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\$2.2 MILLION COLT HEADLINES

KEENELAND'S FIRST SESSION A dark bay or brown colt by Pleasant Colony--Never Knock (Stage Door Johnny) secured the top bid of \$2.2 million from Satish Sanan's Padua Stables at last evening's first session of the 1998 Keeneland July Selected Yearling Sale in Lexington, Kentucky. It was the highest price at the Keeneland July Sale since 1991, when Jeune Homme was purchased for \$2.6 million. Following the purchase, Satish Sanan was greeted by the underbidder Prince Fahad Salman. According to Dick Mulhall, who represents the Prince for the Thoroughbred Corporation, Prince Salman invited Sanan to his home on his next visit to the Middle East. Sold as Hip 34, the Pleasant Colony colt is a full-brother to champion Pleasant Tap and a half-brother to Kentucky Derby winner Go For Gin. "This is the colt we wanted," Sanan said. "Just look at the pedigree. And, he is most beautiful looking. He will go all day. He will be a Triple Crown winner. You can write it down. You heard it here first. I told you so." Sanan also purchased Hip 25, a chestnut colt by Thunder Gulch out of the Grade I-winning mare La Gueriere (Lord At War {Arg}), for \$1.1 million. "He's a beautiful-looking colt," said Sanan, who was sitting behind trainer D. Wayne Lukas throughout Monday night's sale. "Wayne knew the family. We were going to buy him--period." Sanan, successful in the computer business, recently purchased Silverleaf Farm in Ocala, Florida and, with Lukas's input, is converting the facility into a high-tech training center. Another well-received yearling was Hip 54, a chestnut colt by Deputy Minister--Six Crowns (Secretariat), who was purchased for \$1.8 million by Robert and Beverly Lewis, owners of 1998 Dubai World Cup winner Silver Charm. Trainer Bob Baffert and bloodstock advisors J.B. and Kevin McKathan were sitting with the Lewises when they bought the half-brother to champion Chief's Crown. "This is a marvelous-looking colt," said Bob Lewis. "He has beautiful conformation and he has all the pedigree that you would want. He was the top choice of both Bob (Baffert) and the McKathans. I just told Bob that we have to go back to Dubai and win another \$1.8 million." Commenting on the July sale, Bob Lewis said, "My gosh, this is a strong sale. The number of million dollar horses is unbelievable. It's as strong a sale as I've ever seen in the 90s. I can't attest to the '80s, because I wasn't buying horses then. But this is a very strong sale."

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KEENELAND MONDAY – TOP FIVE COLTS

HIP#	SIRE	DAM	PRICE
34	Pleasant Colony	Never Knock	\$2,200,000
	Consigned by Eaton Sales, Agent. Purchased by Satish Sanan's Padua Stables.		
54	Deputy Minister	Six Crowns	\$1,800,000
	Consigned by Bluegrass Thor. Services, Inc. (J. Stuart), Agent. Purchased by Robert and Beverly Lewis.		
15	Mr. Prospector	Foreign Aid	\$1,700,000
	Consigned by Dinwiddie Farm. Purchased by Demi O'Byrne, Agent for John Magnier & Michael Tabor.		
25	Thunder Gulch	La Gueriere	\$1,100,000
	Consigned by Walmac Int'l, Agent. Purchased by Satish Sanan's Padua Stables.		
43	Danzig	Queena	\$1,000,000
	Consigned by King Ranch Farm, Agent. Purchased by John T.L. Jones III, Agent.		

KEENELAND MONDAY – TOP FIVE FILLIES

HIP#	SIRE	DAM	PRICE
29	Devil's Bag	Meteor Miner	\$850,000
	Consigned by Eaton Sales, Agent. Purchased by G. Watts Humphrey Jr.		
66	Danzig	Wedding Reception	\$825,000
	Consigned by Calumet Farm. Purchased by Narvick International.		
23	Seattle Slew	Jeano	\$700,000
	Consigned by Three Chimneys Farm, Agent. Purchased by Narvick International.		
39	Nureyev	Population (Ire)	\$700,000
	(\$350,000 wnlg '97 KEENOV) Consigned by Dromoland Farm Inc., Agent III. Purchased by John Ferguson Bloodstock.		
71	Storm Cat	Alywow	\$600,000
	Consigned by Lane's End, Agent. Purchased by Hidden Creek Farm.		

