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AFFIRMED COLT TOPS SARATOGA'S

FIRST SESSION A chestnut colt by Affirmed--Tributary (Seattle Slew) brought a final bid of \$630,000 to top Tuesday night's first session of Fasig-Tipton's 76th annual Saratoga Select Yearling Sale. The colt, who was purchased by Demi O'Byrne, agent for the partnership of John Magnier and Michael Tabor, will be trained by D. Wayne Lukas. Lukas said, "I thought he was a beautifully conformed horse. I loved his balance, his movement, everything about him. I wasn't looking for any pedigree line, but I think he's the nicest Affirmed I have ever seen." The \$630,000 price is the highest at this sale since 1991. Topping the 1991 auction at \$800,000 was **Desert Secret (Ire)** (Sadler's Wells), who went on to win the G2 Royal Lodge S. in England. Tuesday's highest-priced filly at \$385,000, a dark bay by Seeking the Gold out of the GII Orchid H. winner Star Standing (Assert {Ire}), was purchased by Donald A. Adam, owner of Courtlandt Farm in Ocala, Florida. Adam said, "We're going to race her, of course. We bought her primarily to race, but equal or secondary to that, when she has finished hopefully an outstanding racing career, she'll make an outstanding broodmare. In the name of Courtlandt Farm, we want to buy well, well pedigreed horses. We thought she was one of the two best fillies in the sale. She will be trained by Phil Hauswald." Another high-priced colt at the sale, a bay by Woodman out of Gil Railbird S. winner Sheesham (Sham), was purchased for \$310,000 by Buzz Chace, agent for Fox Hill Farm. "He looks like a very well-balanced and proper, good-boned colt," Chace said. "He will go to Jonabell Farm in Kentucky, then we'll send him to Florida. He might be a pinhook." Overall, 57 yearlings were sold Tuesday for a gross of \$9,109,000, up 11 percent from last year's first session gross of \$8,228,000. The average of \$159,807 was a 24 percent increase from \$128,563 in 1995. Twenty three percent of the yearlings offered Tuesday were reported as not sold, compared to 11 percent last year. A preliminary count showed that yesterday, for the first time at the Saratoga Select Yearling Sale, there were substantial purchases by Japanese buyers. The Japanese bought six yearlings for \$1,125,000. D.G. Van Clief Jr., chairman of Fasig-Tipton Co. Inc., said "The sale is pretty much in line with the action we saw in Kentucky and very much in line with the action we've seen on the grounds the past four days." The sale's second session will be held tonight at 8 p.m., with the third and final session Thursday night, also at 8 p.m.

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TOP FIVE SARATOGA COLTS—TUESDAY

HIP#	SIRE	DAM	PRICE
49	Affirmed	Tributary	\$630,000
Consigned by Eaton Sales, agent. Purchased by Demi O'Byrne, agent for John Magnier & Michael Tabor.			
8	Woodman	Sheesham	\$310,000
Consigned by Fares Farms Inc. Purchased by Fox Hill Farm.			
9	Unbridled	Shine On Sarah	\$310,000
(Previously Sold: \$170,000 wnlng '95 KEENOV) Consigned by Glencrest Farm, agent. Purchased by Mark Dedomenico.			
6	Seattle Slew	See You At The Top	\$300,000
(Previously Sold: \$145,000 wnlng '95 KEENOV) Consigned by Eaton Sales, agent. Purchased by Sadaharu Kawajiri.			
42	Gulch	Tivli	\$300,000
Consigned by Lane's End, agent. Purchased by Wilhelmina Combs, agent.			

TOP FOUR SARATOGA FILLIES—TUESDAY

HIP#	SIRE	DAM	PRICE
22	Seeking the Gold	Star Standing	\$385,000
Consigned by Keswick Stables. Purchased by Courtlandt Farm.			
54	A.P. Indy	Turnback the Alarm	\$310,000
Consigned by Valley View Farm (Walter Burke), agent. Purchased by E.W. Blanch.			
50	Private Account	Tricky Game	\$305,000
Consigned by Dinwiddie Farm. Purchased by Pegasus Bloodstock USA.			
74	Marquetry	Archimillionaire	\$280,000
Consigned by Taylor Made Sales Agency, agent XLIII. Purchased by Horton Stable Inc.			

