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RACING SYMPOSIUM OPENS Racing executives and industry leaders converge on Tucson this week for the 23rd annual Symposium on Racing. Sponsored by the University of Arizona Race Track Industry Program, the Symposium has become the pre-eminent racing conference in North America. The 1996 edition will live up to that reputation with prominent speakers focusing on the trends, technology, and transition that are impacting racing in the late 20th century. "The Federal Gaming Commission," the Symposium's opening session on Wednesday, takes a Washington insider's look at this recently empowered government body. James Hickey, Jr., President of the American Horse Counsel, and Henry Cashen II, Partner in the Washington, DC, law firm of Dickstein, Shapiro, will review the Commission's agenda and its implications for the racing industry. A second morning session, "The Globalization of Racing," features panelists from Australia, Ireland, Hong Kong, and The Jockey Club (USA) discussing the changes, developments, and future of racing as an international sport. With the numerous government and regulatory restrictions that racetrack managers face annually, the first afternoon session, "Participating in the Legislative Process," should prove instructive. Steve Geller, Representative from the Florida State Legislature, will bring his experience in one of racing's most contentious states (from a legislative standpoint) to bear in moderating this panel. "Repackaging the Racing Product," the afternoon's penultimate seminar, features four industry visionaries discussing how they see the development of new wagers, racing series, and promotions revitalizing the sport. "Home Wagering," Wednesday's final afternoon session, features executives from IWN, ODS, and YouBet!, the three primary companies in North America developing technology and systems to enable and foster betting from the home. A senior manager from the Japan Racing Association's pari-mutuel department will also relate how the JRA have successfully implemented numerous forms of off-track wagering. An innovative technology development for 1996 sees the majority of Symposium sessions being "broadcast" live over the Internet. Daily Racing Form will sponsor the broadcasts on their World Wide Web site, <http://www.drform.com>, using RealAudio software. The 1996 Symposium on Racing continues through Friday, December 13, at Loew's Ventana Canyon Resort in Tucson.

THOROUGHBRED LEADERS IN FRANCE IN

1996 Sheikh Mohammed al Maktoum, who has decided to reduce his string of horses in France in 1997, was once again leading owner in that country in 1996, but he has only just edged out the Aga Khan for the top spot as far as prize money is concerned. The Sheikh's runners have won 77 races and earned \$2,133,852, while the Aga's horses have won 55 races and earned \$2,127,785. Leading trainer by number of winners is the Province-based Jean-Claude Rouget, whose stable has won 202 races. But Andre Fabre is once again the leader in money won, his stable having collected \$4,600,118. Leading breeder in France is Jean-Luc Lagardere, whose homebred filly **Luna Wells** (Sadler's Wells) was sold for \$3 million at the Tattersalls December Sales last week. Lagardere-bred horses won 87 races and were placed on 262 occasions this year. As expected, Olivier Peslier is France's leading rider in 1996, Helissio's Prix de l' Arc de Triomphe partner having ridden 163 winners and earned \$6,281,867.

SLEW O' GOLD RETURNS HOME

Slew o' Gold (Seattle Slew) returned to Three Chimneys Farm Monday. The 16-year-old stallion was diagnosed with equine protozoal myelitis in early November. "He has made very good progress and we maintain our projection that Slew o' Gold will enter the breeding shed on schedule at the beginning of the coming season to serve a full book of mares in 1997," said Three Chimneys Farm owner Robert Clay. His 1997 fee will be \$12,500 guaranteed live foal, payable September 1.

AVERAGE UP AT FASIG-TIPTON MIDLANTIC DECEMBER MIXED SALE

A gray weanling colt by Two Punch--Auxiliary (Deputy Minister) brought a final bid of \$55,000 to top Monday's second and final session of the Fasig-Tipton Midlantic December Mixed Sale at Timonium, Maryland. Consigned by Chanceland Farm, agent, the colt, whose dam is a half-sister to Champion Sprinter Star de Naskra, was purchased by Louis Ross, agent. Overall, 391 horses were sold during the two-day auction for a gross of \$2,280,100 and an average of \$5,831, up 36.7% from last year's average of \$4,266. There were 66 horses reported as not sold.

STAKES CLOSINGS

TOMORROW, THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12:

12-14 \$150,000 *Hollywood Starlet-GI, Hol,*
2yo, f, 8.5f (\$7,500s)

12-15 \$250,000 *Hollywood Futurity-GI, Hol,*
2yo, 8.5f (\$12,500s)



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BRANSTON ABBY RETIRED Branston Abby (Ire) (Risk Me {Fr}), who took the record for the most races won by a British-trained filly or mare in the post-war era when she landed her 23rd success in a listed race at Munich Oct. 13, has been retired, according to *The Sporting Life*. The seven-year-old sprinter later added another success to her record in an Oct. 27 listed race at Cologne. She has since been retired to the Branston Stud of her owners, David and Juliana Abell. Branston Abby ran 96 times for her 24 wins, earning more than \$544,818 in prize money during six seasons. Named the Highweight Older Mare in Germany from 5-7 Furlongs in 1993, she won 11 stakes events in Germany, England and France during her career. "Branston Abby is now back home with us and has settled in well," said Mrs. Abell. "She is a very special horse in more ways than one. Although a very idiosyncratic character, she was utterly genuine, as her racing record shows, and the toughest racehorse we have ever known." She will be bred in 1997 to British 2,000 Guineas winner Mark of Esteem (Ire) (Darshaan {GB}).

