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**FAVORITE TRICK TO BILL MOTT** Bill Mott has been named to take over as the trainer of likely 1997 Champion Two-Year-Old Colt **Favorite Trick** (Phone Trick). Mott replaces Patrick Byrne, who was forced to give up his previous horses after accepting a job as a private trainer for owner Frank Stronach. Joseph LaCombe, the majority owner of Favorite Trick, is also sending Mott his top grass horse, **Panama City** (El Gran Senor). Elliott Walden will take over for Byrne as the trainer of three-year-old graded stakes winner **Polished Brass** (Dixie Brass), as well as some of LaCombe's other horses. "I chose Bill because he's very organized, he's got a nice barn and has a nice way about himself," LaCombe said. "He's very businesslike." Mott added, "I've got big shoes to fill. I'm obviously flattered that they considered me. It's a big challenge." Mott, who has never trained a winner of any of the Triple Crown races, is realistic about Favorite Trick's chances in the three-year-old classics, knowing that distance could be a problem. "There's a big question about the horse, not just from me but from everyone," Mott said. "What sort of distance limitations does he have? That's not a new angle. Obviously, he's very talented. Given the fact that he's proven to be rateable and the disposition he has, if any horse can overcome it, he's the one." Byrne had planned to start Favorite Trick off this year in the Feb. 21 Fountain of Youth at Gulfstream. Mott said he hasn't had enough time to plan out a schedule for the colt, but added that he intends to keep Pat Day as Favorite Trick's regular rider. Mott said he expects the undefeated Breeders' Cup Juvenile winner to arrive at his Payson Park barn within the next few days.

**EQUIBASE, AXCIS/TRACKMASTER LAUNCH "VIRTUAL STABLE"** Equibase Company has teamed with AXCIS/TrackMaster to launch *Virtual Stable*, which alerts users via e-mail when designated Thoroughbreds are entered to race. *Virtual Stable* users input Thoroughbred names in a designated section on the Equibase home page ([www.equibase.com](http://www.equibase.com)). When any of these horses are entered to race, *Virtual Stable* will send e-mail to the user notifying them of the date, track, race number and race conditions for which the designated horse is entered. The service also features a "close-match" feature which allows users to input a name, for example "David," and receive notification for any horse running that contains the name David (David's Best, Sunny David, etc.). Equibase Company Business Development Manager Richard Mullikin said, "*Virtual Stable* is a natural fit with our ongoing quest to enhance the range and value of our online services in order to promote the interests of the entire Thoroughbred industry. Often this mission is best fulfilled by working together with our strategic partners, in this case AXCIS/TrackMaster, to create a truly useful service that will benefit racing fans worldwide who are interested in following North American horses."

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### STAKES CLOSINGS

**TODAY, WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 7:**

- 1-17 \$200/100,000 **San Fernando Breeders' Cup-GII, SA, 4yo, 8.5f (\$200)**
- 1-17 \$150,000 **San Gorgonio H.-GII, SA, 4yo/up, 9fT (\$150)**
- 1-17 \$100,000 **Holy Bull-GIII, GP, 3yo, 8.5f (\$100)**
- 1-18 \$150,000 **El Encino-GII, SA, 4yo, 8.5f (\$150)**
- 1-19 \$150,000 **San Marcos H.-GII, SA, 4yo/up, 10fT (\$150)**



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**AVERAGE UP 16 PERCENT AT AUSTRALIAN YEARLING SALE** The William Inglis & Son 1998 *Classic Yearling Sale*, held Monday and Tuesday at Newmarket in Sydney, Australia, saw 325 lots sell for a gross of \$3,687,513 and an average price of \$11,346, a 16 percent increase over last year's average of \$9,884. "The average price achieved at this sale is the highest since 1990 and vindicates the decision to add an incentive race to the sale," said Managing Director Reg Inglis. "The running of the (\$424,757) Inglis 2YO Classic on Saturday was an exciting prelude to the sale. It is evident trainers and owners came to Newmarket intent on finding a precocious early two-year-old for the 1999 Inglis Classic next January." Inglis continued, "We look forward to selling the top drawer yearlings we have catalogued for the *Melbourne Premier Yearling Sale* in March and the *Australian Easter Yearling Sale* in April."

