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FARES FARMS TO DISPERSE Fares Farms will disperse all of their approximately 500 horses at public auction over the remainder of 1998 to allow owner Issam Fares to devote himself exclusively to politics in his native Lebanon, Fares announced yesterday. Elected to Lebanon's parliament in 1996, Fares said he no longer has the time to manage his Thoroughbred holdings. The dispersal will include broodmares, horses in training, fillies out of training, weanlings and yearlings. All horses will be offered without reserve. Yearlings will be sold at Keeneland July and September sales, Agence Francaise's Deauville August Yearlings, and Tattersalls Houghton and October Yearlings. Breeding stock will be offered at Keeneland November, Tattersalls December and the Agence Francaise December Mixed sale; horses in training will be sold at the Goffs France Arc de Triomphe sale. "It's really a very tough decision," said Fares from France yesterday. "The time I have does not really allow me to follow this beautiful hobby of mine. In 1996, after the war ended in Lebanon, I was under severe pressure to contribute a little bit to my country from my success all over the world. I tried to see if I had time (to do both) but unfortunately, it couldn't work." Broodmares to be sold include Capades, Charon, Chimes, Fabulous Notion, Lady Winner (Fr), Lady's Secret, Miss Alleged, November Snow and Storm and Sunshine. Fares said that he would keep his farms in Lexington, Kentucky; Newmarket, England; and Normandy, France. "We will maintain them as vacation places, keeping the managers and encouraging them to attract some boarders to offset the costs," said Fares, who added that he may also retain some stallion shares and that decisions were pending on which shares would be offered for sale. He also said that he was retaining his other worldwide business holdings and dispersing his Thoroughbred holdings exclusively. "Horses are different," he said. "It's something completely personal and I was involved in these 500 horses to the extent of planning every mating and every race they ran in. Unfortunately, my children do not have my passion for horses." Fares did not specifically rule out a return to racing after his four-year term in parliament was up, but feared that his engrossment in politics would preclude such a return. "Politics is like horses," he said. "Once you are involved in it, it's an addiction." In 14 years in racing, Fares bred and sold 38 stakes winners earning over \$11 million in the U.S. alone. He campaigned 1991 Champion Turf Mare Miss Alleged (Alleged) and bred 1996 Breeders' Cup Mile winner Da Hoss (Gone West).

KEENELAND OPENS TODAY Keeneland opens its 15-day Spring Meeting today. During the meet, the Lexington, Kentucky track will feature 19 stakes, 13 of them graded. The \$7,458,000 in purse money represents an average purse distribution of a record-high \$497,200 per day. Highlights of the meet include the April 4 GI Ashland S. for three-year-old fillies, the April 11 GI Toyota Blue Grass S. and the April 19 GI Coolmore Lexington S., both for three-year-olds. "We look forward to the 1998 spring meet with great anticipation," said Bill Greely, president of Keeneland. "We certainly think we will have one of the premier stakes races in the Toyota Blue Grass S. The addition of Coolmore as a sponsor of the Lexington S. will make that race a very attractive prep for the Kentucky Derby and some of the other major three-year-old races, as well. Without question, it could be one of the best and most exciting spring race meets that we've ever had." Keeneland will offer live racing Wednesday through Sunday through April 24.

APB OUT ON STOLEN FOAL An all-points bulletin has been issued on a two-month-old foal taken from a barn at Cornerstone Stable in Lexington, Kentucky Monday night. The bay filly, a daughter of Lite The Fuse out of Regal Gentry (Great Above), was stolen at about 8:30 p.m. Monday, and witnesses reported seeing the foal in the back of a dark pick-up truck on Georgetown Road near I-75 early Tuesday morning. "It appears from the information we have that people stopped on the side of the road in front of my neighbor's farm, took a tire tool and pried the boards from the fence," said Mike Owens, owner and manager of Cornerstone Stable. "They went into my neighbor's field and tried to catch one of those horses." Unable to snare one of the horses in the field, the thieves moved on to Cornerstone. "Evidently, they took the foal out of the first stall in the first barn," said Owens. "It's hard to apply any logic to this. We feel like it was just a random thing." A reward has been offered for the safe return of the foal.

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STAKES CLOSINGS

TOMORROW, SATURDAY, APRIL 4:

4-11 \$200,000 *Black Helen H.-GII, Hia*,
3yo/up, f/m, 9fT (\$10,000s)

4-18 \$200,000 *Hialeah Turf Cup H.-GIII, Hia*,
3yo/up, 9.5fT (\$300)

4-18 \$100/50,000 *Bed O' Roses Breeders Cup H.-GIII*,
Aqu, 3yo/up, f/m, 8f (\$100)





(News cont.)

'99 FLORIDA DERBY DATE SET The 1999 GI Florida Derby will be run Saturday, March 13, Gulfstream Park's President and Chief Executive Officer Doug Donn announced yesterday. A \$750,000-guaranteed event for three-year-olds, the Florida Derby is contested over nine furlongs. "The date is excellent for trainers who wish to race their horses in other stakes following the Florida Derby and prior to the Kentucky Derby," said Donn.

