastani), **Storm Trooper (Diesis {GB})**, **Tasdid (GB)** (In The Wings {GB}), **Zaforum (GB)** (Deploy {GB}).

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.

## ◆ EAST ◆

**Local News: Ocala, Florida**

Arthur I. Appleton's Bridlewood Farm has announced the appointment of George G. Isaacs as general manager effective June 4. A native of Lexington, Kentucky, Isaacs has served as general manager of Allen Paulson's Brookside Farm in Ocala since its inception in 1992; he was the stallion manager at Bridlewood from 1989-92.

**Local News: Maryland**

The National Steeplechase Association's recently completed spring season featured purse increases of over \$100,000 but also reflected a continued decline in the horse population. Steeplechasers competed for over \$1.94 million in purses at 24 spring meets, up from \$1.81 million in 1995. The number of starters for the season was 942, down 42 from last year. Chip Miller leads the jockey standings with 15 wins. Jonathan Sheppard leads the trainers with 17 victories; Augustin Stable leads the owners with \$193,976 in earnings.

## ◆ MIDWEST ◆

**Local News: Churchill Downs**

Jockey Shane Sellers underwent successful surgery Sunday night to repair a fractured bone in his right wrist suffered in a spill at Churchill Sunday. A screw and plate were inserted into the wrist to hold the bone in place; Sellers is expected to be out five to six weeks.

**Local News: Kentucky**

Beginning with the July Selected Yearling Sale, Keeneland's sales catalogs will be available on the Internet. Pedigrees for the 219 horses cataloged, along with an index to consignors, first dams and sires for the July 15-16 Selected Sale are now available at Keeneland's Internet site, which can be accessed at <http://www.keeneland.com/sales>. The printed catalog for the July Sale will be mailed June 17.

**Local News: Fair Grounds**

The Fair Grounds has completed renovation of its seven-furlong turf course. The project, designed to make the course stronger, was carried out over two days and involved a new process by which fine, hair-like polypropylene fibers--four tons in all--were cut into the existing turf to support the root system already in place and to anchor newly developing roots. Fair Grounds, scheduled to open for its 125th season of racing November 28, will be the first track in the world to conduct turf racing over such a surface.

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**QUEST FOR FAME**

Speedy filly Dame d'Harvard wins 5 furlong maiden by 2 lengths at Chantilly.



## ◆ FOREIGN ◆

### Weekend Results:

**TOKYO YUSHUN-G1-Jpn**, \$2,809,852, Tokyo Racecourse, Japan, 6-2, 3yo, 12fT, 2:26.1, fm.

1--#**@FUSAICHI CONCORDE (JPN)**, c, 3, **Caerleon--Ballet Queen (Ire)**, by **Sadler's Wells**. O-Fusaro Sekiguchi; B-Shadai Farm; T-Minoru Kobayashi; J-Shinji Fujita; \$1,557,865.

2--**Dance in the Dark (Jpn)**, c, 3, **Sunday Silence--Dancing Key**, by **Nijinsky II**. \$587,722.

3--**Meisho Genie (Jpn)**, c, 3, **Amber Shadai (Jpn)--Nissei Lilas (Jpn)**, by **Lord Liege**. \$354,506.

Margins: NK, 1 3/4, 2 1/2. Odds: 27.60, 2.30, 47.90.

**QTC QUEENSLAND OAKS-G1**, \$196,491, Eagle Farm, Brisbane, Australia, 6-1, 12fT, 3yo, f, 2:27, ft.

1--**@ARCTIC SCENT (AUS)**, 119, f, 3, **Blazing Sword (Aus)--Polar Rose (Aus)**, by **Avatar (Aus)**. O/B-Contract Racing Syndicate (Aus); T-Gerald Ryan; J-L V Cassidy; \$127,421.

2--**Sonata (Aus)**, 119, f, 3, **Palace Music--In The Country (NZ)**, by **In The Purple (Fr)**. O-G J Lolero, J Thurtell & Miss M L Hancock; B-Corumbene Stud (Aus); \$39,695.

3--**Aphasia (Aus)**, 119, f, 3, **Orojaya--Bavarde Royale (Aus)**, by **Sovereign Slipper (GB)**. O-A J Bansemer & B V McKay; B-Aybee Breeding Partnership (Aus); \$19,848.

