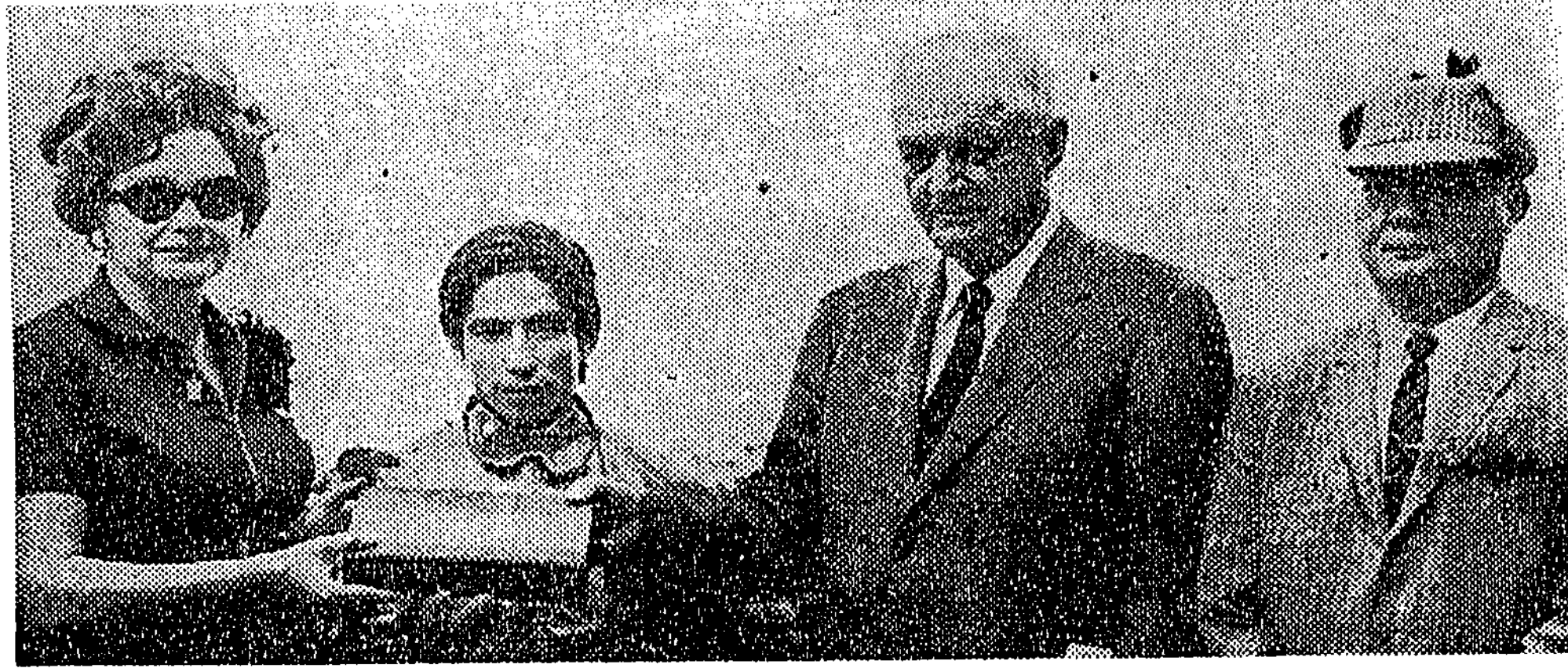


Royal Picnic Foils the 'Irregulars'



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Mrs. Thomas Stix Jr. presenting first edition copy of "The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes" to John Gaver, Greentree Stable trainer, in winner's circle after Royal Picnic won Silver Blaze purse at Belmont yesterday. Lafitt Pincay Jr., second from left, was jockey. At right is Dr. Julian Wolfe, the president of the Baker Street Irregulars.

By STEVE CADY

Time was running out, and none of the Baker Street Irregulars had come up with a solid clue that would point out the winner of yesterday's Silver Blaze Purse at Belmont Park.

"How about Royal Picnic?" said one of the Irregulars, a group dedicated to preserving the memory of Sherlock Holmes. "The old boy had a lot of picnics with royalty."

"That would be stretching it," said Tom Stix Sr., whose efforts 20 years ago helped make the Silver Blaze an annual race here. "You look for red and black silks, but there's only pink and black in today's field. That's no good. We're purists."

Forty-nine Irregulars and guests turned out for the 20th running of the Silver Blaze, a race named for the famous mystery story dealing with the horse Silver Blaze, his disappearance, the murder of his trainer, and his recovery by Holmes in time to win the Wessex Plate. The members wore red carnations tied with black bows, the racing colors of Silver Blaze's owner, Colonel Ross.

Hunches Galore

Silver Blaze was No. 4, but the Irregulars didn't fancy the chances of the 4 horse in yesterday's race, Creeque Alley.

"Wait a minute," said Stix, fingering a red-striped black tie. "How about Lily Pad?"

"The Jersey Lily," somebody said, nodding. "Irene Adler in 'Scandal in Bohemia,' the only woman who ever outsmarted Holmes."

Unfortunately for the Irregulars, form held up better than hunches in the seven-furlong grass race for fillies and mares. Royal Picnic, the filly who wasn't enough of a hunch, won the event as the 1-to-2 favorite of a crowd of 18,914. Finest Deb ran second, half a length back, and Lily Pad finished a distant third.

Royal Picnic, owned by Greentree Stable, covered the distance on a soft course in 1:25 1/5 and gave Lafitt Pincay Jr. his third riding victory of the day. Pincay won the second race with Queenpot (\$11.40) and the third with Jr.'s Arrowhead (\$6.60). Royal Picnic returned \$3.

