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ELLIS PARK OPENS WITH RECORD NUMBERS

Ellis Park in Henderson, Kentucky had a record-breaking opening weekend over the July 4 holiday. Attendance was up 18.2 percent, on-track handle on the Ellis race card increased 42.5 percent and total handle from all sources soared 196 percent. Attention was focused on Ellis Park's opening because it was the first track on the Kentucky circuit to conduct live racing in direct competition with a riverboat casino so close to home. A casino which opened in December operates three miles away in Evansville, Indiana; since its opening, Ellis Park's simulcast handle had seen decreases ranging from eight to 20 percent. "The fact that attendance and the amount wagered on-track are up is significant in light of the casino competition," said Ellis General Manager Richard T. Schnaars. "We at Ellis Park and the Kentucky Horsemen's Benevolent and Protective Association have worked diligently to overcome the effects of the casino. The quality of racing put on by those horsemen who stable and race here is a testament to their hard work and their dedication to the sport."

ALHAARTH FOR GOODWOOD Alhaarth (Ire)

(Unfuwain), very disappointing when only ninth behind Zagreb (Theatrical {Ire}) in the Irish Derby at The Curragh nine days ago, is all set to revert to a mile next time out and connections have pencilled in Goodwood's G1 Sussex S. July 31 for last year's European champion juvenile. Angus Gold, racing manager to the colt's owner Hamdan Al Maktoum, said: "It looks as if the Sussex will be Alhaarth's next race. He has come out of the Irish Derby very well, but we're all agreed he didn't stay at The Curragh." Alhaarth, who earned his place at the head of the juvenile pecking order by scoring an impressive win in the Dewhurst S. at Newmarket last October, finished a close fifth to Shaamit (Ire) (Mtoto {GB}) in the Epsom Derby prior to his flop in Ireland and was fitted with blinkers when taking on Zagreb. But no decision has yet been made as to whether he will wear them again when he races back over a mile.

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Today, Newmarket, England

PRINCESS OF WALES'S S.-G2, \$77,845, 3yo/up, 12fT

The field, in post position order, will be:

Starter (Sire)	Trainer	Jockey
Annus Mirabilis (Fr) (Warning {GB})	bin Suroor	Reid
Lear White (Lear Fan)	Kelleway	Fallon
Singspiel (Ire) (In The Wings {GB})	Stoute	Kinane
Punishment (GB) (Midyan)	Brittain	Doyle
Bequeath (GB) (Rainbow Quest)	Cecil	Eddery
Posidonas (GB) (Slip Anchor {GB})	Cole	Quinn
Wayne County (Ire) (Sadler's Wells)	Akehurst	Sanders
Astor Place (Ire) (Sadler's Wells)	Chapple-Hyam	Carson
Midnight Legend (GB) (Night Shift)	Cumani	Weaver

All carry 128 pounds except for Astor Place, 115; and Posidonas, 133.

Singspiel (Ire), a late defector from last Saturday's G1 Eclipse S., takes a drop in grade to come here. The Michael Stoute trainee seems sure to top the betting market as he was only a neck behind dual Eclipse winner Halling a year ago and is once again in excellent form.

HILLSDOWN CHERRY HINTON S.-G2, \$52,886a, 2yo, f, 6fT

The field, in order of the draw, will be:

STARTER (SIRE)	TRAINER	JOCKEY
Connemara (Ire) (Mujadil)	Dwyer	Weaver
Ocean Ridge (Storm Bird)	Chapple-Hyam	Reid
Dazzle (GB) (Gone West)	Stoute	Fallon
Eye Shadow (GB) (Mujtahid)	Meehan	Tebbutt
Lycility (Ire) (Lycius)	Brittain	Doyle
Well Warned (GB) (Warning {GB})	B W Hills	Eddery
Khassah (GB) (Green Desert)	Gosden	Carson
Dame Laura (Ire) (Royal Academy)	Cole	Quinn
Rich In Love (Ire) (Alzao)	Cyzer	Roberts

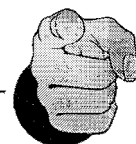
All carry 121 pounds.

Dame Laura (Ire) and Connemara (Ire), second and fourth in Royal Ascot's G3 Queen Mary S. last time out, clash again here over an extra furlong.

