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KEY TO PARADISE TOPPER AT KEENELAND

Brian Paulus paid a top price of \$135,000 for a broodmare in foal to Numerous during Monday's session of Keeneland's November Breeding Stock Sale. Hill 'n' Dale Sales Agency sold **Key to Paradise** (Pleasant Colony), an 11-year-old stakes-placed broodmare. Key to Paradise is the dam of MSW **For Pete's Sake** (Clever Trick). The first foals by Numerous will arrive next year. During Monday's ninth session, Keeneland sold 257 horses for \$3,669,800, an average of \$14,297. Those figures represent a decline of 10.2 percent and 9.8 percent, respectively, from last year's ninth session. At last year's comparable session 258 horses were sold for \$4,088,300, an average of \$15,846. With two days remaining in the 11-day auction, gross sales total \$167,639,300 for 2,417 horses. The average is \$69,358. The sale continues through Wednesday.

SLEW O' GOLD ON THE MEND Three Chimneys Farm General Manager Dan Rosenberg yesterday reported to **Slew o' Gold** (Seattle Slew) shareholders that the stallion's condition "has improved substantially over the past week. This progress is very encouraging and supports our optimism for a full recovery. We anticipate that Slew o' Gold will enter the breeding shed on schedule at the beginning of the coming season." Rosenberg went on to say, "Slew o' Gold remains at Rood & Riddle Veterinary Hospital for the present, but we expect to bring him home within a matter of days." The 16-year-old stallion was admitted to Rood & Riddle 11 days ago and diagnosed with equine protozoal myelitis. Slew o' Gold is the sire of 1996 Grade I winner **Dramatic Gold**, 1996 stakes-winners **Autumn Slew** and **Main Slew** and Grade I stakes-placed **Golden Larch**. His offspring have earned \$2,123,724 this year (through Nov. 3). His 1997 stud fee will be \$12,500, guaranteed live foal.

FASIG-TIPTON'S HORSES OF RACING AGE

SALE TODAY **Rugged Bugger** (Assert {Ire}), winner of the Gill Laurel Turf Cup Nov. 11, headlines Fasig-Tipton New York's Horses of Racing Age Sale, to be held today at 10 a.m. at Belmont Park. Other sale entrants of note include Gill Stuyvesant H. winner **Silver Fox** (Pleasant Colony), stakes-winners **Gulliviegold** (Gulch) and **Mixed Count** (Polish Numbers), MGSP **Majesty's Darby** (His Majesty), GSP **Known Ranger** (GB) (Known Fact) and stakes-placed horses **Head Trip** (Dr. Blum), **Hidden Source** (Mr. Prospector), **Cliveden Hall** (Mt. Livermore) and **A Day To Remember** (Over the Rainbow).

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MONDAY'S TOP THREE BROODMARES

Hip #	Broodmare	Covering Stallion	Price
2911	KEY TO PARADISE	Numerous	\$135,000
<i>Pleasant Colony--Pam's Paradise (Little Current)</i>			
Consigned by Hill 'n' Dale Sales Agency Purchased by Brian Paulus, Agent			
2979	OCEAN'S ANSWER	Silver Deputy	\$77,000
<i>Northern Answer--South Ocean (New Providence)</i>			
Consigned by Needham/Betz T'breeds Inc., Agent Purchased by Ben P. Walden, Jr.			
3191	CRAFTY JOSIE	Boone's Mill	\$62,000
<i>Crafty Prospector--Golden Horde (Czaravich)</i>			
Consigned by Adena Springs, Agent Purchased by Stonerside Ltd.			

