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TRA COMMISSIONER TO BE ANNOUNCED THE WEEK OF JAN. 1

The Thoroughbred Racing Association will announce the appointment of a TRA Commissioner the week of Jan. 1 at a press conference in New York City, according to TRA President David Vance. "It's a positive step forward, and a positive move for everybody," said Vance. The decision was reached at a TRA board meeting in Tucson, Arizona yesterday. While the commissioner is not presently involved in racing, Vance said, "This does not reflect on anyone in the sport. We felt it would be a positive move to bring in someone who can give us a different perspective and outlook." Vance will continue in his role as TRA President, and TRA headquarters will remain in Elkton, Maryland. But the Commissioner's office will be located in New York, according to Vance. The TRA intends to defray the cost of the office by forming a national wager, which it is hoped will be in place by March.

GRADED STAKES CHANGES FOR 1994 The North American Graded Stakes Committee has announced that 25 races will be upgraded for 1994. Three of them, the Caesar's International H., the Early Times Manhattan H. and the Del Mar Invitational Oaks, will be assuming G1 status for the 1st time. The Committee also downgraded 11 stakes, but is withholding the names of those races until the pertinent officials have been formally notified by letter.

JOCKEYS INJURED AT LAUREL Jockeys Inocencio Ayarza and Mike Roll were injured in a spill following the finish of the 5th race at Laurel yesterday. Ayarza suffered head and chest injuries and was flown by helicopter to Shock Trauma Hospital, where he was to undergo a CAT Scan. Roll sustained a leg injury and was transported by ambulance to Greater Laurel-Beltsville Hospital. The spill occurred as Ayarza's mount, Tackroom Time, was being pulled up after the finish line. He took a bad step and somersaulted, throwing his jockey. Roll's horse Misty Sauce swerved in an attempt to miss the spill and also lost his jockey. Both horses were uninjured.

Saturday, Hollywood

GIII \$100,000a Vernon O. Underwood, 3yo/up, 6f

PP	Horse	Trainer	Jockey	Wt.
1	Meafara	Jones	Stevens	119
2	Arches Of Gold	Baffert	Flores	121
3	Gundaghia	Baffert	Valenzuela	116
4	Bahatur	Ellis	McCarron	116
5	Memo	Mandella	Atkinson	124
6	Arrowtown	Moran	Pincay Jr.	114
7	Davy Be Good	Buss	Black	116

On the board in 9 of his 10 starts this year and winner of the Smile H. last time out, highweight **Memo** (Mocito Guapo) had success at the longer distances, but after his strong performance in the 7-furlong Smile, trainer Dick Mandella decided to keep the 6-year-old sprinting. But the Underwood is a furlong shorter than his last stakes. "I wish the race was a little farther, but with those horses out there flying, it might seem more like 6 1/2 furlongs to him," Mandella said. Pacesetters are likely to be the fillies **Arches Of Gold** (Strike Gold) and **Meafara** (Meadowlake); the latter has been nosed out of victory in the Breeders' Cup Sprint the last 2 years.

Sunday, Hollywood Park

The top 2 finishers from the 1992 Hollywood Turf Cup each had their final tune-ups for this year's battle at Hollywood yesterday. **Bien Bien** (Manila) who took the win on a DQ last year after losing the bob on the wire, went a half-mile over the Hollywood turf in :51 2/5, around the dogs with Chris McCarron up. **Fraise** (Strawberry Road), who had his nose in front at the wire a year ago but was placed 2nd, went 5 furlongs in 1:03 3/5, also on the turf course. Trainer Bill Mott's assistant Tim Jones was up for the work. "The turf felt a little spongy, but I thought he handled it real well," he said. "He picked it up on the turn and finished out really strong. It's just what we wanted."

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Weekend Preview Cont.

