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NTRA ALL-STAR JOCKEYS ANNOUNCED Eleven of the top riders in the country will be at Lone Star Park June 19 to compete in this year's \$100,000 National Thoroughbred Racing Association All-Star Jockey Championship. Jockey Gary Stevens, who won the inaugural event at the Texas track last year, will be back to defend his title against Jerry Bailey, Pat Day, Eddie Delahoussaye, Kent Desormeaux, Chris McCarron, Laffit Pincay Jr., Shane Sellers and Mike Smith, who participated in the Championship last year, and newcomers Sandy Hawley and Julie Krone. The leading rider at Lone Star Park as of May 31 will round out the field for the four-race competition. Between them the jockeys have won 37 Triple Crown races, 51 Breeders' Cup races and 20 Eclipse Awards; seven are in the Hall of Fame. "This was such a great event last year," said Stevens. "It's different than any other jockey competition I've ever been in. The fans were really into it last year." One percent of the mutuel handle from the four races of the Championship will be donated to The Jockeys' Guild. The NTRA All-Star Jockey Championship will be televised live on espn2 from 10-11 p.m. EDT.

DIAMONIXA DEAD *Diamonixa (Fr)* (Linamix {Fr}), owned and bred by Jean-Luc Lagardere, President of French racing authority FRANCE GALOP, sustained fatal injuries in an accident at the Chantilly stables of her trainer Andre Fabre on Tuesday morning. The accident occurred in the barn area, not on the gallops, but her connections did not release details. Unraced at two, *Diamonixa* was unbeaten in two career starts as a three-year-old including her last race, May 12, where she was a highly impressive eight-length winner of the G3 Prix Cleopatre at Saint-Cloud. She would have started as one of the favorites for the G1-Prix de Diane Hermes (French Oaks) at Chantilly, France, June 7.
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By Alan Porter

WHO DID IT AND RUN (f, 3, Polish Numbers--I'm Harriet, by Diesis {GB})

The holiday weekend was a magnificent one for Northview Stallion Station's young Danzig horse, Polish Numbers. On Friday, his daughter Who Did It And Run defeated males to take the GII Jersey Derby. On Saturday, another three-year-old filly, **Really Polish (Polish Numbers--Good 'n Smart, by Smarten)**, captured the GIII Dogwood S. and the four-year-old colt **Abacus Andy (Polish Numbers--Komputer Kathy, by Racconto)** took the Ben Cohen S. at Pimlico. It's worth remembering that this trio were all sired before Polish Numbers began to receive the better quality mares generated by his excellent 1995 freshman season. They don't reach the racetrack until 1999.

Who Did It And Run is the product of a very smart mating. To begin with, she (like Abacus Andy) has multiple La Troienne strains through genetic relatives. In addition, she is also an example of the growing affinity between Danzig (sire of Polish Numbers) and Sharpen Up (sire of Diesis). Other examples include the Group One winners Kissing Cousin, Danehill Dancer and Hayil. The cross of Northern Dancer over Sharpen Up has demonstrated a degree of affinity, but with a marked preference for certain strains, notably Danzig and Nijinsky II and to a degree, Nureyev and Vice Regent. The cross of Sharpen Up sires over Northern Dancer-line mares has actually proved a stronger one, and other notable Northern Dancer strains which seem to work well here include Lyphard, The Minstrel and Be My Guest (Monday's GI Hollywood Turf H. winner, Storm Trooper, is by Diesis out of a mare by a son of Be My Guest).

Sharpen Up with Northern Dancer gives a son and daughter of Native Dancer, a son and daughter of Hyperion and a son and daughter of both of the brothers Pharos and Fairway (Hyperion and Pharos combined in one case through Nearctic and another through Owen Tudor). It also gives Fair Trial with his three-quarters genetic relative Aroma and another genetic relative, Owen Tudor.
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STAKES CLOSINGS

TODAY, WEDNESDAY, MAY 27:

6-6 \$150,000 Fort Worth H., LS, 3yo/up, f/m, 9fT (\$0)

6-7 \$175/75,000 Gamely Breeders' Cup H.-GI, Hol, 3yo/up, f/m, 9fT (\$200)

6-14 \$150/100,000 King Edward Breeders' Cup H.-GIII, Wo, 3yo/up, 9fT (\$250)





News cont.

