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MOTT, VASQUEZ NAMED TO HALL OF FAME

Bill Mott, trainer of two-time Horse of the Year Cigar, is among five newly elected members to the official National Thoroughbred Racing Hall of Fame. Mott will be inducted during public ceremonies at the National Museum of Racing in Saratoga Springs, New York on August 10. Also to be inducted this year are two-time Kentucky Derby winning jockey Jacinto Vasquez and Thoroughbred champions Bayakoa, Riva Ridge and Fort Marcy. More than 100 racing writers, historians and broadcasters participated in the vote. Among the champions Mott has trained since establishing a public stable in 1978 are Theatrical (Ire), Paradise Creek and Ajina. Vasquez, a native of Panama, was the regular rider of Ruffian and piloted the filly Genuine Risk to victory in the 1980 Kentucky Derby. He won the 1975 Run for the Roses with Foolish Pleasure and retired from riding in 1996 with 5,231 winners. Riva Ridge, champion two-year-old of 1971 and champion older horse of 1973, was elected to the Hall of Fame in the Contemporary Male category. The Meadow Stable colorbearer won the 1972 Kentucky Derby and Belmont S. Contemporary Female honoree Bayakoa captured the 1989 and 1990 Breeders' Cup Distaff and was named champion mare for both years. Paul Mellon's homebred Fort Marcy, three times voted a champion on grass, was elected in the Horse of Yesteryear category for runners whose last race came more than 25 years prior to 1997. The gelding capped his three championship seasons by sharing 1970 Horse of the Year honors with Personality. The recent elections bring the totals for the Hall of Fame members to 77 jockeys, 70 trainers and 154 horses.

RACING ON TV:

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29:
Kentucky Derby Post Position Draw -
ESPN, 5-6 p.m. EDT



STAKES CLOSINGS

TODAY, WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29:
5-16 \$100,000 Eclipse-IC, Wa, 4yo/up, 8.5f
(\$100)
5-2 \$1,000,000 Kentucky Derby-GI, CD, 3yo,
10f (\$150,000s)



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Saturday, Churchill Downs

KENTUCKY DERBY-GI, \$1,000,000, 3yo, 1 1/4m

Trainer Bob Baffert's duo of **Indian Charlie** (In Excess {Ire}) and **Real Quiet** (Quiet American) finished their formal Derby preps yesterday with five-furlong works, both under apprentice rider Dana Barnes. GI Santa Anita Derby winner Indian Charlie went the distance in 1:00 4/5. Real Quiet was clocked in :59 1/5. Afterward, Baffert said, "They're both good."

Gill Flamingo S. winner **Chilito** (Strawberry Road {Aus}) returned to the Churchill track Tuesday morning to work a half mile a day after a slow five-eighths work in 1:04 2/5. With jockey Willie Martinez in the irons, the colt was timed in :49 with a first quarter in :24 4/5 and an out time of 1:01. "I decided after watching him cool out (Monday) that he didn't get enough out of it as I had hoped," explained trainer Graham Motion. "Apparently I've got him too relaxed and I just felt he ought to have a little blowout and I thought today was the day to do it."

Robinwould (Robin des Pins) worked five furlongs in company in :59 4/5. He went the quarter in :23 2/5 and the half in :47 4/5 with a gallop-out time of 1:14.

Lone Star Derby winner **Smolderin Heart** (Two Punch) worked five furlongs in 1:00 3/5 with fractions of :24, :48 and out in 1:15.

Heart Surgeon (Kerosene), briefly considered a Derby starter, will not run Saturday.

(News cont.)

AVERAGE HANDLE UP AT KEENELAND

Keeneland concluded its 1998 Spring meeting Friday with gains in average daily wagering both at the track and at simulcast locations. Combining on-track handle with betting off-track, the daily average was \$6,677,565--a 2.7-percent increase from \$6,504,787 in 1997. Keeneland raced 15 days--one day less than last year--resulting in a decrease in total betting from \$104,076,593 in 1997 to \$100,163,476 this spring. Average on-track betting was up 4.4 percent from \$1,338,062 a year ago to \$1,397,076. Total on-track handle, \$20,956,147, declined 2.1 percent from \$21,408,993 last year. Average daily attendance dropped 1.1 percent--from 12,465 to 12,330. Total attendance was 184,954 compared to 199,443 a year ago. Keeneland inaugurated drive-through betting during the spring meeting. An average of \$11,343 was bet daily at the drive-through windows.



