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TWO-YEAR-OLD STORMS TO RECORD \$1

MILLION PRICE AT CALDER Stirred up by a strong breeze moving through the Calder paddock yesterday afternoon, two-year-olds for the second session of the Fasig-Tipton Calder Selected Two-Year-Olds In Training sale danced on their hind legs. When hip number 151 came into the ring, the bidding became nearly as wild. Trainer John Kimmel purchased the colt by Storm Cat--Pookette (Miswaki), a half-brother to Canadian Champion two-year-old Talking Man (With Approval) for owner Chester Broman. Asked if he thought the colt would reach \$1 million, Kimmel said, "That's been the word around here. I said to Chester I thought he'd go for between \$750,000 and \$1 million and he topped out at \$1 million. There wasn't anything I didn't like about him. He's by a world-class sire and the mare has already produced a top horse, a champion. He's physically outstanding and scored high on his cardiovascular assessment. I thought he was the standout horse of the sale. He's the best horse I saw." The colt will go to Payson Park. Broman, who lives on Long Island and is in the construction business, currently has seven older horses and 10 two-year-olds in training and is in the third year of horse ownership. The \$1 million price tag broke this sale's previous record price of \$875,000, paid in 1996 for Speed World (Woodman). The underbidder on the record colt was Elizabeth Moran of Brushwood Stables. The top priced filly of the sale was hip number 308. The bay filly by Meadowlake--Cassowary (Cormorant) was consigned by William B. Harrigan Sales Agency, agent and was purchased for \$800,000 by Prince Ahmed Salman's The Thoroughbred Corp. "I liked her--I think she's the best filly in the sale," said the Prince's racing manager Richard Mulhall. "She's pretty and she winked at me as she walked by."

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STAKES CLOSINGS

TODAY, WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 25:

3-4 \$100,000 *Baldwin-GIII, SA, 3yo, 6.5fT*
(\$100)

3-7 \$250,000 *Pan American H.-GII, GP,*
3yo/up, 12fT (\$250)

3-7 \$150,000 *Arcadia H.-GII, SA, 4yo/up, 8fT* (\$150)

3-7 \$150,000 *San Carlos H.-GII, SA, 4yo/up, 7f* (\$150)

3-8 \$200,000 *Orchid H.-GII, GP, 3yo/up, f/m, 12fT* (\$250)

3-14 \$750,000 *Florida Derby-GI, GP, 3yo, 9f* (\$3,000)

TOMORROW, THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 26:

3-8 \$300,000 *Santa Margarita H.-GI, SA, 4/up, f/m, 9f* (INV)



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FASIG-TIPTON CALDER TUESDAY -- TOP FIVE COLTS

HIP#	SIRE	DAM	PRICE
151	Storm Cat	Pookette	\$1,000,000
	Consigned by M. W. Miller, III, agent Purchased by Chester Broman		
310	Gulch	Cat Attack	\$800,000
	Consigned by Jerry Bailey Sales Agency, agent Purchased by Buzz Chace, agent		
312	Phone Trick	Caught a Pass	\$750,000
	(\$13,000 wnlg '96 KEENOV; \$40,000 yrl '97 FTMSEP) Consigned by Tony Bowling & Bobby Dodd, agent Purchased by Michael Tabor		
219	Caerleon	Steady	\$400,000
	(\$380,000 wnlg '96 KEENOV) Consigned by M. W. Miller, III, agent Purchased by J. S. Company		
298	Honor Grades	Brekke	\$385,000
	(\$165,000 yrl '97 OBSAUG) Consigned by Woodside Ranch, agent Purchased by Robert and Bea Roberts		