Margins: short HD, NK, 4.

Also ran: Saleous, Military Call, Eastern Zone, Mage, Country Walk, Ballare, Responsible Lady, On The Bell, Wingin' A Prayer, Dawn Treader.

**QTC SIRES PRODUCE S.-G1**, \$137,345, Eagle Farm, Brisbane, Australia, 7fT, 2yo, 1:22.50, ft.

1--**@ANTHEMS (AUS)**, 122, g, 2, **Palace Music--Loyal Lyric (Aus)**, by **Sovereign Red (NZ)**. O/B-Woodlands Stud (Aus); T-John Hawkes; J-D Beadman; \$92,887.

2--**Flavour (Aus)**, 122, c, 2, **Rubiton (Aus)--Ice Cream Sundae (Aus)**, by **Sovereign Red (NZ)**. O/B-Woodlands Stud (Aus); \$23,817.

3--**Regal Centre (Aus)**, 122, c, 2, **St. Jude (Aus)--Centre (Aus)**, by **Centaine (Aus)**. O-J Richards, C & J Sourris, Glenlogan Park Syndicate, A Williams & J Hawkins; B-Glenlogan Park Stud (Aus); \$11,909.

Margins: 1 1/4, 3/4, 1/2.

Also ran: Superb Lady, Nevet, Camino Rose, Forgotten Hero, Magic Sea, Trustee, Aussie Dapper, Crystal Power, Hornet, Bolster, Wait Here, La Snippetette.

**EPSOM CUP-G3-Jpn**, \$770,666, Tokyo Racecourse, Japan, 6-1, 3yo/up, 9fT, 1:45.7, fm.

1--#**@MARVELOUS SUNDAY (JPN)**, c, 4, **Sunday Silence--Momiji Dancer (Jpn)**, by **Viceregal**. O-S. Sasahara; B-Hayata Farms; T-Makoto Osawa; J-Yutaka Take; \$406,419.

2--**Yu Sensho (Jpn)**, c, 4, **Rugby Ball (Jpn)--Yu Miroku (Jpn)**, by **Katsurano Haiseiko**. \$160,104.

3--**Silent Happiness (Jpn)**, f, 4, **Sunday Silence--Legacy of Strength**, by **Affirmed**. \$103,377.

Margins: 1/2, 3 1/2, NK. Odds: 2.20, 19.30, 4.50.

**CHUNICHI SPORTS SHO YONSAI S.-G3-Jpn**, \$717,111, Chukyo Racecourse, Japan, 6-1, 3yo, 6fT, 1:08.5, fm.

1--**@SUGINO HAYAKAZE**, c, 3, **Diesis (GB)--Chaleur (SW)**, by **Rouge Sang**. (\$75,000 yrl '94 KEEJUL; \$200,000 2yo '95 BESMAR). O-Yoshio Sugie; B-Dr. & Mrs. Emler A. Neuman; T-Yukiharu Shikato; J-Hirokazu Tajima; \$378,821. \* 1/2 to Ice Trick (Iceland), MSW, \$121,045; Bog Trotter (Irish River {Fr}), MGSW-Eng, \$264,484.

2--**Ski Music**, c, 3, **Baldski--Where Music Is**, by **In Reality**. (\$85,000 yrl '94 OBSAUG; \$350,000 2yo '95 FTFEB). \$150,886.

3--**Eishin Olean**, f, 3, **Devil's Bag--Copious**, by **In Reality**. (\$215,000 2yo '95 KEEAPR). \$94,103.

Margins: 1 1/4, 2, 1/2. Odds: 2.30, 9.80, 7.30.

**RING & BRYMER ACHILLES S.**, \$26,772, Kempton Park, England, 6-1, 5fT, 3yo/up, :59:33, gd/fm.

1--#**BRAVE EDGE (GB)**, 128, g, 5, **Beveled--Daring Ditty (GB)**, by **Daring March (GB)**. O-Horris Vale Racing P'ship; B-Lady Whent (GB); T-R Hannon; \$15,867.

2--**Double Quick (Ire)**, 127, f, 4, **Superpower (Ire)--Haraabah**, by **Topsider**. \$5,934.

