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GULFSTREAM NUMBERS UP Gulfstream Park concluded its 1998 season Monday with increases in both on-track attendance and mutuel handle. During the 63-day meeting, on-track handle totaled \$133,517,034--up 2.2 percent from last year's figure of \$130,658,522. On-track attendance reached 664,919--up 1 percent from the 1997 figure of 658,627. "We were privileged to treat South Florida and a vast simulcast audience to racing that featured the 1997 Horse of the Year, the 1997 Handicap Champion and the nation's leading three-year-olds," said Gulfstream Park President and Chief Executive Officer Doug Donn. "We intend to exert every effort to continue Gulfstream's role as a foremost entertainment destination in 1999 and we trust the public response again will endorse that endeavor." Jerry Bailey, second in last year's rider's race, took the title this year with 85 wins. Bill Mott, with 27 first-place finishes from 95 entries, captured the trainer's title for a record-breaking sixth straight year. Overbrook Farm, operated by William T. Young, Jr., was the leading owner with \$682,360 in purses.

STAR DE NASKRA COLT TOPS FASIG-TIPTON TEXAS OPENER Leland Cook of Corsicana, Texas purchased hip number 212, a colt by Star de Naskra--Newsreel (Squabble), for \$125,000 from the consignment of Asmussen Horse Center, agent, to top Monday's opening session of the Fasig-Tipton Texas Two-Year-Olds in Training Sale at Lone Star Park. The colt posted the co-fastest work of the under-tack shows when he breezed an eighth mile in :10 2/5. The highest priced filly at \$69,000 was hip number 100. The two-year-old by Sheikh Albadou (GB)--Jaded Ridge (Cox's Ridge) was consigned by MJO Farm, agent and was purchased by David Beard. During the first session of the sale, 112 horses were sold for \$1,523,800, with an average price of \$13,605. The sale concluded last night.

STAKES CLOSINGS

TODAY, WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18:

3-28 \$60/50,000 *Queen Breeders' Cup, TP, 4yo/up, f/m, 6f (\$50)*

3-28 \$100,000 *Bourbonette, TP, 3yo, f, 8f (\$100)*

TOMORROW, THURSDAY, MARCH 19:

3-29 \$300,000 *Explosive Bid H.-GIII, FG, 4yo/up, 9fT (\$100)*



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BLUE GRASS NOT DEFINITE FOR FAVORITE TRICK Reigning Horse of the Year **Favorite Trick** (Phone Trick), who upped his career record to a perfect nine-for-nine with his victory in Saturday's GIII Swale S. at Gulfstream, will start next in either the GII Toyota Blue Grass at Keeneland April 11 or the GII Arkansas Derby at Oaklawn the same day, his trainer Bill Mott revealed yesterday during a Thoroughbred Racing Communications teleconference. "We're keeping our options open," Mott explained from his Payson Park base. "While the Blue Grass is the most likely race we would go to at this point in time, we're definitely giving consideration to the Arkansas Derby." When asked what attracted him to the Oaklawn race, Mott revealed, "In (jockey) Pat Day's evaluation, Favorite Trick's race in the Breeders' Futurity at Keeneland (Oct. 18) was his least impressive race. That's entered into our considerations. Also, if a horse like **Lil's Lad** (Pine Bluff) was the only horse in the Blue Grass with any speed and he were left alone on the lead, he'd be tough to run down. We don't want to necessarily duck anybody, but we want to find a race that we can use as a stepping stone for the Kentucky Derby. We want the race that will get us there." Mott said he would decide where the champion will start next by April 1.

EVENT OF THE YEAR IS GOLDEN EAGLE'S BEST HOPE

Golden Eagle Farm owner John Mabee disclosed during a Thoroughbred Racing Communications teleconference yesterday that despite a stellar crop of three-year-olds, the farm's only runner currently pointing toward the 1998 Kentucky Derby is undefeated GIII El Camino Real Derby winner **Event of the Year** (Seattle Slew). Golden Eagle's other talented sophomore runners include last year's GII Del Mar Futurity winner **Souvenir Copy** (Mr. Prospector), most recently fifth in Sunday's GIII Louisiana Derby; **Prosperous Bid** (Mr. Prospector), a half-brother to Best Pal who suffered his first career defeat when third in Saturday's GII San Felipe; **Post a Note** (Avenue of Flags), second in the El Camino Real; and Golden State Mile third-place finisher **Moonlight Meeting** (General Meeting). "We're down to one horse who would be a potential for the Kentucky Derby--Event of the Year," said Mabee. "He's probably going next to the Arkansas Derby (April 11), but we haven't closed our options." Regarding the other Golden Eagle contenders skipping the Kentucky Derby trail, Mabee explained, "I don't want a horse at 10-1 or 20-1 in the Derby just to have my name in the program." Mabee did not rule out the May 16 Preakness for Prosperous Bid.



