



HEADLINE NEWS

NUMBER TWENTY THREE!

Leading home a 1-2-3 for Ballydoyle, **Ballingarry (Ire)** (Sadler's Wells) made history as Irish trainer Aidan O'Brien's 23rd Group 1 winner of 2001 in yesterday's G1 Criterium de Saint-Cloud. Sent off at odds of nearly 19-1, Ballingarry took over at the top of the straight before getting the better of even-money favourite **Castle Gandolfo** (Gone West) in a thrilling finish, with **Black Sam Bellamy (Ire)** (Sadler's Wells) completing the Ballydoyle rout in third. It was Jamie Spencer who led the trio aboard Ballingarry from Michael Kinane's chosen mount Castle Gandolfo, who for the second time tasted defeat at the highest level at the hands of a stable companion. Yet Ballingarry had the call, stepping up considerably from his maiden win at Leopardstown Oct. 27. That day he spreadeagled the field, winning by six lengths and improving on defeats in two maidens when third a week earlier at Tipperary and sixth on his debut at The Curragh June 29. The brother to another Group 1-winning juvenile for the stable in Aristotle (Ire), he entered this contest as the "darkest" prospect of the three Ballydoyle runners, in the shadow of Black Sam Bellamy who reached notoriety before even racing as a full brother to Galileo (Ire). Yesterday, Ballingarry broke well and raced in second, tracking **Angelus Sunset** (Numerous) while Kinane struggled to settle Castle Gandolfo in behind. Always travelling well, he took control with 2 1/2 furlongs remaining and was asked to lengthen near the quarter-mile marker. Despite Black Sam Bellamy staying on well in the straight, only Castle Gandolfo could go with Ballingarry and as the Gone West colt drew to within a head at the furlong pole, Ballingarry found more to assert from there and achieved a comfortable success passing the post. "It was tough as the ground was very soft, but the horse dug deep and he's done it well," Spencer said. "He is a nice horse for next year."

COMIC STRIP FILLY TOPS KEENELAND

Hip number 3066, a weanling filly from the first crop of multiple graded stakes winner Comic Strip (Red Ransom) brought a final bid of \$120,000 to top yesterday's ninth session of the Keeneland November Breeding Stock Sale in Lexington, Kentucky. The bay, consigned by Robert Courtney's Crestfield Farm, is out of the stakes-placed Seattle Slew mare Delta Slew and she is a half sister to English stakes winner Meadow Pipit (Meadowlake). Thomas Van Meter made the winning bid. Through nine sessions, Keeneland has sold 2,050 horses for a total of \$175,942,200 and an average of \$85,825. The median is \$30,000. The 11-day sale continues today at 10 a.m. *Keeneland stats p. 2*

★ RESULTS ★

Tuesday, Saint-Cloud, France

CRITERIUM DE SAINT-CLOUD-G1, FF700,000, Saint-Cloud, 11-13, 2yo, c/f, 1 1/4mT, 2:24.60, hy.

1--#**@▲BALLINGARRY (IRE)**, 126, c, 2, by Sadler's Wells

1st Dam: **Flamenco Wave (G1SW-Ire, \$152,126)**, by Desert Wine

2nd Dam: **Armada Way**, by Sadair

3rd Dam: **Hurry Call**, by *Nasrullah

O-Susan Magnier; B-Orpendale; T-Aidan O'Brien; J-Jamie Spencer; FF400,000. Lifetime Record: 4 starts, 2 wins, 1 places, FF494,783. *Full to Aristotle (Ire), G1SW-GB, SW-Mal & GSP-Fr, \$196,486-GB & Fr; 1/2 to Spanish Falls (GB) (Belmez), GSW-Fr; and Starborough (GB) (Soviet Star), G1SW-GB & Fr, \$419,848.

2--**Castle Gandolfo**, 126, c, 2, Gone West--Golden Oriole, by Northern Dancer. O-Susan Magnier; B-Orpendale; FF160,000.

3--**Black Sam Bellamy (Ire)**, 126, c, 2, Sadler's Wells--Urban Sea, by Miswaki. O-Michael Tabor & Susan Magnier; B-Sunderland Holdings Ltd & Orpendale; FF80,000.