ADDITIONAL MASSCAP BONUS In an effort to lure champions **Skip Away** (Skip Trial) and **Silver Charm** (Silver Buck) to the May 30 GIII Massachusetts H., Suffolk Down will add another \$100,000 to the winner's share of the race if both greys run. If that happens, the total winner's share for the MassCap, which is already buoyed by a sliding purse incentive scale, would be the equivalent of a \$1 million race for multiple graded or classic winners. "Suffolk Downs is committed to making the MassCap one of the country's premier races," said Executive Vice President of Racing Lou Raffetto Jr. "The big money attracts this sport's big names." The minimum MassCap base purse is \$300,000, but horses who have won three or more Grade I stakes or a Triple Crown/Breeders' Cup event will race for a \$500,000 winner's share. The scale rewards horses with two or more Grade I wins (\$400,000 winner's share), one Grade I win (\$350,000), two or more Grade II wins (\$300,000), one Grade II (\$250,000) and any graded stakes (\$225,000).

FOALING NEWS:

COUNTUS IN, 13, Dancing Count-Cloudy and Warm (Cloudy Dawn)
Foal born 3-11-98, a colt by Smart Strike.
Will be bred back to Smart Strike.
Owned/boarded at Sam-Son Farm in Ontario, Canada.
Accomplishments: Grade I Stakes Winner of \$569,483.

DEVIOUS HEROINE, 11, Hero's Honor-Heavenly Aide (Cannonade)
Foal born 3-11-98, a filly by Devil's Bag.
Will be bred back to Devil's Bag.
Owned by Mrs. Henry D. Paxson.
Boarded at Waterford Farm in Midway, Ky.
Accomplishments: Dam of Devil's Honor (Devil's Bag), GSW & MGISP, \$793,191.



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◆ **P R E V I E W** ◆

Saturday, Rosehill, Sydney, Australia
A.A.M.I. GOLDEN SLIPPER S.-G1, \$1,362,697, 2yo, 6f

PP	HORSE	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT.
1	Confer (Aus)	Connors	No Rider	116
2	Prowl (Aus)	Connors	Munce	122
3	Rubicall (Aus)	Wenham	Powell	116
4	Paris Dream (Aus)	Rogerson	Cooksley	122
5	Manana (Aus)	Hawkes	Cassidy	116
6	Coup De Grace (Aus)	Freedman	King	122
7	Medals (Aus)	Hawkes	Quinn	122
8	Laurie's Lottery (Aus)	Nolan	Dye	122
9	Splendid Horse (Aus)	Guy	Beasley	122
10	Brilliance (Aus)	Waterhouse	No Rider	122
11	Compulsion (Aus)	Freedman	Oliver	116
12	Speed Week (Aus)	Morrissey	Cahill	122
13	Danelagh (Aus)	Freedman	Hall	116
14	Minimal (Aus)	Hawkes	Gauci	122
15	Mardi's Magic (Aus)	Connors	Marshall	116
16	Iglesia (Aus)	Denham	York	122
17	Glammi (Aus)	Connors	Childs	116
18	Shovhog (Aus)	Denham	Dittman	122

Sires: **Confer** (Danahill), **Prowl** (Marauding {NZ}), **Rubicall** (Rubiton {Aus}), **Paris Dream** (Personal Hope), **Manana** (Crown Jester {Aus}), **Coup de Grace** (Roi Danzig), **Medals** (Crown Jester {Aus}), **Laurie's Lottery** (Sir Laurence {NZ}), **Splendid Horse** (Geiger Counter), **Brilliance** (Rory's Jester {Aus}), **Compulsion** (Danahill), **Speed Week** (Rory's Jester {Aus}), **Danelagh** (Danahill), **Minimal** (Snippets {Aus}), **Mardi's Magic** (Kenny's Best Pal {Aus}), **Iglesia** (Last Tycoon {Ire}), **Glammi** (Marauding {NZ}), **Shovhog** (Danahill).

Confer and Brilliance are emergency (or reserve) starters in case any of the confirmed runners scratch.

Saturday, Santa Anita:
SANTA ANITA DERBY-GI, \$750,000, 3yo, 9f
The field of seven three-year-olds will line up in the following order: **Indian Charlie** (In Excess {Ire}), **Skeapin** (Storm Bird), **Orville N Wilbur's** (Out of Place), **Nationalore** (Video Ranger), **Classic Cat** (Mountain Cat), **Artax** (Marquetry), **Real Quiet** (Quiet American). All carry 120.

