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SONNY HINE CONSIDERS CLASSIC FOR SKIP AWAY Trainer Sonny Hine, who had seemed to be leaning toward skipping the Breeders' Cup Classic with Jockey Club Gold Cup winner **Skip Away** (Skip Trial), may be shifting his position. The colt, who carries the colors of Hine's wife, Carolyn, would have to be supplemented to the race for \$480,000, but Hine said yesterday, "It's not out of the question any more. We are in the talking stages. We've busted our butts all these years and now we have a chance to take a horse to the pinnacle. If we don't do it now we may be kicking ourselves. We've got to choose Door No. 1 or Door No. 2. It's like one of those game shows." While there have been offers from some willing to put up the supplemental fee on the gamble that the colt will earn it back for them, the trainer now says if Skip Away runs, the Hines will pay the fee themselves. "The other way, it wouldn't be sporting," he offered.

HELISSIO NOMINATED FOR JAPAN CUP Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe hero **Helissio (Fr)** (Fairy King) has been nominated to this year's Japan Cup in Tokyo on November 24. Trainer Elie Lellouche said Monday that Enrique Sarasola's three-year-old "has come out of the Arc really well. He is in tremendous shape. I have today nominated him for the Japan Cup." European entries for the Japan Cup closed today and details will be released on Friday. Should he win the mile-and-a-half Japan Cup, Helissio will become only the second French-trained winner of the event, following the Robert Collet-trained Le Glorieux in 1987.

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STAKES CLOSINGS

TOMORROW, WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 9:

10-19 \$200,000 *Hawthorne Derby-GIII, Haw,*
3yo, 9fT (\$100)

10-19 \$175,000 *Fayette-GII, Kee, 3yo/up, 9f*
(\$175)

10-25 \$100,000 *Sky Classic-GIC, Wo, 3yo/up, 8.5fT*
(100)

10-25 \$75,000 *Kennedy Road-GIC, Wo, 3yo/up, 6f (\$75)*

10-26 \$100,000 *Swynford-GIC, Wo, 2yo, 7f (\$100)*



CLASSIC

Cigar (Palace Music) remains the horse to beat, despite his narrow loss after a gallant performance in the Jockey Club Gold Cup...**Skip Away** (Skip Trial), now assured of one Eclipse Award, could make a run at the reigning Horse of the Year if trainer Sonny Hine sees his steely grey is still at the top of his game after his Gold Cup win--if he is on his toes, look for Skip Away to be in the big one...trainer Leo O'Brien has a pocketful of reasons why he will pre-enter **Yanks Music** (Air Forbes Won), a three-year-old filly, against older males. "The mile-and-a-quarter is better for her--she ran her best race of the year at the distance (in the Alabama). The way the owner might be thinking, if Skip Away doesn't go, and Cigar has already been beaten--who knows what could happen? She's a better fall-of-the-year horse, and to run third in the Classic would be the same money as winning the Distaff. It's a dream, isn't it?"...**Alphabet Soup** (Cozzene) was unlucky to lose first-place money in the GII Goodwood Breeders' Cup after a close-call disqualification but looks to redeem himself at Woodbine...fellow Californian **Dare and Go** (Alydar), who owns the distinction of breaking Cigar's streak, lost his best chance when steadied early in that race...other Classic candidates: **Atticus** (Nureyev), **Basqueian** (Bounding Basque), **Dramatic Gold** (Slew o'Gold), **Editor's Note** (Forty Niner), **Formal Gold** (Black Tie Affair {Ire}), **Louis Quatorze** (Sovereign Dancer), **Mt. Sassafras** (Mt. Livermore), **Wekiva Springs** (Runaway Groom).

TURF

Turf Classic winner **Diplomatic Jet** (Roman Diplomat) bids for his third straight Grade I win, but has to show he has what it takes away from his home turf at Belmont Park...**Awad** (Caveat) came flying at the finish to be second in the Turf Classic; if he gets an honest pace, he could be along in time. "Pat Day rode him the way he has to be ridden, win or lose. He wants to come from way back, and you can't move too soon with him," said trainer Dave Donk...**Singspiel (Ire)** (In The Wings {GB}), who proved he could handle the course in the Canadian International, heads the European contingent... also talking Turf: **Admise (Fr)** (Highest Honor {Fr}), **Bon Point (GB)** (Soviet Star), **Chief Bearhart** (Chief's Crown), **Dernier Empereur** (Tremolino), **Dushyantor** (Sadler's Wells), **Flag Down** (Deputy Minister), **Gold and Steel (Fr)** (Shining Steel {GB}), **Marlin** (Sword Dance {Ire}), **Swain (Ire)** (Nashwan).

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Bound for the Breeders' Cup cont.

