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**TIM SMITH NAMED NTRA CEO** The National Thoroughbred Racing Association has named former PGA TOUR Chief Operating Officer Tim Smith as its first commissioner and chief executive officer. Smith, credited with helping turn around the fortunes of tournament golf in the 1980s, also was a major architect of the reorganization of worldwide men's tennis in the early 1990s, and designed the initial marketing plan for the 1996 Olympic Games in Atlanta. "Thoroughbred racing has great inherent appeal," Smith commented. "Yet, prior to the NTRA, it has lacked the central structure and marketing programs necessary to compete successfully in today's marketplace. Now the tools are in place to allow Thoroughbred racing to compete with other sports and entertainment options."

### SILVER DEPUTY COLT SETS OBS RECORD

Karen and Hays Biggs paid an April record \$550,000 for **Etbauer** (Silver Deputy) to top an upbeat session of the Ocala Breeders' Sales Company's annual Spring Sale of Two-Year-Olds in Training in Florida yesterday. The colt, hip number 375, is the first foal of Insurprise (Greinton {GB}). Consigned by Mark Casse, agent, the bay worked a quarter-mile in :21 1/5 last Friday, the co-fastest work of the Under Tack Show, and the fastest workout ever recorded at the distance over the OBS racetrack. For the session, 189 horses sold for a gross of \$3,986,500. At last year's corresponding session, 150 horses grossed \$2,634,500. The average price rose 20 percent to \$21,093 from \$17,563 while the median price of \$12,500 equaled the median in last year's second session. Casse also sold the day's high-priced filly, hip number 561, **Cope with Diablo** (Diablo), who was purchased by Bruno De Berdt, agent, for \$105,000. "I'm pleased to see another good session," said OBS Director of Sales Tom Ventura. "Even without the record price for the Silver Deputy colt, it looks like the demand for good athletes is strong and the buyers have confidence they can buy good horses here in Ocala." The four-day sale continues today at 10:30 a.m.

### STAKES CLOSINGS

**TODAY, WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22:**

5-3 \$300,000 **Sixty Sails H.-GIII, Spt,**  
3yo/up, f/m, 9f (\$100)

5-9 \$500,000 **Illinois Derby-GII, Spt, 3yo, 9f**  
(\$200)



**Saturday, May 2, Churchill Downs**

**KENTUCKY DERBY-GI, \$1,000,000, 3yo, 1 1/4m**

**DERBY WORK TAB** Horse of the Year **Favorite Trick** (Phone Trick), who suffered the first defeat of his career when third in the GII Arkansas Derby April 11, headed the list of Derby contenders working yesterday over a fast Churchill Downs track. The colt worked five furlongs in 1:01 3/5. "He finished up well," commented trainer Bill Mott. "I didn't have a watch on him, but my assistant did and got him the last quarter in :23 2/5. That's what I was looking for. He galloped out nicely in 1:14." Mott added Favorite Trick would work again early next week. "Right now I don't want to trade places with anybody. He's eating good and moving well over this racetrack. It doesn't look like the race (Arkansas Derby) set him back. It didn't knock him out or anything like that."

GIII Louisiana Derby winner **Comic Strip** (Red Ransom) worked seven furlongs in 1:27 2/5 with jockey Shane Sellers up. Clockers recorded fractions of :25 3/5 for the quarter, :50 3/5 for the half, 1:15 for six furlongs and out the mile in 1:42 1/5. "I thought he went great, but no decision has been made (on the Kentucky Derby)," said trainer Neil Howard. Howard listed the May 9 GII Illinois Derby at Sportsman's as another possible next start for Comic Strip.

**Chilito** (Strawberry Road {Aus}), winner of the GIII Flamingo, was clocked in 1:17 3/5 for six furlongs with exercise rider William Goodwin up. "I had him going five-eighths in 1:04 and out in :16 and change," said trainer Graham Motion. "He's got plenty of speed and I am trying to get him to relax early. I'll do something more serious with him next Monday or Tuesday, depending on the weather."

