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HOLLYWOOD NUMBERS DIP SLIGHTLY While the daily handle at the Hollywood Park Autumn Meeting, which ended Sunday, topped the \$8 million mark for the fourth straight year, figures for both attendance and handle were off slightly from last year's meet. A total of \$294,317,625 was wagered during the track's 16th fall season, down 6.3 percent from 1995; the total daily average was \$8,175,490. The on-track handle for the meet was \$67,223,599 for a daily average of \$1,867,322, a drop of 8.6 percent. The on-track attendance was also down slightly, with a total of 318,109 attending the meet for a daily average of 8,836, a 4.1 percent decrease from 1995. The highlight of the meeting was the sixth annual Turf Festival, which saw on-track attendance average 14,560, up 6.3 percent from the 1995 event, while handle average \$12.3 million, up 2 percent from last year. "This was the best Turf Festival yet," said Chairman R. D. Hubbard. "The racing was of Breeders' Cup caliber. The number of horses demonstrates the Festival's growing appeal. With Hollywood Park holding the 1997 Breeders' Cup, next year's Turf Festival promises to be better than ever." Jockey Alex Solis picked up his fourth straight Southern California riding title, booting home 40 winners, and trainer Mike Mitchell saddled 11 winners to take his fourth Hollywood title and his second in a row on the circuit.

SIMULCASTS RETURN TO CANADA

DECEMBER 26 The Horsemen's Benevolent & Protective Association and the Ontario Harness Horse Association have reached an agreement on revenue sharing which allows the Ontario Jockey Club to resume full operation of winter simulcasting beginning on Boxing Day, Thursday, December 26. That program will include simulcasting from Calder at 12:30 PM and Santa Anita at 3:30 PM. This simulcast agreement extends through December 31, 1997. Simulcasts are available at Woodbine, Greenwood and all Champions Off-Track outlets in the greater Toronto area.

STAKES CLOSINGS

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 26:

1-1 \$125,000 *San Gabriel H.-GII, SA,*
4yo/up, 9fT (\$50)

1-4 \$100,000 *Monrovia H.-GIII, SA,*
4yo/up, f/m, 6½fT (\$50)



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Thursday, Santa Anita Park:

MALIBU S.-GI, \$200,000, 3yo, 7f

PP	HORSE	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT.
1	King of the Heap	Dollase	Desormeaux	116
2	Valid Expectations	Asmussen	C Asmussen	120
3	Dr. Caton	Lukas	C Nakatani	116
4	Sandtrap	Cecil	A Solis	120
5	Northern Afleet	Hofmans	C McCarron	116
6	Ambivalent	Orman	R Douglas	118
7	Victory Speech	Lukas	G Stevens	122
8	Hesabull	Chambers	Delahoussaye	118
9	Ready to Order	Feld	G Almeida	116

Long Branch S. winner **Dr. Caton** (Seattle Slew), a game second to Skip Away in the GI Haskell, hasn't raced since a last-place tally in the GI Travers S. Aug. 24. **MGSW Victory Speech** (Deputy Minister) is coming off wins in the Empire Classic H. and the Nov. 17 Gill Laz Barrera H. **Sandtrap** (Irish River {Fr}), a two-time graded stakes winner on the turf, took the Gill Hollywood Turf Express in his last start Nov. 29 and looks for success on the main track here. **Hesabull** (Dispersal) won the Harry Henson S. and the Gill Affirmed H. before having his two-race win streak interrupted by Victory Speech his last start, the July 21 Gill Swaps.

Thursday, Aqueduct:

GRAVESEND H.-GIII, \$75,000, 3yo/up, 6f

The field, in post position order, is as follows, **Stalwart Member** (Claramount), 114 pounds; **Royal Haven** (Hail Emperor), 117; **Victor Avenue** (Avenue of Flags), 119; **Mr. Shawklit** (Afleet), 119; **May I Inquire** (Bold Ruckus), 118; **Churka** (Allen's Prospect), 108; **Wild Gold** (Wild Again), 115; **Crafty Alfel** (Crafty Prospector), 117; **In Contention** (Devil's Bag), 112; **Romano Gucci** (Aaron's Concorde), 115; **Pacific Fleet** (Afleet), 115.