ATTENTION TDN SUBSCRIBERS:

Due to a utility upgrade in our area, the transmission of Thursday's edition of the *Thoroughbred Daily News* will be delayed. All subscribers should receive the TDN by 12 p.m. Eastern time Thursday. We apologize for the inconvenience.

STAKES CLOSINGS

TODAY, WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 7:

8-10 \$1,000,000 *Pacific Classic-GI, Dmr, 3yo/up, 10f (\$30,000s)*

8-10 \$150,000 *Sorority-GIII, Mth, 2yo, f, 6f (\$5000s)*





◆ PREVIEW ◆

Today, Del Mar:

SORRENTO S.-GII, \$100,000a, 2yo, f, 6 1/2f

PP	HORSE	TRAINER	JOCKEY	ODDS
1	Trav n' Kris	Stute	Berio	20-1
2	High Heeled Hope	Bradshaw	Douglas	8-1
3	Montecito	Lukas	Solis	7-2
4	Lady Tap	Lukas	Antley	8-1
5	Caprifoil	Hofmans	McCarron	5-2
6	Silken Magic	Cerin	Desormeaux	20-1
7	Desert Digger	Polanco	Delahoussaye	4-1
8	Just Lookn	Mason	Baze	6-1
9	Ultimate Honor	S. Mayberry	Vergara	30-1
10	Royal Dove (Ire)	J. Bonde	Nakatani	12-1

With undefeated GII Landaluce S., Nursery S. and Cinderella S. winner **Starry Ice** (Ice Age) skipping the Sorrento, it leaves the door open for another Southern California juvenile filly to add a graded stakes victory to her resume. **Caprifoil** (Capote), a \$51,000 yearling at last August's Fasig-Tipton Saratoga sale, won her debut at Hollywood by eight lengths then followed with a third-place finish to **Starry Ice** in the Cinderella. Beverly and Robert Lewis's **Montecito** (Seeking the Gold), a \$450,000 Keeneland July yearling, was fourth in the Cinderella and most recently third in the July 6 GII Landaluce--in which Sorrento entrant **Trav n' Kris** (Snow Chief) finished second.

Thursday, Saratoga:

A PHENOMENON H.-GII, \$100,000a, 3yo/up, 6f

The field of seven, in post position order, is as follows: **Honour and Glory** (Relaunch), 119 pounds; **Not Surprising** (Medieval Man), 120; **May I Inquire** (Bold Ruckus), 120; **Kayrawan** (Mr. Prospector), 120; **Prospect Bay** (Crafty Prospector), 113; **Lite the Fuse** (Buckaroo), 123; **Our Emblem** (Mr. Prospector), 113.

Saturday, Del Mar:

PACIFIC CLASSIC-GI, \$1,000,000, 3yo/up, 1 1/4m

Hollywood Gold Cup winner **Siphon** (Brz) (Itajara {Brz}) and **Dramatic Gold** (Slew o' Gold), runner-up to **Cigar** (Palace Music) in the July 13 Arlington Citation Challenge, turned in their final serious workouts for the Pacific Classic Tuesday morning at Del Mar. **Siphon** drilled five furlongs in :59 2/5. "He went very good," said trainer Richard Mandella. **Dramatic Gold**, considered only a possible starter in the Grade I event, covered the same distance in :59 4/5. "It was a very good work," said the gelding's trainer David Hofmans. "The horse was really strong. He went off good and aggressive and finished really strong."