**Hanuman Highway (Ire)** (Alzao) worked a half-mile in :48 1/5. Trainer Kathy Walsh reported the rash the colt developed on his neck over the weekend, necessitating a two-day postponement of the work, was gone.

Irish-trained colt **Saratoga Springs** (El Gran Senor), winner of the G1 Racing Post Trophy at Doncaster last October, will not after all contest the 1998 Kentucky Derby. A spokesman for the colt's trainer Aidan O'Brien said Tuesday, "It has been decided not to send him to Kentucky. The horse is fine, but the American option has been shelved." Michael Tabor's colt now looks likely to contest the G3 Derrinstown Stud Derby Trial at Leopardstown May 10, followed by the G1 Irish 2000 Guineas at The Curragh May 24.



(News cont.)

**ATTENDANCE UP AS SANTA ANITA MEET**

**ENDS** Santa Anita completed its winter/spring meet Monday with an increase in on-track attendance for the first time in 11 seasons, despite one of the wettest winters in Southern California history. "Reversing this decade-long downward attendance cycle is one of the most exciting and significant developments Santa Anita has ever enjoyed," said William C. Baker, president and chief executive officer of the Santa Anita Companies, Inc. "The fact that attendance was up despite El Nino makes the accomplishment even more heartening." The meeting also produced a Santa Anita record for average daily total handle of \$11,646,060, two \$20 million-plus handle days, including a Santa Anita Derby Day record of \$21,314,739, and the largest opening day handle in track history, \$18,116,803. Average on-track attendance was 12,356, up just under one percent over last year. Overall handle was \$1,001,561,199, an average of \$11,646,060 for the 86-day meeting. This is up 0.1 percent over the record average daily handle set in 1995-96. Santa Anita's 1997-98 on-track handle averaged \$2,523,043 per day, a decline of 1.3 percent from 1996-97. Bob Baffert took leading trainer honors at the meet, scoring a record-equating 47 wins. Kent Desormeaux captured the riding title with 89 victories.

**CHURCHILL COMPLETES ELLIS PARK DEAL**

In a special meeting yesterday, the Kentucky Racing Commission approved Churchill Downs Incorporated's agreement to acquire all of the outstanding stock of Racing Corporation of America, which owns Ellis Park Race Course and the Kentucky Horse Center. Under the terms of the agreement with RCA, Churchill Downs has acquired all of the capital stock of RCA for \$22 million, payable in a combination of cash and common stock of Churchill Downs. Churchill Downs confirmed that Ellis Park will conduct racing in 1998 on the dates previously awarded to the racetrack by the Kentucky Racing Commission.

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**AMERICAN MARES SELL IN AUSTRALIA** Monday's second day of the Inglis Easter Weanling & Broodmare Sale at Randwick in Sydney, Australia featured several American mares bred to Southern Hemisphere time. Texas-based John T L Jones III and Lanes End Farm's Will Farish sold the six-year-old mare **A Goodlookin Broad** (Broad Brush) for \$266,436 to New Zealand Bloodstock. Runner-up in the Gill Arlington Heights Oaks, A Goodlookin Broad was sold in foal to Nureyev. Jones and Farish also sold the three-year-old mare **Puddinhead** (Affirmed) for \$133,218 to Rothwell Park Stud. In addition, Jones' Live Foal Inc sold the four-year-old mare **Doe** (Hansel), in foal to Nureyev, for \$219,809 to Hong Kong owner T Chung. Doe is a half-sister to the successful young European sire Mujadil (Storm Bird), whose daughter Daunting Lady won Saturday's G3 Dubai Duty Free Fred Darling S. at Newbury in England. During Tuesday's third day of the sale, Segenhoe Stud paid the top price of the four-day sale so far when purchasing the Collingrove Stud-consigned five-year-old mare **Vain Hill (Aus)** (Danehill) for \$299,740. Vain Hill is a half sister to Australian Group 1 winner Keltrice (Aus)(Kenmare {Fr}). She was sold in foal to Woodman.

