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### OJC ACCEPTS MEDIATOR'S RECOMMENDATION

The Ontario Jockey Club yesterday accepted the recommendation of Ontario Ministry of Labour mediator Robert Pryor to settle the labor dispute with its mutual clerks, who are represented by Local 528 of the Service Employees International Union. While the OJC said it has reservations regarding some of the terms Mr. Pryor recommended, the Company believes that an early resolution of the dispute is in the best interests of its customers, employees, horse people and the horse racing industry in general. Furthermore, the OJC said it recognizes the absolute necessity for a settlement in order to retain the Breeders' Cup Championship event at Woodbine Racetrack in 1996. Breeders' Cup XIII is scheduled for Oct. 26 and is projected to inject some \$40 million into the economy of the city of Toronto. The OJC stated that it is very encouraged by statements attributed to Ontario Federation of Labour President Gord Wilson that, upon a settlement of the labor dispute, the Breeders' Cup will be able to proceed peacefully that weekend. The OJC also said it is hopeful that its mutual clerks will soon vote in favor of Mr. Pryor's recommendation.

**HOLLYWOOD PARK CUTS PURSES** Hollywood Park's overnight purses were slashed by eight percent Sunday, following a month of mutual handle returns that were lower than anticipated. The purse cuts will go into effect today, reducing the purse distribution for today's nine-race card from \$226,000 to \$208,000. Through Saturday, average on-track attendance and handle were down from last year. The average attendance of 11,459 was down 5.2 percent, while the daily average on-track handle of \$2,374,150 was down 11.5 percent. Hollywood Park General Manager Eual Wyatt Jr. told the *Daily Racing Form* that purses had been overpaid by approximately \$450,000 to \$500,000 since the April 26 start of the meeting, or \$70,000 to \$80,000 per week. "We tried to guess what our stakes purses could be and we were a little over optimistic," Wyatt told the *Form*. "We're up overall, but our on-track is down and that's where we get most of our revenue." There is a possibility that several upcoming stakes could also receive purse cuts, but none have yet been announced.

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## T • R • I • P • L • E T H R E A T S

Saturday, Belmont Park:

**BELMONT S.-GI, \$500,000a, 3yo, 1 1/2m**

**ROCKET FLASH JOINS FIELD** The Belmont S. field swelled to a possible 16 Tuesday after trainer Bill Mott informed New York Racing Association stakes coordinator Bill Keen that Calumet Farms' **Rocket Flash** (Cox's Ridge) will be entered in the race. In his last two starts, Rocket Flash won a maiden special weight at Aqueduct and a Belmont allowance, both at 1 1/8-miles.

**SOUTH SALEM TOURS BELMONT TRACK** British runner **South Salem** (Salem Drive) took a tour of Belmont's 1 1/2-mile track Tuesday, jogging and walking over the sloppy surface after arriving from two days of quarantine at Aqueduct. The colt, bred and owned by Virginia Kraft Payson, arrived from England early Sunday. He will be ridden in the Belmont S. by Julie Krone. Rick Bowman, assistant to trainer David Loder, said, "The reason we're here is because your top bracket of horses has been decimated. He's not top bracket, but we think he's on a par with My Memoirs and Go and Go." Go and Go won the 1990 Belmont S. and My Memoirs finished second to A.P. Indy in 1992.

**IN CONTENTION BREEZES AT MONMOUTH** Trainer Walter Reese said **In Contention** (Devil's Bag) remains a strong prospect for the Belmont S. The Kentucky-bred, 15th in the Kentucky Derby and sixth in the Preakness, breezed five furlongs in 1:02 over a sloppy Monmouth Park track Monday, and came out of the work in good shape, according to Reese. Reese said, "We've gone this far with the Triple Crown, so we'll give this another shot."