MONDAY'S TOP THREE WEANLINGS

Hip #	Sex	Sire	Dam	Price
3143	c	Salt Lake	Bank Examiner	\$72,000
Consigned by Yorkrun Farm, Inc., Agent II Consigned by Mike Akers, Agent				
3213	f	Marquetry	Eggs Binnedict	\$70,000
Consigned by Gaulstown Stud, Agent Purchased by Richard D. Schibell				
3000	c	Gilded Time	Pharaoh's Pet	\$51,000
Consigned by Yorkrun Farm, Inc., Agent V Purchased by Donato Lanni				

STAKES CLOSINGS

TOMORROW, WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 20:

11-29	\$200,000	Miesque-Gill, Hol, 2yo, f, 8fT (\$10,000s)
11-30	\$300,000	Citation H.-Gll, Hol, 3yo/up, 9fT (\$12,500s)
11-30	\$250,000	Generous-Gill, Hol, 2yo, 8fT (\$10,000s)
12-1	\$700,000	Matriarch H.-Gl, Hol, 3yo/up, f/m, 10fT (\$30,000s)
12-1	\$500,000	Hollywood Derby-Gl, Hol, 3yo, 9fT (\$17,500s)



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Stakes Results:

MILE CHAMPIONSHIP-G1-Jpn, \$1,660,296, Kyoto Racecourse, 11-17, 3yo/up, 8fT, 1:33.8, fm.

1--**GENUINE (JPN)**, c, 4, **Sunday Silence--Croupier Lady (MSW, \$326,435)**, by **What Luck**. O-Shadai Race Horse; B-Shadai Farm; T-Yasuhisa Matsuyama; J-Yukio Okabe; \$878,852.

2--**Syourinomegami**, m, 5, Mr. Prospector--Cinegita, by Secretariat. (\$500,000 yrl '92 KEEJUL) O-Y Asakawa; B-Overbrook Farm. \$351,081.

3--**Eishin Washington**, h, 5, Ogygian--Shamaritan, by Sham. (\$140,000 wnlg '91 KEENOV; \$50,000 yrl '92 KEESUM; \$230,000 2yo '93 BESMAR) O-Toyomitsu Hirai; B-Mr & Mrs S Wolfram & Fred Seitz. \$220,404. Margins: 1/2, NK, NK. Odds: 4.90, 12.90, 89.90.

COPA REPUBLICA ARGENTINA-G2-Jpn, \$1,008,524, Tokyo Racecourse, 11-16, 3yo/up, 12.5fT, 2:31.8, fm.

1--**L WAY WIN (IRE)**, h, 6, **Caerleon--Rustic Lace (GSP-Ire)**, by **Rusticaro**. O-Takao Zako; B-Ermine Holdings; T-Noriaki Tsubo; J-Katsumi Minai; \$532,346. *Ch. 2yo Colt-Jpn.

2--**Tokai Palace (Jpn)**, c, 4, Land Hiryu (Jpn)--Tokai Rose (Jpn), by Royal Tatan. \$209,780.

3--**Kamino Magic (Jpn)**, h, 5, Rivlia--Cutie Honey, by Wajima. \$136,294.

Margins: 1 1/2, 1 3/4, NK. Odds: 50.00, 7.70, 6.40.

FUKUSHIMA KINEN-G3-Jpn, \$701,211, Niigata Racecourse, 11-17, 3yo/up, 10fT, 2:01.8, gd.

1--**MAILLOT JAUNE (JPN)**, h, 6, **Rivlia--Infinie**, by **Maruzensky**. O-S Shibahara; B-Etsuo Kawakami; T-Shigenori Hatakeyama; J-Chiaki Sakai; \$373,217.

2--**Meiner Bridge (Jpn)**, c, 4, Rousillon--Hashiko, by Royal Ski. \$145,087.

3--**Magic Kiss (Jpn)**, f, 4, **Sunday Silence--Corandia Girl**, by **Never Beat**. \$90,489.

Margins: 2, NK, 1 1/4. Odds: 4.00, 6.10, 5.50.

FUCHU SANSAI S.-G3-Jpn, \$553,522, Tokyo Racecourse, 11-17, 2yo, 9fT, 1:49.7, fm.

1--**GODSPEED (JPN)**, c, 2, **Polish Navy--Pretty Silver**, by **Silver Shark**. O-S Kondo; B-Etsuo Kawakami; T-Tsutomu Setoguchi; J-Mamoru Ishibashi; \$291,458.

2--**Star My Saddle (Jpn)**, c, 2, **Sunday Silence--Idol Marie**, by Nichido. \$117,882.

3--**Pastry Chef**, c, 2, **Chief's Crown--Top Tart**, by **Believe the Queen**. (\$95,000 yrl '95 FTSAUG; \$125,000 2yo '96 FTFEB) \$72,400.