## ◆ PREVIEW ◆

**Today, Keeneland:**

**ELKHORN S.-Gill, \$100,000, 4yo/up, 12ft**

The field, in order of the draw, is as follows: **Lafitte the Pirate (GB)** (Sadler's Wells), Albarado, 114; **African Dancer** (Nijinsky II), Bailey, 114; **South Salem** (Salem Drive), Bravo, 114; **Chorwon** (Cozzene), Day, 114; **Super Firm** (Affirmed), Coa, 114; **Chief Bearhart** (Chief's Crown), Santos, 122.

**Saturday, May 2, Newmarket, England:**

**SAGITTA 2000 GUINEAS-G1, 3yo, 1mT**

Last year's Highweight Two-Year-Old Colt in Italy **Lend a Hand (GB)** (Great Commotion), winner of five of his six starts in 1997 including the G1 Gran Criterium in Italy, "will run a very big race in the 2000 Guineas", according to his owner Sheikh Maktoum al Maktoum's racing manager Joe Mercer, who spoke after the Mark Johnston-trained runner worked a mile at Southwell racecourse Tuesday. Johnston said, "We got him on his toes today and that was the main purpose. It is all systems go for Newmarket and I'm quite hopeful. We think he is good enough to win, but there are almost two weeks to go and life's all about getting there." Book-makers now rate Lend a Hand at odds ranging between 10-1 and 16-1.

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## ◆ FOREIGN ◆

### Stakes Results:

**PROCYON S.-G3-Jpn**, \$634,968, Hanshin Racecourse, Japan, 4-18, 7f, 1:22.7, sy.

1--**@TEMPAI (JPN)**, 123, h, 5, **Jade Robbery--Serese (Jpn)**, by **Tosho Boy (Jpn)**. O-Emiko Awata; B-Minekichi Arai; T-Nobuharu Fukushima; J-Norihiro Yokoyama; \$332,621. Lifetime Record: 15-7-2-3. \* 1/2 to **Narcisse Noir (Jpn)** (Steel Heart {Ire}), MGSW-Jpn, \$1,029,253.

2--**M. I. Blanc (Jpn)**, 126, h, 6, **Brian's Time--Yukiguni**, by **Caro (Ire)**. O-Yutaka Inami. \$134,009.

3--**Be My Nakayama (Jpn)**, 121, c, 4, **Ebros--Be My Fire (Ire)**, by **Be My Guest**. O-Nakayama B. \$86,492.

Margins: 2 1/2, 1 3/4, 1/2. Odds: 3.00, 10.80, 7.20.

Tempai (Jpn), fifth in the March 14 G3 March S. in his last start, stalked the early pacesetters and took the lead easily enough to prick his ears for the photo. "We were able to get in a good position when there wasn't a big rush to get the lead," said winning rider Norihiro Yokoyama. "When I asked him, he responded right away and was focused on running the whole time."

### AMERICAN-BRED WINNER IN FRANCE:

**Royal Terminal**, f, 3, **Lear Fan--Nickle Lady**, by **Plugged Nickle**. Chantilly, 4-20, **Prix de la Prairie**, 3yo, f, 1mT, \$14,663 to winner. O-Prince Ahmed Salman; B-Shields Thoroughbreds; T-F Head. \*\$70,000 wnlg '95 **KEENOV**; \$300,000 yrlg '96 **KEEJUL**. \*\*1/2 to Title Bought (Lyphard's Wish {Fr}), GSP, \$152,057.

### AMERICAN-BRED WINNER IN ENGLAND:

**Ela Agapi Mou**, g, 5, **Storm Bird--Vaguar (SP-Fr)**, by **Vaguely Noble (Ire)**. Folkestone, 4-21, **Levy Board H.**, 4yo/up, 15f 92ydsT, \$5,162 to winner. O-Action II; B-Patrick Eddery Ltd & Midcounts Ltd; T-G M Moore.