3--**Blue Iris (GB)**, 116, f, 3, **Petong (GB)--Bo' Babbity (Ire)**, by **Strong Gale (Ire)**. \$2,900.

Margins: 1 3/4, 1/2, 1/2.

### Yesterday's Results:

**PRIX DE ROYAUMONT-G3**, \$68,939, Saint-Cloud, France, 6-3, 12fT, 3yo, f, 2:46.70, gd.

1--#**@SPANISH FALLS (GB)**, 126, f, 3, **Belmez--Flamenco Wave (G1SW-Ire, \$152,126)**, by **Desert Wine**. O/B-Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid al Maktoum (GB); T-Mme Criquelette Head; J-F Head; \$42,129.

2--**Silversword (Fr)**, 126, f, 3, **Highest Honor (Fr)--Silver Cobra**, by **Silver Hawk**. O-Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid al Maktoum; \$15,320.

3--**Met Mech Nich (Fr)**, 126, f, 3, **Assert (Ire)--Honorariat (Fr)**, by **Roi Lear (Fr)**. O-G Suanama; \$7,660.

Margins: NO, 2 1/2, 1 1/2.

Also: Leonila (Ire), Mixwayda (Fr), Irish Woman (Fr).



July graduates have won 13  
of the last 29 Triple Crown events.

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## Foreign Report cont.

**BALLYOGAN S.-G3**, \$38,600, Leopardstown, Ireland, 6-3, 5fT, 3yo/up, :58.90, gd.  
 1--#**@ANZIO (IRE)**, 128, g, 5, **Hatim--Highdrive (GB)**, by **Ballymore (Ire)**. O-T Staunton; B-Rathduff Stud (Ire); T-Miss Gay Kelleway; J-R Cochrane; \$25,343.  
 2--**Ailleacht**, 125, f, 4, **Chief's Crown--Poster Beauty**, by **Codex**. (\$50,000 yrl '93 KEESEP). O-Mrs J S Bolger; \$7,798.  
 3--**Sunset Reigns (Ire)**, 118, f, 3, **Taufan--More Candy (GB)**, by **Ballad Rock (Ire)**. O-Mrs J M Ryan; \$3,899.  
 Margins: short HD, HD, 1.  
 Also ran: **Almaty (Ire)**, **Millyant (GB)**, **Slayjay (Ire)**.

**SILVER FLASH S.**, \$23,043, Leopardstown, Ireland, 6-3, 6fT, 2yo, f, 1:14.60, gd.  
 1--#**AZRA (IRE)**, 123, f, 2, **Danehill--Easy To Please (GB) (SP-Ire)**, by **What A Guest (Ire)**. O-D H W Dobson; B-n/a; T-J S Bolger; J-T Durcan; \$15,089.  
 2--**Classic Park (GB)**, 123, f, 2, **Robellino--Wanton (GB)**, by **Kris (GB)**. \$4,679.  
 3--**Scottish Mist (Ire)**, 123, f, 2, **Digamist--Morgiana (GB)**, by **Godswalk**. \$2,339.  
 Margins: 2 1/2, HD, 1 1/2.

## AMERICAN-BRED WINNERS IN JAPAN:

**Narita Nureyev**, c, 3, **Nureyev--Caracciola (Fr)**, by **Zeddaan**. Chukyo, 6-2, Prix Suren, 8.5fT. Lifetime Record: 11-2-1-4, \$275,051. O-Hidenori Yamaji; B-Kingston Park Stud & Walmac Inc.; T-Masaaki Ohkubo. \*1/2 to **Mystiko (Secreto)**, MGSW-Eng, \$335,856. \*\*\$275,000 yrl '94 KEEJUL; \$400,000 2yo '95 BESMAR.  
**Umeno Elegance**, f, 3, **Ogygian--Brilliant Future**, by **Forli**. Tokyo, 6-2, novice race, 7f (dirt). Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-1, \$64,284. O-Toshinori Umezaki; B-Foxfield; T-Yoshihiko Ishige. \*1/2 to **Olympic Prospect (Northern Jove)**, MGSW, \$725,320. \*\*\$57,000 yrl '94 KEESEP; \$110,000 2yo '95 KEEAPR.  
**Taiki Flash**, g, 5, **Spend a Buck--Sudden Flash**, by **Known Fact**. Tokyo, 6-1, plate race, 8fT. Lifetime Record: 18-2-4-5, \$347,453. O-Taiki Farm; B-H & Y Bloodstock Inc; T-Yoshiyasu Takahashi.