Saturday, Oaklawn:
OAKLAWN H.-GI, \$750,000, 4yo/up, 1 1/8m
The field of seven will line up in the following order: **Phantom on Tour** (Tor D'or), 117; **Lord Cromby (Ire)** (Risen Star), 110; **Mud Route** (Strawberry Road {Aus}), 114; **Buck's Boy** (Bucksplasher), 115; **Frisk Me Now** (Mister Frisky), 117; **Precocity** (Aferd), 114; **Unruled** (Notebook), 113.

'98 2YOs Avg. \$142,800

Two Graded Stakes Horses in his 1st crop of 1997 2YOs.

Sultry Song *Cox's Ridge-Sultry Sun, by Buckfinder*

**Stakes Previews cont.****Saturday, Keeneland:****ASHLAND S.-GI, \$500,000, 3yo, f, 1 1/16m**

The field, in order of the draw, is as follows: **Soft Senorita** (Senor Speedy), 118; **Santaria** (Star de Naska), 118; **Let** (A. P. Indy), 115; **Primaly** (Alydeed), 120; **Banshee Breeze** (Unbridled), 120; **Hedonist** (Alydeed), 120; **Well Chosen** (Deputy Minister), 115.

Let blew out three furlongs in :36--the fastest of 29 works at the distance.

Saturday, Santa Anita:**POTRERO GRANDE BREEDERS' CUP H.-GII, \$200,000, 4yo/up, 6½f**

The field, in post position order, is as follows:

Funontherun (Runaway Groom), 114; **White Bronco** (Houston), 113; **Paying Dues** (Cure the Blues), 115; **High Stakes Player** (High Brite), 118; **Gold Land** (Gone West), 115; **The Exeter Man** (Capote), 113; **Son of a Pistol** (Big Pistol), 113; **Wild Rush** (Wild Again), 117; **Elmhurst** (Wild Again), 118.

Saturday, Santa Anita:**EL RINCON H.-GII, \$150,000, 4yo/up, 1 1/8mT**

The field, in order of the draw, is as follows:

Hawksley Hill (Ire) (Rahy), 117; **Don't Blame Rio** (Rio's Lark), 113; **Kirkwall (GB)** (Selkirk), 117; **Precious Ring** (Bering {GB}), 112; **Fabulous Guy (Ire)** (Sharp Victor), 111; **Northern Afleet** (Afleet), 115; **Rainbow Blues (Ire)** (Bluebird), 118; **Via Lombardia (Ire)** (Shardari {Ire}), 117; **Siouxrouge (GB)** (Indian Ridge {Ire}), **Sharekann (Ire)** (Be My Guest), 114.

◆ FOREIGN ◆

Yesterday's Results:

PRIX LORD SEYMOUR, \$42,613, Longchamp, France, 4-2, 4yo/up, 1 1/2mT, 2:38, gd/sf.

1--#OA **BALDIXE (FR)**, 123, c, 4, **Linamix (Fr)--Bal D'Oa (Fr)**, by **Noir Et Or (GB)**. (\$24,019 yrl '95 AFAUG) O-Francis Prat; B-S.N.C. Lagardere Elevage; T-Pascal Bary; J-S Guillot; \$22,945.

2--**Limnos (Jpn)**, 123, c, 4, **Hector Protector--Lingerie (GB)**, by **Shirley Heights (GB)**. \$7,867.

3--**Kashwan (Spa)**, 123, c, 4, **Unfuwain--Kalawelsh (Fr)**, by **Kalaglow (Ire)**. \$5,900.

Margins: NK, 2, 2.

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.

ONE TO WATCH:**Country Belle, f, 3, Seattle Slew--Balbonella (Fr)**

(G1SW-Fr, MSW & MGSP-U.S., \$443,874), by Gay Mecene. Longchamp, 4-2, Prix Des Ternes, unraced 3yo, 1mT, \$14,751 to winner. O-Sheikh Maktoum al Maktoum; B-Gainsborough Farm Inc; T-Criquette Head. *1/2 to Key Of Luck (Chief's Crown), GSW-Fr, GISP-U.S., \$206,307; Anabaa (Danzig), Ch. Older Horse-Fr at 5-7f, G1SW-Eng & Fr, \$481,879; and Always Loyal (Zilzal), G1SW-Fr, \$244,119. **A most impressive score for the filly, who went wire-to-wire and won by six lengths, a margin which could have been doubled without her rider having to move a muscle. Trainer Criquette Head said: "She is a classy filly. I will bring her back for the G3 Prix de la Grotte (April 19) in preparation for the French 1000 Guineas (May 10)."

AMERICAN-BRED WINNER IN FRANCE:**Access to Fame, f, 3, Ferdinand--Twin Cities (SP)**, by

Nodouble. Maisons-Laffitte, 4-1, Prix de la Croix de Berny, 3yo f, 1 1/2mT, \$14,751 to winner. O-H Mastey; B-Golden Gate Stud & H Mastey; T-Criquette Head.

AMERICAN-BRED WINNER IN ENGLAND:**Chist, c, 3, Lear Fan--Morna (GB)**, by Blakeney (GB).

