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AQUEDUCT'S HOLIDAYFEST DRAWS IMPRESSIVE NUMBERS

Last Saturday's inaugural HolidayFest program at Aqueduct, which offered 4 graded races with combined purses of \$850,000, drew 16,153 people who wagered \$3,323,075 on the 9-race card. Attendance was up 43% (from 11,290 on the corresponding Saturday last year); wagering climbed 18% (from \$2,806,757). "We were pleased with the way it worked," said NYRA Executive Vice President Jerry Lawrence. "It's further testimony that if you give people quality racing, they'll turn out." Lawrence said that the day exceeded expectations. "We did not know how it was going to go, but I feel confident in saying it went better than we thought. In fact, I was down at the presentation stand to give the trophy to the feature-race winner and some guy in the grandstand yelled over, 'Hey Jerry Lawrence, I just wanted you to know that it was a great day and I had a great time.' So we were pleased with the reaction of our fans and our horsemen, who supported the races." With plans to move the Brooklyn back to its traditional spring spot as part of the Handicap Triple Crown in 1994, plans for a HolidayFest II are uncertain. Lawrence said that the stakes cluster format was certainly one that appeared to be successful and would be further explored. "The 1st Supp Saturday and Breeders' Cup Preview Days have all seemed to work so well, and we will continue to examine how we can continue to improve and change," he said.

TATTERSALLS DECEMBER FOAL SALE UP

The foal session of Tattersalls' 1993 December Sale realized an 81 percent increase over last year's average. A total of 512 lots were sold for an average of 13,977 gns. as compared to the 374 lots sold for an average of 7,734 gns. in 1992. The topper for the 3-day session was Lot 861, a colt by Sadler's Wells-Shady Leaf (Glint of Gold), from Churchtown House Stud in Ireland who was sold for 230,000 gns. to Mr. J.T. Doyle; the colt is out of a half-sister to River Dancer. Lot 598, a filly by Sadler's Wells—Charming Life (Habitat), from West Blagdon, brought the second-highest price of 115,000 gns. from Ashtown Bloodstock, who also purchased the third-highest priced foal, Lot 780, a colt by Caerleon—As You Desire Me (Kalamoun) sold by Woolton House Stud for 110,000 gns.

MY CHARMER DESTROYED My Charmer, the dam of Triple Crown winner Seattle Slew and Classic winner Lomond, was humanely destroyed Nov. 20 due to the infirmities of old age. The 24-year-old mare had produced a filly by Brookside stallion Blushing John this year, after which she was retired. The daughter of Poker has been buried at Brookside Farm.

KEITH CHAMBLIN NAMED REMINGTON'S DIRECTOR OF MARKETING

Keith Chamblin, Director of Media Relations at Remington Park since 1988, has been named Director of Marketing at the Oklahoma City race track. Chamblin succeeds Ben Cambra, who announced last week that he is leaving Remington to start his own marketing firm. Chamblin will assume his new role Jan. 24. A 32-year-old graduate Boston University, Chamblin worked in the publicity department at Suffolk Downs, was managing editor of Spur Magazine and a staff writer for the Blood-Horse before joining Remington in July, 1988.

CALIFORNIANS HEAD FOR HONG KONG

Two California-based runners will be making the trip to Hong Kong for the Dec. 12 Hong Kong Bowl. Trainer Jerry Dollase will send Journalism, while Bobby Frankel will send Now Listen. The two runners will ship Dec. 5. Corey Johnston, currently Hollywood's leading rider, will ride Journalism, and Chris Antley gets the mount on Now Listen.

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Yesterday's Results

6th-Aqu, \$30,000 Alw., 3yo/up, f/m, state-bred, 8f, 1:39 1/5, ft. Scoring her first Alw. win, RAISE A CANNON (f, 3, Cannon Shell—Rise and Toast, by Raise a Cup) led the field of 11 from gate to wire for trainer William Terrill. Seymour Cohn's homebred filly now banks \$58,940 and records 2 wins.

8th-Aqu, \$30,000 Alw., 2yo, 8f, 1:37 3/5, ft. Bettors' favorite MONEY OF THE MIND (c, 2, Irish Tower—Lady be Regal), unbeaten in 2 starts (including his mdn. by 5 1/2 lengths), came from just off the pace to win his 1st Alw. start by 4. The KY-bred, Ben Perkins trained entry increases earnings to \$33,000 for owner Klaravich Stables.