ATTN: TDN SUBSCRIBERS...The Thoroughbred Daily News office will be closed Christmas Eve, December 24, and Christmas Day, December 25; there will be no TDN issues for Wednesday, December 25 and Thursday, December 26. All tracks are closed Christmas; Tuesday's results will be published in Friday's edition. Enjoy the holiday!



◆ FOREIGN ◆

AMERICAN-BRED WINNERS IN JAPAN:

Hi Friend Allege, c, 2, **Alleged--Toredo**, by El Gran Senor. Nakayama, 12-21, 2yo, maiden race, 10fT. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$52,924. O-Akinori Takahashi; B-Robert E Brennan; T-Fuyuki Tago. *\$50,000 2yo '96 FTFFEB.

Hishi Nile, f, 2, **A.P. Indy--Katies (Ire)** (Ch. 3yo Filly-Eng, MGSW-Eng, \$141,038), by Nonoalco. Nakayama, 12-21, Fairy S.-G3-Jpn, 6fT. Lifetime Record: 4-2-1-1, \$388,231. O/B-Masaichiro Abe; T-Takao Nakano. *fourth stakes winner for freshman sire (by Seattle Slew). ** ½ to Hishi Amazon (Theatrical {Ire}), Ch. 2yo, 3yo Filly-Jpn, Ch. Older Mare-Jpn, MGSW-Jpn.

Hokko Beauty, f, 2, **Gulch--Contredance** (MGSW, \$492,700), by Danzig. Hanshin, 12-22, Senryo Sho, 8fT. Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, \$141,191. O-Koichi Yabe; B-Kennelot Stables Ltd; T-Toshimasu Hashimoto. *\$140,000 yrl '95 KEEJUL.

Bet More Money, c, 2, **Irish Tower--Ah Love**, by Lear Fan. Nakayama, 12-21, 2yo, novice race, 9f (dirt). Lifetime Record: 3-1-2-0, \$87,908. O-Hiroyuki Sonobe; B-Martin Stiles; T-Yoshitada Munakata. *\$35,000 yrl '95 KEESEP; \$150,000 2yo '96 FTFFEB.

Saint Lyphard, c, 3, **Lyphard--Montage**, by Alydar. Hanshin, 12-22, Rokko S., 10fT. Lifetime Record: 15-4-2-2, \$892,088. O-Hiroaki Nakanishi; B-Gallagher's Stud; T-Masaaki Ohkubo. *\$100,000 yrl '94 KEEJUL; \$300,000 2yo '95 BESMAR.

Inter Shark, c, 3, **Lyphard--Rowdy Angel**, by Halo. Hanshin, 12-22, plate race, 8fT. Lifetime Record: 11-3-1-0, \$299,964. O-Masao Matsuoka; B-Loblolly Stable; T-Shoji Yamamoto. * ½ to Demons Begone (Elocutionist), GISW, \$609,944; Pine Bluff (Danzig), MGSW, \$2,255,884. **\$275,000 yrl '94 KEEJUL.

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◆ MIDWEST ◆

Yesterday's Results:

9th-FGX, \$28,000, Alw, 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:11 1/5, ft. **TWIN PROPELLER** (f, 3, **Known Fact--Ahpo Hel**, by Mr. Leader), winner of an Arlington stakes in August and then a Keeneland allowance in October, was off before finishing seventh last time out in a Fair Grounds stakes December 7. Bet down to 4-5 with a drop in class, the ½ to Daimon (Strike Gold), MSW, \$222,912; and Penny's Reshoot (Turkey Shoot), GSW & GISP, \$249,491, put a head in front after a half, sprinted clear on the far turn and drew away down the stretch to win by five lengths for her third win in her last four starts. Lifetime Record: MSW, 14-8-1-0, \$165,361. O-Mount Joy Stables Inc. B-Charles Nuckols, Jr. & Sons (KY). T-Gene A Cilio.

