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MARYLAND AWARDS ANNOUNCED The Maryland Thoroughbred Horsemen's Association has announced its 1993 award winners. Robert E. Meyerhoff was selected as Outstanding Owner, Ronald Cartwright was awarded Outstanding Trainer and Alan T. Dearstyn won for Service to Maryland Horsemen. Recipients of the Outstanding Backstretch Employees awards were Pierre Nelka at Bowie, Rod Smith at Laurel and Mark P. Pratt at Pimlico. The awards presentation will be held Dec. 20 at Laurel Race Course.

SEATTLE SLEET TO STUD Graded stakes-placed **Seattle Sleet**, a 3-year-old son of Seattle Slew-Snow Blossom (The Minstrel), has been retired and will stand the 1994 breeding season at Margaux Farm in Midway, Ky. The \$270,000 1991 Keeneland July yearling purchase won 3 of 4 lifetime starts for earnings of \$93,550. Owned by John Toffan, Trudy McCaffery and Margaux Farm, Inc., Seattle Sleet will stand for a fee of \$3,000.

MARYLAND JOCKEYS RELOCATE TO NEW YORK Jockeys Edgar Prado and Mike Luzzi are leaving Laurel Race Course to pursue mounts in New York. Maryland's perennial leading rider, Prado tallied 351 wins last year and amassed more than \$5.5 million in purses. The Lima, Peru native has accounted for 7 riding titles at Laurel and Pimlico. Prado is expected to switch his tack to Aqueduct after Christmas and plans to return to Maryland in the spring. Luzzi, the 1989 Eclipse Award-winning apprentice, will begin accepting mounts at Aqueduct later this week. The Columbia, Md. resident has won 2 riding titles in his home state and is approaching 1,200 lifetime victories.

SATURDAY, HOLLYWOOD PARK

Trainer Neil Drysdale said yesterday that Irving and Marge Cowan's **Princess Mitterand** will be supplemented to the \$250,000 Hollywood Starlet for 2-year-old fillies, to be decided at 1 1/16 miles on Sat. The supplemental fee is \$6,250. The daughter of Seattle Slew-Mitterand (Hold Your Peace) has won her last 2 starts, including a 1 1/2-length allowance victory at 1 mile on the Bay Meadows turf last time out. Drysdale indicated he would have preferred to keep her on the grass, but his options at this time are limited. Chris McCarron has the mount. **Private Persuasion** (Pirate's Bounty) worked 5 furlongs at Hollywood yesterday in 1:01, while **Tricky Code** (Phone Trick) was clocked in :38 2/5 for 3 furlongs. They will be ridden by Kent Desormeaux and Corey Nakatani, respectively. Tricky Code, a \$65,000 purchase at the Feb. 22 Fasig-Tipton Calder Select 2-Year-Olds in Training Sale, has amassed earnings of \$190,525 in 5 lifetime starts. Rounding out the field of probables and their jockeys are Brian Mayberry trainee **Sardula** (Storm Cat), Eddie Delahoussaye, and Kenneth J. Jumps trainee **Viz** (Kris S.), no rider.

SUNDAY, HOLLYWOOD PARK

A small but select field of 4 is shaping up for the GI \$500,000 Hollywood Futurity for 2-year-olds at 1 1/16 miles. **Blumin Affair** (Dynaformer) and **Gracious Ghost** (Relaunch) worked in company yesterday for trainer Jack Van Berg. Both went 7 furlongs over Hollywood's fast main track in 1:29 4/5. They will be ridden in the Futurity by Jerry Bailey and Kent Desormeaux, respectively. Blumin Affair, a \$20,000 Keeneland Sept. yearling, has earned \$229,580 from 4 lifetime starts. Gracious Ghost, a \$25,000 Keeneland Sept. yearling and \$23,000 Barretts March 2-year-old, has bankrolled \$38,250 in six lifetime starts. Rounding out the field of probables and their jockeys are **Brocco** (Kris S.), Gary Stevens, and **Flying Sensation** (Flying Paster), Eddie Delahoussaye.