Margins: 1, 1, 3. Odds: 18.80, 1.00, 33.80.

Also ran: Banyu Dewi (Ger), Martaline (GB), Special Kaldoun (Ire), Swing Wing (GB), Agog (Ire), Angelus Sunset, Master In Law (Ire).

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FALLON LOSES GOLAN RIDE Jockey Kieren Fallon will not ride **Golan (Ire)** (Spectrum {Ire}) in the G1 Japan Cup in Tokyo Nov. 25, it was revealed yesterday. *PA Sport* reported that Johnny Murtagh will ride the colt, winner of the G1 2000 Guineas at Newmarket May 6, in the Japan Cup, despite the fact that Fallon will be riding there at the time. The move represents the first major ride lost by Fallon after the news broke earlier in the month that the jockey's retainer with trainer Sir Michael Stoute will end next year.

★ BRITAIN ★

NEW LINGFIELD SURFACE A SUCCESS

Lingfield racecourse reopened its all-weather track yesterday to resounding praise. Having spent £3 million on a new polytrack surface, Arena Leisure, who own the track, appear to have won over those who criticised the state of the old equitack surface last year. Officially opened by Sir Peter O'Sullivan, Lingfield offered free admission and received praise from all quarters. *Racing Post* time expert James Willoughby attended and noticed a major difference. "I think jockeys are beginning to realise that you can ride a hold-up race the leaders aren't going to go a break-neck pace that they used to and as a result the times will be a little bit slower than they used to be," he said. "I looked at the track earlier, and in the past when you came here you could really tell that it was much deeper towards the inside rail, but here it seems a very uniform base and seems to be equal depth across the track. You are assured of a true-run race and the old advantage enjoyed by headstrong front-runners no longer exist." Arena's racing director Ian Renton also commented: "We're delighted--it has been a great day and trainers and jockeys have all though the surface is fantastic and we've been hearing a lot of praise for it. Richard Hills came over and said it is the most fantastic surface he's ridden on. I think this takes all-weather racing to a new level--I think we can now compete with turf racing and if we get the prizemoney there we can put on really good racing."

CORRECTION: Tuesday's *TDN* incorrectly listed the Agence Francaise December Sales dates. The mixed sales will take place December 7-10, 2001. We regret the error.

DUNLOP AND TEBBUTT TO APPEAL

Trainer Ed Dunlop and jockey Michael Tebbutt's appeal hearing was adjourned yesterday as the trainer was unable to attend due to unforeseen circumstances. The appeal concerns the £2,000 fine placed on Dunlop and a 10-day suspension handed to Tebbutt after Answered Promise (Fr) was judged not to have run on his own merits at Nottingham last Monday. The Jockey Club will announce a revised date as soon as it has been arranged.

BARYSHNIKOV TO ENGLAND

Baryshnikov (Aus) (Kenmare {Fr}--Lady Giselle {Fr}, by Nureyev {USA}), will move from France's Haras d'Etreham to Dairy House Stud in Dorset in a deal brokered by Charlie Burnett-Wells of the BBA. His fee will be £2,500, Oct. 1 terms. A half-brother to supersire Zabeel (NZ), the grey horse will continue to shuttle to the Southern Hemisphere.

Yesterday's Results:

1.30 Lingfield, Polytrack Maiden S. (Class D), £5,450, 3yo/up, 1 1/2m (AWT), 2:33.35, stn.

AFRICAN DAWN (GB) (c, 3, Spectrum {Ire}--Lamu Lady {Ire}, by Lomond {USA}) was settled in 15th in the early stages as Stafford King (Ire) (Nicolotte {GB}) led and made a forward move from halfway as Dick the Taxi (GB) (Karlinsky {USA}) took a slight lead. The 10-1 chance made continued progress under pressure to enter the home straight in second and stayed on well in the closing stages to beat Belle of the Manor (Ire) (Bluebird {USA}) by a cozy 2 1/2 lengths. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-1, £4,145.

O-D Simpson; B-Hyperion Stud; T-J Gosden; J-F Norton.

