

Trombetta Considering Dubai For Sweetnorthernst



Michael Trombetta and Sweetnorthernst
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LAUREL, MD. 3-1-07---Whether he goes is still up in the air, but the wheels have started turning for Sweetnorthernst, last year's Kentucky Derby favorite and Preakness Stakes runner-up, to travel to the Middle East at the end of this month for the \$1 million Godolphin Mile.

Yesterday was a busy one for the 4-year-old son of Sweetsouthernst. He breezed five furlongs in 1:01.4 handily at Laurel under the watchful eye of trainer Michael Trombetta, then posed for photos that will be included with his shipping papers should his connections decide to send him halfway around the world for the 1-mile classic.

Maryland Jockey Club racing official Denver Beckner took the photos and is preparing the paperwork for Mersant International, an export company which handles the shipping of horses to Dubai. The last time Beckner helped out with this process was in 2002 when star filly Xtra Heat shipped from Maryland to race in the

\$2 million Golden Shaheen.

"We are looking at it, but I'll know more in the next few days," said Trombetta after he saddled a horse in the paddock for today's third race. "There is a whole barrage of things you have to do, lots of blood tests, and they're sending me some kind of insecticide that they require you to spray on the horse for two weeks prior to getting there. I don't know all of the details except that they are mailing it to me so I can start doing it. It's up in the air, but we're going to look at it. It's the \$1 million dollar Godolphin Mile. We were invited to both races (the Mile and the World Cup), but the mile is the one we are looking at."

Sweetnorthernst has started twice this year. He finished third in the Grade III Hal's Hope and fifth in the Sunshine Millions Classic, both at Gulfstream Park, before returning to Maryland in February.

Eight Go In Saturday's Horatius Stakes



Heart Throbbin' and Place Your Bet finished
1-2 in the Dancing Count Stakes on Jan 1.
Photo Credit: Jim McCue/MJC

LAUREL, MD. 3-2-07---The \$90,000 Horatius Stakes at Laurel Park on Saturday has attracted a field of eight 3-year-olds, including the John Rigattieri trained entry of Saratoga Lulaby and Alruncojump.

The Rigattieri entry is listed as the 3-2 morning line favorite for this six furlong test. Saratoga Lulaby has won two of ten starts and his best effort was a strong second in the Miracle Wood Stakes on February 3rd. Alruncojump has won twice from seven starts, including a victory on the same day when his stablemate ran second in the Miracle Wood. Dyn Panell has been riding both colts and is named to both.

"I'm 99% sure we're going to start both horses on Saturday," said assistant-trainer Tony Barreira. As for Saratoga Lulaby, "He should be the favorite. He's

doing very very well."

Second choice on the morning line is Place Your Bet (3-1), a lightly raced gelding who has won two of four starts. Last time out, the son of Out Of Place finished a distant third in the Miracle Wood. Jeremy Rose, who has ridden Place Your Bet in all of his starts, retains the mount for trainer Scott Lake.

Trainer King Leatherbury will start Heart Throbbin' (4-1) in the Horatius. The "King" claimed the son of Formal Gold for \$40,000 in September and has won two races with the gelding, including the Dancing Count Stakes on New Year's Day. Ryan Fogelsonger was aboard for the Dancing Count and keeps the mount.

Call Me Clash (5-1) and Lowes Island (6-1) are bunched close together on the morning line. The former has won two of seven starts but was badly beaten in his only stakes attempt. No rider is named. Lowes Island has won two straight races, a \$25,000 claimer and an entry level allowance test. Apprentice Malcom Franklin is his regular rider.

The outsiders are Casey Doon (12-1), who is winless since his maiden score and Buster's Place (30-1), who finished twelfth in his only start.

Call Me Clash Dominates Saturday's Horatius Stakes



Call Me Clash
Photo Credit: Jim McCue/MJC

LAUREL, MD. 03-03-07---Gerard Artz's Call Me Clash led almost from start to finish in the \$90,000 Horatius Stakes, the feature race on today's nine-race card at Laurel Park.

Jeremy Rose had the 3-year-old son of Clash By Night in front of his five rivals less than a dozen strides after the start of the six furlong test. The Scott Lake trainee circled the Laurel Park oval at a steady clip and drew away to win by three lengths in 1:10.49. Casey Doon and Horacio Karamanos chased the winner to no avail and settled for second money. Heart Throbbin' was third. John Rigattieri's 3-5 entry of Saratoga Lulaby and Alruncojump finished fifth and sixth, respectively.

"He was a monster today," Rose said. "We broke well but I was expecting that someone might go so I would sit off the pace. But if they were going to give me a lead like that I was going to take it. Scott is doing a nice job with him."

The Lake-Rose duo teamed up for two wins on the afternoon and have reached the winners' circle as a team five times this week.

"It has been great for me," added Rose, who leads the colony with 45 victories, 10 more than Mario Pino. "Scott wins with everyone so I am glad it is me. I have been trying to ride for him for a few years and I am happy for the opportunity."

Call Me Clash paid \$9.80. The exacta paid \$51.60 and the triple returned \$141.40.

Magna 5™ Stumps Bettors, Producing \$377,190 Carryover



A MAGNA ENTERTAINMENT EXPERIENCE

LAUREL, MD. 03-03-07---For the first time in the four-year history of the Magna 5™, the popular \$2 pick five wager with a \$500,000 guaranteed pool, all five winners were not selected. There will be a \$377,190 carryover next week. The consolation paid \$1,892 each to 67 winners Saturday. A total of \$645,438 was in the pool.

In an hour's span, horseplayers are treated to exciting major league racing action from Gulfstream Park, Santa Anita Park and Laurel Park every Saturday afternoon.

My Dream (\$42.80) passed an allowance test at Laurel, Half Ours (\$5.60) sprinted to victory in the Grade II Richter Scale Breeders' Cup at Gulfstream, Albertus Maximus (\$8.40) broke his maiden at Santa Anita, Scat Daddy (\$13.80) got up in the final jump to win an exciting Fountain of Youth Stakes (Grade II) at Gulfstream and Political Maneuver

(\$64.60) emerged victorious with an allowance score at Santa Anita.

The wager begins each week at Laurel. First post time is approximately 4:30 pm ET. Magna 5™ is offered at participating racetracks, off-track betting centers and online or by phone with XpressBet.

DATE	AMOUNT WAGERED	WINNING TICKETS	PAYOUT
Jan 27	\$576,599	8	\$56,186.40
Feb 3	\$596,119	473	\$983.20
Feb 10	\$502,685	6	\$63,189.80
Feb 17	\$508,272	5	\$79,200.80
Feb 24	\$622,371	57	\$8,562.20
Mar 3	\$645,438	67 (4-of-5)	\$1,892.00

Week 1

Leg A---Lexi Star (\$6.60), Laurel Park
Leg B---Smokey Stover (\$16.00), Santa Anita Park
Leg C---Miss Shop (\$13.40), Gulfstream Park
Leg D---Lava Man (\$3.40), Santa Anita Park
Leg E---McCann's Mojave (\$69.80), Gulfstream Park

Week 2

Leg A---Moonmoonmoon (\$7.60), Laurel Park
Leg B---Naissance Royale (\$4.20), Gulfstream Park
Leg C---Bettersweetmoment (\$9.20), Santa Anita Park
Leg D---Sweet Merlot (9.80), Golden Gate Fields
Leg E---Invasor (\$2.80), Gulfstream Park

Week 3

Leg A---Bare Dancer (\$31.80), Laurel Park
Leg B---Stormy Ray (\$15.00), Gulfstream Park
Leg C---Brite Red State (\$32.80), Santa Anita Park
Leg D---Eastlake Avenue (\$5.80), Golden Gate Fields
Leg E---Christmas Kid (\$13.60), Gulfstream Park