## ◆ MIDWEST ◆

### Local News, Louisville:

Pat Byrne, trainer of 1997 juvenile champions Countess Diana and Favorite Trick, will be honored for his achievements and contributions to the Thoroughbred Racing Industry as the recipient of the Louisville Thoroughbred Club's second annual "Courage, Spirit and Triumph Award."

### Local News, Churchill Downs:

**Let (A.P. Indy)**, second in the April 4 GI Ashland, breezed four furlongs Monday in :49 1/5 in preparation for the May 1 GI Kentucky Oaks.

### Local News, Sportsman's Park:

Sportsman's Park will reduce the take-out on exactas from 20.5 percent to 10 percent on wagers made on-track on the live race card on Saturday, May 2, Kentucky Derby Day.

### Local News, Hawthorne Race Course:

Hawthorne Racing Secretary Gary M. Duch announced yesterday that the Frank Arsenault Memorial S. has been added to the Breeders' Cup National Stakes program. The race, for two-year-olds at one mile on the turf, will carry a purse of \$100,000, including \$50,000 from the Breeders' Cup Fund for eligible horses.

## ◆ EAST ◆

### Local News, Florida:

Hialeah State Senator Roberto Casas sponsored an amendment to a bill that extends the life of Hialeah Race Course for at least one more year. Amended Senate bill 440 puts a double tax on any South Florida track that runs outside its assigned dates. The amendment short circuits a bill Gulfstream and Calder combined on that would have eliminated the double taxation. In a move that caught many by surprise, Casas also offered an amendment to his amended bill which mandates Gulfstream send its signal to Hialeah. Presently only Calder has to send its signal to Hialeah. Senate bill 440 passed out of the Regulated Industries Committee 12-0. It goes to the Senate Ways and Means Committee on Thursday and to the Senate floor for a vote on Monday. The legislative session ends at midnight May 1.

### FOALING NEWS:

**FOREVER PALS**, 5, **Polish Numbers--Thanks Pal (Foolish Pleasure)**

Foal born 3-10-98, a filly by **Unbridled's Song**.

Will be bred back to **Saint Ballado**.

Owned by **Al Carpenito**.

Boarded at **Taylor Made Farm, Nicholasville, Ky.**

Accomplishments: **MSW of \$145,786.**

**DAMASK CHEEK**, 18, **Damascus--Weatherwise (Arts and Letters)**

Foal born 3-11-98, a filly by **Candy Stripes**.

Will be bred back to **Candy Stripes**.

Owned by **Taylor Made Farm**.

Boarded at **Taylor Made Farm, Nicholasville, Ky.**

Accomplishments: **Dam of Super Abound (Superbity), GISW, \$398,918.**

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### STAKES RESULT:

**OHIO DEBUTANTE S.**, \$35,000, TDN, 4-19, (S), 3yo, f, 1 1/16m, 1:48 1/5, my.

1--**#IMPATIENT, 116, f, 3, Kyle's Our Man--Patient**

**Saint**, by **Darby Creek Road**. (\$10,000 wlng '95 KEENOV; \$3,000 yrl '96 KEESEP). O-Kretch R & Zahler G; B-Gutheil Paul R Dr (OH); T-T Girten; J-W D Troilo; \$21,000. Lifetime Record: 5-2-1-1, \$44,760.

2--**Broad and High, 114, f, 3, Broad Brush--Follow the Flower**, by Mr. Leader. \$7,000.

3--**Princess Rachele R, 120, f, 3, Seattle Dancer--Stick With Reggie**, by Verbatim. \$3,500.

Margins: 2 1/4, 2, 1HF. Odds: 1.80, 2.70, 2.50.

### ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

1st-SPT, \$47,740, 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:11 3/5, gd.