Dr. Julian Wolff, president

of the Baker Street organization, wore the historic deer-stalker hat in the winner's circle as a first edition of "Silver Blaze" and other mysteries by the late Sir Arthur Conan Doyle was presented to John Gaver, the Greentree trainer.

The race would have produced a major embarrassment for the Irregulars, who totally overlooked a filly named Swinging Lizzie. Sired by the

Axe II, Swinging Lizzie obviously was named for Lizzie Borden and the unsolved Fall River murder mystery of the 1890's.

Dr. Watson probably wouldn't have spotted the clue, and neither did any of the Irregulars. Swinging Lizzie, blocked on the turn, had to settle for fourth. Had she won it, Holmes might never have forgiven his followers.

Today's Entries at Belmont

Horses listed in order of Post Positions
Letter designates OTB listing
FIRST—\$6,200, cl., 3YO, 1&M. (chute).

	Wt.	Jockeys	Prob. Odds
A-Bear the Cup	112	St. Leon	6-1
B-Polo Field	117		8-1
C-Mr. Tattersall	117	Venezia	4-1
D-Upstale Robber	120	Guadalupe	8-1
E-It's a Corker	117	Cruguet	8-1
F-Slip Slip	117	Cruguet	10-1
G-Greek Galeon	117	Velasquez	4-1
H-Come On Tim	113	Pincay	5-2

SECOND—\$7,500, mdns., 3YO and up, 6f.

A-Banderilla	120	Vasquez	3-1
B-Pompos Admir.	120	Vasquez	20-1
C-Sullivan Road	120	Venezia	6-1
D-Ribbons Holiday	120	Baeza	15-1
E-Traditionalist	120	Baeza	6-1
F-Island Kingdom	120	Gustines	12-1
G-Tank	120	Loguercio	8-1
H-Cro Cap	120	Roiz	15-1
I-Liberty Road	120	Roiz	8-1
J-Dependable	120	Pincay	5-1
K-Little Mountain	120	R. Turcotte	5-1
L-Cape Gannet	120	A. Cordero Jr.	10-1
M-uBeau Thunder	120	R. Turcotte	5-1
N-Lava Creek	117	L. Adams	20-1

THIRD—\$10,000, allow., f. and m., 3YO and up, 7f.

A-Thy Will Run	114	Blum	5-1
B-Companion Way	119	Cruguet	4-1
C-Bird of Prey	114	Blum	8-1
D-Tender Logic	114	Gustines	20-1
E-Ull the Queen	116	Vasquez	5-1
F-Green Princess	114	Venezia	4-1
G-uPugh's Run	114	Vasquez	6-1
H-Turn to Be	119	Roiz	6-1
I-You Are Flat	114		8-1

FOURTH—\$9,500, allow., 2YO, 6 1/2f.

A-Quill Gordon	122	R. Turcotte	5-1
B-No Le Hacc	122	Ussery	8-1
C-Determined Cos.	119	A. Cordero Jr.	6-1
D-Mr. Paul B.	119	Pincay	12-1
E-Abdicating	117	Baeza	4-1
F-Selecting	122	Vasquez	15-1
G-Judy B. Fleet	117	Roiz	10-1
H-Lucky Bidder	117	L. Adams	6-1
I-Straight to Paris	122	Velasquez	5-2

FIFTH—\$15,000, allow., 3YO and up, 1&M. (turf).

A-Space Bird	116	Pincay	5-1
B-On the Track	118		40-1
C-Jungle Cove	116	L. Adams	20-1
D-uNavado	120	Vasquez	5-1
E-Anatole	111	St. Leon	20-1
F-uSunny Tim	116	E. Maple	6-1
G-Willinson	123	Pincay	3-1
H-Hydrograf	116	R. Turcotte	5-1
I-Mr. Brogan	116		15-1
J-Close Attention	116	A. Cordero Jr.	8-1
K-wBig Shot II	118	Velasquez	4-1
L-uEastern Fleet	111	E. Maple	6-1
M-uGaleon II	116	Vasquez	5-1
N-wLaminale	116	Velasquez	4-1
O-Matto Grosso II	123	Velasquez	20-1
P-Zarco	116	Ruane	20-1

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A-Saturday	111	St. Leon	12-1
B-Cherry Sundae	116	Cruguet	20-1
C-Double Action	116	L. Adams	4-1
D-Roman Consort	113	R. C. Smilh	3-1
E-Jerill	120	R. Turcotte	3-1
F-Frampton Flight	111	St. Leon	20-1
G-Grab It	120		20-1
H-Bonnie and Gay	114	Vasquez	10-1
I-Patellin	114	Pincay	5-2

SEVENTH—Futurity, \$75,000 added, 2YO

A-Iconapade	122	Ussery	10-1
B-Windlammer	122	Pincay	5-2
C-Secret Sage	122	Cruguet	20-1
D-Tarboosh	122	E. Maple	6-1
E-Key to the Mint	122	Roiz	8-1
F-Pop Pop's Boy	122	Venezia	6-1
G-Royal Spouse	122		5-2
H-uChevron Flight	122	Fromin	6-1
I-Freerex	122	Blum	8-1
J-Hold Your Peace	122		10-1
K-Riva Ridge	122	R. Turcotte	3-1
L-Cragwood Stable entry		v-P. H. Sagarin	
C. P. Kimmel entry.			

EIGHTH—\$7,800, cl., 3YO and up, 7f.

A-Irish Dude	117	Plotkin	6-1
B-Joyous Day	117	Velasquez	20-1
C-Camaro II	117		20-1