1.00 Lingfield, Barry's Bismarck Median Auction Maiden S. (Class E) (Div 1), £5,150, 2yo, 5f (AWT), 1:00.14, stn.

+ FOLLOW FLANDERS (GB) (f, 2, Pursuit Of Love {GB} --Pretty Poppy {GB}, by Song {GB}), a weak in the market 9-2 chance, was slowest from the gate, but soon raced in seventh as Red China (GB) (Inchior {GB}) led. The 42,000 DONSEP yearling made smooth progress from halfway, was ridden to challenge approaching the final furlong and ran on well in the closing stages to safely account for B Major (Ire) (Key of Luck {USA}) by a half-length. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, £3,348.

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British Report cont.

3.30 Lingfield, Barry's Bismarck Median Auction Maiden S. (Class E) (Div 2), £5,150, 2yo, 5f (AWT), 1:00.22, stn.

+ **BARALINKA (IRE) (f, 2, Baratheia {Ire}--Kalinka {Ire}, by Soviet Star {USA})** tracked the leaders in third as Sea Top (GB) (Highest Honor {Fr}) led and made rapid headway around the final turn. She was sent to the front approaching the final furlong and ran on strongly to beat Italian Mist (Fr) (Forzando {GB}) by a decisive 1 1/2 lengths at odds of 9-2. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, £3,348.

O/B-Elite Racing Club; T-Paul Cole; J-Darren Williams.

★ FRANCE ★

Wednesday, Maisons-Laffitte, post time: 2:30 p.m.

PRIX CONTESSINA-Listed, FF260,000, 3yo/up, 6fT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER	WT
1	8	Lethal Agenda (USA)	Twilight Agenda (USA)	Weld	128
2	1	Sankodar (Ire)	Hamas (Ire)	de Royer-Dupre	123
3	6	Festivalier (Fr)	Sillery (USA)	F Head	123
4	3	Marsad (Ire)	Fayruz (GB)	Akehurst	123
5	9	Marchand Volant (Fr)	Marchand de Sable (USA)	Beguigne	123
6	10	Search For Light (Fr)	Shining Steel (GB)	Lellouche	123
7	5	Technicolor Lover (USA)	Irish River (Fr)	Bary	123
8	11	Chercheuse (USA)	Seeking the Gold (USA)	Pantall	120
9	2	Balachova (Fr)	Kaldoun (Fr)	Lyon	120
10	7	Private Collection (Ire)	Danehill (USA)	Rob Collet	120
11	12	Indaba (Ire)	Indian Ridge (Ire)	Nosedad	120
12	4	Crackchope (Fr)	Crack Regiment (USA)	Lellouche	120

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Yesterday's Results:

1.30 Saint-Cloud, Prix Diatome (Cond), FF164,000, 2yo, c/g, 7 1/2fT, 1:46.70, hy.
SNOW CAP (FR) (c, 2, Bering {GB}--Girl Of France {GB} {SW & GSP-Fr & US, \$171,515}, by Legend Of France {USA}), a half to Varxi (Fr) (Kaldoun {Fr}), GSW-Fr, led in the early stages and was headed by Lieten Bere (Fr) (Zieten {USA}) soon after turning for home. He came under pressure soon after, pressed High Secret (Fr) (Septieme Ciel {USA}) for the lead approaching the final furlong and ran on well close home to assert a short neck superiority over that rival as the 19-10 favourite. Lifetime Record: 2 starts, 1 win, 1 place, FF101,600. O/B-Baron Thierry de Zuylen de Nyevelt; T-David Smaga; J-Dominique Boeuf.

2.00 Saint-Cloud, Prix Urgence (Cond), FF164,000, 2yo, f, 7 1/2fT, 1:46.30, hy.
LADY OF SHANGHAI (FR) (f, 2, Septieme Ciel {USA}--Loyola {Fr}, by Sicyos {USA}), a FF280,000 DEAAUG yearling purchase, was sent straight to the front in advance of Lithographie (Ire) (Alhaarth {Ire}) and was ridden along soon after entering the home straight. The 4-5 market leader responded well to pressure throughout the final quarter-mile and safely turned down all challenges, including the late rally of House of Blues (Fr) (Marchand de Sable {USA}) by a half-length. Lifetime Record: 2 starts, 1 win, 1 place, FF101,600. O-Mme Ying Shen; B-Haras d'Etream; T-David Smaga; J-Olivier Peslier.

