



HEADLINE NEWS

☆ RESULTS ☆

Wednesday, Ellerslie, New Zealand

THE OAKS STUD CLASSIC-G1, NZ\$150,000, Ellerslie (Auckland), New Zealand, 1-2, 1 1/4mT, 3yo/up, 2:02.88, fm.

1--**GIOVANA (NZ)**, 126, m, 5, by Blues Traveller (Ire)

1st Dam: Tristaine (NZ), by Centaine (Aus)

2nd Dam: Tristina (NZ), by *Sir Tristram

3rd Dam: Pacific Isle (NZ), by Hermes (GB)

O/B-Miss C A Marshall; T-Carol Marshall; J-Peter Johnson; NZ\$93,750. *G1SP-Aus.

2--**La Bella Dama (NZ)**, 122, f, 4, Desert Sun (GB)--

Who's That Lady (NZ), by Star Way (GB).

O-Mesdames C D Howell, Pizzaz Racing Co Ltd & Mr G A Rogerson; B-Mr M L Connolly; NZ\$30,000.

3--**Hill Of Grace (NZ)**, 126, m, 5, Zabeel (NZ)--Carmel

Valley (Aus), by Last Tycoon (Ire). O-T W Jarvis;

B-Trelawney Stud Ltd.; NZ\$15,000.

Margins: 1 1/2, 3/4. Odds: n/a.

Also ran: Kaapeon (NZ), Magic Winner (NZ), Emerald Dream (Aus), Soap Opera (NZ), I Rock My World (Aus), Lord Of Warriors (NZ). Scratched: Paolino (NZ).

☆ PREVIEW ☆

Thursday, Gulfstream Park, post time: 5:12 p.m. EST

SPECTACULAR BID S.-GIII, \$100,000, 3yo, 6f

PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER	WT
1	How About My Place	Out of Place	Spence	116
2	Harmony Hall	Gilded Time	Alexander	116
3	Handsome Hunk	Hennessy	Romans	120
4	Mr. Kipp	Kipper Kelly	H A Jerkens	116
5	Bog Hunter	Hunting Hard	Thacker	120
6	Royal Lad	Montbrook	Ziadie	116
7	Showmeitall	All Gone	Tortora	118
8	Maybry's Boy	Broad Brush	McGaughey	116

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WEEKEND PEDIGREE PERSPECTIVES

by Alan Porter

Saturday, Calder

LA PREVOYANTE H.-GII, \$150,000, CRC, 12-29, 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/2mT, 2:26 3/5, fm.

1--**@KRISADA**, 115, m, 5, by Kris S.

1st Dam: Funistrada (GSW & MGISP, \$479,404), by Fappiano

2nd Dam: Mesabi, by Minnesota Mac

3rd Dam: Ride the Trails, by Prince John

(\$300,000 yrl '97 KEEJUL). O-Stonerside Stable;

B-Jaime S Carrion, Trustee (KY); T-Claude

McGaughey III; J-P Day; \$90,000. Lifetime Record:

20-5-2-4, \$267,980. *1/2 to Conte di Savoya

(Sovereign Dancer), SW & MGSP, \$402,931; and

Zahwah (Rahy), GSP.

One topic which is which is sure to generate plenty of argument among those interested in Thoroughbred breeding is the debate as to whether stallions decline in effectiveness as they age.

If there really is a trend for the quality of a sire's offspring to deteriorate as he ages, it certainly doesn't seem to affect all horses equally. Take Kris S., who officially turned 25 years old two days ago. In 2001, he was represented by eight stakes winners, five of them graded. Two of the stakes winners--both graded--came from his 14th crop; one came from his 15th crop; and four--three of them graded--were members of his 16th crop, sired at the age of 20.