Saturday, Aqueduct

Gill \$100,000a Nashua, 2yo, 8.5f

PP Horse	Trainer	Jockey	Wt.
1 Money of the Mind	Perkins	Bravo	114
2 Popol's Gold	Turner	McCauley	114
3 Irish Dram	Flint	Arguello	114
4 Sonny's Bruno	Tesher	Marquez	114
5 Pleasant Dancer	Campo	Guerra	114
6 Linkatariat	Terrill	Carr	114
7 Defense Witness	Badgett	Davis	122
8 Arrovente	Kimmel	Migliore	114
9 Sir Joe	Zito	Velazquez	114
10 Nice to Know	Vella	Lovato	114
11 Personal Merit	Perry	Smith	117
12 Able Buck	Contessa	Chavez	114
13 King of Kolchis	Armstrong	Alvarado	114

A lucky 13 2-year-olds have been entered, with **Defense Witness** (Skip Trial) carrying highweight after winning 3 stakes in Ohio. Winbound Farm's **Able Buck** (Silver Buck) comes into the race off an 8-length allowance score; that race followed a 2-month layoff. "After he broke his maiden, he came back a little sore behind," said trainer Gary Contessa. "I had to walk him for a couple of weeks. It must have been a pulled muscle. But I couldn't hope for this horse to be any better right now." A \$6,000 yearling, Able Buck was purchased by his present connections for \$56,000 at the OBS 2-year-old sale last April.



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Yesterday's results:

BLUE SWORDS S., Aqu, 12-9, \$54,000, 3yo, 8.5f, 1:44 2/5, ft.

1--**PUNCH LINE**, c, 3, Two Punch (Northview Stallion Station-MD)--Hilarious Astro, by Fast Hilarious. O/B/T-Althea Johnson (VA.); \$32,400.

2--**Classi Envoy**, c, 3, Just Right Classi (Bourbon Hills Farm-NY)--Bravo's Queen, by Bravo. O-Sabine Stable; (\$40,000 two-year-old 1992 Ocala Breeders' Sales Co. 2yos in training sale); \$11,880.

3--**Koluctoo Jimmy Al**, g, 3, Jacques Who (The Rich Farm at Saratoga-NY)--Koluctoofully, by Koluctoo Bay. O-Basil J Plasteras; \$6,480.

Margins: 6 1/2, 1/2, 2.

7th-Aqu, \$28,000 Alw., 3yo/up, f/m, state-bred, 6f, 1:13, ft. **RUTHIE'S RELIC** (f, 3, Titanic--Ruthie's Move, by Ruthie's Native), bred by her owner Francis Casey and conditioned by Tom Belfiore, jumped up in class after several dull efforts and pulled a wire-to-wire, nose victory upset over 2nd-choice **MIXED MARRIAGE** (Dr. Blum) and favorite **OBLIGATED SUE** (Obligato); the 11-1 longshot has won 3-of-16 starts

& \$40,306.

9th-Aqu, Mdn., 3yo/up, state-bred, 6f, 1:12 1/5, ft. Lack Farms' **KAKARAPIS** (c, 3, Cojak--Cautious Fairy, by Neptune), a 1/2-brother to **SHADOWMAR** (\$263,580) bred by Schoenburn Bros. Farm Inc. & trained by Sandino Hernandez, drew clear to win by 5 as the 7-5 choice.

6th-Aqu, Mdn., 3yo/up, f/m, 8.5f, 1:48 3/5, ft. Bethel Cross Farm's **SPIKE HEEL** (f, 3, Nijinsky II--Pump, by *Forli), bred in KY by Swettenham Stud & Partners, pressed the pace through the early going, then took command for a 1 1/2-length score; the Thomas Bush trainee now has earnings of \$49,950.



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Yesterday's results:

8th-Hol, \$32,000 Alw., 3yo/up, f/m, 8.5fT, 1:44 2/5, fm. **TRICKY PRINCESS** (Fr) (f, 3, Phone Trick--Princess Vali {Fr}, by Val de l'Orne {Fr}), a Fr SP wnr bred by Wertheimer & Frere and racing for the partnership of Team Valor, Block & Ventresca, won her California debut by a head for trainer Mark Hennig, marking her initial NA tally; she was 2nd by a head at KEE last out and 2nd by a neck in the Pebbles S. two starts back.