(DH)--**INSTANT CHARMER, f, 4, Western Playboy--Liane's Lace**, by **Da' White Judge**. Lifetime Record: SW, 9-5-3-0, \$105,580. O/B-Sand Ridge Farm (IL). T-J L Ely.

(DH)--**CRAFTY GAL, f, 4, Crafty Prospector--Jove's Lady (MSW, \$127,971)**, by **Northern Jove**. Lifetime Record: 9-5-0-0, \$71,620. O-Mancari Frank & Triffler Mark. B-Hill 'n Dale Farm (IL). T-Michael L Reavis. \* 1/2 to Rule Sixteen (Ogygian), MSW, \$262,981.

8th-SPT, \$31,000, 3yo/up, 1m, 1:39 3/5, sy.

**LI'LRAYOLIGHT (c, 4, Majestic Light--Sunyata, by Proud Truth)** Lifetime Record: 11-5-0-3, \$71,780. O-Robert J Lothenbach. B-Glencrest Farm (KY). T-Chris M Block.

6th-DEL, \$30,300, 3yo/up, 6f, 1:10 1/5, ft.

**STROKE (g, 4, Royal Pennant--Top Paddler, by Conquistador Cielo)** Lifetime Record: SW, 16-4-3-1, \$112,706. O/B-Martha F. Gerry (TX). T-Neil J Howard.

7th-SPT, \$30,000, 3yo/up, f/m, 1m, 1:40 3/5, sy.

**LOVEY LOVEY LOVEY (f, 4, Danzig Connection--All You All, by Valid Appeal)** Lifetime Record: 19-4-6-2, \$66,536. O-A & I Stable. B-Hillstead Farm (MD). T-Janice L Ely.

6th-SPT, \$30,000, (S), 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:12 1/5, sy.

**ULTRADUSTY (f, 4, Runderbar--Ultradust, by Soy Numero Uno)** Lifetime Record: 12-3-4-1, \$69,230. O/B-Carl C. Dykema (IL). T-Roger Brueggemann.

7th-DEL, \$28,000, 3yo/up, 1 1/16m, 1:46 1/5, ft.

**CASHEL ROCK (c, 4, Irish Tower--Jamilleah, by His Majesty)** Lifetime Record: 15-3-1-2, \$41,569. O/B-Lucy G. Bassett (KY). T-Randy Nunley.

5th-DEL, \$26,600, 4yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:12 2/5, ft.

**SWEET LIL DANCER (f, 4, Musical Fappi--Vertical, by Signed Contract)** Lifetime Record: 19-5-3-0, \$55,464. O-Bruno Schickedanz. B-3R Ranch Inc. (FL). T-A Iwinski

10th-HIA, \$21,000, 4/up, f/m, 1 1/16mT, 1:40 3/5, fm.

**NEEDHAM STAR (m, 5, Mt. Livermore--Passing Gull, by Arctic Tern)** Lifetime Record: SP-US, Eng, 22-5-4-2, \$125,210. O-Gary Mottola. B-Nydris Stud (Va). T-Barry Berkelhammer.

6th-HIA, \$19,900, 3yo, f, 1 1/16m, 1:45 1/5, ft.

**SIGNIFICANT TRI (f, 3, Irish Sur--Tri Maw, by Tri Jet)** Lifetime Record: 7-2-2-2, \$47,575. O-Ross Adam & Al. B-Right Angle Stable (FL). T-Ralph Ziadie.

9th-PHA, \$18,000, 3yo/up, 6f, 1:10 4/5, ft.

**TEXAS GOLD (g, 4, Allen's Prospect--Gramercy {MSW, \$142,207}, by Hagley)** Lifetime Record: 26-8-2-0, \$81,182. O-Rhodyo Stable Inc. B-Mrs. Orme Wilson Jr. & Russell E. Train (MD). T-Donald S Reeder. \* 1/2 to Winding Trail (Gilded Age), SW, \$117,485.

8th-DET, \$17,000, 3yo/up, f/m, 5 1/2f, 1:03 3/5, ft.

