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## N • E • W • S T O D A Y

**HISTORIC WOODBINE MEET ENDS** The Ontario Thoroughbred season concluded Saturday at Woodbine after witnessing the first running of the Breeders' Cup outside of the United States which drew a track-record 42,243 fans. The meet overall saw total wagering at Woodbine, Fort Erie, the Greenwood Teletheatre and Champions Off-Track outlets drop to \$458,943,421, down from \$505,798,988 last year. But increases in total handle were observed through the increased exposure of the OJC signal throughout Canada and the United States. The exporting of OJC-hosted Thoroughbred wagering accounted for another \$173,343,628, up from \$109,175,549 in 1995--a 58.8 percent increase--bringing total handle to \$632,287,049, up 2.8 percent from the 1995 figure of \$614,974,537. Attendance on the season, including estimates for teletheatre racing fans, was 2,125,262, a seven percent increase from the 1,961,432 recorded in 1995.

**KEENELAND DISTRIBUTES CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTIONS** Keeneland distributed a record \$419,202 to 65 area organizations during a brief program in the race course clubhouse Tuesday morning. Charitable and civic groups received the majority of the funds. Grants also went to educational and research organizations, bringing Keeneland's contributions through the years to \$7.64 million. "It has been an exceptional year for Keeneland," said Bill Greely, president of the Lexington-based race course and auction company. "In fact, it was a record year in many ways--record amounts for purses, a rebounding sales effort culminating in a record total for our November breeding stock sale. Because of this, we are fortunate enough to turn around and give back to the community which has given so much to us over the years." Among the many groups receiving donations from Keeneland were: Saint Joseph Hospital Foundation, the Triangle Foundation, Habitat for Humanity and the Hispanic Outreach Program.

<p><b>STAKES CLOSINGS</b>  <b>TODAY, WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18:</b>                  12-26 \$200,000 <i>Malibu-GI, SA, 3yo, 7f</i>                  (\$100)                  12-29 \$125,000 <i>La Brea-GII, SA, 3yo, f, 7f</i>                  (\$50)</p>	
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## W • E • E • K • E • N • D P R E V I E W

**Saturday, Calder Racecourse:**  
**\$150,000 W. L. McKnight H.-GII, 3yo/up, 12fT**  
 Mecke (Maudlin) and Diplomatic Jet (Roman Diplomat), with five Grade I wins between them in '96, vie for divisional honors when they meet this weekend at Calder. Mecke has the services of rider Robbie Davis and Diplomatic Jet will again be partnered by Jorge Chavez. Trainer Bill Mott's millionaire Lassigny (Gone West) also joins the fray. Other probable candidates include Flitch (Demons Begone), Identity (Personal Flag), Jet Freighter (Cozzene), Fabulous Frolic (Green Dancer), Marcie's Ensign (Blue Ensign), Nash Terrace (Nashwan), Dagda (Alysheba) and Satellite Nealski (Copelan).

(News Cont.)  
**TOBA'S HAMILTON TO THREE CHIMNEYS**  
 John Hamilton, who has served as the Executive Director of the Thoroughbred Owners and Breeders Association for the past six years, will be joining the staff of Three Chimneys Farm, it was announced yesterday. Hamilton's responsibilities at the Midway, Ky. farm will include market development, marketing research and client services. "This is a newly created position that reflects Three Chimneys' commitment to communication and fulfilling the needs of our clients," explained Robert Clay. Hamilton is a former advertising sales director for the Thoroughbred Record and Thoroughbred Times.

**THISTLEDOWN ENDS '96 SEASON** Although on average, the Cranwood Meet attendance and live racing handle were slightly lower, Thistledown ended the 1996 season ahead of the previous year's handle numbers, due in most part to the introduction of full-card simulcasting in Ohio earlier this fall. Thistledown's 195-day season averaged 3,920 in daily attendance, down 4.5 percent, while overall daily handle averages of \$711,146 were up 12.5 percent from 1995. Including full-card simulcasting numbers, the overall handle for 1996 topped \$138,673,469, up 6.5% from last year.

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### Local News: South Africa

Arabian Lass, a daughter of the Roberto stallion Al Mufti, won Sunday's G1 \$42,964 Cape Fillies Guineas over a mile at Kenilworth in South Africa. Starting the 9/10 favourite, Arabian Lass, ridden by former South African champion jockey Felix Coetzee, sauntered home by almost three lengths. "Now she goes for the Cape Argus Guineas, to take on the colts," said trainer Tony Millard. "That has always been my plan with her right from the start. She is a really good filly." Arabian Lass' GSP-sire Al Mufti won four races in England and South Africa, including the Duke Of Edinburgh S. at Ascot. He was also runner-up in South Africa's most prestigious race, the G1 Rothmans July H. He is out of the graded stakes-winning Buckpasser mare Lassie Dear and is a half-brother to Weekend Surprise, dam of Preakness Stakes winner Summer Squall and Horse Of The Year A. P. Indy.

