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## WEEKEND PEDIGREE P E R S P E C T I V E S

**KENTUCKY DERBY NOTES** Tampa Bay Derby winner **Parade Ground** (Kingmambo), one of a trio of Kentucky Derby contenders in trainer Neil Howard's barn, worked toward the April 11 Gill Wood Memorial yesterday at Keeneland. The colt, with exercise rider Tony Hughes in the saddle, breezed five furlongs in :59 3/5 and galloped out six furlongs in 1:11 4/5. Howard said Parade Ground will be flown to New York Sunday and work at Aqueduct once before the Wood. "He really has a nice way of going and he has really, really improved," the trainer added. "We'll get a better idea in the Wood. This is a big race for him." Howard's **Comic Strip** (Red Ransom), winner of the Gill Louisiana Derby, is the expected favorite in Saturday's Gill Flamingo at Hialeah and his **Lil's Lad** (Pine Bluff) will start in Keeneland's April 11 Gill Toyota Blue Grass S. "I'm just so lucky to have all these horses," Howard said. "I just hope I can do the job for them and get them all to the big race healthy and ready to run." Two-time Kentucky Derby winning trainer Nick Zito has a pair of Triple Crown hopefuls in his shed row. His **Halory Hunter** (Jade Hunter) is expected to work five furlongs Saturday in preparation for a start in the Blue Grass. "He's doing great," Zito reported yesterday. "It certainly looks like Lil's Lad may be the only true speed in the (Blue Grass) and everybody knows where we'll be. It won't be any mystery that we'll be back and we'll come running late." Zito's **Silver Launch** (Relaunch), fourth behind **Event of the Year** (Seattle Slew) in Sunday's Gill Jim Beam, may start next in the Gill Coolmore Lexington S. at Keeneland April 19. "I thought he ran a good race in the Beam," Zito said. "I'll have to wait and see how he does, but we may run him in that race (Lexington)." The 124<sup>th</sup> Run for the Roses will be contested Saturday, May 2.

By Alan Porter

### **GOURMET GIRL** (f, 3, Cee's Tizzy--Rhondaling {GB}, by Welsh Pageant {Fr})

One of the weekend's most impressive stakes winners was Gourmet Girl, who blew her rivals away with a 12 length victory in Saturday's Gill Bay Meadows Oaks. Gourmet Girl was purchased for just \$3,500 as a yearling, a reflection of a pedigree which, in commercial terms at least, one would not immediately associate with graded stakes performance.

Her sire, Cee's Tizzy, is by Relaunch out of a mare by Lyphard, a similar cross to young sire Honour and Glory, who is by Relaunch out of a mare by a son of Lyphard. Cee's Tizzy didn't enjoy the same level of racetrack success as Honour and Glory, but none the less was a smart performer. From six starts, all at three years, Cee's Tizzy won three races and was placed twice, including a third in the GI Super Derby. Standing in California for a fee of \$2,000, Cee's Tizzy has made the most of limited opportunities, siring 62 winners from 83 starters and five other black-type performers, including stakes winner Easy Rainbow.

Gourmet Girl's dam is the English-bred Rhondaling, who was group placed in Ireland and stakes placed in the U.S. Rhondaling's dam, Touch of Class, is a Luthier mare who is out of a half-sister to Djallybrook, the granddam of Breeders' Cup Sprint victor Lit de Justice.

When a major winner emerges from a relatively uncommercial background, there is often an interesting pedigree pattern at work, and this is certainly true of Gourmet Girl. Her sire is out of a mare by Lyphard, who in turn is out of a mare by Court Martial. This means that Court Martial is on what has generally become known as "the zig-zag" (the route which can be traced on a zig-zag path through the pedigree via the broodmare sire, the broodmare sire of the broodmare sire and so on). Pedigree analysts often attach particular importance to this route, the belief being that important sex-linked genes can be passed on through this channel. Turning to Rhondaling, the dam of Gourmet Girl, we find that her sire, Welsh Pageant, is also out of a mare by Court Martial. So Court Martial is on the "zig-zag" of both sire and dam.

