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## N • E • W • S T O D A Y

**HOLLYWOOD PARK OPENS TONIGHT** Hollywood Park begins its 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary season tonight with a first post time of 7 p.m. Opening night features the GIII Senorita S., the first of 29 graded stakes at the 67-day meeting worth over \$7.7 million. The Senorita is a one-mile test for three-year-old fillies on the turf. The highlight of the season is the June 28 \$1 million GI Hollywood Gold Cup. Other Grade Is at the meet are the May 25 Hollywood Turf H., May 30 Milady Breeders' Cup H., June 7 Gamely Breeders' Cup H., June 27 Vanity H. and July 4 Beverly Hills H. Live racing will be conducted Wednesday through Sunday with special Monday racing on May 11, May 25, June 8 and July 20. Post time is 1 p.m. with the exception of 7 p.m. first post on Fridays. There will be a special 5 p.m. post on Kentucky Oaks Day May 1. The meet runs through July 20.

**END SWEEP COLT TOPS FINAL OBS SESSION**  
**Sweeping Spirit** (End Sweep) brought a final bid of \$195,000 to top yesterday's fourth and final session of the Ocala Breeders' Sales Company's annual Spring Sale of Two-Year-Olds in Training. The colt, hip number 1121, was consigned by Mark Casse, agent, was bought by Jeff Rand of Irving, Texas and is the second foal of **Appealing Spirit**, by **Valid Appeal**. For the session, 166 horses sold for a gross of \$3,125,900, compared with 132 horses netting \$2,015,700 in last year's final session. The average price of \$18,831 rose 23 percent from the \$15,270 posted a year ago, while the median price rose from \$11,000 to \$12,000. During the four-day sale, 701 horses sold for a record total of \$13,893,500, compared to 597 horses grossing \$10,270,800 in 1997. The overall average of \$19,820 was up 15.2 percent over 1997's \$17,204. The median price climbed from \$13,000 to \$13,250. "Overall, it was a very strong week," said OBS Director of Sales Tom Ventura. "The demand for good athletes is strong and that's what this sale is all about. Once again, it was gratifying to see so many new buyers joining our long-time customers." The OBS June Sale of Two-Year-Olds and Horses of Racing Age is scheduled for June 9.

### STAKES CLOSINGS

**TODAY, FRIDAY, APRIL 24:**

5-1 \$150/100,000 **Louisville Breeders' Cup-GII, CD, 3yo/up, f/m, 8.5f (\$12,500s)**



## T • R • I • P • L • E T H R E A T S

**Saturday, May 2, Churchill Downs:**  
**KENTUCKY DERBY-GI, \$1,000,000, 3yo, 1 1/4m**  
**DERBY WORK TAB:** GI Santa Anita Derby winner **Indian Charlie** (In Excess {Ire}) worked six furlongs yesterday over a Churchill track labeled good. The undefeated colt went three furlongs in :35 2/5, the half in :47 2/5 and five furlongs in :58 4/5. "He picked it up real nice in the stretch," trainer Bob Baffert said after the move. "It was a little bit wet and not an ideal track that I wanted to work on. It was deep and really slow, but he got over it good and got a good work out of it."  
Baffert also sent Santa Anita Derby runner-up **Real Quiet** (Quiet American) out yesterday. The late-running colt worked six furlongs in 1:12 2/5 with fractions of :24 2/5; :35 2/5; :47 3/5 and :59 3/5. "He went great," Baffert said. "Both of these horses are training great."

## ◆ P R E V I E W ◆

**Today, Sandown, England:**  
**CHRYSALIS GROUP 30th ANNIVERSARY MILE-G2, \$82,413a, 4yo/up, 1m 14ydsT**

PP	HORSE	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Gothenberg (Ire)	Johnston	Holland	130
2	Crimson Tide (Ire)	J W Hills	M Hills	130
3	Crystal Hearted (GB)	H Candy	McGlone	130
4	Fiametta (GB)	Brittain	Swinburn	123
5	Illusion (GB)	M Stoute	J Reid	126
6	Almushtarak (Ire)	K Mahdi	Cochrane	126
7	Handsome Ridge (GB)	J Gosden	Dettori	126
8	Polar Prince (Ire)	M Jarvis	Robinson	126
9	Muchea (GB)	Channon	R Hughes	126

Sires of Runners: **Gothenberg** (Polish Patriot); **Crimson Tide** (Sadler's Wells); **Crystal Hearted** (Broken Hearted {Ire}); **Fiametta** (Primo Dominie {GB}); **Illusion** (Green Desert); **Almushtarak** (Fairy King); **Handsome Ridge** (Indian Ridge {Ire}); **Polar Prince** (Distinctly North); **Muchea** (Shalford {Ire}).