FASIG-TIPTON CALDER TUESDAY -- TOP FIVE FILLIES

HIP#	SIRE	DAM	PRICE
308	Meadowlake	Cassowary	\$800,000
	(\$410,000 yrl '97 FTSAUG) Consigned by William B. Harrigan Sales Agency, agent Purchased by The Thoroughbred Corp.		
254	Meadowlake	Untilthemusicstops	\$470,000
	(\$27,000 wnlg '96 KEENOV; \$52,000 yrl '97 KEESEP) Consigned by Ricky Leppala, agent Purchased by Michael King Racing		
164	Dixieland Band	Quickening Dawn	\$435,000
	(\$300,000 yrl '97 KEESEP) Consigned by Quality Thoroughbreds, McKathan Bros., agent Purchased by John Moynihan, agent		
256	Meadowlake	Valid Linda	\$375,000
	Consigned by Murray Smith Purchased by Brushwood Stables		
235	Dehere	Theladysaidso	\$350,000
	(\$150,000 yrl '97 FTSAUG) Consigned by R. N. Scanlon, agent Purchased by B.B.A. England		

**Fasig-Tipton Calder results cont. from p. 1**

Mulhall added the filly may be sent to Canada, although no definite plans have been made. The \$800,000 bid was the highest price ever paid for a filly at the Fasig-Tipton Calder sale, eclipsing the old mark of \$600,000 set last year by Daiwa Ripples (Gone West). Also selling for \$800,000 was hip number 310, a bay colt by Gulch-Cat Attack (Storm Cat). Consigned by Jerry Bailey Sales Agency, agent, the two-year-old was purchased by Buzz Chace on behalf of Ernie Paragallo's Paraneck Stables. "He is just a magnificent looking horse and he worked well," explained Paragallo. "We'll send him to the farm and decide who is going to train him." A total of 136 horses sold yesterday for an aggregate of \$19,862,000--up 24.7 percent from last year's gross of \$15,924,000 from the sale of 128 horses. The average of \$146,044 was up 17.4 percent from the 1997 figure of \$124,406. At the two-day sale, 191 horses sold for \$26,303,000 and an average of \$137,712. The gross was up 13.6 percent from \$23,162,000 a year ago and the average rose 14.2 percent from 1997's \$120,635.

STEVENS TO RIDE SILVER CHARM After mulling it over for several weeks, jockey Gary Stevens has decided to ride **Silver Charm** (Silver Buck) in the March 7 GI Santa Anita H. Stevens has been the regular rider on both MGISW **Gentlemen (Arg)** (Robin des Bois) and last year's Champion Three-Year-Old Silver Charm. The pair will meet for the first time in the Big 'Cap. Trainer Richard Mandella named Hall of Fame rider Pat Day to take the reins on Gentlemen.

NOT SURPRISING RETURNS A WINNER Not Surprising (Medieval Man), the 1995 Eclipse Champion Sprinter, returned to the winner's circle yesterday after the ninth race at Tampa Bay Downs. The eight-year-old gelding, off since finishing seventh in the Hialeah Sprint Championship last April, had been winless since taking the GII True North H. at Belmont in June of 1996. "I am glad to just have this race under his belt," said trainer Judd Van Worp. "He has been working so well, I hoped he would run like he has been training, sometimes you just never know when they have been off 10 months."

TURF RACING COMMENCES IN PARIS The 1998 Paris turf racing season gets underway at Maisons-Laffitte today, with a seven race card worth \$138,032. The most valuable race on the card is the \$29,230 Prix Badajoz, a conditions event for three year olds over 1 5/16 miles.

◆ EAST ◆

Local News, Meadowlands:

The New Jersey Sports and Exposition Authority will name Bruce Garland as Hal Handel's successor at its board meeting Friday night, according to a report in yesterday's *Asbury Park (N.J.) Press*. Handel, formerly the NJSEA's executive vice president for racing, resigned three weeks ago to take a similar position at Philadelphia Park. Garland, vice president/standardbred racing, will be replaced by Chris McErlean, the associate general manager at the Meadowlands, according to the *Press*. Officials at the Meadowlands said yesterday that nothing would be announced until the meeting Friday night.