STAKES CLOSINGS

TOMORROW, WEDNESDAY, JULY 22:

8-1 \$300,000 *Ramona H.-GI, Dmr,*

3yo/up, f/m, 9fT (\$300)

8-2 \$300,000 *Eddie Read H.-GI, Dmr,*

3yo/up, 9fT (\$300)



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Monday's highest-priced filly at \$850,000 was Hip 29, a chestnut by Devil's Bag--Meteor Miner (Mr. Prospector). The half-sister to GII Beaumont S. winner Star of Broadway was purchased by G. Watts Humphrey Jr, who was with bloodstock advisor Pete Cline and trainer George "Rusty" Arnold when he signed the sales receipt. Humphrey, who won the 1998 Spinster S. at Keeneland with Clear Mandate, hopes to be adding another star to his broodmare band. "That's what we're trying to do," Cline admitted. "It's so hard to come here in November and get a Grade A-1 broodmare. So, we come here and try to take our chances with a well-bred filly and let Rusty do his thing." Overall, 50 yearlings were sold Monday for a gross of \$24,760,000 and an average of \$495,200, up a whopping 34.7 percent from last year's first session average of \$367,582 for 91 yearlings. Monday's median price of \$362,500 represented a 20.8 percent increase from \$300,000 in 1997. The sale's second and third sessions will be held today at 1:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

NTRA TASK FORCE FORMED

The National Thoroughbred Racing Association announced the formation of two task forces yesterday, one devoted to fan education and customer service and one to product enhancement. NTRA Commissioner Tim Smith also said that within the next 30 days, the NTRA would implement plans for a 'Thoroughbred Industry Council,' a "broad-based industry advisory communications body." Smith said that the task forces are just two of several the organization expects to organize in the coming months. Said Smith, "At its recent planning retreat, the NTRA board and management agreed that it would be very valuable to keep the ongoing involvement of key players in the industry, not only to implement elements of the current business plans, but to identify opportunities and issues for the industry and the NTRA to address in the future." Smith said that the task forces, made up of a cross-section of NTRA-member organizations, would be assembled immediately and would work under the direction of Rick Baedeker, NTRA Senior Vice President of Marketing. Early goals include a joint effort between the Fan Education and Customer Service task force, Equibase and *Daily Racing Form* to develop a new and simplified past-performance design, and an evaluation of new wagering products such as proposition or series bets by the Product Enhancement task force.

◆ NEWS TODAY ◆

HOLLYWOOD'S MOST SUCCESSFUL MEETING EVER CONCLUDES

Hollywood Park concluded its 66-day spring/summer meeting Monday afternoon with a record daily average handle of more than \$11 million. Daily purses averaged \$374,085--also a record. Skip Away's dramatic victory in the \$1 million Hollywood Gold Cup highlighted the 60th anniversary season, which proved to be the track's most successful. Reversing a decline in business at the 1997 meeting, wagering totaled \$729,273,251, easily topping the record of \$702,156,675 set at a 67-day meeting in 1996. The record daily average of \$11,049,594 represented an 8.9 percent increase from a year ago. "We're thrilled with our anniversary season," the track's Chairman R.D. Hubbard said. "We provided the fans a showdown between the world's best older horses in the Gold Cup, and we introduced the most successful new promotion in racing in the guaranteed Pick 6." While overall business was up, the on-track handle average of \$2,216,908 was down 3.4 percent from 1997, and the on-track attendance average of 10,385 was also down 3.4 percent. Skip Away was voted Horse of the Meeting. Craig Dollase won his first Hollywood Park training title with 19 wins, and Chris McCarron was leading jockey with 52 victories.

LONE STAR MEET ENDS WITH RECORD

ATTENDANCE

Lone Star Park at Grand Prairie set a new attendance record in the 1998 Thoroughbred season with 715,995 fans passing through the turnstiles during the 73-day meeting. The total surpassed last year's initial mark of 713,491. Average attendance of 9,808 edged up from 1997's figure of 9,774. Lone Star's Vice President and General Manager Corey Johnson said that the feat made the track the first in modern history to improve its daily average attendance during year two of operations. "Having experienced a racetrack opening in the past, I know how difficult it is to show an increase in attendance in year two," said Johnson. Average daily on-track live handle of \$731,656 was down 6.1 percent from last year's \$779,947; average daily off-track handle on Lone Star's live product was \$1,910,522, up 18 percent from 1997's \$1,614,893; on-track handle on simulcast racing was \$598,961, up 7.1 percent from last year's \$559,196. Overall, the total daily average handle wagered on the Lone Star product, both on and off track, in addition to monies wagered on simulcast racing on-track, was \$3,241,139, up 9.7 percent from \$2,954,037 in 1997.