◆ PREVIEW ◆

Saturday, Newmarket, England:

ENGLISH SAGITTA 2000 GUINEAS-G1, 3yo, 1mT

After his victory in the listed Fielden S. at Newmarket April 15, the Ian Balding-trained colt **Border Arrow (GB)** (Selkirk) has been backed down from 33/1 to 16/1 odds for Saturday's Sagitta 2000 Guineas.

Michael Tabor's Kentucky-bred colt **Arkadian Hero** (Tremolino), winner of the G2 Bonusprint Mill Reef S. at Newbury in September, is not a certain starter for the 2000 Guineas, with trainer Luca Cumani waiting to check on the state of the ground at Newmarket, which is still soft at present.

Undefeated Irish-trained colt **Second Empire (Ire)** (Fairy King), winner of the G1 Grand Criterium at Longchamp October 12, is doubtful for the 2000 Guineas, despite figuring amongst the 24 colts entered on Monday. His trainer Aidan O'Brien has entered him in the event that anything should go wrong with the stable's present 7/2 second favorite for the Classic, G1 Aga Khan Studs National S. winner **King of Kings (Ire)** (Sadler's Wells).

◆ FOREIGN ◆

AMERICAN-BRED WINNER IN ENGLAND:

Waikiki Beach, g, 7, **Fighting Fit**--Running Melody (Ire), by Rheingold (Ire). Southwell, 04-27, Brie Amateur Riders' H., 4yo/up, 1m (dirt), \$2,843 to winner. O-Mrs J Moore; B-Dan C Pitts & Frank Ramos; T-G L Moore. *SW-Ger.

Local News, England:

Today's race meeting at Ascot has been abandoned because the track is waterlogged. The scheduled G3 Sagaro S. over two miles has now been transferred to the Newmarket meeting on Friday, May 1.

York racecourse has announced an increase of 10 percent in prize money for the 1998 season, taking the overall total for the season to more than 2.5 million stg. (\$4,120,653 U.S.), with more than one million stg. (\$1,648,261 U.S.) coming from race sponsors.

York also announced that the national house-builders Persimmon PLC will sponsor the G1 \$222,515 Nunthorpe S., run over five furlongs August 20. In addition, York's G2 Yorkshire Cup over 1 3/4-miles May 14 is to be sponsored by the Merewood Group, and the G2 Lowther S. over six furlongs for juvenile fillies August 19 will be backed by the Peugeot car company.

Local News, New Zealand:

It has been reported from New Zealand that the Cambridge Stud-based stallion **Zabeel (NZ)** (Sir Tristram {Ire}), sire of this season's Group 1 winners **Might And Power (NZ)**, **Champagne (NZ)**, **Zonda (NZ)** and **Jezebel (NZ)**, will become the most expensive sire in the country for the 1998 season with his fee rising from NZ\$17,000 (\$9,406 U.S.) to NZ\$ 40,000 (\$22,132 U.S.). In addition to his four Group 1 winners, Zabeel has sired 16 other group or listed winners in Australasia this season.

Local News, France:

As expected, the French racing authority, France Galop, Tuesday gave formal approval to the Maktooms' Godolphin team's application to lease Evry racecourse, 30 miles south of Paris, as a private training facility for some 100 juveniles later this year. Newmarket trainer David Loder will re-locate to Evry to supervise the training of the Godolphin team.

◆ EAST ◆

Local News, Atlantic City:

Atlantic City's request for an abbreviated five-day 1998 meet was unanimously approved last week by the New Jersey Racing Commission, according to the Harness Tracks of America Newsletter. The New Jersey track will be allowed to continue simulcasting through 1998, but will need a constitutional amendment to offer simulcast wagering with no live racing dates next year. Under the plan approved by the Commission, money raised through simulcasting will be distributed to Garden State, Monmouth and the Meadowlands to boost purses.

Local News, Suffolk Downs:

Reserved seats for the forthcoming Massachusetts H. will go on sale Friday morning at Suffolk Downs. Both clubhouse and grandstand will be \$10 for the May 30 race card. Individual reserved grandstand seats are \$5.

