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WEKIVA SPRINGS RETIRED TO PIN OAK STUD

Pin Oak Stud's Josephine Abercrombie announced Monday that millionaire **Wekiva Springs** (Runaway Groom) has been retired from racing and has arrived at the Versailles, Kentucky farm, where he will enter stud in 1997. The soon-to-be six-year-old is owned by Abercrombie, Donald Disney, James English and Alice Chandler. "Wekiva Springs was a tough and durable racehorse," said trainer Bill Mott. "He could run six furlongs in 1:08 and change and draw away at 1 1/4-miles." After breaking his maiden by 11 lengths at Santa Anita, Wekiva Springs went undefeated in his next five starts at three and four, taking the GIII Vernon O. Underwood Breeders' Cup S., Santa Catalina S. and GII San Fernando S. The gray followed with a banner five-year-old campaign in 1996, winning the GI Suburban H., GI Gulfstream Park H. and GII Brooklyn H. and finishing second in the GI Oaklawn H., GI Donn H. and GIII Broward H. Overall, Wekiva Springs won 10 of 21 career starts for earnings of \$1,512,575. Out of the Tri Jet mare Jetting Angel, he will stand for a 1997 stud fee of \$7,500 live foal, due Oct. 1.

STORM SONG BACK IN TRAINING

Dogwood Stable's **Storm Song** (Summer Squall), away from the races since winning the \$1 million Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies Oct. 26 at Woodbine, will conclude a two-month vacation at Dogwood's Aiken, South Carolina headquarters when she ships to Gulfstream Park this Thursday. The favorite to be named Champion Two-Year-Old Filly of 1996, Storm Song will have her first breeze since the Breeders' Cup New Year's Day over the Aiken Training Track. Dogwood President Cot Campbell said the bay filly resumed training Dec. 1, following 30 days of turnout time. Her 1996 campaign also included triumphs in the GI Frizette S. and the GII Adirondack S. and a second-place finish in the GI Matron S. Her earnings total \$898,205 to date. "Storm Song goes back to (trainer) Nick Zito, of course, and will be pointed toward the Davona Dale S. at Gulfstream Feb. 9," Campbell said.

FAIR GROUNDS HIKES PURSES Fair Grounds' President and General Manager Bryan G. Krantz has announced the track's first purse increase this season, effective Friday, January 3, 1997. All purses except those for stakes races will receive five percent increases--from over \$300 to nearly \$1,500 per race--for the remaining 62 days of the track's 88-day meeting. Krantz attributes the purse increases to the unlimited simulcasting of out-of-state tracks to Fair Grounds and its off-track betting outlets across the state. Fair Grounds current meeting runs through March 31, 1997.

ANOTHER JUVENILE WINNER FOR QUEST FOR FAME

Epsom Derby winner **Quest For Fame** (GB) (Rainbow Quest) sired another juvenile winner in Australia Saturday when his filly out of Memorabilia, **Relic**, won the five-and-a-half furlong Riverina Charm H. at Rosehill in Sydney. Relic, trained by Octagonal's handler John Hawkes, is now a possible for Australia's premier juvenile event, the G1 Golden Slipper, run over six furlongs at Rosehill in March. "She went really nicely," said Hawkes, "but I'm not sure if she is a Slipper winner." Freshman sire Quest For Fame, who stands at Juddmonte Farm in Lexington, Kentucky and Woodlands Stud in Australia, has four winners to date.

DOUBLE TAKE PUT DOWN

Double Take (NZ) (Phizam {NZ}), winner of the 1994 G1 New Zealand Cup and fourth in the same year's Melbourne Cup, has been put down after breaking a leg in training at Ellerslie in Auckland. The eight-year-old ran in two Melbourne Cups, but his chances were affected on both occasions by wet tracks. Trainer Royce Dowling said, "He didn't deserve it. He'd never been sore in his life. We took him home and had him X-rayed, but it showed the damage was beyond repair. We had to put him down. He was a lovely horse, one of the best I've had. A good, tough stayer." Double Take was also successful in Australia, where he won four stakes including the 1995 Werribee and Bendigo Cups.

STAKES CLOSINGS

TOMORROW, WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 1:
1-11 \$200/100,000 *San Fernando Breeders' Cup-GII, SA, 4yo, 1 1/8m (\$100)*
1-12 \$200,000 *San Pasqual H.-GII, SA, 4yo/up, 1 1/16m (\$100)*



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◆ PREVIEW ◆

Today, Calder Race Course:

TROPICAL PARK H.-GIII, \$100,000, 3yo/up, 1 1/8m

The field of nine, in post position order, is as follows: **Jamies First Punch** (Fit to Fight), 118 pounds; **Guaranteed** (Talinum), 113; **Wicapi** (Waquoit), 116; **Damien's Fantasy** (Darn That Alarm), 112; **Run David Run** (Maudlin), 112; **Sea Horse** (Cutlass), 114; **Cimarron Secret** (Tejano), 115; **Fight for Love** (Fit to Fight), 113; **Laughing Dan** (Premiership), 114.

