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KEENELAND SALE CONTINUES TO SHOW

STRONG GAINS The 1996 Keeneland September Yearling Sale continued on its upward swing Wednesday, when 287 yearlings were sold for a gross of \$18,675,800 and an average of \$65,072, up 16.9 percent from last year's third session average of \$55,676. Wednesday's median price of \$45,000 represented a 7.1 percent increase from \$42,000 in 1995. Through the sale's first three days, 816 yearlings have brought \$88,081,800 for a \$107,943 average, up 15.8 percent from last year, when the average through three sessions was \$93,183. Yesterday's top price of \$400,000 was paid by P.A. (Tony) Everard, agent, for a dark bay or brown colt by Halo--Three Secrets (Secretariat). Everard said he purchased the colt for "a friend in California who wants a nice horse to race." Everard added that he couldn't divulge the identity of the purchaser at the present time. He said, "I was looking for a horse that will have residual value down the road. And Halos are very much in demand. Also, he's sired three or four champions, and I'm after another champ. This is a very strong horse." The second highest price of the day was \$350,000 paid by Reynolds Bell Jr., agent, for a chestnut colt by Forty Niner out of G1 French Oaks winner Lady in Silver (Silver Hawk). Bell said the colt is "going to a racing partnership of colts called Paragon." Several people will be involved in the partnership, according to Bell, who is the partnership's manager. "I really liked this colt," Bell said. "He's an awfully nice colt. And the mare (Lady in Silver) was an awfully good racemare. Glad to have him." The two highest-priced fillies Wednesday each brought \$300,000. One of them, a dark bay or brown individual by Devil's Bag--Sainte Croix (Nijinsky II), was purchased by Tom McCrocklin on behalf of Robert Low of Springfield, Missouri. "I break his yearlings in Ocala and am acting as agent for him," McCrocklin said. "This is the one we wanted. She's a beautiful filly. Very well-balanced. She's very muscular. She's a strong-looking filly. She looks fast. She passed all of our criteria. We're excited to have her. Hopefully, she'll fulfill our expectations." Low left Lexington Tuesday night for Springfield. "His instructions to me were to buy this filly," McCrocklin said. The filly will be trained by Dan Peitz. The 11-day Keeneland September auction continues through Thursday, Sept. 19.

RAIN MAY FORCE CIGAR OUT OF WOODWARD.
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KEENELAND WEDNESDAY—TOP FIVE COLTS

| HIP# | SIRE | DAM | PRICE |
|--|-------------|----------------|-----------|
| 904 | Halo | Three Secrets | \$400,000 |
| Consigned by John Williams, agent. Purchased by P.A. Everard. | | | |
| 718 | Forty Niner | Lady in Silver | \$350,000 |
| (Previously Sold: \$60,000 yrlg '96 KEEJAN) Consigned by Westover Ridge, agent for John W. Rooker. Purchased by Reynolds Bell Jr., agent. | | | |
| 960 | Miswaki | Bag of Tricks | \$230,000 |
| Consigned by John J. Greely III (Wintergreen Farm), agent. Purchased by Ben Glass, agent. | | | |
| 1030 | Lear Fan | Elegance | \$230,000 |
| Consigned by Jonabell Farm Inc., agent. Purchased by The Thoroughbred Corp. | | | |
| 997 | Forty Niner | Collins | \$225,000 |
| (Previously Sold: \$37,000 wnlg '95 KEENOV) Consigned by Eaton Sales, agent for Elsie Cahners. Purchased by Horton Stable. | | | |

KEENELAND WEDNESDAY—TOP FIVE FILLIES

| HIP# | SIRE | DAM | PRICE |
|--|----------------|----------------|-----------|
| 843 | Devil's Bag | Sainte Croix | \$300,000 |
| Consigned by Taylor Made Sales Agency, agent for L.J.H. Farm. Purchased by Tom McCrocklin, agent for Robert Low. | | | |
| 1033 | Marquetry | Emley's Hill | \$300,000 |
| Consigned by Sea Jay Farm, Green Willow Farms, agent. Purchased by Bluegrass Bloodstock, agent. | | | |
| 976 | Gilded Time | Braxton | \$175,000 |
| Consigned by Eaton Sales, agent. Purchased by Sid Craig. | | | |
| 804 | Chief's Crown | P.C.J. Relaxer | \$165,000 |
| Consigned by Jonabell Farm Inc., agent. Purchased by Bluegrass Bloodstock, agent. | | | |
| 1050 | Star de Naskra | Forli's Angel | \$160,000 |
| Consigned by Straus Medina Ranch. Purchased by Dale Capuano, agent. | | | |

STAKES CLOSINGS

TOMORROW, FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 13:
9-15 \$1,000,000 *Woodbine Million-GI, Wox, 3yo, 9f (\$50,000s)*
9-29 \$1,000,000 *Canadian International-GI, Wox, 3yo/up, 12fT (\$50,000s)*





News Continued.

RAIN MAY PREVENT CIGAR'S WOODWARD

BID Cigar (Palace Music) may not make his scheduled start in Saturday's GI Woodward S. at Belmont if heavy rains forecasted for the New York area materialize, according to trainer Bill Mott. "I haven't decided yet," said Mott, who was attending yesterday's Keeneland September sales, when asked if he would run Cigar on a wet Belmont surface. "I wouldn't be looking forward to it. There are different types of wet tracks and it would depend on what kind of wet track we'd have. I know he'll handle it, but with two more races to go after that, I wouldn't be anxious to run him on a wet track right now." Cigar still has Belmont's Oct. 5 Jockey Club Gold Cup and the Oct. 26 Breeders' Cup Classic at Woodbine on his schedule, and while Mott stressed he wasn't concerned with how the six-year-old would perform on an off track, he said, "I'd be more concerned with how it would affect our chances in the next two races." New York Racing Association officials said local forecasts call for light rain to begin falling this morning, with steady rains through the remainder of today, Friday and possibly into Saturday. Track superintendent Don Orlando said if rains let up earlier than expected, however, the track could be in good shape for Saturday. "If it holds up Friday and there are no rains Friday night, we're smiling," said Orlando, "but if we run nine races in the slop Friday it's just going to get wetter and wetter." Cigar breezed five furlongs in 1:00.93 Wednesday morning over Belmont Park's main track; regular jockey Jerry Bailey was aboard for the move.