Week 4

Leg A---Oprah Winney (\$8.20), Laurel Park
Leg B---Any Limit (\$5.40), Gulfstream Park
Leg C---Tinquilco (\$20.60), Santa Anita Park
Leg D---Future Fantasy (\$28.60), Laurel Park
Leg E---Golden Arrow (\$6.40), Santa Anita Park

Week 5

Leg A---Cayman Condo (\$5.40), Laurel Park
Leg B---Jambalaya (\$16.20), Gulfstream Park
Leg C---Christiana's Heat (\$14.00), Santa Anita Park
Leg D---Most Distinguished (\$4.00), Gulfstream Park
Leg E---Fete (\$6.40), Santa Anita Park

Week 6

Leg A---My Dream (\$42.80), Laurel Park
Leg B---Half Ours (\$5.60), Gulfstream Park
Leg C---Albertus Maximus (\$8.40), Santa Anita Park
Leg D---Scat Daddy (\$13.80), Gulfstream Park
Leg E---Political Maneuver (\$64.60), Santa Anita Park

MAGNA ENTERTAINMENT CORP. AND CHURCHILL DOWNS INCORPORATED ANNOUNCE CUSTOMER-FOCUSED AGREEMENTS



AURORA, Ontario/LOUISVILLE, Ky. (March 5, 2007) – North America's leading horse racing companies, Churchill Downs Incorporated (NASDAQ: CHDN) ("Churchill Downs") and Magna Entertainment Corp. (NASDAQ: MECA; TSX: MEC.A) ("Magna Entertainment") today announced a series of customer-focused agreements.

Through the agreements, Magna Entertainment and Churchill Downs hope to accomplish four objectives:

1. Foster an open and competitive business environment where horse racing content is readily available to customers through a wide variety of distribution points and wagering platforms;
2. Create an innovation-based environment of sustainable growth for the North American horse racing industry domestically and internationally;
3. Enhance wagering integrity and security to address horse racing signal piracy and ensure content creators are compensated; and
4. Benefit the horsemen and racetracks that together create racing content through new industry growth.

The specific agreements are as follows:

Churchill Downs and Magna Entertainment Form Media Management Company, TrackNet Media Group LLC, to Buy Content from and Sell Content to Third Parties

Churchill Downs and Magna Entertainment have formed a joint venture called TrackNet Media Group LLC ("TrackNet Media") through which the full breadth of the companies' respective horse racing content will be available to each company's various distribution platforms, including Magna Entertainment's advance deposit wagering ("ADW") platform, XpressBet® (www.xpressbet.com), a Churchill Downs-owned ADW platform, www.twinspires.com, under development, and to third parties, including racetracks, OTBs, casinos and other ADW providers. TrackNet Media will also purchase horse racing content from third parties to make available through Churchill Downs' and Magna Entertainment's respective distribution platforms. Both companies believe that a single organization performing these important functions will promote optimal distribution of content across a broader spectrum of platforms, including ADW providers, international outlets and distributors that offer rebates. By creating a single cost-effective organization to more efficiently buy and sell racing

content, TrackNet Media will have the resources to pursue wagering integrity and security objectives, with a view toward generating revenue for horsemen and racetracks that create content.

“Both Churchill Downs and Magna Entertainment believe that our industry must embrace change and drive innovation to make our products more appealing to our customers,” said Churchill Downs’ President and Chief Executive Officer Robert L. Evans. “We believe that our customers and our industry will benefit from broader distribution of our racing signals and that integrity and security with respect to our signals is paramount. We hope other content owners will endorse our approach in similar reciprocal agreements with TrackNet Media to ensure the broadest possible distribution of racing content to markets worldwide.”

“To better serve our customers and grow the financial return for our horsemen, Magna Entertainment and Churchill Downs believe the time has come to make our simulcast content available through as many trusted and eligible distribution platforms as possible,” said Magna Entertainment Chief Executive Officer Michael Neuman. “In doing so, we can maximize the content available to customers and the revenue available to the horsemen and racetracks who create the industry’s content.”

Churchill Downs Purchases 50-Percent Interest in HRTV™

In addition, Churchill Downs has purchased a 50-percent interest in Magna Entertainment's horse racing TV channel, HRTV™. Both Churchill Downs and Magna Entertainment will work to offer as much of their respective live export simulcast content as possible on HRTV™ and will actively explore how the television medium can be used to more effectively serve horse racing customers – and the industry as a marketing vehicle. HRTV™ will seek additional content providers who wish to televise their horse racing content alongside the Churchill Downs and Magna Entertainment content.

As part of its 2007 offerings, HRTV™ will broadcast “Target Louisville,” a 30-minute television program highlighting the training, workouts and final preparations of Kentucky Derby contenders. “Target Louisville” will air daily during the week leading up to the 133rd Kentucky Derby at Churchill Downs.

“With the inclusion of Churchill Downs-owned racing content on HRTV™, this television channel becomes a significant destination for horse racing fans,” continued Neuman. “With Magna Entertainment and Churchill Downs serving as anchor tenants, HRTV™ represents a subscriber acquisition opportunity for carriers and a distribution opportunity for content providers to consider as their television rights become available.”

Churchill Downs to Launch ADW Service, www.twinspires.com

Churchill Downs is currently developing its own ADW platform, www.twinspires.com, which will launch later this year. The site will offer racing fans the opportunity to watch and wager on Churchill Downs- and Magna Entertainment-owned racing content as well as other racing content made available through TrackNet Media licensing agreements. Customers can visit www.twinspires.com to learn more about its future offerings and sign up for e-mail alerts. Churchill Downs will share more information about www.twinspires.com, including the target date for launch, with customers and members of the media in the next few weeks.

One of the primary focuses for the companies’ joint venture, TrackNet Media, will be enhanced wagering integrity. TrackNet Media will invest significant resources to better monitor the entities that have access to the companies’ racing content and wagering pools. TrackNet Media staff will work closely with domestic and international outlets licensed to simulcast and accept wagers on TrackNet Media-licensed products to ensure that content offered through TrackNet Media is being used appropriately and in ways that provide compensation to the horsemen and racetracks that produce the content. Third parties will not be allowed to sublicense TrackNet Media content to other tracks, OTBs, casinos, rebate shops or ADW providers, thereby reducing the risk of horse racing signal piracy and other integrity issues.

Both Churchill Downs and Magna Entertainment will continue to honor all existing contractual obligations with respect to their content. TrackNet Media’s ability to license simulcast content from Churchill Downs-owned racetracks to ADW providers other than the Television Games Network (“TVG”) will commence with the expiration of those tracks’ individual TVG agreements. TrackNet Media will have immediate access to racing signals from Churchill Downs racetrack for its 2007 Spring Meet, which begins April 28, and to signals from Fair Grounds Race Course when the track begins its 2007-

08 meet in November 2007. TVG will continue to have access to simulcast content from Arlington Park through Aug. 6, 2007, and from Calder Race Course through the end of its 2007-08 racing season, which ends Jan. 2, 2008.

Churchill Downs 2007 Spring Meet will be available on HRTV™. Arlington Park, Calder Race Course and Fair Grounds Race Course will join the HRTV™ line-up as their respective TVG contracts expire.

“We believe the business initiatives we’re launching will benefit customers in many ways, including the optimal distribution of simulcast content originating from Churchill Downs- and Magna Entertainment-owned racetracks to other tracks, OTBs, casinos and ADW providers,” said Evans. “We hope other content providers and content licensees will follow our example, and make their content available as well.

“The transition to a new and more competitive business model may cause some temporary disruptions for some customers. We acknowledge that and want to apologize in advance for any inconvenience to them. In the end, we believe customers will benefit greatly from the approach we’re taking, and we appreciate their patience and understanding.”

TrackNet Media will be headquartered in Louisville, Ky. TrackNet Media and HRTV™ will have offices in Louisville and Arcadia, Calif. Scott Daruty, formerly the chief U.S. counsel for Magna Entertainment, will serve as TrackNet Media’s chief executive officer. Patrick Troutman, who served as vice president and general manager for the Churchill Downs Simulcast Network (“CDSN”) and Churchill Downs Simulcast Productions, will serve as TrackNet Media’s executive vice president. Current members of CDSN’s support staff will join TrackNet Media, as will certain members of MEC’s simulcast operations.