STAKES CLOSINGS

TOMORROW, WEDNESDAY, JULY 10:

- 7-21 \$700,000 *Caesars Turf Championship-GII, Hol, 3yo/up, 12fT* (\$25,000s)
- 7-21 \$100,000 *Hollywood Juvenile Championship-GII, Hol, 2yo, 6f* (\$100)
- 7-21 \$175,000 *Equipose Mile H.-GIII, AP, 3yo/up, 8f* (\$175)





News cont.

MYSTIC KNIGHT WILL JOIN NOSEDA Mystic Knight (GB) (Caerleon), winner of the G3 Lingfield Derby Trial in May and then sixth in the real thing at Epsom last month, is now certain to leave Britain to continue his racing career in the USA. His current trainer, Roger Charlton, is preparing the colt to run in the GII American Derby at Arlington Park July 21, but has resigned himself to the fact that--win or lose--the event represents a one-way ticket for his charge, as owner Lady Oppenheimer has agreed to sell to a Stateside buyer. Jeremy Noseda, once part of the Godolphin team but now training in his own right, will take over the progressive bay. Charlton said: "I'll be sorry to lose him. But, given the level of prize money here, the sale is more or less inevitable. He'll leave me to be shipped off to America and I understand Jeremy will train him there. It's just a question now of crossing a few T's before the deal is completed, although I can't say just at the moment who has bought him."

◆ FOREIGN ◆

Stakes Results:

TAKARAZUKA KINEN-G1-Jpn, \$2,330,808, Hanshin Racecourse, Japan, 7-7, 3yo/up, 11fT, 2:12, fm.
 1--**MAYANO TOP GUN (JPN)**, c, 4, Brian's Time--Alp Me Please, by Blushing Groom (Fr). O-Y. Tadokoro; B-Etsuo Kawakami (Jpn); T-Masahiro Sakaguchi; J-Seiki Tabara; \$1,231,383. *Horse of the Year, Ch. 3yo-Jpn.
 2--**Sunday Branch (Jpn)**, c, 4, Sunday Silence--Secret Sharer, by Secretariat. \$491,356.
 3--**Dance Partner (Jpn)**, f, 4, Sunday Silence--Dancing Key, by Nijinsky II. \$305,011. *Ch. 3yo filly-Jpn.
 Margins: 1 1/2, NK, NS. Odds: 2.00, 9.80, 6.20.
 Also ran: Hishi Natalie, Fujiyama Kenzan (Jpn), Kanetsu Cross (Jpn), Golden Jack (Jpn), Legacy World (Jpn), Sage Wells (Ire), Osumi Tycoon (Ire), Homareno Queen (Jpn), Kamino Magic (Jpn), Yamanin Paradise.

TANABATA SHO-G3-Jpn, \$713,921, Nakayama Racecourse, Japan, 7-6, 3yo/up, 10fT, 1:59, fm.
 1--**SAKURA EIKO O (JPN)**, h, 5, Maruzensky (Jpn)--Sakura Hatsuyuki (Jpn), by Partholon (GB). O-Sakura Commers; B-Tanioka Stud (Jpn); T-Katsutaro Sakai; J-Yuitiro Nishida; \$380,073.
 2--**Espresso Tony (Jpn)**, c, 4, Tony Bin (Ire)--Skeena (Jpn), by Northern Taste. \$147,713.
 3--**Glory Charmant (Jpn)**, m, 6, Cutting Blade--Kodama Eden (Jpn), by Neptunus (Fr). \$92,113.
 Margins: 4, 2 NK. Odds: 13.70, 7.70, 23.30.