NYRA APPLIES FOR 1997 SARATOGA RACING DATES

The New York Racing Association will request approval for a 36-day racing schedule at Saratoga for 1997. The proposed schedule will be sent to the New York State Racing and Wagering Board for its approval. The schedule was approved by the NYRA Board of Trustees at its regular monthly meeting Wednesday morning. The proposed dates at Saratoga begin Wednesday, July 23 and run through Labor Day, with Tuesdays dark. "Labor Day weekend was very successful in Saratoga this year," said NYRA Chairman and President Kenny Noe Jr. "We believe, as do members of the Saratoga community, that we can build on that success next year. Certainly from NYRA's financial standpoint it was much stronger than business would have been at Belmont Park. Saratoga is just terrific, and we want to work with the upstate community to make it even better."

FASTNESS TO GAINESWAY Graham J. Beck's Gainesway announced yesterday that the farm will stand **Fastness (Ire)** (Rousillon) at stud for the 1997 breeding season. Michael Hernon, director of sales at the Lexington, Kentucky farm, said, "Fastness is a brilliant miler; he set a course record this year in the GI Shoemaker Breeders' Cup Mile S. in 1:32 3/5. Many breeders feel that "milers" make tremendous sire prospects. Gainesway's own experience with Breeders' Cup Mile winner Cozzene certainly supports that line of thinking." Fastness, winner of the Prix Herod in France at age two, shipped to the U.S. at age three and went on to take the GI Eddie Read H. in both 1995 and 1996 as well as the GI Shoemaker Breeders' Cup Mile, the GI Citation H. and the GIII Inglewood H. for career earnings of \$1,580,576. Fastness won the last four starts of his career and was a perfect three-for-three in 1996 before his retirement last week due to an injured right front tendon. The six-year-old will stand as the property of C.N. and Carol Ray, in whose Evergreen Farm colors he raced.

SOUL OF THE MATTER TO JAPAN

Soul of the Matter (Private Terms) has been sold to a group of Japanese breeders, Airdrie Stud owner Brereton Jones told the *Thoroughbred Times*. Jones declined to name the buyers or the purchase price. Soul of the Matter was retired after suffering a torn sesamoidal ligament in his right front leg during a workout at Del Mar August 7. It was announced last year that he would stand at Airdrie in Midway, Kentucky upon his retirement. The five-year-old made his last start March 27, when he finished second to Cigar in the Dubai World Cup.

BOND NAMED AUGUST TRAINER OF THE

MONTH H. James Bond, who saddled five stakes-winners last month, has been named Trainer of the Month for August in an award co-sponsored by United Thoroughbred Trainers of America and Vinery Stallions 97. The award is also a regular segment featured on ESPN's *Racehorse Digest*. During August, Bond captured the GI Travers S. with **Will's Way** (Easy Goer), Saratoga Cup with **L'Carriere** (Carr de Naskra), Toronto Cup (GIIC) at Woodbine with **Ok By Me** (With Approval), New York Oaks with **Lac Dessert** (Lac Ouimet) and Lady Finger S. with **Dewars Rocks** (Big Mukora).

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PASSERO HEARINGS BEGIN Six months after charges that three people in his employ administered 'Fiery Jack,' a hot pepper substance, to the hindquarters of horses in their care, trainer Frank Passero Jr. had his chance to defend himself in a Florida state hearing which began in Ft. Lauderdale yesterday. The State of Florida served Passero and one of his grooms, Abraham Siddo, with papers at Gulfstream Park March 16 charging them with cruelty to animals. Passero's son Gino and groom Errol Powell were also later named by the state for the same offenses. In the opening hours of yesterday's hearing, State Hearing Officer Michael Parrish denied motions by lawyers for the defendants to dismiss all charges based on the grounds that Siddo was not informed of his right to counsel prior to his confession. The state also introduced investigators who witnessed the alleged offenses. The hearing is expected to continue through Friday. Based on the hearing officers' findings, Passero and his three employees could either be exonerated of the charges or lose their licenses for a period of time. Passero-trained horses won a record 14 consecutive races during the Gulfstream winter meeting.

◆ RESULT ◆

Yesterday, Del Mar:

DEL MAR FUTURITY-GII, \$250,000, DMR, 9-11, 2yo, 7f, 1:22 4/5, ft.

1--#**SILVER CHARM**, 116, c, 2, **Silver Buck--Bonnie's Poker, by Poker**. (\$16,500 yrl '95 OBSAUG; \$100,000 2yo 1996 OBSAPR). O-Beverly J. & Robert B. Lewis; B-Mary Lou Wootton (FL); T-Bob Baffert; J-D R Flores; \$150,000. Lifetime Record: 3-2-1-0, \$177,750.

2--**Gold Tribute**, 115, c, 2, Mr. Prospector--Dancing Tribute, by Nureyev. (\$725,000 yrl '95 KEEJUL). O-Lewis & Lewis & Tabor; B-Mr. & Mrs. John C. Mabee (KY); \$50,000.

3--**Swiss Yodeler**, 121, c, 2, Eastern Echo--Drapeau, by Raja Baba. (\$60,000 yrl '95 KEESEP). O-Heinz Steinmann; B-Martha F Gerry & W S Farish (KY); \$30,000. Margins: HD, 3HF, 2 3/4. Odds: 1.60a, 1.60a, 1.20.

Also Ran: Red, Golden Bronze, General Royal, Zippersup. Silver Charm was a 1 1/4-length winner of a maiden special weight at Del Mar in his last outing Aug. 24. Stepping right up to the graded stakes ranks here, the gray was sent off the second choice in the betting along with entymate Gold Tribute and he justified that support, closing from just off-the-pace to win by a head. "He's a very gutsy little horse," said winning trainer Bob Baffert. "That horse (Gold Tribute) went by him and then he came back. He's grown a lot during this meet.

