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## N • E • W • S TODAY

**DEL MAR OPENS TODAY** The Del Mar Thoroughbred Club opens its gates today for its 57th live racing season. The 43-day 1996 meet runs through Sept. 11. Highlighting the meeting once again will be the \$1 million Pacific Classic Aug. 10, which is expected to feature reigning Horse of the Year **Cigar** (Palace Music). The Pacific Classic will be televised live on ESPN between 3 and 4 p.m. (PST). Overall, 24 stakes will be run worth a record \$5 million. In addition to the Pacific Classic, Grade I events include the \$300,000a Ramona H. for fillies and mares Aug. 3; the \$300,000a Eddie Read H. Aug. 4; and the \$250,000 Del Mar Oaks Aug. 18. All three of those races will be showcased at 1 1/8-miles on the Jimmy Durante turf course. Racing will be conducted six-days a week, with Tuesdays dark. Purses this year are expected to average over \$400,000 a day. Post time is 2 p.m. daily except for the first four Fridays of the meeting, when fans can enjoy twilight racing beginning at 4 p.m., and Pacific Classic Day, when the first race will be run at 12:30 p.m.

**HOLLYWOOD PARK MEET ENDS** Hollywood Park's 67-day spring/summer meeting ended Monday with a record total daily average handle of \$10,484,267--up 1.8 percent from last year. The track saw a decrease in on-track business, with the '96 average of \$2.3 million down 9.6 percent from \$2.6 million in 1995. Jockey Alex Solis rode 69 winners to win his fourth Hollywood Park riding title, while Ron McAnally captured his fifth training championship by saddling 24 winners. Shoemaker Breeders' Cup winner **Fastness** (Ire) (Rousillon) and Hollywood Gold Cup winner **Siphon** (Brz) (Itajara {Brz}) tied for Horse of the Meet honors in the meet-ending media poll.

**TOP THREE-YEAR-OLD EUTHANIZED** Let Bob Do It (Percifal), winner of the Gill Will Rogers H. and Gill Cinema H. over the Hollywood turf in his last two starts, shattered the sesamoid bones in his left foreleg during a workout Saturday at Hollywood Park and was euthanized, according to his trainer John Sadler. The three-year-old gelding, claimed for \$40,000 Feb. 1, also won the Pirate Cove S. and finished second in the Gill California Derby at Golden Gate Fields. He had been pointing to the Sept. 2 GII Del Mar Derby. Let Bob Do It won five of 13 career starts for earnings of \$251,960.

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## S • T • A • K • E • S PREVIEW

Tonight, Atlantic City Race Course:  
**VINERY MATCHMAKER S.-GII, \$100,000, 3yo/up, f/m, 9.5fT**

PP	HORSE	TRAINER	JOCKEY	ODDS
1	Class Kris	Picou	Day	7-5
2	Very Special Lite	Walden	Sellers	6-1
3	Twilight Encounter	Contessa	Boulanger	15-1
4	Powder Bowl	Sheppard	Rice	20-1
5	Perfect Arc	Penna Jr.	Velazquez	6-5
6	Turkish Tryst	Moran	Bailey	8-1
7	Overcharger	Knoll	Rivera III	15-1

**Perfect Arc** (Brown Arc), undefeated in eight career starts on the turf, and **Class Kris** (Kris S.), winner of four grass stakes in her last five outings, will meet for the second time in tonight's Vinery Matchmaker S. The two last met in the GII Rare Perfume H. at Belmont last September, in which Perfect Arc won by 2 1/2-lengths and Class Kris finished fourth.

Today, Del Mar:

**OCEANSIDE S.-1st Division, \$75,000a, (R), 3yo, 1mT**

The field of nine, in post position order, is as follows: **Odin's Primo** (Idabel), P. Valenzuela; **Dash Eight** (Son of Briartic), McCarron; **Super Mining** (Mining), Douglas; **Mirobolant** (Fr) (L'Emigrant), Delahoussaye; **The Barking Shark** (Naevus), C. Black; **Mateo** (Lil Tyler), Solis; **Caribbean Pirate** (Pirate's Bounty), Antley; **Take a Bow** (Theatrical {Ire}), Desormeaux; **Coastal Time** (Time for a Change), Nakatani.