Leicester, 4-2, Simon De Montfort Maiden S., 3yo/up, 1 1/4mT, \$6,167 to winner. O-Mrs. Jane Bailey; B-Vinery, John R Gaines & Hill N Dale Farms; T-Mark Tompkins. *1/2 to Dearly Bred (Fappiano), MSP, \$192,965; and full to Le Famo, GSW, \$404,702; and Casual Lies, GSW & MGISP, \$795,991. **\$23,000 wnl '95 KEENOV.

◆ NEW YORK ◆

Local News, New York:

The New York Thoroughbred Horsemen's Association, Inc. signed a contract with the National Thoroughbred Racing Association Wednesday, making official the organization's commitment to the NTRA. "Although the NYTHA was on board from the first inception of the NTRA, it is important that we have now made our commitment a contractual, as well as a philosophical, one," said NYTHA President Dennis J. Brida. "New York horsemen felt from the very beginning that the NTRA is our last, best hope to stem the decline that we have seen in our industry on a national level."

*America's Leading Freshman Sire of Winners (18) for 1997 strikes again as
IRON PYRITE won "easily" on his debut Wednesday at Hialeah.
Iron Pyrite is from the second crop by Kentucky Derby winner*

STRIKE THE GOLD



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**Yesterday's Results:**

6th-AQU, \$37,000, Alw, 4/up, f/m, 1m, 1:36 3/5, gd. **FURLOUGH** (f, 4, Easy Goer--Blitey {MGSW & MGISP, \$297,746}, by Riva Ridge), fifth in the Gill Anne Arundel S. to end 1997 and seventh in the Gill Distaff H. in her '98 debut March 14, dropped down to the allowance ranks as the 3-5 favorite for her second start back. The bay made her move from the far outside on the final bend, putting a head in front as they straightened into the stretch and drew off to win by two lengths. The winner is a ½ to Dancing All Night (*Nijinsky II), GSW, \$185,420; Dancing Spree (*Nijinsky II), MGISW, \$1,470,484; and Fantastic Find (Mr. Prospector), GISW, \$335,410. Lifetime Record: 13-4-4-2, \$119,680. O-Ogden Phipps. B-Phipps Stable (KY). T-C McGaughey

◆ MIDWEST ◆

Yesterday's Results:

9th-OPX, \$37,000, 4yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:10, ft. **VALID BONNET** (f, 4, Valid Appeal--Miss Cox's Hat {MGSP}, by Cox's Ridge), winner of the Gill Aksarben Oaks last July at Remington, had not raced since finishing 12th in the Nov. 8 Churchill Downs Distaff. The 1-2 favorite was always near the front, challenged three wide into the stretch and wore down third choice PRAIRIE MAIDEN (Badger Land) late to win by a neck under a hand ride. Lifetime Record: MGSW, 16-6-4-2, \$316,624. O-Ackerley Brothers Farm. B-Harry T. Mangurian Jr. (FL). T-Steven M Asmussen.

◆ So. CALIFORNIA ◆

Yesterday's Results:

CARDMANIA H., \$74,505, SAX, 4-2, 4yo/up, a6 1/2ft, 1:14 1/5, fm.

1--**UNCAGED FURY**, 118, h, 7, Kleven--Hostage Lady, by Third Martini. O/B-Fer Pete (CA); T-Lewis A Cenicola; J-R R Douglas; \$47,355. Lifetime Record: 23-7-4-4, \$414,184.* ½ to Caballo de Oro (Search for Gold), GSW, \$205,700; Mystery's Edge (Debonair Roger), SW, \$142,725.

2--**Drumm Valley**, 115, g, 7, Synastry--Here's Lookn Adder, by Superbity. O-Poppleton Norm. \$13,185.

3--**Ilion**, 117, c, 4, Septieme Ciel--I Wich (Fr), by Kris. O-Taub Stephen M. \$7,911.

Margins: HF, 2, 2. Odds: 6.10, 13.40, 4.80.

Uncaged Fury returned from an absence of nearly a year to finish third in a March 6 Santa Anita allowance. Always in contention, the gelding surged through an opening on the rail turning into the stretch and held off the strong late bid of Drumm Valley for a narrow win.

DRUMTOP S., \$55,750, SAX, 4-2, 4yo/up, f/m, 1 1/4mT, 2:02 4/5, fm.

1--**PROUD FILLIE** (FR), 121, f, 4, Linamix--Proud Puppy (MSW, \$402,543), by Proud Appeal. O-Kirkwood A & S; B-SNC Lagardere Elevage (FR); T-R McAnally; J-C McCarron; \$33,450. Lifetime Record: 10-3-2-1, \$116,475

2--**Rajahmundry**, 119, f, 4, Diosis (GB)--Paulistana, by Pretense. (\$75,000 wlng '94 KEENOV). O-Gallagher's Stud. \$11,150.