He shouldn't have any trouble carrying 126 pounds (Kentucky Derby weight). It was a tough call this week. We got offered a pretty good offer for him. (Co-owner) Bob (Lewis) said 'I don't want to sell, but if you think we should...' He left it up to me. It's hard to come up with a good two-year-old. You can spend a lot of money but they're hard to find. This horse is basically a freak. When I asked if a Poker mare was any good they told me that Seattle Slew was out of a Poker mare." Baffert said Silver Charm, who is not Breeders' Cup eligible, will start next in the GII Norfolk S. at Santa Anita Oct. 6. Favored Swiss Yodeler, a perfect five-for-five coming into this event, led through the first quarter-mile in :22 3/5, dueled outside Gold Tribute on the backstretch and turn and could not match the top pair late but was best of the rest. "He bounced," said Swiss Yodeler's jockey Alex Solis. "He was sluggish. He was carrying that 121 pounds, and that didn't help. He gave it a good try. He always does. Today just wasn't his day."

◆ PREVIEW ◆

Today, Doncaster, England:

EAST COAST DONCASTER CUP-G3, \$46,707, 3yo/up, 18fT

The field, in post position order, is: **Admiral's Well (Ire)** (Sadler's Wells), 126 pounds; **Celeric (GB)** (Mtoto {GB}), 126; **Lear White (Lear Fan)**, 126; **Assessor (Ire)** (Niniski), 129; **Double Trigger (Ire)** (Ela-Mana-Mou {Ire}), 133; **Old Rouvel (Riverman)**, 126.

BRITAIN'S FASTEST RAILWAY PARK S.-G3, \$46,707, 3yo/up, 8fT

The field, in post position order, will be: **Royal Philosopher (GB)** (Faustus), 126; **Distant Oasis (Green Desert)**, 118; **Ruznama (Forty Niner)**, 118; **Bin Rosie (GB)** (Distant Relative {Ire}), 130; **Bishop Of Cashel (GB)** (Warning {GB}), 130; **Gothenberg (Ire)** (Polish Patriot), 127; **Nijo (GB)** (Top Ville {Ire}), 126; **Restructure (Ire)** (Danehill), 130.

MAY HILL STAKES-G3, \$38,922, 2yo, f, 8fT

The field, in post position order, will be: **Raindancing (Ire)** (Tirol {Ire}), 121; **Dame Laura (Ire)** (Royal Academy), 121; **Vagabond Chanteuse (GB)** (Sanglamore), 121; **Attitre (Fr)** (Mtoto {GB}), 121; **The In-Laws (Ire)** (Be My Guest), 121; **Quintellina (GB)** (Robellino), 121; **Mrs Miniver (Septieme Ciel)**, 121; **Fernanda (GB)** (Be My Chief), 121; **Catwalk (GB)** (Shirley Heights {GB}), 124; **Gretel (GB)** (Hansel), 121; **Reams Of Verse (Nureyev)**, 121; **Bint Baladee (GB)** (Nashwan), 121.

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**Friday, Belmont Park:**

RARE PERFUME BREEDERS' CUP H.-GII, \$200,000a, 3yo, f, 1 1/16mT

The field of 11, in post position order, is as follows: **Winfama** (Wild Again), **Zephyr** (His Majesty), **Memories of Silver** (Silver Hawk), **Henlopen** (Deputy Minister), **Everhope** (Danzig), **Fleur de Nuit** (Woodman), **True Flare** (Capote), **Mama Dean** (Woodman), **Unify** (Farma Way), **Ethyl Mae** (Woodman), **Maxzene** (Cozzene).

Saturday, Belmont Park:

MAN O' WAR S.-GI, \$400,000, 3yo/up, 11fT

Awad (Caveat), runner-up in the GI Arlington Million and GII Caesars Palace Turf Championship in his last two outings, breezed a half-mile in :49 over Belmont's main track Tuesday. "His last two races were huge," said trainer David Donk. He's doing very well—he came out of the Million in great shape."

Three-year-old **Marlin** (Sword Dance {Ire}), winner of the GI Secretariat S. at Arlington in his last outing Aug. 25, is scheduled to meet his elders in the Man o' War S. The Florida-bred worked a half-mile in :48.66 at Belmont Tuesday in preparation for the assignment.

Saturday, Belmont Park:

RUFFIAN H.-GI, \$250,000, 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16m

Serena's Song (Rahy)'s last two races were against males, when she finished second in the GI Whitney H. Aug. 3 and third in the GI Iselin H. Aug. 25. The champion filly, who will return to her own division Saturday, breezed five furlongs in 1:00.94 Tuesday.

Top sprinter **Twist Afleet** (Afleet), fourth in the seven-furlong GI Ballerina H. at Saratoga Aug. 18, will try a distance of ground in the Ruffian. The five-year-old mare breezed five furlongs over Belmont's training track in 1:01.10 Tuesday.

Sunday, Belmont Park:

MATRON S.-GI, \$150,000, 2yo, f, 1m

Sharp Cat (Storm Cat) drilled five furlongs in 1:00.07 at Belmont Tuesday. The D. Wayne Lukas-trainee has won her last two starts—a maiden special weight at Del Mar Aug. 12 and the GII Del Mar Debutante Aug. 25.

Fabulously Fast (Deputy Minister), third in the GI Spinaway S. Aug. 30, drilled a bullet five furlongs in :59.03 over Belmont's main track Tuesday. "Fabulously Fast had a very good breeze and came out of it well," said Loretta Miller, assistant to trainer John Kimmel. "She had the day off today (Wednesday) and will probably just gallop into the race."

Sunday, Woodbine:

WOODBINE MILLION S.-GI, \$1,000,000, 3yo, 1 1/8m

Odyle (Alleged) recorded his final prep for the Woodbine Million yesterday, drilling a half-mile over Woodbine's fast main track in :47 2/5 and galloping out five furlongs in 1:00. "It was a very good work," said trainer Paco Gonzalez's brother Salvator. "He came back to the barn like he did nothing. We might take him back to the track tomorrow, or at least put the tack on him, he's so sharp." Odyle comes into the Grade I event off three straight wins in a maiden special weight at Santa Anita Feb. 19, the GII San Felipe S. March 17 and the Re-launch H. over the Del Mar turf Aug. 26.