REAL QUIET MERCHANDISE TO BENEFIT

NTRA Mike Pegram has granted the licensing and merchandising rights of Kentucky Derby and Preakness winner **Real Quiet** (Quiet American) to the National Thoroughbred Racing Association. The rights protected under the agreement include the name, likeness and image of Real Quiet, as well as Pegram's red and yellow silks. "The sale of Real Quiet merchandise will give his growing legion of fans a chance to show their support for this horse," Pegram said. "I hope other owners will join me in supporting the NTRA as it attempts to increase the awareness and popularity of our great sport." Although the current agreement only runs through the June 6 Belmont S., negotiations are underway to extend the pact. A portion of the proceeds from the sales will benefit Ronald McDonald House, which provides care to seriously ill children and their families. Pegram owns 22 McDonald's franchises in Washington.

FLORIDA BILL BECOMES LAW At midnight, Saturday, May 24, a pari-mutuel bill that gives Hialeah three more years of life became law. Florida Governor Lawton Chiles did not sign the bill, which had been sitting on his desk for 15 days, but allowed it to become law automatically by not vetoing it. It will go into effect July 1. The law lifts a 10 p.m. curfew on simulcasting, allowing Thoroughbred tracks to simulcast around the clock if they want. It increases Florida purses by at least \$1.1 million, and reduces the tax Hialeah has to pay to .02 percent, or \$.20 on every \$100 handled. It also sets aside \$185,000 to finance a study to determine whether the city of Hialeah can purchase the track from current owner John Brunetti.

◆ TRIPLE THREATS ◆

Saturday, June 6

BELMONT S.-GI, \$1,000,000, 3yo, 1 1/2m

Really Quiet (Quiet American) galloped a mile and a half over a fast strip at Churchill Downs yesterday morning. The colt continues to please trainer Bob Baffert as he prepares for his assault on the Triple Crown. "He really came back strong," said trainer Bob Baffert. "This horse is strong. He's got that energy level back up. We're looking real good. We've just got to keep our fingers crossed that we don't hit any bumps in the road."

Yarrow Brae (Deputy Minister), winner of the GII Illinois Derby in his latest, worked five furlongs in 1:02 4/5 at Churchill Monday.

Triple Threats cont.

Hot Wells (Go and Go {Ire}), fourth in the GI Preakness S. just one day before New York Yankees pitcher David Wells pitched what was only the 13th perfect game in modern baseball history, worked five furlongs in 1:00 at Churchill Downs yesterday morning. The former claimer cruised through a quarter in :24 3/5 and a half in :48 3/5. "That was an out-of-ordinary work for Hot Wells," said trainer Tom Amoss. "He's kind of a plodder in the mornings." The three-year-old will have another easy half-mile breeze June 2, and ship to New York Thursday, June 4. He will try to duplicate the feat of his sire, who won the 1990 edition of the Belmont. Hot Wells will be a longshot to reach the wire first in the 1 1/2-mile "Test of the Champion," but then who expected David Wells to go nine innings without allowing even one opponent to reach base?

◆ EAST ◆

Yesterday's Result:

2nd--DEL, \$24,000, Msw, 3yo, 6f, 1:11 2/5, ft.

THATSALLITCOULDBE (c, 3, Meadowlake--Think Blue, by Cornish Prince) began his career October 11 with a second-place finish to subsequently GSP Good and Tough. Laid off since then, the 3-10 favorite sat third behind the leaders early in his return, cruised to the front and drew off in the stretch to win by 7 1/2 lengths. The \$125,000 '96 KEESEP yearling purchase is a half-brother to Our Royal Blue (Our Native), MSW, \$179,963. Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, \$21,200. O-New Farm. B-Bryan Joseph Jr (Ky). T-Ben Perkins.

◆ FOREIGN ◆

Weekend Result:

GRAN PREMIO 25 DE MAYO-G1, San Isidro, Argentina, 5-25, 3yo/up, 1 1/2mT, 2:29.19, sf.