**Today, Keeneland:**  
**BEN ALI S.-GIII, \$100,000, 4yo/up, 1 1/8m, post time: 4:26 p.m. EDT**  
The field, in order of the draw, is as follows: **Storm Broker** (Storm Cat), Albarado, 114; **Gator Dancer** (Pleasant Colony), Santos, 114; **Delay of Game** (Summer Squall), Day, 119; **Come on Get Happy** (Cure the Blues), Coa, 116; **Moonlight Dancer** (Carr de Naskra), Sellers, 116; **Private Joe** (Private Account), Perret, 114.



**Today, Hollywood Park:**

**SENORITA S.-Gill, \$100,000, 3yo/up, 8½fT, post time: 9:35 p.m. PDT**

The field, in order of the draw, is as follows: **Nonies Dancer Ali** (Danzatore), Gomez, 120; **Phone Alex (Ire)** (Tirol {Ire}), Stevens, 114; **Gourmet Girl** (Cee's Tizzy), Douglas, 120; **Dancing Rhythm** (Flying Pidgeon), Desormeaux, 114; **Star's Proud Penny** (Proud Birdie), Solis, 122; **Miss Fleet Diablo** (Diablo), Alvarado, 114; **Conectis (Ire)** (River Falls {GB}), Valdivia, 118; **Chenille (Ire)** (Tenby {GB}), McCarron, 114.

(News cont.)

**RACING RETURNS TO PRAIRIE MEADOWS**

**TODAY** Prairie Meadows opens today for a 52-day Thoroughbred meet followed by a 45-day Thoroughbred and Quarter Horse meet beginning July 17. Fifty-eight stakes races complement this year's 97-day line-up with a pay out of \$10 million in purses and an additional \$2 million from Iowa purse supplements. "The quality of horses stabled on our grounds for the Thoroughbred meet has improved tremendously over last year," reported Derron Heldt, director of racing at the track. "We have already seen many fit horses during the morning works and we are anxious to see them perform come race day." First post on Thursdays, Fridays and Mondays during the Thoroughbred meet will be 6:30 p.m., on Tuesdays at 3:00 p.m., and on Saturdays at 5:00 p.m. The highlight of the meet is the July 4 \$300,000 Gill Prairie Meadows Cornhusker Breeders' Cup H.

◆ FOREIGN ◆

**Yesterday's Result:**

**PRIX D'HEDOUVILLE-G3, \$59,303, Longchamp, France, 4-23, 4yo/up, 1 1/2mT, 2:42.60, hy.**

1--**@OA BALDIXE (FR), 121, c, 4, Linamix (Fr)--Bal D'Oa (Fr), by Noir Et Or (GB).** (\$24,019 yrlg '95 AFAUG). O-F Prat; B-S.C.E.A. Ainhoa Valerio & S.N.C. Lagardere Elevage; T-Pascal Bary; J-S Guillot; \$35,842.

2--**Limnos (Jpn), 121, c, 4, Hector Protector--Lingerie (GB), by Shirley Heights (GB).** O-Niarchos Family; \$13,034.

3--**Kashwan (Spa), 123, c, 4, Unfuwain--Kalawelsh (Fr), by Kalaglow (Ire).** O-Enrique Sarasola; \$6,517. Margins: NO, 1 1/2, 3.

Also Ran: Dame Kiri (Fr), Periode Bleue (GB), Steward (Fr), Zenith Rose (Fr).

Both the winner and the runner-up are expected to meet again in the G2 Prix Jean de Chaudenay, to be run May 15 at Saint-Cloud.