Preakness winner **Louis Quatorze** (Sovereign Dancer) is expected to arrive at Woodbine Thursday afternoon, while **Victory Speech** (Deputy Minister) is confirmed to arrive Friday morning.

A final decision on whether **Kristy Krunch** (Varick) will enter the race is expected this morning. The Canadian-bred, a three-time stakes-winner at Woodbine, finished third in both the Queens Plate and the Prince of Wales S.

Sunday, Belmont Park:

FUTURITY S.-GI, \$150,000, 2yo, 1m

Wrightwood (Seattle Slew), from the D. Wayne Lukas stable, worked a half-mile in :49 3/5 at Belmont Wednesday. According to assistant trainer Jerry Barton, the colt, whose three previous starts were all in Southern California, will probably be ridden by Jerry Bailey Sunday.

The Silver Move (Silver Buck) will make his second career start in the Futurity; the two-year-old, five-length winner of a maiden special weight at Saratoga Aug. 26, worked five furlongs Tuesday. "He's doing very well," said trainer Linda Rice Wednesday. "He went five furlongs in 1:01 2/5 yesterday. I was very happy with that. As long as he comes out of the work okay, we'll run Sunday."

◆ MIDWEST ◆

Local News, Ohio:

Full-card simulcasting will be available at River Downs starting Sept. 19 when 16 signals will be broadcast over a new state-of-the-art television system at the Cincinnati track. The track is adding over 100 televisions with each set accompanied by two "companion" televisions showing odds, exotic probables, program changes and previous payoffs. Parking and admission to River Downs for simulcasting is free.

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Midwest Report Continued.

Local News, Kentucky:

The Kentucky Horse Park may lose the Calumet trophy exhibit, a prized collection of more than 500 gold and silver pieces that has been on loan to the Lexington, Kentucky park for the past 14 years. The collection, which represents over 50 years of Calumet Farm's history, including a record eight Kentucky Derby wins and two Triple Crowns, may be sold to help satisfy debts of the descendants of the late Warren Wright Jr., onetime heir to Calumet. The Calumet Collection is believed to be the largest private collection of gold and silver trophies in the world and was appraised last year by Sotheby's for \$1.2 million.

Yesterday's Result:

7th-TPX, \$34,630, Msw, 2yo, 5 1/2f, 1:05, ft.
CROWN AMBASSADOR (c, 2, Storm Cat--Rare Mint, by Key to the Mint), who set the pace before settling for third in his last outing at Saratoga July 29, made his first start outside New York here as the 2-1 second choice. The chestnut took the lead at the start and never looked back, striding under the wire 4 1/2-lengths the best under a hand ride. A \$195,000 Kee. Sept. yearling, he is 1/2 to Mystery Rays (MG3-Fr, \$130,978, by Nijinsky II), Robin des Pins (Hwt Older Horse in Ger at 5-7f & 7-9.5f, MG3-Fr, G2-Ger, GSP-Eng, SP-N.A., \$204,003 {excl. Ger}, by Nureyev) and Ahkaam (G3-Ire, by Riverman). Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-1, \$26,195. O-John B. Hart & Jake J. Pletcher. B-Flaxman Holdings Ltd (KY). T-Todd A. Pletcher.

◆ FOREIGN ◆

Stakes Results:

STONES BITTER PARK HILL S.-G3, \$54,492, Doncaster, England, 9-11, 3yo/up, f/m, 14f 132ydsT, 3:03.93, gd.
 1--**@EVA LUNA**, 129, f, 4, Alleged--Media Luna (GB) (MGSP-Eng & Fr), by Star Appeal. O-K. Abdullah; B-Juddmonte Farms; T-Henry Cecil; J-Pat Eddery; \$32,764. * 1/2 to Rougeur (Blushing Groom {Fr}), SW, \$246,311.

2--**Time Allowed** (GB), 117, f, 3, Sadler's Wells--Time Charter (GB), by Saritamer. O-R. Barnett. \$12,138.
 3--**Beauchamp Jade** (GB), 129, f, 4, Kalaglow (GB)--Beauchamp Buzz (GB), by High Top (GB). O-E. Penser. \$5,835.

Margins: 1 3/4, 5, 5.

Also Ran: Russian Snows (Ire), Beyond Doubt (GB), Alzabella (Ire).

Eva Luna took her career total to a perfect three-for-three with an impressive front-running display. The Henry Cecil-trainee did not race at either two or three and made her first public appearance only in July. Jockey Pat Eddery was quick to break and set a good pace for the start and increased the tempo again at halfway. As the field entered the home stretch, all of his opponents were already working hard to make up ground. Eddery said, "She stays really well, so I wanted to go out and make sure it was a true-run race. She has improved a lot in her three starts and took me all the way to the line today." The filly's connections are now planning to aim at Longchamp's G2 Prix Royallieu Oct. 5.

DONCASTER BLOODSTOCK SALES SCARBOROUGH S., \$29,114, Doncaster, England, 9-11, 2yo/up, 5fT, :59.08, gd.

1--**ANZIO (IRE)**, 138, g, 5, Hatim--Highdrive (Ire), by Ballymore (Ire). O-Tommy Staunton; B-Rathduff Stud; T-Miss Gay Kelleway; J-R. Cochrane. \$17,543.

2--**Amazing Bay** (GB), 127, f, 3, Mazilier--Petriece (GB), by Mummy's Pet (GB). \$6,489.

3--**Brave Edge** (GB), 136, g, 5, Beveled--Daring Ditty (GB), by Daring March (GB). \$3,112.

Margins: HD, short HD, 1/2.

ARDILAUN HOUSE HOTEL OYSTER S., \$23,849, Galway, Ireland, 9-10, 3yo/up, 1 1/2mT, 2:39.10, gd/fm.

1--**#PREDAPPIO** (GB), 125, c, 3, Polish Precedent--Khalafiya (Ire) (GSW-Ire), by Darshaan (GB).

O/B-Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid al Maktoum; T-John Oxx; J-J P Murtagh; \$15,617. *MGSP.

2--**I'm Supposin** (Ire), 131, c, 4, Posen--Robinia, by Roberto. \$4,842.

3--**Fill The Bill** (Ire), 131, c, 4, Bob Back--Neat Dish, by Stalwart. \$2,421.