2nd-Hol, Mdn., 2yo, f, 6f, 1:10, ft. Becker & Griffiths' first-time starter **MUSICAL PAL** (f, 2, Palace Music--Gay Current, by Little Current), bred in KY by Grousemont Farms and saddled by Riley Griffiths, found the lead after a 1/2-mile, then opened up to win by 2 1/2.



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Wednesday's late result:

VALEDICTORY H., Grd, 12-8, \$55,400, 3yo/up, 14f, 3:00 4/5, my.

1--**#ALL CANADIAN**, c, 4, Alleged (Walmac International-KY)--Florenza, by Wajima. O/B-Frank Stronach (CAN.); T-Robert Tiller; \$33,240.

2--**Major Pots**, c, 4, Ten Gold Pots--Lost Major-ette, by Majestic Prince. O-Gardiner Farms; \$11,080.

3--**Native Ward**, c, 4, Wardlaw (Highdown Stud-Saf) --Native Nita, by Native Charger. O-Douglas Sloan; (\$25,000 two-year-old 1991 Ocala Breeders' Sales Co. March 2yos in training sale); \$6,094.

Margins: nose, 3 3/4, 7.



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CLASSIC EXCEPTION

By Jay Privman

The Breeders' Cup Classic is supposed to be won by horses who have won the Kentucky Derby, such as Alysheba or Ferdinand or Sunday Silence or Unbridled. It is supposed to be won by the Horse of the Year, such as Black Tie Affair or A.P. Indy.

It is not supposed to be won by a horse whose name cannot be pronounced. It is not supposed to be won by 133-1 longshots. That's supposed to happen in the movies, or in the fourth on a Thursday at Assiniboia Downs.

Arcangues proved the exception. He had raced exclusively on turf in his native France and was racing on the dirt for the first time. He was ridden by a jockey who had never seen the horse before. Jerry Bailey had no idea how to pronounce his mount's name--it's **are-Kong-** and nodded politely when instructions were given to him in French, Bailey's command of which is "Oui." And then Arcangues went out and beat the best handicap horses in the United States.

Immediately after the race, it looked as though Arcangues was going to be retired to stud. But his owners changed their minds within a few weeks, and Arcangues came back to Santa Anita, where he is stabled in the barn of trainer Richard Mandella.

Arcangues already has been given the royal treatment. He was placed in the stall that was home to Breeders' Cup Turf winner Kotashaan before Kotashaan went to the Japan Cup.

"That was a big hole. We had to put a big horse in there," Mandella said this week at his barn at Santa Anita.

But for now, Arcangues is viewed more like a circus sideshow than with the respect usually due the winner of the Classic. His win was considered a fluke; it almost seems blasphemous to consider Arcangues for an Eclipse Award. And Mandella knows that Arcangues will have plenty of doubters until he proves he's more than a one-hit wonder. Mandella doesn't want Arcangues to be racing's version

of the Buggles, who are remembered only because their one hit, "Video Killed the Radio Star," was the first song played on MTV.

"I know people have got to see it happen again before they get too serious about him," Mandella said. "But he had to have ability. For Andre Fabre to bring him over for the Classic, that's a pretty good indication that this horse was touting himself in his training."

Arcangues arrived in California two weeks ago, and is merely jogging. Arcangues has flown across the Atlantic three times in the past month, and understandably looks a bit worn out from all the travel.

Besides that, he's not the most physically impressive horse you've ever seen. Arcangues is of average size, with a moderate liver chestnut coat that gives him a striking resemblance to Perrault. When Arcangues walks around the shedrow, he moves like a football player on Monday morning.