**AMERICAN-BRED WINNER IN ENGLAND:**

**Seignorial, c, 3, Kingmambo--Suavite (GSP), by Alleged.** Beverley, 4-23, Moortown Maiden S., 3yo, 1 1/2mT, \$5,719 to winner. O-Mr John D Gunther; B-Cashmark Farms Inc; T-Peter Chapple-Hyam. \*1/2 to Suave Dancer (Green Dancer), Hwt 3yo-Fr 9.5-11f, G1SW-Ire, MG1SW-Fr, \$1,741,772; Suave Tern (Arctic Tern), Hwt 3yo-Ity 11-14f, SW-Fr, MG1SP-Ity, \$326,039. \*\*\$120,000 yrlg '96 KEESEP.

◆ MIDWEST ◆

**Yesterday's Results:**

**BEWITCH S.-Gill, \$112,300, KEE, 4-23, 4yo/up, f/m, 1 1/2mT, 2:30 2/5, wf.**

1--**MAXZENE, 113, m, 5, Cozzene--Jacky Max (Ire) (SW-Fr, \$105,093), by Sexton Blake.** O-Sekiguchi Fusao; B-Epstein Morton (KY); T-Thomas J Skiffington; J-J A Santos; \$69,626. Lifetime Record: 19-10-4-0, \$945,983.

2--**Cuando, 113, f, 4, Lord At War (Arg)--Quando Quiere, by Affirmed.** (\$77,000 2yo 1996 FTKAPR). O-Tri County Farm L L C; B-Wimborne Farm (KY); \$22,460.

3--**Gastronomical, 113, m, 5, Sunshine Forever--Esprit D'Escalier, by Diesis (GB).** O-Prestonwood Farm Inc & Seelbinder G; B-Seelbinder Arthur (KY); \$11,230. Margins: 1HF, 4, NO. Odds: 0.90, 27.30, 7.50.

Also Ran: Parade Queen, Mingling Glances, Sequentially, Lady Zelda, Rule the Floor.

Scratched: Illume, Status Quo.

Maxzene was second, beaten just a head by champion Ryafan, in the GI Matriarch last Nov. in her final '97 start and returned to win the April 9 Gill Jenny Wiley in her '98 bow last time out. The grey mare rated behind the pace while racing wide for six furlongs, edged closer around the second bend and was hard ridden in the stretch to win going away. "I didn't let her get in behind too quick," explained winning rider Jose Santos. "We were about five lengths behind the horses up front. By the time we hit the backstretch, she was really relaxed. About the three-eighths, I began to ask a little of her. She went into another gear, another gear, another gear. By the time we were at the three sixteenths, we were full of run. I knew we were going to win."

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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**Midwest report cont.**

**6th-KEE, \$56,000, Alw, 4yo/up, f/m, 1mT, 1:37 2/5, wf.**

1--**BLUFFING GIRL, 114, f, 4, Pine Bluff--Current Girl, by Little Current.** O-Budig George & Durr R C; B-Robert E Courtney & R C Durr (KY); T-Lawrence D Hughes. Lifetime Record: MSW & GSP, 14-6-5-0, \$257,870.

2--**Cotton Carnival, 122, f, 4, Dixieland Band--Syrianette, by Damascus.**

3--**Crimson Flagship, 117, m, 5, Northern Flagship--Stitz, by Crimson Satan.**

Margins: NK, HD, HD. Odds: 6.90, 0.60, 7.40.

Looking for her first win since taking the Weekend Delight S. at Turfway last September 6, Bluffing Girl ended 1997 with three consecutive second-place finishes, then came back after a four-month vacation and ran sixth in the Queen Breeders' Cup S. over that track March 29. Making her first start on turf in her second start back, the bay raced with the leaders throughout and outfinished 3-5 Cotton Carnival, Canada's champion three-year-old filly of '97, to take the photo.

**7th-KEE, \$48,000, Alw, 4yo/up, 1 1/16m, 1:45 2/5, wf.**

1--**PROUDLY WE HAIL, 113, c, 4, Black Tie Affair (Ire)--Heroic Heart, by Hoist the Flag.** O-Conway & Hillerich Racing Stables; B-Vinery & Richard Schibell (KY); T-Anthony Reinstedler. Lifetime Record: 17-3-4-2, \$110,377.