## AMERICAN-BRED WINNERS IN FRANCE:

**Roung Bend**, g, 4, **Caerwent (Ire)--Blue River (Fr)** (GSP-Fr), by **Riverman**. Longchamp, France, 6-1, Prix de Puteaux (Claimer), 10fT, 4yo, \$9,575 to winner. O/B-Wertheimer et Frere; T-Criquette Head. \*1/2 to **Rayon Bleu (Fr)** (Bellypha {Ire}), SW-Fr, \$121,822.  
**Genny Wren**, f, 4, **Trempolino--Attirance (Fr)** (SW & GSP-Fr), by **Crowned Prince**. Longchamp, France, 6-1, Prix du Club Galop (Handicap), 8fT, 4yo, \$26,810 to winner. O-Mme B Lynam; B-London Thoroughbred Services; T-John Hammond. \*\$27,000 yrl '93 KEESEP.  
**Relaunchrette**, g, 6, **Relaunch--Futurette (MSW)**, \$387,060, by **Sevastopol**. Chantilly, France, 6-2, Prix National Bank of Abu Dhabi, 8fT, 5yo/up, \$12,447 to winner. O-P Vallin; B-Huntington Stud Farm Inc; T-F Chappet. \*\$125,000 yrl '91 KEEJUL.

## AMERICAN-BRED WINNERS IN IRELAND:

**Sheffield**, f, 3, **Dayjur--Formidable Lady (MSW, MGSP)**, \$479,825, by **Silver Hawk**. Naas, Ireland, 6-1, Grange Con Race, 8fT, 3yo/up, \$6,410 to winner. O-Henryk de Kwiatkowski; B-Kennelot Stables Ltd; T-Jim Bolger. \*SP-Ire.  
**Equity Silver**, c, 3, **Silver Hawk--Normia (GB) (SP-Fr)**, by **Northfields**. Sligo, Ireland, 6-1, Strandhill Maiden, 11fT, 3yo/up, \$4,273 to winner. O-John D Gunther; B-Flaxman Holdings Ltd; T-Dermot Weld. \*\$150,000 yrl '94 KEESEP. \*\*1/2 to **Metamorphose (Lord Avie)**, GISW-U.S., SW & GSP-Fr, \$177,722; and **Norma (Procida)**, MSP, \$221,221.

## AMERICAN BRED WINNERS IN ENGLAND:

**Bewitching**, f, 3, **Imp Society--Mrs. Magnum**, by **Northjet (Ire)**. Leicester, England, 6-3, Silver Pheasant Fillies' Conditions S., 7f 9ydsT, 3yo, f, \$7,522 to the winner. O-P C J Dalby; B-B. Ned Jones & Dr. James R. Cook; T-James Toller.  
**Parsa**, f, 3, **Risen Star--Pallanza (MSP-Fr)**, by **Lyphard**. Leicester, England, 6-3, Old Dalby H., 10fT, 3yo, \$5,588 to the winner. O-Mrs. Brenda Gudgeon; B-Alec Head & Wertheimer et Frere; T-John Dunlop.  
**Gold Spats**, c, 3, **Seeking The Gold--Foot Stone (SW, GSP)**, \$119,300, by **Cyane**. Kempton Park, England, 6-1, Waterloo Maiden, 7fT, 3yo, \$5,878 to winner. O-Cheveley Park Stud; B-Christiana Stables; T-Michael Stoute. \*\$150,000 yrl '94 KEESEP. \*\*1/2 to **Open Toe (Proud Truth)**, MSW, GSP, \$203,602.

## Local News: France

**Sil Sila (Ire)** (Marju {Ire}), beaten a length and three-quarters when second behind Epsom Oaks hope **Magnificent Style** in the G3 Musidora S. at York last month, is reported in excellent form for next Sunday's G1 Prix de Diane (French Oaks) at Chantilly. Trainer Bryan Smart has never before had a runner in France, but is certain **Sil Sila** can improve on her latest performance. He explained: "She was just a little bit unlucky in running at York. And if she had finished, say, half a length behind **Magnificent Style**, everyone would have been suggesting that we supplemented her for Epsom. But the plan has always been to go to France."