JUVENILE

Ordway (Salt Lake) leads the way after an impressive victory in the Moet Champagne. Trainer Dave Donk will send his colt to Woodbine eight to 10 days before the race to give him a chance to try out the track...Team Lukas will at least double-team with **Boston Harbor** (Capote), who goes in the GII Breeders' Futurity at Keeneland October 11, and the maiden **Gold Tribute** (Mr. Prospector), third in the Moet Champagne...**Cash Deposit** (Deposit Ticket) cashed in at Woodbine Sunday, taking the Grey Breeders' Cup S. and giving him an edge with a race over the track. "He's the best two-year-old in Canada," said trainer Danny Vella. Also eligible: **Gun Fight** (Fit to Fight), **Night In Reno** (Bet Big).

DISTAFF

Different (Arg) (Candy Stripes), undefeated in the U.S. and a Grade I winner on both turf and dirt, challenges for divisional honors after another sterling performance in the Three Chimneys Spinster. The mare, now nine-for-10 lifetime, would have to be supplemented to the tune of \$200,000, but owners Sid and Jenny Craig are not only sporting but smart--they paid the fee to start **Paseana (Arg)** in 1992 (she won), and 1993 (she earned back the bucks with a second-place finish)...**Serena's Song** (Rahy) has more Breeders' Cup points than any horse in the country and ran another game one when second to Classic possibility **Yanks Music** in the Beldame Sunday...trainer Wally Dollase says of his **Jewel Princess** (Key to the Mint), who just missed with a late rush in the Lady's Secret Breeders' Cup at Santa Anita Sunday, finishing second, "This is the best mare in America--right here." He will ship to Woodbine October 14. "The main thing is to get a couple of works over that track," he explained. Other contenders: **Antespend** (Spend a Buck), **Clear Mandate** (Deputy Minister), **Golden Attraction** (Mr. Prospector), **My Flag** (Easy Goer), **Mysteriously** (Afleet), **Top Rung** (Seattle Slew), **Top Secret** (Afleet).

JUVENILE FILLIES

Team Lukas holds the strong hand once again, with **City Band** (Carson City) dominating in the Oak Leaf and Matron winner **Sharp Cat** (Storm Cat) running another big race when second in the Frizette...**Storm Song** (Summer Squall) was equally impressive earning her second stakes win as first-time Lasix in the Frizette... also possible: **Aldiza** (Storm Cat), **Barbed Wire** (Affirmed), **Clever Pilot** (Clever Trick), **Larkwhistle** (Silver Deputy), **Love That Jazz** (Dixieland Band), **Southern Playgirl** (Western Playboy), **Wealthy** (Regal Classic).

MILE

Mark Of Esteem (Ire) (Darshaan {GB}) is rated best in Europe this year...**Helmsman** (El Gran Senor), third in the GI Hollywood Gold Cup last out June 30, continues to prep at Hollywood Park...connections of **Mistle Cat** (Storm Cat), winner of Sunday's G1 Premio Vittorio di Capua in Milan, are now hoping for a chance at the Breeders' Cup, but trainer Sean Woods said, "We won't muck about. If he gets in, we will probably go. But if he is only a reserve, we won't wait on the others."... **Perfect Arc** (Brown Arc) could be supplemented at the cost of \$120,000, but trainer Angel Penna Jr. said the filly is now just 50-50 for the race...also making the Mile: **Allied Forces** (Miswaki), **Da Hoss** (Gone West), **First Island (Ire)** (Dominion {GB}), **Kiridashi** (Bold Ruckus), **Same Old Wish** (Lyphard's Wish {Fr}), **Urgent Request (Ire)** (Rainbow Quest), **Volochine (Ire)** (Soviet Star).

SPRINT

Lord Carson (Carson City) lorded it over his foes in the Boojum...Met Mile winner **Honour and Glory** (Re-launch) followed his stablemate home in the Boojum and will join him in the Sprint...Vosburgh winner **Langfuhr** (Danzig) carries Canada's best hopes...**Lakota Brave** (Northern Prospect) annexed the Ancient Title Breeders' Cup, and his trainer, Bruce Headley, assures, "His next race should be his best one." The seven-year-old will be making his third start since undergoing surgery to remove a chip from his left ankle...three-year-old filly **Kistena** (Miswaki), a longshot winner in the Prix de l'Abbaye Sunday, might take a shot...also studying the Sprint: **Appealing Skier** (Baldski), **Capote Belle** (Capote), **Chaposa Springs** (Baldski), **Love Grows** (Steady Growth), **Splendid Sprinter** (Valid Appeal).

News cont.