3--**Penne**, 121, m, 5, Jade Hunter--Pero Yo Se (Arg), by Proud Arion. O-Paulson Allen E. \$6,690.

Margins: 2, 2, 4HF. Odds: 1.20, 5.10, 12.90.

Proud Fillie (Fr), a stakes winner in France, was looking for her first win in her fourth start in the United States off a second-place effort in a Feb. 26 allowance. The favored grey filly ran last early, powered to the lead in deep stretch and inched clear to the wire.

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ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

6th-OPX, \$38,000, 4yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16m, 1:45 3/5, ft. **DAWN'S MIRACLE** (f, 4, Fast Gold--Dawn Grey, by Marfa) Lifetime Record: 24-5-6-1, \$118,957. O-William Cortesi. B-Corzon Stable (KY). T-James J Eckrosh.

7th-GGX, \$32,160, 4yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:10 4/5, ft. **JARDINE** (f, 4, Ogygian--Juta's Fame, by Danzig) Lifetime Record: 6-2-3-0, \$49,300. O-Donald J Amaral. B-Russell S. Davis (KY). T-Jack Steiner.

7th-PIM, \$32,000, Opt. Clm. (\$50-45,000), 4yo/up, 6f, 1:10 2/5, ft.

TWICE AS SPECIAL (g, 6, Taylor's Special--Doubles, by No Double) Lifetime Record: 37-11-7-5, \$191,718. O-Flag Stable B-Mr. & Mrs. T J Gardner (Md). T-C Hadry * ½ to Seward Junction (Pocket Coin), MSW, \$197,337

8th-AQU, \$31,000, (S), 3yo/up, 7f, 1:25, gd. **INSTANT GENIUS** (c, 3, Honor Grades--Instant Shopper, by D'Accord) Lifetime Record: SP, 5-2-0-1, \$53,716. O-New River Stable. B-Salmon Walter J. Mrs. (NY). T-Kenneth A Nesky. * 1/2 to Shoppers Gold (Gold Seam), SW, \$174,774.

9th-TPX, \$30,700, 4-1, 3yo, f, 1m, 1:39 1/5, ft. **J J BALL OF FIRE** (f, 3, Bates Motel--Miss Adena, by Timeless Moment) Lifetime Record: 17-2-1-1, \$39,236. O-Consuegra A & Moellering J. B-Antonio Consuegra (KY). T-Charles L Dickey.

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PERSONAL HOPE

Stakes double last weekend!

Paris Dream won the Pago Pago Stakes-Gr.2 at Rosehill and Nurse Goodbody won the Bourbonette Stakes-L. at Turfway Park (runs next in the Gr.2 Beaumont)



8th-PIM, \$25,480, 3yo, 1 1/16m, 1:43 4/5, ft.
KING HARVEY (c, 3, Breeders Bonus--Stutzie Lady, by Stutz Blackhawk) Lifetime Record: 8-3-3-1, \$55,694.
 O-Double O Stable. B-David Hulber (FL). T-Raymond Clay Jr.

9th-HIA, \$20,900, 3yo, f, 1 1/16m, 1:45 4/5, ft.
ALY MODE (f, 3, Henbane--Mrs. Peel, by Little Current)
 Lifetime Record: 9-2-1-1, \$32,925. O-Uprising Racing Stable. B-Emil Hagger & Peter Van Andel (FL). T-Mark M Passley.

10th-HIA, \$20,900, 4yo/up, a1 1/16T, 1:42 1/5, fm.
ANCIENT DANCER (c, 4, Robyn Dancer--Ancient Rule, by Delta Judge) Lifetime Record: 9-2-3-1, \$27,940.
 O-Monarch Stable Inc. B-Farnsworth Farms (FL). T-Larry Pilotti.

6th-HIA, \$18,000, 4yo/up, a1 1/16mT, 1:40 3/5, fm.
JELLY ROLL BUMP (c, 4, Mt. Livermore--Winelight, by Green Dancer) Lifetime Record: 12-2-1-2, \$50,240.
 O-Equilete Stable. B-Billings Robert L. Mr. & Mrs. Sr. (KY). T-April E Tschan. *1/2 to Jelly Roll Jive (Prosper Fager), GSP, \$184,030.

8th-DET, \$15,600, (S), 3&4yo, 5f, :59 1/5, wf.
PERSONAL PRIZE (g, 3, Personal Hope--Because She's Bold, by Bold Forbes) Lifetime Record: SP, 4-2-0-1, \$19,485. O-J Ranch Diamond. B-George Lambroff (MI). T-James R Jackson.

MAIDEN WINNERS:

Bold 'n Brawny, c, 2, Bold Badgett--Christina's Queen,
 by Mاماison. SAX, 4-2, (S), 2f, :21 4/5. B-Old English Rancho & Patsy McKuen (Ca).

Desert Fleet, c, 3, Afleet--Sahera (SW-Fr), by Al Nasr
 (Fr). TPX, (C), 4-1, 1m, 1:38 3/5. B-Glencrest Farm (Ky).