Representatives from Magna Entertainment, Churchill Downs and TrackNet Media will discuss their new customer-focused partnership in a teleconference with members of the media today (March 5) at 10 a.m. EST. Journalists may participate in the teleconference by dialing **(866) 713-8565** or **(617) 597-5324** for international participants and entering the pass code **30351265** at least 10 minutes before the appointed time.

Churchill Downs Incorporated (“Churchill Downs”), headquartered in Louisville, Ky., owns and operates world-renowned horse racing venues throughout the United States. Churchill Downs’ five racetracks in Florida, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky and Louisiana host many of North America’s most prestigious races, including the Kentucky Derby and Kentucky Oaks, Arlington Million, Princess Rooney Handicap, Louisiana Derby and Indiana Derby. Churchill Downs’ racetracks have hosted seven Breeders’ Cup World Championships. Churchill Downs also owns off-track betting facilities and has interests in various advance deposit wagering, television production, telecommunications and racing services companies that support Churchill Downs’ network of simulcasting and racing operations. Churchill Downs trades on the NASDAQ Global Select Market under the symbol CHDN and can be found on the Internet at www.churchilldownsincorporated.com.

Magna Entertainment is North America’s largest owner and operator of horse racetracks, based on revenue, including such major venues as Santa Anita Park, Gulfstream Park and Pimlico Race Course, home of the Preakness Stakes, the middle jewel of racing’s Triple Crown. It develops, owns and operates horse racetracks and related pari-mutuel wagering operations, including off-track betting facilities. Magna Entertainment also develops, owns and operates casinos in conjunction with its racetracks where permitted by law. Magna Entertainment owns and operates AmTote International, Inc., a provider of totalisator services to the pari-mutuel industry, XpressBet®, a national Internet and telephone account wagering system, as well as MagnaBet™ internationally. Magna Entertainment trades on the NASDAQ Global Select Market under the symbol MECA and the Toronto Stock Exchange under the symbol MEC.A and can be found on the Internet at www.magnaent.com. Magna Entertainment and Churchill Downs previously formed a joint venture with Racing UK, a media rights company and subscription television channel owned by 31 leading British racecourses, to operate the international television channel Racing World, which brings the best North American and international racing five days a week, six hours a day to British and Irish viewers. British and Irish customers can wager through the British bookmaker Victor Chandler. Racing World plans to continue to add additional bookmakers throughout 2007.

HRTV™ is a 24-hour television network providing up to 15 hours per day of wire-to-wire coverage of live horse racing action from more than 70 thoroughbred, harness and quarter horse racetracks in the United States, Canada and Australia. The award-winning network is available from major satellite and cable companies throughout the country. Additional background information on HRTV can be found on www.hrvtv.com.

Information set forth in this news release contains various forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933 and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and forward-looking information as defined in the Securities Act (Ontario) (collectively referred to as "forward-looking statements"). The Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995 and the Securities Act (Ontario) provide certain "safe harbor" provisions for forward-looking statements. The reader is cautioned that such forward-looking statements are based on information available at the time and/or management's good faith belief with respect to future events, and are subject to risks and uncertainties that could cause actual performance or results to differ materially from those expressed in the statements. Forward-looking statements speak only as of the date the statement was made. Churchill Downs and Magna Entertainment assume no obligation to update forward-looking information to reflect actual results, changes in assumptions or changes in other factors affecting forward-looking information. Forward-looking statements are typically identified by the use of terms such as "anticipate," "believe," "could," "estimate," "expect," "intend," "may," "might," "plan," "predict," "project," "should," "will," and similar words, although some forward-looking statements are expressed differently. Although MEC and Churchill Downs believe that the expectations reflected in such forward-looking statements are reasonable, Churchill Downs and Magna Entertainment can give no assurance that such expectations will prove to be correct. Important factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from expectations include: the effect of global economic conditions; the effect (including possible increases in the cost of doing business) resulting from future war and terrorist activities or political uncertainties; the economic environment; the impact of increasing insurance costs; the impact of interest rate fluctuations; the effect of any change in our accounting policies or practices; the financial performance of our companies' racing operations; the impact of gaming competition (including lotteries and riverboat, cruise ship and land-based casinos) and other sports and entertainment options in those markets in which our companies operate; the impact of live racing day competition with other racetracks in the jurisdictions in which our companies operate; costs associated with our companies' efforts in support of alternative gaming initiatives; costs associated with Customer Relationship Management or other marketing initiatives; a substantial change in law or regulations affecting pari-mutuel and gaming activities; resistance to our business strategies; a substantial change in allocation of live racing days; our companies' continued ability to effectively compete for the country's top horses and trainers necessary to field high-quality horse racing; our companies' continued ability to grow our share of the interstate simulcast market; our companies' ability to execute acquisition strategies and to complete or successfully operate planned expansion projects; our companies' ability to successfully complete any divestiture transaction; our companies' ability to adequately integrate acquired businesses; market reaction to our companies' expansion projects; any business disruption associated with facility renovations or construction at our companies' operations; the loss of industry totalisator companies or their inability to provide our companies with assurance of the reliability of their internal control processes through Statement on Auditing Standards No. 70 audits or to keep their technology current; the need for various alternative gaming approvals in states where our companies operate; our companies' accountability for environmental contamination; the loss of key personnel; the impact of natural disasters, including severe weather on our companies' operations and the extent of our companies' property and business interruption insurance coverage for any related losses; any business disruption associated with a natural disaster and/or its aftermath; and the volatility of our companies' stock price.

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About HRTV

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Racetracks Covered

- Arlington Park (August 2007)
- Calder Race Course (April 2008)

- Churchill Downs (April 2007)
- Fair Grounds Race Course (November 2007)
- Golden Gate Fields
- Great Lakes Downs
- Gulfstream Park
- Laurel Park
- Lone Star Park
- Pimlico Race Course
- Portland Meadows
- Remington Park
- Santa Anita Park
- The Meadows
- Thistledown
- Delaware Park
- Hawthorne Race Course
- Oaklawn Park
- Philadelphia Park
- The Red Mile
- Woodbine

Availability

HRTV is carried nationwide by DISH Network as part of its “America’s Top 60” package, and by most major cable system operators on a system-by-system basis, including Insight Cable which serves Kentucky and Southern Indiana on Channel 564 (Louisville sports package-digital tier).

Channel Format

HRTV offers live racing from multiple tracks at any given time, live hosts, handicapping tips, live odds, results, scratches and changes, race replays, and racing features

Production

HRTV telecasts are produced in the HorseRacing TVTM Production Studios at Santa Anita Park in Arcadia, CA, with on-site reports from remote contributors when appropriate. HRTV also has conducted live coverage of major Thoroughbred and harness events, including: The Preakness Stakes®; the Sunshine Millions™; and the Breeders’ Cup.

Hosts

- Jeff Siegel
- Jon White
- Joanne Jones
- Laffit Pincay, III
- Peter Lurie
- Camilla Ball
- Kevin Decker
- Scott Hazelton
- Aaron Vercruysse
- Becky Witzman

Management

- Executive Vice President and General Manager – Jim Bates
- Senior VP of Distribution and Business Development – Chris Swan
- Vice President, Industry Relations – Dan Zucker
- Regional Vice President, East – David Mathewson

- Regional Vice President, West – Luke Fair
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- Senior Producer, Live Events – Stephen Nagler
- Director of Marketing – Sara Tasnady
- Director of Affiliate Marketing – Jessica Buckley
- Public Relations – Paul Schneider Public Relations, Inc.