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NEW GRADED STAKES

WINNER FOR LOCAL TALENT

SMOOTH RUNNER, by Local Talent, won the Grade 3 Poker Stakes at Belmont

GRAND PRIX DE LA REGION DES PAYS DE LA LOIRE, \$51,466, Nantes, France, 7-7, 3yo, 12fT, 2:48, vy sf.
 1--**#CHIEF CONTENDER (IRE)**, 121, c, 3, Sadler's Wells--Minnie Hauk (MSP), by Sir Ivor. O-Mrs Susan Magnier; B-Jayeff "B" Stables & Calogo Bloodstock (Ire); T-Peter Chapple-Hyam; J-D Harrison; \$31,074.
 *1/2 to Aviance (Ire) (Northfields), G1SW-Ire.
 2--**Faucon Royal (Fr)**, 128, c, 3, Nikos (GB)--Aliscafi (Fr), by Caro (Ire). \$10,876.
 3--**Fly For Fame (GB)**, 118, f, 3, Shaadi--Fly Me (Fr), by Luthier (Fr). \$5,438.
 Margins: 1 1/2, NK, NK.

GRAND PRIX DU CONSEIL GENERAL DE LOIRE-ATLANTIQUE, \$48,068, Nantes, France, 7-7, 4yo/up, 12fT, time: n/a, vy sf.
 1--**#LEEDS (IRE)**, 121, c, 4, Law Society--Miss Persia (Ire) (MSP), by Persian Bold (Ire). O/B-Roland Soula (Ire); T-Nenri Van de Poele; J-S Guillot; \$29,132.
 2--**Razana (Ire)**, 118, f, 4, Kahyasi (Ire)--Raysiya (Ire), by Cure The Blues. \$10,099.
 3--**Galtee (Ire)**, 128, g, 4, Be My Guest--Gandria (Ire), by Charlottown (GB). \$5,050.
 Margins: 1, 2, 1.

GRAND PRIX DE COMPIEGNE, \$44,669, Compiègne, France, 7-8, 4yo/up, 10fT, 2:01.60, gd.
 1--**VOLOCHINE (IRE)**, 128, h, 5, Soviet Star--Harmless Albatross (Ire) (GSW & G1SP-Fr), by Pas de Seul (GB). O-R McNair; B-R Aubert; T-R Collet; J-E Saint-Martin; \$27,190. *G1SP & MGSP-Fr, G1SP-NA, GSP-HK.
 2--**Zarma (Fr)**, 120, f, 4, Machiavellian--Zartota, by Assert (Ire). \$9,322.
 3--**Diodeme (Fr)**, 123, h, 6, Fabulous Dancer--Desertine (Fr), by Arctic Tern. \$4,661.
 Margins: NK, 3/4, NO.

AMERICAN-BRED WINNERS IN JAPAN:

Makoto Shingeki, c, 3, Alwuhush--Caromine (SW), by Caro (Ire). Sapporo, 7-7, novice race, 3yo, 9.5f (dirt). Lifetime Record: 4-1-2-0, \$82,154. O-Akira Makabe; B-Green Willow Farms; T-T Hashimoto. *\$45,000 yrl '94 KEESEP; \$115,000 2yo '95 KEEAPR.
Hikari Rumen, c, 3, Danzig--Snitch, by Seattle Slew. Hanshin, 7-6, novice race, 3yo, 6f (dirt). Lifetime Record: 4-1-3-0, \$104,062. O-Takanori Toyama; B-Claiborne Farm; T-Tsugio Yanagida. *\$30,000 yrl '94 KEESEP; \$90,000 2yo '95 BESMAR.
Asakusa Piston, c, 3, El Gran Senor--Streisand, by Stop the Music. Nakayama, 7-6, plate race, 3yo, 8fT. Lifetime Record: 7-2-2-0, \$183,113. O-Genichiro Tahara; B-John L Frost; T-Masamichi Wada. *\$107,000 wnlg '93 KEENOV.



Foreign Report cont.

Local News: Ireland

Dance Design (Ire) (Sadler's Wells), runner-up in the Irish 1000 Guineas and winner last time out of the G2 Pretty Polly S. at The Curragh, is to head the home defense of next Sunday's G1 Irish Oaks. Dermot Weld, trainer of the filly, said: "She worked well on Saturday and is in very good form. The plan is to run." **Tout A Coup (Ire)** (Ela-Mana-Mou {Ire}), successful when raiding England in the Cheshire Oaks during May and heroine again last month in a listed event at Ireland's Gowran Park, will also be in the field as the Irish bid to retain the Kildangan Stud-sponsored prize for the first time in 12 years. Ireland's weather, which is notoriously unpredictable, may play a major hand in next weekend's big race. **Lady Carla (GB)** (Caerleon), impressive nine-length winner of the Epsom Oaks, is sure to start a red-hot favorite if she appears at The Curragh. But Henry Cecil, who must have been pleased with the way his filly worked at Newmarket on Saturday, had a warning for Lady Carla's many fans. "If it got too soft," he stated, "I probably wouldn't run her." Underfoot conditions are described at present by officials at The Curragh as "good."