7th-Aqu, \$28,000 Alw., 3yo/up, 7f, 1:23 3/5, ft. Coming from mid-field to lead in the stretch and win by 6, IN A SPLIT SECOND (c, 3, Time For a Change—Thoroughly Wet, by Great Above) took his 1st Alw. win after placing or showing in each of his last 6 starts. Trained by Mike Sedlacek, the Cedar Meadow owned KY-bred chalked up his 3rd win and has now earned \$60,940.



Sunday's Results

6th-Hol, 11-28, Mdn., 2yo, 6f, 1:10 3/5, ft. Robert Shima's homebred WINDWOOD LAD (g, 2, Moscow Ballet—Regal Air, by Olympiad King) led after a 1/2 mile and finished in front by 2 under jockey Corey Nakatani. The Cal-bred 1/2 brother to WINDWOOD LANE (by *Petrone, {\$222,890, NTR-6f in 1:08 4/5}) is also trained by owner Shima.

10th Hol, 11-28, Mdn., 2yo, f, 6f, 1:10 4/5, ft. Running in the colors of Three Sisters Stable, second choice FOWL WHETHER (f, 2, Proud Birdie—Nodouble's Queen, by Nodouble) battled for the lead with favorite EXCLUSIVE ELEGANCE (Suter's Prospect), then held on to stick a head in front at the wire for trainer Mike Chambers. The filly was bred in Florida by Carl Bowling.

Yesterday's Results

PRIX DENISY, Saint-Cloud, Fr, 11-29, \$35,557, 3yo/up, 12ft, 2:45.3, sf.

- 1—#BEEFEATER (FR), c, 3, Garde Royale (Haras National du Pin-Fr) —Captain's Beauty, by Captain's Gig. O-Edouard Pouret; B-S.C.E.A. de la Fontaine (FR.); T-N.De Grouette; \$20,318.
 - 2—Amal, f, 4, Top Ville (Haras d'Etreham-Fr) —La Romance, by Lyphard. O-Bassam Freiha; \$8,126.
 - 3—La Pointe, f, 4, Sharpo (Woodland Stud-Eng) —Jolly Bay, by Mill Reef. O-R. Temam; \$4,064.
- Margins: 1 1/2, 2, 2.

FRESHMAN SIRE LIST

BY NUMBER OF WINNERS
Statistics through November 25, 1993

Rank	Sire	Starters	Winners
1	Rahy	21	12
2	Irish Open	17	11
3	Notebook	21	11
4	Private Terms	22	11
5	Seeking The Gold	15	10
6	Crusader Sword	21	9
7	Dynaformer	22	9
8	Slew City Slew	21	9
9	Cryptoclearance	31	8
10	Synastry	18	8
11	Regal Classic	19	7
12	Trapp Mountain	21	7
13	Cullendale	12	6
14	Position Leader	10	6
15	Simply Majestic	13	6
16	Claim	28	5
17	Glide	6	5
18	Lode	12	5
19	Lustra	10	5
20	Lyphard's Ridge	7	5
21	Proper Reality	16	5
22	Prospector's Halo	12	5
23	Sabona	7	5
24	Sharp Victor	9	5
25	Tagish	13	5
26	Alwasmi	11	4
27	Avies Copy	10	4
28	Blue Grass Magic	9	4
29	Blushing John	15	4
30	Fast Play	17	4



OPINION

Can a Turf Horse Be Top Sprinter?

By William Leggett

The victory of Wild Harmony in the \$200,000 Hollywood Turf Express Nov. 20 provided all of us with some hitherto unimagined food for thought which should start heated discussions among racing fans.

Owned by Jerry and Ann Moss of Los Angeles, Wild Harmony should be considered one of the main contenders for an Eclipse Award because he is arguably the most versatile sprinter the U.S. has seen. And therein lies the rub.

Wild Harmony, a 4-year-old by Wild Again, has won five sprint races this year, three on turf and two on dirt. Should the phrase "won five sprint races this year" test your sense of appreciation, don't let it. Any 1993 sprinter good enough to win five races had a heck of a campaign.

Proof? Of the 25 horses pre-entered for the \$1 million Breeders' Cup Sprint at Santa Anita, 15 (or 60 percent) had actually won two—or fewer—races this year. Eventual winner Cardmania entered the race one-for-11; runner-up Meafara had been three-for-six; third-place finisher Gilded Time had not run in 53 weeks; fourth-place finisher Thirty Sews was winless since taking the '92 Sprint; and the fifth-place horse, Demaloot Demashoot, had a record of two-for-10, winning an allowance stake at Saratoga and an allowance in late June at Churchill Downs.