IRGUN TO WALMAC Walmac International General Manager John T. L. Jones announced yesterday that Grade I winner **Irgun** (Sunny's Halo), retired in August after suffering slight tear in his right front tendon, will stand the 1997 breeding season at the Lexington stud. A winner from six-and-a-half furlongs to a mile and an eighth while capturing three of his four starts at three, Irgun took both the GII Gotham and GI Wood Memorial, besting that year's Derby winner Go for Gin by a length and a half in that event. He goes to the breeding shed with earnings of \$476,975. The five-year-old, bred in Kentucky by Oak Cliff Stable and from the prepotent Halo--Hail to Reason--Turn to line, will stand for a fee of \$4,000, live foal, as the property of a partnership.

GAINESWAY

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**GREEN DANCER COLT WINS
GROUP 3 AT LONGCHAMP**

TARATOR, a 3-year-old colt by **GREEN DANCE**, won the **Prix de Lutece G-3**.



◆ FOREIGN ◆

Weekend Results:

MAINICHI OKAN-G2-Jpn, \$1,128,501, Tokyo Racecourse, Japan, 10-6, 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/8mT, 1:45.8, fm.

1--**ANNUS MIRABILIS (FR)**, c, 4, Warning (GB)--Anna Petrovna (Fr), by Wassl (GB). O-Godolphin; B-Darley Stud Management Co., Ltd (GB); T-Saeed Bin Suroor; J-Darryll Holland; \$594,087.

2--**Toyo Lyphard (Jpn)**, h, 6, Relaunch--Thunderdome, by Lyphard. \$240,344.

3--**Bubble Gum Fellow (Jpn)**, c, 3, Sunday Silence--Bubble Company (Fr), by Lyphard. \$147,630.

Margins: 1 1/2, NK, NK. Odds: 9.20, 36.00, 4.00.

Annus Mirabilis, the only foreign entrant in the field, rated just behind the pace of Toyo Lyphard. The French colt moved to challenge the leader turning for home and the pair battled down the stretch. Annus Mirabilis surged to the front in the final 100 yards, giving English jockey Darryl Holland his first winner since moving his tack to Japan in August.

KYOTO DAISHOTEN-G2-Jpn, \$1,130,514, Kyoto Racecourse, Japan, 10-6, 3yo/up, 12fT, 2:25.1, fm.

1--**MARVELOUS SUNDAY (JPN)**, c, 4, Sunday Silence--Momiji Dancer (Jpn), by Viceregal. O-S. Sasahara; B-Hayata Farms (Jpn); T-Makoto Osawa; J-Yutaka Take; \$595,497.

2--**Minamoto Marinos (Jpn)**, c, 3, Ile de Bourbon--Kogane Akebono (Jpn), by Magnitude (Ire). \$240,747.

3--**Kamino Magic (Jpn)**, h, 5, Rivlia--Cutie Honey, by Wajima. \$147,831.

Margins: 1/2, HD, NS. Odds: 1.20, 17.20, 14.60.

PREMIO RUMON, \$50,662, Rome, Italy, 10-6, 2yo, 8fT, 1:39.50, gd/sf.

1--**#WOODS OF CISTERNA (IRE)**, 120, c, 2, Soviet Lad--Northern Wind (Ire), by Northfields. (\$14,010 wnl '94 Goffs Nov.). O-Scuderia Ri Ma; B-Tom Curran (Ire); T-Luigi Camici; J-M Pasquale; \$28,146.

2--**Golden Aventura (Ire)**, 120, c, 2, Nordance--Colline del Po (Ire), by Jaazeiro. \$12,384.

3--**Golden Blushing**, 120, c, 2, Blushing John--Dominique's Lass, by The Minstrel. (\$4,500 yrl '95 KEEJAN; \$12,000 yrl '95 OBSAUG). \$6,755.

Margins: 1, 2, 1 1/2.

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.

PREMIO DUCA D'AOSTA, \$50,662, Milan, Italy, 10-6, 3yo/up, 15fT, 3:16.60, gd/sf.

1--**#SNOW PRINCESS (IRE)**, 123, f, 4, Ela-Mana-Mou (Ire)--Karelia (GSP-Fr), by Sir Ivor. O-Lord Weinstock; B-Ballymacoll Stud Co (Ire); T-Lord Huntingdon; J-J Weaver; \$28,146. *SP-Eng.

2--**Kristal's Paradise (Ire)**, 123, f, 4, Bluebird--Kristal's Pride (GB), by Kris (GB). \$12,384.

3--**Saeta Rubia**, 123, m, 5, Trempolino--Tuca Tuca, by Miswaki. \$6,755.

Margins: 5 1/4, 3 3/4, 1 1/2.

PREMIO DEL DADO, \$50,662, Milan, Italy, 10-6, 2yo, 8fT, 1:40:70, gd/sf.