**OCEANSIDE S.-2nd Division, \$75,000a, (R), 3yo, 1mT**

The field of nine, from the rail out, is as follows: **Vaudvillian** (Ventriloquist), Pincay Jr.; **Hectic** (Sharp Victor), Blanc; **Ambivalent** (Rhodes), Solis; **Northern Afleet** (Afleet), McCarron; **Belair Cozz** (Fr) (Cozzene), Nakatani; **Benton Creek** (Septieme Ciel), Desormeaux; **Don't Blame Rio** (Rio's Lark), C. Black; **Defleet** (Afleet), Douglas; **Forge** (Jebbar), Almeida.

### STAKES CLOSINGS

**TODAY, WEDNESDAY, JULY 24:**

8-3 \$300,000 **Ramona H.-GI, Dmr, 3yo/up, f/m, 9fT (\$100)**

8-4 \$300,000 **Eddie Read H.-GI, Dmr, 3yo/up, 9fT (\$100)**

8-4 \$200,000 **Arlington H.-GII, AP, 3yo/up, 10fT (\$200)**





## News Continued.

**GABR CRITICALLY INJURED** Gabr (GB) (Green Desert), winner of the seven-furlong G3 Van Geest Criterion S. at Newmarket June 29, is recovering from emergency surgery after splitting a pastern during exercise Tuesday. The six-year-old will obviously not race again, but connections are hoping he can be saved for stallion duties. He has won three Group events in England and placed in the Gill Jaipur S. at Belmont in 1995 and the Keeneland Mile Prestige Race in Dubai, also in 1995. Gabr's trainer, Robert Armstrong, said, "When you think about all the places he has been--Dubai, New York, Saratoga--you just have put it down to fate when he injures himself on the watered gallop at home." Vets in Newmarket operated on Gabr, but Armstrong knows care will be needed over several days if he is to make a complete recovery. "He has come through the anaesthetic well, but it is going to take all the vets' skill to save him," the handler said. "I sincerely hope they can. He has been a really wonderful character while we have had him." Gabr won eight of 24 career starts for earnings of \$271,821.

**ROCKINGHAM PARK AND SUFFOLK DOWNS REACH CIRCUIT AGREEMENT** The management of Rockingham Park and Suffolk Downs have agreed to a new three-year circuit designed to strengthen Thoroughbred racing in New England. The innovative new agreement, subject to approval by both the New Hampshire and Massachusetts State Racing Commissions, calls for a revision in the fall racing dates at both New England tracks. Under the plan, Rockingham Park, which was scheduled to race through Oct. 16, will race through Sept. 29, and Suffolk Downs, which was slated to open Oct. 18, will instead open Sept. 23. During the one-week overlap, the two tracks will run combined cards Sept. 23, Sept. 25 and Sept. 28. Friday, Sept. 27, Suffolk will present a matinee card while Rockingham will present a Friday night program. Rockingham will run alone Sept. 29. "We feel this is in everyone's best interest and we're appreciative of Rockingham's flexibility as we worked through this," said Suffolk Downs Executive Vice President Bob O'Malley. Ed Callahan, Rockingham Park vice president and general manager, commented, "We are dedicated to the future growth of our industry."

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, Florida:**

The Florida Thoroughbred Breeders' and Owners' Association is hoping to finalize an agreement within the next 60 days to purchase *The Florida Horse* and *Wire to Wire* magazines. Based in Ocala, Florida, *The Florida Horse* is published monthly while *Wire to Wire* is a local daily publication. Both publications are currently owned by American Equine Publishers Inc. The FTBOA already publishes its own newsletter, *Florida Thoroughbred Owner Hotline*. "This will consolidate all our efforts and make us all more effective in getting the word out on the Florida Thoroughbred industry to the rest of the world," said FTBOA Executive Vice President Richard E. Hancock. "We are all very excited about this new venture, look forward to working with the magazines' current management and know this partnership will benefit everyone involved."