(News cont.)

OBS-MARCH PREVIEW RESULTS A pair of youngsters zipped an eighth of a mile in :10 yesterday to head the second session of the Video Preview for Ocala Breeders' Sales Company's Annual Open Sale of Selected Two-Year-Olds in Training. Hip number 290, the colt **Kutsa** (Stuka--Spankey's Second, by Wig Out) and hip number 390, a colt by Buckaroo--Am Sensational (Deputy Minister), both worked the fastest eighth-miles ever recorded at the OBS training track in Ocala, Florida. Hip number 226, **Mancari's Rose** (Glitterman--Puddin Hill, by Afleet) and hip number 248, **Pyrite Fab** (Regal Search--Royal Fab, by Le Fabuleux) turned in the fastest quarter-mile works. The two fillies covered the distance in :21 2/5. The regular under tack show is scheduled for 9 a.m. Sunday and 8-11 a.m. Monday. The sale will be held next Tuesday and Wednesday with sessions starting at 11 a.m.

◆ FOREIGN ◆

Stakes Results:

NAKAYAMA KINEN-G2-Jpn, \$951,747, Nakayama, Japan, 3-15, 4yo/up, 9fT, 1:48.6, fm.

- 1--**@SILENCE SUZUKA (JPN)**, 123, c, 4, Sunday Silence--Wakia (MSW, \$134,920), by Miswaki. O-Keiji Nagai; B-Inahara Bokujo; T-Mitsuru Hashida; J-Yutaka Take; \$500,742. Lifetime Record: 11-5-1-0.
- 2--**Rosen Cavalier (Jpn)**, 128, h, 5, Sunday Silence--Dyna Fairy (Jpn), by Northern Taste. O-Shadai Race Horse; B-Shadai Farm; \$202,722.
- 3--**Jealous Guy (Jpn)**, 126, h, 6, Amber Shadai (Jpn)--Saintly Lass, by Halo. O-Shadai Race Horse; B-Shadai Farm; \$124,559.

Margins: 1 3/4, NS, 1 3/4. Odds: 1.40, 5.60, 21.10.

Silence Suzuka (Jpn) was looking for back-to-back wins after taking the Feb. 14 Valentine S. in his last start. The colt took the lead from the start, lost control briefly in the stretch but battled back and inched away late. "He was a little rank early," said winning jockey Yutaka Take. "I decided not to push him until the other horses came at him and he ran hard all the way to the wire."

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HOCHI HAI YONSAI HIMBA TOKUBETSU-G2-Jpn, \$779,462, Hanshin, Japan, 3-15, 3yo, f, 7fT, 1:22.4, fm.

1--**@MAX CAN DO (JPN)**, 119, f, 3, King Glorious--Max Dreamer (Jpn), by Northerly. O-Eiko Tadokoro; B-Amaba Bokujo; T-Yuji Ito; J-Hirofumi Shii; \$411,847. Lifetime Record: 5-3-1-1.

2--**Meisho Ayame (Jpn)**, 119, f, 3, Jade Robbery--Will Moon (Jpn), by Mill George. O-Yoshio Matsumoto; B-Masayuki Terakoshi; \$165,172.

3--**Baptista (Jpn)**, 119, f, 3, Sunday Silence--Bebop (Jpn), by Amber Shadai (Jpn). O-Katsumi Yoshida; B-Northern Farm; \$101,918.

Margins: 1 1/4, NK, NS. Odds: 10.60, 27.50, 6.70.

Max Can Do (Jpn) ran second and third last summer and returned from a six-month break with a vengeance, winning a Jan. 24 novice race and the Feb. 21 Tobiume Sho. Looking for her third straight victory, the filly pressed the pace and took over in the stretch for a confident win. "This filly has improved tremendously from when she was a two-year-old," said winning rider Hirofumi Shii. "I think the longer distance of the G1 Oka Sho (8-furlong Japanese 1000 Guineas) will suit her."

MARCH S.-G3-Jpn, \$628,364, Nakayama, Japan, 3-14, 4yo/up, 9f, 1:51.9, ft.