1--**#HELLO (IRE)**, 123, c, 2, Lycius--Itqan (Ire), by Sadler's Wells. (\$29,580 wnl '94 Goffs Nov.). O-P L Wroughton; B-H Volz (Ire); T-John Dunlop; J-F Jovine; \$28,146.

2--**White Gulch (GB)**, 123, c, 2, Gulch--White Wisteria (GB), by Ahonoora (Ire). \$12,384.

3--**Kingsinger (Ire)**, 131, c, 2, Fairy King--Silly Tune (Ire), by Coquelin. \$6,755.

Margins: 9 1/4, 5, 1.

PRIX HEROD, \$47,349, Evry, France, 10-7, 2yo, 8fT, 1:44.30, gd.

1--**#DAYLAMI (IRE)**, 128, c, 2, Doyoun (Ire)--Daltawa (Ire) (SW & GSP-Fr), by Miswaki. O-H H Aga Khan; B-H H Aga Khan's Studs S.C. (Ire); T-Alain de Royer-Dupre; J-G Mosse; \$27,392.

2--**Bartex (Fr)**, 128, c, 2, Groom Dancer--Belisonde (Fr), by Gay Mecene. \$9,392.

3--**Herakles (Fr)**, 128, c, 2, Hero's Honor--Baby Sitting (Fr), by Son Of Silver (GB). \$5,870.

Margins: 2, 2, short NK.

Melbourne Cup Notes:

The Ian Balding-trained four-year-old **Grey Shot (GB)** (Sharrood) is already in quarantine for his trip to Australia for the Melbourne Cup and the Jeff Smith-owned grey is due to travel on October 15. Back in early August the gelding captured the G2 Garrard Goodwood Cup over two miles, the exact distance of Australia's greatest race. Arc de Triomphe failure **Classic Cliche (Ire)** (Salse) has also entered quarantine for the November 5 Melbourne Cup, but no decision will be made immediately as to whether or not he will make the trip. Obviously affected by an interrupted preparation for the Arc, Classic Cliche disappointed badly, coming home last of the 15 finishers. Godolphin racing manager Simon Crisford said: "This was not the Classic Cliche that we all know," while jockey Frankie Dettori reported that the four-year-old had raced "completely flat."



KEENELAND

CLOSING FRIDAY, OCTOBER 11

Keeneland April 15 Two-Year-Olds in Training Sale



Melbourne Cup cont.

Gallant Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe third **Oscar Schindler (Ire)** (Royal Academy) entered quarantine Monday on the first stage of a possible tilt at the \$2 million event at Flemington. While he is in quarantine a definite decision will be made by his owner/breeder Oliver Lehane and trainer Kevin Prendergast about whether or not the Irish St. Leger winner will make the trip to Australia. Prendergast has been outspoken in his criticism of Texan rider Cash Asmussen for the ride he gave Oscar Schindler in the Arc and may now be regretting his decision to "jock off" Irish rider Stephen Craine, who was on board when the four-year-old, a son of Breeders' Cup Mile winner Royal Academy, won the Irish St. Leger. "It was a very misjudged ride," Prendergast said. "The winner had it solo in front, meeting no trouble at all. But we were trying to give a Group One winner 100 yards start, which is an impossibility. Oscar Schindler also met all sorts of trouble and was still last with two furlongs to run, so he did well to be beaten only five lengths by Helissio. I would blame the jockey because we told him to have the horse in fifth or sixth from the start." Asmussen responded to Prendergast's criticism: "I'd be the first to admit that I was too far out of my ground. But I was dragged back by being behind two horses I didn't want to be behind and I had to sit and suffer. I didn't want to go on the outside because you don't win at Longchamp by going five-wide round the bends like some had to. I'm disappointed that we didn't get second, but I'd have needed to have wings to beat the winner--Helissio was spectacular."

Local News: France

The world-renowned Halifax-based Timeform Organisation's handicapper Chris Williams yesterday rated the Arc victory of **Helissio (Fr)** (Fairy King) as the best since Dancing Brave in 1986. He gave Elie Lellouche's colt a rating of 137, one pound ahead of Suave Dancer in 1991 but three pounds behind Dancing Brave. "We rate him the best winner of the race since Dancing Brave," he said, "but he's not quite in the Sea Bird or Ribot class yet." However, Williams still rates Breeders' Cup Mile-bound **Mark Of Esteem (Ire)** (Darshaan {GB}) as the best three-year-old colt this year, a judgement achieved by the Godolphin colt's remarkable victory over the filly **Bosra Sham** (Woodman) in the G1 Queen Elizabeth II S. over a mile at Ascot.