HRTV Milestones

- July, 2002 -- Coverage begins on Racetrack Television Network
- December, 2002 – First cable launch on Time Warner, San Diego
- January, 2003 – HRTV debuts in San Diego and on 900,000 analog cable homes in or around Western PA
- April, 2003 – HRTV signs master carriage agreement with Cox Communications
- April, 2003 – HRTV signs master carriage agreement with National Cable TV Co-op, a programming and hardware buying cooperative that represents more than 14.3 million U.S. cable subscribers
- June, 2003 – HRTV and HDNet reach agreement to produce and televise in high-definition television a series of racing programs from Lone Star Park
- April, 2004 – HRTV executive producer Amy J. Zimmerman named one of the “Outstanding Women in Thoroughbred Racing” by California State Assembly
- July, 2004 – HRTV signs agreement for carriage on DISH Network
- October, 2004 – HRTV forms sponsorship sales unit; Lane’s End Farm named presenting sponsor of Breeders’ Cup preview series
- December, 2004 – HRTV signs master carriage agreement with Comcast
- March 2005 – Jim Bates named Executive Vice President and General Manager of HRTV
- June, 2006 – HRTV enters into multi-faceted sponsorship and product promotion agreement with Cadbury Schweppes
- November, 2006 – HRTV hires Emmy Award-winning producer Stephen Nagler as Senior Producer, Live Programming
- November, 2006 – HRTV signs master carriage agreement with Insight Communications
- January, 2007 – HRTV and Pony Highway Productions win Eclipse Award for “On The Muscle: Portrait of a Thoroughbred Racing Stable”

Laurel Park Cancels Wednesday Card

LAUREL, MD. 03-07-07---A snow advisory in the Baltimore-Washington region forced Maryland Jockey Club officials to cancel live racing at Laurel Park for Wednesday, March 7. The February 14 and February 25 cards were also cancelled due to inclement weather.

Laurel Park and its sister track Pimlico Race Course will be open for simulcasting.

Entries for the Saturday, March 10 card will be taken by the Laurel Park racing office this afternoon as scheduled.

Live racing is expected to resume Thursday, March 8.

Silmaril Stands Out In Saturday's Conniver Stakes



Silmaril
Photo Credit: Jim McCue/MJC

LAUREL, MD. 03-08-07---Silmaril has been such a dominate force in Maryland that stakes coordinator Wendy Pensivy had to hustle horsemen just to get nine nominations to Saturday's \$75,000 Conniver Stakes for fillies and mares. Four trainers have decided to run against the Bowie-based superstar, who finished a game second in the \$300,000 Barbara Fritchie Breeders' Cup Handicap (Grade II) three weeks ago.

Made famous by her upset victory in the Grade III Pimlico Distaff over filly champion Ashado in 2005, Silmaril, the 2-5 morning line favorite, has eight stakes victories at five different distances. Ryan Fogelsonger, her regular rider, will be at the controls for trainer Chris Grove.

"I was in doubt it would fill," Grove said. "There is no doubt in my mind she was the best filly in the Fritchie. She got into a little trouble at the half-mile pole and had to extend a little more energy to get to where she needed to be at the eighth-pole. Once there she hesitated to go through the hole on the rail. Once Ryan got outside of Oprah Winney she was full of run. It was heart-breaking she didn't win a graded stakes in our backyard. But there are times that you win races that you shouldn't so it all balances out."

Grove believes his star will likely compete in the Grade I Humana Distaff at Churchill Downs on Kentucky Derby day or the Grade II Shuvee Handicap at Belmont Park on Preakness day.

Silmaril has won 12 races for \$684,153 in her 27-race career. The four opponents have visited the winners' circle 14 times for \$432,530.

Scheing E Jet (9-2) has an added money victory on her resume, taking the Alma North Stakes at Timonium last September. The daughter of Unbridled Jet comes into the Conniver with three consecutive runner-up finishes, including solid efforts against Silmaril in an allowance test and in the What A Summer Stakes. Jonathan Joyce, who was aboard in the Alma North, will get a leg up from trainer Eddie Gaudet.

La Chica Rica (8-1) finished third in the What A Summer one start after crossing the finish line first in the Squan Song. However the daughter of Disco Rico was disqualified and placed second due to jockey interference. Trainer Crystal Pickett will have the services of jockey Jozbin Santana in the Conniver.

Hope Seven (6-1) has finished first or second in all seven career starts but the Citidancer filly has yet to face stakes company. Jeremy Rose will ride for Graham Motion.

My Girlie (15-1) has 12 in the money finishes from 19 starts but has failed to hit the board in four added money tests. Oliver Castillo has the mount for trainer Mark Shuman.

"As far as the competition these mares are not pushovers," added Grove. "Scheing E Jet and La Chica Rica are solid and you would hate to stub your toe. But Silmaril is doing excellent and is training just as well as she did going into the Fritchie, maybe even better. It seems she is upset that she lost that race. I look for another big race out of her."

Saturday's card also features the Magna 5™, the popular \$2 pick five wager with a \$500,000 guaranteed pool. Last Saturday of all five winners were not selected for the first time in the four-year history of the wager. There will be a \$377,190 carryover into Saturday's pool. The wager kicks off with Laurel's ninth race and features two races from Gulfstream Park and Santa Anita Park.

LAUREL PARK ADDS OVERNIGHT STAKES TO WINTER SCHEDULE

The Laurel Park racing office has added the Winter Blues Overnight Stakes to the Friday, March 30 program. The \$55,000 one-mile test is for fillies and mares four-years-old and up.

LAKE MOVES AHEAD OF RIGATTIERI IN TRAINER STANDINGS

Trainer Scott Lake won three races on Thursday's card and moved ahead of John Rigattieri in the Laurel Park trainer standings. The 41-year-old conditioner, who missed most of the first month of the year due to a suspension in New York, has 28 victories during the winter meeting, two more than Rigattieri.

Team Lake visited the winners' circle with Way to Oz (\$8.60-second), Call Me Chaotic (\$5-third) and He's a Mystery (\$6.20-ninth). Jeremy Rose rode the first two winners. Lake has 16 victories in the last nine live days at the central Maryland track. Rose has been aboard 14 of the winners.

Silmaril Rallies To Win Conniver Stakes



Silmaril (#5) wins her 9th stakes race
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LAUREL, MD. 03-10-07---What on paper appeared to be a walk in the park turned into life and death circumstances for 1-5 favorite Silmaril as she rallied from last to win the \$75,000 Conniver Stakes, today's feature at Laurel Park.

Silmaril, a 6-year old mare trained by Chris Grove, was capturing her 13th career victory, this time rallying widest into the lane and passing three rivals in deep stretch to win by a neck in 1:25.13 for the seven furlong distance. La Chica Rica ran a very good second and Scheing E Jet finished another neck behind in third.

Jockey Ryan Fogelsonger, her regular pilot, guided Silmaril back to the winners' circle after recording her ninth stakes victory. Silmaril paid \$2.40. In her last start, Silmaril was a game second in the \$300,000 Barbara Fritchie Breeders' Cup Handicap (Grade II) three weeks ago.

"I could feel from the three-eighths pole on home that she was tired," Fogelsonger said. "She ran a huge race in the Fritchie and it took a lot out of her. But she was just that much classier than this group and her heart is so big. She did what she had to do to get it done."

Made famous by her upset victory in the Grade III Pimlico Distaff over filly champion Ashado in 2005, the daughter of Diamond has now earned \$729,153.

"She never wanted to run back in three weeks like that and that's what worried me all along," Grove said. "Everybody was saying it was in the bag but it is horse racing and I knew that three weeks were not to her liking. You don't want to see your champion get beat and she is our champion. If she would have lost it would have been my fault for throwing her to the wolves too quickly after such a big effort. But I feel good for her and she'll get a little time off now."

"She was very impressive," said Jozbin Santana, who was aboard the runner-up for the first time. "I let her run her race. When the big mare came up on us she just dug in."