◆ NEW YORK ◆

Yesterday's Results:

8th-AQU, \$41,000, Alw, 3yo/up, 6f, 1:11, ft.
1--GOLDEN TENT, 115, g, 7, **Shelter Half--Jump for Gold**, by Search for Gold. O-Schwartz Barry K; B-Fourbros Stable (MD); T-Michael E Hushion. Lifetime Record: GSP, 46-14-8-8, \$402,678. *1/2 to London Market (Christopher R.), SW, \$193,415; Midas (Hail Emperor), SW & GSP, \$345,162; and Royal Edict (Hail Emperor), SW, \$167,504; and full to Jeweler's Choice, MSW, \$458,543.
2--Le Grande Pos, 119, h, 5, **Nepal--Silvermento**, by Silver Badge.
3--Devil's Honor, 117, c, 3, **Devil's Bag--Dancing Heroine**, by Hero's Honor.
 Margins: 3/4, 1, 4. Odds: 5.90, 3.00, 1.40.
 Golden Tent, winner for a \$75,000 tag last out, started this year with a win in an overnight handicap at the Big A in February and ends it in similar fashion. Taking on a field of allowance foes, the veteran gelding rallied strongly under jockey Diane Nelson to edge Le Grande Pos at the wire.

7th-AQU, \$39,468, Alw, 3yo/up, f/m, a1m70yd, 1:45 3/5, ft.

BANK APPROVAL (f, 4, **With Approval--Mythical Mood {SW}**, by Bold Forbes) earned her first victory of the year in her last start Dec. 15 and acted quickly to sneak in another win before the new year. The 8-1 shot was always near the front, took control in deep stretch and scored by 2 1/4 lengths. Lifetime Record: 32-4-5-5, \$154,950.

O-Live Oak Plantation. B-Live Oak Stud (FL). T-P J Kelly.

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◆ So. CALIFORNIA ◆

Local News: Hollywood Park

Gentlemen (Arg) (Robin des Bois), who closed out the meet with a track-record setting victory in the Gill Native Diver H., was named Horse of the Meet and top Handicap Horse at the Hollywood Park Autumn Meet; also honored at the Hollywood meeting were **Marlin** (Sword Dance {ire}), top three-year-old and three-year-old colt; **Listening** (Night Shift), three-year-old filly; **Sharp Cat** (Storm Cat), two-year-old and two-year-old filly; **Swiss Yodeler** (Eastern Echo), two-year-old colt; **Running Flame (Fr)** (Assert {ire}), Grass Horse; **Paying Dues** (Cure the Blues), Sprinter; and **Pitt City Slew** (Slew City Slew), Claiming Horse. The Matriarch, captured by **Wandesta (GB)** (Nashwan), was voted the best race. In the human categories, top jockey went to Alex Solis; top trainer, Mike Mitchell; top apprentice, Nathan Chaves; and top owner, Janis R. Whitham.

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ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

5th-AQU, \$33,000, (S), 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:12 4/5, ft. **MONTREAL MISS** (f, 3, Cahill Road--Dr. Nancy, by Temperance Hill) Lifetime Record: 5-2-0-0, \$38,190. O/B-Vendome Stables (NY). T-Flint S Schulhofer.

7th-HAW, \$27,500, 3yo/up, a1m70yd, 1:43 3/5, sy. **GAN** (h, 6, Hurricane Ed--Perky's Real, by Real Value) Lifetime Record: 45-9-3-5, \$134,476. O-Sharon L Hild. B-Sharon Hild (AR). T-Glenn L Hild.

10th-CRC, \$26,000, 3/up, f/m, a1 1/16T, 1:43 1/5, fm. **COURTLIN** (f, 3, Maudlin--Courtaflame, by Court Trial) Lifetime Record: SP, 19-8-3-1, \$113,735. O-Joseph Graffeo. B-Farnsworth Farms (FL). T-Stephen L Dimauro.

3rd-HAW, \$24,200, 3yo/up, 6f, 1:11 1/5, sy. **ACCRUED** (c, 3, Relaunch--Tizara, by Northern Dancer) Lifetime Record: 16-7-1-2, \$70,910. O-Stephan G Herold. B-Glen Hill Farm (FL). T-Pat Cuccurullo.