AMERICAN-BRED WINNERS IN JAPAN:

- Palm Shadow**, c, 2, **A.P. Indy**--Rue de Palm (GSW, \$289,000), by Icecapade. Tokyo, 10-5, novice race, 2yo, 7fT. Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, \$67,728. O-Shadai Race Horse; B-Peter M Brant; T-Kazuo Fujisawa. *Fifth winner for freshman sire.
- + **Field Way**, c, 2, **Farma Way**--Grecian Dancer, by Fio Rito. Kyoto, 10-6, maiden race, 2yo, 9fT. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$54,000. O-Katsuzo Chida; B-Hermitage Farm; T-Kenji Yamauchi. *½ to Grecian God (Tasso), SP, \$131,443. **\$27,000 wnlg '94 KEENOV; \$110,000 yrl '95 KEESEP; \$195,000 2yo '96 BESMAR.

- + **Yashima Japan**, c, 2, **Forty Niner**--Big Dreams (MSW, \$153,047), by Great Above. Tokyo, 10-5, maiden race, 2yo, 6f (dirt). Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$54,000. O-Yoshiaki Mouri; B-Gainesway Thoroughbreds; T-Tasuhisa Matsuyama. *½ to Housebuster (Mt. Livermore), Ch. Sprinter, MGSW, \$1,229,696; Maison de Reve (Mt. Livermore), GSP, \$181,183. **\$500,000 2yo '96 FTFFEB.
- + **Dust Whirl**, c, 2, **Storm Cat**--Flying Julia (MGSW, \$455,200), by Flying Paster. Kyoto, 10-5, maiden race, 2yo, 7f (dirt). Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$54,000. O-Hiroyoshi Usuda; B-Foxfield; T-T Shirai.
- Asaka Homare**, c, 2, **Summer Squall**--Special Power (SW, \$173,844), by Lines of Power. Kyoto, 10-6, novice race, 7fT. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$45,762. O-Yoshio Asakawa; B-W. S. Farish; T-M Sayama.
- Stone Stepper**, c, 3, **Crafty Prospector**--Cassadaga, by Cassalera. Tokyo, 10-5, Kannazuki S., 8f (dirt). Lifetime Record: 9-4-0-1, \$611,935. O-Isao Ogawa; B-Marvin Little, Jr; T-Tetsuya Meno. *\$45,000 yrl '94 KEESEP; \$110,000 2yo '95 KEEAPR.
- Eishin Marion**, c, 3, **Fred Astaire**--Forain, by Forli. Niigata, 10-6, novice race, 8fT. Lifetime Record: 13-1-5-2, \$192,660. O-Toyomitsu Hirai; B-C L Kidder, N L Rob Robenalt & G Comer; T-Shinobu Umeuchi. *\$45,000 yrl '94 KEESEP; \$85,000 2yo '95 FTFFEB.
- Berg Account**, c, 3, **Private Account**--Playlist (MSW, \$547,496), by Miswaki. Tokyo, 10-6, plate race, 11fT. Lifetime Record: 11-2-1-2, \$212,978. O-S Yamada; B-Fares Farm; T-Y Iizuka. *½ to Hawkeye Bay (Silver Hawk), SP, \$137,207. **\$80,000 yrl '94 KEESEP; \$100,000 2yo '95 FTFFEB.
- Singer Jon**, c, 4, **Dixieland Band**--Jon's Singer (MSP), by Caro (Ire). Tokyo, 10-5, plate race, 6f (dirt). Lifetime Record: SP, 5-3-0-1, \$298,005. O-Del Mar Club; B-Fares Farm Inc; T-Michifumi Kono. *\$200,000 2yo '94 BESMAR.

AMERICAN-BRED WINNER IN ENGLAND:

- Count Roberto**, c, 2, **El Gran Senor**--Numeral, by Alleged. Pontefract, 10-7, Levy Board Nursery H., 6fT, 2yo, \$5,524 to winner. O-Manton House Syndicate; B-Viking Group V & Ashford Stud; T-Peter Chapple-Hyam. *\$11,000 wnl '94 KEENOV.

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STAKES RESULTS:

- WEST VIRGINIA BREEDERS CLASSIC S.**, \$135,000, CTX, 10-6, (R), 3yo/up, 1 1/8m, 1:53 2/5, ft.
- 1--**ARDENT ARAB**, 122, g, 4, **Weshaam**--**Summer Rendezvous**, by **Raja Baba**. O-Lewis Wallace B III; B-Casey James W (WV); T-Donald E Campbell; J-A Delgado; \$67,500. Lifetime Record: 27-10-9-4, \$188,795.
- 2--**Me No Sissy**, 122, h, 8, **Light Years**--Dangly, by Hagley. \$33,750.
- 3--**Step Out Dancing**, 122, c, 4, **Dancing Czar**--Shoot It Out, by Wolfgang. \$16,200.
- Margins: 2HF, 2, NK. Odds: 1.10, 3.50, 8.10.