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HOLLYWOOD ANNOUNCES FALL SCHEDULE

Hollywood Park has released its \$3.65 million fall stakes schedule, highlighted by the \$2.15 million Turf Festival, for its 31-day autumn meeting, which begins Wednesday, Nov. 11, 1998. The stakes schedule includes 15 races, all graded, including five Grade I events and three Grade IIs. Nine overnight stakes with purses totaling \$640,000 will be offered as well. The six-race Turf Festival, which will be held from Nov. 27 through Nov. 29, will feature the \$700,000 GI Matriarch for fillies and mares at 1 1/4 miles on the turf; the event has showcased the female turf horse champion four of the last six years. Also during the Turf Festival, the \$500,000 GI Early Times Hollywood Derby for three-year-olds at a mile and an eighth on the grass will be held Sunday, Nov. 29. The weekend of Dec. 12-13 also features three Grade I events: the \$200,000 Hollywood Futurity for two-year-olds at 1 1/16 miles, the \$500,000 Hollywood Turf Cup for three-year-olds and up at 1 1/2 miles on the turf, and the \$200,000 Hollywood Starlet for two-year-old fillies at 1 1/16 miles.

◆ PREVIEW ◆

Saturday, Ascot, England:**KING GEORGE VI & QUEEN ELIZABETH DIAMOND S.-G1, \$1,002,841, 3yo/up, c/f, 1 1/2mT**

Nine colts were entered at Monday's entry stage for this Saturday's G1 King George VI & Queen Elizabeth Diamond S. They were: **Daylami (Ire)** (Doyoun {Ire}), **Happy Valentine (GB)** (Rainbow Quest), **Romanov (Ire)** (Nureyev), **Silver Patriarch (Ire)** (Saddlers' Hall {Ire}), **Swain (Ire)** (Nashwan), **Central Park (Ire)** (In the Wings {GB}), **High-Rise (Ire)** (High Estate {Ire}), **Risk Material (Ire)** (Danehill), **Royal Anthem** (Theatrical {Ire}).

Four of the entrants--Daylami, Happy Valentine, Swain and Central Park--are owned by the Godolphin team, and it was announced yesterday that Frankie Dettori has chosen to partner Swain, winner of the race last year and runner-up in this year's G1 Dubai World Cup.

◆ EAST ◆

Local News, Canada:

The Canadian Breeders Sales Select Yearling Sale will be held Tuesday, September 8 at 4 p.m. at Woodbine Sales Pavilion. Catalogues will be available the first week of August. For more information, please call (416) 674-1460.

◆ MIDWEST ◆

Yesterday's Result:

3rd-HAW, \$25,056, Msw, 2yo, f, 5f, :58 3/5, ft.
TWILIGHT AURORA (f, 2, Twilight Agenda--Midler, by Cox's Ridge) finished second, beaten three-quarters of a length, in her June 28 debut at Sportsman's Park, but came right back to find the winner's circle in her second outing here. The 2-1 favorite took the lead on the turn and drew off to a four-length win. Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, \$19,600.

O-Asiel Stable. B-Jane Goodpaster (KY). T-Richard Hazelton.

◆ FOREIGN ◆

European Stakes Results:

TENNENT CALEDONIAN BREWERIES SCOTTISH CLASSIC-G3, \$53,151, Ayr, Scotland, 7-20, 3yo/up, 1 1/4mT, 2:12.79, sf.

- 1--**@WINTER ROMANCE (GB), 128, h, 5, Cadeaux Genereux (GB)--Island Wedding, by Blushing Groom (Fr).** O-Sheikh Maktoum bin Rashid al Maktoum; B-Gainsborough Stud Management Ltd; T-Ed Dunlop; J-K Fallon; \$31,656.
2--**Rabi (Ire), 118, c, 3, Alzao--Sharakawa (Ire), by Darshaan (GB).** O-Godolphin; \$11,800.
3--**King Alex (GB), 131, h, 5, Rainbow Quest--Alexandrie, by Val de l'Orne (Fr).** O-Wafic Said; \$5,733.

Margins: 1 1/4, 2 1/2, 3.

Also Ran: Alboostan (GB), Lord Of Men (GB), Hunters Of Brora (Ire), Bend Wavy (Ire), Vagabond Chanteuse (GB).

Winter Romance (GB) posted his first Group race success here and his first win of any kind since landing the listed Strensall S. at York September 4. Taking his record to four wins from 21 lifetime starts and career earnings to \$170,150, Winter Romance reveled in the soft conditions. Restrained in midfield early, he increased his tempo as the field rounded the turn for home, quickened to the front at the eighth pole and asserted his superiority in the last 50 yards. Owner Sheikh Maktoum al Maktoum's representative, former top jockey Bruce Raymond, said, "The horse has to have easy ground at least to be seen at his best. He is consistent, but we have had to go abroad a lot to get the track conditions he needs. This is a good race for him to win and where he goes next will depend on the track condition."