Entries for the Pacific Classic will be taken this morning, with the post-position draw scheduled for 10:45 a.m. PDT. There will be a post-draw teleconference for members of the media featuring owners, trainers and jockeys of the horses entered. **Cigar's** rider, Jerry Bailey, will be available on the teleconference, as will Bobby Frankel, the trainer of **Tinners Way** (Secretariat). Attempts are being made to get **Cigar's** trainer, Bill Mott, to participate as well. Connections for all the other horses are expected to be on site. The number for the teleconference, which will run from 10:30-11:15 a.m. PDT (1:30-2:15 p.m. EDT) is (423) 544-0909 and the access code number is 239-908.

News Continued.

JOLIE'S HALO PURCHASED BY JAPANESE

INTERESTS Freshman sire **Jolie's Halo** (Halo) has become the latest stallion to be purchased by Japanese interests, according to a story in today's *Daily Racing Form*. The nine-year-old stallion has reportedly been purchased by the Ever Union Shokai syndicate of Japan for \$5 million, with British bloodstock agent Jim Collins representing the Japanese buyers. **Jolie's Halo**, formerly owned by Arthur I. Appleton, stood at Appleton's Bridlewood Farm in Ocala, Florida for a 1996 stud fee of \$10,000 live foal. As a racehorse, he won eight of 20 starts, including victories in the GI Donn H., GI Gulfstream Park H. and GI Philip H. Iselin H., for earnings of \$1,218,120. He is a half-brother to three stakes-winners--**Cougarized** (***Cougar II**), **Pleasant Jolie** (Pleasant Colony) and **Mister Jolie** (Valid Appeal). **Jolie's Halo's** first foals are two-year-olds of 1996.

SKIP AWAY WINS VISA THREE-YEAR-OLD

CHAMPIONSHIP **Skip Away** (Skip Trial) clinched the inaugural Visa Three-Year-Old Series Championship with a game victory in Sunday's GI Buick Haskell Invitational H. at Monmouth Park. **Skip Away**, **Editor's Note** (Forty Niner) and **Victory Speech** (Deputy Minister) each began Sunday with a chance of capturing the Visa Series, which is comprised of the major three-year-old stakes at Thoroughbred Racing Associations tracks from January through the August 24 Travers. **Skip Away** clinched the championship when he beat **Victory Speech** in the Haskell, while **Editor's Note** finished fourth in the GII Jim Dandy S. at Saratoga the same day. **Skip Away** won three of the seven Series races he entered, in addition to second-place finishes in the Preakness and Belmont S. The Visa Championship trophy will be unveiled at a special breakfast prior to the Travers S. draw at Saratoga Aug. 22 and will be presented to the colt's owner Carolyn Hine and her husband and trainer Hubert "Sonny" Hine following the running of the Travers.

Sirelines that shape the breed . . .

Danzig - Chief's Crown (USA), Danzero, Flying Spur
 Kalamoun - Baryshnikov, Kenmare (Fr)
 Mr. Prospector - Geiger Counter (USA)
 Roberto - Brocco (USA)
 Storm Cat - Catrail (USA)

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GULFSTREAM COMMISSIONS LIFE-SIZE

STATUE OF CIGAR Cigar (Palace Music), who will attempt to establish a modern North American record for consecutive victories when he starts in the \$1 million Pacific Classic Saturday at Del Mar, will be honored with a life-size statue to be enshrined in Gulfstream Park's "Garden of Champions." Douglas Donn, Gulfstream's president and CEO, yesterday announced that Cindy Wolf has been commissioned to sculpt a bronze replica of Cigar. Trainer Bill Mott has agreed to be a consultant on the project. "Cigar has proved his greatness by defeating all opposition in 16 races spanning almost two years," said Donn. "We feel privileged to have received (owner) Mr. (Allen) Paulson's authorization to stand a statue of his champion at Gulfstream." Cigar has triumphed at Gulfstream four times during his current 16-race win streak, more than at any other track. He captured the GI Donn H. twice, the GI Gulfstream Park H. and an allowance race. Current plans are for the statue to be unveiled during the 1997 season as the centerpiece of Gulfstream's "Garden of Champions" that currently features 86 bronze plaques dedicated to other champions who have raced at Gulfstream since 1944. Only Cigar will have the distinction of being immortalized with a life-size statue.