## ◆ EAST ◆

### Local News, Tampa Bay Downs:

Tampa Bay Downs set an all-time record handle Tuesday, January 6, when \$3,155,905 was wagered on its 10-race card. The largest network of simulcast outlets in the history of the Florida oval carried the signal throughout the country and the Caribbean, making the total possible. The old record, set in 1996, was \$2,730,197. "The new record is a tribute to the competitiveness of the horses who run here and to the hard work of the owners, trainers and employees who work at the track," said Tampa Bay Downs Vice President and General Manager John Grady.

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, a (C) will be used for maiden-claiming races and an (R) will be used for other restricted races.

## ◆ FOREIGN ◆

### Stakes Result:

**GRAN PREMIO DE LAS AMÉRICAS (OSAF)-G1**, \$47,600, Hipódromo de Palermo, Argentina, 1-2, 3yo/up, 1m (dirt), 1:33, ft.  
 1--**El COMPINCHE (ARG)**, 132, h, 6, Southern Halo--**La Copera (Arg) (SW & MGSP-Arg)**, by **Good Manners**. O/B-Haras La Quebrada (Arg); T-J. Etchechury; J-Jacinto Herrera; \$35,000.  
 2--**Amatin**, 130, c, 4, Cautín--Luna Rose (Arg), by Ahmad (Arg). O-Stud Tori; B-Haras La Madrugada; \$7,000  
 3--**Valiente Fitz (Arg)**, 121, c, 3, Fitzcarraldo (Arg)--**Visalia (Arg)**, by Ahmad (Arg). O-Stud Los Tres Vasquitos; B-Haras Firmamento (Arg); \$3,850  
 Margins: 8, 4. Winner's Odds: 3-1.

## ◆ MIDWEST ◆

### Local News, Remington Park:

Northern Oklahoma racing fans will have a new off-track wagering site available to them beginning Thursday. Remington Park has switched its operation in Enid, OK to the Uptown Sports Bar. Previously, the off-track site in Enid was located at City Boots. The telephone number for the Uptown Sports Bar is (580) 233-0985.

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## WEEKEND PEDIGREE PERSPECTIVES

by Alan Porter

**TIME LIMIT (g, 3, Gilded Time--Savanna Anna, by Vice Regent)**

In view of the speed shown by his sire at both two and three, it was interesting to hear that the connections of Time Limit were concerned whether he would have the pace to successfully drop back from a mile and a sixteenth to the six furlongs of the GIII Spectacular Bid S. at Gulfstream Jan. 4. Time Limit proved more than equal to the task, scoring by five and a quarter lengths.

Oddly enough though, Time Limit, a half-brother to the speedy Miss Indy Anna, does have a considerable number of English classic influences in his pedigree. Gilded Time's sire, Timeless Moment, has the brothers Pharamond II and Sickle 5x4x5. Gilded Time's dam, Gilded Lilly, has the brothers Pharos and Fairway 5x4 in her pedigree. Pharamond II, Sickle, Pharos and Fairway were all bred by the Earl of Derby, and were all by Phalaris out of mares by Chaucer, giving Gilded Time a quartet of three-parts brothers. Oddly enough, Gilded Time's pedigree also features Heliopolis, who was by Hyperion (Derby winning half-brother to Pharamond II and Sickle) out of a mare by Swynford (half-brother to Chaucer, the broodmare sire of Pharamond II, Sickle, Pharos and Fairway).

Savanna Anna, the dam of Time Limit, is by Vice Regent. Vice Regent's, Northern Dancer, has Pharos, Hyperion and Sickle all close up in his pedigree, and his dam has Fair Copy, who is a son of Fairway out of Composure, a half-sister to the dam of Pharamond II, Sickle and Hyperion. Time Limit's granddam has Pharos and Fairway 5x5, the pair coming in through the relatives Tudor Minstrel and Fair Trial (also in Gilded

Time). Just for good measure, Tudor Minstrel is out of mare by English Derby winner Sansovino, a half-brother to Serenissima, the granddam of Pharamond II, Sickle and Hyperion.

This is, admittedly, all a little hard to follow, but the bottom line is this: Time Limit has a tremendous build up of genetic relatives bred by the Earl of Derby, and particularly from his two key families Canterbury Pilgrim (dam of Chaucer and Swynford) and Gondolette, ancestress of Sansovino, Hyperion (both Derby winners), Pharamond II, Sickle and Fair Copy. This is focused first through the genetic relatives Pharamond II, Sickle, Fairway and Pharos, and then further forward through the genetic relatives Tudor Minstrel and Fair Trial. It seems that the closer combination of Tudor Minstrel and Fair Trial has gifted Time Limit with considerable speed. We wonder if the deeper background will enable him to stretch out to classic distances?