2--**Fort Howard, 113, c, 4, Bar--Morning Mandate, by Morning Bob.**

3--**Really a Rainbow, 113, h, 5, Gone West--All Rainbows, by Bold Hour.**

Margins: NK, 2HF, 2. Odds: 3.40, 1.70, 34.90.

Proudly We Hail returned from a second-place finish in his '98 debut March 4 at Gulfstream to run sixth over a muddy Keeneland track April 10. The bay colt rated behind the early pacesetters, rallied four wide turning for home, took charge a furlong from the wire and held off Fort Howard for the win.

**9th-KEE, \$46,335, Alw, 4yo/up, f/m, 1mT, 1:37 1/5, wf.**

**MENJA (f, 4, Lomond--Suvla Bay, by Wavering Monarch)** followed an eighth-place finish in the GIII The Very One H. with fourth-place finishes in two Florida allowance races, most recently April 7 at Hialeah. The 8-1 outsider rallied seven wide into the stretch to take the lead and finished two lengths the best. Lifetime Record: 16-3-1-1, \$74,596.

O-Barton Bruce & Two Springs Stable. B-FF-HH Partnership (KY). T-Burk Kessinger Jr.

**4th-KEE, \$46,000, Alw, 3yo, 1 1/8mT, 1:49 4/5, fm. MAGEST (c, 3, Magesterial--Real Torque {SP-Ire}, by Torsion)** broke his maiden at first asking last October at Turfway, but had been held winless since and failed to hit the board in three straight on the dirt before a much-improved second in a Hialeah turf allowance in his latest March 17. Off at 9-2 in his second grass try, the Triple Crown nominee was rated near the back of the pack for a half, launched a bid at the three-eighths pole and powered to the lead in deep stretch for a two-length tally. Lifetime Record: SP, 7-2-1-1, \$56,490. O-Monroe Joyce & Roy K. B-Highclere (KY). T-Kenneth G McPeck.

**2nd-KEE, \$38,160, Msw, 2yo, f, 4 1/2f, :53 4/5, ft. + MISS KITTY'S CITY (f, 2, Carson City--Apalachee Blade {MSP}, by Blade)** had worked well for her debut and was sent off the 8-5 favorite. The 1/2 to King's Blade (Wavering Monarch), GSW, \$215,199, pounced on the lead at the start and purred home to a 2 1/2-length triumph. The winner was a \$70,000 KEESEP yearling. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$25,076. O-Ellis Frank & Retamoza Jane. B-Copeland Dreabon (KY). T-Ernest P Retamoza.

**5th-KEE, \$34,825, Msw, 3yo, 1 1/8m, 1:53, ft. WILD COLONY (c, 3, Pleasant Colony--Never Knock, by Stage Door Johnny)** was dusted in two starts at two, then finished 11<sup>th</sup> after being bumped at the start at Gulfstream March 7 before progressing to third trying two turns for the first time April 3 at Keeneland. Adding another sixteenth of a mile this time, the 1/2 to Pleasant Tap (Pleasant Colony), Ch. Older Horse, MGISW, \$2,721,169; and Go For Gin (Cormorant), GISW, \$1,380,866, came running from just off the pace to put a head in front at the top of the stretch and extended the margin to a length at the wire. The \$800,000 KEEJUL yearling was part of an entry sent off as the 2-1 second choice. Lifetime Record: 5-1-0-1, \$22,980. O-Cornacchia & Dupont & Mays & Payson. B-P S D DuPont & V K Payson (KY). T-Nicholas P Zito.

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◆ **NEW YORK** ◆

**Yesterday's Results:**

**8th-AQU, \$35,000, Alw, 4yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:11, my. LET'S TOAST (m, 5, Miswaki--Give a Toast {GSW, \$222,766}, by Storm Bird)** was coming off a second-place outing in a Feb. 13 Gulfstream allowance. The even-money choice quickly opened up an early lead en route to an easy 3½-length win. Lifetime Record: 13-4-4-1, \$108,799.

O-Bohemia Stable. B-Dupont Richard C. Mrs. (MD). T-H Allen Jerkens.