Local News, Maryland:

Eclipse award-winning sprinter **Smoke Glacken** (Two Punch) was unanimously voted 1997 Maryland-bred horse of the year in an annual poll conducted by the Maryland Horse Breeders' Association. Divisional honors went to **K. O. Punch** (Two Punch) (Ch. 2yo), **Maragold Princess** (Smarten) (Ch. 2yo filly), **Dixie Flag** (Dixieland Band) (Ch. 3yo filly), **Royal Haven** (Hail Emperor) (Ch. Older Male), **Chip** (Norquestor) (Ch. Older Female), **Awad** (Caveat) (Ch. Turf runner) and **Teb's Bend** (Whatever For) (Ch. Steeplechaser).

UPCOMING SALES:

Feb. 20-22: Goodwood Bloodstock Select Yearling, Perth, Aus.
 Feb. 23-24: Fasig-Tipton Florida Selected Two-Year-Olds in Training, Calder Race Course, FL.
 March 3-4: Barretts March Sale of Selected Two-Year-Olds in Training, Pomona, CA
 March 10: Fair Grounds Sales Co. Select Two-Year-Olds in Training Sale, Fair Grounds, LA
 March 16-17: Fasig-Tipton Texas Two-Year-Olds in Training, Lone Star Park, TX.
 March 24-25: Ocala Breeders' Sales Co. Selected Two-Year-Olds in Training, Ocala, FL.
 April 14: Keeneland April Two-Year-Olds in Training, Lexington, KY.
 Apr. 15-16: Tattersalls Breeze-Up, Newmarket, Eng.
 Apr. 20-23: Ocala Breeders' Sales Co. Spring Two-Year-Olds in Training, Ocala, FL.
 Apr. 27: Fasig-Tipton Kentucky Two-Year-Olds in Training & Horses of Racing Age, Lexington, KY.
 May 5: Fasig-Tipton New York Horses of Racing Age, Belmont Park, NY.

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◆ FLORIDA ◆

Local News, Gulfstream Park:

Trainer Neil Howard said **Comic Strip** (Red Ransom), winner of the Risen Star S. at the Fair Grounds on Sunday, is "doing fine." Howard added, "He came out of the race good. He'll go back to the track on Wednesday, and I'll plan his work schedule in the next couple of days." Comic Strip is being pointed towards the March 15 GIII Louisiana Derby at the Fair Grounds.

Frank Stronach's **Black Cash** (Deposit Ticket), winner of last year's GIII Grey Breeders' Cup S., was moved from Gulfstream to Hialeah Tuesday. The three-year-old colt is a Kentucky Derby hopeful, according to trainer Pat Byrne. "I'd like to get an allowance race into him for his first start at Hialeah. Then, I'll see if we can make the Flamingo (GIII on April 4)." Byrne picked up Black Cash when he signed on to train privately for Stronach on January 1.

Another horse Pat Byrne inherited was last year's GI Belmont S. winner **Touch Gold** (Deputy Minister). He's been at Stronach's Adena Springs South Farm in Ocala, Florida, recovering from foot problems. "Touch Gold's been moving along real well up in Ocala," said Byrne. "I expect to get him in my barn when I'm at Churchill. The plans are to get him to the Breeders' Cup Classic, and then win it."

Tale of the Cat (Storm Cat) may not be suffering from a stress fracture after all. "We had another surgeon look at the x-rays, and he said he thought it was serious remodeling, and not a fracture," said trainer John Forbes. "We're going to go slow bringing him back to the track. I hope to have him ready by June 1."

Local News, Ocala, Florida:

Erin-American Bloodstock, Joe Brocklebank, agent, has expanded its office to Ocala, Florida. Brocklebank has formed a corporation with Cindy Otero. Called Erin-American Realty, Inc., the organization specializes in Thoroughbred horse farms.