- 1--**WILD BUSTER (JPN)**, 123, h, 6, Wild Again--Darling Miss Q. (SW), by Alydar. O-Yoshinobu Hayashi; B-Hayata Farms; T-Hitoshi Arai; J-Hiroki Hashimoto; \$328,890. Lifetime Record: 31-7-5-1. * 1/2 to Woody Boy Would (Highland Blade), SW, \$178,134; Miss Highland Blade (Highland Blade), GSW, \$508,241.
- 2--**Namon Regulus (Jpn)**, 119, c, 4, Adjudicating--Dreaming Way (Jpn), by Crowned Prince. O-Soji Fujikawa. \$132,632.

3--**M. I. Blanc (Jpn)**, 128, 128, Brian's Time--Yukiguni, by Caro (Ire). O-Yutaka Inami. \$85,648.

Margins: 1/2, 1 3/4, 3/4. Odds: 23.20, 5.70, 4.00.

Wild Buster (Jpn), making his third start back off a seven-month layoff here, finished 12th in the Feb. 1 G1-Jpn February S. last time out. The bay stalked the early leaders and responded with a powerful move when asked turning for home and got up late for a narrow win. "We were further up than I thought we would be," admitted winning rider Hiroki Hashimoto. "I had the pacesetter in my sights the whole way. In spite of his age, I think this horse is still improving."

AMERICAN-BRED WINNER IN ENGLAND:

Time Of Night, m, 5, Night Shift--Tihama, by Sassafras (Fr). Southwell, 3-17, Dartmoor Limited S., 3yo/up, 7f (all-weather), \$3,051 to winner. O/T-Les Eyre; B-C Martin & B Hill. **\$23,000 wnlg '93 KEENOV.

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Local News, England:

The 3-1 favorite **Istabraq (Ire)** (Sadler's Wells), a six-year-old three-quarters brother to 1984 Epsom Derby winner **Secreto**, led a remarkable 1-2 for Ireland's champion trainer Aidan O'Brien and his sire Sadler's Wells when he beat stable companion **Theatreworld (Ire)** (Sadler's Wells), a 20-1 outsider, by 12 lengths in yesterday's G1 \$226,504 Smurfit Champion Hurdle over 2 miles 110 yards at Cheltenham. Always in the front rank, Istabraq, owned by J P McManus and ridden by Ireland's champion jump jockey Charlie Swan, took control more than half a mile from home and never looked back. O'Brien said: "He did it so well and the win is great for everybody. It was brilliant to win on St. Patrick's Day."

Earlier in the day, the five-year-old mare **French Ballerina (Ire)** (Sadler's Wells), owned by Mrs Susan Magnier and trained in Ireland by Pat Flynn, won the \$76,260 G1 Citroen Supreme Novices Hurdle.

Local News, Australia:

Three-year-old millionaire gelding **Gold Guru (Aus)** (Geiger Counter), winner of two legs of the Australian Triple Crown--the G2 AAMI Classic and the G1 Cadbury Australian Guineas--will take on the Cox Plate and Australian Cup heroine **Dane Ripper (Aus)** (Danehill) and the 1997 Foster's Melbourne Cup winner **Might and Power (NZ)** (Zabeel {NZ}) in Saturday's \$199,827 Ranvet S. over a mile and a quarter at Rosehill in Sydney.

New Zealand's champion three-year-old filly **Tycoon Lil (Aus)** (Last Tycoon {Ire}) has stayed in Australia following her five-length win in last Saturday's G1 Canterbury Guineas and will contest the \$266,436 G1 Rosehill Guineas over a mile and a quarter on March 28.

Local News, France:

Australian owner-breeder Dennis Marks has sent his two-year-old filly **Yes I Will (Danzig)** to France to be trained by Criquelette Head. The filly is the first live foal out of Marks' mare **Let's Elope (NZ)** (Nassipour), the most outstanding mare to race in Australia in the 1990's and winner of the Melbourne Cup, Australian Cup and Caulfield Cup.

TELL IT TO THE TDN...

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Local News, South Africa:

It was reported in South Africa this week that one of the country's outstanding stallions in the past two seasons, the 11-year-old **Rakeen** (Northern Dancer), who has been standing at Northview Stallion Station in Maryland, is set to return to South Africa later this year to stand at Lammerskraal Stud in the Ceres district in The Cape for a fee of R. 35,000 (\$7,028), the highest in the country. The deal to return Rakeen to South Africa was negotiated jointly by Joe Brocklebank's Erin-American Bloodstock and Northfields Bloodstock, which is headed by Robin Bruss, the man who first imported the stallion into South Africa and who handled the deal which took the horse back to North America. Rakeen, a half-brother to both Rahy and Singspiel, has produced a Classic winner in each of his first two crops--**North By Northwest (SAf)**, winner of last season's G1 South African Derby, and **Jet Master (SAf)**, winner of this season's G1 Cape Argus Guineas. Longer-term it is planned that Rakeen should shuttle between South Africa and Europe.