UPCOMING FOREIGN SALES DATES

Goffs France Autumn Mixed Sale	Nov. 15
ANAC Mixed Sale	Nov. 17
Tattersalls (Ireland) November Breeders Flat Sale	Nov. 19 - 20
Doncaster November Sale	Nov. 19 - 23
Goffs Ireland November Sale	Nov. 20 - 25
Tattersalls December Yearling Sale	Nov. 26
Tattersalls December Foal Sale	Nov. 28 - Dec. 1
Goffs France Horses In Training Sale	Dec. 1
Tattersalls December Breeding Stock Sale	Dec. 3 - 7
L'Agence Francaise Mixed Sale	Dec. 7 - 10
Goffs Ireland December Flat Sale	Dec. 10

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WRITERS UP

LOGIC WINS THE DAY by Tom Frary

In remaining unbeaten and dominating their respective races, both **Queen's Logic (Ire)** (Grand Lodge {USA}) and **Gossamer (GB)** (Sadler's Wells {USA}) appeared streets ahead of their peers. In Queen's Logic's destruction of the field assembled to take her on in the G1 Cheveley Park S. at Newmarket Oct. 2, she offered a swift riposte to the performance of Gossamer in the G1 Fillies' Mile at Ascot just three days previously. Mick Channon, trainer of Queen's Logic, also handled the brilliantly precocious filly Bint Allayl (GB), who broke a shoulder on the gallops and was put down before she had a chance to reinstate her authority over the three-year-olds in 1999. Queen's Logic appears an altogether different type to that filly, however, which is a view confirmed by her trainer's comments earlier in the year. Although she showed similar natural speed to her predecessor in a five-furlong Newbury conditions event May 18 on her debut and G3 Queen Mary S. at Royal Ascot June 20 and was never tried beyond six furlongs, she looked as though a test of stamina would suit her well.

Interestingly, while Gossamer beat unexposed types in her championship event at Ascot, Queen's Logic had proven and reliable yardsticks such as Sophisticat (USA) further behind as the season wore on, subjecting that filly to increasingly severe beatings in the Queen Mary, G2 Lowther S. at York Aug. 23 and Cheveley Park. This leads to a surprising gap between the pair on ratings. Matthew Tester, official handicapper of two-year-olds in Britain, explained: "The fascinating thing about Queen's Logic is she ran against Sophisticat in the Queen Mary, Lowther and Cheveley Park and was two pounds better in the first race, six pounds better in the second and 14 pounds better in the last. Queen's Logic's form starts looking stronger and stronger, with fillies behind her such as Good Girl, Lahinch and Misterah all doing well since. Like Johannesburg, nothing undermines her. Gossamer could have done nothing more, but what had she beaten in the Fillies' Mile? It's not really easy to look at those horses and say they were in the same league, but what more could she do? However, that's not the way that you get a high rating."

Tester explains that although he "would be very surprised if Johannesburg is not our champion two-year-old colt." He added, "I honestly don't know if Queen's Logic will finish upsides him in the International Classifications. She is exceptional and she is going to be the highest-rated filly since Ravinella and that is entirely appropriate." Ravinella (USA) remains the only filly to head the two-year-old division in her year on 127 pounds, when she was joint-champion juvenile in 1987 alongside Warning (GB). The Mr. Prospector filly went on to Newmarket to take the 1000 Guineas the following spring, one of only three champion two-year-olds to win a Newmarket Classic. Queen's Logic stays with Channon next year and there will be no more popular winner of the first fillies' Classic next May. Tester agrees: "I'm thrilled that Mick's keeping her and I honestly don't believe anybody is going to train her better. She is nine pounds better than Gossamer, but I honestly don't know which will be better next May."