FIRST ISLAND TO REMAIN IN TRAINING First Island (Ire) (Dominion {GB}), winner of the G2 Hong Kong International Cup over 1 1/8-miles at Sha-Tin in Hong Kong Sunday, will remain in training in 1997. The Geoffrey Wragg-trained four-year-old improved dramatically in 1996 and, aside from his Hong Kong victory, also won the prestigious G1 Sussex S. over a mile at Goodwood in July, having previously won the mile and a quarter G2 Prince Of Wales' S. at Royal Ascot. He was also runner-up to champion Halling in the G1 Juddmonte International at York in August.

BRIGHT LAUNCH TO STUD Alfred H. Nuckols Jr.'s Hurstland Farm has purchased a majority interest in GII Saratoga Special winner **Bright Launch** (Relaunch) from James C. Spence. Hurstland in Midway, Kentucky will stand the colt at stud in 1997 as the property of a syndicate. Bright Launch was bred in Kentucky by Jaime S. Carrion. Purchased from the Crestfield Farm consignment of Robert E. Courtney by James C. Spence at the 1994 Fasig-Tipton Saratoga Yearling Sale for \$215,000, Bright Launch was the highest-priced Relaunch yearling to sell at public auction that year. Campaigned by Spence and trained by D. Wayne Lukas as a two-year-old, Bright Launch placed third in the Huntington S. at Belmont. He was conditioned during his 1996 three-year-old season by Todd Pletcher, posting a third-place finish to eventual GI NYRA Mile winner Gold Fever in the GIII Riva Ridge S. Bright Launch, who won two of 15 career starts for earnings of \$129,262, will stand for a 1997 stud fee of \$3,000 live foal.

SUFFOLK FALL MEET FIGURES Suffolk Downs ended its 1996 Fall Meet Saturday, December 7. Attendance for the 51-day meet totaled 197,616, up from last year's total of 137,204 when the meet was 12 days shorter. The daily attendance average was up, 3,874 to the '95 average of 3,518. Live on-track handle totaled \$11,595,711. The average on-track handle of \$227,367 was down 8.9 percent from last year's average of \$249,481. Total handle from all sources equaled \$37,094,954--an average of \$727,352, down 2.6 percent from last year's average of \$746,814. Noting the decline in on-track handle, Executive Vice President of Racing, Louis J Raffetto Jr., said, "We're concerned about the trend that live handle is taking, but it seems to be tracking a national trend. We chalk it up as a result of increased wagering opportunities in the market, including simulcasting and the changing nature of our business." Suffolk Downs's 103-day winter/spring meet opens December 28 and runs through June 7.

◆ EAST ◆

Local News, Calder:

Chaposa Springs (Baldski), winner of last year's GIII Virginia H. over seven furlongs at Calder, breezed a half-mile in :49 flat at Calder Tuesday morning in preparation for this year's renewal, to be contested Dec. 28. The four-year-old filly last raced Oct. 26, finishing 14th and last in the Breeders' Cup Mile.

Local News, Virginia:

Peggy Augustus, owner of Keswick Stables, was inducted into the Virginia Horse Shows Association Hall of Fame at its annual meeting in Hot Springs, Virginia December 7. One of Augustus's champion hunters, who is also in the Hall of Fame, is **Waiting Home** (Wait a Bit), a full-brother to Sailing Home, granddam of Bold Reasoning. Bold Reasoning, winner of the Jersey Derby and Withers S., is the sire of top runners and sires Seattle Slew and Bold Ruckus.

Yesterday's Result:

9th-CRC, \$22,500, Alw, 2yo, 6f, 1:11 4/5, ft.
TUREEN OF GOLD (c, 2, Lively One--Cold Reign, by Northern Prospect) followed a second in his debut Aug. 24 with a seven-length win Sept. 21. Coming off a second in an Oct. 12 allowance, the colt was sent off the 6-5 favorite. Always close up, Tureen of Gold took the lead entering the stretch and drew off to a 3½-length triumph. Lifetime Record: 4-2-2-0, \$35,840. O-John W Siegmund. B-John Franks (FL). T-W White.

The Boomerang has come back . . .

Baryshnikov (AUS) (Kenmare-Lady Giselle, by Nureyev)
 Standing at Haras d'Etreham, France

Flying Spur (AUS) (Danehill - Rolls, by Mr. Prospector)
 Standing at the Irish National Stud, Ireland.