◆ MIDWEST ◆

Local News, Kentucky:

Champion **Serena's Song** (Rahy) has been pronounced in foal to Storm Cat. The six-year-old mare produced her first foal January 27, a bay filly by Mr. Prospector.

◆ EAST ◆

Yesterday's Results:

OPA LOCKA S., \$25,000, HIA, 3-17, 3, f, 7f 1:23, ft.
 1--**FANTASY ANGEL, 112, f, 3, Saint Ballado--Tales of Long Ago, by Raise a Cup.** (\$30,000 yrl '96 FTKJUL). Lifetime Record: 5-3-2-0, \$59,520. O-Cherry Martin; B-Betty King (FI); T-Martin Wolfson; J-G Boulanger; \$16,140. * ½ to Elusive Tales (Lucy's Axe), MSW, \$183,296; Gris Grande (Silver Buck), Ch. Imp. 2yo-Pan, MSW-Pan.
 2--**White Beauty, 112, f, 3, Robyn Dancer--Bodhavista,** by Pass the Tab. (\$25,000 2yo '97 OBSMAR). \$5,380.
 3--**Remodeling, 115, f, 3, Housbuster--Linden Walk,** by Cox's Ridge. (\$30,000 yrl '96 KEESEP; \$75,000 2yo '97 OBSMAR). \$2,939.

Margins: 2 1/4, 1/2, 1. Odds: 2.80, 13.50, 12.90.

Fantasy Angel returned from her winning debut at Calder last Oct. to finish second in a November allowance. In two starts this year at Gulfstream, the filly ran second Feb. 1 and won a Feb. 22 allowance test. Making her stakes debut, Fantasy Angel pressed the early pace and drew off easily in the stretch for the win.

The dam of Monday's Bonnie Miss Stakes (G2)
 winner **BANSHEE BREEZE** is in foal to

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GSW by SEATTLE SLEW - INCA QUEEN, by HAIL TO REASON - SILVER SPOON \$7,500 LF



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**Local News, Florida:**

Roy Yates, who trained 1956 Kentucky Derby winner Needles as a yearling, died Friday in Ocala, Florida at the age of 91. Yates managed Dickey Stables in Ocala where he broke the first Florida-bred winner of the Kentucky Derby and worked as a trainer at Ocala Stud Farm. He was a past president of the Florida Thoroughbred Farm Managers Association.

◆ INDUSTRY INFO ◆

THA News:

The Thoroughbred Horsemen's Associations, Inc. has promoted Alan M. Foreman to the newly created position of chairman of the board and chief executive officer. Richard A. Violette, Jr. was named the group's new president. The election was held Friday at the THA's annual meeting in Pompano Beach, Florida.

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ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

7th-SPT, \$32,480, 3yo, 6f, 1:12, sy.

ROCKY ROBYN (c, 3, Robyn Dancer--Joyatlast, by Valid Appeal) Lifetime Record: 8-2-2-1, \$40,670.

O-Cherrywood Sta & M Boyce Sta. B-Steve Tucker & Harolyn Tucker (FL). T-Michele Boyce.

8th-SPT, \$30,000, 3yo/up, 6f, 1:11 4/5, sy.

KAILY (h, 6, Irish Tower--Dance Or Prance, by Bold Reasoning) Lifetime Record: 42-6-2-10, \$112,765.

O-Dorris Tom & Sentel Ken. B-Kuster Theodore Mr. & Mrs. (KY). T-Tom Dorris. * 1/2 to Swingin Sway (Bask), GSW, \$394,607; Dr Pain (Proud Truth), MSW, \$312,981.

4th-SPT, \$30,000, (S), 3yo/up, f/m, 1m, 1:40 3/5, sy.

ALISHASLITTLE GIRL (f, 4, Judge Smells--Littleredryderhood, by Blazing Ryder) Lifetime Record: 7-3-0-0, \$28,176. O-Anderson Doug & Falcone Joe. B-Doug Anderson & Joe Falcone (IL). T-Doug L Anderson.