Watch And Listen To The July 20-21 Sale

Video and audio of the July 20-21 Selected Yearling Sale will be available in North America on Telstar 5, Transponder 7C; Pacific Rim on PanAmSat2, Transponder 10C Lower; Europe on PanAmSat5, Transponder 23C and the Middle East on PanAmSat4, Transponder 7C Upper. You can also listen to live audio of the auction on Keeneland's Web site: <http://www.keeneland.com>



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Foreign Report Continued.

GRAN PREMIO CITTA DI NAPOLI-G3, \$51,806, Naples, Italy, 7-19, 3yo/up, 5fT, O:56.80, gd.

1--**@LATE PARADE (IRE)**, 123, h, 7, **Astronof (Ire)--Skisette (GB)**, by Malinowski. O-Scuderia Jerome; B-Ardoon Stud; T-A Renzoni; J-O Fancera; \$28,781. *Hwt at 3 in lty 5-7f, Hwt Older Horse in lty 5-7f.

2--**Blu Carillon (Ire)**, 119, c, 3, Love the Groom--Carillon Miss, by The Minstrel. O-Ovidio Pessi; \$12,664.

3--**Carino Mio (Ity)**, 119, c, 3, Nordance--Chalumeau (GB), by Relko. O-Scuderia Green Street; \$6,907.

Margins: 2 1/2, 2, short neck.

Also Ran: Pappa Reale (GB), Dangerous Affair (GB), Magic Surprise (GB), Reve Indien (GB), Tommelise, Big McCoy (GB).

AMERICAN-BRED WINNERS IN SCOTLAND

Meneer, c, 2, Silver Hawk--Mrs West (SW-Ity), by Gone West. Ayr, 7-20, EBF Maiden S., 2yo, 7fT, \$6,002 to winner. O-Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid al Maktoum; B-Palides Investments N.V. Inc; T-John Gosden. *\$170,000 yrlg '97 KEESEP.

Rakeeb, c, 3, Irish River (Fr)--Ice House (Ire), by Northfields. Ayr, 7-20, Highland Mary Maiden S., 3yo/up, 1 1/4mT, \$5,806 to winner. O-Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid al Maktoum; B-Amanda Skiffington; T-Alec Stewart. *\$80,000 wnlg '95 KEENOV.

AMERICAN-BRED WINNER IN FRANCE

Metisse, f, 3, Kingmambo--Maximova (Fr) (G1SW-Fr, G1SP-Ire, \$180,011), by Green Dancer. Maisons Laffitte, 7-19, Prix Flamman, 3yo, 7fT, \$9,127 to winner. O-J Jones; B-Janus Bloodstock Inc; T-Jean-Claude Rouget. *1/2 to Septieme Ciel (Seattle Slew), GISP-N.A., G1SW-Fr, \$367,138; Maxigroom (Blushing Groom {Fr}), MGSW, \$282,817; Macoumba (Mr. Prospector), G1SW-Fr, \$190,549.

AMERICAN-BRED WINNERS IN JAPAN

Lover's Myth, f, 2, Seattle Slew--Til Forbid (GSW, \$382,596), by Temperance Hill. Hakodate, 7-18, maiden race, 5fT. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-1, \$52,816. O-Koji Maeda; B-James B. Tafel; T-Yoshihito Dazai. *Won by 2 1/2 lengths. "This filly improved a lot in her second race," said rider Keisuke Dazai. "She can run on either turf or dirt." **\$425,000 yrl '97 KEESEP.

+ **My Supremely, c, 3, Gilded Time--Babe's Joy (MSW, \$208,462)**, by King of the Sea. Niigata, 7-19, novice race, 6f. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$35,915. O-Ryoji Sato; B-Needham-Betz Thoroughbreds; T-Tatsuo Fujiwara. *Placed in third position early on, he challenged on the rail and went on to win by 1 1/4. **1/2 to Rohwer (Vanlandingham), GSP, \$188,492. ***\$77,000 yrl '96 KEESEP.

Zenno Motore, c, 4, Devil's Bag--Strait Lane, by Chief-tain. Hanshin, 7-19, Kinosaki S., 1mT. Lifetime Record: 12-4-3-0, \$464,718. O-Shinobu Ohsako; B-Buckram Oak Farm; T-Hiroshi Shimazaki. *"He broke well and he has speed, so I let him go on his own," said rider Yukihiro Dohi, who steered him to a 3 1/2-length win. "He proved he fits in with this company." **1/2 to Silver Lane (Silver Hawk), GSW-Fr; G1SP-Ire, \$121,910; Hawkster (Silver Hawk), MGSW, \$1,409,477; Silver Kite (Silver Hawk), MSW-Fr. ***\$60,000 yrl '95 KEEJUL; \$300,000 2yo '96 BESMAR.