### STAKES CLOSINGS

**TODAY, WEDNESDAY, JUNE 5:**

- 6-16 \$200,000 **Golden Gate H.-GI, GG, 3yo/up, 11fT (\$200)**
- 6-16 \$600/100,000 **Shoemaker Breeders' Cup Mile-GII, Hol, 3yo/up, 8fT (\$25,000s)**
- 6-30 \$200,000 **Arlington Classic-GII, AP, 3yo, 9fT (\$500)**

**TOMORROW, THURSDAY, JUNE 6:**

- 6-8 \$500,000a **Belmont S.-GI, Bel, 3yo, 12f (\$50,000s)**
- 6-8 \$200,000 **Early Times Manhattan-GI, Bel, 3yo/up, 10fT (\$2,500s)**





**News Continued.**

**CIGAR UPDATE** Yesterday morning brought no change in the condition of **Cigar** (Palace Music), who is undergoing treatment for a bruised right front foot, leaving trainer Bill Mott to speculate on whether or not the six-year-old will be able to make the June 30 \$1 million Hollywood Gold Cup. "Everything is on hold," said Mott. "There are no plans. We were under the gun to make Dubai and I don't want to feel I have to be under the gun to make Hollywood Park." Mott said the problem was first detected in the hoof two weeks ago, when a thin, dark line became visible. "I was ready to pull the plug on the race if we had to two hours before the race," said Mott. "But I knew if we got beat, it wasn't going to be the foot. When he got off the van he was sensitive and before the day was out we had him in Epsom salts." Mott said possible scenarios include skipping the Gold Cup and running in the July 4 \$500,000 Suburban H. at Belmont or the Aug. 10 \$1 million Pacific Classic at Del Mar. "Another four or five days can be meaningful in a case like this," said Mott. "But it might be difficult to convince Mr. Paulson to run five days later for half the money (in the Suburban)." Cigar walked the shedrow at Belmont yesterday morning.

**FASIG-TIPTON EXPANDS SELECTED SUMMER YEARLING SALE TO TWO DAYS**

Fasig-Tipton Kentucky will catalogue 427 yearlings for its 1996 Selected Summer Yearling Sale at Newtown Paddocks in Lexington, Kentucky July 17 and 18. The 1996 catalogue--up from 246 yearlings last year--represents the largest number of yearlings offered in this sale since 1985. "This substantial increase in numbers is a very positive reflection by consignors of the progress our July yearling sale has made over the past few years," said Fasig-Tipton's President Walt Robertson. "We have maintained our selection criteria, both on pedigree and conformational standards. Buyers will find more of the type of yearlings that they have had to wait for until the Fall sales, the types that have gone on to sell well at the two-year-old sales and have made a name for this sale at the racetrack. This support allows us to go two days this year, a goal we had not expected to attain for a year or two more. We will now sell Wednesday, July 17 and Thursday, July 18, with two continuous sessions beginning at 11 a.m." The sale will open with 125 yearlings in the New Sire Showcase, featuring offspring of first and second-crop stallions. Catalogues will be available from all Fasig-Tipton offices beginning June 17.

**BOSRA SHAM TO MISS ROYAL ASCOT**

Newmarket trainer Henry Cecil has abandoned his race against time to have British 1000 Guineas heroine **Bosra Sham** (Woodman) ready to run for the G1 Coronation S. at Royal Ascot June 19. Cecil successfully nursed the filly to her Classic victory following an injury which threatened her participation until the morning of the race. But, despite heroic efforts from his veterinary team and the stable's blacksmith, Cecil has decided to wait until July until bringing **Bosra Sham** back to the track. "She's all right," said Cecil. "But we haven't got enough time to get her ready for the Coronation. She is more likely to wait for the Sussex S. at Goodwood." **Bosra Sham**, whose 1000 Guineas win was given a great form boost by the victory of runner-up **Matiya (Ire)** (Alzao) in the Irish equivalent, returned to her box bleeding and very sore after her Classic success. She has now recovered enough to begin ridden exercise again.

**RAGMAR TO SAINT-CLOUD**

**Ragmar (Fr)** (Tropular {GB}), winner of Sunday's G1 Prix du Jockey Club (French Derby) at Chantilly, is likely to have his next start in the G1 Grand Prix de Saint-Cloud June 30. Pascal Bary, who trains the three-year-old colt for owner Jean-Louis Bouchard, has named the mile-and-a-half contest as **Ragmar's** preferred port-of-call over the Irish Derby the same afternoon. "Ragmar has had a hard race, but he is in good shape," said Bary. "He will run at Saint-Cloud if he stays in good form and then be given a rest before his Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe preparation. His prep-race would probably be in the Prix Niel (Group 2) at Longchamp in September."