**Local News, Monmouth Park:**

**Skip Away** (Skip Trial) drilled seven furlongs in 1:24 2/5 Monday at Monmouth, galloping out a mile in 1:38 4/5. "The work was very strong, like a two-turn workout," said trainer Sonny Hine. The Ohio Derby winner is scheduled to go postward in the Buick Haskell Invitational H. Aug. 4.

Also working for the Haskell was Long Branch S. winner **Dr. Caton** (Seattle Slew). The D. Wayne Lukas-trainee went five furlongs in :59 4/5 Tuesday morning at Monmouth. "It was a super work; I couldn't be more pleased," said Lukas assistant Mike Maker. "Dr. Caton is really on the improve."

## ◆ So. CALIFORNIA ◆

**Local News, California:**

The funeral for veteran trainer Gene Cleveland was held Tuesday afternoon at Live Oak Memorial Park in Monrovia, California. Cleveland, 68, died at his home in Monrovia Sunday. Among the outstanding horses he trained were stakes-winners Queen's Hustler, Princess Karenda, Most Host, Cool Hand, Afifa and Branford Court.

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Yesterday's Result:

**PRIX CERES**, \$46,999, Maisons-Laffitte, France, 7-23, 3yo, f, 7fT, 1:24.00, gd.

1--#**PROUD FACT**, 123, f, 3, **Known Fact--Proud Lou** (GI, \$143,847), by Proud Clarion. O-K. Abdullah; B-Juddmonte Farms; T-Andre Fabre; J-T. Jarnet; \$27,190. \*1/2 to Houseproud (G1-Fr, \$291,910, by Riverman).

2--**Blushing Gleam (GB)**, 123, f, 3, **Caerleon--Blushing Away**, by Blushing Groom (Fr). \$9,322.

3--**Moon Is Up**, 123, f, 3, **Woodman--Miesque**, by Nureyev. \$5,826.

Margins: 1, 1 1/2, HD.

**AMERICAN-BRED WINNERS IN ENGLAND:**

**Lear Express**, c, 3, **Lear Fan--Sheer Enchantment**, by Siberian Express. Yarmouth, 7-23, Medler Maiden S., 3yo/up, 11f 101ydsT, \$5,650 to winner. O-The Thoroughbred Corporation; B-Gallaghers Stud; T-Henry Cecil. \*\$80,000 yrl '94 KEESEP.

**Jamaican Flight**, c, 3, **Sunshine Forever--Kalamona**, by \*Hawaii. Beverley, 7-22, Norwood Maiden S., 16f 35ydsT, 3yo, \$3,942 to winner. O-The Jampot Partnership; B-Foxfield; T-John Hills. \*\$37,000 yrl '94 KEESEP.

**Pickens**, g, 4, **Theatrical (Ire)--Alchi** (GSP-Fr), by Alleged. Beverley, 7-22, Pocklington Selling S., 3yo/up, 12fT, \$3,586 to winner. O-Philip J. Grundy; B-Allen E. Paulson; T-Nigel Tinkler.

**Local News, England:**

Next Friday, August 2 at Goodwood in England, two-year-olds will take center stage in the G3 Molecomb S. at five-furlongs on the turf. Expected to compete are **Tipsy Creek** (Dayjur), who won the G3 Norfolk S. at Royal Ascot; G3 Curragh S. winner **Raphane** (Rahy); and G3 Prix Du Bois hero **Deep Finesse (GB)** (Reprimand {GB}).

English trainer Henry Cecil's stable hit the £1 million earnings mark (about \$1,556,905) for the season Tuesday when his three-year-old filly **Lear Express** (Lear Fan) won the Medler Maiden S. at Yarmouth.

The seven-year-old mare **Branston Abby (Ire)** (Risk Me {Fr}) goes to Newcastle Saturday in an attempt to equal the long-standing record of 22 wins for a racemare in the British Isles. Trained by Mark Johnston, the mare goes for the G3 Saab Breckenborough Beeswing S. over seven furlongs.

◆ MIDWEST ◆

**Local News, Ellis Park:**

Willie Martinez, currently leading the Ellis Park jockey standings with 18 wins from 101 mounts, broke his collarbone in a dirt bike accident Monday and will be sidelined for six to eight weeks.