Magna 5™ Pays Nearly \$6,000 To 232 Winners With Record \$1.285 Million In The Pool



LAUREL, MD. 03-10-07---The Magna 5™, the popular \$2 pick five wager with a \$500,000 guaranteed pool, paid \$5,959.20 each to 232 winners Saturday. A total of \$1,285,967 was in the pool-the largest in the four-year history of the wager. The payout also included \$377,190 which was carried over from a week ago when all five winners were not selected.

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Sir Rahy (\$10.40) was a game winner of an allowance test at Laurel, High Again (\$8.60) was much the best in the Bonnie Miss Stakes (Grade II) at Gulfstream, Brilliant Cut (\$11.20) was dazzling over the Santa Anita turf course, Stratostar (\$6.80) got up in the final few jumps to win on the Gulfstream grass and Voracious (\$8) was a big victor with an allowance score at Santa Anita.

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Sweetnorthernsaint Points To Harrison Johnson Memorial



Sweetnorthernsaint during workout
Photo Credit: Jim McCue/MJC

LAUREL, MD. 03-15-2007---Trainer Mike Trombetta weighed his options these past two months and has opted to give stable star Sweetnorthernsaint a confidence builder in Saturday's \$100,000 Harrison E. Johnson Memorial Handicap, the feature offering at Laurel Park.

The 1-1/8 mile on the main track attracted a field of seven. The son of Sweetsouthernsaint is the 1-2 morning line favorite.

Sweetnorthernsaint rocketed to fame last year after capturing the Illinois Derby (Grade II), starting as the betting favorite in the Kentucky Derby (Grade I) and finishing a strong second in the Preakness Stakes® (Grade I). The 4-year-old gelding shipped to Florida this winter, finished third in the Hal's Hope Handicap (Grade III) and fifth in the Sunshine Millions Classic, then returned to his Laurel Park base to regroup.

Trombetta's star was invited to Dubai for the Godolphin Mile, but after careful consideration Team Trombetta decided to keep him home and mount a spring campaign.

"We looked at Dubai but there were a couple things out there that we weren't sure how they were going to unfold-one of them being Discreet Cat. No one seems to know exactly which race he'll be running and we didn't want to run into him," Trombetta said. "This is a good distance and we have had a chance to breeze him a few more times to let him get his feet back under him. We are pretty confident we should do well."

Mario Pino, who rode Sweetnorthernst to victory a year ago in the Miracle Wood Stakes, has regained the mount.

If Sweetsouthernst is anywhere near his old self, then the others will be left to battle it out for second money. They include My Dream, Easy Red, Future Fantasy, Trapped Again, Due and Capac.

Future Fantasy is a budding route specialist. His connections had been eager to find a race for him around two turns, and when trainer Leona McKanas started him in the 1-1/8 mile John B. Campbell Handicap last month, they were able to meet him back in the winners' circle after his rousing last-to-first performance under jockey Winston Thompson. Future Fantasy is listed at 6-1 and Thompson will be at the controls again.

My Dream, Trapped Again and Capac finished one-two-three in their latest start, a 1-1/8 mile optional allowance start on March 3rd. Capac had an excuse, as he lacked room on the far turn. My Dream (8-1) returns with Vladimir Diaz as his new rider. Oliver Castillo gets another chance atop Trapped Again (15-1), while Jonathan Joyce keeps the mount on Capac (8-1).

Maryland Million Classic winner Due (8-1) is expected to mount his patented rally. He finished second to Future Fantasy in the Campbell under jockey Luis Garcia. They will team up again on Saturday.

Completing the line-up is Jennings Handicap winner Easy Red (15-1), who was bumped and then finished a flat seventh in the Campbell. Ryan Fogelsonger retains the mount.

The Harrison Johnson is the first leg of the Magna 5™. Following the popular wager, Laurel will present the simulcast of the \$150,000 Latinoamericano from La Plata Racetrack in Argentina. A race for three-year-olds and up at 1-5/16 miles, the Group I test is South America's equivalent to the Breeders' Cup Classic. The 23rd edition features a full field of 16 with the best horses and riders from Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Perú and Uruguay.

Magna 5™ Pays More Than \$2,000 To 220 Winners



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Sweetnorthernst (\$2.20) was the easy winner of the Harrison Johnson Handicap at Laurel, Sweet Fervor (\$18.60) swept by two runners in deep stretch to capture the Shirley Jones Breeders' Cup Handicap (Grade II) at Gulfstream, River's Prayer (\$5.20) led all the way to the wire to win the Irish O'Brien Stakes on the Santa Anita turf course, Just as You Are (\$7.20) rallied through the lane to break her maiden on the Gulfstream grass and Kalady (\$8) stormed down the stretch to break her maiden at Santa Anita.

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Sweetnorthernsaint Gallops In Johnson Memorial Handicap



Sweetnorthernsaint with jockey Mario Pino
Photo Credit: Jim McCue/MJC

LAUREL, MD. 03-17-07---When the others backed off right after the start, jockey Mario Pino was able to guide Sweetnorthernsaint to a slow and easy lead and when he asked him for run, the 1-9 favorite raced away to an easy victory in the \$100,000 Harrison E. Johnson Memorial Handicap, the feature offering this afternoon at Laurel Park.

Sweetnorthernsaint, the star of the Mike Trombetta stable, completed the nine furlong distance in 1:53.37 over the muddy surface and won by four lengths. Pino, sensing an easy victory, geared him down as they neared the finish line or they might have won by an even greater margin. Capac, who broke alertly but was the first one to back off as they raced into the first turn, rallied to take second. Future Fantasy loomed a big threat at the top of the lane but gave way and finished third.

The winner, who is owned by Joseph Balsamo and Ted Theos, rewarded his legion of admirers with payoffs of \$2.20, \$2.10 and \$2.10 across the board.

The son of Sweetsouthernsaint finished second in last year's Preakness® Stakes (Grade I) and was the betting favorite in the Kentucky Derby (Grade I) two weeks earlier. The gelding began his four-year-old campaign with a third in the Hal's Hope Handicap (Grade II) and an off the board finish in the Sunshine Millions™ Classic both at Gulfstream Park before returning home to his Laurel Park-base.

Trombetta said, "It went really well. I was concerned that the outside horse (Capac) would put a lot of pressure on us and we were prepared to let him do his thing. Those times when you think you can't lose bad things can happen. I couldn't have been happier. We went to south Florida with him but had a little bit of bad luck. Things didn't go quite right but we're glad we're back going in the right direction today."

Pino last rode Sweetnorthernsaint in the afternoon more than 13 months ago when the pair scored a 10-length victory in the 2006 Miracle Wood Stakes over the slop at Laurel.

"He's a real classy horse and my main thing was to get him off the inside," said Pino. "He broke real well and just breezed around there. He's a little more mature now. He still has that thing where he waits for horses but he's still got a nice smooth stride and he never really got into third gear, he was on cruise control most of the way. He is a talented horse and I knew once he was comfortable there was nobody going to beat him."

Pino rode three winners on the card and now has 5,874 career winners, 19 behind Hall of Famer Jerry Bailey for 15th on the all-time win list.

"This has been a strong meet for us," added Pino, who ranks second in the riding standings with 40 wins, 14 behind Jeremy Rose. "I have been very fortunate to ride some really good horses like Sweetnorthernst and Ah Day."

The 45-year-old is also the regular rider for three-year-old Triple Crown candidate Hard Spun.

LAKE MOVES INTO TOP 10 ON ALL-TIME WIN LIST

With a victory in Friday's finale at Laurel Park, trainer Scott Lake moved into 10th place on the all-time win list passing former Maryland mainstay Dickie Dutrow. The 41-year-old Lake now has 3,666 winners in a career that began in 1987. Ninth on the all-time win list is Hall of Famer Bud Delp, who amassed 3,674 first place finishes before his death on December 29. Laurel Park-based King Leatherbury ranks third with 6,183 winners, including a trip to the winners' circle in today's second race.

Rose, Lake Team up For Four Winners On Sunday's Card



Jeremy Rose & Scott Lake
Photo Credit: Jim McCue/MJC

LAUREL, MD. 03-18-07---Jockey Jeremy Rose and trainer Scott Lake gave a tutorial on why they lead the Maryland standings when they teamed up to win four races from eight starters this afternoon at Laurel Park.