1--**SEA GIRL**, 126, m, 6, Royal Roberto--Dancers Paradise, by Green Dancer. (\$1,000 yrl '93 KEEJAN). O-Rio Claro; B-Hill 'n' Dale Farm (Ill); T-Alfredo Gaitan Dassie; J-R Laitan.

2--**Gabarito** (Arg), 123, c, 3, Gem Master--Salera (Arg), by Farmer (Arg). O/B-Haras El Manzanar.

3--**Oceanlive** (Arg), 123, c, 3, Oceanside (Arg)--Alive (Arg), by Mount Athos (GB). O/B-Haras Vengador.

Margins: 1 1/2, 4. Winner's Odds: 2.80.

Coming from behind for an easy win, U.S. import Sea Girl picked up her second straight in this event; it was her 10th victory and her seventh Group success.

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GRAN PERMIO MONTEVIDEO-G1, Palermo, Argentina, 5-25, 2yo, c, 7.5f, 1:28.92, my.

1--**TEAM (ARG)**, 121, c, 2, **Southern Halo--Teocratica (Arg)**, by **Farnesio (Arg)**. O-Stud Las Telas; B-Haras La Quebrada; T-Juan Colucho; J-F Arreguy.

2--**Bat Chocado (Arg)**, 121, c, 2, **Batty--Choice Girl (Arg)**, by **Mat-Boy (Arg)**. O-Rincon De Piedra; B-Haras La Biznaga.

3--**Lockout (Arg)**, 121, c, 2, **Confidential Talk--Licitada (Arg)**, by **Cinco Grande**. O-Stud El Ranchero; B-Haras Vacacion.

Margins: 9, 1 1/2. Winner's Odds: 1.10.

Now undefeated in six starts, Team (Arg) continued his career winning here in amazing style. He went to the front at the start and galloped home without feeling the whip. Team goes next in the one-mile Las Estrellas June 15.

MUSHASHINO S.-G3 Jpn, \$614,158, Tokyo Racecourse, Japan, 5-23, 3yo/up, 10.5f, 2:11.80, ft.

1--**M.I. BLANC (JPN)**, 126, h, 6, **Brian's Time--Yukiguni**, by **Caro (Ire)**. O-Yutaka Inami; B-Hayata Farms; T-Shuji Ito; J-Y Take; \$321,494. Lifetime Record: 39-11-7-5.

2--**Namon Regulus (Jpn)**, 123, c, 4, **Adjudicating--Dreaming Way (Jpn)**, by **Crowned Prince**. O-Soji Fujikawa; \$129,631.

3--**Yuwa Mirage (Jpn)**, 123, h, 5, **King Glorious--Fujino Shumpu (Jpn)**, by ***Diatome**. O-K. Yuwa; \$83,704.

Margins: 1 3/4, 3/4, 1 1/4. Odds: 2.70, 3.30, 14.80.

Rated near the back of the pack early, M.I. Blanc (Jpn) was still 10th of the 13 runners at midstretch, but responded when asked by jockey Yutaka Take, showing a brilliant turn of foot to get the lead late and draw clear. "I was a little worried about the distance and the fast going, but I had nothing to worry about it," said Take.

Yesterday's Results:

PRIX DU PALAIS-ROYAL-G3, \$60,666, Longchamp, France, 5-26, 3yo/up, 7fT, 1:20.20, gd.

1--**HIDDEN MEADOW (GB)**, 130, c, 4, **Selkirk--Spurred (SP-Eng)**, by **Robellino**. O-George Strawbridge; B/T-Ian Balding; J-O Peslier; \$36,666.

2--**Pas De Reponse**, 131, f, 4, **Danzig--Soundings**, by **Mr. Prospector**. O-Wertheimer et Frere. \$13,333.

3--**Russian Revival**, 130, c, 5, **Nureyev--Memories**, by **Hail The Pirates**. (\$200,000 yrl '94 KEEJUL).

O-Sheikh Maktoum bin Rashid al Maktoum; \$6,666.

Margins: NK, 1, 1 1/2.

