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## VAN CLIEF ELECTED PRESIDENT OF BREEDERS' CUP LIMITED

The Board of Directors of Breeders' Cup Ltd. announced Wednesday that D.G. Van Clief Jr. has been elected President of Breeders' Cup Ltd., succeeding James E. Bassett III, who will retire from the post Dec. 31. Bassett, who assumed the Breeders' Cup presidency in April of 1988, will continue as a member of the Breeders' Cup Board of Directors. "The retirement couldn't come at a more advantageous time considering the prestige, popularity and financial stability of the Breeders' Cup," said Bassett. "The best years of the Breeders' Cup are ahead with the growing support of our racing and breeding industry and the increased prestige of the Breeders' Cup both nationally and internationally. No one is more knowledgeable, more dedicated or more deserving to serve Breeders' Cup as president than D.G. Van Clief." Van Clief added, "I speak for everyone associated with the Breeders' Cup in expressing our gratitude to Ted Bassett for the personal commitment and inspired leadership he has given to this organization over the years. Looking ahead, I am extremely pleased to have our Board's confidence and am very enthusiastic about the opportunity to build on the positive momentum which has been established." Van Clief, 48, a Virginia native, was appointed executive director of Breeders' Cup Ltd. in 1982 and was instrumental in the early organization and funding of the company, receiving The Jockey Club Award of Merit following the inaugural running in 1984.

**WANDESTA RETIRED** Prince Khalid Abdullah's **Wandesta (GB)** (Nashwan), winner of Sunday's G1 Matriarch S. at Hollywood Park, has been retired from racing, according to the Prince's Racing Manager Grant Pritchard-Gordon. The five-year-old mare won last year's G1 Santa Barbara H. and G1 Santa Ana H. as well as this year's GII San Gorgonio H. and GII Las Palmas H. Sunday marked her third start in Hollywood Park's Matriarch, having recorded third-place finishes in the race at three and four. She retires with seven wins in 21 starts and earnings of \$1,254,051. Wandesta is expected to arrive at Juddmonte Farm in Lexington, Kentucky in about two weeks and a decision on who the mare will be bred to will be made within the next few days.

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## LUNA WELLS BRINGS \$3 MILLION AT TATTERSALLS

The Group 1-winning filly **Luna Wells (Ire)** (Sadler's Wells--Lunadix {Fr}, by Breton) became the highest-priced filly or mare sold at auction in the world this year when she brought a final bid of \$3,000,000 from agent Guy Armegnol at Tattersalls December Filly and Mare Sale at Newmarket, England Wednesday night. The three-year-old is the winner of this year's G1 Prix Saint-Alary and a half-sister to French 2000 Guineas winner **Linamix (Fr)** (Mendez {Fr}). Armegnol, reportedly acting on behalf of Stanley Gumberg of Skara Glen Stables, triumphed in a protracted bidding duel with John Sikura of Hill 'n' Dale Farm in Kentucky. Four in-foal broodmares on Wednesday brought final bids of upwards of \$600,000--three of them from the consignment of Ted Voute. The most expensive of the quartet was **Band** (Northern Dancer--Swingtime, by Buckpasser), dam of G3 Cherry Hinton S. winner **Applaud (Rahy)**. The nine-year-old mare, in foal to Seeking the Gold, was purchased for \$714,000 by Charlie Gordon-Watson, acting as agent for the Lloyd-Webbers. She had been purchased for \$550,000, in foal to Rahy, at the 1995 Keeneland November Sale. David Nagle's Barronstown Stud was the winning bidder for **Celtic Ring** (Welsh Pageant--Pencuik Jewel, by Petingo), the dam of 1994 European Two-Year-Old Champion **Celtic Swing (GB)** (Damister), in foal to Rainbow Quest, for \$700,000. Prince Fahd Salman's Newgate Stud paid \$612,000 for **Oshima** (Mr. Prospector--Savannah Dancer, by Northern Dancer), in foal to Rainbow Quest. Japan's J.S. Company paid \$595,000 for dual 1988 G1 two-year-old winner **Some Romance** (Fappiano--Zippy Do, by Hilarius), in foal to Lammtarra. The gross for the day rose a massive 82 percent to \$21,648,600, while the average price leapt by 59 percent to \$93,754. The sale continues through Friday.