**6th-AQU, \$32,010, Alw, 3yo/up, 6f, 1:11 3/5, my. ZI PEP (c, 4, Another Reef--For You and Me {MSW, \$161,094}, by For Love and Glory)** returned after a three-month layoff to finish fourth for a \$25,000 tag April 13. Stepping up in class here, the bay broke on top and never looked back, winning by two lengths as the 9-5 second choice in this four-horse field. Lifetime Record: 11-3-3-2, \$76,015.

O-David Sepler. B-Anthony C. Cirillo Jr. (NJ). T-Linda Rice.

**1st-AQU, \$31,000, Msw, 3yo/up, f/m, 1m (off turf), 1:41 1/5, gd.**

**SOLO ROLO (f, 3, Air Forbes Won--Solo Disco {MSP}, by Solo Landing)**, on the board in both prior wet-track starts, benefitted when this race came off the turf.

The even-money chalk closed from fifth to catch 3-1 WIDE BARREL (Broad Brush) in the last jump for a head victory. The winner was an \$8,500 KEESEP yearling. Lifetime Record: 8-1-1-3, \$39,080.

O-Howe David S & Parsons William Jr. B-Bruce Hundley (KY). T-Leo O'Brien.

**5th-AQU, \$31,000, Msw, 3yo/up, f/m, 1m (off turf), 1:41 2/5, my.**

**TAPITATION (f, 3, Pleasant Tap--Levitation {GSP, \$178,188}, by Raja Baba)**, ninth over a fast track at Gulfstream in her career opener March 8, proved she could handle the mud in her second appearance. The 8-1 shot was never far from the lead, taking over as they straightened into the stretch and splashing home 1 3/4 lengths to the good. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$18,900.

O/B-Edward P. Evans (VA). T-Mark Hennig.

◆ **EAST** ◆

**7th-PIM, \$25,000, Alw, 3yo, f, 6f, 1:12, ft.**

**BRAC DRIFTER (f, 3, Carson City--Rollicking Road, by Rollicking)**, second behind champion Countess Diana in her debut last June at Pimlico, graduated from the maiden ranks with a win in her second start last July at Saratoga. The filly, runner-up in the Sept. 21 GI Matron and Oct. 19 GI Frizette in her last two starts, was made the prohibitive 3-5 favorite, dueled for the lead from the start and drew off through the stretch to score by 1 1/2 lengths. The winner is a half sister to Reality Road (Believe It, MGSW, \$541,474). Lifetime Record: MGISP, 7-2-3-1, \$152,115.

O-Team Valor. B-White Fox Farm (KY). T-Hamilton A Smith.

◆ **SO. CALIFORNIA** ◆

**Local News, Hollywood Park:**

The 1997 GI Eddie Read H. winner **Expelled** (Explodent) worked a half-mile in :49 2/5 over Hollywood's turf course Thursday...**Benchmark** (Alydar) drilled four furlongs in :49 1/5 over the main track yesterday.

◆ **INDUSTRY INFO** ◆

**Autotote News:**

Autotote Corporation yesterday announced that a subsidiary, Autotote Enterprises, Inc., has signed a contract with the Mohegan Tribal Gaming Authority to provide wagering technology and operations services for a new Race Book to be opened at the Mohegan Sun Casino in Connecticut. The contract will run for seven years from the opening of the new \$5 million, 9,000 square foot Race Book facility in late summer. The precise agreement is subject to final review by the Connecticut Department of Special Revenue.

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### ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

**8<sup>th</sup>-PIM, \$35,000**, Opt. Clm. (\$45-40,000), 6f, 1:11 3/5, ft.

**NOT WHAT I DO** (m, 5, **Parfaitement--Whatwouldhappenif**, by **Red Monk**) Lifetime Record: SP, 27-6-5-6, \$120,936. O/B-Johnson R Larry (Md). T-Motion H. Graham. \*Full to What It Is, SW, \$137,040.

**9<sup>th</sup>-AQU, \$33,000**, (S), 3yo/up, 1 1/8m (off turf), 1:53 1/5, my.

**PROUD CREATION** (c, 3, **Proud Birdie--Newborn**, by **Exclusive Era**) Lifetime Record: 9-2-2-0, \$55,210. O-Wiechert Anita & Kent. B-Kent Wiechert & Anita Katy Wiechert (NY). T-Del W Carroll II.