Yesterday's Results:

8th-DEL, \$32,900, Opt. Clm. (\$40-35,000), 4yo/up, 1m70yds, 1:41 3/5, ft.

TWIN SPIRES (c, 4, Storm Cat--My Ballerina, by Sir Ivor) had not raced since finishing third in the Gill Discovery H. last October at Aqueduct. The 3-2 favorite charged to the lead nearing the stretch and pulled clear to win by 5 3/4 lengths. Lifetime Record: GSP, 17-5-2-1, \$149,427.

O-New Farm. B-Newgate Stud Farm. (Ky). T-B Perkins.

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◆ MIDWEST ◆

Local News, Remington Park:

Stall applications for Remington Park's 1998 Thoroughbred season are due by May 8. The meet runs from July 3 through Nov. 29.

Yesterday's Results:

8th-CDX, \$56,800, Alw, 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16m, 1:45 4/5, ft.

1--**MATHER MISS, 116, f, 4, Black Tie Affair (Ire)--Fee, by Spectacular Bid.** O-Madison Stewart M; B-Mr & Mrs Eddie Reynolds & Vinery (KY); T-Bobby C Barnett. Lifetime Record: 19-4-4-1, \$104,725. * 1/2 to High Stakes Player (High Brite), MGSW, \$637,121.

2--**Seductivelyelegant, 118, f, 4, Thirty Six Red--Julie Prince, by Majestic Prince.**

3--**Wooin Virginia, 120, f, 4, Roanoke--On My Knee, by Secretariat.**

Margins: 3 3/4, HF, 2 3/4. Odds: 1.60, 3.30, 9.40.

Mather Miss, second over a muddy Keeneland track April 9, was coming off a fifth-place finish in a April 19 turf allowance. The 8-5 favorite rated behind the pace before pouncing on the leaders at the top of the stretch and easily drew clear under a hand ride.

7th-CDX, \$50,060, Alw, 3yo, f, 1 1/16m, 1:45 1/5, ft.

(DH)1--**BRIDAL GATE, 118, f, 3, Gate Dancer--Call Catherine (SW), by Dr. Schwartzman.** O-Ryan William R; B-Randy Stasi & Joseph L D'Esposito (KY); T-Carl Bowman. Lifetime Record: 6-3-1-1, \$54,610.

(DH)1--**IT'S AN ECHO, 121, f, 3, Eastern Echo--It's Sharp, by It's Freezing.** O-Fitzsimmons Hugh A & White H; B-Hugh Fitzsimons & Henry White (KY); T-David C Kassen. Lifetime Record: 4-3-0-0, \$66,940. * 1/2 to I Are Sharp (Timeless Moment), SW, \$121,207.

3--**Sweet and Ready, 112, f, 3, El Prado (Ire)--Sweet and Steady, by Steady Growth.**

Margins: , 2, 5. Odds: 7.10, 2.40, 0.60.

It's An Echo, who won a maiden race and an allowance contest at Fair Grounds in March, attempted to the wire the field here and held on to finish in a dead heat with the late-charging Bridal Gate. The latter, winner of a Jan. Fair Grounds allowance and coming off a seventh-place effort in the Feb. 21 Davona Dale S., settled in midpack early before rallying five wide turning for home and gamely wearing down It's An Echo to earn a piece of the win.

◆ WEST ◆

Local News, Emerald Downs:

Emerald Downs handled \$2,711,162 from in-state sources and hosted 17,725 fans during the successful opening weekend of its 1998 meeting last Saturday and Sunday. On opening day, April 25, Emerald Downs handled \$1,338,737 on 10 local races, nine simulcast races from Hollywood and the Gill Derby Trial from Churchill Downs. The next day, the handle was up to \$1,372,425 on 10 local races, 10 Hollywood races and the Gill Excelsior Breeders' Cup H. from Aqueduct.

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ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

8th-SPT, \$37,310, 3yo/up, 6f, 1:09 2/5, ft.

ARDANWOOD (g, 6, Verzy--Powerful Sue, by Lines of Power) Lifetime Record: MSP, 46-8-11-7, \$122,714. O/B-Bluestem Farm, Inc. (NE). T-D Meche.

6th-SPT, \$30,000, 3yo/up, 6f, 1:10 1/5, ft.