T. H. Ribot, c, 4, Pleasant Colony--Ice Fantasy (SW), by It's Freezing. Niigata, 7-19, plate race, 1 1/16m. Lifetime Record: 10-3-0-3, \$210,352. O-Hironori Hotehama; B-Angus Glen Farm Ltd; T-Yoshiyasu Takahashi. *Won by a half-length. **1/2 to Fighting Fantasy (Fighting Fit), MGSW, \$572,820; Filet (Full Pocket), SP, \$173,990. ***\$155,000 yrl '95 KEESEP; \$250,000 2yo '96 BESMAR.

TRACK ABBREVIATIONS:

AQU	Aqueduct	BEL	Belmont Park
BMX	Bay Meadows	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	GGX	Golden Gate
GPX	Gulfstream Park	HAW	Hawthorne
HOL	Hollywood Park	HOU	Sam Houston
HST	Hastings Park	KEE	Keeneland
LAD	Louisiana Downs	LRL	Laurel Park
LSX	Lone Star Park	MTH	Monmouth Park
PEN	Penn National	PHA	Philadelphia Park
PIM	Pimlico	PRM	Prairie Meadows
RKM	Rockingham Park	RPX	Remington Park
SAX	Santa Anita	SAR	Saratoga
SOL	Solano County Fair	SPT	Sportsman's Park
SUF	Suffolk Downs	TDN	Thistledown
TPX	Turfway Park	WOX	Woodbine

Keeneland November entries close August 3.

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Yesterday's Results:

ROBERT K KERLAN MEMORIAL H., \$109,600, HOL, 7-20, 3yo/up, 5 1/2ft, 1:03, fm.

1--**DRUMM VALLEY, 113, g, 7, Synastry--Here's Lookn Adder (MSP), by Superbity.** O-Poppleton Norm; B-Billingsley Creek Ranch (ID); T-Jerry Dutton; J-V Espinoza; \$65,760. Lifetime Record: 32-8-8-3, \$138,988. *Full to Just Lookn, MSW, \$214,005.

2--**Cuvee Brut, 118, h, 5, Pentelicus--Proudest Duchess,** by Proudest Roman. (\$77,000 yrl '94 OBSAUG). O-Run for the Roses Stable. \$21,920.

3--**Bolero Boy (GB), 115, c, 4, Rambo Dancer--Barrie Baby,** by Import. O-Red Baron's Barn LLC. \$13,152. Margins: HF, 3/4, HD. Odds: 8.90, 2.50, 3.20.

Drumm Valley, winless in 11 starts since taking the Idaho Cup Sprint in July, 1996, was most recently second by a head in an optional claimer at this distance over the Hollywood turf June 28. The gelding posted his first ever grass victory in this spot, breaking slowly, racing in midpack while outside on the backstretch and the turn, taking a short lead in midstretch and prevailing.

7th-HOL, \$42,000, Alw, 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:10 1/5, ft. **BELLA CHIARRA (f, 3, Phone Trick--Bannockburn {MSW}, by Count Brook)** broke her maiden at Hollywood in her most recent trip to the post June 14. Looking to make it two in a row here as the crowd's 9-5 second choice, the chestnut led from gate to wire for a half-length tally. She is 1/2 to Rafael's Dancer (Northern Baby), MSP, \$240,485; Hollywood Flash (Northern Baby), SW, \$157,196; Smithfield (Halo), GSP, \$145,900. Lifetime Record: 4-2-0-1, \$54,120. O/B-Mandato Jack (KY). T-Charles Whittingham.

4th-HOL, \$39,000, Msw, 3yo/up, f/m, 1mT, 1:37 1/5, fm.

STATUA (IRE) (f, 3, Statoblest--Amata, by Nodouble) ended her five-race career in England with a third-place finish in the G3 Rockfel S. at Newmarket while still a maiden. Shipped to the U.S. this year still looking for her first win, she was second, beaten just a nose, in her Hollywood turf debut July 4, and was sent off part of the 2-1 second-choice entry here. The half-sister to Bluegrass Prince (Ire) (Bluebird), GSW-Eng & N.A., \$274,157, lagged far back early but showed a good closing kick, getting up for a 2 1/2-length win. Lifetime Record: GSP-Eng. 7-1-2-2, \$40,526.

O-Farfellow Fms & Team Valor & Ptnr. B-Eddie Fitzpatrick (IRE). T-Jenine Sahadi.

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STAKES RESULTS:

ROSE DEBARTOLO MEMORIAL S., \$75,000, TDN, 7-19, (S), f/m, 3yo/up, 1 1/8m, 1:51.34, ft.

1--**CRACK THE CODE, 122, f, 4, Lost Code--Farest Play (SW, \$113,914), by Play On.** O-Eutrophia Farm; B-Mr. & Mrs. Quentin Alexander (Oh); T-Gerald J. Lepre; J-H Rivera, Jr.; \$45,000. Lifetime Record: 18-10-3-1, \$168,959.