Margins: 1 1/4, NS, 2. Odds: 44.50, 8.60, 20.00.

PREMIO GUIDO BERARDELLI-G2, \$78,260, Rome, Italy, 11-17, 2yo, c/f, 8fT, 1:54.70, hy.

1--**@GOLDEN AVENTURA (IRE)**, 123, c, 2, **Nordance--Colline Del Po (Ire)**, by **Jaazeiro**. O/B-Scuderia Golden Horse SRL (Ire); T-G Fratini; J-L Dettori; \$42,284.

2--**Yavlensky (Ire)**, 123, c, 2, **Caerleon--Schwanensee**, by Mr. Leader. O-Allevamenro Annarosa; \$19,557.

3--**Madler (GB)**, 123, c, 2, **Saddlers' Hall (Ire)--Matahina (GB)**, by **Moorestyle (GB)**. O-Curtasse SRL; \$10,946.

Margins: 1 1/2, NK, 2.

Also Ran: **Woods Of Cisterna (Ire)**, **Special Star (Ire)**, **White Gulch (GB)**, **Quest Express (GB)**, **Big Erotavlas (GB)**.

PRIX FILLE DE L'AIR-G3, \$69,478, Evry, France, 11-18, 3yo/up, f/m, 10.5fT, 2:20.40, vy sf.

1--**@MAROUSSIE (FR)**, 120, f, 3, **Saumarez (GB)--Madiyma (Fr)**, by **Top Ville (Ire)**. O-J F Malle; B-Mme. F Schlaudecker Herbig & Bruce McNall (Fr); T-Nicholas Clement; J-J M Breux; \$42,459.

2--**Dance Treat**, 130, f, 4, **Nureyev--Office Wife**, by Secretariat. (\$360,000 yrl '93 KEEJUL) O-P. Pritchard; \$15,440.

3--**Restiv Star (Fr)**, 123, f, 4, **Soviet Star--Restiver (Fr)**, by **River River (Fr)**. O-J L Lagadere; \$7,720.

Margins: 2 1/2, NK, 1 1/2.

Also Ran: **Asmara**, **Sparkline (Fr)**, **Edessa (Ire)**, **Lypink**, **Blue Water**, **Allespagne**, **Nicotera (Ire)**, **Arel (Fr)**.

PREMIO UMBRIA-G3, \$65,917, Rome, Italy, 11-17, 2yo/up, 6fT, 1:10.30, hy.

1--**@GOLDEN ORIENTAL**, 117, c, 2, **Glitterman--Oriental Silk (SW, \$140,699)**, by **Far Out East**. (\$15,000 wnl '94 OBSOCT; \$11,000 yrl '95 OBSAUG). O-Scuderia Golden Horse SRL; B-Luis de Hechavarria (FI); T-G Fratini; J-O Fancera; \$35,790.

2--**Beat Of Drums (GB)**, 134, h, 5, **Warning (GB)--Nyoka**, by **Raja Baba**. O-Grundy Bloodstock; \$16,395.

3--**Bella Michaela (Ire)**, 131, f, 3, **Superpower (Ire)--Lumiere**, by **Northjet (Ire)**. O-A Triolo; \$9,155.

Margins: NK, 1 1/2, NK.

Also Ran: **Munaaji**, **Leap For Joy (GB)**, **Pappa Reale**, **Canarino Mannaro**, **Rockwood**, **Topo Del Deserto**, **Wardara (GB)**.

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

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GRAND PRIX DE MARSEILLE, \$101,322, Marseille, France, 3yo/up, 10fT, time n/a, hy.
 1--**KING COBRA (GB)**, 123, h, 7, **Ardross (Ire)--Sibley (GB)**, by **Northfields**. O-Felix Sanz-Blanco; B-M J Simmonds (GB); T-Carlos Laffon-Parias; J-O. Doleuze; \$48,249. *Ch. Stayer-Spa.
 2--**Bulington (Fr)**, 130, c, 4, **Sicyos--Barbra (Fr)**, by **Le Fabuleux (Fr)**. \$24,124.
 3--**Egine**, 120, f, 4, **Irish River (Fr)--Amya (Fr)**, by **Sanctus (Fr)**. (\$87,000 yrl '93 KEESEP). \$14,475.
 Margins: 2, 3/4, 4.