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◆ MIDWEST ◆

Yesterday's Results:

6th-FGX, \$26,600, Msw, 3 & 4yo, f, abt1mT, 1:42 1/5, fm.

+ **GRACE'S ANGEL** (f, 3, Marquetry--Should Say, by Oh Say), dismissed at 34-1 odds here in her career debut, took the lead at the start, lost it briefly down the backside, regained command then held off a strong late rush from 4-5 favorite GOMBEEN (Private Account) to win by a half-length. The winner is 1/2 to Rushiscomingup (MSP, \$145,691, by Bold Executive) and Rare Executive (SW, \$113,979, by Bold Executive). Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$15,960.

O/B-Frank Maida (CAN). T-Josie Carroll.

◆ FOREIGN ◆

AMERICAN-BRED WINNER IN ENGLAND:

Forgotten Times, f, 4, **Nabeel Dancer**--Etoile D'Amore, by The Minstrel. Lingfield, 2-24, Walter Raleigh Fillies' H., 3yo/up, 6f (dirt), \$4,609 to winner. O-John Crook B-Gainsborough Farm Inc; T-Ken Ivory.

◆ SO. CALIFORNIA ◆

Local News, Pomona, California:

Barretts' Video Preview has been rescheduled for the second time due to heavy rains in Southern California. The preview, originally scheduled for Monday and tentatively rescheduled for Tuesday, will now be held Thursday, February 26, starting at 10 a.m.

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STAKES RESULT:

MARDI GRAS H., \$60,000, FGX, 2-24, 4yo/up, a7 1/2fT, 1:34 1/5, fm.

1--**DICKEY RICKEY**, 114, h, 5, **Plain Dealing**--Whipsaw, by ***Grey Dawn II**. O-Young Lee; B-Adcock Joe (LA); T-Troy Young; J-G Melancon; \$36,000. Lifetime Record: 22-6-5-6, \$171,988.

2--**Kingcanrunallday**, 116, h, 5, **Regal Search**--Angel At Dawn, by Cutlass. (\$10,000 yrl '94 OBSAUG; \$1,400 yrl '94 OBSJAN). \$12,000.

3--**Boy Stuff**, 112, c, 4, **Verzy**--Deanne's Lady, by Dancing Champ. \$6,600.

Margins: 2, HD, HF. Odds: 22.00, 3.60, 17.40.

At \$195,000 and \$180,000, two of the top six fillies at

Monday's FT Calder Select were daughters of

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**ALLOWANCE RESULTS:**

10th-FGX, \$30,500, (S), 3yo, c/g, a1mT, 1:41 4/5, fm.

MASTER PEPPE (c, 3, Giuseppe--Scottish Madam, by Duns Scotus) Lifetime Record: SW, 5-2-2-0, \$49,890. O/B-Albert E Pusch (LA). T-Donald Cormier.

8th-PHA, \$18,000, 4yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16m, 1:46 2/5, sy.

NICKY SOUP (f, 4, Time for a Change--Bouncy Barb, by Rollicking) Lifetime Record: MSP, 9-3-0-2, \$31,815. O-B E Stable. B-B. E. Stables Inc (MA). T-Edward T Allard. *1/2 to Bouncing Brave (MSW, \$259,118, by Brave Shot {GB}), Long Suit (SW, \$136,962, by Lord Gaylord) and Choper (MSW, \$115,846, by Vigors).

9th-HOU, \$17,000, 2-22, 4yo/up, 5fT, :59.19, yl.

GO SCOTTY (g, 4, Bold Ruckus--Exquisite Mistress {MSW, \$118,642}, by Nasty and Bold) Lifetime Record: MSW, 10-6-1-0, \$68,000. O-Jer-Mar Stable LLC. B-R. Alex Rankin & Louis Wright (Ky). T-H B Johnshon, Jr.

MAIDEN WINNERS:

Ashley N, f, 3, Lucky So n' So--Passing Song, by Passing Zone. HOU, 2-22, (S), 1m 70yds, 1:44.25. B-William C. Day (Tx). *\$3,700 yrl '96 HOUSEP.