### STAKES CLOSINGS

**TODAY, THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5:**

2-2 \$500,000 **Strub-GI, SA, 4yo, 10f (\$500)**

3-2 \$1,000,000 **Santa Anita H.-GI, SA, 4yo/up, 10f (\$2000)**

4-5 \$750,000 **Santa Anita Derby-GI, SA, 3yo, 9f (\$300)**





News Continued.

**ALPHABET SOUP BACK TO WORK** Alphabet Soup (Cozzene), idle since his victory in the \$4 million Breeders' Cup Classic Oct. 26, is ready to get back to work. "He's doing great," said David Hofmans, the five-year-old's Southern California-based trainer. "He'll probably work a half-mile Saturday or Sunday. We're aiming him for the San Pasqual H. (Jan. 12) at Santa Anita." The GII \$200,000-added San Pasqual is for ages four and up at 1 1/16-miles.

#### FRENCH DERBY WINNER RAGMAR TO STUD

This year's G1 Prix du Jockey Club (French Derby) winner **Ragmar (Fr)** (Tropular {GB}) has been retired to stud for 1997 and will stand alongside his sire at Haras de Saint-Gatien in Normandy, France. No fee has yet been announced for the three-year-old, who is owned by his breeders Dr. Georges and Mme. Jacqueline Sandor. Trained by Pascal Bary, Ragmar beat Polaris Flight by a nose in the mile and a half French Derby at Chantilly, with the subsequent Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe winner Helissio back in fifth. In his previous start he had won the G2 Prix Greffulhe at Longchamp. In his final career outing he finished seventh behind Helissio in the G1 Grand Prix de Saint-Cloud. In two starts as a juvenile, Ragmar was beaten by the G1 Prix Jean Prat winner Le Triton in a Deauville maiden and was then a short-head runner-up to Polaris Flight in the G1 Criterium de Saint-Cloud. The chestnut retires with two wins and two seconds in five starts and earnings of \$591,055.

#### THIRTEEN NOMINATED TO CLÁSICO DEL

**CARIBE** El Comandante Racetrack in Puerto Rico will serve as host to Caribbean racing's biggest day Sunday, Dec. 15 when horses from six countries go to post in the 29th running of the Clásico Internacional del Caribe at 1 1/8-miles. The region's most prestigious race, offering a purse of U.S. \$150,000, drew 13 nominees. The race is contested among the top three-year-olds bred in the member countries of the Caribbean Racing Confederation. The nominees are: **El Doctor Mario** and **El Doctor Isael R.** from the Dominican Republic; **Secret Hope** (Secret Hello) from Guatemala; **Diego Diablo (Mex)** (Diablotain) and **Chris (Mex)** (Kris S.) from Mexico; **Angelical (Pan)** (Screen King) and **Magallanes (Pan)** (Screen King) from Panama; **El Ordenador** (Slew the Knight), **Spectacular Lodz** (Lodz), **Homesteader** (Goldgalliano {Ire}) and **La Supernova** (Lac Ouimet) from Puerto Rico; and **La Alcaparra (Ven)** (Inland Voyager) and **Citation Five (Ven)** (Slew Prince) from Venezuela. Racing fans across the Americas can tap into the action live via satellite at 5 p.m. Eastern Dec. 15 on Telstar 401, Transponder 17.