**Local News, Texas:**

Due to the success of simulcasting at the new Lone Star Park in Grand Prairie, purses at Trinity Meadows will be raised 18 percent beginning July 25. Trinity Meadows, which is currently running a mixed Thoroughbred-Quarter Horse meeting, has also added an additional five percent to the purses of races with 10 or more starters, excluding stakes and maiden races. The purse increase is due in part to an agreement between Trinity Meadows horsemen, Lone Star Park and Trinity Meadows that designates a portion of simulcasting revenue from Lone Star to the Trinity Meadows purse fund.

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**STAKES RESULT:**

**THE PARK HEIGHTS S.**, \$54,175, PIM, 7-23, 3yo/up, f/m, 5fT, :58 2/5, fm.


1--#**OOPS I AM**, 115, m, 7, **I Am the Game--Oops My Dear**, by Ali Oop. (\$6,500 yrl '90 FTMSEP; \$3,300 HRA '93 FTMDEC). O-Jason Abrams; B-Glade Valley Farms, Inc (MD); T-Ben M. Feliciano Jr; J-C O Klinger; \$32,505. Lifetime Record: 35-7-3-12, \$134,610.

2--**Lucy Ellen**, 117, f, 4, **Vice Regent--Hakucho**, by Raise a Cup. \$10,835.

3--**Irish Ivor**, 122, m, 6, **Sir Ivor Again--Red Pennant**, by Flag Raiser. \$5,959.

Margins: NO, NO, 4. Odds: 4.70, 3.20, 4.80.

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	BREEDERS' CUP NATIONAL STAKES RACE CLOSINGS					
	CLOSES	TRACK	RACE	CONDITIONS	PURSE	RUNS
	7/27	Sar	SARATOGA BC H.-GIII	3yo/up F & M, 8.5f (T)	\$200K	8/11
	7/31	Tdn	THISTLEDOWN BC H.-GIII	3yo/up, 9f	\$150K	8/10

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## ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

6th-MTH, \$30,000, (S), 3yo/up, a1m70yd, 1:41 4/5, gd.

**ART GEM** (g, 5, Roo Art--Keeperofthejewels, by Proctor) Lifetime Record: 28-3-4-6, \$87,678. O-Hope Jones. B-Lotsoc Farm (NJ). T-Audrey Riker.

9th-ELP, \$26,900, 3yo/up, f/m, 1m, 1:38, ft.

**LIVERMORE LESLIE** (f, 3, Mt. Livermore--Whitesburg Express {MSP, \$180,306}, by Whitesburg) Lifetime Record: 9-3-1-0, \$61,270. O/B-Billy Joe Gary (KY). T-Rick Hiles.

7th-DEL, \$25,300, 3yo, f, 6f, 1:12 1/5, ft.

**DRESSED WELL** (f, 3, Kokand--Frezil {SW, \$189,019}, by Double Hitch) Lifetime Record: 4-2-1-1, \$34,585. O-O.H. Wienges. B-Wm. Lisi (NY). T-Franklin G. Smith.

3rd-MTH, \$24,000, 3yo/up, f/m, 1m, 1:38 4/5, gd.

**BRUSH WITH THE LAW** (f, 3, Broad Brush--Rolfe's Ruby {MSP, \$153,132}, by Tom Rolfe) Lifetime Record: 7-3-1-1, \$46,280. O/B-D.J. Stable (KY). T-Joseph Orseno.

9th-MTH, \$24,000, 3yo/up, 6f, 1:10 4/5, gd.

**BET THE LINE** (c, 3, Carr de Naskra--Freezing Line {SP-Ire}, by It's Freezing) Lifetime Record: SP, 8-3-3-1, \$68,140. O-Arthur I. Appleton. B-Virginia Kraft Payson (NY). T-Warren A. Croll Jr.

8th-PIM, \$21,000, 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:11 1/5, ft.

**FLOWER WOLF** (f, 3, Northern Wolf--Back Home Again, by Dancing Count) Lifetime Record: 5-2-1-0, \$21,750. O-Eagle Point Farm. B-Joanne K. Szymanski (MD). T-W. Robert Bailes.