**MYDADDYSTHEMANN (m, 5, Ruhlmann--Crystal Pirate, by Pirate's Bounty)** Lifetime Record: SP, 23-6-5-6, \$121,278. O-Preferred Picks Racing Stable. B-Michael F. Fortier (CA). T-Charles A Tatonetti.

7th-DET, \$16,348, 3yo, 5 1/2f, 1:05 4/5, ft.

**RUSTIM EXPRESS (c, 3, Private Express--Bonjour Chin, by Rustic Ruler)** Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-0, \$19,371. O-Elaine Gross. B-Sharon Anne Latz (MI). T-Reid Gross.

### MAIDEN WINNERS:

**Sister Monk, f, 3, Executive Order--Native Mary (MSW)**, by Super Native. SPT, 4-21, (S), 6f, 1:13 1/5. B-South River Ranch (IL).

**Jolie's Tattletale, c, 3, Jolie's Halo--Tattletale Girl**, by Barachois. DEL, 4-21, 1 1/16m, 1:47 3/5. B-Appleton Arthur I (FL).

**Pleasant Feeling, c, 4, Pleasant Colony--Pat Us**, by Caucasus. PHA, 4-21, a1m70yd, 1:44 2/5. B-Evans T M (Ky). \* \$27,000 HRA 1997 KEENOV. \*\* Full to Colonial U.S., Ch. Imp. Horse-P.R., SW-P.R., \$203,495; Silver Fox, GSW, \$261,790.

**Luff, m, 5, Easy Goer--Crone's Nest**, by Topsider. HIA, 4-21, 7f, 1:25 3/5. B-Christiana Stables (Ky).



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Of the 10 graded stakes races run in the U.S. last weekend, 4 were won by homebreds and 2 were won by European-breds. The other 4 winners -

**Classic Cat, Star of Broadway, Prime Meridian & Dance Parade** were all former Jack Werk **Best of Sale** recommendations.



## WEEKEND PEDIGREE PERSPECTIVES

by Alan Porter

### AMERIQUE (c, 4, St. Jovite--Carmanetta, by Roberto)

With a triumph in Sunday's GI San Juan Capistrano H., Amerique became the first Grade One winner sired by St. Jovite. A member of St. Jovite's first crop, Amerique has as his third dam the Fleet Nasrullah mare, Fleeting Doll. Amerique's victory means that Fleeting Doll is now ancestress of Group/Grade One winners in North America, Europe and Australia, as she is also granddam of the Prix d'Ispahan hero Crystal Glitters, and third dam of Danarani, successful in the VRTC 1,000 Guineas. Another grandson of Fleeting Doll is Danzatore, Champion Two-Year-Old Colt in Ireland and now a sire in Texas.

Regular readers of this column know that we attach considerable importance to genetic relatives in a pedigree, and we are also fond of inbreeding to the broodmare sire of a stallion, or to that horse's own broodmare sire (in other words, the broodmare sire of the broodmare sire). In the case of Amerique, we find both those factors. St. Jovite is out of a mare by Northfields, who in turn is out of a mare by Occupy, a brilliant war-time juvenile star. What makes this particularly interesting is, as we have mentioned, Amerique's third dam is by Fleet Nasrullah. Occupy just happens to be a brother to Fleet Nasrullah's granddam, Draeh, giving Amerique the brother and sister 5x6. Actually, since Northfields is by Northern Dancer, who combines Nearco and Mahmoud, and Fleet Nasrullah is by Nasrullah (by Nearco out of a three-parts-sister to Mahmoud), Northfields and Fleet Nasrullah have rather similar backgrounds. It's certainly worth trying more mares carrying Fleet Nasrullah with St. Jovite.