The most recent stakes winner for Kris S. is Krisada, who scored a first stakes victory when capturing the GII La Prevoyante H. on Saturday. Krisada has improved considerably with age, as until her five-year-old campaign she hadn't as much as placed in a stakes event. Krisada's dam Funistrada was far more precocious. Although she didn't win a stakes event at two, Funistrada proved herself as one of the best juvenile fillies of her generation, with a second in the GI Frizette S. and a fourth in the GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies. Funistrada remained in training for three more seasons and won black-type events at three, four and five, her most prestigious victory being a triumph over males in the GII Fall Highweight H. (Porter cont p2)

VISION AND VERSE

Graded Stakes-Winning Classic-Placed Millionaire by **STORM CAT**

Out of Grade I-placed daughter of **Private Account**

From the family of leading sire **Stop the Music**

\$7,500 Live Foal



Alan Porter cont.

At stud, Funistrada made a bright start, as her first foal was the versatile Sovereign Dancer colt Conte di Savoya. Beaten just a neck in the GII Blue Grass S. and fourth in Lil E Tee's GI Kentucky Derby, Conte di Savoya gained a black-type win as a five-year-old in the Sam Houston Sprint Championship. Funistrada then bred six other foals before Krisada, her next stakes performer, appeared. The year following Krisada, Funistrada slipped, but in 1998 she produced Zahwah, a Rahy filly who took third in the GII Arlington-Washington Lassie at two. By Fappiano out of the Minnesota Mac mare, Mesabi, Funistrada has a typical Tartan Farm pedigree, and she is inbred 4x3 to Rough 'n Tumble through the Tartan Farm contemporaries, Dr. Fager and Minnesota Mac. The same mating also produced Funistrada's year younger sister Wakonda, a multiple stakes winner of over \$400,000.

Mesabi, a foal of 1976, was actually sandwiched between a pair of her three-quarters sisters, both daughters of Dr. Fager (the broodmare sire of Fappiano). The first of these, and the first foal for Mesabi's dam Ride the Trails, was stakes-winner Ivy Road, and the second was the graded-stakes winner Movin' Money. Ride the Trails also produced the stakes-winning and GISP In Reality filly Mochila, but her crowning achievement was her 1980 colt by Caro. Racing as Cozzene, he earned honors as an Eclipse Award champion of 1985, after a season in which his victories included the GI Breeders' Cup Mile. Ride the Trails' third dam is Portage, who founded another notable family through her granddaughter, Fall Aspen.

Krisada represents the Roberto/Mr. Prospector cross. This is a combination which has always looked to have potential on paper, but has taken time to gain momentum in real life. From a pedigree standpoint the interest stems from the relationship between Roberto's dam Bramalea and Mr. Prospector's dam Gold Digger. Both of these very talented runners were by Nashua, and while Bramalea's dam is by a son of Bull Dog out of a Blue Larkspur mare, Gold Digger's granddam is by Bull Dog out of a Blue Larkspur mare.

Kris S. has always been the flag bearer for this cross, and he was represented by the first top-class Roberto/Mr. Prospector in the shape of Hollywood Wildcat, winner of 1993 GI Breeders' Cup Distaff and champion three-year-old filly. Since then, in addition to Hollywood Wildcat and Krisada, Kris S. has also sired G1SW Dr. Fong and Group winners Apple of Kent and Love n' Kiss S. out of Mr. Prospector-line mares. Kris S.'s son, You and I has sired three stakes winners out of Mr. Prospector-line mares (including 2001 Grade I-winning juvenile You) and another Kris S. son, Prized, has four stakes winners out of Mr. Prospector-line mares, as well as one out of a mare by Mr. Prospector's brother, Red Ryder. Other Roberto sons to sire Graded/Group winners out of Mr. Prospector-line mares are Brian's Time (G1 Japanese Oaks winner Chokai Carol); Red Ransom (three Group/Graded winners, including champion Intikhab) and Silver Hawk.