"Yea, you can see he doesn't move his hind end much," Mandella said. "He's got arthritic hocks. He's not a bad-looking horse, but he doesn't look like one that just won \$1 million."

Mandella will jog Arcangues for at least the next two weeks. The progression in training to gallops and then workouts will depend on how quickly Arcangues adapts.

"When you jog him off, you can see he's not perfect behind," Mandella said. "We did some scintigraphy on him, and it didn't show any major problems. He's got a disc in his back that can get out of whack, and you have to deal with it with a chiropractor. He's got arthritic hocks; that's something he can live with. We'll use ultrasound and ice. It'll be a few weeks before I even think of breezing him."

"If he comes around fast enough, we'll point him for the Santa Anita Handicap. If not, we'll take our time with him and point for the Hollywood Gold Cup. Preferably, we'll run in both."

The Santa Anita Handicap is March 5. The logical prep for that race would be the San Antonio Handicap Feb. 13, or the San Pasqual Handicap Jan. 22. And lest we forget, Mandella certainly has the option of running Arcangues on the turf.

"The focus will be on both dirt races, but we could prep him on the turf. There's all kinds of races," Mandella said. "But we won't overrace him."

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Arcangues, cont.

Mandella has suddenly become the hottest commodity in the training fraternity. He long has had a reputation of being one of California's top horsemen, but not until the Breeders' Cup was he properly recognized both nationally and internationally. Mandella won both the Turf with Kotashaan and the Juvenile Fillies with Phone Chatter.

The night of the Breeders' Cup, Mandella went to dinner at a famous Beverly Hills restaurant, the Bistro, with the Wertheimer brothers, who owned Kotashaan. Conveniently for Mandella, at a neighboring table sat the connections of Arcangues--trainer Andre Fabre, and owners Daniel and Alec Wildenstein.

Even more fortuitous, the Wertheimers and the Wildensteins are close friends. Mandella was introduced to the Wildensteins, who, after dispensing with the pleasantries, asked Mandella if he would train their top horse.

"I didn't know if it would be anything beyond that," Mandella said. "Then a couple of weeks later, I got a call about Arcangues. And they said there'd be others coming, too."

"I have no doubt the Wertheimers had a lot of influence. Both the Wertheimers and the

Wildensteins speak highly of each other. The Wertheimers really pushed me to the Wildensteins.

"I don't think the Wildensteins did this," he said, laughing, "because I'm such a nice guy."

The Wildensteins have been in the sport for decades. They have won major races in both Europe and the United States with the likes of All Along, Allez France, Steinlen, Waya and Arcangues' sire, Sagace.

They understand that Arcangues is still a work in progress. Though he'll be a 6-year-old next year, Arcangues has raced only 16 times, owing to his achy-braky body,

"They told me to be patient him, do what I want to do," Mandella said. "If he doesn't come around now, we can wait until later."

The Wildensteins even have gone so far as to tell Mandella that if Arcangues does not respond to treatment on his back here, they will fly in the horse's French chiropractor.

"I haven't had a lot of luck with chiropractors for my horses over the years, but they say it helps this horse a lot," Mandella said.

No expense will be spared. But when a horse wins a \$3 million race, heck, he's earned it.

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ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

9th-Grd, \$36,000, 12-8, 3yo/up, f/m, 8f, 1:39 2/5, my. Sam-Son Farm's Canadian homebred QUIET CLEO (m, 5, No Louder--Queen of Egypt, by Vice Regent) avenged her narrow loss in the Tattling H. (for the 2nd straight year) with a 3 1/2-length tally; the Jim Day charge, a MSW of \$496,932, improves to 35-13-11-3 as the 3-5 bettors' choice.

6th-Grd, \$32,700, 12-8, 3yo/up, 7f, 1:25, my. The 5-2 favorite DONT YOU TRUST ME (g, 5, Roman Reasoning--Winged Empress, by Accipiter), bred in KY by Mr. & Mrs. P. L. McCardell and trained by Ann Kutu for Mrs. N. Jukosky, returned from a 3rd-place finish in the Autumn H. and battled on the lead the entire distance before succeeding by a 1/2; the '93 SW extends record to 39-13-6-5 & \$244,101 with 6th win of yr.