9th-SPT, \$30,000, (S), 3yo/up, 6f, 1:11 4/5, sy.

DREAMS DO (h, 6, Gold Ruler--Occasional Dream (Ire), by Hello Gorgeous) Lifetime Record: 50-11-10-5, \$95,565. O-Diane Treadway. B-Vernon R. Debus (IL). T-Billy J Craig.

8th-PHA, \$23,100, 4yo/up, 1 1/16m, 1:44 2/5, ft.
JAY'S FAIR ISIS (g, 6, Jay Bryan--Fair Isis, by Buck Hill) Lifetime Record: 46-8-11-7, \$162,719.
O-Scorese Pat & Ronald. B-Alta T. Kitson (MD).
T-Victor Collazo.

7th-HIA, \$20,100, 4/up, f/m, a1 1/16T, 1:42 3/5, fm.
PROUD CRUSADER (f, 4, Crusader Sword--Very Proud {MSW}, by Proud Clarion) Lifetime Record: SP, 19-3-2-3, \$51,695. O-Xanadu Stables. B-Harry T. Mangurian Jr. (FL). T-Oliver Edwards. * 1/2 to Proud and Valid (Valid Appeal), MSW, \$399,981; Proud Proud Proud (Tri Jet), .

9th-PHA, \$20,000, 4yo/up, 1m, 1:38 3/5, ft.
CRYPTIC SUN (h, 5, Northern Jove--Cryptic Miss, by Quid Pro Quo) Lifetime Record: 35-8-5-6, \$106,409.
O-Loggia Dean Della. B-Paxson Henry D. Mrs. (KY).
T-Richard A Wassep,

7th-PHA, \$17,000, f/m, 1 1/16m, 1:46 3/5, ft.
RED'S CHOICE (m, 5, Nasty and Bold--Precious Stamp, by Red's Copy) Lifetime Record: 36-7-2-2, \$48,490. O-Jose Salinas. B-David Poll (FL).
T-Heriberto Pabon.

9th-HIA, \$16,000, 3yo, a1 1/8mT, 1:49 4/5, fm.
HARDY'S HALO (c, 3, Hay Halo--Madame Hardy, by Current Blade) Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-0, \$17,560.
O-Althea Richards. B-Frank Zureick (MD). T-William H Turner Jr.

MAIDEN WINNER:

Thoughtful, f, 3, Mining--White Reason, by Hail to Reason. HIA, 3-17, 6f, 1:11 3/5. B-Bassett Lucy G (Ky). * 1/2 to Linden Lime (Green Dancer), GSW, \$668,593.

Sir Galleyhawk, c, 4, Lac Ouimet--Miss Galleyhawk (SP, \$114,330), by Groshawk. SPT, 3-17, (S), 6f, 1:13. B-Clovertowne Thoroughbreds (Il).

FOALING NEWS:

STRIKE A BALANCE, 15, Green Dancer--Strike a Pose (Iron Ruler)

Foal born 2-25-98, a filly by Rainbow Quest.

Will be bred back to Seattle Slew.

Owned/boarded at Pin Oak Stud in Versailles, Ky.

Accomplishments: Dam of Peaks and Valleys (Mt. Livermore), Horse of the Year-Can, Ch. 3yo Colt-Can, MGISW, \$1,589,270.

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WEEKEND PEDIGREE PERSPECTIVES

by Alan Porter

HEDONIST (f, 3, Alydeed--Play All Day, by Steady Growth)

Owning Hedonist has undoubtedly been a pleasurable pursuit for her connections. The three-year-old filly has remained undefeated in her first three starts, the most recent of which came in Sunday's GI Santa Anita Oaks.

Hedonist is from the first crop by Alydeed, and the grandson of Nijinsky II has certainly made a promising start at stud, his first runners also including Primaly, the Champion Two-Year-Old Filly of 1997 in Canada.

Hedonist has something of an unusual pedigree. She has a double of Northern Dancer 4x5, but also, through her broodmare sire Steady Growth, has another cross of Northern Dancer's sire, Nearctic. In fact, Steady Growth, a grandson of Nearctic, adds to Nearctic's Nearco/Hyperion combination as his granddam is by Charlottesville (dam by Nearco) out of a Hyperion mare.

The second interesting feature is that the crosses of Northern Dancer appear through the male line and the female line (Hedonist's fourth dam is by Northern Dancer). The family is no stranger to success with this inbreeding pattern. Hedonist's third dam is half-sister to Passing Mood, who has produced the 1997 Belmont S. winner Touch Gold and Canadian Grade I winner Daijin, who are both by Deputy Minister and inbred 3x3 to Northern Dancer.