**5<sup>th</sup>-PIM, \$27,000**, 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16mT, 1:44 4/5, fm.

**WOLFER** (f, 3, **Wolf Power (SAf)--Nancy's Place {SW, \$155,693}**, by **Mr. Leader**) Lifetime Record: 9-2-3-1, \$56,878. O-R D M Racing Stable. B-James Eigel (KY). T-Michael J Trombetta.

**6<sup>th</sup>-PIM, \$27,000**, 3yo/up, 1 1/16m, 1:46 2/5, ft.

**PORTLY JOHN** (h, 5, **John Alden--Nobulee {SW, \$143,971}**, by **Noble Jay**) Lifetime Record: 30-5-2-8, \$47,162. O-Harry M Leonard Jr. B-Donelson Christmas Jr. (MD). T-Gerald C Delp.

**7<sup>th</sup>-LSX, \$26,400**, 4-22, (S), 3/4yo, f, 6 1/2f, 1:17 2/5, ft.

**WAYNES CLASSY GIRL** (f, 3, **Wayne's Crane--Landingham's Lover**, by **Vanlandingham**) Lifetime Record: 4-2-0-0, \$21,825. O-Frankel & Goodman & Greenfield. B-David Unnerstall Dvm (TX). T-Michael Stidham. \*1/2 to Kas I'm Going To (Coup de Kas), SW, \$105,520.

**12<sup>th</sup>-TDN, \$21,800**, (S), 3yo, 1m, 1:40 2/5, ft.

**MR. GOODBARRA** (c, 3, **Defensive Play--Miss Barra**, by **Northern Baby**) Lifetime Record: MSP, 6-1-2-2, \$24,480. O-Konyha & Marshall. B-James R. & Linda K. Baldwin (OH). T-Alan Sobol.

### MAIDEN WINNERS:

+ **Box Fan Dan**, c, 2, **A Change for April--This Ain't Kansas**, by **Who's Fleet**. LSX, (S), 4-22, 4 1/2f, :52 1/5. B-K C Wojciechowski (Tx).

+ **Miss Kitty's City**, f, 2, **Carson City--Apalachee Blade**, by **Blade**. KEE, 4-23, 4 1/2f, :53 4/5. B-Copeland Dreabon (Ky). \*\$70,000 yrl '97 KEESEP. \*\* 1/2 to **King's Blade** (Wavering Monarch), GSW, \$215,199.

**Solo Rolo**, f, 3, **Air Forbes Won--Solo Disco** (MSP), by **Solo Landing**. AQU, 4-23, 1m (off turf), 1:41 1/5. B-Hundley Bruce (Ky). \*\$8,500 yrl '96 KEESEP.

**Road to Royalty**, f, 3, **Cahill Road--Royalty Watcher**, by **Exclusive Era**. KEE, (C), 4-23, 6f, 1:11 4/5. B-Michael Celendano & Pamela Hamilton (Ky). \*\$25,000 wing '95 KEENOV; \$35,000 2yo 1997 KEEAPR.

**Garnet and Black**, c, 3, **Kokand--Aunt Leila**, by **Ruthie's Native**. PIM, 4-23, 8.5f, 1:47 4/5. B-Wienges J (SC).

**Wild Colony**, c, 3, **Pleasant Colony--Never Knock**, by **Stage Door Johnny**. KEE, 4-23, 1 1/8m, 1:53. B-P S D DuPont & V K Payson (Ky). \*\$800,000 yrl '96 KEEJUL. \*\* 1/2 to **Pleasant Tap** (Pleasant Colony), Ch. **Older Horse**, MGISW, \$2,721,169; and **Go For Gin** (Cormorant), GISW, \$1,380,866.

**Tapitation**, f, 3, **Pleasant Tap--Levitation** (GSP, \$178,188), by **Raja Baba**. AQU, 4-23, 1m (off turf), 1:41 2/5. B-Evans Edward P (Va).

**Little Gazer**, f, 3, **Sky Classic--Sea Gazer**, by **Journey At Sea**. AQU, (C), 4-23, 1m, 1:42 2/5. B-Paragallo E (Ky).