Margins: 1/2, 4 1/2, short head.

AMERICAN-BRED WINNER IN FRANCE:

Gold Delivery, h, 5, Java Gold--Tremor (SW), by Tromos (GB). Evry, 9-10, Prix de la Boulaie (Claimer, Apprentices), 10fT, 4yo/up, \$9,782 to winner. O-C. Cohen; B-Pillar Stud; T-Elie Lellouche. *\$70,000 wnlg '91 KEENOV; \$165,000 yrl '92 FTSAUG. **1/2 to Falling Sky (Star de Naskra), GSP, \$142,043; Move (Forty Niner), GSW, \$165,490.

AMERICAN-BRED WINNER IN IRELAND:

Stage Affair, c, 2, Theatrical (Ire)--Wooing (SW), by Stage Door Johnny. Galway, 9-10, Long Walk EBF Maiden, 8f 100ydsT, 2yo, \$6,082 to winner. O-Dr Michael Smurfit; B-Hickory Tree Farm, Inc; T-Dermot Weld.

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**AMERICAN-BRED WINNERS IN ENGLAND:**

Benny The Dip, c, 2, **Silver Hawk--Rascal Rascal** (MSW), by Ack Ack. Doncaster, 9-11, Queen's Own Yorkshire Dragoons Conditions S., 2yo, 7fT, \$7,534 to winner. O/B-Landon Knight; T-John Gosden. * ½ to Wakia (Miswaki), MSW, \$134,920.

Dear Life, f, 3, **Lear Fan--Charming Life** (NZ), by Sir Tristram (Ire). Epsom, 9-11, Southern Mobile H., 3yo/up, 12f 10ydsT, \$6,785 to winner. O-Lady Howard de Walden; B-Lord Howard de Walden; T-Mrs. Julie Cecil.

Supamova, f, 3, **Seattle Slew--Maximova** (Fr) (MGSW-Fr, \$180,011), by Green Dancer. Epsom, 9-11, Downs Maiden S., 3yo, 8f 114ydsT, \$5,552 to winner. O-Martyn Arbib; B-Janus Bloodstock Inc; T-Paul Cole. *Full to Septieme Ciel, MGSW-Fr, GSP-U.S., \$372,165; ½ to Maxigroom (Blushing Groom {Fr}), MGSW, \$282,817.

Ninia, f, 4, **Affirmed--Lajna** (GB), by Be My Guest. Epsom, 9-11, Chalk Lane H., 3yo/up, 10f 18ydsT, \$11,745 to winner. O-Mrs D R Schreiber; B-Newgate Stud Farm Inc; T-Mark Johnston. * ½ to Gold Land (Gone West), GSW, \$258,335.

Local News, Australia:

Three-year-old gelding **Anthem** (Palace Music) is on course for the G1 Victoria Derby in November following his victory in the G3 Roman Consul S. over six furlongs at Randwick in Sydney last weekend. Winner of the G1 QTC Sires Produce S. and the G1 Castlemaine Classic last season, the John Hawkes-trained runner, having his first start since June, produced his customary late burst to win by a short head. Anthem may replace his more famous stablemate, Australia's Horse of the Year Octagonal, in next month's G1 W S Cox Plate, the country's premier weight-for-age event. Next start for the gelding should be the G2 Stan Fox S. over seven furlongs at Randwick September 28.

Local News, England:

Benny The Dip (Silver Hawk) earned a step up to Group-race level and odds of 33-1 for next year's Newmarket 2000 Guineas when winning the Queen's Own Yorkshire Dragoons Conditions S. at Doncaster yesterday. The colt now has two wins in three starts and judging from the way he quickened ahead in the final furlong of this seven-furlong test, he will find a further rise in grade well within his range. William Balding, John Gosden's assistant trainer, said, "Benny The Dip is in several good races--including the G1 Dewhurst S. and the G1 Racing Post Trophy--and the boss will make a decision as to where he runs next after he has had the opportunity to look at this performance."

◆ **NEW YORK** ◆

Yesterday's Results:

4th-BEL, \$45,580, Alw, 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16m, 1:42 3/5, ft.

1--FORESTED, 116, f, 4, **Country Pine--Passolyn** (MSW, \$144,603), by Fast Passer. O-Robert Perez; B-Curmar & Dellay Larry (NY); T-Alfredo Callejas. Lifetime Record: GSP, 25-4-4-3, \$188,325. * ½ to Applebred (Cormorant), SW, \$271,348.

2--Weekend in Seattle, 112, f, 3, **Seattle Slew--Weekend Surprise**, by Secretariat.

3--Royalty Interest, 113, f, 3, **Mr. Prospector--I Pass**, by Buckpasser.

Margins: HD, 2, 1. Odds: 9.00, 5.00, 1.35.

CALL ACCOUNT (Private Account) battled heads apart with Royalty Interest to midstretch, then drifted in, forcing the favorite to take up sharply. Call Account then held off Forested in the run to the wire, but was subsequently disqualified and placed fourth. Forested, fourth in last year's Breeders' Cup Distaff, was awarded her first win of the year.

7th-BEL, \$45,000, Alw, 3yo/up, 6f, 1:08 4/5, ft.

1--BLISSFUL STATE, 122, c, 4, **Buckaroo--Bright Bliss** (SW, \$108,408), by Well Decorated. O-Lucille Conover; B-Ocala Stud Farms (FL); T-John C. Kimmel. Lifetime Record: GSW, 15-6-3-3, \$223,935.

2--Forest Gazelle, 119, h, 5, **Green Forest--Nimble Feet**, by Danzig.

3--Kings Fiction, 114, c, 4, **Believe the Queen--I'm a Storyteller**, by I'ma Hell Raiser.

Margins: NK, HF, 1. Odds: 3.60, 0.85, 9.40.

Blissful State, winner of last year's GIII Bay Shore, captured an Aug. 30 Saratoga allowance in his last start. The colt chased pacesetting favorite Forest Gazelle to midstretch and then ran that rival down in the final yards for a narrow win.

8th-BEL, \$39,000, Alw, 3/up, 1 3/8mT, 2:14 3/5, fm.