**CONCEPT WIN RETIRED FROM RACING** Glen Hill Farm's **Concept Win** (Manila), who had been nominated to this Saturday's GIII Vernon O. Underwood S. at Hollywood Park, has been retired. Stud plans have not yet been announced. The six-year-old sprinter, trained by Willard Proctor, won nine of 30 career starts for earnings of \$618,653. Among his six stakes victories were triumphs in the GIII Count Fleet Sprint H. at Oaklawn, GIII Triple Bend H. at Hollywood Park and GIII Palos Verdes H. at Santa Anita. He placed in nine other stakes, four of them graded, from ages three to six. Out of the Grade I-placed mare Conveniently (In Reality), Concept Win is a half-brother to three stakes-winners including Major Impact (Roberto), an earner of over \$500,000. His final career start came Oct. 6 in the GIII Ancient Title Breeders' Cup, in which he finished fifth.

**PILSUDSKI TO REMAIN IN TRAINING** Breeders Cup Turf hero **Pilsudski (Ire)** (Polish Precedent) will remain in training as a five-year-old next year and has the Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe as his main aim, according to Peter Reynolds, manager of Lord Weinstock's Ballymacoll Stud Farm in Ireland, where he was bred. "It's a race the Weinstock family has never won and would love to do so," he said at the Newmarket sales Wednesday. "Pilsudski gave us all a year to remember, in the end. It began with great sadness when Simon Weinstock, who owned the horse in partnership with his father, died. But Pilsudski pulled things around for us in winning the (G1) Grosser Preis Von Baden in Germany, running second to Helissio in the Arc and then winning the Breeders Cup."

**EUROPE TO END SOUTH AFRICAN BAN** South Africa is back in the international horse racing arena following last week's approval by the European Union Standing Veterinary Committee of a quarantine protocol with the country. The decision ends years of ostracism and will allow top-class horses to go to Dubai for the \$4-million World Cup in March and clear the way for South African breeders to stand Northern Hemisphere "shuttle" stallions and to export horses. South African horses have been barred from most countries for many years because of the fear they could be carrying the normally-fatal African Horse Sickness. The last horse exported directly from South Africa to Europe was a show jumper back in 1958. The country's bid to get back onto the international scene began in May, 1993. South African bloodstock agent Robin Bruss said, "There is an export market to Asia with a huge potential value for us, if we market and position ourselves properly. But we have only gotten to first base at this point and we must now build on it."

### PINE BLUFF IS ON A ROLL!

11/30, Aqueduct - Mister Mighty Mac  
 11/24, Calder - Kris' Pine Sticks  
 11/20, Churchill - Bluffing Girl  
 11/11, Aqueduct - Andersonville

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## ◆ PREVIEW ◆

**Sunday, Hollywood Park:**

**BAYAKOA H.-GII, \$100,000a, 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16m**

Trainer Bobby Frankel said yesterday there's a good chance the four-year-old filly **Sleep Easy** (Seattle Slew), winner of the GI Hollywood Oaks and GII Railbird S. at three, will run in Sunday's Bayakoa. Sleep Easy has yet to win in eight starts this year, but has placed in the GI Santa Margarita Invitational H., GII El Encino S. and GII Lady's Secret Breeders' Cup H. "She's been a little disappointing this year," said Frankel. "I think she's going to run good, though. She's run some good races but she's been a little unlucky."

Three Bayakoa prospects have breezed this week in preparation for the race. **Belle's Flag** (Avenue of Flags), undefeated in four career starts, including a tally in the Nov. 2 California Cup Matron, worked five furlongs in 1:01 3/5 over Santa Anita's training track Monday. **Smolensk** (Danzig), who showed her best form in 1995 when winning the G2 Prix D'Astarte and G3 Prix de Sandringham in France, drilled a half-mile in :48 3/5 Wednesday at Santa Anita. **MGSW Cat's Cradle** (Flying Paster), coming off a victory in the Cal Cup Distaff Nov. 2, polished off six furlongs in 1:13 3/5 Monday.

Other probable starters for Sunday's event include this year's GI Hollywood Oaks heroine **Listening** (Night Shift), **Traces of Gold** (Strike Gold), **Above the Table** (Never Tabled), **Goulash** (Mari's Book), **Predicted Glory** (On to Glory) and **Special Eyes** (Stanstead).

