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**DAVID MORLEY DIES** One of Britain's most respected racehorse trainers, 58-year-old David Morley, died yesterday of a suspected heart-attack. He leaves a widow, Melanie, and five children. He first took out a trainer's licence in 1973, training mostly jumpers, but in recent years turned his attention to flat racing. In 1997, he enjoyed his most successful season, saddling **Celeric (GB)**(Mtoto {GB}), owned and bred by his brother-in-law Christopher Spence, to win the G1 Ascot Gold Cup, and Sheikh Hamdan al Maktoum's **Hayil** (Dayjur) to land the 1997 G1 Middle Park S. at Newmarket. In recent years, he was one of the principal trainers to Sheikh Hamdan al Maktoum, for whom he trained **Fard (GB)** (Reprimand {GB}) to win the 1994 G1 Middle Park S. The Sheikh's racing manager Angus Gold said: "It is awful news. It is a terrible shock to all of us. He was a very good trainer, who got the best out of his horses." Former champion jockey Pat Eddery, who rode Celeric to win the Ascot Gold Cup, said: "David will be deeply missed. He was one of the nicest people you could possibly meet. He had been ill for some time, but seemed to be doing all right. It is devastating news." Former champion trainer Henry Cecil said: "The sport has lost a true gentleman."

**AUSTRALIAN YEARLING SALE RESULTS** At yesterday's first session of the William Inglis & Son Limited 1998 Classic Yearling Sale in Newmarket, top price was paid for hip number 12, a New Zealand-bred filly by Straight Strike-Wild Dancer (NZ) (Danzatore). L. Lau paid \$71,531 for the bay yearling. In all, 152 horses sold for an aggregate of \$1,695,929 and an average of \$11,157. The sale concludes with its second session today.

### STAKES CLOSINGS

**TOMORROW, WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 7:**

1-17 \$200/100,000 *San Fernando Breeders' Cup-GII, SA, 4yo, 8.5f (\$200)*

1-17 \$150,000 *San Gorgonio H.-GII, SA, 4yo/up, 9fT (\$150)*

1-17 \$100,000 *Holy Bull-GIII, GP, 3yo, 8.5f (\$100)*

1-18 \$150,000 *El Encino-GII, SA, 4yo, 8.5f (\$150)*

1-19 \$150,000 *San Marcos H.-GII, SA, 4yo/up, 10fT (\$150)*



### CHURCHILL DOWNS OFFERS RECORD

**STAKES SCHEDULE** Major purse increases for 10 Spring Meet stakes races and the addition of a nationally significant steeplechase event will boost stakes purses at Churchill Downs to a record \$7.575 million for the track's Spring and Fall Meets in 1998. The increases will raise the track's overall stakes purses in the two meetings by \$1.2 million – a gain of 18.8 percent from the 1997 total of \$6.375 million. The May 2 \$1 million-guaranteed Kentucky Derby and the May 1 \$500,000-added Kentucky Oaks head the lucrative stakes schedule of 40 stakes races, 28 of which are graded events. The purse for the May 2 G1 Early Times Turf Classic jumps by \$50,000 to \$250,000 and the June 13 GII Stephen Foster S. will be worth \$500,000 in 1998. The \$100,000 G1 Hard Scuffle Steeplechase will make its debut on the Churchill stakes schedule on June 28, the closing day of the Spring Meet. Also receiving purse increases are the June 28 \$250,000 GIII Firecracker Breeders' Cup and the June 6 \$300,000 GIII Fleur de Lis. "Our goal at Churchill Downs is to present the number one racing product in the nation and we believe this new stakes schedule brings us a large step closer to that objective," said Don Richardson, vice president of racing at Churchill Downs. "These purse increases will help make the Stephen Foster, the Fleur de Lis and all of our stakes races very important events on the national racing schedule."

