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CHECKOFF BILL BOUNCED The U.S. Senate passed its farm bill last week, but the final version did not contain the Horse Industry Research and Promotion Act, or the 'checkoff' bill, sponsored by the Thoroughbred Owners and Breeders Association. The provision would have added one-quarter of one percent to the parimutuel takeout on every dollar bet on Thoroughbred racing. The checkoff bill was opposed by the Thoroughbred Racing Associations.

QUEEN'S PLATE GETS ROYAL TOUCH The Ontario Jockey Club has confirmed that the 137th Queen's Plate S. will be run Saturday, July 13, 1996. The race, the oldest continuously run stakes race in North America, has been moved from its traditional Sunday running to coincide with the visit of Her Royal Highness Princess Margaret who will represent Her Majesty The Queen at this year's renewal. "We are delighted that Her Royal Highness Princess Margaret will continue the Royal tradition of The Queen's Plate," said George Hendrie, Chairman of the Board of The Ontario Jockey Club. "The Plate was given Royal assent for its first running, on June 27th, 1860. Since 1939, members of the Royal Family have witnessed 12 runnings of the Canadian Classic." Princess Margaret attended the 129th running of the Queen's Plate in 1988. Her Royal Highness made the presentation to Mr. Ernie Samuel, whose Regal Intention upset stablemate Regal Classic.

OBS ANNOUNCES MARCH TWO-YEAR-OLDS IN TRAINING CATALOGUE A half-brother by Robyn Dancer to Grade I stakes-winning millionaire Mecke (Maudlin), a half-brother by Jeblar to 1996 MGSW Jewel Princess (Key to the Mint), and a full-brother to 1995 Canadian Champion Two-Year-Old Colt Gomtuu (Hail the Ruckus) are among the 405 juveniles catalogued for the Ocala Breeders' Sales Company Open Selected Two-Year-Olds in Training Sale, to be held March 19 and 20, 1996. "We are extremely excited about the March sale catalogue," said Director of Sales Tom Ventura, "and with the continued success of OBS March graduates, even more attention has been focused on the quality of juveniles available in Ocala." In addition to Mecke, March graduates Meadow Monster and Splendid Sprinter completed an "OBS March exacta" in the GII General George H. at Laurel Monday. Sales sessions will begin at 11 a.m. each day. A video preview under-tack show will begin at 9 a.m. March 9. The official workouts will be held March 17 and 18.

IT'S OFFICIAL: AKSARBEN CLOSED IN '96 Due to declines in attendance and mutuel handle, Thoroughbred racing will be absent at AKsarben in Omaha, Nebraska this year, Douglas Racing Corp. announced yesterday. Douglas Racing Corp., also known as RaceCo, oversees racing for Douglas County, which purchased the one-mile racetrack and all racing and non-racing facilities on the 350-acre tract in 1992. "There will be no live racing," said RaceCo Chairman Kenny Rosen. "No one feels worse about this than I do." The cancellation occurred after an attempt to arrange a loan from Alan and Ted Baer, Omaha businessmen, fell through. RaceCo needed approximately \$1.6 million to eliminate a financial shortfall to race this year. AKsarben doors will remain open for simulcasting, however, at least through Dec. 31, 1996. AKsarben has been dark only two years in its racing history, which dates back to 1933. Those were 1943 and 1944, during a World War II interruption. Live racing resumed in 1945 and continued through 1995.

STAKES PURSES CUT IN OHIO The Ohio State Racing Commission, at its monthly meeting Feb. 14 in Columbus, voted unanimously to ratify the 1996 Ohio Thoroughbred Race Fund program. Cliff Nelson, commission executive director, outlined the program's numerous changes for 1996, which were necessitated due to sharp declines in mutuel handle at Beulah Park and River Downs in 1995. Thistledown, the state's other Thoroughbred track, enjoyed a slight increase in daily average handle last season. Total purses for the 55-race stakes schedule were reduced over 21 percent to \$1,770,000. In 1995, total purses were \$2,245,000. Five of the state's premier Thoroughbred events--The Juvenile, Queen City Oaks, Cleveland Gold Cup, Governor's Buckeye Cup and Rose DeBartolo Memorial--were slashed from \$100,000 to \$65,000. The five-race Best of Ohio package also was cut by \$160,000. Nelson also announced all stakes that were contested for \$30,000 in 1995, a total of 28 in all, were reduced to \$25,000 per event this year.