2001 TWO-YEAR-OLD GRADED STAKES RESULTS

<u>Date</u>	<u>Race</u>	<u>Track</u>	<u>Distance</u>
9-1	Hopeful-GI <i>Came Home (Gone West)</i>	SAR	7f
9-5	Del Mar Futurity-GII <i>Officer (Bertrando)</i>	DMR	7f
9-9	Summer S.-GII <i>El Soprano (El Prado {Ire})</i>	WOX	1m
9-22	Kentucky Cup Juvenile-GIII <i>Repent (Louis Quatorze)</i>	TPX	1 1/16m
9-29	Arlington-Washington Fty-GII <i>Publication (Petionville)</i>	APX	1m
9-29	Norfolk-GII <i>Essence of Dubai (Pulpit)</i>	SAX	1m
10-6	Breeders' Futurity-GII <i>Siphonic (Siphon {Brz})</i>	KEE	1 1/16m
10-6	Champagne-GI <i>Officer (Bertrando)</i>	BEL	1 1/16m
10-7	Cowdin-GIII <i>Sunray Spirit (Hennessy)</i>	BEL	6 1/2f
10-8	Grey Breeders' Cup-GI <i>Changeintheweather (Gone West)</i>	WOX	1 1/16m
10-26	Nashua-GIII <i>Listen Here (Gulch)</i>	BEL	1m
10-27	Breeders' Cup Juvenile-GI <i>Johannesburg (Hennessy)</i>	BEL	1 1/16m

CURRENCY CONVERSIONS

	Unit/US\$	Unit/GB£
British pound	1.44686	1.00
Euro	1.10705	1.60165
New Zealand dollar	0.422543	0.292014
U.S. dollar	1.00	0.691153

VALID EXPECTATIONS – *Leading Freshman Sire*

New stakes winner: MAPP HILL takes the Listed Sugar Bowl S. for 3 wins in 5 starts. Click here for more on [Valid Expectations](#)

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☆ SO. CALIFORNIA ☆

Yesterday's Results:

SURVIVE S., \$112,600, SAX, 1-2, (S), 4yo/up, f/m, 5 1/2f, 1:03 1/5, ft.

1--**PHAENNA**, 116, m, 7, Frankly Perfect--Redsand Dancer, by Desert Wine. (\$3,500 yrl '96 CALAUG). O-Curt & Lila Lanning; B-Dr Jerry Buss (CA); T-Ed Moger Jr; J-V Espinoza; \$67,560. Lifetime Record: 27-10-4-4, \$413,349.

2--**Song of Summer**, 115, m, 6, General Meeting--Nervous Pet, by Nervous Energy. \$22,520.

3--**Song of the Moment**, 117, f, 4, River Special--Memorable Moment, by Secretariat. \$13,512.

Margins: 2HF, 2HF, 2HF. Odds: 13.40, 3.10, 22.30.

Phaenna made the rounds on the fair circuit this past summer, with a victory in the Vacaville S. at Solano July 14 before a third-place finish in the Elie Destruel H. at Santa Rosa Aug. 6. The seven-year-old also filled the show spot in the Mae de Vol Sprint H. at Bay Meadows Sept. 1, but was sidelined following a fourth-place effort in the Pio Pico S. for Cal-breds at the Fairplex Sept. 14. Bred by the owner of the LA Lakers, the bay was double-digit odds in the comebacker. Fastest into stride, Phaenna dueled outside a rival through the opening furlongs, opened a clear advantage on the turn and pulled clear.

6th-SAX, \$59,052, Alw, Opt. Clm. (\$80,000), 4yo/up, f/m, 1 1/8mT, 1:49 2/5, fm.

1--**DESIRAES MY CANDY**, 117, f, 4, Candy Stripes--Spanish Harbor, by Corporate Report. O-Jacoby Family Trust; B-Ronald Anthony & Fran Stolich (KY); T-Bill Spawr. Lifetime Record: 15-5-3-2, \$161,280.

2--**Leading Light**, 119, m, 7, Mr. Leader--Manhattan Miss (Ire), by Artaius.

3--**Continental Lu**, 119, f, 4, Flying Continental--Proper Upbringing, by Proper Reality.

Margins: 1, 1, 1. Odds: 2.80, 15.10, 5.10.

Claimed for \$50,000 out of a four-length win at Hollywood in June, Desiraes My Candy stepped up to allowance company to finish second over the Del Mar lawn July 22 and came right back to register a 1/2-length victory over the same course Aug. 6. Making her first start since a fifth in the GI Del Mar Oaks Aug. 18, the bay was the second choice in the field of nine. Rated in midpack outside a rival down the backstretch, she advanced on the far turn, took command just outside the eighth pole and edged clear.

1st-SAX, \$54,972, Alw, 4yo/up, f/m, 1 1/8mT, 1:51 1/5, gd.