## ◆ MIDWEST ◆

**Yesterday's Result:**

**9th-HAW, \$17,500, Msw, 3 & 4yo, f, 6f, 1:13 1/5, wf. SAMBRA** (f, 3, Storm Cat--Phoenix Sunshine {MSW, \$226,889}, by Encino), purchased for \$310,000 at the 1995 Barretts' March Two-Year-Olds in Training Sale by Demi O'Byrne, agent, made her first six career starts under the tutelage of trainer D. Wayne Lukas but failed to find the winner's circle. The bay filly debuted for her new connections Nov. 14 at Hawthorne, pressing the pace early before tiring to be ninth. Sent off at 4-1 odds here, she made amends, forcing the pace early, putting a head in front on the turn and drawing clear in the stretch for a 1 1/2-length victory. Lifetime Record: 8-1-1-1, \$18,200.

O-Triple C Thoroughbreds. B-Judy B. Hicks (KY).

T-Danny L. Miller.

## ◆ NEW YORK ◆

**Yesterday's Results:**

**8th-AQU, \$43,000, Alw, 3yo/up, 1 1/16m, 1:43 3/5, ft.**

**1--RUM'N COPE, 115, h, 5, Copelan--Lively Maid, by Lord Rebeau.** O-Viola Sommer; B-F W Hooper (FL); T-Frank Martin. Lifetime Record: 65-12-11-10, \$235,907. \*Full to Twist a Lime (MSP, \$102,683).

**2--Amathos, 115, h, 5, Cox's Ridge--Amatheia, by Iron Ruler.**

**3--Otto's Brother, 115, g, 4, Baldski--Feels So Good, by Irish Ruler.**

Margins: 2, 4HF, 11. Odds: 7.70, 2.05, 2.15.

Rum'n Cope, who rallied late to be second in a seven furlong, \$35,000 claimer at Aqueduct in his last start Nov. 11, hadn't visited the winner's circle in 13 tries since taking a Belmont allowance in October, 1995.

Stepping up in company here, the veteran runner came from off-the-pace for a two-length tally.

**7th-AQU, \$33,000, Alw, 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:11, ft.**

**GONNA SHINE** (f, 3, Baederwood--Heartful Star, by Star de Naskra), 1/2 to Oliver's Twist (GIII, \$503,035, by Horatius), had been away from the races since May 26, when she hit the gate at the start before finishing third in a Churchill Downs allowance. Sent off the 6-5 favorite off her 6 1/2-month hiatus, the dark bay settled just off the pace early, took charge while four wide on the turn then drew off in hand for a six-length tally. Lifetime Record: 6-2-1-1, \$34,665.

O-James F. Lewis. B-Lewisfield Farm (MD). T-Lisa L. Lewis.

**6th-AQU, \$31,000, Msw, 2yo, f, 6f, 1:12 3/5, ft.**

**NIGHT CLASS** (f, 2, Slew City Slew--Planchette {SP}, by Buckpoint {Fr}) was outclassed in her first two outings--finishing 18 lengths behind the winner in a main track sprint Sept. 6 and 17 1/2-lengths out of it in a turf event at Belmont Oct. 14. Dismissed at 44-1 odds here, the filly showed a complete reversal of form, rallying from mid-pack along the rail to win by 3/4-length, paying \$91.00 for a \$2 win bet. 13-1 longshot **PHILA STREET** (Cozzene), a first-time starter, completed the \$1,246 exacta. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-0, \$18,600. O-Dee Zee Stable. B-Paul Hoffman & Donene Honnald (KY). T-John O Hertler.



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## ◆ FOREIGN ◆

### Local News, England:

Prince Khalid Abdullah's Epsom Derby runner-up and G2 Great Voltigeur S. winner **Dushyantor (Ire)** (Sadler's Wells) is one of a number of older horses which are set to stay in training in 1997. The three-year-old will continue to be trained at Newmarket by Henry Cecil and will be joined by the Prince's Group-winning **Eva Luna** (Alleged) and his six-year-old **Bal Harbour (GB)** (Shirley Heights {GB}).