**NEW JOCKEY FOR HELISSIO** Cash Asmussen has been asked to replace Dominique Boeuf as the rider of **Helissio (Fr)** (Fairy King) following the colt's disappointing display in Sunday's Prix du Jockey Club at Chantilly. Boeuf lost the ride because owner Enrique Sarasola believes he failed to give **Helissio** the best possible chance by fighting the colt while he was pulling hard over the first mile. Asmussen is likely to be in the saddle when **Helissio** has his next outing in the G1 Grand Prix de Paris at Longchamp June 23. **Helissio** was unbeaten before the weekend but could finish no closer than fifth Sunday. "There is no way Dominique will be riding for us again," said Bruno Ridoux, racing manager to Sarasola. "It's a shame but you can't ride like an apprentice." Whoever partners him, Sarasola's colt is unlikely to have things all his own way in the Grand Prix. **Le Triton** (El Gran Senor), winner of Sunday's G1 Prix Jean Prat, could also take in the 10-furlong contest.

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## News Continued.

**SELLERS REMAINS IN HOSPITAL** Shane Sellers remains in Louisville's Jewish Hospital for observation after a spill at Churchill Downs Sunday. The 29-year-old jockey, who underwent successful surgery Sunday night to repair a fractured bone in his right wrist, had been scheduled to be released Monday afternoon. "They kept him another night," said Sellers' agent Ronnie Ebanks. "He didn't have a very good day at all (Monday). I don't know if it's the pain or some effects from the concussion. The neurologist is supposed to look at him sometime today and then we'll know more."

**SWINBURN READY FOR COMEBACK** Walter Swinburn, the three-time Epsom Derby winning jockey who was seriously injured when taking a fall at Hong Kong's Sha Tin Racecourse in February, is planning to be back riding work before the end of this week. The 34-year-old rider returned from a short break in the Caribbean Monday and immediately began his horseback rehabilitation with a gentle walk on the roads near Newmarket. Now he will steadily step up the pace and is insisting, "I wouldn't dismiss riding work by the end of the week." Swinburn has high hopes of being ready for Royal Ascot later this month. "I'm taking it day-by-day," he added, "but there's definitely light at the end of the tunnel and I would like to return to riding sometime in June. I can't set a definite date on it. I've got to prove my fitness first."

## ◆ PREVIEW ◆

Sunday, Chantilly, France:

**PRIX DE DIANE HERMES (FRENCH OAKS)-G1, 3yo, f, 10 1/2fT**

After Tuesday's first forfeit stage, 21 fillies remained eligible for this Sunday's French Oaks. The probable starters are: **Khalisa (Ire)** (Persian Bold {Ire}), **Altamura** (El Gran Senor), **Sil Sila (Ire)** (Marju {Ire}), **Hathor Eria (Fr)** (Legend of France), **Wedding Gift (Fr)** (Always Fair), **Shemozzle (Ire)** (Shirley Heights {GB}), **Whenby** (Bering {GB}), **A Votre Sante** (Irish River {Fr}), **Luna Wells (Ire)** (Sadler's Wells), **Restless Mixa, Melina Mou (Ire)** (Persian Bold {Ire}), **Dance Design (Ire)** (Sadler's Wells), **Averring** (Alleged), **Mezzogiorno, Solar Crystal (Ire)** (Alzaio), **Miss Tahiti (Ire)** (Tirol {Ire}) and **Sangria** (El Gran Senor). Four fillies who were kept eligible but almost certainly will not run are: **Occupandiste (Ire)** (Kaldoun {Fr}), **Pricket** (Diesis {GB}), **Bint Salsabil** (Nashwan) and **Shake The Yoke** (GB) (Caerleon).