GRAND PRIX DE BORDEAUX, \$62,723, Bordeaux, France, 11-17, 3yo/up, 12fT, time n/a, sf.
 1--**RAINBOW DANCER (FR)**, 134, h, 5, **Rainbow Quest--Ramanouche (Fr) (GSW)**, by **Riverman**. O-D Tsui; B-Alan Clore (Fr); T-Pascal Bary; J-T Jarnet; \$38,599. *MGSP-Fr.
 2--**Peckinpah's Soul (Fr)**, 125, c, 4, **Zino (GB)--Nashra (Fr)**, by **Brustolon (GB)**. \$13,896.
 3--**Bon Jovi (Ger)**, 128, c, 3, **Konigsstuhl (Ger)--Book Of Love (GB)**, by **Formidable**. \$6,948.
 Margins: 3 1/2, 1, 2 1/2.

PRIX SARACA, \$46,705, Evry, France, 11-18, 2yo, f, 8fT, 1:46.10, vy sf.
 1--**#YXENERY (IRE)**, 126, f, 2, **Sillery--Polixena (MSW-Fr)**, by **Lyphard**. O/B-Wertheimer & Frere (Ire); T-Mme Criquelette Head; J-O. Doleuze; \$27,019.
 2--**Dances With Dreams (GB)**, 126, f, 2, **Be My Chief--Oh So Well (Ire)**, by **Sadler's Wells**. \$9,264.
 3--**Marethea (Fr)**, 126, f, 2, **Bering (GB)--Maralinga**, by **Nureyev**. \$5,790.
 Margins: 1 1/2, 2, 3.

AMERICAN-BRED WINNERS IN JAPAN:

Premium Thunder, c, 2, **Easy Goer--Seattle Dawn (MGSW, \$276,250)**, by **Grey Dawn II**. Kyoto, maiden race, 2yo, 8fT. Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, \$74,473. O-Hiroaki Nakanishi; B-Dinwiddle Farms Ltd; T-Makoto Ohsawa. * 1/2 to **Gold Sunrise (Forty Niner)**, GSW, \$199,677. **\$45,000 yrl '95 KEESEP; \$160,000 2yo '96 BESMAR.
Opening Theme, c, 2, **Seeking the Gold--All About Style (MSW, \$115,907)**, by **Raja Baba**. Kyoto, 11-16, **Mochinoki Sho**, 7f (dirt). Lifetime Record: 3-2-1-0, \$162,135. O-Koji Maeda; B-Heronwood Farm; T-Yoshihito Dazai. *\$275,000 yrl '95 KEEJUL.
Eishin Mandan, c, 2, **Silver Deputy--Rokeby Rose (GSW, \$250,480)**, by **Tom Rolfe**. Kyoto, 11-17, novice race, 2yo, 6f (dirt). Lifetime Record: 4-1-0-2, \$69,987. O-Toyomitsu Hirai; B-Foxfield; T-S Naito. *\$145,000 yrl '95 FTKJUL; \$290,000 2yo '96 BESMAR.

Valid Penny, c, 2, **Valid Appeal--Lucky Penny**, by **Golden Act**. Tokyo, 11-17, novice race, 2yo, 7fT. Lifetime Record: 3-1-1-0, \$62,808. O-Abiru Fudosan Inc; B-Harry T Manguarian Jr; T-Fuyuki Tago. *\$45,000 yrl '95 OBSAUG.

Woody Green, c, 2, **Woodman--Swan Princess (GB) (Ch. 2yo Filly-Ire) (GISW-Ire)**, by **So Blessed**. Niigata, maiden race, 2yo, 8fT. Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, \$74,473. O-Green Farm; B-Ron Con No. 1; T-Sakae Kunieda.