8th-HAW, \$23,100, (S), 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:13 1/5, sy. **MY ITALIAN ROSE** (f, 3, Solar City--Cold Soup, by Zen) Lifetime Record: 25-2-6-5, \$72,622. O/B-Richard E Trebat (IL). T-Jere R Smith Sr.

9th-HAW, \$23,100, (S), 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:13, sy. **COUNTONA GREATDEAL** (f, 3, Great Deal--Ed's Countess, by Dancing Count) Lifetime Record: 10-3-0-1, \$23,877. O-Lester Lacroix. B-David Frost (IL). T-Robert Burgett.

9th-PHA, \$18,000, 3/up, f/m, a1m70yd, 1:45 1/5, ft. **COLONIAL REVIEW** (f, 3, Pleasant Colony--Dance Review, by Northern Dancer) Lifetime Record: MSP, 16-4-4-4, \$96,392. O-Buckland Farm. B-T. M. Evans (VA). T-Eugene E Weymouth. *1/2 to No Review (Nodouble), GISW, \$634,545; and Another Review (Buckaroo), GISW, \$752,370; and full to Dance Colony, GSW, \$504,825.

8th-PHA, \$15,825, 3/up, f/m, a1m70yd, 1:45 3/5, ft. **WOMAN ON A BINGE** (f, 4, Dandy Binge--Jaded Woman, by Barachois) Lifetime Record: 35-3-6-7, \$33,723. O-N F P Racing Stable Inc. B-Sam E. Stevens (TX). T-Chris Landicini Jr.

MAIDEN WINNERS:

Red Beau, c, 2, **Beau Genius**--Frosty Flake, by Vice Regent. FGX, 12-23, a1mT, 1:42 1/5. B-Dr Brian Davidson, Vinery, et al (Ky). *\$19,000 yrl '95 OBSAUG.

Exclusive Deal, c, 2, **Commemorate**--The Rite Chemistry, by *Noholme II. AQU, 12-23, (S), 1 1/16m, 1:51. B-Deluke Dominick J (Ny).

Lookin for Romance, f, 2, **Great Prospector**--Lover's Faite, by Parfaitement. PHA, 12-23, a1m70yd, 1:46 4/5. B-Janice Wendling & Charles Riechers (Nj).

Gretel's Hero, c, 2, **Hansel**--Scarlet Native, by Raise a Native. AQU, 12-23, 1 1/16m, 1:48 1/5. B-Garrison Wayne (Ky). *\$100,000 yrl '95 KEESEP.

Brite Girl, f, 2, **High Brite**--Mary Amanda, by Fifth Marine. AQU, 12-23, 6f, 1:13. B-Jones John T L Jr (Ky). *\$22,000 yrl '95 KEESEP.

Gala Event, f, 3, **Academy Award**--Ravel, by Secretariat. CRC, 12-23, a1 1/8mT, 1:51. B-Kaufman Walter C Dr (Ky). *1/2 to Bishop's Idea (Executive Order), MSW, \$158,047.

UPCOMING SALES:

Jan. 5 - Fasig-Tipton Kentucky Mixed, Lexington, Ky.

Jan. 6-9 - Keeneland Mixed, Lexington, Ky.

Jan. 7 - Fasig-Tipton Stallion Access, Lexington, Ky.

Jan. 13 - Barretts Mixed, Fairplex Park, Ca.

Jan. 20-22 - Ocala Breeders' Sales Co. Mixed, Ocala, Fl.



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January 6 - 9, 1997



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SONNY SKIES

By Frank Carlson

It only took Sonny Hine 48 years to become an overnight sensation. The 65-year-old trainer had a whirlwind year with Skip Away, the probable three-year-old male champion owned by his wife, Carolyn, saddling the grey sensation to victories in the GII Toyota Blue Grass, GII Ohio Derby, GI Buick Haskell Invitational, GI Woodbine Million and GI Jockey Club Gold Cup. In early December, Hine was named the United Thoroughbred Trainer Association's 1996 outstanding Thoroughbred trainer.