DA DEAN (g, 3, **Deputy Minister--If Liloy {MSW}**, by Liloy {Fr}) went wire-to-wire to break his maiden at 1 ½ miles in his second turf appearance Aug. 19. That performance didn't win him many admirers in the Belmont crowd, and he was let go here at 27-1. Racing from the middle of the pack this time, the gelding was forced to check in traffic on the final turn, split horses at the top of the stretch and drew off for a three-length win. Lifetime Record: 5-2-0-1, \$49,620.

O-Mrs Stephen C Clark Jr. B-Due Process Stables, Inc. (KY). T-James L Lawrence II.

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Local News, New York:

Hall of Fame jockey Jerry Bailey has signed with Athletes & Artists, a New York-based talent representation company, to represent him for all his off-the-track activities, including marketing, broadcasting and publishing. Bailey, regular rider of Horse of the Year Cigar and president of the Jockey's Guild, won an Eclipse Award as the country's best rider last year.

Hall of Fame trainer Woody Stephens, stricken with emphysema and travelling with an oxygen tank at all times, celebrated his 83rd birthday Sept. 1 at his Franklin Square, New York home. His longtime assistant, Sandy Bruno, oversees the day-to-day operations of the stable, but Stephens stops by each day to check on their 10 horses.

◆ SO. CALIFORNIA ◆

Yesterday's Results:

EL CAJON S., \$77,450, DMR, 9-11, 3yo, 1 1/16m, 1:43 1/5, ft.

1--**READY TO ORDER**, 117, c, 3, Order--Banquet Dancer, by Banquet Table. O/B-Robert B. Moreno (CA); T-Jude T. Feld; J-G F Almeida; \$47,450. Lifetime Record: GSP, 13-3-2-3, \$206,290.

2--**Argonnier**, 117, g, 3, Batonnier--Jehofa, by Peterhof. O-Walter Family Trust. \$15,000.

3--**Benton Creek**, 117, c, 3, Septieme Ciel--Bereavement, by Timeless Moment. (\$32,000 yrl '94 KEESEP). O-D E & J E Weir. \$9,000.

Margins: 1 1/4, 1, 2. Odds: 7.20, 3.80, 3.80.

Ready to Order, winless since taking the California Breeders Championship S. for state-breds last Dec. 28, returned to the winner's circle here with an off-the-pace move that saw him 1 1/4-lengths in front at the finish. 4-5 favorite **GREAT TREASURE** (Naevus) set all the fractions then tired late in the drive to be fifth.

LIVE THE DREAM H., \$76,300, DMR, 9-11, 3yo/up, 1mT, 1:35, fm.

1--**FELON (IRE)**, 116, c, 4, Persian Bold (Ire)--Flying Circus (Ire), by Gay Mecene. O-Ronald Gomez; B-Petra Bloodstock Agency Ltd. (IRE); T-R B Hess Jr; J-E. Delahoussaye; \$46,300. Lifetime Record: SP-Fr, 13-4-2-4, \$173,761.

2--**Smooth Runner**, 119, h, 5, Local Talent--Silken Ripples, by Roberto. (\$17,000 yrl '92 KEESEP; \$65,000 2yo 1993 BESMAR). O-Herbert Allen. \$15,000.

3--**Khoraz**, 117, g, 6, The Minstrel--Kozana (GB), by Kris (GB). O-Buena Vista Farm & Lanni & Poslosky. \$9,000.

Margins: HF, HF, 2. Odds: 12.90, 0.50CT, 2.90.

Felon, winless since taking a Santa Anita turf allowance in December, 1995, was sent off the longest shot in this six-horse field. Ridden for the first time by Eddie Delahoussaye, the chestnut came from off-the-pace for his first career stakes win. 1-2 favorite Smooth Runner, winner of the GIII Poker H. two starts back and second to Fastness in the GI Eddie Read H. at Del Mar Aug. 4, rallied from the back of the pack to be a close second.

3rd-DMR, \$47,000, Alw, 3yo/up, 6f, 1:10, ft.

VENUS GENUS (c, 4, Lord Gaylord--Raja's Venus, by Raja Baba) was third in a Hollywood allowance in his last start June 20. The 7-2 third choice pressed the pace, took the lead turning for home and scored by 1 1/4 lengths. Lifetime Record: 9-3-1-3, \$95,525. O-Jan & Mace & Samantha Siegel. B-Mrs. J W Y Martin Jr. (MD). T-Dan Hendricks.

5th-DMR, \$42,000, Alw, 3yo/up, 5 1/2f, 1:03 4/5, ft. **DUBIOUS CONNECTION** (c, 3, Prospectors Gamble--Inca Connection, by High Counsel), 1/2 to Zealous Connection (GII, \$75,770, by Unreal Zeal), finished second in a \$45,000 claimer at Del Mar in his last start Aug. 1. Running outside of claiming company for the first time in 1996, the dark bay was sent off at 4-1 odds and dueled for the lead throughout, finally taking command in the final sixteenth and holding on for 1/2-length victory over 9-5 favorite **SYCAMORE SPRINGS** (Cryptoclearance). Lifetime Record: 14-3-8-1, \$118,475.

O-Budget Stable. B-Jan Mace & Samantha Siegel (FL). T-Kim Lloyd.

10th-DMR, \$39,000, Msw, 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16mT, 1:44 1/5, fm.

FLEET DREAMER (f, 3, Seeking the Gold--Creamery, by Secretariat), making her turf debut here at 12-1 odds, tracked the leaders until midstretch, where she took over for a 2 3/4-length victory in the final race of Del Mar's 1996 meeting. 11-1 longshot **TUVIAH** (Eastern Echo) rounded out the \$221.80 exacta. Lifetime Record: 7-1-0-2, \$39,250.

O-VHW Stables. B-Verne H. Winchell (KY). T-Ronald McAnally.

Local News, Southern California:

Southern California-based jockey Gary Stevens has applied for and received a license to ride in Hong Kong this December. Stevens was a sensation in the colony when he rode there during the 1994-95 season. It is believed he will only ride in Hong Kong for the month of December and will return to the U.S. to ride at the start of 1997. ~

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ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

9th-TPX, \$31,505, 3yo/up, 1 1/8m, 1:52, ft. **FLASHING RIVER** (h, 5, Irish River {Fr}--La Minstrella, by The Minstrel) Lifetime Record: 17-3-3-2, \$90,991. O-Konrad D. Widmer. B-Braeburn Farm Corp. (VA). T-Christopher Speckert.