### Local News: Dubai

Iktamal (Danzig Connection), withdrawn from the Hong Kong International Bowl because of an injury discovered just before the race earlier this month, is expected to leave Hong Kong today to spend the winter in the warmth of the Dubai sun. The four-year-old, owned by Maktoum Al Maktoum and trained at Newmarket by Ed Dunlop, had been second-favourite for the Bowl, but an 11th-hour suspensory problem forced him to miss the Bowl and, until now, he has remained in Hong Kong. However, a spokeswoman for Dunlop's Gainsborough Stables said yesterday, "Assuming he is okay, he will come back here to run again next season. It was disappointing that he could not race in Hong Kong, especially after travelling all that way, but we are keeping our fingers crossed that he'll return to training next year." Iktamal's most prestigious success to date came in the G1 Haydock Park Sprint Cup September 7.

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### Local News: England

Epsom Derby-winning rider Ray Cochrane, out of action since suffering a spill in a four-horse pile-up at Yarmouth in October, is facing up to three more months on the sidelines after visiting his doctor yesterday. The 39-year-old jockey, who won Britain's most-famous Classic event on Kahyasi in 1988, had been expecting to make his race-riding comeback this month. But he was still sore during his exercise routine yesterday morning and, having taken medical advice, he thinks it may now be March before he can make a return to competitive riding.

## B • R • E • E • D • E • R • S E D I T I O N

### ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

**9th-PHA, \$30,800, 3yo/up, f/m, 1m, 1:38 1/5, sy.**  
**MY PRIDE N JOY** (f, 3, Taylor Road--Doon's Joy, by Doonesbury) Lifetime Record: MSW, 20-8-4-5, \$197,132. O-Elaine Peck. B-Rose Stables (PA). T-Dennis Desmarais.

**9th-CRC, \$22,300, 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:11 2/5, ft.**  
**ALICE'S FORTUNE** (f, 3, Fortunate Prospect--Bold Essence, by Native Charger) Lifetime Record: 14-6-2-1, \$77,604. O-James Lewis Jr. B-Farnsworth Farms (FL). T-Emanuel Tortora. \* 1/2 to Chateau D'Irlande (Irish Castle), MSW, \$259,738.

**10th-CRC, \$18,000, 3yo/up, f/m, a1 1/8mT, 1:50, fm.**  
**DOUBLE WOW** (f, 4, With Approval--Triple Wow {GSW, \$706,695}, by Coastal) Lifetime Record: 17-3-6-1, \$74,138. O-Edward Seltzer. B-Kinghaven Farms Ltd. (CAN). T-Henry S Cochran. \* 1/2 to Alywow (Alysheba), Ch. Turf Horse, Horse of the Year, Ch. 3yo Filly-Can, GSW, \$648,431.

**7th-PHA, \$16,000, 3yo/up, f/m, 5 1/2f, 1:05, sy.**  
**INDIAN COUP** (f, 4, Slew the Coup--Strate Clover, by Interdicto) Lifetime Record: 16-3-1-4, \$33,240. O/T-Priscilla K Alford. B-Pat Alford (FL).

### MAIDEN WINNERS:

**Gold Post**, f, 2, Fountain of Gold--Be My Steady, by Steady Growth. CRC, 12-17, 1m, 1:42 3/5. B-Jerome G Bozzo Trust (FI).

**Gaelic Falcon**, c, 2, Imperial Falcon--Gaelic Nymph, by Irish River (Fr). CRC, 12-17, 1 1/16m, 1:48 1/5. B-Evans Edward P (Va).

### *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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## WEEKEND PEDIGREE PERSPECTIVES

By Alan Porter

### SWISS YODELER (c, 2, Eastern Echo--Drapeau, by Raja Baba)

Eastern Echo was a brilliant two-year-old. In a career restricted to just three starts, he went unbeaten, his career ending with a victory over Deposit Ticket in the GI Futurity S. At stud, despite siring plenty of winners, Eastern Echo hasn't yet fulfilled the high hopes held for him, but in the GI Hollywood Futurity victor Swiss Yodeler--winner of six of his nine starts to date--he now seems to have an exceptional representative.