### FAIR GROUNDS CANCELS RACING

Monday's racing program at Fair Grounds was canceled after three inches of rain left the track unsafe. "It was a cancellation due to inclement weather conditions," said Bryan Krantz, president and general manager of the New Orleans track. "In the local area, it had to do with the ability of the city to drain the water. It presented a situation to us where they couldn't accept our water from our system, so we couldn't drain the racetrack fast enough." Early Monday morning, track officials moved first post time back one hour to give the track extra time to drain, but the decision was made to cancel racing at 1 p.m. Live racing will resume Thursday with a 12:30 p.m. (CST) first post.

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# ◆ FLORIDA ◆

## Local News, Gulfstream Park:

**Kiridashi** (Bold Ruckus) worked five furlongs handily in :59 4/5 and will start next in Saturday's GIII Broward H.

## Yesterday's Results:

**9th-GPX, \$36,000, Alw, 4yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:10 4/5, ft. GREEN LIGHT (f, 4, Sheikh Albadou {GB}--Jade Jewel, by Mr. Prospector)** was looking for her third straight win after returning from an Oct. Belmont allowance win to score by 2½ lengths in the Nov. 7 Just Smashing S. at the Meadowlands. The 2-1 second choice settled off the pace early, rallied five wide turning for home and wore down the pacesetter in deep stretch for a 2 3/4-length triumph. Lifetime Record: SW, 12-5-3-2, \$140,340. O-Edward P Evans. B-John D. Gunther, (KY). T-Mark Hennig.

**3rd-GPX, \$29,000, Alw, 4yo/up, 1 1/16m, 1:45 3/5, ft. FELIX THE CAT (c, 4, Storm Cat--Stick to Beauty {SW}, by Illustrious),** a half brother to Gold Beauty (Mr. Prospector, Ch. Sprinter, MGSW, \$251,901) and Majestic Venture (Majestic Prince, SW, \$154,823), had not raced since finishing third in the off-the-turf Rushing Man S. at the Meadowlands Nov. 1. The 7-5 favorite duled for the early lead, took charge nearing the stretch and drew clear to win by 3 3/4 lengths. Lifetime Record: SP, 14-3-3-2, \$95,509. O-Jeanne G Vance. B-Hofmann Georgia E. Mrs. (KY). T-Flint S Schulhofer.

**8th-GPX, \$28,000, Alw, 3yo, f, 6f, 1:11 2/5, ft. RUBIA (f, 3, Rubiano--Dazzling Dixie, by Dixieland Band)** scored by a head in her debut at Keeneland last April and most recently finished third in a Nov. 2 Churchill allowance race. Sent off the 3-1 second choice, the grey filly pressed the pace, gained control approaching the turn and held on for a one-length tally. Lifetime Record: 5-2-1-1, \$51,842. O-Massey Betty G & Pletcher Jacob J. B-Peter Grimm (KY). T-Todd A Pletcher.

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**6th-GPX, \$28,000, Alw, 4yo/up, f/m, 7f, 1:25 1/5, ft. TIME TO SIGN (f, 4, Time to Explode--Last Reagent, by Bold Ruckus)** graduated from the maiden ranks in her seventh outing with a five-length win at Woodbine last July and most recently finished third in a Nov. 20 allowance. Making her first start south of the border, the 7-1 outsider set a pressured pace, opened a clear lead in the stretch and was all out to hold off 6-5 favorite SPORTS FAN (Sports View) by a neck. Lifetime Record: SP, 13-2-7-1, \$81,549. O/T-Sue Leslie. B-James T. Sabiston & Theodor Smith (CAN).

**7th-GPX, \$26,000, Msw, 3yo, f, 6f, 1:12 2/5, ft. +REBOOT (f, 3, Rubiano--Launch Light Tek {MSW, \$173,752}, by Relaunch)** was lightly regarded in her debut, going off at odds of 9-1. The dark bay filly stalked the early leaders, took charge a furlong from home and scored easily by 1 3/4 lengths. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$15,600. O-Nicholson R & Seelbinder G A. B-John Toffan & Trudy McCaffery (KY). T-James J Toner.