★ MAIDEN WINNERS ★

- + **Baralinka (Ire)**, f, 2, **Barathea (Ire)**--Kalinka (Ire), by Soviet Star (USA). Lingfield, Britain, 11-13, Barry's Bismarck Median Auction Maiden S. (Class E) (Div 2), 2yo, 5f (AWT), £3,348 to winner. B-Elite Racing Club.
- + **Snow Cap (Fr)**, c, 2, **Bering (GB)**--Girl of France (GB) (SW & GSP-Fr & US, \$171,515), by Legend of France (USA). Saint-Cloud, France, 11-13, Prix Diatome (Cond), 2yo, c/g, 7 1/2fT, FF82,000 to winner. B-Baron Thierry de Zuylen de Nyevelt. *1/2 to Varxi (Fr) (Kaldoun {Fr}), GSW-Fr.
- + **Follow Flanders (GB)**, f, 2, **Pursuit Of Love (GB)**--Pretty Poppy (GB), by Song (GB). Lingfield, Britain, 11-13, Barry's Bismarck Median Auction Maiden S. (Class E) (Div 1), 2yo, 5f (AWT), £3,348 to winner. B-Wheelersland Stud. *42,000 yrl '00 DONSEP.
- + **Lady Of Shanghai (Fr)**, f, 2, **Septieme Ciel (USA)**--Loyola (Fr), by Sicyos (USA). Saint-Cloud, France, 11-13, Prix Urgence (Cond), 2yo, f, 7 1/2fT, FF82,000 to winner. B-Haras d'Etreham. **FF280,000 yrl '99 DEAAUG.
- + **African Dawn (GB)**, c, 3, **Spectrum (Ire)**--Lamu Lady (Ire), by Lomond (USA). Lingfield, Britain, 11-13, Polytrack Maiden S. (Class D), 3yo/up, 1 1/2m (AWT), £3,543 to winner. B-Hyperion Stud Ltd.



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O'BRIEN SETS NEW WORLD RECORD Trainer Aidan O'Brien yesterday set a new record for Group/Grade 1 successes in a season with the victory of **Ballingarry (Ire)** (Sadler's Wells) in the G1 Criterium de Saint-Cloud, leading home a 1-2-3 for the stable. That was the 10th juvenile Group 1 win for the handler, and the ninth winner of the 10 of those open to colts. O'Brien, who has captured prizes at the highest level in Ireland, Britain, France, Italy and the United States in 2001, has been crowned domestic champion and is also the first foreign trainer to win the British trainers' championship since Vincent O'Brien in 1977. O'Brien, who also registered record prizemoney in Britain of £3,389,908, was typically understated yesterday after taking the record from Bob Baffert. "I am happy and proud to have established that new record," he remarked. "I have a lovely bunch of horses to train and that certainly helps. It's great for everybody who worked very hard through the year and we are just very lucky to have an exceptional bunch of horses. Our horses stayed very healthy through the year--we just try to do our best and try to get the best out of horses that we have, try and run them in the races that suit and that's really it. Hopefully, please God we'll all be healthy and well this time next year. We have a lot of horses to look after for next year and it is obviously too early to make any plans. We take one year at a time and each horse as they come--we let the horse dictate the race rather than the race we want to win. That's more important."

CURRENCY CONVERSIONS

	Unit/US\$	Unit/GB£
British pound	1.44115	1.00
Euro	0.880970	0.611300
French franc	0.134303	0.0931986
U.S. dollar	1.00	0.693889



**KEENELAND SEPTEMBER STATISTICS
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2001**

TOTALS	Session 9	Cumulative
No. Sold	271	2,050
Gross	\$3,618,200	\$175,942,200
Average	\$13,351	\$85,825
Median	\$9,000	\$30,000