NEW ACTION PLAN FORMED FOR CANADIAN RACING

The first Canadian Racetrack Industry Strategy Session, hosted by Racetracks of Canada Inc., was held in Vancouver August 1 and 2. The two-day conference, attended by 80 delegates, discussed strategies for taking the horse racing industry forward to the next century. "The planning forum not only brought Canadian executives, fans, regulators, tote companies and horsemen's groups together to both address areas of common concern and form action committees, but it also attracted many key U.S. organizations such as the Thoroughbred Racing Associations and Breeders' Cup Ltd.," noted Racetracks Canada President Bill Taylor, who is also general manager of Hastings Park Racecourse. Committees were formed to study and implement new technologies for racetracks and to explore recruitment and training programs for grooms, exercise riders and jockeys; license reciprocity between the provinces as well as Canada and the U.S.; and the development of a national marketing strategy. "Our intention is to move quickly and have tangible results in the very near future," Taylor emphasized. The sessions were facilitated by Doug Reed and John Walzak of the University of Arizona's Race Track Industry Program.

◆ **WEST** ◆

Local News, Emerald Downs:

Even more than Opening Day, the return of live Thoroughbred racing to Western Washington will become complete Aug. 18 when the field goes postward to continue the Gill \$200,000 Longacres Mile tradition. A total of 28 horses have been nominated for the historic first Mile at the new oval. "The quality of the field is excellent," said Emerald Downs Director of Racing Grant Holcomb. "Now we get to the major leagues again. This is the stepping stone for our future." Among those nominated are several graded stakes winners, including **Cleante (Arg)** (Kleight), **Da Hoss (Gone West)**, **Dare And Go (Alydar)**, **Dramatic Gold (Slew o' Gold)**, **Gold and Steel (Fr)** (Shining Steel {GB}), **Letthebighossroll (Flying Paster)**, **R Friar Tuck (Religiously)**, **Savinio (The Minstrel)** and **Score Quick (Northern Score)**.

◆ **FOREIGN** ◆

Stakes Results:

PRIX DE REUX, \$48,323, Deauville, France, 8-6, 3yo/up, h/g, 12f 110yT, 2:50.00, gd.

- 1--**WATER POET (IRE)**, 121, c, 3, Sadler's Wells--Love Smitten (MGSW, \$450,505), by Key to the Mint. O/B-Sheikh Mohammed al Maktoum; T-Andre Fabre; J-T. Jarnet; \$27,955. * 1/2 to Swain (Ire) (Nashwan), MGSW-Fr, \$165,243.
- 2--**Sunshack (GB)**, 130, h, 5, Rainbow Quest--Suntrap, by Roberto. \$9,585.
- 3--**Running Flame (Fr)**, 130, c, 4, Assert (Ire)--Fanning The Flame (Ire), by Commanche Run (GB). \$5,990. Margins: short head, neck, 1.

PRIX DE LA SORELLINA, \$23,962, La Teste, France, 8-4, 3yo, f, 1mT, time & course condition n/a.

- 1--**PERSIAN SECRET (FR)**, 119, f, 3, Persian Heights (GB)--Rahaam, by Secreto. O-Sheikh Maktoum al Maktoum; B-Darley Stud Management; T-H A Pantall; J-J. Boisnard; \$11,981.
- 2--**Krissante**, 122, f, 3, Kris (GB)--Vallee Dansante, by Lyphard. \$4,792.
- 3--**Brisby (Fr)**, 119, f, 3, Courtroom (Fr)--Belle Caro (Fr), by Caro (Ire). \$3,594. Margins: neck, 3/4, short head.

Foreign Report Continued, p. 4.