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## STAKES RESULTS:

**NICK SHUK MEMORIAL S.**, \$39,650, DEL, 6-3, 3yo, 1mT, 1:36 4/5, fm.  
 1--#**BIG RUT**, 114, g, 3, **Kokand--Miss Baltimore**, by **Gun Bow**. O-Peters James W Jr; B-O H Wienges & Son (SC); T-Hamilton A Smith; J-L C Reynolds; \$22,890. Lifetime Record: 12-5-3-3, \$88,239.  
 2--**Von Groovey**, 115, c, 3, **Sword Dance (Ire)--Marilyn's Mystique**, by **Dearest Doctor**. \$7,630.  
 3--**Tricky River**, 120, c, 3, **Tricky Creek--Such a Nut**, by **Naskra**. (\$6,200 yrl '94 KEESEP; \$6,000 2yo 1995 FTMMAY). \$4,196.  
 Margins: 3/4, NK, 2HF. Odds: 9.20, 7.70, 2.70.

**ALLOWANCE RESULTS:**

4th-DEL, \$34,500, 4yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:10 4/5, ft.  
**WHITE CLIFFS** (f, 4, **Dover Ridge--Judge Supreme** {MSP}, by **Big Burn**) Lifetime Record: MSW, 19-10-4-2, \$245,243. O-Ralph O'Connor. B-Carol Ann Kaye (MD). T-Carlos Garcia.

2nd-DEL, \$27,500, 3yo/up, f/m, 8fT, 1:36, fm.  
**RACING STARFLIGHT** (f, 4, **Racing Star--Commercial Flight**, by **North Jet (Ire)**) Lifetime Record: SP, 16-4-2-1, \$46,565. O/T-Scott Peck. B-Farnsworth Farms (Fl). \*28-1 shot.

8th-APX, \$23,000, 3yo/up, f/m, 1m, 1:38 ft.  
**MY OWN LOVELY LEE** (f, 4, **Bucksplasher--Green Fossil**, by **Shecky Greene**) Lifetime Record: 10-4-1-1, \$70,699. O/B-Irish Acres Farm (Ill). B-Hickey P Noel.

9th-CRC, \$22,100, 3yo/up, 6½f, 1:17 1/5, ft.  
**THATS OUR BUCK** (h, 6, **Buckaroo--Native Fire Dance**, by **Raise a Native**) Lifetime Record: SW, 31-8-7-3, \$178,550. O-J & N Stables Inc. B-John Adams & Jack Berry (Fl). T-Jerry Paradise.

9th-APX, \$21,000, 3yo/up, 6f, 1:11 2/5, ft.  
**MR. GHOSTBUSTER** (g, 4, **Silver Ghost--Overdue**, by **Turn to Reason**) Lifetime Record: 12-3-0-4, \$39,610. O-W K Werner. B-Larry Johnson (Md). T-M W Johnson.

6th-APX, \$20,000, 3yo, 6f, 1:11 2/5, gd.  
**BYE BYE BOKER** (g, 3, **Matter Of Honor--Exquisitely**, by **Stage Door Johnny**) Lifetime Record: 5-2-2-0, \$26,200. O-Ran Ricks. B-R R Kennedy (Ont-C). T-S Hobby.

8th-PHA, \$20,000, 3yo/up, 6f, 1:09 3/5, ft.  
**CUESTA DEL NORTE** (g, 6, **Conquistador Cielo--Ball Gate** {Arg} {GSW-Arg, GSP-U.S.}, by **Snow Ball**) Lifetime Record: 37-7-4-2, \$95,804. O-Northcote Stable. B-Kenwood Stable II & Kennelot (Ky). T-D Dotolo.

7th-PHA, \$18,480, 3yo/up, f/m, 8.5fT, 1:43 4/5, fm.  
**GANZANIA** (m, 6, **Far Out East--Jane's Addition**, by **Fabled Monarch**) Lifetime Record: 39-8-6-1, \$114,713. O/T-H L Carroll. B-H. J. Hendricks & Roger Justice (KY).