STAKES CLOSINGS

TODAY, WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21:

3-2 \$500,000g *Gulfstream Park H.-GI, GP, 3yo/up, 10f (\$500)*

TOMORROW, THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 22:

3-2 \$150,000a *San Carlos H.-GII, SA, 4yo/up, 7f (\$50)*

3-2 \$200,000a *San Rafael S.-GII, SA, 3yo, 8f (\$100)*

3-2 \$125,000a *Buena Vista H.-GII, SA, 4yo/up, f/m, 8fT (\$50)*

3-3 \$150,000a *Arcadia H.-GII, SA, 4yo/up, 8fT (\$50)*





SANDOWN SETS UP QUARANTINE FACILITY

Australia's Sandown Racecourse will begin construction on permanent quarantine facilities. It is hoped the new area, which will have space for 12 horses, will attract foreign horses for major races. In another attempt to lure runners from other countries, a starters' rebate of \$22,614 will be given to owners of horses placed sixth to 10th in this year's Melbourne Cup, which will be worth a total of \$1,658,375. Brian Beattie, chief executive of the Victorian Racing Club, stated, "These initiatives are considerable steps towards cementing the international status of Victorian racing and will ensure that the Cup retains its growing reputation as the world championship for stayers.

JRA LICENSES FIRST FEMALE JOCKEYS

The Japan Racing Association has licensed its first female jockeys. The women--Maki Tamura, 18; Junko Hosoe, 20; and Yukiko Makihara, 18--graduated from the Japan Racing Association Horse Racing School in Chiea. Maki Tamura is the daughter of jockey Masamitsu Tamura. The women will join 17 female jockeys already riding in Japan, licensed by Japan's National Association of Racing. Japan has no licensed female trainers and only a few are assistant trainers. The three women are tentatively scheduled to begin their riding careers March 2.

AUSTRALIA STAGES CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES

Australia will host a Jockey World Championship next January. The event is scheduled to be run over two weekends beginning January 18, 1997, and will include riders from Africa, Asia, Britain, Europe, the U.S. and Australia. Racetracks participating in the championship are Caulfield, Flemington, Moonee Valley and Randwick. Neville Wilson, president of the Victoria Jockeys Association, said, "This concept will help develop a public interest in racing."

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Japanese Stakes Results:

FEBRUARY S.-G2-Jpn, \$1,175,665, Tokyo Racecourse, Japan, 2-17, 4yo/up, 1m, 1:36.5, ft.

1--**@HOKUTO VEGA (JPN)**, m, 6, Nagurski--**Takeno Falcon (Jpn)**, by Philip of Spain (GB). O-Kanamorimori Shoji K; B-Sakai Bokujo; T-Takao Nakano; J-Norihiro Yokoyama; \$619,544.

2--**I Owe You (Jpn)**, m, 6, Yamaninsky (Jpn)--Run the Risk (GB), by Run the Gantlet. \$250,342.

3--**Sugino Gaisenmon**, h, 5, General Assembly--C'Est Moi Meme, by Miswaki. (\$12,000 yrl '92 KEESEP). \$153,688.

Margins: 3½, 1½, 1 1/4. Odds: 4.60, 25.50, 16.10.

MEGURO KINEN-G2-Jpn, \$1,064,449, Tokyo Racecourse, Japan, 2-19, 4yo/up, 12.5fT, 2:34, fm.

1--**@YU SENSUO (JPN)**, c, 4, Rugby Ball (Jpn)--**Yu Miroku (Jpn)** (SW-Jpn), by Katsurano Haiseiko. O-K. Aitetsu; B-Taihei Stud Farm Co. Ltd; T-Shigeki Matsumoto; J-Yoshitomi Shibata; \$561,179.

2--**Osumi Best (Jpn)**, c, 4, Northern Taste--American Feeling, by Secretariat.

3--**Signal Light (Jpn)**, c, 4, French Glory (Ire)--Centennial (Jpn), by Remand (Ire).

Margins: HD, NK, 2½. Odds: 4.60, 5.20, 5.50.