Also ran: Is Tirol (Ire), Donkey Engine (Ire), Desert Drama (Ire).

Prix du Palais Royal cont.

Returning to the winner's circle for the first time this season, the English raider Hidden Meadow (GB) displayed tremendous courage when regaining the lead close to home to deny Criquelette Head's Pas De Reponse in a driving finish. Hidden Meadow disputed the lead with DONKEY ENGINE (Ire) (Fairy King) from the outset and opened up daylight as the field reached the top of the stretch. Pas De Reponse loomed dangerous on the outside and took over with 3/16ths to run, looking the likely winner, but Olivier Peslier coaxed one final effort from Hidden Meadow which was enough for him to regain the lead 50 yards from the wire and take a short-neck victory. Hidden Meadow was claiming his fifth victory from 13 lifetime starts. Winning jockey Olivier Peslier declared, "He did it well. We were headed by Pas De Reponse, but my horse battled bravely."

BRIGADIER GERARD S.-G3, \$53,357, Sandown, England, 5-26, 4yo/up, 1 1/4mT, 2:09.99, gd/sf.

1--**#INSATIABLE (IRE)**, 122, h, 5, **Don't Forget Me (Ire)--Petit Clair (GB)**, by **Major Portion (GB)**. (\$37,000 yrl '94 TAOCT). O-Sir Evelyn De Rothschild; B-W Maxwell Ervine; T-Michael Stoute; J-M J Kinane; \$32,365.

2--**Garuda (Ire)**, 122, c, 4, **Danehill--Ardmelody (Ire)**, by **Law Society**. O-Bob Demuyser; \$12,253.

3--**Germano (GB)**, 125, h, 5, **Generous (Ire)--Gay Fantastic (Ire)**, by **Ela-Mana-Mou (Ire)**. O-Baron G Von Ullmann; \$6,000.

Margins: 2 1/2, 4, 1/2.

Also ran: Riyadian (GB), Handsome Ridge (GB), Ivan Luis (Fr), One So Wonderful (GB), Fahriss (Ire), Kingfisher Mill. Scratched: Running Stag.

A highly impressive step-up in class in a competitive field for the lightly raced Insatiable (Ire), who had not raced for 11 months until winning an allowance at Newmarket May 2. A winner of four of his eight lifetime starts, he now heads for the G2 Prince Of Wales's S. over this trip at Ascot June 16. Rating Insatiable just off the pace early, jockey Mick Kinane was only biding his time on the winner; at the three-sixteenths pole he set his mount alight and the race was over. "That was a very good performance against a very competitive field," said winning trainer Michael Stoute. "We've always thought a lot of the horse, but he's only been lightly raced because he's had a series of minor injuries. He was helped today by the ease in the ground. He looks like he'll go to the Prince Of Wales's S. next, but it's important that the ground at Ascot must be good. He's entered in a lot of races, so we can afford to be patient with him--it's a long old year."

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Foreign Report cont.

NATIONAL S., \$23,413, Sandown, England, 5-26, 2yo, 5fT, 1:02.36, gd/fm.

1--**#BINT ALLAYL (GB)**, 119, f, 2, **Green Desert--Society Lady**, by Mr. Prospector. O/B-Sheikh Ahmed Bin Rashid Al Maktoum; T-M Channon; J-L Dettori; \$15,392.

2--**Speedy James (Ire)**, 129, c, 2, Fayruz (GB)--Haraabah, by Topsider. \$4,661.

3--**Monkston Point (Ire)**, 124, c, 2, Fayruz (GB)--Doon Belle (Ire), by Ardoon (Ire). \$2,276.

Margins: 3 1/2, HD, 3.

Justifying the great reputation which she had forged on her home gallops, Bint Allayl (GB) flew home here and will now be aimed at the filly Group races, possibly starting with the G3 Queen Mary S. at Ascot June 17. Well back early on as the highly-touted Speedy James (Ire) set the pace, Bint Allayl quickened brilliantly at the quarter-mile pole and was soon clear, being eased down at the finish. "We've been impressed with her all along," said winning trainer Mick Channon. "She's done today what she always does at home. She's really come on from her debut when she was second at York (May 12) where she ran very green. This was probably the best juvenile race of the season so far and I'm thrilled. We'll have to think about the Queen Mary S. at Ascot, but that's five furlongs. I think she needs further already."