AUTUMN RHYTHM (GB) (f, 4, Hernando {Fr}--Fextal, by Alleged) debuted with an eight-length victory at Yarmouth as a two-year-old for Henry Cecil, but bled badly in her only other appearance in England, finishing sixth in the Listed Feilden S. at Newmarket Apr. 19. The bay filly finished second in her U.S. bow Sept. 26 and followed that up with a seventh in the Gill Pebbles H. Oct. 14 at Belmont. Given some time to regroup, she was part of the 3-5 favored entry from Bobby Frankel, alongside Narasimha (Nureyev). Autumn Rhythm settled into stride several lengths from the front, reached striking position on the far turn and split rivals at the eighth pole before holding off a late charge from her stablemate to win by a neck. The winner is a granddaughter of Canadian champion Northernette (Northern Dancer). Lifetime Record: 5-2-1-0, \$47,593.

O-Flaxman Holdings Ltd. B-The Niarchos Family (GB). T-Robert Frankel.

Puglisi Release from Hospital Imminent:

Jockey Iggy Puglisi, seriously injured in a spill at Los Alamitos Saturday night, was transferred to Arcadia Methodist Hospital and could be released soon, although the 27-year-old jockey faces a lengthy rehabilitation. "He'll be in the hospital for three or four more days, mostly for pain management," said his agent Richie Silverstein. "He'll also get a second opinion on his injuries." The native of Argentina suffered two broken bones in his right knee and three broken vertebrae in a spill during Saturday night's fourth race at the quarterhorse facility in Orange County.

STAKES CLOSINGS

TOMORROW, FRIDAY, JANUARY 4:

01-12 \$200,000a **San Fernando Breeders' Cup-II, SA**, 4yo, 8.5f (200)

01-13 \$150,000 **San Gorgonio H.-II, SA**, 4yo/up, f/m, 9fT (150)



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**So. California Report cont.
D'Wildcat Close to Return:**

Trainer Bob Hess Jr. said yesterday that **D'wildcat** (Forest Wildcat), unraced since his blowout 10 1/2-length victory in the GIII Swale S. at Gulfstream Park last March, is close to making his return to the races. "He hurt his shoulder and that's what put him on the sidelines," the conditioner explained. "We were going for the Breeders' Cup Sprint, then he got colicky on me and he lost quite a bit of weight as a result. That delayed his comeback as much as his shoulder did. But there have been no side effects. He is in great shape." The colt should be ready by late February or "maybe Mar. 1 at the worst," Hess Jr. said.

Frankel Runners to Pass San Fernando:

Mizzen Mast (Cozzene), winner of the Dec. 26 GI Malibu S. in his main-track debut, will skip the next leg of Santa Anita's Strub Series for four-year-olds, the GII San Fernando Breeders' Cup Jan. 12. Trainer Bobby Frankel also reports that **Aldebaran** (Mr. Prospector), third in the GI Hollywood Derby Nov. 25, will skip the race as well.

On the SoCal Worktab:

Prepping for the GI Santa Monica H. at seven furlongs Jan. 26, **Kalookan Queen** (Lost Code) blazed five-eighths of a mile yesterday morning at Santa Anita in a bullet :57 3/5 for trainer Bruce Headley...**Janet (GB)** (Emperor Jones), winner of a pair of Grade I events in 2001, worked an easy five furlongs in 1:05 on the main track...On the comeback trail, GII San Rafael S. winner and GI Santa Anita Derby runner-up **Crafty C T** (Crafty Prospector) breezed three furlongs in :37 2/5... Stonerside Stables' **Tout Charmant** (Slewvescent) worked seven-eighths of a mile over the Santa Anita turf course (dogs up) in 1:28 1/5. The six-year-old mare makes her next start in the GII San Gorgonio H. Jan. 13.