9th-Crc, \$25,000, 3yo, f, 5f, :58 3/5, ft. Fred Hooper's MSW FL homebred INSIGHT TO COPE (f, 3, Copelan--Precise Vision, by Visualizer), whose 5-race win skein ended last out with a narrow loss in the Coral Gables H., rebounded to prevail by a neck for her 7th triumph of the season; record now stands at 16-10-4-1 & \$209,130 for William White trainee.

9th-Med, \$23,000, 12-8, 2yo, f, 6f, 1:11 2/5, ft. La Marca Stable's PAPPAS JEN (f, 2, Pappa Riccio--La Konga, by Tap Shoes), bred in NJ by John Beres III and conditioned by Joseph Orseno, returned from her 6 3/4-length maiden romp to go wire-to-wire for a 1/2-length score; record now 3-2-1-0 & \$32,348. Favored CONFEDERATE FLAG (U.S. Flag) finished 5 lengths back in 7th, her 1st loss in 3 starts.



5th-Haw, \$21,780, 3yo/up, f/m, state-bred, 8f-70yds, 1:42 4/5, ft. Richard Otto's homebred SMILE N' DANCE (f, 3, Gate Dancer--Smiling Neatly, by Neater), a SP wnr of \$81,860, followed two close 2nds with a 1 3/4-length score, improving to 14-4-4-2 as the odds-on favorite.

7th-Grd, \$21,200, 12-8, 3yo/up, 8f, 1:38 4/5, my. TWO KNOTTY (g, 3, Tim Tam Aly--Die Fullfeder, by Told), bred in FL by Edward Richardson and trained by James Hutchison for Kennedy & Franceschini, edged favored ENGLISH TOFF (Ascot Knight) for 1st win since Sept.; earnings \$69,173.

8th-Haw, \$19,800, 3yo/up, 8f-70yds, 1:41, ft. Panic Stable's 8-5 choice SIMPLY OUTSTANDING (c, 3, Lion d'Or--Windrush Star, by Apalachee), bred in KY by Ray Montgomery and trained by Jere Smith Jr., registered his 3rd win since being claimed for \$18,000; the 2 1/4-length win was his 7th tally of the year in 16 career outings.

3rd-Grd, \$19,800, 12-8, 2yo, 8f, 1:41 1/5, my. Day By Day Farm's SHOW SPECIAL (f, 2, Smarten--Mystic Ballet, by Nijinsky II), bred in Canada by her trainer James E. Day, rallied from next-to-last and prevailed by 1 1/4 to remain undefeated in 2 starts.

8th-Crc, \$19,200, 3yo/up, f/m, 8.5f, 1:47 3/5, ft. Frank Gomez' trainee MISS GOLD PEACE (f, 3, Gold Alert--Peaceful River, by Peaceful Tom), bred in FL by John Franks, drove past favorite ESKIMO AIR (Eskimo) in the final 1/8-mile to win by 3 1/2; 1st tally of yr for SP earner of \$58,608.

8th-Lrl, \$18,300, 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:11 1/5, ft. Sondra Bender's MD homebred BOCAMIS (f, 3, Miswaki--Ngan Gung, by Raja Baba), nosed out in last, rebounded with a furious late charge to prevail by a neck over 3-2 favorite MYSTIC DANCE (Nepal, now 2-of-3); MSP wnr of \$92,046.

7th-Lrl, \$17,400, 3yo, f, 7f, 1:24 2/5, ft. Coming off a 6 1/4-length romp, Dan Westland's MD homebred KNOWN AS NANCY (f, 3, Horatius--Tacaro's Queen, by Run Fool Run) took the lead from even-money choice LADY MARY JO (Cormorant) after a 1/2-mile, then dusted her 8 rivals by 5 1/2 for 3rd win in 10 starts for trainer Damon Dilodovico.