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◆ MIDWEST ◆

Local News, Hoosier Park:

Hoosier Park's 1996 Thoroughbred meeting ended Nov. 30. The Anderson, Indiana track was able to raise purses twice during its meet, thanks to greater than anticipated national revenues from Hoosier Park's simulcast signal. The two increases raised the track's average daily purse distribution to \$105,000. Hoosier Park averaged 1,264 fans per night for the 52-day Thoroughbred meet. Average daily on-track handle during Hoosier Park's live races was \$134,866. The total amount wagered on Hoosier Park's races by all facilities carrying the signal was \$30,134,774. Jon Court won the jockey's title with 91 victories. Bernie Flint won the trainer's title with 44 wins.

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STAKES RESULTS:

JACKIE WACKIE S., \$26,625, CRC, 12-10, 3yo/up, a 1/16T, 1:43 3/5, fm.

1--#**SIR BEAR**, 115, g, 3, Sir Leon--Spicy Pearl, by Bet Big. O-Smollin Barbara; B-Smollin A L (FL); T-Ralph Ziadie; J-E M Jurado; \$15,975. Lifetime Record: 13-6-3-1, \$90,635.

2--**Danger Ranger**, 114, h, 5, Baldski--Give Or Get, by Boldnesian. \$5,325.

3--**Fabulous Frolic**, 115, h, 5, Green Dancer--Cherokee Frolic, by Cherokee Fellow. \$2,928.

Margins: 3/4, 3/4, 1. Odds: 17.50, 4.50, 2.00.

ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

8th-LRL, \$20,900, 2yo, 1 1/16m, 1:46, ft.

WICKLIFFE MAN (c, 2, Horatius--Danielle's Darling, by State Dinner) Lifetime Record: 6-2-2-0, \$28,204. O-Koran Jennifer & Krishack Ed R. B-Joanne Krishack & Jennifer Koran (MD). T-Francis P Campitelli.

8th-PHA, \$20,325, 3yo/up, 5 1/2f, 1:04 1/5, ft.

MCBRIDE (c, 3, Carnivalay--Lady Luisa, by Lord Gaylord) Lifetime Record: 7-2-1-1, \$32,880. O-Woodvale Farm. B/T-Cuprill Charles A. Mr. & Mrs. (PA).

9th-PHA, \$16,500, 3yo/up, f/m, 1m, 1:39, ft.

I'M GIFTED (f, 3, Our Native--Gift Girl, by Damascus) Lifetime Record: 14-2-0-4, \$41,515. O/T-Patricia Riegler. B-Neville G. Collins & Caesar P. Kimmel (KY).

WEEKEND PEDIGREE PERSPECTIVES

by Alan Porter

PEDIGREE SHORTS...

A potential explanation would be far too long for the available space but we think we see a growing affinity between Sharpen Up and the brothers Viceregal and Vice Regent. The most recent example is **Maruka Diesis** (c, 3, Diesis {GB}--Eloquent Minister, by Deputy Minister), who captured the G2 Naruo Kinen at Hanshin Racecourse, Japan Saturday. Other examples include Flag Down and Clear Mandate, graded stakes-winners by Deputy Minister (by Vice Regent) out of Sharpen Up mares, and the Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe hero Tremolino, by Sharpen Up out of a Viceregal mare.

It didn't happen this past weekend, but we have only just seen the pedigree of Defensive Play's Australian Group 2-winning two-year-old **Millward** (c, 2, Defensive Play--Exploit {NZ}, by Danzatore), and it shouldn't pass without comment. Winner of the G2 Silver Slipper S. in only her second start, Millward is out of Exploit, a daughter of Danzatore. Since Danzatore is by Northern Dancer out of a Raise a Native mare, Millward has Raise a Native 4x4 appearing in the male line of the sire and on the zig-zag of the mare. The New Zealand-bred Millward is a member of Defensive Play's freshman Southern Hemisphere crop.

MAIDEN WINNERS:

Countess Caveta, f, 2, Caveat--Strict Barroness (MSP), by Track Barron. PHA, 12-10, 6 1/2f, 1:18 4/5. B-A M O Stables (Pa). *Paid \$77.00 to win.

Quiescent, c, 2, **Dancing Czar**--Quietly (SP), by Silent Screen. LRL, 12-10, 5 1/2f, 1:05 3/5. B-Casey James W (Va).

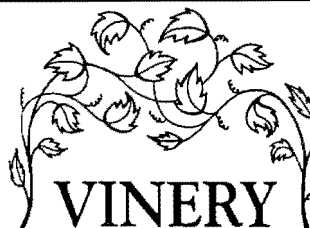
A # will distinguish first-time stakes-winners, a @ will indicate first-time graded stakes-winners, a + will denote winners who are first-time starters, an (S) will be used for state-bred races and an (R) will be used for other restricted races.

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