## ◆ EAST ◆

Yesterday's Result:

**8th-PIM, \$22,800, 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:10 1/5, ft.**  
**SPECIAL MOVES** (f, 4, **Forty Niner--So Cozy {SW}**, by **Lyphard**), a \$72,000 Kee. Sept. yearling, is 1/2-sister to Saudi Arabia (Arctic Tern), GSP-Ity, \$104,574; Consent (Clever Trick), MSW, \$200,091; and Special Alert (Gulch), MSW, \$177,157. The chestnut filly had recorded two wins from her only two prior starts, both last October. Returning from a seven-month layoff as the 3-2 favorite, she kept her perfect record intact with a wire-to-wire, three-length victory. Lifetime Record: 3-3-0-0, \$33,297.  
 O-William S. Farish III. B-W.S. Farish & W.S. Kilroy (KY).  
 T-Eugene E. Weymouth.

Local News, Philadelphia Park:

The Philadelphia Park Board of Stewards served trainer David Monaci with a four-year suspension and a \$1,000 fine after his horse, **Accession** (Aloma's Ruler), tested positive for Etorphine or "Elephant Juice." Accession finished first in the eighth race at Philadelphia Park March 18. Monaci's suspension will run from June 13, 1996 through June 12, 2000.

## ◆ NEW YORK ◆

Local News, Belmont Park:

In celebration of Belmont Stakes Week, the New York chapter of the Jockeys' Guild is teaming up with Esposito's Tavern to stage a benefit for the Disabled Riders' Fund. The event takes place after today's races between 6 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. The top jockeys of New York's riding colony will be available to have their pictures taken with fans for donations of \$5 each. As an added attraction, "Cigar" hats, signed by jockey Jerry Bailey and trainer Bill Mott, will be auctioned off as well as other racing memorabilia. Further inquiries can be made by calling Esposito's at (516) 354-9546.

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### BREEDERS' CUP NATIONAL STAKES RACE CLOSINGS



<u>CLOSES</u>	<u>TRACK</u>	<u>RACE</u>	<u>CONDITIONS</u>	<u>PURSE</u>	<u>RUNS</u>
6/15	CD	FIRECRACKER BC-GIII	3yo/up, 8fT	\$175K	6/30
6/16	Cby	LADY CANTERBURY BC H.	3yo/up, f/m, 8fT	\$150K	6/30

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## ◆ FOREIGN ◆

### AMERICAN-BRED WINNERS IN ENGLAND:

**Skillington**, c, 3, **Danzig**--Annie Edge (Ire) (MGSW-N.A., SW-Eng, GISP-Ire, \$270,343), by Nebbiolo (GB).

Pontefract, 6-4, Ropergate Maiden (Div 2), 10fT, 3yo, \$4,799 to winner. O/B-George Strawbridge Jr; T-Ian Balding. \*1/2 to Selkirk (Hwt at 3 in Eng 7-9.5f, Hwt Older Horse in Eng & Fr 7-9.5f, G1SW-Eng, \$852,872, by Sharpen Up {GB}) and Rory Creek (GIII, \$90,290, by Silver Hawk).

**Diminutive**, c, 3, **Diesis** (GB)--Graceful Darby (MGSW, \$418,387), by Darby Creek Road. Thirsk, 6-3, Sproxton Maiden, 3yo/up, 8fT, \$5,734 to winner. O-Gainsbury Partnership; B-James W and Mrs. Phillips; T-John Hills. \*\$24,000 yrl '94 KESESEP.

**Orinoco River**, c, 3, **El Gran Senor**--Miss Lilian (Ire) (SW-Ire), by Sandford Lad (Ire). Pontefract, 6-4, Ironbridge H., 12fT, 3yo, \$6,064 to winner. O-Robert Sangster; B-Poole Investments; T-Peter Chapple-Hyam.