D'AFFAIRES (c, 4, Robyn Dancer--Social Diplomat, by Diplomat Way) Lifetime Record: SP, 24-5-6-4, \$100,330. O-Guckien J & Perkins R & Stewart E. B-Farnsworth Farms (FL). T-Michael F Weissman.

6th-DEL, \$28,300, 4yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:11 4/5, ft.

SPORTS FAN (f, 4, Sports View--Quick Spin, by Gate Dancer) Lifetime Record: 9-3-4-2, \$71,595. O-Valley Forge Stable. B-Farnsworth Farms (FL). T-Allen Iwinski.

8th-PRM, \$28,000, 4-27, 3/up, f/m, 1m, 1:38 3/5, ft.

DEE'S ANNY (m, 5, Fitzallen--Anny Red, by Proud Northern) Lifetime Record: MSP, 23-5-4-5, \$111,092. O-Circle Y Farm Inc. B-C & R Yetter (IA). T-John L Hall.

9th-PHA, \$23,400, 3yo/up, f/m, 6 1/2f, 1:18, ft.

POLISH THE CUP (f, 3, Polish Numbers--Someday's Cup, by Raise a Cup) Lifetime Record: 10-3-3-1, \$57,578. O-Bowen Jeffrey & Necastro Lisa A. B-Someday Farm (PA). T-Dee Curry.

9th-HIA, \$19,900, 3yo, 1 1/8mT, 1:48, fm.

BATTLE SWORD (g, 3, Sword Dance {Ire}--Emma's Gold, by Fast Gold) Lifetime Record: 8-2-0-0, \$33,118. O-Stonehedge Farm. B-G G Campbell. T-K O'Connell. * 1/2 to Oro de Mexico (Well Decorated), SW, \$228,107.

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6th-PHA, \$18,700, 4yo/up, f/m, 5 1/2f, 1:05 4/5, ft.
TANTANARA (m, 5, Geiger Counter--Roshenara, by Bold Ruckus) Lifetime Record: 48-7-5-9, \$99,953.
 O-Plumstead Stables. B-Foxdale Farm (ON). T-R Seeger.

14th-TDN, \$16,000, 4-26, (S), 3/up, 6f, 1:10 4/5, my.
DOWN THEPIKE MIKE (g, 4, Piker--Hunters Voy, by Tilt Up) Lifetime Record: SW, 8-4-2-0, \$52,537. O-M Y Stable Inc. B-South River Ranch, Inc. (OH). T-Michael W Nance. *1/2 to Capt. John Boy (Amber White), SW, \$134,783; full to Sister Milly, MSW, \$209,104.

MAIDEN WINNERS:

Casitas Springs, f, 3, Afleet--Sassy Annie, by Mighty Adversary. CDX, 4-28, (C), 6 1/2f, 1:18 4/5. B-Silver & Eiserman & Yoder (Ky).

Compelling Touch, f, 3, **Compelling Sound--Tough to Touch** (MSW), by George Navonod. DEL, 4-28, (C), 6f, 1:13 4/5. B-Patrick Konka & Maureen Johnson (Md). *\$27,000 wlng '95 FTMDEC; \$26,000 yrl '96 FTMSEP; \$42,000 2yo 1997 OBSJUN. **1/2 to Real Tough (Oh Say), MSW, \$152,579.

Master Clayton, c, 3, **Lucky So n' So--Kinsman Dew** (SW), by Dewan. PHA, 4-28, 5 1/2f, 1:06 3/5. B-Landreth Margaret E (Tx).

Tiz Personal, f, 3, **Personal Flag--Destiny's Dancer**, by Gallant Romeo. CDX, 4-28, (C), 6 1/2f, 1:20. B-Ronald Davidson, Barbara Davidson, Et Al (Ky).

Get Down Girl, f, 3, **Personal Hope--North Downs** (SW), by Hoist the Flag. PRM, 4-27, a1m70yd, 1:46 4/5. B-Geist William (Ky). *\$5,500 wlng '95 KEENOV; \$11,000 yrl '96 KEESEP.

Bingo Betty, f, 3, **Squan Lake--See You When**, by Play Fellow. DEL, 4-28, 1m, 1:42 1/5. B-Ricky Higgs & Gerald McIntyre (Il). *\$1,200 yrl '96 FTKOCT; \$6,000 2yo 1997 OBSJUN.

