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**CAL BOARD ADOPTS SAFETY RULES** The California Horse Racing Board Thursday adopted what may be the most comprehensive track safety rules in the country. The new standard calls for phasing out all wooden rails, to be replaced with shatterproof rails better designed to withstand impact; replacing inside rail posts with the gooseneck type; and prohibiting objects, such as marker poles and lights, from being located within 10 feet of the inside rail unless they are the flexible, collapsible type. While all new facilities and improvements must comply with the standard, the regulations give the Board discretion to exempt racing associations and fairs for existing conditions if it can be shown that the required improvements would prove exorbitantly expensive. In this case, compliance would be required through alternate means.

**SANTA ANITA ANNOUNCES STAKES SCHEDULE** Santa Anita yesterday announced a 59-race stakes schedule, worth more than \$9.1 million, for its 1993-94 winter-spring meeting. The 90-day meet will open Dec. 26, and will feature 12 Grade I races. Slated for next year are the \$1 million Santa Anita H., which will have its 57th renewal Saturday, March 5—the mile-and-a-quarter Big 'Cap is the nation's oldest continually run handicap worth \$100,000 or more; the \$500,000 Santa Anita Derby April 9 and the \$500,000 Strub Stakes Feb. 6. The Strub Series for 4-year-olds includes the seven-furlong Malibu opening day, the 9-furlong San Fernando Jan. 16 and the mile-and-a-quarter Strub. The 4-year-old filly series features the El Encino and La Brea Stakes and concludes with the \$200,000 La Canada Feb. 5.

**TOTALS DOWN AT LOUISIANA DOWNS** The 20th season of thoroughbred racing at Louisiana Downs, which ended its 140-day meet Sunday, showed a decline in both on-track handle and attendance. Daily average handle of \$756,343 was down 10.2 percent from 1992, while daily average attendance of 5,873 was down 10.3 percent from last year. In the horsemen's standings, Louisiana Downs' all-time leading rider, Ronald Ardoin, led the jockeys and set a new record of 198 wins in a season; Jim Gaston captured his first Louisiana training title with 67 victories; and for the 12th straight year, Shreveport oilman John Franks led the owners' standings with a record 65 wins and earnings of \$1,341,946.

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**SUNDAY, HOLLYWOOD PARK** The GI, \$400,000 Matriarch will showcase California's two star turf mares. The older FLAWLESSLY, 1992 Champion Turf Mare, was a perfect 3-for-3 this year before running 9th in the Breeders' Cup Mile. The five-year-old daughter of Affirmed-La Confidence (Nijinsky II) earned her '93 victories in three GI events: the Beverly Hills H., the Ramona H. and the Beverly D., which she was awarded after the disqualification of Let's Elope. The multi-millionaire capped off her '92 campaign with a win in this race. Finishing 4th to Lure in the Mile was 4-year-old filly TOUSSAUD, trained by the nation's leading conditioner, Bobby Frankel. The daughter of El Gran Senor, who arrived in the U.S. last year after beginning her career in England, put together four consecutive stakes wins from May through October this year. Her biggest win came in the GI Gamely over the Hollywood turf course. Ready to take on the top two is HERO'S LOVE (Hero's Honor), who closed for fifth in the Yellow Ribbon last time out after taking two stakes in a row at Woodbine. Her graded stakes wins came in the GII E.P. Taylor and the GIII Modesty. Also expected for the nine-furlong Matriarch are a pair of three-year-olds. ELIZABETH BAY (Mr. Prospector), a Virginia-bred who will make her U.S. debut Sunday is winless in 6 '93 starts, but she was a Group winner at 2 and finished 2nd, beaten only a neck, in the Group I Coronation Stakes in England last July. COX ORANGE (Tremolino), another U.S. export, was 3-for-6 in France before returning home to finish second in the Louis R. Rowan H. at Santa Anita last out. Possible for the race are ICY WARNING (Caveat), who has been on the board in 13 of 21 starts, with a stakes win in the 1-mile Variety Queen at Hollywood last April; WEDDING RING (Never So Bold) 0-for-10 in the U.S. but 2nd or 3rd 8 times; and 6-time stakes winner MISS TURKANA (Turkoman).

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**Yesterday's Report**

**8th-Aqu, \$30,000 Alw., 2yo, 8ft, 1:37 2/5, gd.** Running in the silks of December Hill Farm, PENNINE RIDGE (c, 2, Cure the Blue—La Rouquine (GB)) made his 1st Alw. start a victorious one, leading after the 1/2 mile and finishing in front by 3 1/4 for trainer Richard O'Connell; Earnings increase to \$34,200 (4-2-0-0), his 2nd win in a row.