**Ambassador**, c, 3, **Hansel**--Taba (Arg) (Ch. 2yo filly-Arg, G3-Arg), by Table Play. Pontefract, 6-4, Ropergate Maiden (Div 1), 10fT, 3yo, \$4,825 to winner. O-Sheikh Maktoum al Maktoum; B-John R. Gaines; T-Barry Hills. \*1/2 to Turkoman (Ch. Older Horse, MGI, \$2,146,924, by Alydar), Slow Fuse (SW, \$252,333, by Fluorescent Light) and Red Star (SP, \$126,300, by Relaunch). \*\*\$250,000 wnlg '93 KEENOV.

**Stoney End**, g, 3, **High Brite**--Cranareen (SW), by Nice Dancer. Brighton, 6-4, Moulsecoomb Median Auction Maiden S., 6fT, 3yo, \$4,639 to winner. O-Martin Myers; B-Bud Boschert's Stables Inc; T-Mick Channon. \*\$35,000 yrlg '94 KESESEP.

**Dark Deed**, f, 3, **Known Fact**--Sin Lucha, by Northfields. Pontefract, 6-4, Ferrybridge Flyers' Maiden, 6fT, 3yo/up, \$5,487 to winner. O-K. Abdullah; B-Juddmonte Farms; T-Barry Hills.

**Alamein**, g, 3, **Roi Danzig**--Pollination (Ire), by Pentotal. Thirsk, 6-3, Bedale Limited S., 3yo, 7fT, \$5,459 to winner. O-Henryk de Kwiatkowski; B-Kennelot Stables Ltd; T-William Haggas.

**Gold Disc**, c, 3, **Slew o'Gold**--Singing, by The Minstrel. Pontefract, 6-4, Kalamazoo G.M.S. Security Ticket H., 10fT, 3yo, \$9,308 to winner. O-K. Abdullah; B-Juddmonte Farms; T-Barry Hills.

**Roman Reel**, g, 5, **Sword Dance** (Ire)--Our Mimi, by Believe It. Brighton, 6-4, Hove Claiming S., 10fT, 3yo/up, \$3,598 to winner. O-Ken Higson; B-Dorothy Price, Jackie Ward Ramos & Ken Higdon; T-Gary Moore. \*SP-Ger.

**Noeprob**, m, 6, **Majestic Shore**--Heat Haze, by Jungle Savage. Windsor, 6-3, Barclays Bank Selling S., 3yo/up, 8f67ydsT, \$3,841 to winner. O-Mrs. P A Bradshaw; B-Charles Cyzer; T-Ron Hodges.

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.

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### STAKES RESULT:

**LITTLE SUCKER S.**, \$25,250, Fairmount Park, 6-4, (S), 3yo, f, 6f, 1:13 3/5, ft.

1--#**SLUMGULLION**, f, 3, **Conquistador Cielo**--**Storming Lass**, by Storm Bird. O/B-David & Patricia Block (II); T-Chris Block; J-R J Albarado; \$15,150. Lifetime Record: 8-3-3-1, \$80,193.

2--**Impulsive Spender**, f, 3, **Majesty's Imp**--**Mind Over Money**, by Raja Baba. \$5,050

3--**Smilla**, f, 3, **Far North**--**Susem**, by Muttering. (\$2,200 yrl '94 FTKOCT). \$2,525.

Margins: 1/2, 3/4, NK. Odds: 1.60, 1.00, 7.10.

### ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

**8th-DEL**, \$29,600, 3yo/up, 1 1/16mT, 1:41 1/5, fm. **BULL FIDDLE** (c, 4, **Dixieland Band**--**Chasuble** {SW}, by King's Bishop) Lifetime Record: 15-4-1-3, \$65,662. O/B-Bayard A. Sharp (KY). T-Michael Cotero. \*1/2 to Baron de Vaux (Val de l'orne), MSW, \$884,375

**6th-MTH**, \$27,500, (S), 3yo/up, 6f, 1:11 1/5, ft. **DOCTOR WAK** (g, 3, **Evening Kris**--**Sabatoge** {MSW}, by Pappa Steve) Lifetime Record: 5-3-0-0, \$43,210. O/B-William A. Keegan Jr. (NJ). T-Charles A. Carey.