BREEDERS' CUP NATIONAL STAKES RACE CLOSINGS



<u>CLOSES</u>	<u>TRACK</u>	<u>RACE</u>	<u>CONDITIONS</u>	<u>PURSE</u>	<u>RUNS</u>
8/14	AP	ARLINGTON BC SPRINT	3yo/up, 6f	\$150K	8/25
8/19	Crc	CALDER BC H.	3yo/up F & M, 9f (T)	\$150K	9/2

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Local News, England:

Alhaarth (Ire) (Unfuwain), a close third in last Wednesday's G1 Sussex S. at Goodwood, will race next over the same course and distance in the G2 Celebration Mile August 24. Last year's champion European juvenile, who had previously been struggling to find the form he showed during 1995, delighted connections with his effort in the Sussex and has come out of the race in good shape. Dick Hern, who trains the Hamdan Al Maktoum-owned colt, said, "The conditions of the race are ideal for him, as he does not get a penalty for his G1 win in last year's Dewhurst, so I think you could say that the idea of a return to Goodwood is as firm as the ground we seem to have had all this year."

Local News, France:

Trainer David Loder will send last season's high-rated European juvenile filly **Blue Duster** (Danzig) against the French-based sprint star **Anabaa** (Danzig) in the G1 Prix Maurice de Gheest at Deauville this Sunday. A spokeswoman for Loder's Newmarket stable confirmed that Blue Duster was "on target" to go to France after a successful return to racing in a conditions event at Yarmouth July 21. Before that victory, the Sheikh Mohammed-owned bay had been off the course with back problems since earning her top distaff two-year-old place by winning Newmarket's G1 Cheveley Park S. last September.

Local News, Germany:

Branston Abby (Ire) (Risk Me {Fr}), whose win in Munich's Grosser Sprint-Preis last Sunday saw her tie the post-war record for the most victories registered by a British-based equine female, will definitely return to Germany in her bid for the outright lead. The seven-year-old Mark Johnston-trainee, a winner in 22 of 87 starts, is now aiming for the Aug. 18 Silberne Peitsche, a listed event at Gelsenkirchen. Johnston said yesterday, "She is fine and we have decided that the German race will be her next outing. She won it last year, so we are obviously hopeful that she can beat the record by following up her previous win on the track."

◆ EAST ◆

Local News, Monmouth Park:

Last year's Champion Three-Year-Old Filly **Serena's Song** (Rahy), second in Saturday's G1 Whitney H. against the boys, is a "definite possibility for the Iselin," said Dallas Stewart, assistant to trainer D. Wayne Lukas. Stewart added, "It has been discussed, and we are very much looking at the race." The G1 \$300,000 Philip H. Iselin H. will be contested over 1 1/16-miles at Monmouth Park Aug. 25. It is open to all horses ages three and up.

Monmouth Park enjoyed a record handle day Sunday, Buick Haskell Day. The total handle of \$8.1 million was nearly 25 percent above last year's \$6.5 million total. The \$3.83 million wagered at the Monmouth Park network was about 10 percent above last year's on-site network total of \$3.5 million.

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STAKES RESULT:

PETE CONDELLONE S., \$25,900, Fairmount Park, 8-6, (S), 3yo/up, 6f, 1:11 3/5, ft.

1--**BALLYNEETY SAINT, 121, c, 4, Honeyland--Noora Beag (Ire), by Ahonoora (GB).** O-WKB Racing Stable; B-Patrick Reardon (IL); T-Emmagene K. Schwan; J-N. J-N.R. Medina; \$15,540. Lifetime Record: 18-5-3-1, \$119,690.

2--**Too Fast For Love, 118, h, 6, Royal Design--Jeff D. Beauty,** by Jeff D. O-James E. Tripp; \$5,180.

3--**Yeah Robbing, 114, h, 6, Steel Robbing--Yeah Kay,** by Master Pruner. O-Marcella Luckshis; \$2,590.

Margins: 2 1/2, 3/4, 1. Odds: 2.00, 9.60, 40.10.

ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

8th-ELP, \$27,040, 3yo/up, f/m, 6 1/2f, 1:18 2/5, ft.

ALL DAY AFFAIR (f, 3, Black Tie Affair {Ire}--Laurene's Dancer {SW, \$194,721}, by Imperial Guard) Lifetime Record: 13-3-1-1, \$57,239. O/B-Tom Dipiazza & Rich Ferro (KY). T-Merrill R. Scherer.