### FOALING NEWS:

**SOLAR SLEW**, 16, **Seattle Slew--Gold Sun** (Arg) (Solazo) Foal born 4-13-98, a filly by **Storm Cat**.

Will be bred back to **Theatrical** (Ire).

Owned by **Allen E. & Madeleine A. Paulson**.

Boarded at **Brookside Farms**, Versailles, Ky.

Accomplishments: **Dam of Mulca** (Raised Socially), Ch. Imp. 3yo Filly-PR, MSW-PR, \$189,542; **Cigar** (Palace Music), 2xHorse of the Year, 2xCh. **Older Horse**, Hwt **Older Horse** in UAE 9.5-11f, MGISW-N.A., SW-UAE, \$9,919,815.

**TARA'S NUMBER**, 13, **Northern Dancer--Special Account** (Buckpasser)

Foal born 2-3-98, a colt by **Pleasant Colony**.

Will be bred back to **Unbridled**.

Owned by **Dinwiddie Farm**.

Boarded at **Crystal Springs Farm**, Paris, Ky.

Accomplishments: **Dam of Mary McGlinchy** (Pleasant Colony), SW, \$138,754.

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## WRITERS UP

### BOWED, BUT NOT BROKEN *By Bill Finley*

For owners Bob and Barbara Walter, it was about as bad as it gets. Cavonnier, the horse whose nose was an inch or so behind Grindstone's at the finish of the 1996 Kentucky Derby, was pulled up with a quarter-mile to go in the Belmont S. and vanned off the track in an ambulance. As it turned out, the injury was not life-threatening, but every indication was that the gelding's career had come to end due to a severely bowed tendon in his right front leg.

But the Walters never gave up hope, even if everyone else did.

"I don't think many people gave him a chance," veterinarian Dr. Carol Gillis said. "He was as close to never as they get."

It has been nearly 22 months since Cavonnier has raced and he's doing nothing more these days than lounging around a paddock on the Walter's farm in Sebastopol, California, near Sacramento, but Bob Walter is able to say, and say with obvious pride, "Cavonnier will run again. Definitely."

Now five, he would not be the first horse to return to the races after bowing a tendon, but most are nowhere near the same once returning. That's not what the Walters have in mind. Patiently working with a team of veterinarians who have been employing an experimental treatment for Cavonnier's injury, the Walters believe their star of the past can be a star of the future.

"We felt he had everything going for him at the time of the injury and that it was a freak accident," Bob Walter said. "We feel there's still a lot of opportunity left. He's still young and the good ones are hard to come by."

Cavonnier's future has been put into the hands of a team of veterinarians from the University of California at Davis. They began the treatments with injections of a drug called BAPN-F, which is derived from the seeds of the wild sweet pea.

BAPN-F can prevent the formation of misaligned scar tissue in the area of a bowed tendon and that, combined with a gradually increasing program of exercise, can cause the tendon to slowly stretch back to its normal length and retain its normal functions.

Under normal procedures, BAPN-F is injected in the tendon for 30 days. That's the first step in a routine; the next is an exercise program that begins with walking and leads to swimming and then galloping.

According to UC Davis veterinarian Gillis, who is overseeing Cavonnier's treatment, it normally takes between 10 and 12 months for a horse undergoing this program to return to the track, but Cavonnier's injury was so severe that he is being brought along at a far more deliberate pace.

"He'll tell us when it's time to get going," she said. "Every month I take a scan, the tendon looks different. Sometimes it looks worse, but it usually looks better."

Cavonnier had already been lightly galloped on the farm, but it was decided that he was not far enough along to continue. The Walters hope that he can go back into training in another 90 days, which would be another major step toward his return.

Gillis estimated that the tendon is 70 percent healed, but the goal is 90 percent.

"The Walters want a low chance of re-injury and a good chance that he'll be able to compete at the same level," Gillis said.

Can he be as good as ever? That's the idea, but Gillis' optimism is tempered by reality. She's not about to guarantee anything.

"It's still too early to tell what will happen, but the last few months I've allowed myself to be optimistic," she said. "But he still needs to continue improving."

But Walter is never going to stop believing it can--and will--happen.

"There's no reason why he shouldn't be able to make it back," he said. "In fact, I think he can be faster because he'll be older, more developed and hasn't been overraced. We're very high on him."

Stay tuned.

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