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☆ MIDWEST ☆

Funeral Service for Botts Set for Saturday:

A funeral service for Churchill Downs Vice President and Racing Secretary Jerry Botts will be held Saturday, Jan. 5 in Louisville. The service is scheduled for 11:30 a.m. at O.D. White & Sons Funeral Home at 2727 South Third St. Visitation will be held today from 2-5 p.m. and 7-9 p.m. and tomorrow from 2-9 p.m. The family requests that, in lieu of flowers, contributions be made to Hospice of Louisville, the Kentucky chapter of the Alzheimer's Association or the Horsemen's Benevolent and Protective Association.

☆ WEST ☆

Yesterday's Results:

2nd-GGX, \$37,570, Alw, Opt. Clm. (\$40,000), 4yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:10 2/5, sy.

BULLISH MISS (f, 4, Holy Bull--Donut Queen {SW, \$132,134}, by Badger Land) returned from a four-month layoff to wire an allowance field over a wet-fast Golden Gate surface Nov. 29. The 3-5 chalk was pressed throughout by Call Me Soon (General Meeting), but dug in gamely for a three-quarter length tally. Lifetime Record: 7-4-0-2, \$78,230.

O-Lafayette Meadows & Marta Racing Ventures.
B-Jacks Or Better Farm Inc (KY). T-Jerry Hollendorfer.

☆ TRACK OPENING ☆

GULFSTREAM PARK - Hallandale, FL

Opens: Thursday, Jan. 3

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Racing Days: Wednesday through Monday

Post Time: Daily 1:00 p.m. (Except Feb. 2 & Mar. 16; noon)

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☆ FOREIGN ☆

*FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THESE HORSES, SEE THE WORLDWIDE EDITION.

AMERICAN-BRED WINNER IN BRITAIN:

Kanz Wood, g, 6, **Woodman**--Kanz (GSW & G1SP-GB), by The Minstrel. Southwell, 1-2, Bet Direct Tax Free Betting Selling S. (Div. 1), 3yo/up, 7f(AWT), \$2,438 to winner. O-P J Wilmott; B-Newbiggin Ltd; T-A Carroll.

AMERICAN-SIRED WINNER IN BRITAIN:

***Rahlex (Ire)**, g, 4, **Rahy**--Lady Express (Ire), by Soviet Star. Southwell, 1-2, £5 Minimum Stake On 0800 329393 Maiden S. (Class D), 3yo/up, 6f(AWT), \$4,867 to winner. B-Gerry Canavan. *\$77,805 yrl '99 TATHOU.

AMERICAN-BRED WINNER IN HONG KONG:

Perfect Victory, g, 7, **Copelan**--One for Dorothy, by Gate Dancer. Sha Tin, 1-1, Hcp., 1400mT. B-Harry T Mangurian Jr (FI). *Previously named One for Copelan. **\$70,000 yrl '96 OBSAUG; \$175,000 2yo '97 BESMAY.

SO. HEMISPHERE WINNERS BY U.S. STALLIONS:

Atavism (Aus), f, 3, **Hennessy**--Beychevelle (Aus), by Kenmare (Fr). Caloundra (Queensland), 12-30, Secutor Securities H., 3yo/up, 5fT, \$2,340 to winner. B-Vintage Bloodstock; T-Bruce McLachlan.

Locquacious (Aus), f, 3, **Royal Academy**--Dateless (NZ), by Grosvenor (NZ). Flemington (Melbourne), 1-1, Super VOBIS In 2002 H., 3yo, f, 1 1/16mT, \$16,718 to winner. B-Mr L Bartle & P Bartle; T-Mick Price.

The Galloping Chef (Aus), g, 3, **Swamp King**--Old Rose (Aus), by Prego (Ire). Kilmore (Victoria), 12-30, Trackside Tabaret Maiden, 3yo, c/g, 6fT, \$3,344 to winner. B-Mr J B Smith; T-Rod Griffiths.

#**@Honor Bound (NZ)**, f, 4, **Honor Grades**--Amrica (NZ), by Amalgam. Ellerslie (Auckland), 1-2, Highview Stud Trophy-G2, 3yo/up, 1mT, \$39,664 to winner. B-Mr T R & Mrs V M Pascoe; T-T Wenn. *1/2 to Greenback (NZ) (McGinty {NZ}), GSW & G1SP-NZ, GSW-Aus.