AIDAN O'BRIEN'S 2001 GROUP 1 WINNERS

- Rose Gypsy (GB)** Green Desert
G1 Poule d'Essai des Pouliches
- Black Minnaloushe** Storm Cat
G1 Irish 2000 Guineas
- Imagine (Ire)** Sadler's Wells
G1 St James' Palace S.
- Galileo (Ire)** Sadler's Wells
G1 Irish 1000 Guineas
- Mozart (Ire)** Danehill
G1 Epsom Oaks
- King Charlemagne** Nureyev
G1 Epsom Derby
- Johannesburg** Hennessy
G1 Irish Derby
- Milan (GB)** Sadler's Wells
G1 King George VI & Queen Elizabeth Diamond S.
- Hawk Wing** Woodman
G1 July Cup
- Rock of Gibraltar (Ire)** Danehill
G1 Nunthorpe S.
- Sholokhov (Ire)** Sadler's Wells
G1 Prix Maurice de Gheest
- High Chaparral (Ire)** Sadler's Wells
G1 Phoenix S.
- Ballingarry (Ire)** Sadler's Wells
G1 Prix Morny
- Green Desert** Green Desert
G1 Middle Park S.
- Storm Cat** Storm Cat
G1 Breeders' Cup Juvenile
- Sadler's Wells** Sadler's Wells
G1 Quarter Moon (Ire)
- Woodman** Woodman
G1 Moyglare Stud S.
- Danehill** Danehill
G1 St Leger
- Sadler's Wells** Sadler's Wells
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FROM THE DESK OF...
Bill Oppenheim

KEENELAND, BIG RACING WINDING DOWN

Most of the major consignors seem to understand the difference between analysis and blame. This will be a handy distinction to understand when the Keeneland November sale winds up on Thursday, with a gross of \$180-\$185 million, a drop of somewhere in the neighborhood of 40 percent from the \$300-million November sales of 1999-2000. It will be the lowest gross since the 1996 total of \$170.9 million, and the first time the sale's aggregate has been under \$200 million since. No one is to blame, certainly not international terrorists. The sale is off so much principally because of the euphemistically named 'Mare Reproductive Loss Syndrome,' which undoubtedly kept a lot of good mares off the market. The yearling market was down about 10 percent this year; broodmares are maybe off 20 percent--certainly no more, and probably less.

As I've been saying for a couple of weeks now, comparisons of the mixed sales from year to year are problematic at best, and positively misleading this year. At the end of last year, I concluded that the 1999-2000 major Northern Hemisphere Thoroughbred auctions constituted a \$1-billion business. The corresponding figure, at the end of next month's December Sales in Newmarket, will be down in the \$800-\$850 million range. Still Big Business, isn't it?

Meanwhile, the major European racing season is also winding down. Here's a shocker: Aidan O'Brien sent three two-year-olds to the 10th and final European Group 1 two-year-old race of the season yesterday, the 2000m (10f) Grand Criterium de Saint-Cloud. You guessed it. He ran 1-2-3 again, in the process scoring a record 23rd Group 1 success in a season. Plus he was the leading trainer in Great Britain, as well as in Ireland. I think he's now turned 32, so don't worry. He shouldn't dominate the trainers' table for more than another 40 years.

A Trip to the Deserts...

It all started, of course, with Green Desert, bought by Michael Goodbody as a yearling for Sheikh Maktoum at the 1984 Keeneland September Sale. From Danzig's second crop and the first foal of his dam, the Sir Ivor mare Foreign Courier (what a cross that turned out to be, Danzig on Sir Ivor), Green Desert ran second to Dancing Brave in the 1986 English 2000 Guineas, and dropped back to six furlongs to win the G1 July Cup. Now, do you want to hear an incredible statistic? That race, the July Cup, is a six-furlong race at Newmarket run, obviously, during their three-day July meet--usually fast ground. It's been run 16 times since 1985. Green Desert, in 1986, was the first of SIX Danzig colts to win the race, and two other years grandsons of Danzig won it. Look at this roll call of G1 July Cup winners, six furlongs, on fast ground (usually):

- 1986: Green Desert (by Danzig)
- 1991: Polish Patriot (by Danzig)
- 1993: Hamas (by Danzig)
- 1994: Owington (by Green Desert)
- 1996: Anabaa (by Danzig)
- 1998: Elnadim (by Danzig)
- 2000: Agnes World (by Danzig)
- 2001: Mozart (by Danehill)

Want a six-furlong, fast-ground horse? Get a Danzig. Good for other stuff, too.