It's been a long time coming--since Hine's first winner at Maryland's long defunct Marlboro racetrack back in 1948. From 1948 to 1957, the veteran horseman juggled his life between the track, the FBI and the State Department; he also fit in college and a stint in the Air Force. Hine was a fingerprint expert with the FBI; fluent in Mandarin Chinese (as well as Russian), he was sent to Hong Kong by the State Department from 1955 to 1957 before returning to the track full-time.

Along the way, Hine has compiled an extensive list of stakes winners, including Skip Away's sire, Skip Trial; Technology, Cojak, Norquestor and Dawn Quixote. He trained Guilty Conscience to win the 1981 Eclipse Award as Champion Sprinter. But none of these equine stars thrust him onto center stage as has Skip Away--and it's too bad. Sonny Hine was born for the spotlight.

On the morning that Skip Away worked for the first time since besting Cigar in the Jockey Club Gold Cup, Hine entertained visitors with a talent second only to training--telling jokes and stories. If Hine followed his funny bone to the Catskills in 1948, he'd probably be appearing with Dave and Jay, doing 25 weeks in Vegas and a special on HBO. Sonny is the stuff comedians are made of--there isn't a funnier trainer walking the backside. The cherub-faced conditioner is always talking, and most of what he has to say has a punch line.

"We were all set to go to the Breeders' Cup with Skippy...I have the long underwear to prove it, if you don't believe me," he says, adding after a drum roll, "I'm going to hang them on the side of the barn with a 'For Sale' sign."

Asked if Carolyn was giving him money for the upcoming two-year-old sales, Hine says, "Heavens, no--she's still clipping coupons. I don't know what kind of toothpaste I'm using from week to week--it depends on what coupon was in last Sunday's paper."

But his best venue is story-telling. He recounts how, in the early days of his career he had a seven-year-old maiden named Com On Dyce. "I'm training in Hamilton, Ohio and racing at River Downs. I get a call from a guy in West Virginia who says he'll buy the horse for \$100, but I've got to get him down there. I tell the owner, and he says 'Get rid of him before the guy changes his mind.'

"Now I got a blacksmith who's sleeping in one of my empty stalls and feeding my horses first thing in the morning by the name of Miles 'Speedy' Neff. So I'm tellin' some of the boys around the barn about the offer, but I've got no way to get the horse to West Virginia. Speedy says he'll take Com on Dyce in the bread truck he used to carry his shoeing equipment.

"We feed the horse some Apple Jack brandy to get him drunk, so he won't act up. We get him up the steps and into the van, but his butt was too big to close the door. His withers are touching the roof and his head is between the two of us. It's wintertime, and as we're drivin' at night, every time the horse breathes he fogs up the windshield. And when Speedy and I want to talk, we have to push the horse's head down to see over it.

"Now we're going along and some lady pulls out of a street and right in front of Speedy's bread truck. He jams on the breaks, but he still hits her. I go flyin' out my door and the horse goes out the back door. We're both layin' on the ground and Speedy jumps out of the truck and runs at the car--before he can say anything, the passenger gets out and says his mother doesn't have a license or insurance. Speedy quickly sizes up the situation and says, 'Do you know that horse lying there is next year's Kentucky Derby winner?' The kid offers Speedy \$100 to forget the accident.

"So Speedy makes \$100 for the accident, I get \$100 for the horse. The new owner's happy, the old owner got rid of a hay burner and the mother's happy she didn't kill next year's Derby winner."

After a couple of minutes of dialogue, Hine has to stop to let his visitors catch their breath. He'd found a willing audience and the laughter coming out of his office should have brought security guards. At the end of a half-hour, Hine said, "You guys ought to come by more often. I haven't had this many laughs in years." He didn't realize that his guests never said a word--they just listened.

If you haven't heard his safety pin at the Preakness story, get Sonny to tell you. Spectacular Bid isn't in this one--Sonny's story ends on a note as happy as his 1996.

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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