◆ EAST ◆

Local News: Delaware Park

Four-time steeplechase champion **Flatterer** (Mo Bay), the Eclipse Award winner from 1983-86 will parade on the track at Delaware prior to Sunday's Del 'Cap Day card. The 17-year-old, who last raced in 1987, won 24 of his 49 career starts, with 13 steeplechase stakes victories, and \$476,831.

Yesterday's Results:

1st-DEL, \$22,000, Msw, 2yo, f, 4½f, :52 4/5, ft.
+CLANDESTINE CALLER (f, 2, Housebuster--Ring Me Up (SP), by The Minstrel) came into her debut with two bullet works at Delaware, 3f June 26 and 4f July 5. The 4-5 favorite bounded out for the early lead and never looked back, enroute to a 9 1/4-length win. A \$60,000 yearling at the '95 KEESEP sales and a \$205,000 2 year old at the 1996 FTFEB sales, the winner is a half sister to Mephistopheles (Devil's Bag), SP, \$111,790. **GLOWING ECHO** (Eastern Echo) was second. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$13,200.
 O-Augustin Stable. B-White Fox Farm (Ky). T-Jonathon Sheppard.

5th-DEL, \$30,300, Alw, 3yo/up, 6f, 1:09 2/5, ft.
FT. STOCKTON (c, 4, Cure the Blues--Tai the Devil, by Tai), second in last summer's GII Kings Bishop H. at Saratoga, was winless since taking the GIII Jersey Shore Breeders' Cup H. in June '95. Most recently fifth in a May 25 Monmouth allowance, the colt was sent off the 3-5 favorite. Up close early, Ft. Stockton took the lead in the stretch and drew off to a 7 1/4-length win. Lifetime Record: GSW, 20-5-7-3, \$245,427.
 O-New Farm. B-Kathy Brown (TX). T-Benjamin W Perkins.

◆ MIDWEST ◆

Yesterday's Results:

8th-APX, \$22,968, Alw, 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:11 3/5, ft.
INTEND TO WIN (f, 3, Housebuster--Intently {MSW, \$221,676}, by Drone), undefeated after a June 2 maiden run and a June 17 allowance win and with a bullet 5f work July 1 at Arlington, was made the prohibitive 1-2 favorite. The half sister to Gone For Real (Gone West), GSW, \$173,230, stalked the early pace, took the lead turning for home and drew off to an easy ten-length win. Lifetime Record: 3-3-0-0, \$36,000. O-H Greg Goodman. B-Foxfield (KY). T-Michael Stidham.

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ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

9th-APX, \$21,000, 3yo/up, f/m, a1 1/16T, 1:45 1/5, fm.

YOUR APPROVAL (f, 4, With Approval--Top Pincher {MSP, \$121,428}, by Topsider) Lifetime Record: 20-2-3-3, \$54,865. O-Miller C & R & Zabrosky J & S. B-Live Oak Stud (FL). T-Larry Kelly.

9th-PHA, \$20,790, 3yo/up, f/m, a1m 70ydT, 1:44 1/5, fm.

REMDA (f, 4, Jade Hunter--Rea (Arg) {MGSW-Arg}, by *Redtop III) Lifetime Record: MSP, 23-4-5-3, \$110,638. O-Jerry K Humphreys. B-Allen E. Paulson (KY). T-Ronald L Voss III.

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GROOMING FOR THE OLYMPICS

By Frank Carlson

At the age of 24, Olympic swimmers are pretty well finished. Gymnasts have peaked and are looking at the down-side of their careers. Some sports are best served by youth, especially when it comes to the Olympics. But marathon running is not one of those sports.

Most long distance runners don't begin to peak until their late 20's or early 30's. At 24, Ron Holassie is a babe among adults in the pursuit of Olympic gold in the red, white and black colors of his native Trinidad and Tobago. He figures he has time on his side in his quest for an Olympic medal.