But I digress. You see, what I really wanted to talk about was all those Deserts confronting the buyers at the upcoming European mixed sales (yes, there are more), beginning next Tuesday, the 20th, for a week at Goffs, two weeks in Newmarket, and finishing off the following week in Deauville. See, I was looking through the foal catalogue for Goffs, and it seemed like about every other page was Desert this or Desert that, and eventually even I was getting confused about which Desert was which. There are five of these Deserts, and all but one of them is by Green Desert, and every time you turn around for the next month, you're going to run into one of them. You can cut this bit out and take it to the sales with you if you want. *Oppenheim cont. p. 4*

First stakes winner from his first crop.

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(Oppenheim cont. from p. 3)

Here's a Who's Who:

Desert King - This is the one who's not by Green Desert, so it's probably a good thing Coolmore decided to send him to Japan next year; it could just be too confusing otherwise. Now, he's by Danehill, who, like Green Desert, is by Danzig. So he's from the same branch of the Northern Dancer sire line as Green Desert; but he's not by Green Desert. He's by Danehill. This is the one Aidan O'Brien trained, and he won the Irish 2000 Guineas and the Irish Derby in 1997. His first crop is two-year-olds this year, and he's done OK. He's sired 11 winners, two SW, and ranks eighth on the European freshman sire list. The market's not crazy about him (hence the trip to Japan), but he has made a respectable start.

Desert Prince - Now, this is the really popular one. Bought by Charlie Gordon-Watson as a yearling and trained by David Loder (in his pre-Godolphin incarnation), he turned into the best miler in Europe in 1998, when he won the Irish 2000 Guineas, the Prix du Moulin, and the Queen Elizabeth II S., in the latter turning the tables on Dr Fong, who had edged him in the St. James's Palace S. at Royal Ascot. He's been a real commercial success story for the Irish National Stud, which bought him from owner Lucayan Stud. The top-priced yearling in Europe this year was the 2.3-million guineas Houghton sale topper from Desert Prince's first crop. Appropriately enough, given their history with Green Desert, that colt was snared by Michael Goodbody for Sheikh Maktoum, outbidding, unusually, John Magnier. Desert Prince threw a real scare into Peintre Celebre among stallions with their first yearlings selling this year, and was a long way clear of the rest when finishing second to Peintre Celebre on average. If you see Desert Prince's name, you should remember these will be the most expensive of the 'Deserts.'

Desert Story - Here's the sleeper of the bunch. He also had his first yearlings this year, and though they mostly sold for a 'zero' less than Desert Prince's, this is a horse in shrewd hands (Kirsten Rausing and Airlie), and he is developing a little bit of a following. People really like what he's throwing. A homebred, trained by Michael Stoute for Sheikh Maktoum, Desert Story had quite a lot of form with Benny the Dip (he was second to him in the G2 Royal Lodge at two and in the G2 Dante at three). That looked like pretty good form back when Benny the Dip went to Claiborne for \$25,000 and Desert Story went to Airlie for Ir£3,500. He won the G3 Horris Hill at two and the G3 Craven at three. Like Desert Prince, these are foals from his second crop that will be selling.

Desert Style - He also raced for Sheikh Maktoum, but had been bought as a yearling and was trained by Jim Bolger. This is the one that had the 2000 Irish Guineas 1-3 Bachir (also winner of the French 2000) and Cape Town in his first crop, to just about everyone's surprise. This is because Desert Style, though a useful enough triple Group 3 winner at six to seven furlongs at three, did not look likely to sire a Guineas first and third. His stud fee naturally shot up, from Ir£3,500 to Ir£12,500 this year.

Desert Sun - This is the one who was a one-time Guineas favorite for Henry Cecil from Green Desert's first crop, finished up placing in five Group 2 and 3 races in Britain and America, without ever winning a stakes race, and went to stud in New Zealand, where he sired dual Cox Plate winner Sunline. This resulted in his being brought to Ireland in 2000 to 'dual-hemisphere' in reverse, and this crop are his first Irish foals. So buyers get the combination of a first-crop sire and a proven sire rolled into one.

