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Top Hialeah's Poll of Racing Kings

Hialeah Tuesday announced results of a nationwide poll of sports and turf writers and radio-TV commentators to determine the outstanding 10 horses, stables, trainers and jockeys to have performed there during its glamorous 40 years.

The mightiest of the mighty are Citation, Calumet Farm, Sunny Jim Fitzsimmons and Eddie Arcaro. Closest voting was between Mr. Fitz and the late "Plain Ben" Jones as the

greatest trainer of all; a victory for the latter would have been virtually a clean sweep for Mrs. Gene Markey's Calumet Farm.

Here are the top 10 in each category:

Horses: 1. Citation, 2. Kelso. 3. Nashua. 4. Whirlaway. 5. Round Table. 6. War Admiral. 7. Armed. 8. Seabiscuit. 9. Bold Ruler. 10. Carry Back.

Stables: 1. Calumet. 2.

Greentree. 3. Brookmeade. 4. A. G. Vanderbilt. 5. Belair Stud. 6. E. R. Bradley. 7. King Ranch. 8. George D. Widener. 9. Wheatley. 10. Main Chance Farm.

Trainers: 1. Fitzsimmons. 2. Ben Jones. 3. Max Hirsch. 4. Hirsch Jacobs. 5. Jimmy Jones. 6. George M. Odom. 7. Bert Mulholland. 8. Preston Burch. 9. Woody Stephens. 10. Carl Hanford.

Jockeys: 1. Arcaro. 2. Ted Atkinson. 3. Bill Shoemaker. 4. Bill Hartack. 5. Steve Brooks. 6. Manuel Ycaza. 7. John Adams. 8. Bob Ussery. 9.

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Jack Westrope. 10. Walter Blum.

Certainly each of this "famous forty" is deserving of high honor. Yet one can't help but wonder how any group of newspapermen can lay claim to the right of selecting the all-time greats of racing.

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WHO among us, for example, has the qualifications to say that Allen Jerkens, Horatio Luro or John Nerud, to name just a few, do not belong among the top 10 horsemen? I know one racetracker of vast knowledge and experi-

ence who considers Jerkens the equal of any trainer past or present.

Two-dollar bettors in the stands may well ask about some of the noble horses omitted: Sword Dancer (who conquered Round Table to become 1959 Horse of the Year), Bald Eagle, Bardstown, Bally Ache and others.

Hialeah might better have chosen a board of experienced, qualified experts (if such a word should ever be used in racing) to pick its all-time greatest.

Not that any board could have overlooked Citation, Calumet, Mr. Fitz and Arcaro. They are truly standouts, so perhaps one should not quibble over the details.

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"IT'S hard to believe," John Santoro was just saying, "that Bowie opens Monday." Happy snowballs to you . . .

One hears that a 150-day racing season is just around the corner for South Florida. It will be interesting, if it happens, to see them try to fill 10-race programs. We may have to borrow some greyhounds . . .

Mrs. Murray Blum has returned from Los Angeles after visiting injured Walter Blum. The doctors say he is recovering remarkably well . . .

Jockey Bill Hartack has launched a Saturday evening radio show on a Los Angeles station . . .

Trainer Sidney J. Smith plans to start an entry of Your Alibhai and Hot Dust in the \$50,000 added Tropical Park Handicap. Your Alibhai was third, beaten a nose and a neck, in the second division of the Orange Bowl 'Cap. Hot Dust is working like the proverbial tiger, six furlongs in 1:13 4-5 recently.