Sheen, c, 3, Chief's Crown--Sugar Gulch, by Gulch.
 OPX, (C), 4-2, 1m, 1:40 2/5. B-Hadden Arthur (Ky).

Miss Calculate, f, 3, Ferdinand--Math, by Devil's Bag.
 TPX, 4-1, 1 1/16m, 1:46 2/5. B-Holt Thomson Ramona (Ky).

Belinda O'Britis, f, 3, Jovial Turn--Halo Pepi, by Halo.
 AQU, (S), 4-2, 6f, 1:12 1/5. B-Paxson Henry D Mrs (Ny). *\$1,800 yrl '96 FTMSEP.

Terms of Victory, f, 3, Private Terms--Coniving, by Leematt, PIM, (C), 4-2, 1 1/16m, 1:48 2/5.
 B-Goldsmith Oliver C (Md). *\$32,000 2yo '97 FTM MAY. **1/2 to Ice Hawk (Iccapade), SW, \$206,151.

Raise a Rebelette, f, 3, Raise a Champion--Princess
 Joyce, by Prince Spellbound. SAX, (S), (C), 4-2, 5 1/2 f, 1:05.2. B-Six S Racing Stables (Ca).

Red Devil, c, 4, Devil's Bag--Grand Blush (SP-Eng), by
 Blushing Groom (Fr). AQU, (C), 4-2, 1 1/8m, 1:52 2/5. B-Buckram Oak Farm (Ky).

Fentomania, f, 4, Fenter--Plutomania, by Groton. OPX,
 (S), 4-2, 6f, 1:12 1/5. B-Jon Starr & Doug Lancaster (Ar). *\$4,200 wlng '94 ARKAUG.

+ **Broken Hill, f, 4, Lear Fan--Saratoga Point, by**
 Saratoga Six. AQU, (S), 4-2, 6f, 1:11 4/5. B-Goichman L (Ny). *\$4,200 HRA '97 SARHRA.

Ridemystocktoifty, f, 4, Notebook--Here's to Us, by
 Hold Your Peace. SAX, 4-2, (C), 1m, 1:40. B-Howlett Bryan & Roberts Henry (Fl). *\$22,000 yrl '95 OBSAUG; \$82,000 2yo '96 OBSFEB.

Some Dark Nite, c, 4, Sports View--Sugarbart, by The
 Bart. HIA, 4-2, 1 1/16m, 1:47 4/5. B-Owl Creek Farm (Ky). *\$5,500 2yo 1996 FTM MAY. **1/2 to Dr. Aluminiat (Cougar's Crown), MSW-Mex.

Turkolater, f, 4, Turkoman--Restless Tai (SP), by Tai.
 TPX, 4-2, 1m, 1:39 1/5. B-Hall David V (Ky). *\$4,000 wlng '94 KEENOV; \$21,000 yrl '95 KEESEP

FOALING NEWS:

ECHELON LADY, 26, High Echelon--Riverboat Lady (*Ribot
 Foal born 3-11-98, a colt by Flying Chevron.
 Owned by Glencrest Farm & J.R. Querbes III.
 Boarded at Glencrest Farm in Midway, Ky.
 Accomplishments: Dam of Marshua's Echelon (Marshua's Dancer), GSW, \$244,895; Lady Clever Trick (Clever Trick), MSW, \$184,906.
 *First foal for Flying Chevron.

GREAT LIGHT, 21, Rube The Great--Light Face (Barbizon)
 Foal born 3-11-98, a filly by Honour and Glory.
 Will be bred back to Louis Quatorze.
 Owned/boarded at Glencrest Farm in Midway, Ky.
 Accomplishments: Dam of Kamikaze Rick (Hasty Flyer), GISW, \$341,300; Colony Light (Pleasant Colony), GISP, \$136,966.

BECKY BRANCH (IRE), 17, Run the Gantlet--April Fancy
 (Ire) (No Argument {GB})
 Foal born 3-12-98, a colt by Way West (Fr).
 Will be bred back to Honor Grades.
 Owned by Bonnie Heath Farm.
 Boarded at Bonnie Heath Farm in Ocala, Fl. & Meadow Haven Farm.
 Accomplishments: Dam of Honor Glide (Honor Grades), GISW, \$549,839.

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WHAT'S DOING DOWN UNDER



By Bronwyn Farr

Confounded bookmakers admit this Saturday's \$1.3 million Golden Slipper at Sydney's Rosehill track is the most open race since the Slipper's inception in 1957. No single two-year-old has dominated, but following Tuesday's crucial barrier draw, **Laurie's Lottery (Aus)** (Sir Laurence {NZ}) is outright 7-2 favourite with barrier eight.

"Obviously I would have preferred to draw barrier one, that is common sense," said jockey Shane Dye, who is after an unprecedented fifth Slipper victory. "I have got a great chance, but I'm no good thing."