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### **STAKES CLOSINGS**

#### **TODAY, WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1:**

4-11 \$100/100,000 *Commonwealth Breeders' Cup-GII, Kee, 3yo/up, 7f* (\$100)

4-11 \$150,000 *San Bernardino H.-GII, SA, 4yo/up, 9f* (\$150)

#### **TOMORROW, THURSDAY, APRIL 2:**

4-4 \$750,000 *Santa Anita Derby-GI, SA, 3yo, 9f* (\$20,000s)

4-4 \$200,000 *Flamingo-GIII, Hia, 3yo, 9f* (\$10,000s)





## ◆ NEW YORK ◆

### Local News, New York:

New York Thoroughbred Breeders, Inc. has announced its state-bred champions of 1997. The winners were chosen by a panel of racing secretaries and turf writers which included Michael Veitch, David Grening, Kevin Oklobzja, Bill Finley, Mike Lakow and Donald Smith. The divisional winners are: two-year-old colt **Mellow Roll** (Distinctive Pro), two-year-old filly **Best Friend Stro** (Jade Hunter), three-year-old colt **Mr. Groush** (Crafty Prospector), three-year-old filly **Dewars Rocks** (Big Mukora) and **Biogio's Rose** (Polish Numbers), older female **Dancin Renee** (Distinctive Pro), older male **Instant Friendship** (Cormorant), turf male **Draw Shot** (Cormorant), turf female **Irish Daisy** (Allen's Alydar), sprinter **Dancin Renee**.

## ◆ FOREIGN ◆

### Stakes Results:

**GRAN PREMIO CRIADORES-G1**, \$34,000, 3-28, Hip Argentino De Palermo, Argentina, 3yo/up, f/m, 12½f, 2:38.45, ft.  
 1--**RABANILLA (ARG)**, 132, m, 5, Friul (Arg)--**Reception (Arg)**, by **Major Gundry (GB)**. O-Lucas Brothers; B-Haras Argentino; T-Roberto Bullrich; J-Jacinto Herrera; \$25,000.  
 2--**Insondable (Arg)**, 119, f, 3, Interprete (Arg)--**Dona Vica (Arg)**, by Dan Kano (GB). O-Stud Los Patrios; B-Haras El Paraiso; \$2,750.  
 3--**Evitable (Arg)**, 119, f, 3, Equalize --**Evidencia (Arg)**, by Propicio (Arg). O/B-Hs Abolengo; \$1,250.  
 Margins: 4, 8. Odds: 1.50.

The five-year-old Rabanilla (Arg) came from behind to win this Group 1 event. The mare is trained by one of Argentina's top conditioners Roberto Bullrich, who also trained 1996 Triple Crown winner Refinado Tom (Arg) and she was given a perfect ride by jockey Jacinto Herrera who waited until the half-mile pole to make his his move for an easy win.

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**PRIX MONTENICA**, \$42,359, Saint-Cloud, France, 3-31, 3yo, c & g, 1mT, 1:41.90, gd.

1--**WITH THE FLOW**, 128, c, 3, Irish River (Fr)--**Principle (MSP)**, by **Viceregal**. O-M W Jenney; B-Derry Meeting Farm, et al; T-Criquette Head; J-O Doleuze; \$22,809. \*Full to River Mist, MGSP-Fr.  
 2--**Limpid (GB)**, 128, c, 3, Soviet Star--Isle Of Glass, by Affirmed. \$7,820.  
 3--**Lone Bid (Fr)**, 128, c, 3, Priolo--Lobmille (GB), by Mill Reef. \$5,865.  
 Margins: 3, 1/2, 2.

With The Flow was hugely impressive when landing the Prix Montenica in his seasonal debut here. All five of his opponents had the benefit of a previous run this season, all of them winning. With The Flow, now undefeated in two career starts, confirmed the form of his six-length defeat of Limpid at Saint-Cloud October 28. The Criquette Head-trainee will now point to either the English or French 2,000 Guineas.