## ◆ So. CALIFORNIA ◆

### Yesterday's Results:

**8th-HOL, \$46,000, Alw, 3/up, f/m, 1mT, 1:34 4/5, fm.**  
**1--LASHA, 114, f, 3, Rahy--Raise the Bridge (MSW), by Raise a Cup.** O-Winsong Farms; B-Joseph G McMahon & Jay S McMahon (NY); T-Henry Moreno. Lifetime Record: MSP, 16-4-4-2, \$118,514. \*1/2 to Secret Mirage (MSW, \$122,708, by Secreto).

**2--Bouche Bee, 116, f, 4, Naevus--Miss Henderson Co.,** by Silver Hawk.

**3--Blushing Heiress, 117, f, 4, Blushing John--Native Fancy,** by Our Native.

Margins: HD, 1, NK. Odds: 3.40, 2.20, 8.80.

Lasha, fifth in the GIII Linda Vista H. at Santa Anita in her latest outing Oct. 19, stepped down to face allowance foes and responded by fighting her way through traffic to win by a head under jockey Rene Douglas.

**6th-HOL, \$31,000, Msw, 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:10, ft.**  
**DENAMAX (f, 3, Cee's Tizzy--Calgary Queen, by Naevus),** second versus California-bred foes in her first two outings in early 1996, returned from a nine-month layoff here to face open company for the first time. Sent off the 5-1 fourth choice in the eight-horse field, the gray filly took the lead at the start and remained there throughout, holding on for a nose victory over 47-1 rank outsider VIRGIN TERRITORY (Meadowlake). Lifetime Record: 3-1-2-0, \$32,650.  
 O-Charles T & Thomas C Dante. B-Thomas Dante (CA). T-Vladimir Cerin.

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**Blushing John** Blushing Groom-La Griffe, by Prince John

**In 1996: Earnings over \$1.5 million  
 47 winners, 70% allowance winners**

### Local News, Hollywood Park:

Breeders' Cup Turf sixth **Talloses** (Tremolino), preparing for the \$500,000 Hollywood Turf Cup Dec. 15, worked a mile over the Hollywood turf Tuesday in 1:41 1/5. Possible Hollywood Turf Cup starter **Urgent Request (Ire)** (Rainbow Quest), winner of the GIII Oak Tree Breeders' Cup Mile H. Oct. 5, went five furlongs in 1:00 3/5 Tuesday at Santa Anita. **Windsharp** (Lear Fan), runner-up in last Sunday's GI Matriarch S., may take on the boys in the Turf Cup in a final bid for the 1996 Eclipse Award as Champion Turf Mare.

GII Hollywood Juvenile Championship S. winner **Swiss Yodeler** (Eastern Echo) breezed a mile in 1:40 2/5 Wednesday in preparation for the Dec. 15 Hollywood Futurity.

Breeders' Cup Classic ninth **Dramatic Gold** (Slew o' Gold), scheduled to start next in the GIII Native Diver H. on Hollywood Park's closing day Dec. 22, drilled seven furlongs in a bullet 1:25 flat at Hollywood Monday.

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### ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

**4th-AQU, \$35,000, (S), 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:11, wf.**  
**JOVIAL QUOTE (f, 3, Jovial Turn--Lustrous Miss, by Illustrious)** Lifetime Record: 9-3-2-0, \$69,447. O-Dale K S Lucas. B-Mrs. Henry D. Paxson (NY). T-John C. Kimmel. \*1/2 to Forlibend (MSW, \$171,035, by Foretake).

**7th-GGX, \$32,000, 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:10, ft.**  
**LET'S EAT LUNCH (f, 4, Nostalgia's Star--Let's Drink Dinner, by Never Tabled)** Lifetime Record: 26-7-4-3, \$100,385. O-Marsden Arthur K & Robocker Irene. B-Berkey, Risoldi, & Robbins (CA). T-C A Comiskey.