◆ MIDWEST ◆

Yesterday's Results:

SUGAR BOWL H., \$42,600, FGX, 12-30, 2yo, 6f, 1:11 4/5, sy.

1--**GOLD CASE**, 115, c, 2, **Forty Niner--Silent Account** (GSW, \$480,475), by **Private Account**. (\$175,000 yrl '95 KEESEP). O/T-Louie J Roussel III; B-Hickory Tree Farm, Inc (VA); J-J L Diaz; \$25,560. Lifetime Record: 3-3-0-0, \$60,810.

2--**Power Flame**, 114, c, 2, **Kerosene--Eocene**, by **Topsider**. \$8,520.

3--**Set to Sizzle**, 116, c, 2, **Miswaki--Smiling Neatly**, by **Neater**. (\$85,000 wlng '94 KEENOV; \$100,000 yrl '95 FTSAUG). \$4,686.

Margins: 2HF, 9, 2HF. Odds: 0.80, 2.70, 3.10.

Gold Case came off an 8½-length maiden win at Arlington in his debut to take the Old Hickory S. in his last outing Nov. 30. The heavy favorite moved forward along the rail on the final turn and drew away from Power Flame in deep stretch.

9th-HAW, \$35,178, Alw, 3yo/up, a1m70yd, 1:42 3/5, wf.

RECOUP THE CASH (h, 6, **Copelan--Dewan's Flag** {SW}, by **Dewan**), who won the '94 Gil Hawthorne Gold Cup, ran sixth in this year's edition of the race before finishing fifth in his last outing the Sun Beau S. Nov. 30. The 5-1 shot went wire to wire here and scored by 1½ lengths. Lifetime Record: MGSW, 51-21-4-2, \$1,039,318.

O-R Trebat. B-Jaime S. Carrion (KY). T-Jere R Smith Sr.

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.

7th-FGX, \$21,000, Alw, 2yo, f, 1m (off turf), 1:42 4/5, sy.

MISS UTOPIA (f, 2, **Regal Affair--T. V. Bulletin**, by **T. V. Commercial**), claimed for \$15,000 after an eighth-length win in her debut Dec. 21, was sent off a 10-1 outsider here. The chestnut filly remained undefeated with a four-wide rally on the final turn. Miss Utopia had four lengths on 3-5 favorite **SILENT PARTNER** (Capote) at the wire. Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, \$17,100. O-Cart Jerry D & Nix Jerry B. B-Rosemont Farm, Inc. (KY). T-Jerry D Cart.

6th-FGX, \$19,000, Msw, 2yo, c/g, 6f, 1:12 3/5, sy. + WILD RUSH (c, 2, **Wild Again--Rose Park** {MSW, \$217,839}, by **Plugged Nickle**) was sent off the 9-5 favorite in his debut. The bay colt stalked the leader,

took charge at the top of the stretch and drew off to score by 5 ½ lengths over **G. W.'S BAND** (Dixieland Band). Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$11,400.

O-Frank Stronach. B-Ward Pitfield (Ky). T-Michael Doyle.

Local News, Fair Grounds:

Fair Grounds Race Course will host the first ever Mid-South Championship Saturday, January 11. The regional invitational race will match the best state-bred horses from Louisiana, Texas, Arkansas and Oklahoma. The 1 1/16-mile race for four-year-olds and up will be contested on the main track and will carry a \$40,000 purse with an additional \$40,000 for Texas and Louisiana horses from their respective state Thoroughbred associations and race tracks from the four states in conjunction with FOX Sports Southwest. The invitees from each state are as follows...From Louisiana, **Jena's Pawpaw** (Yesterday's Hero), **Scott's Scoundrel** (L E'njoleur), **Hope List** (List) and **Hermanito** (Nalees Man); from Texas **Vindictive Silence** (Orbit Dancer), **Secret Oath** (Secret Oath), **Wild Lightning** (Wild Again) and from Oklahoma, **Belle of Cozzene** (Cozzene), **Slew o' Mink** (Slewacide), **Axle Lode** (Lode) and **Western Lil** (Western Trick). Competitors from Arkansas are still to be announced.

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STAKES RESULT:

CHIEF STEWARD S., \$26,400, CRC, 12-30, 3yo/up, a5fT, :56 3/5, fm.

1--**PARKLO**, 120, c, 4, Loyal Double--Park Game (Ire), by Henbit. O-Victoria Farm Inc; B-Horse Travel, Inc (FL); T-John S Pregman Jr; J-A R Toribio; \$15,840. Lifetime Record: 36-7-2-4, \$139,384.

2--**Rebound Boy**, 113, g, 4, Beau Genius--Nurse Julie, by *Noholme II. (\$8,500 yrl '93 ARKAUG; \$4,000 yrl '93 KEESEP). \$5,280.

3--**Propulsor**, 111, h, 5, Prospector's Halo--Aroanappeal, by Valid Appeal. (\$15,000 yrl '92 OBSAUG; \$55,000 2yo 1993 OBSMAR). \$2,904.