PRIX DE LA SEINE, \$43,333, Longchamp, France, 5-26, 3yo, f, 1 1/4mT, 2:05.40, gd.

1--**#HOSTESSANTE**, 126, f, 3, **Pleasant Colony--Fabulous Hostess (MGSW-Fr, \$269,425)**, by Fabulous Dancer. O/B-Wertheimer et Frere; T-Criquette Head; J-O Doleuze; \$23,333.

2--**Bayourida**, 126, f, 3, Slew o'Gold--Bellarida (Fr), by Bellypha (Ire). \$8,000.

3--**Gontcharova (Ire)**, 126, f, 3, Zafonic--Luth de Saron (Fr), by Luthier (Fr). \$6,000.

Margins: 1 1/2, 1, NK.

COUPE DES TROIS ANS, \$40,000, Lyon, France, 5-24, 3yo, 1 1/2mT, 2:35.40, gd.

1--**#POZARICA (GB)**, 123, c, 3, **Rainbow Quest--Anna Matrushka (GB)**, by Mill Reef. O/B-Sheikh Maktoum bin Rashid al Maktoum; T-N Clement; J-D Boeuf; \$21,667. *1/2 to Anna of Saxony (GB) (Ela-Mana-Mou {Ire}), GSW-Eng, \$107,273; Anaaba (Ire) (In The Wings {GB}), GSP-Eng, MGSW-Fr, \$143,562.

2--**Copeland (GB)**, 123, c, 3, Generous (Ire)--Whitehaven (GB), by Top Ville (Ire). \$6,667.

3--**Baddi Heights (Fr)**, f, 3, Shirley Heights (GB)--Baddi Baddi, by Sharpen Up (GB). \$5,500.

Margins: 3, NK, 4.

PRIX RENE BEDEL, \$40,000, Lyon, France, 5-24, 4yo/up, 1 1/2mT, 2:37.50, gd.

1--**#LE PAILLARD (IRE)**, 123, c, 4, **Sanglamore--Floripedes (Fr) (GSW)**, by Top Ville (Ire). O-Tsega Ltd; B-Sir James Goldsmith; T-John Hammond; J-C Asmussen; \$21,667.

2--**Trait De Genie (Fr)**, 128, g, 6, Diamond Prospect--Garmeritte (Fr), by Garde Royale (Ire). \$7,333.

3--**Irish Holmes (Ire)**, 123, g, 5, Be My Native--Avoca Holmes (Ire), by Be My Guest. \$5,500.

Margins: 1/2, 1 1/2, 1 1/2.

AMERICAN-BRED WINNER IN ENGLAND:

Premium Rate, c, 3, **Phone Trick--Excitable Gal**, by Secretariat. Redcar, 5-26, Evening Gazette Limited S., 3yo/up, 7fT, \$5,665 to winner. O-Bernard Gover Bloodstock Trading Ltd; B-Le Haras Inc; T-Ed Dunlop. *1/2 to Edgy Diplomat (Deputy Minister), SW, \$126,725. **\$50,000 wnl '95 KEENOV; \$90,000 yrl '96 KEESEP.

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ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

1st-SPT, \$31,000, (S), 3yo/up, 1m, 1:38 2/5, ft. **NOBLE LEADER** (c, 3, **Kodiack--Noble Secretary {MSW, \$157,094}**), by Secretary of War) Lifetime Record: 7-3-0-1, \$48,356. O-Mellon Patch Inc. B-James Cody (IL). T-Michael B Campbell.

7th-SPT, \$30,000, 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:11 3/5, ft. **PUT UP THE MONEY** (f, 3, **Zupardo's Prince--Tricky Tornado**, by Clever Trick) Lifetime Record: 11-4-0-0, \$92,551. O-Clavelle Beth & Flint B & E. B-Donald L. Peltier Jr (LA). T-Bernard S Flint. *1/2 to Name the Bid (Raise A Bid), SW, \$137,023; Tricky (I'ma Hell Raiser), MSW, \$232,616.