WEST VIRGINIA F & M CORP. BREEDERS CLASSIC S., \$45,000, CTX, 10-6, (R), 3yo/up, f/m, 7f, 1:27 4/5, ft.

1--**FLYING DOVE CAFE, 122, m, 6, Swelegant--Cocoa Cafe (SP)**, by Inverness Drive. O/T-James A Palmer; B-Palmer Robert L (MD); J-L Dupuy; \$22,500. Lifetime Record: 23-8-9-1, \$98,650.

2--**Lapher's Lass, 122, f, 4, Feel the Power--Serlapher**, by Dactylographer. \$11,250.

3--**Mary Mary Beth, 122, f, 4, Piccolino--Safeway Dinner**, by Dinner Prince. \$5,400.

Margins: 1HF, 5, HF. Odds: 2.90, 1.60, 27.10.

RAZORBACK FUTURITY, \$32,700, LAD, 10-6, Arkansas-Breds, 2yo, c/g, 6f, 1:12 3/5, ft.

1--**#AIR JERI, 119, c, 2, Beat Inflation--My Secret Prospect**, by Great Prospector. O/B-Jim Lorenz (AR); T-James O Ross; J-D Guillory; \$19,620. Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, \$21,620.

2--**First Twister, 119, c, 2, Midnight Dollars--Staunch Obsession**, by Ironsmith. \$6,540.

3--**Full Inflation, 119, c, 2, Beat Inflation--Helen Blazes**, by Full Out. (\$2,700 wlng '94 ARKAUG). \$3,597.

Margins: 1, 4HF, NK. Odds: 0.80, 2.60, 8.80.

SAFELY KEPT S., \$25,000, HOU, 10-5, 3yo/up, f/m, 5 1/2f, 1:03 2/5, sy.

1--**ICY MORN, 122, f, 4, Crowned Jewel--Frosty Straw**, by Damascus. O-D M Cattle Co Inc; B-Henderson S F (TX); T-James C Hudson; J-R L Frazier; \$15,000. Lifetime Record: 28-15-4-5, \$227,352.

2--**Wayne's Woman, 119, f, 4, Wayne's Crane--Jan's On Top**, by Great Above. \$5,000.

3--**Sattidy, 116, f, 4, Partez--Special n' Sunny**, by Hawkin's Special. \$2,750.

Margins: 5 1/4, 1 1/4, 2. Odds: 1.60, 3.40, 4.60.

ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

11th-PHA, \$22,000, 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:10 2/5, ft.

HOLLY SUNSET (m, 5, Mining--Racy Suzy {MSP, \$132,060}, by Nordic Prince) Lifetime Record: SP, 28-7-3-6, \$108,804. O-Edward Rudley. B-Hall Thoroughbred Farm & Mining Partnership (KY). T-Thomas R Miller.

8th-APX, \$20,358, 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:12 1/5, ft.

SPEEDY SPENDER (f, 3, Spend a Buck--Garfield Holme, by Deputy Minister) Lifetime Record: 5-4-0-0, \$50,310. O-Richard E Trebat. B-Due Process Stable, Inc. (KY). T-Jere R Smith Sr.

8th-CRC, \$19,750, 10-6, 3yo/up, 1m, 1:39 2/5, sy.

SEA HORSE (c, 3, Cutlass--Charquillo, by Native Charger) Lifetime Record: 6-3-2-1, \$49,285. O-James Lewis Jr. B-Harry T. Mangurian Jr. (FL). T-Emanuel Tortora. * 1/2 to Handsome Version (What a Pleasure), SP, \$117,505.

8th-HOO, \$19,200, 10-6, 3yo, 6f, 1:08 1/5 (ETR), ft.

PROJECT BULLET (g, 3, Fortunate Moment--Laura's Recipe, by Cornish Prince) Lifetime Record: SW, 9-5-1-1, \$81,685. O-Minnark Inc. B-Jon L. Starr (AR). T-John M. Lynde.

5th-APX, \$18,500, 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16mT, 1:43 4/5, fm.

LAMBASTE (f, 4, Alysheba--Davie's Lamb {MSW, \$549,695}, by Unpredictable) Lifetime Record: 9-2-1-1, \$30,454. O/B-Silverleaf Farms Inc. (KY). T-P Noel Hickey.

6th-APX, \$18,500, (S), 3yo/up, 1m, 1:39 2/5, ft.

NIGHTTIME CALLER (c, 3, Timeless Moment--Calling Ann, by Affirmed) Lifetime Record: 9-2-1-2, \$31,314. O/B-Decourcy Cathy & Donald (IL). T-P Noel Hickey.

3rd-APX, \$18,500, 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16mT, 1:44 2/5, fm.