+ **Grace's Angel, f, 3, Marquetry--Should Say, by Oh Say.** FGX, 2-24, a1mT, 1:42 1/5. B-Maida Frank (Can). *1/2 to Rushiscomingup (MSP, \$145,691, by Bold Executive) and Rare Executive (SW, \$113,979, by Bold Executive).

He's a Blue, g, 4, Nain Bleu (Fr)--What a Lead, by What a Pleasure. PHA, 2-24, 1m, 1:40 4/5. B-The Oaks Horse Farm, Corp (Fl). *\$2,200 2yo 1996 OBSJUN. **1/2 to Rebecca Mae (MSW, \$154,530, by Tridessus).

Crybaby Capt. Sid, g, 4, Risen Star--Exclusive Caro, by Caro (Ire). FGX, 2-24, (S), 1m, 1:39 2/5. B-Wadleigh Stables (La). *SP.

My Friend Parker, c, 4, Wild Again--Lady Becker (SP), by Nijinsky II. FGX, 2-24, 6f, 1:10 2/5. B-Hughes W (Ky).

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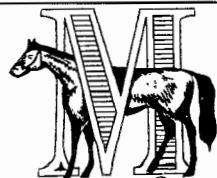
By Jay Privman

Last year, Silver Charm prepped in California before capturing the Kentucky Derby. The year before, Grindstone started here before heading to Louisiana and further glory at Churchill Downs. This truly is the land of opportunity. These are the dozen leading prospects to emerge from California as top contenders for this year's Run for the Roses.

ARTAX (Marquetry--Raging Apalachee, by Apalachee) was an overpowering winner of the Gill Santa Catalina S. on February 1. He is a big, eye-catching colt who had yet to measure up to his looks until this race, which was a major move forward. In his second-place finish in the GI Hollywood Futurity in December, Artax seemed distracted, racing wide and lugging in. This time, he was all business, and he motored clear after shaking off a challenge from Souvenir Copy. Next up: the Gil San Felipe S. on March 14. He is trained by Randy Bradshaw and is owned by the Paraneck Stable of Ernie Paragallo, who thus far has restrained himself from a repeat of his behavior surrounding Unbridled's Song.

AVAILABILITY (El Prado {Ire}--All Ability, by Nasty and Bold) is slowly coming around for trainer Walter Greenman, who sent the colt to Arizona to annex the Turf Paradise Derby on February 7. The Verne Winchell homebred will probably dodge the big boys by heading to Northern California next. Greenman is a sharp, veteran trainer who got a taste of the Derby trail last year with Pacificbounty.

GRAND SLAM (Gone West--Bright Candles, by El Gran Senor) looked like a victim of the "Texas Chainsaw Massacre" after last fall's GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile, but he has recovered sufficiently, in the eyes of trainer D. Wayne Lukas, to already be up to five furlongs in his workouts. Certainly seemed a longshot in November to make it to the Derby, and still has a long way to go, but he's farther along than anyone would have imagined at this point. Has loads of talent, as proven by his victory over Lil's Lad in the GI Champagne S., but will he be the same when he comes back?



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LATE EDITION (Cryptoclearance--Starlet Storm, by Storm Bird) showed significant improvement when receiving both Lasix and blinkers for the first time in the seven-furlong, GII San Vicente S. on February 7. Was part of a hot pace and only yielded late to Sea of Secrets. If he improves on that performance, he might be a late-season surprise for Team Lukas and Overbrook Farm.

MR. FORTUNE (Crafty Prospector--Lalique, by Ogygian) is unbeaten in two sprints and will get tested for class in the one-mile, GII San Rafael S. on March 1. This gelding, trained by Kim Lloyd, won by 10 lengths against maidens first time out, but was fully extended in his non-winners-of-one allowance race to win by a neck going 6 ½ furlongs. There's a question as to whether he is best as a late-running sprinter, and his pedigree is not encouraging when discussing 11/4 miles.