### PEDIGREE SHORTS...

The GIII Interborough H. heroine **Evil's Pic (m, 6, Piccolino--Evil's Sister, by Medieval Man)** is one of those notable runners whose own pedigree is virtually an outcross, but whose sire and dam both have close inbreeding. Her sire, a son of Fappiano, has Rough 'n Tumble 4x4 and her dam has Tim Tam 3x4. With this sort of pedigree, we frequently find that the animals to which each parent is inbred have a similar background. This situation particularly pertains when we compare the pedigrees of Rough 'n Tumble and Tim Tam's dam, Two Lea. Both have Bull Dog combined with a Chicle/Whisk Broom cross.

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*December 31 at Hawthorne, 2-year-old DELACIOUS in maiden allowance victory - ANOTHER winner by*

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### Pedigree Shorts Continued.

Over the course of time, combining the mare Athenia (granddam of Sir Ivor) with her three-parts brother Menow has frequently paid dividends. The pair appeared together again in the pedigree of the Tropical Park Oaks winner **To Be Approved (f, 3, With Approval--Misty Panorama, by Sir Ivor)**. To Be Approved has a couple of other combinations worth mentioning. Man o' War and Blue Larkspur appear together in both Buckpasser (broodmare sire of With Approval) and To Be Approved's own fourth dam, Blue Denim, and Mahmoud and Sir Gallahad III combine in With Approval's third dam, Happy Mood, and Sir Ivor's broodmare sire, Mr. Trouble. Sir Ivor is also broodmare sire of To Be Approved's stakes winning sister Final Approval and sire of the second dam of With Approval stakes winner Written Approval, so it looks worth continuing to combine him and With Approval. It is also interesting to note that With Approval has sired stakes winner Disapproved out of a mare by Stutz Blackhawk, a half-brother to the dam of To Be Approved. This again brings in Blue Denim. Other Blue Denim sources include Green Dancer and Grey Dawn II, who could also be on a With Approval hit list.

**Brush Over (f, 4, Broad Brush--Monoprint, by Conquistador Cielo)**, who was winning her fourth straight race when taking the Holly Beech S. at Laurel New Year's Day, has a rather interesting pedigree. She is inbred to Hoist the Flag 3x3 and Turn-to 4x4x5. Broad Brush himself has Turn-to 3x3 with Hoist the Flag sitting in the center of the inbreeding as Broad Brush's broodmare sire. Although he has frequently thrown behind his close inbreeding and sired good winners with relatively outcrossed pedigrees, Broad Brush has also demonstrated an ability to work with inbreeding to Hoist the Flag's sire Tom Rolfe, and

more Turn-to. In addition to Brush Over, he has sired four other stakes winners with Tom Rolfe duplications (including Brush With the Law, who has Tom Rolfe 2x4), and five other stakes winners with inbreeding to Turn-to.

We have mentioned before how well Fred Hooper does with pedigrees which feature multiple inbreeding to his outstanding star of the late 1940's, Olympia. There was another example in the GIII Tropical Park Derby Jan. 2, which was won by Hooper's **Draw Again (c, 3, Roman Diplomat--Preciseness, by Precisionist)**. Draw Again has Olympia 4x5x6x6x6, with another cross in the seventh generation. It's also worth noting that the dam is inbred 3x4 to Hooper's Crozier, a son of My Babu, while the sire, Roman Diplomat, is a male line descendent of Turn-to, a very close genetic relative to My Babu's dam.

Leading sire Wild Again has a rather old-fashioned pedigree, as his broodmare sire, Khaled, was born way back in 1943. The fact that his broodmare sire was at stud 50 years ago means that he has generally receded much further back in modern pedigrees, and it also increases Wild Again's chance of meeting with mares carrying some Khaled. It certainly seems reintroducing Khaled to Wild Again is a very effective "blast from the past," and the pattern appears again in the GIII Monrovia H victress **Madame Pandit (m, 5, Wild Again--Tuesday Evening, by Nodouble)**. Madame Pandit's granddam is by the Khaled stallion New Policy, and this means that Madame Pandit joins Power Lunch, La Rosa, Wild Deputy, Wild Harmony and Omi as one of six Wild Again stakes winners with inbreeding to Khaled. This comes out at approaching 12 percent of Wild Again's stakes winners, which one would think exceeds Khaled's representation in the mares which have been bred to Wild Again.

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