7th-FG, \$16,000, 2yo, c/g, a8fT, 1:39 4/5, fm. Starsfell Farms Inc.'s FULL FLAPS (c, 2, Tasso--Full Reign, by Secretariat), 3 lengths shy while finishing 4th in Old Hickory S. last out, held on to win by a neck; the Timothy Sams KY-bred improves to 6-2-2-1 & \$19,909 for trainer Larry Mayo.

9th-Pha, \$15,500, 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:12 3/5, ft. Bethel Cross Farm's 3-1 choice NOTICE TAKEN (f, 3, Known Fact--Notice Me, by Distinctive), bred in NY by

Berkshire Stud and conditioned by Alan Goldberg, scored by 1 3/4 for 2nd win in 11 starts.

MAIDEN WINNERS:

- + Miss Shimmy Town, f, 2, Barberstown-- Shimmy Back, by Carry Back. FG, 12-9, 6f, 1:12 3/5. B-Weldon Granger (La.).
- Bold Shepherd, g, 2, Bold Ruckus--Lady Sheppard, by Vice Regent. Grd, 12-8, 4.5f, :52 2/5. B-E. & T. Kmet (Can.). *1/2 to DOM DANCER (\$247,856).
- + Salem Prince, g, 2, Clever Secret--Salem Queen, by Rex Emperor. Pen, 12-8, 5.5f, 1:08 4/5.
- Do It Again Dancer, c, 2, Do It Again Dan--Nippies Dancer, by Gold Stage. Beu, 12-8, 6f, 1:10 4/5. B-S. & J. Glenn (Oh.). *Won by 15.
- Cashel Dancer, c, 2, Gulch--Affirmed's Dancer, by Affirmed. Lrl, 12-9, 8.5f, 1:46 2/5. B-Dunbarton Farm (Md.). *Won by 6 3/4.
- + Slewpy T, c, 2, Louisiana Slew--Double Lo, by Prefontaine. Beu, 12-8, 6f, 1:13 4/5. B-Carl Broughton (Oh.).
- + Ms Troys Magic, f, 2, Magic North--Troy's Angel, by Troy Our Boy. Haw, 12-9, 6f, 1:14. B-James Bader & Richard Lemay (Ill.).
- Crazy Horse Lil, f, 2, Medieval Man--Dial Zero, by Gummo. Crc, 12-9, 6f, 1:14 1/5. B-Live Oak Stud (Fl.). *1/2 to BINARY LIGHT (G3, \$293,862).
- Whatta Waki, c, 2, Miswaki--Premier Playmate, by Pass Catcher. TP, 12-8, 6.5f, 1:18 3/5. B-G. Watts Humphrey Jr., Pierce & Pierce (Ky.). *Won by 12.
- Wykagyl, c, 2, Nasty and Bold--Rock Tempo, by Singh. Med, 12-8, 6f, 1:11 1/5. B-Anne McMahon (N.Y.).
- Work of Art, f, 2, Stutz Blackhawk--Air and Space, by Tilt Up. Haw, 12-9, 6f, 1:12 2/5. B-McDowell Farm (Ark.).
- + Ima Wheeler Dealer, g, 3, Defense Verdict--Who Dealt, by Pitching Wedge. TuP, 12-9, 6f, 1:10 1/5. B-Kenmar Farm (Wa.). *Won by 5.
- Aint Baby, f, 3, Talc--Twisted Relation, by Torsion. Lrl, 12-9, 5.5f, 1:07. B-Robert Evans (Fl.).
- Kelsey Girl, f, 4, Miteas Well Laff--Googli Girl, by Gun Song. Med, 12-8, 6f, 1:12. B-Last Dollar Farm (N.J.).

A # will distinguish first-time stakes winners, a @ will indicate first-time graded stakes winners, and a + will denote winners who are first-time starters.

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