**7th-MTH**, \$27,500, (S), 3yo/up, 1m, 1:41 3/5, ft. **NASHUA NORTH** (g, 4, **Norquestor**--**Empress Wings**, by Noble Nashua) Lifetime Record: 16-2-4-1, \$58,362. O/B-William C. Day (NJ). T-Debra Sones.

**6th-PIM**, \$26,400, 3yo/up, 5 1/2f, 1:03 2/5, ft. **ACHIEVE** (c, 4, **Waquoit**--**Dawn of Reason**, by Seattle Slew) Lifetime Record: 12-5-2-2, \$77,435. O-Bohemia Stable. B-Mrs. Richard C. DuPont (MD). T-Barclay Tagg.

**7th-DEL**, \$25,300, 3yo, 6f, 1:11 1/5, ft. **ISLAND EMPEROR** (c, 3, **Island Whirl**--**Alizea**, by Premiership) Lifetime Record: 3-3-0-0, \$32,400. O-Stefanie Zafolas. B-Donna M. Wormser, Inc. (FL). T-Emmanuel Tzortzakakis.

**9th-MTH**, \$22,000, 3yo/up, f/m, 1m (off turf), 1:41 3/5, ft.

**MISS LYNN** (f, 3, **Woodman**--**Lisaleen** {GSP-Ire}, by Northern Dancer) Lifetime Record: 8-2-1-0, \$36,285. O-N. Lester & Newbyth Stud Farm. B-Skara Glen Stables (KY). T-D. Wayne Lukas.

**8th-PHA**, \$21,825, 3yo/up, 6f, 1:10 4/5, ft. **DIXIELAND MUSIC** (g, 7, **Dixieland Band**--**Illiterate** {MGSW, \$229,303}, by Arts and Letters) Lifetime Record: 70-8-9-7, \$139,690. O-Juan Serey. B-Southeast Associates (PA). T-Eduardo E. Rojas. \*1/2 to Starsawhirl (Star de Naskra), MSP, \$246,399; Alphabet Soup (Cozzene), MGSW, \$706,876.



7th-PIM, \$20,500, 3yo/up, 1 1/16mT, 1:45 4/5, fm.  
**ROMAN RATING** (c, 4, Roman Diplomat--Jet Rating  
 {MGSP}, by Tri Jet) Lifetime Record: 21-3-2-2,  
 \$48,280. O-Lakeville Stables. B-Fred W. Hooper (FL).  
 T-King T. Leatherbury.

3rd-PIM, \$19,000, 3yo/up, 1 3/8mT, 2:22 1/5, fm.  
**EASY WONDER** (g, 3, Caveat--Hillsham, by Sham) Life-  
 time Record: 14-2-1-5, \$42,403. O-Barrauda Stable. B-  
 Ryver Meadow Farm (MD). T-Leslie Glazier.

#### MAIDEN WINNERS:

**King Buck**, c, 2, King's Nest--Luxurious Gal, Buckpasser.  
 MTH, 6-4, 5f, :59. B-Glade Valley Farms (Md). \* 1/2 to  
 Major Lux (Majestic Light), MSW, \$159,667.

**Midnight Train**, f, 3, Red Ransom--Emmic (SP), by  
 Czaravich. MTH, 6-4, (S), 6f, 1:11 4/5. B-Ocean View  
 Stables (Nj).

**Sad Refrain**, f, 3, Smarten--Lonely Balladier (MSW,  
 \$188,877), by Northern Fling. PHA, 6-4, a1m70ydT,  
 1:42 4/5. B-William L. Pape & Jonathan E. Sheppard  
 (Pa).

**Ultra Lily**, f, 3, Take the Plunge--Presqu'ile Lass, by  
 Caveat. PIM, 6-4, 1 1/16m, 1:46 1/5. B-Wyecliff  
 Farm (Md).

### WEEKEND PEDIGREE PERSPECTIVES

by: Alan Porter, Highflyer International

#### *TINNERS WAY (h, 6, Secretariat--Devon Diva, by The Minstrel)*

Winner of Sunday's Californian Stakes (GI) on his  
 seasonal debut, Tinners Way continues to write a  
 lengthy and rather glorious closing chapter to the  
 story of Secretariat as a sire of racehorses.