2--**Janluray, 122, f, 4, Tour d'Or--Love Connection,** by Master Derby. \$15,000.

3--**Ms. Quimet, 122, f, 4, Lac Ouimet--Mosquito Hawk,** by His Excellency. \$7,500.

Margins: 5 1/2, NO, 1 1/2. Odds: 2.20, 2.40, 18.80.

CLEVELAND KINDERGARTEN S., \$30,000, TDN, 7-19, (S), 2yo, 6f, 1:12.26, ft.

1--**#WATCH THIS, 115, g, 2, Buckley Boy--Pleasant River (SP-Fr), by Foolish Pleasure.** O/B-Darrell Sapp (Oh); T-Jerry Sparks; J-J Felix; \$18,000. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-1, \$19,152.

2--**St L'Enjoleur, 115, c, 2, L'Enjoleur--Chestnut St. Rose,** by Lord Durham. \$6,000.

3--**Alice's Magic, 113, c, 2, Wavering Monarch--Alice Ruth,** by Exuberant. \$3,000.

Margins: 1 1/2, HD, 10. Odds: 6.00, 1.50, 1.30.

ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

6th-HOL, \$45,000, (S), 3yo/up, 1 1/16mT, 1:42 2/5, fm.

LUCKY MOLAR (c, 3, Wheatly Hall--Landalucky, by Wing Out) Lifetime Record: 9-2-1-0, \$65,250.

O-Barry Fred Jr & Kowalewski Alfred. B-Van Berg Jack (CA). T-Jack C Van Berg.

8th-HAW, \$37,200, 3yo/up, 6f, 1:09 4/5, ft.

MAGIC DOE (c, 3, Fast Gold--Whispering Dawn {SP}, by Elocutionist) Lifetime Record: 13-4-5-2, \$112,943. O/B-William Cortesi (IL). T-James J Eckrosh.

8th-SOL, \$32,010, 3yo, 1m, 1:38 3/5, ft.

WHAT'S THE SONG (g, 3, Whatever For--Soft Melody, by Val de l'Orne {Fr}) Lifetime Record: 8-2-3-1, \$47,180. O-Clark & Domush & Kenwood Racing.

B-Spencer F. Young (VA). T-Brent Sumja.

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9th-ELP, \$28,500, 3yo/up, 1 1/16mT, 1:38 4/5 (NCR), fm.

STAY SOUND (c, 3, Red Ransom--Whimsical Wolf, by Wolf Power {SAf}) Lifetime Record: 9-3-0-1, \$69,657. O-Klein Elaine & Richard. B-Dennis B. Swartz (KY). T-Bernard S Flint.

7th-DEL, \$27,500, 3yo/up, f/m, 5fT, :57 2/5, fm.

REBUY (f, 3, Fight Over--Jetabout, by Always Gallant) Lifetime Record: 8-3-2-0, \$47,560. O-Star Search Stable Inc. B-Sharon Biamonte (FL). T-Allen Iwinski.

10th-ELP, \$25,900, 3yo/up, 1m, 1:37 2/5, ft.

STACKIT (c, 3, Leo Castelli--Banker's Bundles, by Majestic Light) Lifetime Record: 6-2-1-2, \$42,871. O-Lenihan Patricia N & Richard M. B-Fares Farm, Inc. (KY). T-Gary G Hartlage.

8th-PHA, \$25,200, 3yo/up, f/m, 5fT, :57 2/5, fm.

RUNNIN' NUMBERS (m, 5, Polish Numbers--Robellino Star, by Robellino) Lifetime Record: 27-4-2-1, \$49,370. O-John F Moran III. B-Vincent J. Rago Jr. (PA). T-Robert E Jacobs.

5th-CRC, \$24,780, 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16m (off turf), 1:47 4/5, ft.

CHACHAGUA (f, 4, Dawn Quixote--Baby Feels So Good, by Baldski) Lifetime Record: SW, 25-6-3-4, \$135,048. O-Eric Frank. B-R A Calderon, B Berens, Et Al. (FL). T-Robin Frank.

1st-ELP, \$23,040, 3yo/up, 1 1/8m, 1:50 1/5, ft.

OAK LEVEL (c, 4, Woodman--Lady Ice {MSW, \$176,866}, by Vice Regent) Lifetime Record: SP, 13-4-4-3, \$110,088. O/B-James Gottwald (VA). T-David Carroll. *1/2 to Surging (Fappiano), GSW, \$220,110; Miner's Dream (Fappiano), SW & GSP, \$192,347.

10th-CRC, \$21,000, 3yo/up, f/m, 7f, 1:25 2/5, ft.