9th-SRX, \$26,440, 8-5, 3yo/up, f/m, 1m, 1:37 4/5, ft.

NO NO KELSEY (f, 4, No Points--Lenore, by Pretense) Lifetime Record: 9-5-2-1, \$67,575. O-Al Hoffman. B-Glen Riggs (CA). T-Charles J. Jenda.

9th-MTH, \$26,000, 3yo/up, f/m, a1 1/16mT, 1:47 3/5, gd.

WHOOPI (NZ) (m, 5, Sky Filou--Bequeath, by Balios) Lifetime Record: GSP-NZ & N.A., 20-3-2-5, \$57,312. O-Rich Giacobelli. B-M I & P A Holmes (NZ). T-Anthony Sciametta Jr.

9th-ELP, \$25,370, 3/up, f/m, 1 1/16mT, 1:42 4/5, fm.

FASTA (f, 3, Seattle Song--Aspern {Fr}, by Riverman) Lifetime Record: 7-2-1-0, \$43,842. O/B-Allen E. Paulson (KY). T-William I. Mott. *1/2 to River Mike (SW-Ger, MSP-Fr, by Icecapade) and Malmo (MGSP, \$192,026, by Jade Hunter) and a full to Cudas (G1-Fr, GIII-N.A., \$373,514).

9th-DEL, \$24,400, 3yo, f, 6f, 1:11 1/5, ft.

BLUE BLADE (f, 3, Big Stanley--Longitude, by Blade) Lifetime Record: 8-2-2-3, \$35,615. O-Charles T. Matses. B-D.H. Oswald (FL). T-Richard K. Trimmer.

9th-PHA, \$21,000, 3yo/up, 1m, 1:38 3/5, ft.

DUNBARTON DRUMS (g, 3, Citidancer--Lady of Leys {SW}, by Lord Gaylord) Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-0, \$26,100. O-Foxbrook Farm. B-Mrs. P.F.N. Fanning (PA). T-Michael J. Moran.

8th-PIM, \$19,000, 3yo/up, 1 1/16mT, 1:45 3/5, fm.

J J HANSEL (g, 4, Norquestor--Johnandjo, by Well Decorated) Lifetime Record: 28-2-4-8, \$61,005. O-Everett E. Ayres. B-Lynn V. Brooker & Jane Miller (MD). T-Dale Capuano.



5th-PIM, \$19,000, 3yo/up, 5fT, :57 3/5, fm.
CHIEF WHITEHAIR (g, 4, Rare Performer--Mistain, by Chieftain) Lifetime Record: 10-3-1-2, \$34,292. O-H. Neil Glasser. B-William Denzik (KY). T-Dale Capuano.

MAIDEN WINNERS:

Pickin Time, f, 2, **Hay Halo**--Pickin Peg, by Sail On-Sail On. PIM, 8-6, 5 1/2f, 1:06 1/5. B-Charles S. Jenkins (Wv).

Mister D., c, 2, **Mane Minister**--Ridan Prospector (SP), by Mr. Prospector. PIM, 8-6, 5 1/2f, 1:06 1/5. B-John Toffan & Trudy McCaffrey (Ky). *\$16,000 yrl '95 KEESEP.

Millie Bay, f, 3, **Gate Dancer**--Marimascus (MSW, \$138,989), by Bailjumper. DEL, 8-6, 1m, 1:40. B-Sunset Bay Stable (Fl). * 1/2 to Marco Bay (Copelan), MSW, \$245,510.

Da's Pal John, c, 3, **Northern Wolf**--Da's Baby (MSW), by Sail Ahoy. PIM, 8-6, 5 1/2f, 1:04 4/5. B-Thomas J. Kennedy Jr. (Md).

Call Me for Sure, f, 3, **Phone Trick**--Reassert Yourself (SW), by Caucasus. ELP, 8-6, 7f, 1:25. B-Bud Boschert's Stables Inc (Ky). *\$13,000 wlng '93 KEENOV; \$30,000 2yo 1995 BESMAR.