Golden Beacon, c, 3, **Afleet--Breezy Stories**, by **Damascus**. Tokyo, 11-16, **Shinshu Tokubetsu**, 11-16, 6f (dirt). Lifetime Record: 6-3-0-1, \$209,421. O-Kyoei Inc; B-Wakefield Farm; T-Toshibumi Nakajima. * 1/2 to **Frontline Fable (L'enjoleur)**, SP, \$125,925; **Desert Stormer (Storm Cat)**, MGSW, \$862,950. **\$75,000 yrl '94 KEESEP; \$140,000 2yo '95 BESMAR.

Makoto Shingeki, c, 3, **Alwuhush--Caromine (SW)**, by **Caro (Ire)**. Kyoto, 11-16, plate race, 8fT. Lifetime Record: 9-2-2-0, \$147,151. O-Akira Makabe; B-Green Willow Farms; T-Toshimasa Hashimoto. *\$45,000 yrl '94 KEESEP; \$115,000 2yo '95 KEEAPR.

Lucky Nakayama, c, 3, **Conquistador Cielo--Sondrio**, by **The Minstrel**. Niigata, 11-17, **Aizu S.**, 11fT. Lifetime Record: 25-1-3-4, \$230,686. O-S Izumi; B-Mrs F L Tuttle; T-M Yoshinaga. *\$35,000 2yo '94 FTFEB.

Gaily Apollo, c, 3, **Houston--Key Up**, by **Key to the Mint**. Niigata, 11-17, novice race, 7fT. Lifetime Record: 9-1-3-0, \$124,630. O-Mitsuo Haga; B-John T L Jones Jr & R D Hubbard; T-Hiroyuki Uehara. *\$85,000 wnlg '93 KEENOV.

Inter Shark, c, 3, **Lyphard--Rowdy Angel**, by **Halo**. Niigata, 11-16, **Shonai Tokubetsu**, 11-16, 8fT. Lifetime Record: 9-2-1-0, \$197,039. O-Masao Matsuoka; B-Loblolly Stable; T-Shoji Yamamoto. * 1/2 to **Demons Begone (Elocutionist)**, GISW, \$609,944; **Pine Bluff (Danzig)**, MGSW, \$2,255,884. **\$275,000 yrl '94 KEEJUL.

◆ EAST ◆

Local News, Kentucky:

Officials of Breeders' Cup Limited have announced the release of "Breeders' Cup: The Ten Greatest Champions," a 50-minute videocassette profiling the outstanding performances of Breeders' Cup race winners from 1984 through 1995. The video highlights the Breeders' Cup wins of Cigar, Princess Rooney, Manila, Lady's Secret, Miesque, Personal Ensign, Alysheba, Bayakoa, Sunday Silence and Lure. The Breeders' Cup video can be purchased for \$19.95 plus shipping and handling by calling 1-800-537-7070.



HORSES OF ALL AGES SALE

January 6 - 9, 1997



◆ WEST ◆

Local News, Emerald Downs:

Name For Norm (Jazzing Around) was selected as Horse of the Meeting for the inaugural season at Emerald Downs after the Washington-bred two-year-old won the \$100,000 Gottstein Futurity on closing day Sunday. Other season-ending honors: Vann Belvoir, Top Jockey; Larry & Sharon Ross, Top Trainer; Charles Dunn, Leading Owner.

◆ NEW YORK ◆

Sunday's Late Result:

6th-AQU, \$45,990, Alw, 11-17, 3yo/up, 1mT, 1:37 1/5, fm.

PENNINE RIDGE (h, 5, **Cure the Blues--La Rouquine {GB} {GSP}**, by **Silly Season**), seventh in the GIII Keeneland Breeders' Cup Mile last out after a break of nearly two months, was making his second start after the brief vacation. On the pace from the start, the bay put a head in front as they raced down the lane and edged clear late to win by a length and a quarter at 5-1. The winner is a 1/2 to **Red Bishop** (Silver Hawk), MGSW-U.S., MGSW-Eng, SW-HK, \$507,719-U.S., & Eng. Lifetime Record: GSW, 27-8-5-2, \$443,806. O-December Hill Farm. B-P Sengupta & A Brancato (Ky). T-David Donk.