**MAIDEN WINNERS:**

**Clever Matthew**, c, 2, **Clever Trick--Anarine**, by **Danzig**. PHA, 6-3, 4 1/2f, :52 1/5. B-W A Lofton (Ark).

**Explode n' Win**, g, 2, **Time to Explode--Goodbye Heart**, by **Tsunami Slew**. DEL, 6-3, 5f, :59 3/5. B-Gentry Bros (Ky). \*Won by 14. \*\*\$2,700 yrl '95 FTKOCT.

**Windward Dream**, f, 2, **Youmadeyourpoint--Truth Within**, by **Guilty Conscience**. SUF, 6-3, 2f, :22 3/5. B-Just the Beginning Fam & K Roberts (Ky). \*\$900 wnl '94 FTKNOV; \$1,200 yrl '95 FTKOCT.

+ **Really Sailing**, f, 3, **Coastal Voyage--Oh My Penny**, by **Oh My Windland**. CRC, 6-3, 5f, :58 1/5. B-Briarwood Farm (Fla). \*Won by 13 1/4 lengths.

+ **Classic Crusade**, f, 3, **Crusader Sword--Classy Lune**, by **Classic Trial**. FLX, (S), 6-3, 5 1/2f, 1:09. B-G Gray & H T Mangurian Jr. (NY).

**Nemsha**, f, 3, **Glomar--Bold Stunner**, by **Bold Forbes**. SUF, 6-3, 6f, 1:13 3/5. B-York Bloodstock Corp (Ma).

**Syl d'Or**, f, 3, **Tour d'Or--Sylfide**, by **Medieval Man**. CRC, 6-3, 9fT, 1:58. B-Jerry Cutrona Sr. (Fl). \*½ to **Bratt's Choice** (Tim Tam Aly), MSP, \$120,450.

**Sandy Gator**, f, 3, **Vicksburg--Lady Gator**, by **Singular**. SUF, 6-3, 1m (off turf), 1:43. B-F C McDonnell (Fla).

**1996 THOROUGHBRED RACING LEADERS**

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Jockeys	Mounts/Wins	Purses
*Jerry Bailey	530/144	\$9,423,457
*Gary Stevens	445/96	\$6,550,090
*Chris McCarron	389/79	\$5,697,322
Pat Day	632/128	\$5,649,224
Shane Sellers	736/159	\$4,886,732
Corey Nakatani	466/104	\$4,864,259
Mike Smith	556/104	\$4,770,424
Alex Solis	605/97	\$4,271,304
Eddie Delahoussaye	452/71	\$4,140,380
*Jorge Chavez	631/119	\$3,732,210

\*Includes Dubai statistics.

Trainers	Starts/Wins	Purses
*William Mott	299/77	\$6,848,955
D. Wayne Lukas	375/64	\$5,173,339
*Richard Mandella	149/40	\$3,164,571
Jerry Hollendorfer	381/99	\$2,264,396
Ron McAnally	169/30	\$2,245,008
Robert Frankel	122/31	\$2,233,402
Claude McLaughy	133/36	\$2,206,320
Bob Baffert	132/32	\$2,110,410
Nick Zito	157/33	\$1,995,602
Gasper Moschera	255/43	\$1,728,130

\*Includes Dubai World Cup statistics.

Horses	Starts/Wins	Purses
*Cigar	2/2	\$2,980,000
Grindstone	4/2	\$1,201,000
Cavonnier	5/2	\$ 949,240
*Soul Of The Matter	2/0	\$ 860,000
Mr Purple	4/1	\$ 702,000
Unbridled's Song	5/2	\$ 685,000
Louis Quatorze	6/3	\$ 661,120
Honour and Glory	6/3	\$ 646,350
Skip Away	6/2	\$ 640,820
Geri	5/4	\$ 595,200

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## A BELMONT "FLAG" SHIP

by *Bill Leggett*

There will be no way of telling how many thoughtful racing people will either drop by or give a good-luck wave to the folks in Barn 20 on the Belmont backstretch this week.