CLASS ON CLASS (f, 3, Jolie's Halo--Classic Value {MGSW, \$396,421}, by Copelan) Lifetime Record: 9-2-3-1, \$47,049. O/B-Fred W. Hooper (FL). T-William Cesare. *1/2 to Class Kris (Kris S.), MGSW, \$582,129.

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 a (C) will be used for maiden-claiming races.

MAIDEN WINNERS:

Lets Believe C F, c, 2, **Cutlass Fax**--La Biquina, by Bet Big. CRC, 7-20, (C), 5f, 1:01 3/5. B-Luis de Hechavarria (Fl). *\$10,000 2yo 1998 OBSAPR.

+ **Roundabout Rock**, c, 2, **Superoyale**--Traceys Rock (SW), by Taylor's Falls. HOL, 7-20, (C), 5f, :57 3/5. B-Keith Asmussen (Tx). *\$27,000 2yo 1998 BESMAY.

Twilight Aurora, f, 2, **Twilight Agenda**--Midler, by Cox's Ridge. HAW, 7-20, 5f, :58 3/5. B-Jane Goodpaster (Ky). *\$14,000 wlng '96 KEENOV.

Steel Belle, f, 3, **Blue Ensign**--Bastille Belle, by Sing Sing. CRC, 7-20, 6f, 1:14 2/5. B-Fox Fire Farm Inc (Fl).

Fair Call, f, 3, **Caller I.D.**--Fairest Forest (SW), by Big Spruce. PHA, 7-20, a1m70ydT, 1:42 2/5. B-Hart Farm, Inc (Fl). *1/2 to Forest Fair (Naskra), GSW, \$411,194.

Cannon, c, 3, **Mt. Livermore**--Zipangu Alydar, by Alydar. HOL, 7-20, (C), 1 1/16m, 1:46. B-Higuchi Kazuhiro (Ky). *\$37,000 2yo 1997 BESMAY.

Tiptoe In, c, 3, **Roscius**--Front Room (MSW, \$138,042), by Mr. Leader. HAW, 7-20, (S), a1mT, 1:40. B-Vanier Harvey L Mr & Mrs (Il). *1/2 to Locker Room (Defensive Play), SW, \$122,085.

Salt Please, c, 3, **Salt Lake**--Please Answer (SW), by Ambernash. ELP, 7-20, (C), 6f, 1:12 3/5. B-Guida Anthony E Jr (Ky). *\$15,000 yrl '96 KEESEP; \$35,000 2yo 1997 KEEAPR.

Keyley, c, 3, **Sewickley**--Pleasant Key, by Pleasant Colony. HAW, 7-20, (C), 6f, 1:11 4/5. B-Edward P Evans (Va). *\$2,000 yrl '96 KEEJAN.

Statua (Ire), f, 3, **Statoblest**--Amata, by Nodouble. HOL, 7-20, 1mT, 1:37 1/5. B-Eddie Fitzpatrick (Ire). *1/2 to Bluegrass Prince (Ire) (Bluebird), GSW-Eng & N.A., \$274,157.

Stone Fox, c, 4, **Araby Ace**--Executive Lass, by Executive Counsel. RPX, 7-19, (S), 6f, 1:12 2/5. B-Watson Harold (Ok).

Cooking, f, 4, **Carnivalay**--Chafing Dish (SW, \$186,360), by Sauce Boat. DEL, 7-20, 1 1/16mT, 1:44 4/5. B-Wm L Pape & Jonathan E Sheppard (Pa).

Question of Gold, c, 4, **Gold Angle**--French Question, by French Cut. ELP, 7-20, (C), 1m, 1:41. B-Pierce Henry R (Ms).

Firstaturdayinmay, c, 4, **Polish Numbers**--Current Boom, by Little Current. RKM, 7-20, 6f, 1:12 2/5. B-Smith Lee (Ky).

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TRICKY PROBLEMS FOR CHAMP'S CAMP By Bill Finley

Even in victory, there was no real cause for celebration or reason for renewed optimism. Favorite Trick had won the \$100,000 Long Branch Breeders' Cup S. at Monmouth Park Sunday, but no one seemed to like the way he won, by a head over a recent allowance winner named Tomorrows Cat. "Workmanlike," trainer Bill Mott called it. It must not have been easy for him to spit out that word.

Had this been any other horse, no one would have much cared. The bettors would have collected their \$2.40 on their \$2 win tickets, the media would have asked a few innocuous questions before writing their innocuous stories and the focus would have quickly turned elsewhere. But this is far from any other horse. This is the 1997 Horse of the Year, and a controversial choice at that. He carried 116 pounds in the race, that and the weight of tremendous expectations he's having a hard time fulfilling.