### AMERICAN-BRED WINNER IN FRANCE:

**Ta Aruf**, f, 3, **A.P. Indy**--Mashaarif, by Mr. Prospector. Fontainebleau (French Provinces), 3-30, Prix de Belle Croix, 3yo, f, 1 3/8mT, \$8,146 to winner. O-Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid al Maktoum; B-Shadwell Farm Inc; T-Freddie Head.

### Local News, South Africa:

South Africa's champion three-year-old filly **Igreja (Arg)** (Southern Halo), who was expected to ship to Ireland and then on to be trained in North America, in fact arrived in Britain last week and has gone into training at Newmarket with former champion trainer Henry Cecil. Winner of six of her nine lifetime starts, Igreja won her first three starts of the season, including the G1 Cape Fillies Guineas in December, before finishing fourth in the G1 Cape Argus Guineas at Kenilworth in mid-January. A spokesperson for the Cecil stable said, "She has settled in well, but it is too early to say where she will run first."

## ◆ MIDWEST ◆

### Local News, Keeneland:

Jockey Pat Day will be the keynote speaker at the YMCA of Central Kentucky's annual meeting luncheon to be held Wednesday, April 8 in Keeneland's Fayette Room. The YMCA meeting will honor key volunteers, celebrate 1997 successes and kick off the annual YMCA Campaign for Kids, a fund-raising event that provides scholarships to youths.

## TAKING ON THE BEST!

3yo Gold Guru by **GEIGER COUNTER**, wins the Ranvet Stakes Gr 1 defeating Champion Older Stayer **MIGHT & POWER** and Champion Mare **DANE RIPPER**.

**Geiger Counter is now the 3rd Leading General Sire of Australia and the 3rd Leading 2YO Sire.**



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### ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

**8th-SPT, \$41,000, 3yo/up, 1m, 1:39 2/5, sy.**  
**TEJANO RED (c, 4, Tejano--Life's Melody, by Stop the Music)** Lifetime Record: SW, 21-5-3-4, \$163,885.  
 O-Stonebridge Farm Inc. B-W D Fishback & Wm D Fishback (KY). T-Jack C Van Berg.

**3rd-SPT, \$30,000, (S), 3yo/up, 6f, 1:12 2/5, my.**  
**POP'S PARADISE (g, 4, Fit to Fight--Cherry Flare, by Mr. Washington)** Lifetime Record: 20-3-5-3, \$71,443.  
 O-Alice Ruzicka. B-Paul Muller (IL). T-Thomas F Tomillo.

**5th-SPT, \$29,000, (S), 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:13 3/5, sy.**  
**SHE'S A B (m, 5, Ruben's Art--Linnea B., by Lot o' Gold)** Lifetime Record: 33-4-1-10, \$62,366. O/B/T-Tom Dorris (IL).

**4th-HIA, \$25,000, 4yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:11, ft.**  
**HOW BOUT ME (m, 6, Unite--Sunny Castle, by Sunny Clime)** Lifetime Record: 35-11-9-7, \$179,524.  
 O/T-Edwin T Broome. B-Jean S. Bray (FL).

**9th-PHA, \$23,400, 4yo/up, 6f, 1:10 1/5, ft.**  
**MACUNGIE (c, 4, Write Off--Rapitorial, by Accipiter)** Lifetime Record: 11-4-3-1, \$65,990. O-E & G Stables.  
 B-Smith H. Morton Mrs. (PA). T-Richard Vega. \*Full to Merlington, SP, \$157,502.

**10th-PHA, \$22,100, 4yo/up, 6 1/2f, 1:16 2/5, ft.**  
**HOLD'IN GOLD (g, 6, Parfaitement--Another Dollar, by Monkey Dollar)** Lifetime Record: 18-5-2-0, \$48,732.  
 O-Little Luck Farm. B-Harry Hepbron (PA). T-A Iwinski.