5th-SPT, \$29,000, (S), 3yo/up, 6f, 1:12 2/5, ft. **ZEN TYPE** (c, 4, **Zen--Metric Type**, by Arcadia Type) Lifetime Record: 18-2-1-2, \$44,706. O/B-George H Hubbard (IL). T-George A King.

9th-PHA, \$23,000, 3yo/up, 1m, 1:36, ft. **CUESTA DEL NORTE** (g, 8, **Conquistador Cielo--Ball Gate {Arg} {MSW-Arg, GSP-NA}**), by Snow Ball) Lifetime Record: 62-12-9-5, \$170,712. O-Northcote Stable. B-Kenwood Stable II & Kennelot (KY). T-David Dotolo.

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9th-PRM, \$23,000, 5-25, 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:10, ft.
PRAIRIE MAIDEN (m, 5, Badger Land--Will Patricia, by Bellypha {Ire}) Lifetime Record: SW, 21-7-9-2, \$134,253. O/B-Richard Lueck (CO). T-Don Von Hemel.

8th-PHA, \$18,000, 3yo/up, f/m, 8.5fT, 1:45 2/5, ft.
CHANSON DE SOLEIL (m, 5, Darn That Alarm--Fleur de Soleil {MSW, \$217,156}, by Cutlass) Lifetime Record: 22-3-2-3, \$47,297. O/T-G Sandoval. B-Gasadell Farm (FL).

MAIDEN WINNERS:

Desperseandscatter, f, 3, Dispersal--Wicked Good, by Distinctive Pro. SPT, 5-26, 1m, 1:40 4/5. B-John Yeoman & Jean Yeoman (Fl). *\$16,000 wlng '95 OBSOCT; \$10,000 yrl '96 KEEJAN; \$9,500 yrl '96 KEESEP; \$17,000 2yo '97 OBSAPR.

+ **Mo Dinero, c, 3, Lord At War (Arg)--Mo. Wolf, by Wolf Power (SAf). CDX, 5-25, 6f, 1:11 2/5. B-Madison Stewart (Ky).**

+ **Doc Ihnken, c, 3, Marfa--Motel Annie, by Bates Motel. GGX, 5-25, 1 1/16mT, 1:45 3/5. B-Frankfurt Stables & Charles Whittingham (Ky).**

Thatsallitcouldbe, c, 3, Meadowlake--Think Blue, by Cornish Prince. DEL, 5-26, 6f, 1:11 2/5. B-Bryan Joseph Jr (Ky). *\$125,000 yrl '96 KEESEP. **1/2 to Our Royal Blue (Our Native), MSW, \$179,963.

Rail Man, c, 3, Present Value--Rebelee, by Reb's Policy. HOL, 5-25, (S), (C), 7f, 1:22 4/5. B-Bligh Jay (Ca).

Chris's Thunder, f, 3, Rubiano--Charnell's Dream (MSW, \$215,025), by Wavering Monarch. LSX, 5-25, 6f, 1:13 1/5. B-White Fox Farm (Ky). *\$12,000 yrl '96 KEESEP.

Daisies and Nites, f, 3, Saint Ballado--Slew's Ann, by Slewpy. CRC, 5-25, 6f, 1:12 3/5. B-Fred & Sara Lynn Yutani (Fl). *\$25,000 2yo 1997 OBSAPR.

Osiris, c, 3, Slew o' Gold--Dance to the Band (SP), by Key to the Mint. SUF, 5-25, 6f, 1:13 1/5. B-Lindhorst Charles (Ky). *\$65,000 yrl '96 KEESEP; \$3,500 2yo 1997 FTNNOV.

+ **Jack a Roe, f, 3, Sunny's Halo--Lake Barataria, by Meadowlake. SPT, (S), 5-25, 6f, 1:12 2/5. B-Ratray Lee (Ill).**

Carl's Haven, f, 4, Alleged--Cruising Haven, by Shelter Half. PIM, 5-25, 9f, 1:54 1/5. B-Manfuso R T (Md). *1/2 to Royal Haven (Hail Emperor), MGSW, \$876,172.