**7th-Aqu, \$30,000 Alw., 3yo, 8.5f, 1:52 3/5, ft.** Front runner from start to finish, Viola Summer's JIM'S BEST BOY (Fred Astaire—Starting Rose, by Starting Now), landed his 4th career win, 1st Alw. win, (placed 3rd in last Alw. start) for trainer Frank Martin. The KY.-bred expands his earnings to \$61,920.

**9th-Aqu, \$28,000 Alw., 3yo/up, f/m, state-bred, 6f, 1:13 3/5, ft.** Saddled by trainer John Parisella, OCEAN COURSE (f, 3, Instrument Landing—Palms in the Sky, by Great Above) led the entire way to win by 1 1/2. Bred by Pierce J. Flynn, the filly updates her record to 10-2-2-1, bankroll to \$46,160, for owner Richard T. Rudolph.

**5th-Aqu, Mdn., 2yo, 7f, 1:26 1/5, ft.** The Horace W. Armstrong trainee KING OF KOLCHIS (c, 2, Conquistador Cielo—Baie des Chaleurs, by Gregorian), 2nd in his last start, defeated 7 rivals as he moved steadily through the pack to triumph on top by 2 for owner Christopher T. Setzler.

**3rd-Aqu, Mdn., 2yo, state-bred, 6f, 1:13 2/5, ft.** A. Y. Line Stable's TO TA ROO (c, 2, Ends Well—Nationalism, by Vaguely Noble), starting for the first time, paid \$18.20 in a gallant effort coming from 9th to finish in front by 4 1/2 lengths, for breeder/trainer Robert Reinacher, Jr.

**1st-Aqu, Mdn., 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:13 2/5, ft.** Bettors' second choice KEEPING FIT (Fit to Fight—Keep Believing (1/2 to I'm Sweets, by Alydar, G1-\$781,973), by Believe It) led wire-to-wire to win by 1 1/2 for owner Russell L. Reineman. The Charles Nuckols, Jr. & Sons (KY.) bred runs out of trainer Woody Stephens' shedrow.

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**ALLOWANCE RESULTS**

**8th-Haw, \$17,600 Alw., 3yo/up, f/m, state-bred, 1m70yds, 1:44, ft.** PRATY (f, 3, Cassaleria—Double Bypass, by Nodout) conditioned by James P. Divito, ran just off the pace until after the 3/4 pole, where she dug in to lead the field and win by 4 1/2. Owned and bred by William D. Cox, she now has earnings of \$48,281, record at 11-3-3-1.

**10th-Pha, \$15,570 Alw., 3yo/up, 7f, 1:25 1/5, ft.** Running for his breeder/owner and trainer Sharon B. Clark, ABSOLUTELY GOLD (g, 3, Vaal Reef—Absolute Value, by Tumiga) led most of the way, briefly battled for the lead with favorite BITING IRISH (Irish River), then finished by 1 1/2, paying \$35.80 to win.

**9th-Pha, \$15,000 Alw., 3yo, f, 7f, 1:25 1/5, ft.** DIAMOND MOTEL (f, 3, Bates Motel—Diamonds 'n Dust, by Bob's Dusty) sitting just off the pace until mid-stretch, made her move at the finish to win by 3 1/4 for trainer Jacqueline Griffin. The KY.-bred is owned by breeder Mrs. Ali R. Clan and improves record to 4-2-1-0, \$20,600.

**MAIDEN WINNERS**

Cut Close, c, 3, Cut Throat (GB)—Your Nuts, by Creme de la Creme. Beau, 11-22, 6f, 1:12 2/5. B-W R. O'Neill (Ky.).  
 Charmer Matt, c, 3, Mattei's Tavern—Rukens Charmer, by Ruken. Haw, 11-22, 6f, 1:11 3/5. B-Arthur N. Bruner (II)  
 Watershed, c, 3, Mt. Livermore—Aquadplane, by Topsider.  
 Pha, 11-22, 8.5f, 1:48. B-Mr. & Mrs. James Moseley (Ky.).  
 Medical Record, f, 2, Shananie—On Record, by Florida State.  
 Pha, 11-22, 6f, 1:12 4/5. B-Mortimer J. Hershe (Fl.).

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