**7th-MED, \$27,500, 12-3, (S), 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:11 2/5, ft.**  
**NINETY ONE SENSE (f, 4, Hay Halo--Paul's Cathy {SP}, by Tri Jet)** Lifetime Record: 27-6-5-5, \$66,981. O-Red S Ranch. B-Timberland Stable (NJ). T-Linda M. Clement. \*1/2 to Dave in a Frenzy (SP, \$122,176, by Hello Gorgeous).

**8th-MED, \$24,000, 12-3, 3/up, f/m, 1 1/16m, 1:46, ft.**  
**PROPHET'S WARNING (f, 3, Storm Bird--Mintecy {SW}, by Key to the Mint)** Lifetime Record: 10-4-0-0, \$45,535. O-D J Stable. B-Mereworth Farm (KY). T-Joseph Orseno.



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7th-LRL, \$22,800, 3yo, f, 1 1/16m, 1:47 3/5, ft.  
**FLEDA MARIE** (f, 3, Sportin' Life--Mandy's Friend, by Full Intent) Lifetime Record: 16-2-1-5, \$47,383.  
 O/B-William P. Hill (MD). T-Robert L. Beall.

8th-HAW, \$22,000, (S), 3yo/up, 6f, 1:11, wf.  
**URGENT ACTION** (c, 3, Stalwart--For Gracious Sakes {MSW, \$137,703}, by Princely Native) Lifetime Record: 3-3-0-0, \$41,340. O/B-David Block & Charles Switzer (IL). T-Chris M Block. \*1/2 to Deluxury (SW, \$126,050, by Lost Code).

6th-MED, \$22,000, 12-3, 3yo/up, 6f, 1:10 4/5, ft.  
**COOL SLEWY** (c, 4, Slewpy--Northern Jolie, by Northern Jove) Lifetime Record: 11-4-2-2, \$52,350.  
 O/B-Arthur I. Appleton (FL). T-Robert W. Camac.

8th-LRL, \$20,900, 3yo/up, 5 1/2f, 1:04 4/5, ft.  
**THE BOURSE** (c, 3, Corporate Report--Arctic Moon, by Briartic) Lifetime Record: 6-3-0-0, \$31,233. O-Iris Ann Coggins. B-Lori Sloane (KY). T-Edward T Allard.

#### MAIDEN WINNERS:

**Devil's Pass**, g, 2, Devil's Bag--Caught a Pass, by Pass Catcher. LRL, 12-4, 1 1/16m, 1:48. B-Hartland Farm (Ky). \*\$47,000 yrlg '95 KEESEP.

**Princess Coie**, f, 2, Present Value--Wildly Majestic, by Wild Again. GGX, 12-4, 6f, 1:11. B-Jay Bligh (Ca).

**Nu Expense**, f, 2, Real Partner--Nu Wimborne, by Sir Wimborne. SUF, 12-4, 6f, 1:17 3/5. B-Lloyd Lockhart (Ma). \*1st winner for freshman sire.

**Refined Lady**, f, 2, Salt Lake--Huddle, by Damascus. HOL, 12-4, 6f, 1:10 3/5. B-Charles Nuckols, Jr & Sons (Ky). \*\$40,000 yrl '95 KEESEP; \$45,000 2yo 1996 BESMAR. \*\*11th winner for freshman sire.

**Night Class**, f, 2, Slew City Slew--Planchette (SP), by Buckpoint (Fr). AQU, 12-4, 6f, 1:12 3/5. B-Paul Hoffman & Donene Honnald (Ky). \*Paid \$91 to win.

**Super Reign**, f, 2, Sovereign Dancer--Super Cook (GIII, \$268,068), by Best Turn. SUF, 12-4, 6f, 1:15 3/5. B-Brylynn Farm (Fl).

**Sixandahalfnotrump**, f, 2, Spectacular Bid--Honeymoon Bridge, by Blushing Groom (Fr). AQU, 12-4, 6f, 1:12 4/5. B-Hobeau Farm, Ltd (Fl). \*1/2 to Set a Record (GIII, \$370,828, by Upper Case).