As part of the crew at trainer Shawn Musgrave's barn on Calder's backside, Holassie also has the perfect place to work out. Around 3:00 a.m. most mornings, the silhouetted outline of the hot walker-turned-runner striding out at the edge of the track's turf course is lighted by the halogen lamps from the Florida Turnpike.

"I run in the morning, maybe 12 or 14 miles. The turf course is good on my legs. Then I go to work at my barn," says Holassie of his daily routine.

His boss is aware of the time and effort necessary to compete at the level of the Olympics, so Holassie is excused from afternoon chores such as bringing horses to the paddock to race or cooling them out after they've competed. "I know how much time Ronnie puts in training, and I cut him a lot of slack when it comes to the afternoon work," said Musgrave.

But Holassie isn't goofing off. After working as a groom and hot walker in the morning, he goes home for a nap before returning to the track after the last race to run another dozen miles.

"It's hard to work and train," says Holassie. "Most of the American athletes don't have to worry about money. But my country is not a rich country. If you're not a world-class athlete they don't have the money to help your training, and I would have to travel too far and stay away too long to get a world-class rating. I am thankful the (Florida Horsemen's Benevolent and Protective Association) and Ken Dunn of Calder Race Course have been so generous in helping me with my training expenses. And Mr. Musgrave and (trainer) Mr. (Bill) White have helped me out."

Kent Stirling, executive director of the FHBPA, said, "We've been helping Ron for a couple of years now. We treat it as scholarship money. He's working as hard as anyone else to achieve his dream." Ken Dunn

echoes Stirling's thoughts. "Ron is someone everybody at Calder is proud of, and we wish him the best in his pursuit."

Holassie has been coached by U.S. marathoner Keith Bradley, from Fort Lauderdale, for the past couple of years. "I know how to run, but Keith has been teaching me about the mind games that happen in a marathon. I don't want to start early or I'll get tired, but I can't start too late or I'll get left behind."

How does Holassie feel he'll do on August 4, the day of the Olympic marathon? "I've only run in four or five marathons. My best time is 2:17 (in the Disneyland Marathon in 1995), the fastest time for my country. (The world record is 2:08.25, held by Martin Fitz of Spain). I think the Olympic marathon will be won in 2:13 and 2:14. And I think I'll have an advantage. I've been training in the heat and humidity that we'll experience in Atlanta. I could be in better shape than some of the other runners who have been training in cooler weather. But I am still young; I've got a lot to learn."

Breeders' Edition Cont.

MAIDEN WINNERS:

+ **Clandestine Caller**, f, 2, **Housebuster--Ring Me Up** (SP), by The Minstrel. DEL, 7-8, 4 1/2f, :52 4/5. B-White Fox Farm (Ky). *\$60,000 yrl '95 KEESEP; \$205,000 2yo 1996 FTFEB. **1/2 to Mephistopheles (Devil's Bag), SP, \$111,790.

Dance With Jean, f, 2, **Sword Dance (Ire)--Marilyn's Mystique**, by Dearest Doctor. CRC, 7-8, 5 1/2f, 1:06 3/5. B-Campbell Gilbert G (Fl).

Idle Princess, f, 2, **Zuppardo's Prince--Idle Power**, by Full Out. APX, 7-8, 5f, 1:01. B-Jones J Merrick (La). *\$5,500 yrl '95 LOUOCT; \$11,000 2yo 1996 LOUMAR.

Buck's Boy, c, 3, **Bucksplasher--Molly's Colleen**, by Verbatim. APX, (S), 7-8, 6f, 1:12. B-Irish Acres Farm (Il). *\$8,000 yrl '94 OBSJAN. **1/2 to Z. Bengal Tiger (Ziad), MSP, \$225,132.

The Green Machine, c, 3, **Sir Harry Lewis--Hello My Love**, by Hostage. CRC, 7-8, a1 1/8mT, 1:51 2/5. B-Diane Charter (Ky).

Rove, m, 5, **Topsider--Sintra** (MGSW, \$378,605), by Drone. RKM, 7-8, 1mT, 1:39 4/5. B-Claiborne Farm (Ky).

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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