Wild Harmony didn't make the cut for the Sprint even though he had been the 9-5 favorite in the \$106,975 Ancient Title, the West's top prep for the Sprint (he finished fourth); oddly, this is the event which ended a 17-race losing streak for Cardmania. Trainer Brian Mayberry aimed Wild Harmony at the Hollywood Turf Express instead.

Mention the words "turf" and "sprint" together and about the best one can hope for is arched eyebrows. Well, that's a lot better than all-out condemnation. Face reality here; both categories have been slighted beyond belief in the past and, generally speaking, still are when it comes to Eclipse Awards.

Recently, Lochsong was named the Cartier Award winner as Europe's Horse of the Year. Lochsong is a sprinter, the best abroad since Dayjur. Seemingly, that could never happen in this country because we are so backwards in how we rate our horses. A lot of people seem overwrought about having to pick between Kotashaan, Lure and Star of Cozzene as the nation's Horse of the Year. To some, it seems, dirt or disgrace.

Giving sprinters their just due seems even a more difficult mountain for racing's establishment to climb. Champions have been designated in this country since 1936. That year, Myrtlewood was named top sprinter. Believe it or not, it was 11 years before a second was named: Polynesian in 1947. Even today, 57 years after the category was originated as an honors group, its early winners are still kept in agate type in the American Racing Manual. It is racing's equivalent of taking away Jim Thorpe's Olympic medals. It might also be one of the reasons Ta Wee, a two-time sprint champion, is not in the Hall of Fame.

There are 11 equine Eclipse Awards presented each year for performance, and four are constricted by age considerations: 2-year-old colt and filly, 3-year-old filly and colt. There is also a male and female turf Eclipse, plus an older filly or mare and an older male. A steeplechaser takes care of the ninth category. That leaves two wild cards: Horse of the Year and sprinter.

The Horse of the Year always comes from one of the other groupings, but no horse who was strictly a sprinter has been named Horse of the Year. Granted, Tom Fool ('53), Dr. Fager

('68) and Forego ('74) were named top sprinter and Horse of the Year, but sprinting had little to do with their overall seasons. Usually they threw in a powerful sprint before going on to longer races.

In Dr. Fager's case, he was twice named Sprinter of the Year, the first acknowledgement coming in 1967. That year he won the seven-furlong Vosburgh and three races at a mile. (The following year he won four championships in three consecutive starts—his final three starts of the year. He took the one-mile Washington Park Handicap under 134 pounds in the still-standing world record of 1:32 1/5 to secure both Horse of the Year and Handicap Horse. His next start was his only one on the grass and he won the United Nations with 134 to take the Turf title. He won the Vosburgh in 1:20 1/5 to assure his second Sprint title.)

But an awful lot of sins have been committed by Sprint Eclipse winners. Precisionist was named the 1985 champion off only one win from three sprints that year, the Breeders' Cup Sprint at Aqueduct. His other three wins that year were in the 1 1/8-mile San Fernando, the 1 1/4-mile Strub and the one-mile Mervyn LeRoy. A year later Smile got it for a six-furlong allowance win at Belmont and a victory in the Breeders' Cup Sprint. That one really belonged to Phone Trick, who won sprints on both coasts but was injured before the Cup.

Nobody has ever defined the sprint category. Does a mile count as a sprint? A lot of old timers will tell you it does. Others maintain that it is a separate and unique distance and that horses should be judged as "Milers". How about seven-furlong races? Or is the true definition "six furlongs and under"?

That's what makes Wild Harmony's credentials so interesting. He won the premier grass sprint stakes at Hollywood Park in both summer and fall. In July he won the \$153,700 Hollywood Park Budweiser Breeders' Cup, at the same 5 1/2-furlong distance of the Turf Express. In January he won at 6 1/2 furlongs on the grass at Santa Anita; he also took two 6-furlong allowance races there on the dirt, one of which was run in 1:08 2/5.

Eventually those who run racing are going to be dragged kicking and screaming into at least the 18th century and learn that all races on grass do not have to be run at either 1 1/16 or 1 1/2 miles. Fans love short races on grass, a fact highlighted by the quick acceptance of the Breeders' Cup Mile. Monmouth Park has an enlightened policy of running short grass races.

Should Wild Harmony have been allowed to run in the Breeders' Cup Sprint? That's highly arguable; there is no way of ever knowing, and the Breeders' Cup Selection Committee has a wonderful record about which horses it chooses. But one of the things that hurt Wild Harmony might have been that the Hollywood Budweiser, even though it was worth better than \$150,000 and was being run for the 6th time, is an ungraded race. So is the \$200,000 Turf Express.

But he is in the Eclipse hunt now, no matter what the old guard might declare.