AMERICAN-BRED WINNERS IN JAPAN:

Cheers Emperor, c, 3, Carson City--Pudding Pop, by It's Freezing. Kyoto, 2-18, plate race, 3yo, 7f (dirt).

Lifetime Record: 4-2-0-1, \$127,376. O-Kiyoko Kitamura; B-Lance Robinson; T-Shigeharu Naito. *½ to Tenacious Tiffany (Star de Naskra), GSW, \$190,672. **\$72,000 wnlg '93 KEENOV; \$240,000 2yo '95 BESMAR.

Field Non Non, c, 3, Crusader Sword--Appealing Brunette, by Valid Appeal. Kyoto, 2-18, novice race, 3yo, 7f (dirt). Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-1, \$59,886. O-Katsuzo Chida; B-Harry T. Mangurian, Jr; T-Akihiko Nomura. *\$57,000 yrl '94 OBSAUG; \$230,000 2yo '95 FTFEB.

Saint Lyphard, c, 3, Lyphard--Montage, by Alydar. Kyoto, 2-18, Baika Sho, 9f (dirt). Lifetime Record: 7-2-1-1, \$359,316. O-Hiroaki Nakanishi; B-Gallagher's Stud; T-Masaaki Ohkubo. *½ to Andros Bay (Alleged), GSW-Ire. **\$100,000 yrl '94 KEEJUL; \$300,000 2yo '95 BESMAR.

Reyterial, c, 3, Mr. Prospector--Gils Magic, by Magesterial. Kyoto, 2-18, maiden race, 7f (dirt). Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-1, \$70,342. O-Susumu Hayashi; B-Morven Stud Ltd; T-Shuji Kitahashi. *½ to Magical Mile (J.O. Tobin), GSW, \$131,000; Magic Sister (Mr. Redoy), SW, \$116,000; Magical Maiden (Lord Avie), MGSW, \$901,945. **\$200,000 yrl '94 KEEJUL; \$550,000 2yo '95 FTFEB.

Zenno Veloce, c, 3, Woodman--Wyndlia, by Seattle Slew. Kokura, 2-18, maiden race, 10f (dirt). Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$56,084. O-Shinobu Ohsako; B-Ed & Pat Pavlish; T-Hiroshi Shimazaki. *\$140,000 2yo '95 KEEAPR.

Field Bomber, h, 5, Secreto--Hail to Mom, by Secretariat. Kyoto, 2-18, Yodo Tankyori S., 6f (dirt). Lifetime Record: MSP-Jpn, 24-6-2-1, \$1,449,677. O-Katsuzo Chida; B-W.D. Marriott; T-Kenji Yamauchi. *\$39,000 yrl '92 KEESEP; \$110,000 2yo '93 BESMAR.

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Yesterday's Results:

THE MARDI GRAS H., \$54,275, FGX, 2-20, 4yo/up, a1mT, 1:38 4/5, fm.

1--**ANCHOR**, 117, h, 6, Polish Navy--Syria (SW, \$115,700), by Damascus. O-Melvin Ross; B-Claiborne Farm (KY); T-Rene Amescua; J-V L Smith; \$32,565. Lifetime Record: 17-8-2-3, \$239,266. *1/2 to Kelly (MGSP, \$253,671, by Secretariat) and Asia (SW, \$205,900, by Danzig).

2--**Jest in Orbit**, 114, g, 6, Orbit Dancer--Jill's Jenee, by Dynastic. \$10,855.

3--**Manilaman**, 112, g, 5, Manila--P.C.J. Relaxer, by *Hawaii. \$5,970.

Margins: HD, 1HF, 1. Odds: 2.20, 5.30a, 21.20.

Anchor, winner of three straight listed stakes in California in late 1995, most recently finished a close fourth in the Fair Grounds Breeders' Cup H. on the turf Feb. 10. Sent off the 2-1 favorite here in the full field of 12, the bay horse closed from mid-pack for his fourth career stakes victory.

5th-FGX, \$20,000, Msw, 3yo, c & g, 6f, 1:11 2/5, gd.