Silver Susie, f, 3, **Stalwart--Silver Mama**, by Silver Hawk. DET, 4-28, 5 1/2f, 1:06 1/5. B-Mcdowell Farm (Ar). \$4,700 wlng '95 KEENOV.

Prepare to Jam, c, 3, **Storm Boot--Truly a Dream**, by Spy Signal. SPT, 4-28, (S), 6f, 1:11 3/5. B-Richard Koschetz Sr & Ruth A Koschetz (Il).

The Mountain Hawk, c, 3, **Technology--Speaking of Sweets**, by Elocutionist. DEL, 4-28, 1 1/16m, 1:48 1/5. B-Jones B C (Ky). *\$80,000 wlng '95 KEENOV. **1/2 to Highland Talk (Highland Park), GISW, \$223,930; Hawk Attack (Silver Hawk), GISW, \$499,643.

Another Approval, f, 3, **With Approval--Recital P.R.** (MGSW-PR), by Caro (Ire). HIA, 4-28, 1 1/8m, 1:50 3/5. B-Live Oak Stud (Fl).

Sicani, h, 5, **Jade Hunter--Danzig's Dandy**, by Danzig. HIA, 4-28, 7f, 1:25 3/5. B-Paulson Allen E (Ky).

WEEKEND PEDIGREE PERSPECTIVES

by Alan Porter

EL CONDOR PASA (c, 3, Kingmambo--Saddler's Gal {Ire}, by Sadler's Wells) Some time ago we noted that virtually every stakes winner by A.P. Indy has a pedigree which features some interesting inbreeding or line-breeding. It now appears that the stud career of A.P. Indy's Lane's End Farm stablemate, Kingmambo, is also beginning to benefit from some interesting pedigree patterns.

We have previously discussed Kingmambo's Kentucky Derby hopeful Parade Ground (Kingmambo--Battle Creek Girl, by His Majesty), who has the brothers Graustark and His Majesty 5x2, along with a cross of Swaps, a genetic relative to Flower Bowl, the dam of Graustark and His Majesty. Now we turn the spotlight on El Condor Pasa, a Japanese-raced son of Kingmambo who took his record to four wins in four starts with a two-length victory in the Apr. 26 New Zealand Trophy S. (G2-Jpn).

El Condor Pasa has a truly remarkable pedigree. The first feature one observes is that, while Kingmambo is out of a mare by Nureyev, El Condor Pasa is out of a mare by Nureyev's three-parts brother Sadler's Wells, which means the pair appear 3x2. What is interesting to note is that although they are three-parts brothers, the two sons of Northern Dancer are different types in terms of physique, something which is true of several other particularly successful inbreeding patterns featuring sons of a stallion (for example Nijinsky II/Lyphard; Mr. Prospector/Majestic Prince; Secretariat/other sons of Bold Ruler).

If the Nureyev/Sadler's Wells inbreeding were the only significant duplication, that would be interesting enough. But instead, the three-parts brother inbreeding is backed up by close inbreeding to full sisters. Nureyev and Sadler's Wells are, respectively, a son and grandson of the mare Special (Forli-Thong, by Nantallah). Look down El Condor Pasa's tail-female line and you find that his third dam is Lisadell, a group winning full-sister to Special. So, El Condor Pasa not only has Nureyev/Sadler's Wells 2x3, but also has Special/Lisadell 4x4x3!

Unusual as this type of pattern is, it is not the first time that it has worked for El Condor Pasa's family. In 1989, Lisadell herself was bred to Sadler's Wells, producing a colt who was inbred 3x1 to the sisters Special and Lisadell. Named Fatherland (Ire), the colt won the Smurfit National S. (G1) at 2 and was beaten inches in the Irish 2,000 Guineas (G1) at three.

Imitating the pattern didn't work for Lisadell's daughter Glenveagh (the granddam of El Condor Pasa). Saddler's Gal, the dam of El Condor Pasa, couldn't win in nine starts and her genetic brothers by Tate Gallery and Fairy King made only one start between them. However, in the case of El Condor Pasa, a bold reinforcement of same strains has paid dividends. There might be a lesson here, one which goes beyond a demonstration that close inbreeding is nothing to be afraid of. This is that when one has a mar which is only a modest performer, but is the result of either a nick or inbreeding pattern which has previously worked (as demonstrated by Fatherland), then it might well pay dividends to closely reinforce the nick or patter