Secretariat's legendary status was combined with  
 an air of mystique and paradox. A massively powerful  
 chestnut, he bore no resemblance to his sire or dam,  
 and, although he had the appearance of a sprinter, he  
 produced his most devastating performance--perhaps  
 the most devastating performance ever seen on a  
 racecourse--when winning the Belmont S. at a mile  
 and a half.

His lack of resemblance to sire or dam, and tremen-  
 dous staying ability, were both reflections of his pedi-  
 gree, which was a complete outcross at five genera-  
 tions (the nearest duplication was a 6x5 cross of  
 Polymelus). That Secretariat's ability was derived  
 from a "genetic strength"--a build-up of related  
 ancestors--in the deep removes of his background is  
 reflected in his lack of physical similarity to his par-  
 ents, his physique being derived from a more distant  
 ancestor or combination of ancestors. Experience has  
 also led us to note that a high-class runner with a  
 very outcrossed pedigree will often excel at distances  
 in excess of those suggested by an orthodox interpre-  
 tation of his or her breeding.

This type of pedigree makes prediction as to how a  
 stallion might work at stud much more of a hit and

miss affair. In Secretariat's case, the difficulty was  
 compounded by the fact that his sire Bold Ruler and  
 his dam, Somethingroyal, were both complete out-  
 crosses at four generations: our subjective experience  
 is that outcrossed sons of outcrossed parents fre-  
 quently struggle at stud.

Of course Secretariat was by no means a failure,  
 and Tinners Way is one of 54 stakes winners to repre-  
 sent him. It is interesting to note that just as Secretar-  
 iat took after neither his sire or dam, there is a consid-  
 erable divergence in type amongst the best of some  
 of his own offspring, for example General Assembly,  
 a chestnut very much in the mold of his sire; Risen  
 Star, a lean, tall, dark bay; and Lady's Secret, a small-  
 ish muscular gray.

If not destined to become an outstanding sire, Sec-  
 retariat certainly possessed the credentials to become  
 an outstanding broodmare sire--the ability to run long,  
 an outstanding producing dam from a top family, and,  
 of course, a legion of daughters which themselves  
 were from blue-blooded female lines. The result is  
 that Secretariat's daughters have already produced  
 more than 83 stakes winners, and since these include  
 the sires Storm Cat, Gone West, Chief's Crown, A.P.  
 Indy, Summer Squall and Dehere, it is clear that  
 Secretariat's future impact on the breed is potentially  
 immense.

#### PEDIGREE SHORTS...

It was an excellent weekend for horses carrying  
 duplications of Northern Dancer's granddam  
 Almahmoud. Stakes winners with that cross included  
 Rahy's daughters Exotic Wood and Serena's Song;  
 Sinyar (see below); Hay Hanne (Hay Halo--Happy  
 Hanne, by Circle Home)--who is actually inbred to  
 Almahmoud's daughter Cosmah; Starquestor  
 (Norquestor--Klompfen, by Halo); Air Bag (Devil's Bag--  
 Lady Hardwick, by Nijinsky II); and the Japanese  
 graded scorer Marvelous Sunday (Sunday Silence--  
 Memiji Dancer, by Viceregal)--quite a haul! Note that  
 Halo appears in every single one of these, and that all  
 but one have Northern Dancer and Halo combined.

While making no claims to a prophetic gift, we were  
 pleased to see a couple of crosses which we had  
 pinpointed in early notes score again at the weekend.  
 One was the success of Machiavellian with mares  
 carrying Northern Dancer, and particularly with daugh-  
 ters of Be My Guest. At the weekend, **Sinyar (Ire)**  
**(c, 4, Machiavellian--Place of Honour {GB} {Be My**  
**Guest})** took the G3 Badener Meile in Germany and,  
 in doing so, became the 12th stakes winner for Ma-  
 chiavellian and the fourth out of a Be My Guest mare.  
 The affinity mentioned was that of Riverman and  
 Nureyev, and that was represented at the weekend  
 by **Android (c, 3, Riverman--Action Francaise**  
**{Nureyev})**.

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