**9th-HIA, \$18,900, 3yo, 6f, 1:10 3/5, ft.**  
**SUPER MARFALOUS (g, 3, Sultry Song--Lights of Marfa {SP, \$137,708}, by Marfa)** Lifetime Record: 8-4-0-1, \$63,130. O-Vittese Dominick & Vivian Barbara. B-Live Oak Stud (FI). T-David Vivian.

**10th-HIA, \$18,900, 4yo/up, f/m, 9fT, 1:49 2/5, fm.**  
**EGOLI (f, 4, Seeking the Gold--Krisalya {GB}, by Kris {GB})** Lifetime Record: 5-2-1-0, \$23,997. O-Antoinette Openheimer. B-The Hascombe and Valiant Studs (Ky). T-Christophe Clement.

**8th-PHA, \$18,000, 4/up, f/m, a1m70yd, 1:43 3/5, ft.**  
**BE BOP A LULU (m, 5, Temperence Hill--Baildancer {SW}, by Bailjumper)** Lifetime Record: 36-5-6-8, \$94,824. O-E & G Stables. B-Arlene London (KY). T-Richard Vega.

### MAIDEN WINNERS:

**Shesabull, f, 3, Buckaroo--Proud Clarioness (MSW, \$229,111), by Tri Jet. HIA, 3-31, 6f, 1:12 3/5.**  
 B-Gurino Louis A (FI). \* 1/2 to Hesabull (Dispersal), MGSW, \$826,255.

**Prince of Mary, g, 3, Prince of Fame--Mary Belcher, by Under Tack. HIA, 3-31, 6f, 1:12 3/5. B-Portaro V (FI).**  
 \*\$3,200 wing '95 OBSOCT; \$2,000 yrl '96 OBSAUG.

## WEEKEND PEDIGREE PERSPECTIVES

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Court Martial's appearance is supplemented by two other ancestors in this pedigree, Wild Risk and Tudor Minstrel. Wild Risk often appears with Court Martial in the pedigrees of good winners. The reason? Wild Risk traces to a full-sister to Polymelus, while Court Martial is inbred to that horse. Court Martial is a son of Fair Trial, and Tudor Minstrel balances that influence, as he has a daughter of Pharos and a daughter of Lady Juror, while Fair Trial is by Fairway (brother to Pharos) and is a son of Lady Juror.

There is one other interesting twist to this pedigree. Gourmet Girl's granddam is inbred 2x3 to the 2,000 Guineas winner Klairon, and in the pedigree of Cee's Tizzy we have a very rarely found daughter strain of Klairon's sire, Clarion.

### PEDIGREE SHORTS

The weekend provided another example of just how effective reinforcing the distaff side of the pedigree of Nijinsky II can be. In Japan March 29, the Mainichi Hai (G3-Jpn) went to **Miracle Time (c, 3, Silver Hawk--Baldski's Holiday, by Baldski)**. Miracle's Time is the fifth stakes winner by Silver Hawk out of a mare by Nijinsky II or one of his sons, and the 15th from a cross of Roberto-line sires over Nijinsky II-line mares. Roberto's granddam, Rarelea, is by Bull Lea out of a Blue Larkspur mare, and is therefore three-quarters related to Bull Page, the broodmare sire of Nijinsky II.

### FOALING NEWS:

**SENTIMENTALDIAMOND, 8, Maudlin--Beautiful Diamond (Fappiano)**

Foal born 2-21-98, a colt by Judge TC.  
 Will be bred back to Judge TC.

Owned by Robert & Bea Roberts.

Boarded at Upson Downs Farm in Goshen, Kentucky.

Accomplishments: Multiple stakes winner of \$126,936.

*The Comeback Cats: 1998 NCAA Champions*  
*The Comeback Kid: OLD TOPPER, winner of Sunday's San Pedro Stakes*  
*on his 3-year-old debut, is from the first crop by*

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