Margins: NO, 1, NK. Odds: 0.90, 18.70, 21.90.

ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

8th-TPX, \$25,300, 3yo/up, 1 1/16m, 1:45, ft.
RELIANO (c, 3, Cahill Road--My Virginia Reel {MSW, \$272,380}, by Roanoke Island) Lifetime Record: 9-2-1-2, \$35,847. O-Eichenholz Ann & Fisher Debra. B-Justice Farm (KY). T-Jack C Van Berg.

9th-TPX, \$24,790, 3yo/up, 1 1/16m, 1:46, ft.
PERRY JAMES (h, 5, Deputy Minister--Dame Amour {SP}, by Iron Ruler) Lifetime Record: 12-3-1-2, \$46,579. O-Gottlieb Roy & Rosenthal Myron. B-Realaw Farm & Myron Rosenthal (KY). T-Charles Lopresti. * 1/2 to Learn By Heart (Linkage), MSW, \$311,573.

10th-HAW, \$24,200, (S), 3yo/up, f/m, a1m70yd, 1:46 3/5, wf.

BUGSY MAE (f, 3, Zen--Buck's Likea Bunny, by Bucksplasher) Lifetime Record: 22-3-2-3, \$64,777. O-Stephan G Herold. B-Stephan Herold Thoroughbreds (IL). T-Pat Cuccurullo.

7th-HAW, \$23,100, (S), 3yo/up, f/m, a1m70yd, 1:47 1/5, wf.

TRUDY DID IT (f, 3, Bucksplasher--Dedicated to B. F., by Master Derby) Lifetime Record: 14-2-8-2, \$60,880. O-Mike Piazza. B-Irish Acres Farm (IL). T-Ernie Poulos.

8th-FGX, \$22,500, (S), 3yo, 1m, 1:42 4/5, sy.
WHAT A LUCKY BOY (c, 3, Nalees Man--First Match, by Match the Hatch) Lifetime Record: 11-2-1-2, \$23,925. O-Gautreau Keith & Giamanco Russ. B-Henry Lee Vice (LA). T-Ralph Dore.

11th-CRC, \$21,100, 3yo/up, 7f, 1:25 3/5, ft.
MADD COYOTE (c, 3, Regal Humor--Queens Choir, by Goal Line Stand) Lifetime Record: 30-4-3-9, \$48,009. O-J Barberino. B-Jason J. Stodghill (FL). T-Timothy Tullock Jr.

9th-PHA, \$18,990, 3yo/up, 1m, 1:39 1/5, ft.
CRAFTY N WISE (c, 4, Bishop Northcraft--Wise Belle, by Wise Exchange) Lifetime Record: 25-4-4-3, \$48,551. O-Fleetwood-Earley Stable. B-Adrian L. Merton (MD). T-Harland Sanders.

8th-PHA, \$15,825, 3yo/up, 6 1/2f, 1:19 1/5, ft.
FANTASIZE (c, 3, Dixieland Band--Carrie's Dream {MSW, \$240,811}, by Stop the Music) Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-0, \$18,450. O/B/T-Weymouth Eugene E. Mrs. (KY). * 1/2 to Encaustic (Tank's Prospect), SP, \$181,107; Bristling (Broad Brush), MSW, \$186,679.

MAIDEN WINNERS:

Cee Score, c, 2, Pentelicus--Highest Score, by Native Aid. CRC, 12-30, a1 1/16T, 1:42 4/5. B-Scott & Diane Dudley (FL). *\$28,000 yrl '95 OBSAUG; \$40,000 2yo 1996 OBSFEB.

Risen' Shine, c, 2, Risen Star--Exmes, by *Hawaii. TPX, 12-30, 1m, 1:39 3/5. B-Liberty Farm (Ky). *\$16,000 yrl '95 KEESEP.

+ **Wild Rush**, c, 2, Wild Again--Rose Park (MSW, \$217,839), by Plugged Nickle. FGX, 12-30, 6f, 1:12 3/5. B-Ward Pitfield (Ky).

Notsosweet, f, 3, Obligato--Dessert Menu, by Transworld. SUF, 12-30, 6f, 1:18 1/5. B-David E. Ahearn (Ma). *SP.

Smart Sunny, c, 3, Smarten--Sunny Sparkler (GSW, \$198,079), by Sunny Clime. HAW, 12-30, 6f, 1:12 3/5. B-David H Wade & Richard L Golden (Md). *\$19,000 yrl '94 FTMSEP.

Verreaux, f, 3, Silver Hawk--Glaze (SP), by Mr. Prospector. CRC, 12-30, a1 1/8mT, 1:50 3/5. B-Alexander & Groves (Ky).

THIS DATE IN HISTORY...

December 31, 1989...Jockey **Pat Day** edged **Angel Cordero Jr.** as the year's leading jockey by just two wins after chartering a plane to Louisiana and riding Dana's Woof Woof and Miltons Magic to victory during the evening program at Delta Downs. Day won the title--his first--with 399 wins to Cordero's 397.

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