FRANKIE CARL (f, 3, Cutlass--Ality Q. {SW}, by Dactylographer) Lifetime Record: 9-2-3-2, \$42,765. O-Frank C Calabrese. B-Max Hugel (FL). T-Britt A McGehee.

1st-APX, \$18,500, 10-6, (S), 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:12 2/5, ft.

EMERALD AFTERNOON (f, 3, Cabrini Green--Afternoon Tea, by Tequillo) Lifetime Record: 14-3-2-1, \$46,347. O-Getz Brigitte & Zeldman Marvin. B-Hal Snowden Jr. (IL). T-George J Getz. * 1/2 to Pulling Rank (Lt. Stevens), SW, \$126,041.

MAIDEN WINNERS:

Fab's Flyer, c, 2, Gold Alert--Fabulous Fanny, by Forli Winds. CRC, 10-7, 1m, 1:42. B-Stride Rite Racing Stable, Inc (FI).

Lone Arranger, c, 2, Out of Place--Rosie My Love, by Gunflint. PHA, 10-7, 1m, 1:42. B-One Potato/Two Potato Farm, Bill Crocker, Et Al (FI). *Seventh winner for freshman sire.

Premier's Turn, c, 2, Premiership--Bumpy Turn, by Charming Turn. CRC, 10-7, 6f, 1:12 3/5. B-Stride Rite Racing Stable (FI).

+ **Lord Retsina, c, 2, Retsina Run--Kona Baby**, by The Irish Lord. BMX, 10-5, 6f, 1:11 2/5. B-Robinson Jim (Ca).

Robynhood, c, 2, Robyn Dancer--Beautiful Bid, by Baldski. SAX, 10-6, 6f, 1:09 1/5. B-Farnsworth Farm (FI). *\$435,000 2yo '96 OBSMAR. **1/2 to Jeb (MSW, \$178,867, by Jeblar) and Mecke (MGI, \$2,322,280, by Maudlin). ***6th winner for freshman sire.

Spirit Storm, c, 2, Show Dancer--Lovely Storm, by First Albert. DEL, 10-5, 5 1/2f, 1:08. B-W J Rodgers Jr & Y J Simmons (FI). *\$6,500 yrl '95 OBSAUG; \$2,700 yrl '95 OBSJAN.

Exhilaration, f, 2, Storm Cat--Puget Sound (GB), by High Top. SAX, 10-6, 6f, 1:09 4/5. B-Swettenham Stud, Roncon Ltd, Et Al (Ky). *\$200,000 yrl '95 FTSAUG.

Improved, c, 2, Valid Appeal--Yankee Flower, by Cox's Ridge. CRC, 10-5, 7f, 1:26 2/5. B-Kinsman Farm (FI).

Stormy Creek, f, 2, Tricky Creek--Untarnished, by Silver Buck. PHA, 10-7, 6f, 1:13 2/5. B-Mr & Mrs J M Pappas & Mr & Mrs O R Fretz I (KY). *\$3,000 2yo 1996 FTMMAY.

Good Samaritan, c, 3, Capote--Rootentootenwooten (GSW, \$181,884), by Diesis (GB). KEE, 10-5, 1 1/8m, 1:52 2/5. B-Campbell Alex G Jr (Ky).



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WHAT ABOUT THAT SALE LAST WEEK?

by **Bill Oppenheim**

Last week's Tattersalls Houghton yearling sale wasn't just the strongest horse sale of the year, it was hands-down the strongest horse sale of the decade, and quite literally the strongest sale since the night Warner Jones walked down the aisle of the 1985 Keeneland July sale, throwing his hands in the air as Seattle Dancer broke through the \$10-million mark on his way to \$13.1-million.

The bare facts are fairly easy to recite. Compared to 1995--well there was just about no comparison. The 213 listed sales grossed the equivalent of \$43 million (converted at 1 guinea = \$1.65)--up 45 percent. The average was \$202,000--up 51 percent. Even the median, \$125,400, was up a massive 65 percent. And for good measure, the average broke the all-time high for a European yearling sale set in 1987. Every single person in Newmarket last week who had bought at Keeneland September remarked what bargains those purchases now look. And they do.

Six buyers or buying groups dominated the sale, accounting for a third of the horses bought (74) and spending half the money (\$22.46 million). And while Japanese buyers, and even four American pinhookers, got into the act, these six have one very important factor in common--they're into racing and they want to race the best. In order of money spent, these six are: Sheikh Mohammed's Darley Stud Management (27 purchases, \$5,494,500); Demi O'Byrne for Michael Tabor (11, \$5,494,500); Wafic Said's Addison Racing (9, \$4,059,000); Sheikh Maktoum's Gainsborough Stud (10, \$3,762,000); Prince Fahd Salman's Newgate Stud (9, \$1,909,050) and his brother Prince Ahmed Salman's Thoroughbred Corporation (8, \$1,336,500). In fact, agents Charlie Gordon-Watson (several for Arab interests) and the BBA England (several for the Japanese) each spent more than did Prince Ahmed, but not for one buyer or group.