Hopping down off of Baby On The Go (\$4) after the fourth race, a beaming Rose said, "I love it. Any time I get to ride for Mr. Lake it's a pleasure. It's always great when you ride eight and they're all live instead of riding seven or eight on average and only one is live. They're all live to today and it's a lot of fun!"

Rose won today's opener aboard Dave's Jet (\$3.60), came back to take the third with Prize Note (\$3.80) and completed a riding triple with Baby On The Go. He still had four mounts to go and in race five he swept to victory atop My Charmian (\$10.80). Rose had two seconds from his other four mounts.

During the past seventeen live racing days, Lake has won twenty-five races and Rose has been aboard twenty-three of them.

The duo teamed up for three-win afternoons at Laurel on January 28, February 22 and March 8.

Rose leads the Laurel riding colony with 58 victories, while Lake sits atop the trainer standings during the winter stand with 37 first place finishes.

Geovany Garcia Rides First Winner



Surprise attack on Geovany Garcia
Photo Credit: Jim McCue/MJC

LAUREL, MD. 03-21-07---Nearly a dozen jockeys ambushed Geovany Garcia when he returned to the Laurel Park jockey's room after riding his first career winner this afternoon.

The surprise attack, orchestrated by leading rider Jeremy Rose with buckets of water and containers of talcum powder, was a good natured greeting for the 18-year-old, who is the younger brother of popular Maryland mainstay Luis Garcia.

The Garcia brothers, who hail from Carolina, Puerto Rico, are represented by former rider Frank Douglas.

Westside Lady (\$10.60) carried Garcia to victory in the fourth race of the afternoon, a \$7,500 claiming test. Garcia kept the winner in good stalking position down the backstretch and moved to the fore as they raced to the finish line, although he dropped his whip in the process.

Garcia's English was sparing, but the rail thin youngster showed a toothy smile in the winners' circle. "I feel good. I started two weeks ago. In Puerto Rico I rode in amateur races."

Ten Sophomores Set To Go In Private Terms Stakes



Dickie Small will saddle promising Etude in Saturday's Private Terms.
Photo Credit: Jim McCue/MJC

LAUREL, MD. 03-22-07---Racing fans will have a better handle on the 3-year-olds entered in Saturday's \$100,000 Private Terms Stakes after the race is over, because an argument can be made for more than half of the 10 colts or geldings in the one mile test on the main track.

Laurel Park oddsmaker Frank Carulli settled on Not For Money as his 5-2 favorite. The Richard Dutrow trained Not For Love colt has started twice, with a maiden victory and a troubled second at Aqueduct. Dutrow will send Rudy Rodriguez from New York to ride Not For Money.

Trainer Richard Small will counter with rapidly developing Etude (3-1), a grey-roan son of Include who has finished first or second in all five starts. After breaking slowly and racing wide his first three outings, Etude broke with the leaders and won his next two starts by open lengths while carrying Luis Garcia. The two will team up again on Saturday.

"He was still a little green in this first three starts, but he's matured very nicely since then," Small said. "It wasn't really the switch from the other rider to this one (Jozbin Santana to Garcia). I think it's the maturity and he's doing really well right now."

Saratoga Lulaby (4-1) breaks from the outside post with jockey Dyn Panell for trainer John Rigattieri. The Kentucky-bred son of Brahms had three nice starts at Laurel Park, including a second place finish in the Miracle Wood before finishing a wide fifth in the Horatius Stakes. Rigattieri has since worked the colt, sending him out to post a bullet drill at five panels on March 15th.

Four time winner Cherokee Country is bringing his A-game from Philadelphia Park for Saturday's race. Ramon Preciado haltered Cherokee Country (9-2) after he beat maiden claimers and has sent him out to win three of four races, including a victory over optional/allowance runners at Aqueduct on March 14th. Angel Rodriguez retains the mount.

Another Vow (10-1) will carry Katie Lee for trainer Flint Stites. Another Vow's best finish was a late closing third in a minor stakes at Philadelphia Park.

Belly Rub (12-1) is two for two against restricted New York-bred company. Belly Rub will carry Jose Caraballo for trainer Dove Houghton.

Brass Run (12-1) finished fourth in New York's Whirlaway Stakes at odds of 43-1 after winning a pair of races at Philadelphia Park. Roberto Alvarado rides the New Jersey-bred, the only Triple Crown nominee in the field, for trainer Cathal Lynch.

Johnny Z (15-1), a Scott Lake trainee with jockey Jeremy Rose in the irons, won at the distance in his last start.

My Three Boys (20-1) and West Coast Flier (20-1) complete the field.

Pino In Spotlight With Hard Spun In Kentucky Derby Prep



Mario Pino
Photo Credit: Jim McCue/MJC

LAUREL, MD. 03-23-07---Despite nearly 5,900 victories jockey Mario Pino has traveled under the radar his entire career overshadowed by the likes of Kent Desormeaux, Edgar Prado and Ramon Dominguez. But tomorrow, the 45-year-old Ellicott City native takes center stage aboard Hard Spun, the morning line favorite in the \$500,000 Lane's End Stakes (Grade II) at Turfway Park.

The soft-spoken Pino, who ranks 16th on the all-time win list with 5,876 career winners has ridden Hard Spun for trainer Larry Jones in all five starts, which include three added money victories. In his last start on February 19, the son of Danzig finished fourth after a troubled trip in the Southwest Stakes at Oaklawn Park.

"Tomorrow is a big day," Pino said. "He'll have to show up in the race, run like we know he can run and face adversity. Last time things were against him-he didn't like the track and had a bad post-but that is part of the game. A sign of a good horse is one that can win when things don't go his way. No question he is a talented horse and he got better with each race until the last one. I am hoping that was just a clunker and he'll rebound with a big effort."

The winningest rider in Maryland history has earned two career Preakness® Stakes mounts Escambia Bay (1981) and Menacing Dennis (2002) but has never ridden at Churchill Downs on the first Saturday in May despite surpassing the 200 win-barrier 12 times since 1979.

"Anyone that watches simulcasts or anything across the country knows the name Mario Pino," said Jones on an NTRA conference call earlier this week. "He absolutely is a phenomenal rider. Hopefully this will be an opportunity for him to draw a top horse, because over the winter, Maryland is not the hotbed for Kentucky Derby horses, and so, and that's the biggest reason he hasn't drawn the national attention that I feel that he is deserving of."

Pino earned the first Grade I victory for Jones when Wildcat Bettie B roared to win the Prioress at Belmont Park last July.

"I am excited," added Pino. "We'll take it one step at a time. I have confidence in Larry Jones and am thankful that he and Mr. Porter (owner Rick Porter) are letting me stay on the horse. To have the opportunity to ride a horse like this is special."

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Etude (\$5.60) romped to a convincing victory in the Private Terms Stakes at Laurel, Saratoga Saint (\$5.40) pulled away to win an allowance test on the grass at Gulfstream, Got Funky (\$12.20) got up in late stretch to win on the turf at Santa Anita, Haventgotmywings (\$8.20) beat maiden claimers at Gulfstream and Lady Le Belle (\$3.80) scored a narrow victory over older fillies and mares in a seven furlong sprint at Santa Anita.

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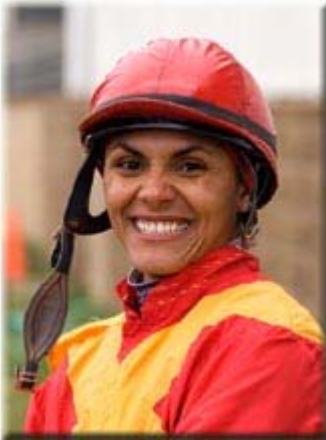
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Oliveira Rides First Winner In Maryland



Polliana Oliveira
Photo Credit: Jim
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LAUREL, MD. 3-24-07---Jockey agent John Faltynski is hoping he's discovered another Rosie Napravnik. While his star client, the Eclipse award nominee and last year's leading rider, is out of action recuperating from a back injury, Faltynski has been booking mounts for 7-pound apprentice Polliana Oliveira, who piloted her first winner in Maryland this afternoon.