Mr. Honey, c, 4, Darn That Alarm--Flirt Skirt, by Sovereign Dancer. MTH, 5-25, a1m70yd, 1:43. B-Thomasina Caporella (Fl). *Won in a dead-heat.

Dendrobium, f, 4, His Majesty--Foamflower, by *Grey Dawn II. DEL, 5-26, 1 1/16mT, 1:44 4/5. B-Sussman Michael (Ky). *\$55,000 yrl '95 KEESEP.

Open Window, f, 4, Trempolino--Vexation, by Vice Regent. DEL, 5-26, 1 1/16mT, 1:43 3/5. B-Derry Meeting Farm & London Thbd Services Ltd (Pa). *\$5,000 yrl '95 FTKOCT; \$37,000 2yo '96 KEEAPR.

Omerta, c, 4, Wild Again--Bonnie Blade, by Blade. LSX, 5-25, 6f, 1:12 2/5. B-Star Stable & William Allen (Ky). *\$90,000 yrl '95 FTKJUL; \$1,700 HRA '97 FTNNOV. **1/2 to Bullet Blade (Amber Pass), MSW, \$332,316; Fifteen Gold Stars (Amber Pass), MSP, \$182,568.

Weekend Pedigree Perspectives cont.

Danzig adds an unique twist to this mixture, a duplication of Epsom Derby winner Felstead through his daughters Rockfel and Steady Aim. Rockfel won the Epsom Oaks, British 1,000 Guineas and St. Leger in 1938. A few years later, a mare called Quick Arrow was retired to stud. Quick Arrow's third dam was closely related to Sweet Rocket, the granddam of Rockfel. The first mate chosen for Quick Arrow was Felstead. In 1943, the filly Steady Aim (the result of the Felstead--Quick Arrow mating) was born, and in 1946 she emulated Rockfel by capturing the Epsom Oaks! Rockfel went on to produce Rockefeller, broodmare sire of Sharpen Up, and Steady Aim became the third dam of Danzig, so in every mating involving Sharpen Up and Danzig, the classic winning relatives are reunited. Other examples of Danzig and Rockefeller combining (without Sharpen Up), include Epsom Derby winner Erhaab, Johan Cruyff (group winner in Ireland and winner of a major international race in Hong Kong this year), graded stakes winner Sahara Star, and in Ireland over the weekend, group winner Strike Hard (by Green Desert {Danzig} out of a mare by Diesis). In Australia and New Zealand, Danzig-line sires have combined successfully with Bletchingly, who traces to Rockfel's three-parts sister Faustina. It appears a single shrewd mating by a breeder over half a century ago is having a considerable effect on current pedigrees.

PEDIGREE SHORTS

Last year it took a King, this year a Prince was sufficient, but both "royals" are related. Last year's G1 Irish 2,000 Guineas was captured by Desert King (Ire) (Danehill--Sabaah, by Nureyev), while this year's renewal went to Desert Prince (Ire) (c, 3, Green Desert--Flying Fairy {GB}, by Bustino {GB}). The commonality between the pedigrees stems from the fact that Desert King is by a son of Danzig out of a mare whose dam is by Bustino, and Desert Prince is by a son of Danzig out of a Bustino mare. Danzig seems to combine well with Bustino, his sire Busted and grandsire Crepello, other good winners on the cross including Group and Grade One scorers Dancing Danzig and Maroof. There is something of a "Round Robin" at work here, as in our main article we mentioned that Danzig and Sharpen Up combine well together. Not surprisingly, perhaps, Sharpen Up, like Danzig, also works well with Crepello, the latest manifestation of the cross being Saturday's GII Honey-moon H. heroine Country Garden (GB) (f, 3, Selkirk--Totham, by Shernazar {Ire}). Her sire is by Sharpen Up and her broodmare sire is by Busted. Earlier Sharpen Up/Crepello combinations include Kris, Diesis and Smarten Up (Champion Sprint Filly and dam of the good sire, Cadeaux Genereux).

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