That's the barn, of course, that houses Ogden Phipps's My Flag, the filly that will be making a run at the 128th Belmont Stakes Saturday. Unlike the Kentucky Derby and Preakness, both of which have had three filly winners, the Belmont has had a mere two--only one in the last 127 years and none whatsoever in 91.

So the eerie shadows of significant history are present and the strong echoes of tradition can be heard through the corridors of time. My Flag, as the saying goes, "Ain't no Badge Horse." Her starting is far, far from the case of an owner or trainer trying to get their pictures in the papers or using up sound-bites. This is Ogden Phipps and Claude R. (Shug) McGaughey III, and they do not follow around many empty wagons.

My Flag is a brilliantly bred filly and the second most popular horse in New York only because Cigar rooms there. She goes into the Belmont off what most people would consider a disheartening fifth-place finish in the six-filly Kentucky Oaks at Churchill Downs.

But there are few people as aware of the trends of racing as Shug McGaughey. He has noticed that Louis Quatorze rebounded from a 16th-place Derby finish to win the Preakness; watched Clear Mandate go from a lousy race at Churchill into the winner's circle in the GI Shuvee; and read that Antepend came off a fourth-place Kentucky Oaks finish to win the Honeymoon at Hollywood Park.

McGaughey was a top trainer at Churchill before he took the job with the Phipps stable, so he knows full well that Churchill can fool a lot of people. My Flag, of course, is by Easy Goer and he detested Churchill Downs, losing twice there. Personal Ensign, My Flag's dam, had trouble getting untracked at Churchill before she barely wore down Winning Colors in the Breeders' Cup Distaff in 1988.

My Flag won last year's Breeders' Cup Juvenile at Belmont Park, picking up opponents in rapid succession from the quarter pole on in. Just in case you may have forgotten it, Easy Goer was 8-for-10 at Belmont Park and Personal Ensign was 10-for-10. Easy Goer won the 1989 Belmont, the last starter Team Phipps has had in the event.

Winning Colors (1988) and Genuine Risk (1980) were the most recent fillies to try the Belmont, and both came in as Kentucky Derby winners and Preakness participants.

Obviously, My Flag has not been on the Triple Crown circuit. The last filly to run in the Belmont without having gone in either the Preakness or Derby was Riverina 42 years ago. She was owned by the King Ranch and had won the Acorn and was third in the Mother Goose. Her job was to carry the target for the stable's High Gun, who eventually won.

The very first Belmont in 1867 was won by Frank Morris's Ruthless, by Eclipse from Barbarity. In addition to Ruthless (1864), Barbarity also produced excellent subsequent fillies named Relentless (1865), Remorseless (1867), Regardless (1871) and Merciless (1873), but Hall of Famer Ruthless was the best of the bunch. Her Belmont was run at Jerome Park over a course "shaped like a peanut." The hopes were to run it at 1 ½ miles, but there was a hill in the middle of Jerome Park and so it went at 1 5/8 miles.

Ruthless was a New York-bred and 7-for-11 with four seconds. Unfortunately, she never had a chance to reproduce her success in the breeding shed--she was bred back to her own sire and produced a deformed colt, and was later mistaken for a deer and gunned down by a hunter. She fought off death for five weeks before succumbing.

Tanya, the most recent filly to win the Belmont, did so in 1905, the year that Belmont Park was opened. She was owned by W. P. Whitney, who died before seeing her under his colors. She raced for Harry Payne Whitney and won the Hopeful against colts as a two-year-old. Her Belmont victory was the only one she had in 1905.

What Tanya did though, put a major idea in Mr. Whitney's mind. A decade later, another filly came along. She was the iron fist in the velvet glove and Whitney sent her out against colts in her only three races at two, the last of those being the Hopeful. She won them all and in her next start, the 1915 Kentucky Derby, she became the most famous filly of all time. Her name was Regret.

The rarity of what Team Phipps will be doing this Saturday is seen in the following statistics; 33 fillies have run in the Derby; 50 in Preakness and a mere 19 in the Belmont.

Perhaps as many as 14 will start in the Belmont Stakes. "At Belmont Park," trainer Shug McGaughey says, "a lot of times with a horse that gets as far back as she does, in a short field that horse can get lost back there. A big field will probably help her. There will be a lot of things going on."

And My Flag will be one of the main things.