Although we have no statistical evidence, we tend to feel that inbreeding to a sire at the top and bottom of the pedigree can be unusually productive. When mares tracing to daughters of Northern Dancer have been bred back to Northern Dancer-line stallions, a number of talented performers have resulted. Group and Grade One winners owning the pattern include--in addition to Hedonist, Touch Gold and Daijin--Lammtarra, Willa On the Move, Encosta de Lago, Flying Spur, Shinko King and Woolloomooloo.

PEDIGREE SHORTS...

You can't have too much of a good thing. Or at least that's the way it seems when it comes to inbreeding to the strains of Rough 'n Tumble, In Reality and Aspidistra. Monday, the GII Bonnie Miss S. at Gulfstream Park was taken by **Banshee Breeze (f, 3, Unbridled--Banshee Winds, by Known Fact)**. Like so many good Fappianos, Banshee Breeze's sire, Unbridled, is doubled to Rough 'n Tumble with one strain coming through Dr. Fager (broodmare sire of Fappiano) and the other through My Dear Girl, by way of her son, In Reality. Banshee Breeze is out of a mare by Known Fact, a classic winning son of In Reality. This means

she has In Reality 4x3 and Rough 'n Tumble 5x6x6. The combination of Unbridled with Known Fact has another interesting twist, as both Unbridled's granddam Charedi and Known Fact himself are by In Reality out of mares by sons of Tom Fool. It is worth noting that Banshee Breeze is the sixth unrestricted stakes winner for Unbridled and the third with additional Rough 'n Tumble. The others are Scenic Point, who has Dr. Fager 4x3, and Famously Free, who has Dr. Fager's daughter Killaloe 3x2.

Another Fappiano sire, Quiet American, is showing a similar trend. Quiet American is inbred 3x2 to Dr. Fager through the three-parts-sisters Killaloe and Demure. His best son, **Real Quiet (c, 3, Quiet American--Really Blue, by Believe It)**, kept his name in the Kentucky Derby picture when finishing a strong second to Artax in Saturday's San Felipe S. Real Quiet is out of a mare by the In Reality stallion Believe It, and has Rough 'n Tumble 5x4x5. Quiet American's other stakes winning colt, Dustin's Dream, is out of a mare by In Reality's half-brother Superbity, and has Rough 'n Tumble 5x4x4x5.

We also had an example of "pseudo Rough 'n Tumble inbreeding" in the shape of Saturday's GII Distaff H. winner **Parlay (f, 4, Mt. Livermore--Sister Aggie, by Great Above)**. The broodmare sire, Great Above, is by Minnesota Mac, a son of Rough 'n Tumble, and this is the same cross as the one which produced Champion Sprinter Housebuster. The key here is that Mt. Livermore's third dam, Questar, is by a son of Questionnaire out of a Bull Dog mare, the very same pattern as the one which produced Rough 'n Tumble. The Questar/Rough 'n Tumble combination also worked for Mt. Livermore in the pedigree of the multiple group winning two-year-old Lucky Lionel, who is out of a mare by Crafty Prospector (dam by In Reality). Lucky Lionel is now at stud in Florida and you can bet he will be well suited by the strain of Rough 'n Tumble through Dr. Fager or Minnesota Mac.

Saturday's GIII Fair Grounds Oaks resulted in a first stakes win for **Lu Ravi (f, 3, A.P. Indy--At the Half, by Seeking the Gold)**. Lu Ravi follows Accelerator and Tomisue's Indy as the third A.P. Indy stakes winner with inbreeding to Buckpasser, while two other Grade I winning A.P. Indys--Runup the Colors and Tomisue's Delight--go back to Striking, a three-parts-sister to Buckpasser's dam, Busanda. Of course, since A.P. Indy is by Seattle Slew (dam inbred to the sisters Striking and Busher) and his granddam is by Buckpasser, it is no coincidence that he likes additional War Admiral/La Troienne crosses. Lu Ravi is also an example of a version of the very successful Seattle Slew/Mr. Prospector combination, a genetic affinity which works particularly well when the La Troienne strain is added. The reverse of Lu Ravi's pedigree was seen in the weekend's GI Florida Derby winner Cape Town (Seeking the Gold--Seaside Attraction, by Seattle Slew) and Seeking the Gold's Japanese star, Seeking the Pearl (also out of a Seattle Slew mare).