According to my unofficial count, buyers will have 189 chances to get something by or in foal to one of 'The Five Deserts' at Goffs and Tattersalls, beginning with 101 foals by the five at Goffs next week. Here's hoping you can find and afford the Desert of your choice. It does kind of look like everybody should have at least one.

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WEEKEND PEDIGREE PERSPECTIVES

by Alan Porter

Saturday, Aqueduct

LONG ISLAND H.-GII, \$150,000, AQU, 11-10, 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/2mT, 2:29 1/5, fm.

1--@**QUEUE**, 115, f, 4, by **French Deputy**

1st Dam: P J Floral (SW, \$245,403), by Baldski

2nd Dam: Peroxide Princess, by What a Pleasure

3rd Dam: Shanghai Mary, by Stage Door Johnny

O-Gerald Robins & Jay Weiss; B-Waldemar Farms Inc Gerald Robins & Jay Weiss (KY); T-Vincent L Blengs; J-J L Espinoza; \$90,000. Lifetime Record: 26-7-6-0, \$388,260.

In keeping with the tradition of stallions upping their game once exported--especially to Japan--French Deputy has enjoyed a banner year in 2001.

The lightly raced French Deputy ran just six times in two seasons. He did, however, win four of his six starts, including his only outing at two, and gained a graded stakes victory at three when taking the GII Jerome H. from a field which included Mr. Greeley, Top Account and Suave Prospect. He also took to stud an impressive pedigree: a son of Deputy Minister, he was out of the excellent mare Mitterand, winner of four graded stakes events, including the GI La Cañada S.

Given these credentials, it has to be said that French Deputy made a slow start at stud. His first crop reached the track in 1999, and Queue, who took the Going Up S. at Calder, was his only stakes winner that year. Things picked up somewhat in 2000, when French Deputy was represented by five stakes winners, including U.S. graded stakes winner Left Bank and English group winner Freefouracing. It was too little too late, however, and for 2001, French Deputy stood at Shadai Stallion Station, Hokkaido.

Naturally, from that point on French Deputy took off. This year he has been represented by eight stakes winners, including the GI Vosburgh S. winner Left

Bank; Queue, who took her first graded stakes event when capturing this weekend's GII Long Island H.; the GII Davona Dale S. victress Latour; Bella Bellucci, who took the GII Astarita S. and finished an excellent third in the GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies; and the top-class Japanese runners Kurofune and Nobo Jack.

Queue is the first foal of her dam P J Floral. A durable daughter of the good broodmare sire Baldski, P J Floral had to wait until she was six for a stakes victory, taking The Very One H. at that age. Behind P J Floral, the pedigree is rather light, at least in the tail-female line. P J Floral was the only black-type performer to represent her dam, the What a Pleasure mare Peroxide Princess, and the only stakes winners under the third dam, Stage Door Johnny's daughter Shanghai Mary, are in Venezuela. However, Queue's fourth dam Kingman Reef is the ancestress of several minor stakes winners and was a half sister to the 1967 Kentucky Derby hero Proud Clarion.

Since French Deputy is by Northern Dancer's grandson Deputy Minister and Baldski is by Northern Dancer's son Nijinsky II, Queue represents a cross of two male lines of Northern Dancer. That said, of all the major strains of Northern Dancer, it would be hard to find two less typical representatives than Deputy Minister and Nijinsky II, and the combination has worked rather well. The pair appear in at least 10 Deputy Minister-line stakes winners, including Queen's Plate winner Archer's Bay, and Grade I winner Salty You.

There is also a clever twist in Queue's pedigree. French Deputy's dam Mitterand is by Hold Your Peace, a son of Speak John, out of an Eight Thirty mare. Queue's third dam Shanghai Mary is by Stage Door Johnny (5/8 relative to Speak John) out of a mare by a son of Eight Thirty, and therefore bred on very similar lines to Hold Your Peace. To complete the story, Mitterand is out of a mare by Bold Ruler, and Queue's granddam is by a son of Bold Ruler, so the distaff side of Queue's pedigree strongly reinforces that of Mitterand.

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