The Slipper dreams of owner/breeders Geoff and Beryl White all but evaporated after their pair, **Shovhog (Aus)** (Danehill) and **Iglesia (Aus)** (Last Tycoon {Ire}), drew 18 and 16 respectively. No horse has ever won from either spot in the barrier.

After being installed as the shortest-priced early favorite in Slipper history at the end of February, Shovhog is now 10-1 in the wake of his third successive defeat in last Thursday's G3 Kembla Grange Classic.

The Jack Denham-trained youngster was trounced in two Melbourne outings and pundits watched nervously to see if Shovhog would redeem himself at Kembla. Ridden for the first time by Australia's most prolific Group 1 winning jockey, Mick Dittman, Shovhog couldn't catch all-the-way winner **Splendid Horse (Aus)** (Geiger Counter) and finished second. But Dittman, who has won three Slippers, wasn't ready to dismiss him.

"He didn't shirk his task. Don't sack him yet, he'll shake the life out of the Slipper," said Dittman, but added after learning he'd drawn barrier 18, "It will be really difficult."

Connections of \$11,430 yearling Laurie's Lottery always maintained their gelding would have to win the Todman Slipper Trial to warrant paying the \$67,250 late entry for the Slipper. Now Queensland dentist Kim McCasker will pay up following the horse's authoritative Todman win, his fourth in four starts.

Compulsion (Aus) (Danehill), full sister to 1996 Slipper winner Merlene (Aus), put in a dismal performance in the Riesling Slipper Trial and was immediately eased from 5-1 to 14-1 for the Slipper. Trainer Lee Freedman said \$300,000 filly was not as mentally mature as Merlene.

But stablemate **Danelagh (Aus)** (Danehill) caught the eye when runner-up to Riesling winner **Manana (Aus)** (Crown Jester {Aus}). Danelagh already has the G1 Blue Diamond under her belt and she seemed just short of peak fitness at Rosehill last Saturday.

Manana, raced by Australia's biggest owners, Jack and Bob Ingham, dropped from 33-1 to 5-1 after her upset Riesling win, and would be the second straight Slipper winner for her unfashionable sire, whose Guineas (Aus) took the race last year.

I've always maintained that in a two-year-old race run at frenetic pace in invariably sweltering conditions before a capacity crowd, a favourable barrier draw and a good run through the race are vital. The most talented juvenile isn't necessarily the winner. Last year's runner-up by a whisker, **Encounter (Aus)**, is chasing his seventh Group 1 win, while winner Guineas has struggled to keep his place in the top grade.

Another obvious example is 1995 runner-up **Octagonal (NZ)**, who went on to claim 10 Group 1 wins. Inevitably, Slipper winners are the coolest customers on the day--the youngster who remains unflustered, who has a mental and physical toughness beyond their tender years and who has been brought to their ultimate peak on Golden Slipper day.

Nobody is better at that than young Turk Lee Freedman, who is gunning for his fifth Slipper--and it is worth noting that three of his four victories have come courtesy of Danehill. This year Freedman will send out Danehill fillies **Danelagh** and **Compulsion** as well as VRC Sires Produce winner **Coup De Grace (Aus)** (Roi Danzig), whose little known sire is now in Italy after two seasons here.

The stable pick? Danelagh, who just shaded **Compulsion** when the pair were given a solid hit-out (work-out) over 800 metres at Randwick Tuesday.



Jockey Jim Cassidy and trainer Jack Denham were the toast of the racing nation in November when **Might And Power (NZ)** claimed the Cups double, but the fortunes of both have taken a turn for the worse.

Cassidy has been left in the unenviable position of serving three outings (suspensions) concurrently and will miss the entire Easter Carnival.

Cassidy has "gone fishing" after being outed in sensational circumstances for a month for improper use of the whip on **Filante (NZ)**. The word "jigger" was introduced during a fiery hearing, the implication being that the illegal electrical device may have been used on the weight-for-age star in track work and Cassidy was replicating the action during the Chipping Norton S. March 7. Cassidy was outed for "jabbing Filante in the neck with the butt of his whip four times" at the top of the straight.

Round two: Denham told stewards Cassidy had "slaughtered" **Banner Headline (Aus)** in the Canterbury Cup March 14 and stewards found him guilty of not giving that horse every chance. It got worse: last Saturday, Cassidy fell foul of stewards once again for causing interference on **Might And Power** in the Ranvet S.

I would be very surprised if Cassidy, rightly regarded among the very best of his profession, remains so closely aligned to the Denham stable next season.

Meanwhile, Denham's 40-year public silence has been the subject of much discussion. In a TV interview for a charity gala, Denham beseeched racing hacks: "Don't torment me!"



A lot of time and space has been devoted to why Denham has banned the press and I have to ask--who really cares?