It's not jockey Pat Day's fault, owner Joe LaCombe's fault, Favorite Trick's fault and it's certainly not the fault of Mott, who accepted a near-impossible assignment when taking over the career of this horse from Pat Byrne. It's just that Favorite Trick is what he is: an exceptional and precocious two-year-old who apparently hasn't improved or grown much as a three-year-old, while his peers have gotten bigger and faster. It happens all the time, just not with a Horse of the Year.

"He's probably filled out, but he hasn't grown much or lengthened since his two-year-old year," Mott said. "He's probably only slightly bigger than he was when he won the Breeders' Cup Juvenile, as opposed to some others who have grown a half a hand and put on a couple hundred pounds."

Last year, Favorite Trick would have ripped a horse like Tomorrows Cat apart. This year, though Day didn't feel the need to go to the whip until inside the eighth pole, Tomorrows Cat gave Favorite Trick fits. Then what would Real Quiet, Victory Gallop and Coronado's Quest do to him? Mott doesn't seem ready to face that question.

The Long Branch is a prep for the Aug. 9 GI Buick Haskell, and it was assumed that a victory Sunday would be enough to convince Mott to take on the divisional leaders in what is shaping up as the best race of the summer. But Mott listed the Aug. 9 GII Jim Dandy at a mile and an eighth and the Aug. 29 GII King's Bishop at seven furlongs, both at Saratoga, as other options. He seemed to be leaning toward the King's Bishop, which could pave the way for a sprint campaign.

"We still have to determine if we want to send him a mile and an eighth versus the very best company," Mott said. "We'll have three stars here for the Haskell and it's a matter of whether we want to take them on at this distance. I'm not opposed to taking on good horses, but do we want to take them on in a situation like this?"

Probably not. But Mott knows certain responsibilities come with training a Horse of the Year. Isn't the Horse of the Year supposed to be in the Haskell, taking on all challengers?

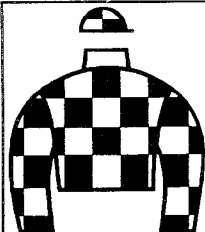
"I like challenges and I'm sure Mr. LaCombe does, too," Mott said. "Favorite Trick doesn't mind a challenge either. It's trial and error and you have to realize when you're asking too much. Then you back up and do what's best for the horse."

So Favorite Trick either passes the Haskell or probably gets beat in the Haskell. It will be more ammunition for the critics who say he never should have been named Horse of the Year last year. They love to point to his struggles this year and Skip Away's successes. It's a ridiculous argument. What do this year's performances have to do with last year's Horse of the Year race?

Favorite Trick, undefeated and a Breeders' Cup winner, was deserving. He was what he was, a very good two-year-old. No, he's not burning up the track this year, but that should not come as much of a surprise. Give him credit for what he was and accept what he's become.

Bill Finley is the racing columnist for the New York Daily News.

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Supremo – Tiny White Lie colt

60

1st dam: 96 f Feathered Crown (Chief's Crown) placed in all three starts at Delaware Park, 2nd Msw 7-15

Hartwell Farm, Agent, barn 10A-C

Prized – Elbereth filly

108

1st dam: 96 f Too Many (Roanoke) broke maiden in first start by 3 ½ at River Downs 7-6

Taylor Made Sales Agency, Agent, barn 1-2 E-H

With Approval – Primedex filly

216

1st dam: 96 c Prime Directive fourth in 7-4 \$75K Tremont at Belmont.

Eaton Sales, Agent, barn 20 - 21

Prized – Rokeby Rose filly

231

1st dam: 96 f Silverbulletday (Silver Deputy), won G3 \$112 K Debutante S. 6-27 at Churchill; broke maiden by 11 in 6-13 Churchill debut. Now 2 wins from 2 starts, \$97,862.
91 g Kerfoot Corner now 5-for-7 in '98, including last three straight at Delaware and Laurel 5-30, 6-26 & 7-14. Now 9 wins, \$178,558.

Summerfield, Agent, barn 3 C-G

Marquetry – T'Moon colt

286

1st dam: 96 f Triple (Farma Way) won 6-24 maiden by 4 ½ at Churchill.

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Technology – Baby Beluga colt

326

1st dam: 94 f Hour Star won 1st '98 start by 6 ½ at Hollywood 6-4. 4th by 1/2-length in \$66K Cool Air S. 6-20. Now 3 wins, \$92,870.

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Belong to Me – Concentric filly

353

1st dam: 96 f Zenna The Ruler (Fit to Fight), 2nd in Msw debut 6-29 at Finger Lakes.

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Dispersal – Devil's Wench filly

365

1st dam: 94 g Theodore's Devil two-time winner at Woodbine at 4, 5-28 & 7-10. Now 3 wins, \$38,277.
96 c Devil's Bet (Bet Big) 3rd in Belmont Msw debut 6-6.

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