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FLYING COLORS

by: **Andy Belfiore**

Seattle Slew charged down the Belmont Park stretch and under the wire, four lengths in front as jockey Jean Cruguet, resplendent in Karen L. Taylor's black and gold silks, raised his whip in salute of racing's 10th Triple Crown winner. A magic moment for the owners, for the trainer, for everyone connected with the great horse as they crowded into the winner's circle to await their hero.

Antoinette Brocklebank was not among those in the victory party that June afternoon in 1978, but she was as proud at that moment as if she'd ridden Seattle Slew herself. It was the first time she'd seen 'her' silks-- silks she had crafted, carried to such an historic triumph. It was the turning point of her career as one of racing's most sought-after seamstresses. "Business really picked up after I made Seattle Slew's silks," she recalls. "Russ Harris, writing for the New York Daily News, did an interview from my home about sewing those silks, and that was it. Everyone was calling; everyone needed silks. The following year I made the silks for a horse named Affirmed-- and the year after that for Spectacular Bid. I almost had three Triple Crown winners in a row."

Antoinette Brocklebank's silks business began 23 years ago at Liberty Bell in Pennsylvania, where her husband, Joe, was plying his trade as a jockey.

"I liked to sew, and I made him his own personal set of silks-- just to weigh in with. My brother-in-law was also a jockey, and I made him a set as well-- they really caught on. I must have made 20 sets for the jockeys, and they spread the word to the trainers. It was a hobby that started when I was sewing clothes for my little girl-- who is 26 now-- but the hobby has turned into a full-time business. I send silks all over-- to California, Florida-- and I make the silks for the Racing Museum in Saratoga."

Brocklebank has sewn for some of racing's biggest stars over the years, including

John Henry and this year's Derby winner, Sea Hero; she also made the silks which husband Joe wore to victory aboard Danzig when he broke his maiden.

"A lot of my silks have turned out really lucky, and it's exciting to see the pictures of these great horses and the jockeys wearing my creations."

The seamstress has an inside track when it comes to design. Not only did she marry a rider-- now retired and owner of Erin American Bloodstock-- but her brother-in-law and now her son, Gerry, have given her insight into her trade.

"My silks have always been a little larger than others, because Joe is tall, and he told me most silks weren't long enough. They would come untucked during a race and flap. When my son started riding, he told me he needed more shoulder room. Angel Cordero Jr. told me to put two snaps at the top, so if a jockey was wearing a turtleneck, he could use one snap and the silks wouldn't flap at the neck. Everybody has given me comments and I take them and change my pattern. I think I've got it down pat now."

The more prevalent use of safety vests, which will soon become mandatory, has also affected business.

"I would say 85 percent of my orders are now for aerodynamic silks. The nylon silks are more contoured; they aren't as loose, and when the jockeys are wearing vests, they feel more confined. The aerodynamic silks stretch. There are owners, like Rokeby and Woody Stephens, who just don't want them, though, so I've made my pattern a little larger."

The Brocklebank business is a family affair; sister and business partner Anna Marie Miceli helps make the silks, while Gerry and daughter Natalie make deliveries to the New York tracks. Antoinette also does work for NYRA. This gives her time for her other career-- taking care of her home.

It is her family that has provided her biggest thrill as a seamstress. "We have our own silks, for our Emily Terrace Farm. The very first time we ever won with them, it was with a horse trained by my brother-in-law, Mike Miceli, and ridden by my son Gerry-- and it was the very first race he won as a jockey. It was like winning the Kentucky Derby."



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Stake Result:

CONTRARY ROSE S., Lrl, 12-14, \$27,000, 3yo/up, f and m, 6f, 1:10 2/5, ft.

1--**WINKA**, f, 3, Waquoit (Northview Stallion Station-MD)--Linka, by Batonnier. O/B- Gilbert Hahn Jr. (MD.); T-Charles H. Hadry; \$16,200.