**10th-GPX, \$26,000, Msw, 3yo, f, 6f, 1:12 1/5, ft. NO TELLING (f, 3, Private Account--My Heroine, by Majestic Light)** ran fourth in her debut over a sloppy Aqueduct track Nov. 22. Disregarded by the bettors, the filly went off at 12-1, quickly went up to press the pace, took over nearing the stretch and gamely held off 6-1 shot LOVELY GHOST (Silver Ghost) for a 3/4-length victory. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$17,340. O-Ogden Mills Phipps. B-Phipps Stable (KY). T-Claude McGaughey III.

## THIS DATE IN HISTORY...

**January 1, 1975...**Secretariat's first Thoroughbred foal, a filly named **Miss Secretariat** out of the dam My Card, was born in Kentucky.

**January 4, 1946...**Jockey **George Woolf**, known as "The Iceman" for his coolness in the saddle, died the day after a spill at Santa Anita. He was 35. Since 1950, the George Woolf Memorial Jockey Award has been presented annually to a rider who demonstrates high standards of personal and professional conduct, on and off the racetrack.

**January 5, 1980...****Spectacular Bid** began his undefeated four-year-old season, winning the Malibu S. by five lengths at Santa Anita; the gray colt finished his 1980 campaign with a perfect nine-for-nine record.

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# GAINESWAY

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## WRITERS UP

### THE DERBY...A DASH?

By Frank Mitchell

Michael Church's new book, "The Derby Stakes," gives readers a year-by-year chronicle of the mile-and-a-half Epsom classic. In addition to providing interesting stories and information on more than 200 years of Epsom Derby winners, the book implicitly raises issues about the forces that have shaped both the race and the breed.

In his introduction, Tony Morris, one of the most respected international commentators on bloodlines in the world today, mentions a quote by the famed Italian breeder Federico Tesio that "the Thoroughbred is what it is today because of the Derby."

Tesio was right. The results of the Derby had a great influence on bloodlines and breeding values by making a sire or a family fashionable. Moreover, the race is the preeminent example of the changing emphasis from long-distance heat racing in the 18<sup>th</sup> century to dash racing over what have come to be called the "classic distances" as defined in England by the 2000 Guineas, Derby and St. Leger.

But changes in racing didn't stop in the 18<sup>th</sup> century. Economic and social factors have made the St. Leger the red-headed stepchild of the classic trio, and even winners of the Derby do not find the favor with breeders today they did half a century ago.

When it was instituted, the Derby was run over the last mile of the old four-mile course at Epsom. The course was used for the heat races--usually the best two out of three--run over two, three and four miles. To stand up to this sort of racing, horses had to be uncommonly tough and game. They also had to be mature animals, age four, five or older, to withstand the lengthy preparation, but heat racing separated the wheat from the chaff. If anything, it did this too well. Relatively few horses withstood the demands of the sport, and it took years to find out if those who stood training were good enough to win the major sweepstakes.

Clearly this sort of racing is not for most people. It takes too much time, too much money and is damned uncertain. So when dash racing (single heats) over abbreviated distances for younger horses came around, people in England embraced it enthusiastically, and fashion turned against the older type of horse.

In the U.S., however, heat racing remained the preferred form of sport, and when Diomed, winner of the first Epsom Derby in 1780 for Sir Charles Bunbury, was imported to the former colonies at the age of 21, he became our first great sire. A winner of 10 races in England, Diomed was not a very successful stallion there, but after being imported he founded a line of very stout horses in the U.S. The dominance of that line lasted until after the end of the Civil War, when interest in heat racing declined precipitously.

Heat racing was essentially the province of an entrenched agricultural elite, both in the U.S. and England. Dash racing allowed more people to participate, and the shorter preparation time and lesser wastage of stock made the sport financially accessible to a much larger body of would-be racehorse owners. The economic and social pressures that made dash racing more interesting and affordable to rising middle class sportsmen have not entirely abated.

In the U.S., the demand for more betting revenue has made tracks favor shorter races because they are less formful and produce higher turnover in dollars bet. Tracks are run to make a profit and short-priced favorites in relatively small fields of stayers don't create as much betting volume as large fields of evenly matched horses.