Amerique also represents the reverse of a rather successful cross, that of Roberto-line stallions with mares descending from Graustark and his brother His Majesty (grandsire of St. Jovite), which has produced such Group and Graded winners as Dynaformer, Graceful Darby, Wandering Star, Brian's Time, Sunshine Forever, Plenty of Grace, Fahal and Haunting. Of course, Roberto, Graustark and His Majesty all stood at Darby Dan Farm, which means the cross has had plenty of opportunity. Still, no amount of opportunity will turn a bad cross into a good one so it is worth noting that there are some links between the backgrounds of Roberto and Graustark/His Majesty. The most notable include that Roberto has Nasrullah and Royal Charger, while Graustark/His Majesty have Mahmoud (three-parts brother to Mumtaz Begum, dam of Nasrullah and granddam of Royal Charger), and that Roberto's dam is closely inbred to the great French runner Sardanapale through daughters, while Graustark and His Majesty have Sardanapale's most important son, Apelle.

### PEDIGREE SHORTS

**Aislo (Ire) (c, 3, Caerleon--Aisla, by Miswaki)**, winner of the April 19 Telecom Eireann Ballysax S., an Irish Derby trial, is the sixth stakes winner by a son of Nijinsky I out of a Miswaki mare. No mystery here as Miswaki is out of a mare by Buckpasser (by Tom Fool), giving the Flaming Page/Tom Fool combination. Other horses bred on the combination include French Derby victor Hernando; Taiki Fortune, a Group 1 winner in Japan; and South American Group 1 winner Jimwaki. Oddly enough, while they combine successfully here, Nijinsky II and Buckpasser didn't work well together as a first cross. Of the 29 foals by Nijinsky II out of Buckpasser mares, only two won stakes. Can it be that some crosses which look good on paper (as Nijinsky II/Buckpasser did) don't work close up because of the physical type of the individuals involved, but can contribute something important when found farther back in the pedigree?

Last week we mentioned that Jade Hunter, whose dam is a descendent of Northern Dancer via Lyphard, has been doing well with mares carrying Northern Dancer through Nijinsky II. Just to underline the point, on Saturday **Yagli (h, 5, Jade Hunter--Nijinsky's Best, by Nijinsky II)** recorded his first stakes victory by capturing the GIII Hialeah Turf Cup. Yagli follows Stuka, Vinista and Classic Result as the fourth stakes winner with this duplication.

Alydeed is making significant progress through the ranks of the second season sires, and in winning Saturday's Woodstock S. (GIIIC), **Albrannon (c, 3, Alydeed--Lorine, by Raise a Cup)** followed Primary and Hedonist to become the third stakes winner from Alydeed's initial crop. Albrannon has a pedigree well worth noting. Alydeed is out of a mare by Alydar, and Albrannon himself is out of a mare by Raise a Cup. These two sons of Raise a Native are bred on extremely similar lines, their dams being close relatives from the famous Real Delight family. It should be worth trying Raise a Cup mares with other stallions carrying Alydar, or to reverse the cross trying Alydar mares with a stallion such as Devil His Due, who is out of a Raise a Cup mare.

**Point Guard (f, 3, Regal Intention--Quiet Magic by No Louder)**, winner of the Fair Lady S. at Hastings Park Saturday, is the product of a very clever mating. Her sire, Regal Intention, is out of a half-sister to her broodmare sire, No Louder, giving her a 3x3 cross of the excellent runner and producer Loudangle. Loudangle is out of a daughter of Nearctic, and the pedigree also has two son strains of Nearctic through Northern Dancer. These appear via the genetic relatives Vice Regent and Barachois (both sons of Northern Dancer with second dams by Windfields).

Notch up another stakes victory for the extremely successful pattern of duplicating Lalun through her sons Bold Reason and Never Bend. This pattern appears within the first five generations of more than 30 unrestricted stakes winners, the latest of which is **Shires Ende (f, 3, El Prado {Ire}--Shared Reflections, by Pursuit)**, winner of the Palisades S. at Keeneland April 16. Shires Ende's sire, El Prado, is by Sadler's Wells (dam by Bold Reason) and her broodmare sire, Pursuit, is a son of Never Bend.