Raffle, f, 3, **Polish Numbers**--Better to Be Lucky, by Roberto. PHA, 8-6, a1m 70fT, 1:47 1/5. B-Jonathan Sheppard (Pa). *\$34,000 2yo 1995 SARTWO. ** 1/2 to My Tombola (Northern Fling), MSP, \$100,741.

A # will distinguish first-time stakes-winners, a @ will indicate first-time graded stakes-winners, a + will denote winners who are first-time starters and an (S) will be used for state-bred races.

WEEKEND PEDIGREE PERSPECTIVES

by Alan Porter

MAHOGANY HALL (h, 5, Woodman--Glimpse of Heaven, by Majestic Light)

Mahogany Hall, whose whirlwind finish carried him to a dramatic victory in Saturday's GI Whitney H., has a background which supplies interesting perspectives in terms of both commercial aspects and pedigree patterns.

One of the most interesting (and potentially lucrative) commercial phenomena in the breeding industry is that of the "rebound" sire. To put this simply, when a stallion enjoys a season--either in the sales ring or at the track--where his success is markedly above expectations, he will often enjoy another explosion five or six years later. Of course, the reason is that when a stallion surpasses expectations, a bandwagon starts to roll and following his good year, he receives a book of mares which is far superior in numbers and quality to that which he has previously enjoyed. The runners bred from those mares hit the track five years after the first big season, and as a result, the stallion frequently strikes gold again.

To place Woodman into the scheme of things one only has to think back to 1990. That year the bloodstock world coined the term "Woodmania" after the

appearance of a first crop of two-year-olds which included Hector Protector (Champion French two-year-old and subsequently winner of the French 2,000 Guineas), Mujtahid (the top English two-year-old of his crop) and Hansel (top-class at two, and winner of the Belmont and Preakness S. and an Eclipse award at three). Staggeringly, in the face of this sensational start, Woodman's second crop didn't contain a single stakes winner, and Mahogany Hall's weekend victory makes him the only Grade I winner from Woodman's third and fourth crops. Woodman was due to "rebound" with his 1992 foal crop, and sure enough, that crop included Timber Country. Timber Country's dam is the fabulous producer, Fall Aspen, and it is a fair assumption that she was attracted by Woodman's brilliant start at stud. In Woodman's case, the fact that Hector Protector and Hansel posted classic triumphs at three helped maintain the momentum, and his 1993 crop contained at least four juvenile stakes winners, including Hector Protector's sister, Bosra Sham, heroine this year of the 1,000 Guineas. This "rebound" phenomenon combined with the volatility of the market can present real opportunities, as the bloodstock industry's extremely short memory means that it is often possible to either acquire seasons to a stallion (or purchase stock) less expensively during the trough between the peaks, and to attempt to time things to give the opportunity of selling at the height of the "rebound." Of course, there is always the risk that the stallion won't "rebound" or alternatively will continue to succeed and soar out of reach all together, but the idea is certainly worth trying.

We mentioned that we also had a pedigree point. In this column, and in other places, we have often stressed the value of opposite sex inbreeding. Mahogany Hall's closest inbreeding is 3x4 to Raise a Native through his sons Mr. Prospector and Majestic Prince. This particular son/son inbreeding is a pattern which we first recall seeing in the pedigree of Mining and have noted in numerous good runners since. So, what is going on? Well, we observed this one and others such as Northern Dancer's sons Nijinsky II and Lyphard, and Secretariat and various other Bold Rulers (notably for several of Gone West's best), but we can't claim credit for the best explanation put forward so far. That is the idea, which emerges from the work of pedigree researcher and writer Roger Lyons, that duplicating a stallion through individuals of different aptitudes can often be effective. Since one of the keys to this concept, and that of opposite sex inbreeding and linebreeding, is "difference" (different aptitudes or types; different sexes), it is certainly an interesting one to ponder.

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