The key to Swiss Yodeler's ability may well lie in his rather special pedigree pattern. Firstly, he is inbred 4 x 4 to My Babu, who appears as the broodmare sire of both Damascus (sire of Eastern Echo) and Raja Baba (maternal grandsire of Swiss Yodeler.) The second thing to note is that Swiss Yodeler has two crosses of Turn-to. This pair were both top-class two-year-olds, the English-raced My Babu going on to take the classic 2,000 Guineas at three, while Turn-to, who captured the Garden State S. and Saratoga Special at two, was forced into retirement early in the spring of his three-year-old career, after an impressive victory in the Flamingo Stakes.

However, My Babu and Turn-to have more than precocity and speed in common. They are also strongly linked by genetic ties, particularly those between My Babu's dam, Perfume II, and Turn-to. Perfume II is by the Aga Khan-bred Badruddin and her dam is the notable tap-root mare Lavendula. Turn-to is by Royal Charger (granddam, Mumtaz Begum, a three-parts-sister to Badruddin) and his granddam is Lavendula. This background receives support from two other strains in Swiss Yodeler's pedigree, those of Nasrullah and Mahmoud. Nasrullah is three-parts brother to Royal Charger, and is out of Mumtaz Begum, and Mahmoud is closely related to both Mumtaz Begum and Badruddin. This means that Swiss Yodeler has several sets of genetic relatives descending from Mumtaz Mahal (dam of Mumtaz Begum and Badruddin).

While it may have been the Mumtaz Mahal legacy which endowed Swiss Yodeler with the pace to capture his first five starts, including the GI Hollywood Juvenile Championship and Gill Best Pal S., it is probable that linebreeding to stouter strains in his pedigree aided him to last the mile and one-sixteenth of the Hollywood Futurity. In his six-cross pedigree, Swiss Yodeler has four crosses of the French Derby winner Tourbillon (sire of My Babu), two of an Italian Derby winner, Nearco, two of the Triple Crown hero War Admiral, and two of Ribot, twice successful in the Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe.

Whether this heritage will bestow the right mixture of speed, class and stamina for the first Saturday in May is something which we will have to wait to find out.

### HISHI NATALIE (f, 3, Seattle Slew--Devils Sister, by Alleged) & TOYO SEATTLE (c, 3, Deputy Minister--City Dance, by Seattle Slew)

Seattle Slew featured prominently in the pedigree of two North American-breds who won graded stakes in Japan this past weekend. He appears as the sire of Hishi Natalie and the broodmare sire of Toyo Seattle. Toyo Seattle's sire, Deputy Minister, is a son of Vice Regent and we hadn't noticed Vice Regent and Seattle Slew in combination in a major winner until Boston Harbor (by Seattle Slew's son, Capote, out of a Vice Regent mare) burst onto the scene. Toyo Seattle's dam is a stakes-winning sister to Slew City Slew, which perhaps suggests trying that horse over Deputy Minister mares, but what is particularly interesting is that he has a double of Pilate, the sire of Deputy Minister's fifth dam. Remarkably, Pilate shows up in the six-cross pedigree of eight of Deputy Minister's top 24 runners (33%), including two of his top representatives this year, Mr Purple and Victory Speech.

Hishi Natalie is a sister to the graded stakes winner Blacksbury, and is out of a half-sister to Ballade, the dam of Devil's Bag and Glorious Song. There are no surprises in this pedigree; the dam, Devil's Sister, supplying two of the things which Seattle Slew most likes to find in his mates, Princequillo and La Troienne.

### PEDIGREE SHORTS...

We have noted before that Gone West, who is out of a Secretariat mare, does extremely well when crossed with mares carrying other sons of Secretariat's sire, Bold Ruler. It also looks as if another outstanding stallion out of a Secretariat mare, Storm Cat, can work the same way. The GI Hollywood Starlet S. winner Sharp Cat (f, 2, Storm Cat--In Neon, by Ack Ack), has as her closest inbreeding a 4 x 4 cross of Bold Ruler, the second coming through Dewan, the sire of her second dam. For good measure, she also has a double of Secretariat's broodmare sire, Princequillo. Last year's Canadian Champion two-year-old filly, Silken Cat, is a Storm Cat daughter with Bold Ruler 4 x 3 the second cross coming through her broodmare sire Chieftain. Two stakes winners scarcely make a trend, but with a number of young stallions out of Secretariat mares coming along, the pattern is certainly worth watching.

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.

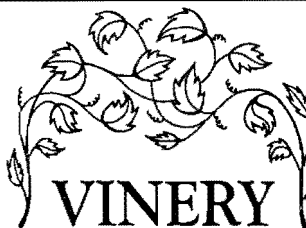
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