8th-PHA, \$19,500, 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:11 4/5, ft.

**CHAMPAGNE FOREVER** (f, 3, Caveat--Lady Nitro, by Oh Say) Lifetime Record: MSP, 12-2-4-4, \$64,798. O-Maple Glen Farms. B-T-Bird Stable & Dr. Louis J.. Petrie (PA). T-William M. Sire.

## MAIDEN WINNERS:

**Lie and Deny**, f, 2, Carson City--Benign Begum, by Gentle King. ELP, 7-23, 5 1/2f, 1:06 1/5. B-Richard W. Palmer (Ky).

**Hana Rain**, c, 3, Leo Castelli--Hawaiian Rain (G3-Aus), by \*Vaguely Noble. ELP, 7-23, 1 1/16mT, 1:41 1/5. B-Fares Farm, Inc (Ky). \*\$35,000 wlng '93 KEENOV; \$60,000 yrl '94 KEESEP.

**Picard**, g, 3, Loyal Pal--Le Cheval Devant, by Banner Bob. PHA, 7-23, a1m 70yds (off turf), 1:47 3/5. B-Kim Eshleman (Pa).

## WEEKEND PEDIGREE PERSPECTIVES

by Alan Porter, freelance writer & pedigree consultant

### MY FLAG (f, 3, Easy Goer--Personal Ensign, by Private Account)

The victory of My Flag in Saturday's GI Coaching Club American Oaks combined with her third in the Belmont S. confirmed that, whether or not she is the current leader of the three-year-old fillies division, she is certainly the best over a distance of ground.

The only top-class North American runner to retire with an unblemished record since Colin 80 years earlier, Personal Ensign appears to be headed towards greatness as a broodmare also. She began her stud career by producing GI Jockey Club Gold Cup winner Miner's Mark (by Mr. Prospector), followed by Miner's Mark's full brother Our Emblem, who was beaten just inches in last year's GI Carter H., and his full sister Pennant Champion, an allowance winner of \$48,070. Personal Ensign's next foal, her first by a sire other than Mr. Prospector, was My Flag, by Easy Goer.

There are similarities between the pedigrees of Miner's Mark and My Flag, as Mr. Prospector and Alydar (the sire of Easy Goer) are both Raise a Native sons with rather similar pedigrees. There are important differences too, though, and My Flag is a reminder of the fact that while names may change, patterns perpetuate themselves.

Let's go back around 50 years to the pedigree of a brilliant filly called Busher. She was by War Admiral--Baby League (Bubbling Over). This pedigree is of particular interest because both War Admiral and Bubbling Over were out of mares by Sweep. This meant that Sweep was on what has become known in various trade publications as the "heartline" or "zig-zag" of both sire and dam.

Busher doesn't appear in the pedigree of My Flag, but her sister, Striking, does, as the fourth dam of Personal Ensign's sire, Private Account. What's more, Private Account is out of a mare by Buckpasser, whose dam Busanda is by War Admiral, and is three-parts sister to Busher and Striking. Look at the distaff side of Personal Ensign's pedigree and we find that her dam, Grecian Banner, is by Hoist the Flag, whose broodmare sire is none other than War Admiral. So, Personal Ensign has War Admiral (broodmare sire, Sweep) on both "heartlines."

Moving forward to My Flag: she is by Easy Goer, who is out of a Buckpasser mare, so she has Buckpasser (broodmare sire, War Admiral) on both "heartlines." The names have changed, but the pattern prevails.

There are a number of other good runners with Buckpasser as broodmare sire of both sire and broodmare sire, and this pattern is particularly likely to happen when a stallion carves out a niche for himself as a "broodmare sire of sires." For example, Buckpasser is broodmare sire of Seeking the Gold (who Personal Ensign has visited), Woodman, Miswaki, El Gran Senor, Slew o' Gold, Wavering Monarch and Mining, to name a few.

As other bloodstock writers have pointed out, the next horse emerging as a "broodmare sire of sires" is Secretariat, so look out for combinations of Chief's Crown, Gone West, Storm Cat and Dehere.