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ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

4th-AQU, \$37,444, 11-17, 3yo/up, 8.5fT, 1:44, fm.
NOTORIETY (g, 3, **Affrimed--Endearingly**, by **Lyphard**) Lifetime Record: 11-3-0-1, \$73,585. O-Harbor View Farm & Ethel D Jacobs. B-Mr. & Mrs. Louis E Wolfson & Ethel D Jacobs (Ky). T-J O Hertler.

1st-HAW, \$30,240, 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:11 3/5, ft.
HELP MARY HOLME (m, 5, **Holme On Top--With Mary's Help**, by **First Albert**) Lifetime Record: 41-12-15-6, \$167,390. O-Dorris Tom & Sentel Ken. B-Mccorison Andrew (FL). T-Tom Dorris.

9th-PHA, \$23,400, 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:11 2/5, ft.
MATT'S MINISTRESS (f, 3, **Sir Eric--Sprouting Minister**, by **Deputy Minister**) Lifetime Record: SP, 15-4-2-3, \$72,819. O/B-Our Farm Inc (PA). T-Ernest Cranfield.

8th-HAW, \$21,000, (S), 3yo/up, f/m, a1m70yd, 1:44 2/5, ft.

GREAT HAPPINESS (f, 3, **Badger Land--Jilly Pilly**, by **Buckpasser**) Lifetime Record: 4-2-1-0, \$26,630. O-Quarter B Farm. B-Victoria Pappas & Irish Acres Farm (IL). T-P Noel Hickey. *1/2 to **Zee Buck** (Ziad), 13 wins, \$229,354.

9th-CRC, \$18,700, 3yo/up, 1 1/16m, 1:47 4/5, ft.
STAR S FLYER (c, 4, **Interdicto--Come Gracefully**, by **Intrepid Hero**) Lifetime Record: 8-2-1-0, \$19,970. O-Aversano Joan & Clark Rebecca. B-J. D. Scott (FL). T-Joan Aversano.

8th-CRC, \$18,000, 3yo/up, a1 1/16mT, 1:44 4/5, yl.
CHERIS' PLEASURE (h, 5, **Mari's Book--Final Mistress {SP}**, by **Tyrant**) Lifetime Record: 27-3-5-3, \$50,590. O/B-Robert L. Liedel (KY). T-Tandi Wheeler.

8th-SUF, \$16,660, 3yo/up, a1m70yd, 1:45 3/5, ft.
CO ART (h, 5, **Copelan--School of Art**, by ***Noholme II**) Lifetime Record: MSW, 39-13-6-6, \$167,425. O-Yasou Stable Trust. B-F.W. Hooper (FL). T-C. Assimakopoulos.

8th-PHA, \$15,000, 3yo/up, f/m, a1m70yd, 1:43 3/5, ft.
HILL KEYS (f, 3, **Ten Keys--Hill Princess**, by **Buck Hill**) Lifetime Record: 8-2-3-1, \$38,810. O-Diamond D Stable. B-Daniel & Joann E. Hall (MD). T-Samuel F Cronk.

MAIDEN WINNERS:

Gold Book, c, 2, **Notebook--Ligay** (SP), by **Liloy** (Fr). CRC, 11-18, 1m, 1:40 1/5. B-Petelain Stables & John P Savin (Fl). *\$30,000 2yo 1996 OBSFEB.

Oaks Lady, f, 3, **Crown Pleasure--Tour Verte** (Fr), by **Green Dancer**. CRC, 11-18, a1 1/8mT, 1:52 2/5. B-The Oaks Horse Farm (Fl).

Riverboat Dan, c, 3, **Gate Dancer--Involute**, by **Fappiano**. HAW, 11-18, 6f, 1:11. B-Gonzalez Helene (Fl). *\$11,000 yrl '94 OBSJAN; \$27,000 2yo 1995 OBSMAR.

Pi Alley, g, 3, **Glomar--Pruner's Gold**, by **Gold Stage**. SUF, 11-18, 1m, 1:45 4/5. B-Michael Zirpolo (Ma). *3rd winner for sire.

Go Fever Go, f, 3, **Lejoli--Arctic Fever**, by **Arctic Flash**. TDN, 11-18, (S), 6f, 1:13. B-Donald J. Livi (Oh).