OLD TRIESTE (A.P. Indy--Lovlier Linda, by Vigors) has not been seen since his game, runner-up finish behind Souvenir Copy in last fall's GII Norfolk S. He fractured a cannon bone, then was training sharply last month before being stricken by a virus that also knocked older stablemate Lord Grillo (Arg) out of the GII Strub S. and GI Santa Anita H. There was thought he might be the best two-year-old in California last fall, but trainer Mike Puype is running out of time with this colt, who is owned by Gary Biszantz' Cobra Farms.

ORVILLE N WILBUR'S (Out of Place--Squalling, by Beau's Eagle) disappointed as the odds-on favorite in the San Vicente, his first start since a majority interest was purchased by Prince Ahmed Salman's The Thoroughbred Corporation. Trainer Wally Dollase believes the colt was intimidated in traffic, but he'll need to mature in order to handle the best in the West. Might be a sprinter.

PROSPEROUS BID (Mr. Prospector--Ubetshedid, by King Pellinore) is this year's version of Pulpit. Did not make his debut until January 18, got a 111 Beyer Speed Figure when crushing maidens in that race, then was straight as a string to beat allowance runners going one mile on February 13. This John and Betty Mabee homebred is a half-brother to Best Pal, comes from a top barn (Dollase), looks like a million bucks and has a tremendous amount of ability, but there's a reason no horse since Apollo in 1882 has won the Derby without racing at age two--it's a long way to come in such a short amount of time. He'll go in the San Felipe next.

QUAKE (Capote--Pirate's Glow, by Pirate's Bounty) followed up a sharp maiden win with a deceptively good run when going one mile against allowance horses last week. He broke poorly, was wide the whole way, yet kept to his task to finish second. Has the look of a late developer who should be followed. Herman Sarkowsky and Marty Wygod bred and own Quake, who is trained by one of the West's best, Richard Mandella.

SEA OF SECRETS (Storm Cat--Love from Mom, by Mr. Prospector) remained unbeaten in three starts when he took the San Vicente. The San Vicente is the race in which Silver Charm made his 1997 debut, so Sea of Secrets is following a tried-and-true path. He got a perfect trip in the San Vicente, and has yet to go around two turns, so his performance in the San Rafael is a crucial measuring stick. Trainer Neil Drysdale should have won the Derby in 1992 with A.P. Indy. Perhaps this colt will be his redeemer. Floridians Irving and Marje Cowan bred and own Sea of Secrets.

SOUVENIR COPY (Mr. Prospector--Dancing Tribute, by Nureyev) was a distant second to Artax in the Santa Catalina. Baffert, his trainer, had considering sending this colt to Louisiana, but decided to keep him here for the San Rafael. This colt displayed much promise last year, winning the GII Del Mar Futurity and Norfolk, but he has a breathing problem that may prevent him from getting the classic distances. Certainly in the right barn, though. He was bred and is owned by the Mabees, last year's Eclipse Award-winning breeders.

FOALING NEWS:

SILK BROCADE, 14, The Minstrel--Fashionable Trick (Buckpasser)

Foal born 2-15-98, a filly by Carson City. Will be bred back to Pulpit.

Owned/boarded at Keswick Stables in Keswick, Va. Accomplishments: Dam of Semoran (Phone Trick), MGSW, \$749,085; Second Childhood (Wild Again), GSP, \$170,875.

GLIMMER OF GOLD, 12, Slew O'Gold--Prime Prospect (Mr. Prospector)

Foal born 2-15-98, a filly by Rahy. Will be bred back to Mt. Livermore. Owned by LJH Farm.

Boarded at Cornerstone Stable in Lexington, Ky. Accomplishments: Dam of Miss Ra He Ra (Rahy), GSW, \$302,833.



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