8th-TPX, \$30,255, 2yo, 6 1/2f, 1:18 1/5, ft. **TEN ROUNDS** (c, 2, Mister Frisky--Lucrative Miss {SW}, by Irish Ruler) Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-0, \$24,306. O-Overbrook Farm. B-Juan Luna (FL). T-D. Wayne Lukas. *1/2 to Prize Fight (GII, \$423,826, by Fight Over).



2nd-WOX, \$27,400, 3yo/up, f/m, a1 1/8mT, 1:51 1/5, gd.

WITH YOUR APPROVAL (f, 4, **With Approval--Cool Plum**, by Plum Bold) Lifetime Record: 15-3-3-3, \$77,771. O-Pedigree Farm. B-Frank Maida (CAN). T-Frank A. Passero Jr. *1/2 to Cool Shot (SW, \$207,816, by Brave Shot {GB}).

8th-DEL, \$26,200, 3yo/up, f/m, a1 1/8mT, 1:48 4/5, fm.

BEYROUGH (f, 4, **Alleged--Lightning Fire {GB} {SW-Fr}**, by Kris {GB}) Lifetime Record: 12-2-4-1, \$86,194. O-Augustin Stable. B-Flaxman Holdings, Ltd. (KY). T-Jonathan E. Sheppard.

8th-MED, \$25,000, 9-10, (S), 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:10 2/5, ft.

SPECIAL BRUSH (f, 3, **Broad Brush--Special Mistress**, by Deputy Minister) Lifetime Record: 5-2-2-0, \$42,305. O-Char-Mari Stable. B-C.J. Hesse, Inc. (NJ). T-George F. Gross.

6th-MED, \$25,000, 9-10, (S), 3yo/up, f/m, 1m, 1:39 3/5, ft.

AVARY RUN (f, 3, **Lord Avie--Run Tan Tan**, by Run Dusty Run) Lifetime Record: 12-3-2-4, \$62,530. O/B-Smith Farm & Stable (NJ). T-Mark Perlsweig.

8th-APX, \$24,180, 3yo/up, abt 5fT, :58 3/5, gd.

PURPLEMANIA (g, 4, **Cure the Blues--Lilac Lace**, by Shecky Greene) Lifetime Record: 8-4-0-0, \$57,911. O-Estate of Hoss Inman & M. Seldin. B-Hoss Inman & Millard Seldin (IL). T-Charlie Livesay.

5th-MED, \$24,000, 9-10, 3yo/up, a1m70yd, 1:41, ft. **EARLY ECHOES** (c, 3, **Eastern Echo--Candlestick**, by El Baba) Lifetime Record: 11-6-1-0, \$83,450. O-Fox Hill Farm. B-W.S. Farish & John B. Carter (KY). T-John C. Servis.

8th-MED, \$20,000, 3yo/up, 1 1/16m, 1:45 3/5, ft. **DOUBLE GLOSS** (c, 3, **Double Sonic--Glossie**, by Glossary) Lifetime Record: 15-2-5-1, \$37,685. O/B-Herman N. Elkin (FL). T-Philip Samuel.

8th-PIM, \$19,000, 3yo/up, 1 1/16m, 1:45, sy. **BYARS** (c, 3, **Deputy Minister--Thirty Flags {MSW, \$275,243}**, by Hoist the Flag) Lifetime Record: 6-2-1-0, \$27,633. O-John Franks. B-Mrs. Richard C. DuPont (MD). T-H. Graham Motion. *1/2 to Manlove (Mr. Prospector), SW, \$169,625.

5th-APX, \$18,500, 3yo/up, f/m, 1m, 1:38, ft. **I'M A LOVE BUG** (f, 4, **Lyphard--Silent Account {GSW, \$480,475}**, by Private Account) Lifetime Record: 8-2-3-0, \$40,360. O-Arthur I. Appleton. B-Hickory Tree Farm, Inc. (VA). T-Lou M. Goldfine.

6th-APX, \$18,500, (S), 3yo/up, 1m, 1:38 1/5, ft. **ROYAL TERRORIZER** (c, 3, **Royal Gardener--Terrorizen**, by Zen) Lifetime Record: 14-2-1-2, \$33,316. O-Irene & Vic Allen. B-Carol & George Craft (IL). T-Eddie A. Cole.

MAIDEN WINNERS:

Martin's Choice, f, 2, **Beau Genius--Full Treasure**, by Fulmar. BEL, 9-11, 6f, 1:11 3/5. B-John Mandekich (Ky).

+ **Rhapsody Blues**, f, 2, **Homebuilder--Secret Rhapsody** (MSW, \$143,895), by Secreto. BEL, 9-11, 6f, 1:12. B-John Franks (Ky).

Show Me Slew, f, 2, **Little Missouri--Slewduce Me**, by Seattle Slew. TPX, 9-11, 1m, 1:40. B-Loblolly Stable (Ky). *\$32,000 yrl '95 KEESEP.

Official Code, f, 2, **Lost Code--Bequia**, by Perrault (GB). DEL, 9-11, 6f, 1:13 4/5. B-Ramiro Colon Jr (Ky)

+ **Red Phone**, c, 2, **Moscow Ballet--Jingle Jan** (MSW), by In Reality. DMR, 9-11, (S), 6f, 1:11 1/5. B-Harris Farms, Inc (Ca).

Tenor Time, g, 2, **Pat the Tenor--Spangled Time**, by Star Spangled. DMR, 9-11, (S), 6f, 1:12 4/5. B-Robert Moreno (Ca). *1st winner for sire.

Always Pals, f, 2, **Polish Numbers--Thanks Pal** (SW), by Foolish Pleasure. MED, 9-11, (S), 6f, 1:12. B-Timber Creek Farm (Nj). *Full to Forever Pals (MSW, \$144,506).