The 25-year-old newcomer, after dismounting from Mr. Cliveden (\$53.60) said, "I just came up here. It's my third week and I've been getting on one or two a day. I love it. Everybody's been great, giving me a shot when the fields are really short right now. I'm going to Pimlico and Colonial's probably my game plan and I'll go from there. I galloped horses at Calder for David Fox and I wanted to start riding so he helped me gear up for that and from there I went to Tampa."

Etude Romps In Private Terms Stakes



Etude and jockey Luis Garcia
Photo Credit: Jim McCue/MJC

LAUREL, MD. 3-24-07---Owners Fitzhugh LLC and trainer Richard Small have an emerging star in Etude, who galloped to victory in today's feature at Laurel Park, the \$100,000 Private Terms Stakes for 3-year-olds.

Etude and jockey Luis Garcia scored by 5-3/4 widening lengths and covered the one mile distance in 1:37.97 over the fast main track. Saratoga Lulaby edged Not For Money to finish second.

Etude, who raced in hand the whole way, paid \$5.60 as the favorite in the field of nine.

The grey son of Include has won three of six lifetime starts, with three seconds. This race was his first added money start.

Garcia said, "He's a real nice horse. The race went perfectly for him. I didn't have any problem at all. I just sat outside and let him do his thing. He did it real easy."

Small said, "Blinkers certainly helped but it's the maturity. He was kind of green the first few times he ran, sort of awkward and not knowing what was going on. He finally caught on. The blinkers and his catching on sort of happened at the same time. We couldn't be more pleased with him. He's a beautiful big horse with a real nice stride and a wonderful disposition."

Overnight Stakes Highlights Friday Card



Take a Check (outside) is the morning line favorite for Friday's Winter Blues Overnight Stakes.
Photo Credit: Jim McCue/MJC

LAUREL, MD. 03-28-07---The Laurel Park racing office will present a rare weekday stakes on Friday. The \$55,000 Winter Blues Overnight Stakes will bring together seven older fillies and mares who are set to race one mile on the main track.

Fitzhugh LLC's Take A Check is the 5-2 morning line favorite. Trained by Richard Small, the daughter of Touch Gold is making her first start of the year. Last year she won one of thirteen outings, an optional/allowance, but finished third in the Grade II Delaware Handicap and has finished on the board in nine of 16 lifetime added money starts. Luis Garcia regains the mount.

Ben Perkins Jr. will send Victory Pool (3-1) from New York. The daughter of Victory Gallop won two races from six starts last year including the Gold Beauty Stakes at Aqueduct. Horacio Karamanos has picked up the mount.

Local runner Lady Alexandria (7-2) enters the fray off a driving victory against optional/allowance runners on March 16. Claimed by Howard Wolfendale two starts back, Lady Alexandria will carry jockey Ryan Fogelsonger once again.

"This is a pretty tough race," Fogelsonger said. "Howard is so good off the claim and had her sharp in her last start. We have a good shot."

Fourth choice in the field is It's True Love (4-1), who finished second to Lexi Star in her past two starts, the Nellie Morse Stakes and the Maryland Racing Media Handicap. Rodney Jenkins trains It's True Love and Oliver Castillo is her regular pilot.

Katie's Love (8-1) finished in the money in a pair of stakes races a year ago. Mario Pino has the mount for trainer Nancy Alberts.

Competing the line-up are Casanova Story (10-1) and Hoosick Falls (12-1) from the powerful stables of Tony Dutrow and Scott Lake respectively.

Laila's Punch Laces Up For Smart Halo Stakes



Laila's Punch in the Marshua Stakes
Photo Credit: Jim McCue/MJC

LAUREL, MD. 03-29-07---A mile might have been too far, but six furlongs could be just right when Laila's Punch meets six other fillies in Saturday's \$90,000 Smart Halo Stakes at Laurel Park.

Laila's Punch (8-5) has delivered two knockouts in four previous starts, including a smashing victory in the Marshua Stakes at 5-1/2 furlongs. When she tried to take her game a full mile in the Wide Country Stakes, she traveled wide, took the lead furlong out, but relinquished that position in deep stretch and finished second. Eddie Gaudet trains Laila's Punch and is asking leading rider Jeremy Rose to continue his good work on the 3-year-old daughter of Two Punch.

Gaudet said, "She worked awfully good the other day, .58 and change I think (.59 handily at Bowie Training Center). She's had a foot problem but I think that's a

thing of the past. It's weird about her, but she waits on horses when she's on the lead, so I'm trying to get her to run at horses. I like that were starting towards the outside and that there's speed inside and outside of her in this race on Saturday."

After the favorite, two runners are listed on the morning line at 7-2. They are maiden winner Now It Begins and well-seasoned Paying Off. The former is a Mike Trombetta-trainee who won her debut race on March 1 and has two bullet works leading into her stakes debut. Mario Pino has the mount. The latter is a winner of two of eleven starts, with third place finishes in the Maryland Million Lassie and the Maryland Juvenile Filly Championship. Oliver Castillo rides for trainer Jerry Robb.

Trainer Tony Dutrow joins the action from New York with Carolina Fuego (4-1), who broke her maiden at her home and finished third and second in optional/claiming races at Aqueduct.

Luxury Class (8-1) represents the Fair Hill Training Center and conditioner Graham Motion. She battled Laila's Punch to finish second in the Marshua Stakes and came back with a good third in Aqueduct's Dearly Precious Stakes.

Completing the field are Philadelphia shipper Cajun Hottie (12-1), a stakes winner at Penn National in November, and allowance winner Disco Dance (20-1).

FINAL MAGNA 5™ OF SEASON KICKS OFF WITH FIRST TURF RACE OF YEAR

The popular Magna 5™ will end its fourth season this Saturday. The first leg of this week's wager will feature the initial turf race of the year at Laurel Park, a \$30,000 allowance test at one mile. A full field of 14 is expected with top grass trainer Graham Motion sending out Clever Clover, the tepid 3-1 morning line choice.



Turf being prepared under the watchful eye of Robbie Mitten
Photo Credit: Jim McCue/MJC

BOWIE-BASED LEXI STAR TO THE BIG A FOR GRADE III TEST

Trainer Chris Grove will take one of his star mares out of town for a graded test when Lexi Star, a two-time stakes winner during the current winter meeting, runs in the \$100,000 Next Move Handicap (Grade III) at Aqueduct on Saturday. The five-year-old and rider Ryan Fogelsonger have captured the Nellie Morse Stakes and Maryland Racing Media Handicap at Laurel in easy fashion this year. Fogelsonger will accompany the daughter of Crypto Star to New York. In her only other graded test, Lexi Star finished fourth in the Grade II Molly Pitcher Breeders' Cup Handicap at Monmouth Park last August.

Silmaril, who has won nine added money races for Grove, is being pointed towards the Grade I Humana Handicap at Churchill Downs on the Kentucky Derby undercard.

It's True Love Grinds Out A Victory In Winter Blues Overnight Stakes



It's True Love
Photo Credit: Jim McCue/MJC

LAUREL, MD. 03-30-07---Edward Seltzer's It's True Love won her third race in six starts since abandoning the turf, this time taking the \$55,000 Winter Blues Overnight Stakes for older fillies and mares at Laurel Park.

The rare weekday stakes attracted seven runners for the one mile test on the main track. It's True Love, who had broken her maiden on the grass, has compiled a record of three wins and two seconds since winning in a race on the main track in November, a race which had originally been carded for the turf. Jockey Oliver Castillo rode her for the first time that day and been in the irons since.