Denham is in the news in recent days for all the wrong reasons--Might And Power suffered a setback that meant forfeiting the Australian Cup, Shovhog hasn't come up to expectations and to top it all off, there's the premature retirement of track-record holder **Filante (NZ)** (Star Way {GB}), the winner of \$1.2 million in stakes.

Stewards ordered the withdrawal of Filante from Saturday's G1 George Ryder S. after it was revealed he needed antibiotic treatment for a serious eye injury sustained just prior to the race. The five-year-old will be syndicated at \$24,210 a share, giving him a market value of \$968,400. He will stand at Widden Stud.



Less than fashionable 16-year-old stallion **Geiger Counter** (Mr. Prospector--Thong, by Nantallah) is making waves with smart two-year-olds **Spend (Aus)**, Golden Slipper runner **Splendid Horse** and dual Group 1 winner **Gold Guru (Aus)**.

As a racehorse, Geiger Counter was prepared by Leroy Jolley and he obviously had ability, winning on debut by 4-1/2 lengths, but he made only eight appearances for two wins.

He was among Australia's shuttle visitors until two years ago, when Arrowfield Stud opted to keep him here permanently. He stood last season for a competitive \$6,725.

"He wasn't a super racehorse, he obviously had problems, but he is a Mr. Prospector horse from an exceptional female line, a real gold mine, with Nureyev, Sadler's Wells and Tate Gallery all in there," said Arrowfield spokesman Byron Rodgers. "We stopped shuttling him two years ago. He is 16 now, and we thought his long-term management was more important than the extra dollars we would get from his Northern Hemisphere season."

Geiger Counter's first Southern Hemisphere crop produced SA Oaks winner **Minegold (Aus)**; champion South African two-year-old **Rarotonga Treaty (Aus)** emerged from his second crop. His yearlings averaged \$50,440 at the Magic Millions Sale in January. He will be represented by just four lots in the forthcoming Australian Easter Yearling Sale in Sydney from April 14-16.

FOALING NEWS:

IRON AND SILVER, 12, Silver Buck--Iron Becky (Iron Anthony)

Foal born 3-12-98, a colt by Fortunate Prospect. Owned by Margie and Irving Cowan.

Boarded at **Mayfair Farm** in Ocala, Florida.

Accomplishments: Stakes winner of \$281,831.

LADIES CRUISE, 7, Fappiano--Youthful Lady (Youth) Foal born 3-12-98, a filly by Mt. Livermore.

Will be bred back to Capote.

Owned by/boarded at Lazy Lane Farms in Upperville, Va.

Accomplishments: SW, \$122,364.

LIFE AT THE TOP, 15, Seattle Slew--See You at the Top (Riva Ridge)

Foal born 3-12-98, a filly by Unbridled.

Will be bred back to Woodman.

Owned by/boarded at Lazy Lane Farms in Upperville, Va.

Accomplishments: MGISW of \$989,504; dam of Elizabeth Bay (Mr. Prospector), GSW-Fr, SW & GSP-U.S., G1SP-Eng, \$343,795.

LEA CARTER, 8, Dr. Carter--Duralea (Mr. Leader)

Foal born 3-13-98, a colt by Pembroke.

Will be bred back to Louis Quatorze.

Owned by Milt Ritzenberg.

Boarded at Glencrest Farm in Midway, KY.

Accomplishments: MSW of \$148,349.

MS. ELOISE, 15, Nasty and Bold--Belle Noel (Tom Rolfe)

Foal born 3-13-98, a colt by Smart Strike.

Will be bred back to Cozzene.

Owned by Margaret Grimm.

Boarded at Lochness Farm in Paris, Ky.

Accomplishments: MGISW, \$870,982; Dam of Bibury Court (Ferdinand), GSW, \$301,064; Ms. Isadora (Miswaki), GSP, \$274,507; Princess Eloise (Chief's Crown), MSW & GSP, \$233,475; Daybreak Express (Dixieland Band), SW, \$166,213.

YOUPIKEM, 20, Droll Role--Analisa (High Echelon)

Foal born 3-13-98, a colt by Flying Chevron.

Will be bred back to Clever Trick.

Owned by/boarded at Glencrest Farm in Midway, KY.

Accomplishments: Dam of Jonowo (MSW, \$167,756, by Navajo).

NORTHERN EMERALD, 8, Green Dancer--Tromphe De Naskra (Naskra)

Foal born 3-14-98, a filly by Miswaki.

Will be bred back to Gone West.

Owned by Dr. Hiram Polk and Dr. J. David Richardson.

Boarded at Hermitage Farm LLC in Goshen, Ky.

Accomplishments: Grade I winner of \$435,755.

ZIGGY'S ACT, 9, Danzig--Comedy Act (Shecky Greene)

Foal born 3-14-98, a filly by Kingmambo.

Will be bred back to Mr. Prospector.

Owned/boarded at Stonerside Stable, Ltd. in Paris, KY.

Accomplishments: Grade III winner of \$129,008.