+**MR. WAKI** (c, 3, Miswaki--Missy Westport, by Spotted Line), dismissed at 10-1 in his career debut here, took over soon after the start and never looked back, cruising under the wire 1 1/2-lengths in front of 8-5 favorite EIGHTYSECOND AIR (Crafty Prospector). The winner, a \$57,000 Kee. Sept. yearling and \$110,000 Fasig-Tipton Florida February 2yo, is 1/2 to Westport Native (GIII, \$185,597, by Princely Native) and Prince Westport (MGSW, \$119,472, by Princely Native). Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$12,000.

O-Simi Racing Stables. B-Foxfield (KY). T-Niall M. O'Callaghan.

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ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

7th-FGX, \$23,500, 3yo, c/g, a1m40yd, 1:42, ft.
GLOOM AN' DOOM (c, 3, L'Enjoleur--Naskra's Song {SP}, by Naskra) Lifetime Record: SP, 7-2-3-1, \$30,660. O-Kurt Roder. B-Joe Adcock (LA). T-Harold L. Hahn III.

9th-PHA, \$20,320, 4yo/up, a1m70yd, 1:43, ft.
MY BROTHER GEORGE (g, 6, Its Good--Jolie Dam, by Damascus) Lifetime Record: 59-13-6-11, \$117,066. O-Silver Hawk Stable. B-Charles Thomas (PA). T-David Geist. *1/2 to Rob Gelb (MSP, \$110,079, by Buckfinder).

10th-PHA, \$19,792, 3yo, 1m, 1:39 1/5, ft.
FITZ (c, 3, Waquoit--Trebor's Choice, by Damascus) Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-0, \$26,714. O-Kenneth L. & Sarah K. Ramsey. B-Derry Meeting Farm (PA). T-Edward J. Coletti Jr.

8th-PHA, \$16,000, 4yo/up, 6f, 1:11, ft.
HE'S DYNAMITE (g, 4, Pancho Villa--Diggyliggylo {SP}, by Olden Times) Lifetime Record: 11-3-1-2, \$33,821. O-Arthur I. Appleton. B-Tom Gentry Farm (KY). T-Robert W. Camac.

MAIDEN WINNERS:

+**Mr. Waki**, c, 3, Miswaki--Missy Westport, by Spotted Line. FGX, 2-20, 6f, 1:11 2/5. B-Foxfield (Ky). *\$57,000 yrlg '94 KEESEP; \$110,000 2yo '95 FTFEB. **1/2 to Westport Native (GIII, \$185,597, by Princely Native) and Prince Westport (MGSW, \$119,472, by Princely Native).

Attie Go Round, g, 5, Knick Press--Round Needle, by Illustrious. PHA, 2-20, 5 1/2f, 1:05. B-Ms. Donna M. Evans (Nj).

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1996 FRESHMAN SIRES - WHO'S GOING TO BE HOT?

by: Jack Werk

This year's freshman sire crop consists of 508 North American stallions, each with at least one registered two-year-old in 1996. Just 16 of those stallions have 40 or more two-year-olds. The top five freshman sires by total two-year-olds are Twilight Agenda (77), Hermitage (66), Salt Lake (63), Silver Survivor (61) and Sky Classic (52). (Based on totals furnished by The Jockey Club Information Systems, Inc. as of 10/31/95).

Identifying the best prospects in any group of unproven stallions is a daunting task. Here are a few of the ones I think have the best chance for long-term success.

The stallion who just might end up the best of the lot is 1992 Preakness winner Pine Bluff, who stands at Lane's End Farm in Versailles, Kentucky for \$15,000. He is by Danzig, a stallion who is quickly establishing himself as an international sire of sires, and is out of Rowdy Angel (Halo), the dam of Demons Begone. Pine Bluff won five of 13 lifetime starts and retired with over \$2.2 million in earnings.

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What makes Pine Bluff a particularly attractive prospect is the similarity between his pedigree and that of dual-hemisphere supersire Danehill. Both are by Danzig and both have two strains of Almahmoud, one of the most influential matrons of the 20th century, present in their fourth generation. Whereas Pine Bluff's strains come from Almahmoud's daughters Cosmah and Natalma appearing in his third generation, both of Danehill's strains trace through Natalma. Danehill has sired 13 individual unrestricted stakes winners over the past two years in the Northern Hemisphere. In the Southern Hemisphere, he was leading juvenile sire in 93/94 and leading sire overall in 94/95. With 43 registered two-year-olds, Pine Bluff will have the opportunity to prove his similarity with Danehill.