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S E C T I O N

Sunday's Results

ARIZONA BREEDERS' FUTURITY, TuP, 11-28, \$52,126, 2yo, Arizona-bred, 6f, 1:10 2/5, ft.

1—#**TOAST TO SOCIETY**, c, 2, Imp Society (Rathbarry Stud-Ire)

—Caviar and Toast, by Czaravich, O-B. Freireich, J.

Quayle & M. Wilson; B-Max Wilson (AZ.); T-Bart Hone; \$27,149.

2—**Batesville**, c, 2, Dance Centre (Fleming Thoroughbred Farm-AZ) —Tanna Hill, by Fearless Knight, O-D.E. & J.E. Weir; \$10,859.

3—**Gary's Pick**, c, 2, Cathy's Reject (Dead) —Hay Hustler, by Navajo, O-Bob Thrush & (Gary); (\$4,800 yearling 1992 Arizona Th'bred Breeders Assn. mixed sale); \$5,430.

Never off the board in 9 starts, **TOAST TO SOCIETY** gets 1st stake win.

Margins: 1/2, 2, 2.

Allowance Results

4th-Haw, 11-29, \$19,800 Alw., 3yo/up, 6f, 1:10 4/5, ft.

Former claimer this year, **PRINCE J B P** (g, 4, Total Departure—Shanty's Princess, by Indian Chief II), SW in '91, came from within a field of 6 to win by 3/4 for owner J & B Racing Team. Earner of \$109,537, the IL-bred is saddled by William Lazuka.

9th-Pha, 11-29, \$19,000 Alw., 3yo/up, 1m70yds, 1:42 4/5, gd.

JUNGLE COMBAT (g, 6, Jungle Blade—jealous Dame, Star Envoy), taking his 2nd win in a row, sat just behind the leader until the stretch run, advanced to the front and triumphed by 2 1/2 for owner/trainer William Lull. The FL-bred gelding equalled Spt track record in '92 (8f in 1:40 1/5) and now has a bankroll of \$67,047.

8th-Haw, 11-29, \$17,600 Alw., 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:11, ft.

Running out of Ernie Poulos' shedrow, **SHEZALONG** (f, 3, Shimatoree—Coulisse, by Stage Door Johnny), 1/2 sister to Can. chp. sprinter **DIAPASON** (\$329,131, by Tentam), led wire-to-wire for a 3 length victory. The IL-bred now sports a 9-3-1-0 record for owners J. Ekizian & J. Longfield.

Maiden Winners

Top Grape, c, 2, Arts and Letters—Gray Grape, by I'ma Hell Raiser. Tdn, 11-29, 6f, 1:12 4/5. B-Jacques Politi (Oh.).

Johnnie Mae, f, 2, Stage Door Johnny—Majestic Mae, by Crow (Fr). Beu, 11-29, 6f, 1:14. B-Paul Gutheil (Oh.).

SECOND CROP SIRE LIST

BY LIFETIME NUMBER OF WINNERS

Statistics through November 25, 1993

Rank	Sire	Starters	Lifetime Winners
1	Afleet	70	42
2	Lost Code	61	41
3	Waquolt	67	38
4	Forty Niner	51	37
5	Mining	50	35
6	Jade Hunter	49	33
7	Alysheba	71	31
8	= Common Grounds (GB)	31	29
9	Personal Flag	39	29
10	Talinum	46	29
11	Java Gold	40	28
12	Jazzing Around	33	27
13	Gulch	42	26
14	High Brite	45	26
15	Wayne's Crane	42	28
16	Ascot Knight	48	25
17	Red Attack	47	25
18	Dixieland Brass	40	24
19	Risen Star	39	22
20	Tejano	35	22
21	Bet Twice	45	21
22	Bold Executive	39	21
23	Fuzzy	45	21
24	Real Courage	44	21
25	Siyah Kalem	47	21
26	Demons Begone	38	20
27	Ferdinand	42	20
28	Dance Centre	38	19
29	Soviet Star	37	19
30	Cutlass Reality	34	17
31	= Doyoun (Ire)	32	17
32	= Waajib (Ire)	43	17
33	Chromite	35	16
34	= Kahyasi (Ire)	31	16
35	Silver Deputy	33	16
36	Digamist	38	15
37	Dover Ridge	25	15
38	La Saboteur	20	15
39	Variety Road	26	15
40	Faster Than Sound	19	14
41	= Mtoto (GB)	44	14
42	Stacked Pack	35	14
43	Reach For More	18	13
44	Another Reef	19	12
45	Creole Dancer	15	12