The Hackle Boys, c, 3, **Woodman--Barb's Dancer** (SP), by **Northern Dancer**. AQU, 11-17, 6f, 1:11. B-Daniel M Galbreath (Ky). *\$40,000 yrl '94 KEESEP. **1/2 to **Ruler's dancer** (Irish Ruler), SW, \$125,840; and **Eillo** (Mr. Prospector), Ch. Sprinter, GISW, \$657,670.

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A NEW VERSE FOR UNBRIDLED'S SONG?

By BILL FINLEY

Nick Zito can't get the Florida Derby out of his mind--the day he ran Louis Quatorze and Louis Quatorze was pulverized. It seems that he ran into a serious problem that day, a horse that probably would have crushed any horse on the planet. Unbridled's Song was that good, that dominant.

"The race he ran in the Florida Derby, I just shook my head. It was impossible," Zito said with obvious admiration.

Or at least highly improbable. Unbridled's Song merely toyed with not only future Preakness winner Louis Quatorze but future Belmont Stakes winner Editor's Note and future Jockey Club Gold Cup winner Skip Away. He won by 5 3/4 lengths.

"I think Unbridled's Song, when he's right, is, without question, the best horse in the country," Zito said.

"You'd have to be a fool not to make that statement."

"When he's right,"...that day he was, but it was a rare occasion in a year marked by injury, illness, foot problems, mismanagement. When the circus left town after the Arlington Citation Challenge, Unbridled's Song had a 2-for-7 record on the year, a minor fracture and a soon-to-be-fired trainer.

Everything was wrong, but Nick Zito thinks he can make it right again. It will be one of the great challenges of his career.

Shortly after the Arlington Citation Challenge, Zito was hired by owner Ernie Paragallo to replace Jim Ryerson. He is now the author of the next chapter in one of racing's most interesting stories. Everyone can still live happily ever after. It's up to Nicholas P. Zito.

"I'm doing everything I know how to at least give him his best shot," he said. "So far, I think we're doing a good job."

In just 11 days, Unbridled's Song will take his first significant step on the road back. In his first race since the Arlington Citation Challenge, he'll start in a seven-furlong allowance race at Aqueduct on NYRA Mile Day. It should be an easy spot, but that's all part of the plan. The schedule, this time, will be carefully mapped out, it will be sensible--and his connections will stick to it. At least that's what Zito says.

"I don't want to get his brains scrambled again," he said. "If everything's okay, we'll go from there to the (Jan. 19) Olympic Handicap. It has nothing to do with money right now. We have to get him back the right way."

The physical part is easy. Unbridled's Song has been working steadily, has had enough time to overcome his litany of maladies and should be fit and ready to go for the Nov. 30 allowance race. It's the mental part that concerns Zito. This horse has been through a lot, and there are no guarantees that the problems did not take a permanent toll.

"The mental problems worry me as much as the physical problems, if not more," Zito said. "When you have a stakes horse racing at a high level you always think about their minds. A lot of horses get stressed out and with him, the damage could have been done. We'll see when we put him in the gate. So far, he goes to the track like a baby and comes back like a baby."

Which means he's under control. Can the same be said for Paragallo? Many routinely blamed the highly visible owner for the many problems, believing that he was calling the misguided shots that led Unbridled's Song down the road to ruin. Zito says it's not so, that Paragallo was getting a lot of bad advice.

"There are a lot of agents in racing, a lot of well-wishers and a lot of people that no one knows about who were pulling at Ernie," he said. "No offense to Jim Ryerson or anyone else, but maybe Ernie trusts us a lot better. Maybe he knows that I'm doing the job right and that I won't have anyone else telling me how to do my job."

He says that Paragallo has never once interfered, which is the only way Zito will have it.

"So far, everything has been peachy creamy," Zito said. "You couldn't ask for a better owner-trainer relationship."

They say everyone deserves a second chance. That goes for horses, too. Other than one race this year, Unbridled's Song has done little to live up to the hype. He may never. But the page has been turned. Maybe this time they'll get it right and a super talent will prove to be just that on the racetrack.

"I hope everything works out," Zito said. "This could be something great."

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