Salt Lake stands at Walmac International in Lexington, Kentucky for \$7,500. He was a brilliant two-year-old, winning the Hopeful Stakes (G1) by nine lengths and the Cowdin Stakes (GIII) by six lengths and setting a new track record in the 5 1/2-furlong Tremont Breeders' Cup Stakes which he won by eight lengths. He added three more stakes victories to his total at three and retired with over a half-million dollars in earnings.

In the past couple of years a slew of Deputy Minister sons have entered Kentucky's stallion ranks. They include Dehere, Defrere, French Deputy, Jack Livingston, Mane Minister, Salt Lake, Silver Deputy and The Prime Minister. Salt Lake could very well be the first major success for a son of Deputy Minister. He descends from a durable distaff family. His first three dams have produced 31 winners from 35 foals, including four stakes winners. Considering the talent he displayed on the track, the strength of his pedigree, and the demand for his yearlings last year, Salt Lake should be at or near the top of 1996 freshman sire standings by year's end, especially with 63 two-year-olds.

At \$50,000, 1992 Horse of the Year A.P. Indy, who stands at Lane's End Farm in Versailles, Kentucky, commands the highest stud fee of a freshman sire this year. With a lifetime record of eight wins in 11 starts over two years, including four G1 races and six stakes overall, he amassed over \$2.9 million in earnings.

A.P. Indy's pedigree is every bit as strong as his race record. By Seattle Slew, he is out of the Secretariat mare Weekend Surprise, the dam of another promising young stallion--Summer Squall. Weekend Surprise descends from the prolific Missy Baba branch of Uvira II. Collectively, A.P. Indy's first four dams have produced an incredible 39 foals, 34 winners and 16 stakes winners.

A.P. Indy's pedigree is void of Northern Dancer and Raise a Native, making him an outcross to much of the North American broodmare population. It is also interesting to note that he is inbred to Bold Ruler through his

sire line and broodmare sire line. With 46 registered two-year-olds to get him started, he should make an impact on U.S. racing.

Olympio stands at Payson Stud in Lexington, Kentucky for \$7,500. He is a stallion who hasn't received much press since he went to stud even though he was the runner-up to Hansel in the voting for Champion Three-Year-Old Colt of 1991 in a crop that included Best Pal, Fly So Free, Strike the Gold, Corporate Report and Sea Cadet. He was a stakes winner at two, but really came into his own at three by winning five graded stakes and seven stakes overall. He retired with over \$1.4 million in earnings.

Olympio's sire, Naskra, has already proven he can sire a sire with sons such as Star de Naskra and Nasty and Bold. Olympio is out of Carols Christmas, a daughter of the Crimson Satan stallion Whitesburg. Like A.P. Indy, Olympio's pedigree is void of Raise a Native and Northern Dancer. Even though he only has 29 registered two-year-olds, he should prove to be a top-rate stallion over time.

Florida has a stallion with a big chance of making a national impact--Honor Grades, who stands at Bonnie Heath Farm in Ocala, Florida for \$5,000. By Danzig, and out of Weekend Surprise, this half-brother to A.P. Indy is well connected. As a racehorse, he won five of 24 starts, placed in three stakes and earned \$173,953. He was a precocious two-year-old, running third in both the B & W Kentucky Jockey Club Stakes (GIII) and Iroquois Stakes (GIII). With 34 two-year-olds heading to the track, Honor Grades should make the grade.

There are many other promising freshman sires this year. Some of those include Caller I.D., Dixie Brass, El Prado (Ire), Hermitage, Kyle's Our Man, Quest of Fame, Sheikh Albadou, and Sky Classic in Kentucky. Regionally, there are Jolie's Halo, Saint Ballado and Formal Dinner in Florida; In Excess (Ire) and Restless Con in California; Hunting Horn in Louisiana; Deerhound in Maryland; Haymarket in Oklahoma; Walesa in Texas; Commandperformance and Alnaab in Washington; and Shotiche in Canada.

As difficult as it is to predict who will and won't make it in a given year, expect to see a few major surprises--1996 versions of Farma Way and Polish Numbers.

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