

"Best Pal" Is The Best In The Pacific Stakes"

Just when all of the racing experts thought that the best 3-year-old would be decided in the Breeders Cup Classic in November when Hansel and Strike The Gold face one another, Best Pal has created a temporary log jam by winning the \$1,000,000 Pacific Classic Stake at Del Mar Race Track. The significant thing about this win is that Best Pal defeated older runners such as Unbridled (The 1990 Kentucky Derby and Breeders Cup Classic Winner) Festin, Farma Way and Twilight Agenda.

Best Pal was the first 3-year-old to run in the American Championship Racing Series. As a racing rule of thumb, a trainer will not normally run a 3-year-old against older runners. But, the owner of

Best Pal is John Mabee who happens to be the chairman of Del Mar's Board of Directors and Mr. Mabee wanted his horse to run in this race. As expected Chris McCarron took Farma Way to the front and set the pace. Twilight Agenda who was ridden by Kent Desormeaux passed Farma coming around the turn for home but could not hold off Best Pal who was ridden by Pat Valenzuela. Unbridled finished third beaten by 2 3/4 lengths. Festin finished fourth and the pace setting Farma Way faded to fifth. Best Pal winning time for the 1 1/4 mile race was a track record time of 1:59 4/5 minutes. As the second choice in the betting, Best Pal returned

BASEBALL CARD SHOW

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Leaf, which is selling for nearly \$50. Also, there has been recent action in Joe Montana rookie cards — the 1981 Topps which retails for more than \$200 in mint condition. The Rickey

Henderson rookie, 1980 in mint condition, commands more than \$200.

"At the last Showboat show in May, Dave Justice was the hot card," said Frederico. "He's cooled off now and Thomas will be the big item now."

Lee Samuels, show promoter, also announced that a live, two-hour radio remote broadcast on station KROL (870 AM) will open the event at 10 a.m.

Tony Cordasco, the Showboat publicist and famous Rebels football broadcaster, will host the event with assorted guests.

Admission will be \$2 for adults; children 10 and under, free.

Tables are still available. Dealers may contact either Samuels (702) 658-1549 or Cordasco (702) 385-9123 for information.

\$11.80, \$5.60 and \$4.80. Twilight Agenda returned \$8.00 and \$6.80 and Unbridled ridden by Craig Perret returned \$7.20.

Best Pal's next race is probably the "Super Derby" which will be run at Louisiana Downs in September.

★ ★ ★ SPORTS BRIEFS ★ ★ ★

BASEBALL: LEAGUE LEADERS

National League
EAST: Pittsburgh
WEST: L.A. Dodgers

American League
EAST: Toronto
WEST: Minnesota

NOTES: Home-run leaders are hitting fewer each year (Leaders now are hitting from 40-45 in a season).

Back in the days of Yankee slugger Babe Ruth, he hit between 55-60 homers per season (His slow year was 1923 when he hit only 41). Hank Aaron, the all-time home-run King's best year was 1966 when he hit 44.

GOLF: PGA MONEY LEADERS

1. Corey Pavin \$844,996
2. Steve Pate \$644,447
3. Lanny Wadkins \$606,378
4. Ian Baker Finch \$552,913
5. Rocco Mediate \$536,282

FOOTBALL:

After the 4th week of pre-season play, the teams many bettors labeled as "DOGS", are turning up winners: Phoenix 3-

0, Cleveland 2-1, Tampa Bay 2-1, Atlanta 2-1.

NOTES: Pro teams have cut down to 60 players with one week left before the regular season begins. Teams must be at 45 players by that time.

PAN AM GAMES:

The USA did not fare as well as they hoped in team sports:

GOLD SILVER BRONZE

BASETBALL
Cuba Puerto Rico USA

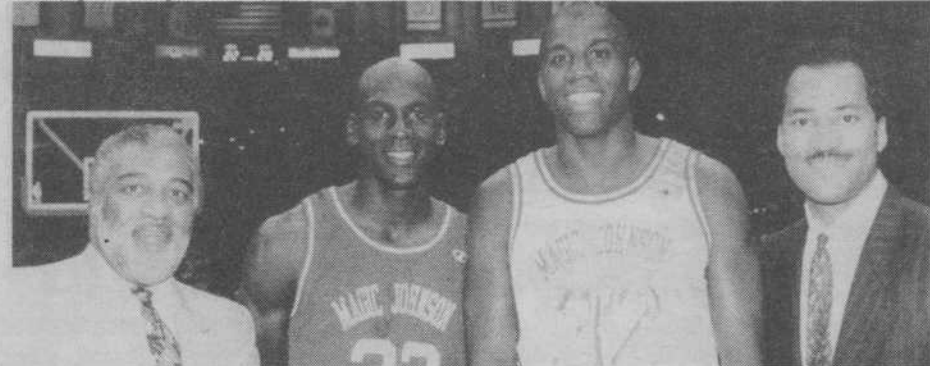
BASKETBALL
Puerto Rico Mexico USA

VOLLEYBALL
Cuba Brazil Argentina
USA 4th

NOTES: There were 4,515 athletes, including 725 from the USA, participating in the '91 games.

BOXING:

Cuban Boxers won 11 of 12 gold medals during Pan Am Games. Only Steve Johnson, at 139 pounds, won gold for the USA. Most of the USA's top boxer skipped Havana to prepare for the World Championships in November.



MAGIC JOHNSON'S UNCF FUNDRAISER NETS \$1 MILLION FOR THIRD STRAIGHT YEAR — Although recent competitors for the NBA championship, Los Angeles Lakers guard Earvin "Magic" Johnson and Chicago Bulls superstar Michael "Air" Jordan (center), combined their talents with other NBA greats at the sixth annual "Midsummer Night's Magic," a spectacular weekend of activities in Los Angeles to benefit the United Negro College Fund (UNCF). An NBA all-star game and a gala dinner and auction were included in the fun-filled weekend, which for the third consecutive year raised \$1 million for UNCF. Joining Magic and Michael are Victor M. Julien (left), corporate affairs director of special programs for Anheuser-Busch Companies, and Vincent M. Bryson, UNCF development director.

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