Today, It's True Love was bet to favoritism. She stalked the pace before coming off the rail, edging to the middle of the track and reaching the front under a vigorous ride to win by 1-1/4 lengths over consistent late runner Take A Check. Katie's Love got up to beat Lady Alexandria for third.

The winner paid \$5.40.

Rodney Jenkins trains the daughter of Yes It's True, who finished second to Lexi Star in her past two starts, the Nellie Morse Stakes and the Maryland Racing Media Handicap.

"Thank God for rain, because I might still be running her on the turf," Jenkins said. "She's a nice filly. I think she's best at a mile or a mile and a sixteenth. I'm real pleased with her progress."

The victory moved Jenkins ahead of Mike Trombetta and Benny Feliciano for third place in the Laurel Park winter training standings with 11 days remaining in the stand.

"I expected her to run this well," Castillo said, "I was just biding my time and waiting to move and let her roll."

Laila's Punch Prevails In Smart Halo Stakes



Laila's Punch #5
Photo Credit: Jim McCue/MJC

LAUREL, MD. 03-31-07---Morris Bailey's Laila's Punch won a three-way thriller in today's \$90,000 Smart Halo Stakes at Laurel Park.

Sent to post as the favorite against six other 3-year-old fillies, Laila's Punch raced far off the pace down the backstretch, then rallied one spot inside of Now It Begins and battled that one the rest of the way to the finish line. Paying Off roared into the picture in deep stretch and edged Now It Begins to take second, only a head behind Laila's Punch.

The winner, a daughter of Two Punch trained by Eddie Gaudet and ridden by Jeremy Rose, completed the six furlong distance in 1:12.39 and paid \$4.40.

Rose said, "It was nice to see her grind it out today....a good 3/16th of a mile. She was game all the way to the wire. At the top of the lane I thought if she kicked on she'd be alright."

"The filly in front wouldn't give up," said Mario Pino, who rode the third place finisher. "I tried to lean in on Jeremy to get some gameness into her because she was hanging. The winner is nice. We just couldn't get by."

"The good thing in that situation is I got to lean back," added Rose. "It seemed like the more we made the contact-the more mine fought on so I was more than happy with the contact. It was nice to see because when she gets the lead she has a tendency to ease up but today she fought."

Laila's Punch won the Marshua Stakes here two months ago and was second in the Wide Country Stakes in February.

Gaudet said, "She's kind of showing she belongs here. I like to give my horses a little bit of time. You're better off picking your spots and taking your time."

The win was the third on the card for Rose, who leads the Maryland colony with 66 victories during the Laurel Park winter meeting.

Magna 5™ Concludes On High Note



LAUREL, MD. 03-31-07---Magna Entertainment Corp. concluded its successful fourth season of the Magna 5™, the popular \$2 pick five wager linking races from four major racetracks in an hour with a \$500,000 guaranteed pool.

The final wager paid \$1,570 each to 299 winners Saturday. A total of \$602,223 was in the pool. Over 10 weeks, the wager drew an average pool of \$645,582 with 1,556 winning tickets paying a total of \$221,809.

Classy and Fast (\$14.40) was just that to win the first race on the Laurel turf this year, A.P. Arrow (\$3) stormed to victory in the Grade III Skip Away Stakes at Gulfstream, Fairbanks (\$10.80) emerged victorious in the Grade III Tokyo City Handicap at Santa Anita, Scat Daddy (\$6.40) stamped his ticket to the Kentucky Derby with an impressive score in the Grade I Florida Derby at Gulfstream and Unusual Spring (\$4.40) pounced on a full field to win a claimer on the Santa Anita grass.

The wager challenged bettors to pick the winners of five races at MEC tracks. Laurel Park proved to be the most difficult with an average win payout of \$14.87, while Santa Anita Park winners delivered \$13.63. Gulfstream Park was next in line with a payoff of \$12.00. Golden Gate Fields was the easiest leg, as the winning prices were only \$7.80.

DATE	AMOUNT WAGERED	WINNING TICKETS	PAYOUT
Jan 27	\$576,599	8	\$56,186.40
Feb 3	\$596,119	473	\$983.20
Feb 10	\$502,685	6	\$63,189.80
Feb 17	\$508,272	5	\$79,200.80
Feb 24	\$622,371	57	\$8,562.20
Mar 3	\$645,438	67 (4-of-5)	\$1,892.00
Mar 10	\$1,285,967	232	\$5,959.20
Mar 17	\$576,597	220	\$2,042.40
Mar 24	\$539,546	189	\$2,223.00
Mar 31	\$602,223	299	\$1,570.00

Week 1

Leg A---Lexi Star (\$6.60), Laurel Park
Leg B---Smokey Stover (\$16.00), Santa Anita Park
Leg C---Miss Shop (\$13.40), Gulfstream Park
Leg D---Lava Man (\$3.40), Santa Anita Park
Leg E---McCann's Mojave (\$69.80), Gulfstream Park

Week 2

Leg A---Moonmoonmoon (\$7.60), Laurel Park
Leg B---Naissance Royale (\$4.20), Gulfstream Park
Leg C---Bettersweetmoment (\$9.20), Santa Anita Park
Leg D---Sweet Merlot (9.80), Golden Gate Fields
Leg E---Invasor (\$2.80), Gulfstream Park

Week 3

Leg A---Bare Dancer (\$31.80), Laurel Park
Leg B---Stormy Ray (\$15.00), Gulfstream Park
Leg C---Brite Red State (\$32.80), Santa Anita Park
Leg D---Eastlake Avenue (\$5.80), Golden Gate Fields
Leg E---Christmas Kid (\$13.60), Gulfstream Park

Week 4

Leg A---Oprah Winney (\$8.20), Laurel Park
Leg B---Any Limit (\$5.40), Gulfstream Park
Leg C---Tinquilco (\$20.60), Santa Anita Park
Leg D---Future Fantasy (\$28.60), Laurel Park
Leg E---Golden Arrow (\$6.40), Santa Anita Park

Week 5

Leg A---Cayman Condo (\$5.40), Laurel Park
Leg B---Jambalaya (\$16.20), Gulfstream Park
Leg C---Christiana's Heat (\$14.00), Santa Anita Park
Leg D---Most Distinguished (\$4.00), Gulfstream Park
Leg E---Fete (\$6.40), Santa Anita Park

Week 6

Leg A---My Dream (\$42.80), Laurel Park
Leg B---Half Ours (\$5.60), Gulfstream Park
Leg C---Albertus Maximus (\$8.40), Santa Anita Park
Leg D---Scat Daddy (\$13.80), Gulfstream Park
Leg E---Political Maneuver (\$64.60), Santa Anita Park

Week 7

Leg A---Sir Rahy (\$10.40), Laurel Park
Leg B---High Again (\$8.60), Gulfstream Park
Leg C---Brilliant Cut (\$11.20), Santa Anita Park
Leg D---Stratostar (\$6.80), Gulfstream Park
Leg E---Voracious (\$8.00), Santa Anita Park

Week 8

Leg A---Sweetnorthern saint (\$2.20), Laurel Park
Leg B---Sweet Fervor (\$18.60), Gulfstream Park
Leg C---River's Prayer (\$5.20), Santa Anita Park
Leg D---Just as You Are (\$7.20), Gulfstream Park
Leg E---Kalady (\$8.00), Santa Anita Park

Week 9

Leg A---Etude (\$5.60), Laurel Park
Leg B---Saratoga Saint (\$5.40), Gulfstream Park
Leg C---Get Funky (\$12.20), Santa Anita Park
Leg D---Haventgotmywings (\$8.20), Gulfstream Park
Leg E---Lady Le Belle (\$3.80), Santa Anita Park

Week 10

Leg A---Classy and Fast (\$14.40), Laurel Park
Leg B---A.P. Arrow (\$3.00), Gulfstream Park
Leg C---Fairbanks (\$10.80), Santa Anita Park
Leg D---Scat Daddy (\$6.40), Gulfstream Park
Leg E---Unusual Spring (\$4.40), Santa Anita Park