**Denamax**, f, 3, Cee's Tizzy--Calgary Queen, by Naevus. HOL, 12-4, 6f, 1:10. B-Thomas Dante (Ca).

**Sky Challenge**, c, 3, Conquistador Cielo--Distant Rose (MSW, \$130,465), by Distant Day. HOL, 12-4, 1 1/16m, 1:43 4/5. B-James Herbener Jr & Kennelot Stable (Ky). \*\$200,000 yrl '94 KEESEP. \*\*1/2 to Ben All's Rullah (SP, \$175,362, by Clever Trick).

**Eastern Cove**, f, 3, Eastern Echo--Newport Cove, by Cyane. MED, 12-4, a1m70yd, 1:45 2/5. B-Good Chance Farm (Fl). \*\$23,000 yrl '94 KEEJAN; \$45,000 yrl '94 KEESEP.

**Seattle Lightning**, c, 3, Seattle Song--Light Ice, by Arctic Tern. MED, 12-3, a1m70yd, 1:44 3/5. B-Winborne Farm, Inc (Ky). \*\$16,500 yrl '94 KEESEP; \$26,000 2yo 1995 OBSMAR.

**Sambra**, f, 3, Storm Cat--Phoenix Sunshine (MSW, \$226,889), by Encino. HAW, 12-4, 6f, 1:13 1/5. B-Judy B. Hicks (Ky). \*\$310,000 2yo 1995 BESMAR.

Carly Lily, f, 4, Lyphard's Wish (Fr)--Deal the Queen, by Drone. AQU, 12-4, (S), 1 1/16m, 1:47 3/5. B-John Valentino (Ny).

### WEEKEND PEDIGREE PERSPECTIVES

by Alan Porter

**GOLD FEVER** (c, 3, Forty Niner--Lead Kindly Light, by Majestic Light) charged from the rear to capture the GI NYRA Mile at Aqueduct Saturday. In doing so, he greatly increased the chances of his sire, Forty Niner, beating out Cozzene for the Champion Sire title, confirming the historic precedent for stallions to enjoy outstanding success following either exportation or premature death.

Gold Fever comes from a tremendous female line--his fourth dam Exclusive Dancer is a three-parts sister to twice Champion Sire Exclusive Native--so perhaps he will prove a suitable replacement for his sire when the time comes for him to retire.

This apart, what is particularly interesting about Gold Fever's pedigree is the way in which his sire, Forty Niner, mirrors his broodmare sire, Majestic Light. Forty Niner is by a son of Raise a Native out of a mare by Tom Rolfe (by Ribot) and Majestic Light is by a son of Raise a Native out of a mare by Ribot. In addition, Forty Niner carries Nasrullah, while Majestic Light carries Nasrullah's three-parts brother Royal Charger. Paradoxically, while their pedigrees were similar, Forty Niner and Majestic Light owned very different aptitudes. The precocious Forty Niner was a champion at two, while Majestic Light, a winner of one of seven starts at that age, blossomed at three and four, eventually showing some of his very best form at middle-distances on the turf.

This aptitudinal difference might be important. In general, breeding a mare to a stallion from her own sire line does not work terribly well. The cross of stallions from the Raise a Native sire line via Mr. Prospector (sire of Forty Niner) onto mares from the Raise a Native sire line via Majestic Prince (sire of Majestic Light) has proved a glorious exception to that principle.

With this, we are back with a concept which we have mentioned before, the principle of *difference*. There is evidence that inbreeding and linebreeding to notable ancestors generally works best when it is via offspring of *different* sexes, it now also appears that inbreeding to sons of a stallion can work well when it is via horses of *different* aptitudes (for other various obvious examples consider inbreeding to Northern Dancer via Nijinsky II and various other sons, and to Bold Ruler via Secretariat and various other sons).

That said, Gold Fever does have his share of opposite-sex inbreeding and linebreeding, including to Ribot (a preferred strain for Forty Niner), Raise a Native's sire Native Dancer and Nasrullah and his three-parts brother Royal Charger.