Tracks aren't trying to sabotage the breed or anything like that. They are simply trying for the greatest return for themselves and for the horse owners, who benefit from higher handle through higher purses. But the result is that only the tradition of the Triple Crown has kept the Belmont Stakes at a mile and a half, and it is the only dirt stakes for three-year-olds in the country at the distance.

"The Derby Stakes, 1780-1997"

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**MAIDEN WINNERS:**

**Regal Horn, c, 3, Pentelicus**--Regal Silence, by Regal and Royal. GPX, 1-5, (C), 6f, 1:13 1/5. B-Corwin J (Fl).

\*\$28,000 yrl '96 OBSAUG; \$39,000 2yo 1997 OBSMAR.

**No Telling, f, 3, Private Account**--My Heroine, by Majestic Light. GPX, 1-5, 6f, 1:12 1/5. B-Phipps Stable (Ky).

+ **Reboot, f, 3, Rubiano**--Launch Light Tek (MSW, \$173,752), by Relaunch. GPX, 1-5, 6f, 1:12 2/5.

B-John Toffan & Trudy McCaffery (Ky).

**Dynamite Flash, c, 4, Conquistador Cielo**--Aironlass (SW, \$133,085), by Proud Clarion. GPX, 1-5, 7f, 1:24 1/5. B-Williams John R (Ky). \*\$145,000 yrl '95 KEESEP. \*\*1/2 to Classy Women (Relaunch), GSW, \$154,708.

**Coeur de Lion, c, 4, Seattle Knight**--Worldwide Risque, by Transworld. HOU, 1-4, 1 1/16m, 1:49. B-Savoy Clay (Tx). \*\$1,200 yrl '95 ARKAUG.



## ATTENTION TDN SUBSCRIBERS!

It's foaling season once again, and as always, the *Thoroughbred Daily News* looks forward to

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**TRACK ABBREVIATIONS:**

APX	Arlington	AQU	Aqueduct
ATL	Atlantic City	BEL	Belmont Park
BEU	Beulah Park	BMX	Bay Meadows
BMF	Bay Meadows Fair	CBY	Canterbury Park
CDX	Churchill Downs	CNL	Colonial Downs
CRC	Calder	CTX	Charles Town
DEL	Delaware Park	DET	Ladbroke DRC
DMR	Del Mar	ELP	Ellis Park
EMD	Emerald Downs	EVD	Evangeline Downs
FEX	Fort Erie	FGX	Fair Grounds
FLX	Finger Lakes	FPX	Fairplex Park
GGX	Golden Gate	GPX	Gulfstream Park
GSX	Garden State Park	HAW	Hawthorne
HIA	Hialeah	HOL	Hollywood Park
HOO	Hoosier Park	HOU	Sam Houston
HST	Hastings Park	KEE	Keeneland
LAD	Louisiana Downs	LRL	Laurel Park
MED	Meadowlands	MTH	Monmouth Park
OPX	Oaklawn Park	PEN	Penn National
PHA	Philadelphia Park	PIM	Pimlico
PRM	Prairie Meadows	RDX	River Downs
RET	Retama Park	RKM	Rockingham Park
RPX	Remington Park	SAX	Santa Anita
SAR	Saratoga	SPT	Sportsman's Park
SUF	Suffolk Downs	TAM	Tampa Bay Downs
TDN	Thistledown	TIM	Timonium
TPX	Turfway Park	TRM	Trinity Meadows
TUP	Turf Paradise	WOX	Woodbine

**UPCOMING SALES:**

- Jan. 9: Texas Thoroughbred Association Stallion Seasons, Austin Marriott, Austin, Tx.
- Jan. 12-16: Keeneland Mixed, Lexington, Ky.
- Jan. 19: Florida T'bred Charities Stallion Season, Ocala, Fl.
- Jan. 19-21: Ocala Breeders' Sales Co. Mixed, Ocala, Fl.
- Jan. 22-24: Heritage Place Mixed, Oklahoma City, Ok.
- Jan. 27: Barretts Equine Ltd. Mixed, Fairplex, Pomona, Ca.

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, a (C) will be used for maiden-claiming races and an (R) will be used for other restricted races.

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