2--**Suspect Terrain**, f, 4, Corridor Key (Country Life Farm-MD)--Allegedly, by Sir Ivor. O-Prestonwood Farm, Inc.; \$5,400.

3--**Mighty Rose**, m, 5, Mighty Appealing (Dead)--Medaille d'Rose, by Medaille d'Or. O-I. Cohen; \$2,970.

Margins: Head, 3, 1 1/2.

Stalking the pace throughout before taking the lead in the stretch and out-running 2nd place SUSPECT TERRAIN, 2nd favorite WINKA scores her 3rd win in a row for new record of 18-6-3-2 and earnings of \$157,822. A SW in 92 and 4xSP this year, the filly recently won the Capp It Off S. in Oct. at Lrl. The favored entry of MIGHTY ROSE and MIXED APPEAL carried the 3rd & 4th places, respectively.

Allowance Results:

9th-Pha, 12-14, \$24,000 Alw., 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:12 3/5, ft. Two-time SW and twice SP this year, PROVEN PULLET (f, 4, Salutely--Albie's Satch, by Illustrious), coming off a win just 10 days ago, took her 2nd victory in a row by a nose. The Edmund Ross NJ-homebred fought for the lead after the 1/2 mile and barely edged the largely favored WILD LADY A. (by Princely Pleasure). She increases bankroll to \$199,302, stats now at 35-12-7-1.

8th-Lrl, 12-14, \$18,700 Alw., 2yo, f, 8.5f, 1:47 1/5, ft. Bettors' choice CHEROKEE WONDER (f, 2, Cherokee Colony--Bravo Native, by Restless Native), carrying the silks of Z W P Stable, came from just off the pace to post a 5 length triumph. The KY-bred gets her 1st Alw. win (last out 2nd by 1 1/2), improving money earned to \$22,530, record to 6-2-2-0.

8th-Pha, 12-14, \$18,693 Alw., 3yo/up, f/m, 6.5f, 1:19 4/5, ft. Running in the colors of Grainger Farms, SAVANNAH STYLE (f, 3, Little Current--Inthreedee, by His Majesty) tallied her 3rd career win, leaving the field behind in the stretch and winning by 4 3/4. The FL-bred filly, with earnings at \$53,440, has now won 2 of 5 Alw. starts, record at 13-3-3-1.

7th-Crc, 12-14, \$18,100 Alw., 2yo, f, 6f, 1:13 2/5, ft. Third in the Riviera S. earlier this year at Crc, DEAF POWER (f, 2, Eskimo--The It Girl, by Believe It) scored her 3rd career win after a giant stretch move that saw her leave 5th place and cross the wire in front by a neck for trainer Julian Canet. The FL-bred 1/2 sister to PETE THE CHIEF (\$229,110, by Joanie's Chief) is owned by B. Smith & M. Kinjo and raises earnings to \$38,690, record now at 13-3-2-3.

Maiden Winners:

Bonnerdale, c, 2, Barcelona--Ed n Emm's, by Hurricane Ed. Pha, 12-14, 6.5f, 1:21 1/5. B-Sharon Hild (Ar.).

Distinct Pleasure, g, 3, Distinctive Pro--Andrea's Pleasure, by What a Pleasure. Crc, 12-14, 7f, 1:27 2/5. B-Whisper Hill Farm (Fl.).

2-YEAR-OLD SIRE LIST BY CURRENT EARNINGS

Statistics through December 2, 1993

Sire	Strtrs	Wnrs	Prog.Earnings
1 STORM CAT (Sardula, \$393,450)	27	16	\$1,404,774
2 FAIRY KING (Prince Babar, \$281,243)	20	10	\$959,274
3 PHONE TRICK (Phone Chatter, \$753,500)	22	9	\$930,406
4 *SEEKING THE GOLD (At the Half, \$333,893)	17	10	\$890,128
5 DEPUTY MINISTER (Dehere, \$595,912)	19	8	\$888,456
6 KRIS S. (Brocco, \$553,550)	31	8	\$843,398

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