This sale rather put into perspective the old tension between those who are basically in racing because they love it and can afford to spend what it takes, and the rest of us, who are in racing because we love it, but have to try and make it pay. And it also illustrated--rather dramatically, I thought--just why European, and particularly English, racing is just about the best in the world. The intake of these yearlings into the racing population, plus the addition of those bought in America, does illustrate just how strong the racing here is. And, whatever they're racing for, one thing we can be certain of...they're not racing for the prize money.

Maiden Winners cont.

Tree, c, 3, Conquistador Cielo--Trunk (SW, \$123,825), by Danzig. HOO, 10-5, 6f, 1:09 1/5. B-Kirkham-Ewing Partnership & Claiborne Farm (Ky). *\$80,000 yrl '94 KEESEP. **½ to Golden Braids (Forty Niner), MGSP, \$111,700.

Mr. Doodles, c, 3, Danzig Connection--Proud Caitlin (SW), by Proud Appeal. PHA, 10-6, 5 1/2f, 1:06 4/5. B-Brady William P (Pa).

Hesitating Chester, c, 3, Don't Hesitate--Honeymoon Express, by Topsider. APX, (S), 10-5, 6f, 1:12 3/5. B-Gaudreau L J (Il).

+ **Mr. Means, c, 3, Double Negative--Kiss Appeal**, by Valid Appeal. SUF, 10-5, 6f, 1:14 2/5. B-Schoenborn Gus Jr (Ny).

Leave It to Beezer, c, 3, Henbane--Blue Shocker, by Copelan. PHA, 10-7, 1 1/16mT, 1:48 1/5. B-Kitchen C Harold (Fl).

Falcon's Prey, f, 3, Imperial Falcon--Ivolar, by Sir Ivor. APX, 10-7, (S), 6f, 1:14 3/5. B-John J Karakourtis & Ted Patras (Il).

Woody N June, f, 3, Magesterial--Ching Ching, by Raise a Cup. APX, 10-6, 5fT, :57 2/5. B-Santen John David (Ky). *\$15,000 yrl '94 KEESEP. **½ to Royal Ching (Royal Roberto), SW, \$118,689.

Negative--Flashy Bombshell, by Flashy Image. SUF, 10-7, a1 1/16mT, 1:50 1/5. B-Wilson Roy (Fl).

Rigoletto, c, 3, Nureyev--Aria, by Stop the Music. SAX, 10-5, 6f, 1:10 3/5. B-John T L Jones Jr, H Smoot Fahlgren, Et Al (Ky). *\$90,000 yrl '94 KEESEP.

Here's Jimmy, c, 3, Proudest Duke--Here's to Peg (MSW), by My Dad George. PIM, 10-6, 6f, 1:12 2/5. B-Blalock South, Inc (Fl).

+ **Search for Youth, c, 2, Regal Search--Elderflower** (SP), by Master Hand. KEE, 10-6, 6f, 1:11 4/5. B-Hidden Point Farm, Inc (Fl). *\$100,000 2yo 1996 OBSMAR. **½ to Master Navajo (Navajo), SW, \$211,547.

+ **Moveacide, c, 3, Slewacide--Beat the Line**, by Beat Inflation. RPX, 10-5, (S), 6f, 1:12. B-Ricks Ran (Ok).

Classy Tipper, f, 3, Vice Regent--Fast Tipper, by Exceller. KEE, 10-6, 1 1/8m, 1:54 2/5. B-Dresden Farm (Ny). *\$120,000 yrl '94 FTSAUG. **Full to Excellent Tipper, MGSW, \$924,992.

Western Petal, f, 3, Western Trick--Northern Petals, by Dancer's Profile. RPX, 10-6, (S), 6f, 1:12 2/5. B-Roger P. Metcalf (Ok).

Luke the Great, c, 4, Great Above--Elegant Pat, by Tri Jet. CRC, 10-5, 7f, 1:26 3/5. B-Luccarelli Alfred (Fl).

Ding Dong Bell, f, 4, Rare Performer--Pat a Cake, by Sunny Clime. APX, 10-5, 5fT, :57 2/5. B-Hunter Barbara (Ky).

Serenisima (Per), m, 5, Stack--Simper, by Recupere. PHA, 10-5, 1 1/16mT, 1:49 2/5. B-Haras Rancho Fatima (Per). *½ to Taylor (Per) (Tan Pronto), GSW-Per; Full to Stash (Per), Horse of the Year-Per, Ch. 3yo Colt-Per, MGSW-Per.

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