Irish Silence, c, 2, **Seattle Song--Nara**, by Green Forest. BEL, 9-11, (S), 1m, 1:38 1/5. B-Austin Delaney (Ny). *\$20,000 yrl '95 KEESEP; \$35,000 2yo 1996 FTMMAY.

Crown Ambassador, c, 2, **Storm Cat--Rare Mint**, by Key to the Mint. TPX, 9-11, 5 1/2f, 1:05. B-Flaxman Holdings, Ltd (Ky). *\$195,000 yrl '95 KEESEP. **1/2 to Mystery Rays (MG3-Fr, \$130,978, by Nijinsky II), Robin des Pins (Hwt Older Horse in Ger at 5-7f & 7-9.5f, MG3-Fr, G2-Ger, GSP-Eng, SP-N.A., \$204,003 {excl. Ger}, by Nureyev) and Ahkaam (G3-Ire, by Riverman).

Steady the Rudder, g, 3, **Avies Copy--Raise the Main**, by Tilt Up. WOX, 9-11, 6f, 1:10 3/5. B-Gardiner Farms Limited (Can).

Fred's Hooper, c, 3, **Fred Astaire--Mamatoldmenotta-com**, by Master Derby. WOX, 9-11, 6fT, 1:12 1/5. B-Eaton Hall Farm (Can).

Alydel, c, 3, **Jeblar--Sassy Space**, by Sassafras (Fr). MED, 9-11, 1 1/16m, 1:44 4/5. B-Farnsworth Farms (Fl). *1/2 to Valid Space (MSW, \$315,787, by Valid Appeal).

Devereux, c, 3, **Maudlin--Talking in Silence**, by Elocutionist. PIM, 9-11, 6f, 1:12 3/5. B-Ric-Deg Farm (Fl).

Shaktishire, f, 3, **Mohamed Abdu (Ire)--Vanilla Nose**, by Kinsman Hope. DMR, 9-11, 1 1/16m, 1:45 4/5. B-Chase Mishkin & Richard Mulhall (Ca). *1st winner for sire. **1/2 to Scherando (MGSW, \$336,241, by Dimaggio).

Fleet Dreamer, f, 3, **Seeking the Gold--Creamery**, by Secretariat. DMR, 9-11, 1 1/16mT, 1:44 1/5. B-Verne H. Winchell (Ky).

Energise, f, 3, **Woodman--De La Devil** (GIII, \$180,564), by Devil's Bag. TPX, 9-11, 6f, 1:11 3/5. B-Kennelot Stables, Limited (Ky).

Great Beginnings, f, 4, **Ends Well--Alix de Bure** (Fr) (SP), by Lancastrian. BEL, 9-11, (S), 1 1/16mT, 1:44. B-Howard C. Nolan (Ny).

Screaming Luisa, f, 4, **Manastash Ridge--Tweme**, by Betwixt. MED, 9-11, 6f, 1:12 3/5. B-Len Latorre (Ky).



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DON'T BLAME THE TRACK

By: Perry Lefko

Cigar's loss in the Pacific Classic was bad for racing, but it could be good news for the Ontario Jockey Club, specifically Woodbine.

If all goes according to plan, Cigar will cap off his brilliant career at Woodbine on October 26 in the \$4 million Breeders' Cup Classic. People have been talking about Cigar's final appearance in the same way they have mentioned Secretariat's swan song in the Canadian International Stakes at Woodbine in 1973.

It would have been quite a story had Cigar come into the race with his consecutive win streak still intact. Can you imagine the hype under those circumstances if he won the race? In contrast, can you predict the reaction if he lost? Woodbine might have been trashed as the reason for the defeat.

Several big-name horses--Fly So Free, A.P. Indy, and Sea Hero, to name a recent few--have come to Woodbine and run below form, only to have their trainers, rightly or wrongly, criticize the condition of the track. It was either too hard or too loose, but it was never the horse's fault.

Earlier this year Cigar's jockey, Jerry Bailey, said his biggest concern about Cigar was his last race at Woodbine, because of concerns about the track. Again, rightly or wrongly, that was Bailey's perception.

Woodbine will already have enough pressure as the first track outside of the U.S. to play host to the Breeders' Cup. The expanded mile-and-one-half E.P. Taylor Turf Course is widely acclaimed as one of the best and fairest in the world. It is the main track which will be scrutinized.

Had Cigar come to Woodbine undefeated and lost, the track would have forever been recalled as the place he lost. That tag, unfortunately, is what Del Mar will carry.

While Del Mar is considered among the most picturesque tracks in North America, it has a reputation for playing unkind to favorites, as Cigar discovered. Whether Cigar was due for a loss as the law of averages would dictate, or if the hot fractions cooked him, are matters which could be debated for some time. The bottom line is he lost, and he did it at Del Mar.

There are some tracks which are unkind to shippers. Woodbine certainly has been guilty of that. To prepare their stars for the Breeders' Cup, many top trainers are using the Woodbine Million, September 15, to more or less test the track. To be sure the purse is good--roughly about \$730,000 U.S.--and the

race is a Grade I, but this could be described as something of a prep race for the Classic. Better to find out now whether the horses like the track than in late October with \$4 million on the line and Cigar likely in the battle.

It is interesting that the man who trains Cigar knows Woodbine better than most American trainers. Bill Mott trained a string at Woodbine in the mid-80s for John Franks. While he made treks to the track once a week from his American base to check out his horses who were left in the hands of an assistant, Mott learned about Woodbine. It will not be like he is entering some foreign territory as will be the case for some high-profile U.S. trainers who have never been to Woodbine or have run few horses there.

Wayne Lukas, like many top conditioners, will use the Woodbine Million to learn all he needs to know about the track, such as shoeing and the like. When Lukas came to Woodbine in August to be a guest speaker at the Canadian Horse Racing Hall of Fame luncheon, he was pleasantly surprised at the layout. Lukas has only run one horse at Woodbine but was not there to saddle it. Lukas marveled at the various tracks and gave Woodbine the stamp of approval. It will be interesting to hear what he has to say after he runs a horse over the course.

It is hoped Cigar rebounds from his defeat and rattles off a couple more wins and then ends his career with a win at Woodbine. That would be the ideal scenario. But, if he loses in Canada, don't blame the track.

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