Quest For Light (Aus), f, 4, **Quest for Fame (GB)**--Tidal Light (NZ) (Ch. 3yo Filly-NZ, MG1SW-NZ), by Diagramatic. Tauranga (New Zealand), 12-30, Fahys Motor Inn Maiden, 3yo/up, 1 5/16mT, \$1,322 to winner. B-Mr W J & Mrs S A Taylor; T-Paul O'Sullivan. *1/2 to Tidal Rhythm (NZ) (Western Symphony), GSP-NZ.

Suspense (Aus), g, 4, **Regal Classic**--Perfumery (NZ), by Zabeel (NZ). Kilmore (Victoria), 12-30, Carlton Draught H., 3yo/up, 1 3/16mT, \$5,015 to winner. B-Mr G N Webb; T-Clarry Conners.

Ego Fast (Aus), g, 4, **Supremo**--Dunraine (NZ), by McGinty (NZ). Ellerslie (Auckland), 1-1, Jacobsen Headstones H., 3yo/up, 1mT, \$5,289 to winner. B-Mr M Eagan; T-Martin Craze.

La Supremo (Aus), f, 4, **Supremo**--Lesseps, by Ferdinand. Victoria Park (Adelaide), 1-1, Malaysia Airlines H., 4yo/up, 6 1/2fT, \$6,893 to winner. B-Mr B T Agnew; T-Stuart Padman.

☆ INDUSTRY INFO ☆

Triple Crown Noms Open:

Officials from Triple Crown Productions as well as the three participating racetracks--Churchill Downs, Pimlico and Belmont Park--will begin gathering early nominations to the 2002 Triple Crown Series beginning Jan. 7 at Santa Anita and Hollywood Park. The early nomination period ends Saturday, Jan. 19. The fee for the early nominations is \$600, while late nominations can be made from Jan. 20 through Mar. 30 for a fee of \$6,000. Beginning Jan. 14, officials will be on track in Florida and New Orleans. "We look forward to meeting with hopeful horsemen from all corners of the Thoroughbred landscape," said Edward Seigenfeld, executive vice president of Triple Crown Productions. "We are confident that we once again will bring to racing's Triple Crown trail the cream of the crop of three-year-old runners representing all the world's venues." Nominations can also be made through the racing secretary offices at the participating racetracks or on the Internet at www.visatriplecrown.com.

Shadwell Relaunches Website:

On the eve of their venture into the commercial marketplace at next week's Keeneland January Horses of All Ages Sale, Shadwell Farm in Lexington, Kentucky has relaunched their website, with a focus on their stallions as well as the new sales division. The farm, the American branch of Sheikh Hamdan's international Thoroughbred operation, will consign 13 horses during next week's sale. "We are pleased to present this new and improved site," said Rick Nichols, vice president and general manager of the farm. "Our new sales division is really a key element to both the farm and the website." The site can be accessed at www.shadwellfarm.com.

BREEDERS' CUP NATIONAL STAKES CLOSINGS



CLOSES	TRACK	RACE	CONDITIONS	PURSE	RUNS
1-4	SA	San Fernando Breeders' Cup (GII)	4yo, 1 1/16m	\$200,000a	1-12

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BREEDERS' EDITION

ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

4th-SAX, \$50,000, (S), 4/up, f/m, 6 1/2f, 1:17 1/5, ft. STOP THE TALKING (m, 5, Memo {Chi}--Regal Presentation {MSW, \$108,750}, by Misrepresentation) Lifetime Record: 5-3-0-1, \$66,020. O/B-Kathy Weckerle (CA). T-Joseph A Devereux.

10th-CRC, \$35,000, Opt. Clm. (\$62,500-57,500), 4yo/up, 6f, 1:10 3/5, sy.

HANDSOME SMILE (c, 4, Robyn Dancer--Smile Sweetie, by No Robbery) Lifetime Record: 15-6-2-1, \$125,176. O-James R Lewis Jr. B-Farnsworth Farms (FL). T-Emanuel Tortora.

3rd-CRC, \$26,000, 4yo/up, 1 1/16m (off turf), 1:46 4/5, ft.

JEB'S STRATEGY (c, 4, Jeblar--Strategica, by Baldski) Lifetime Record: 37-4-6-7, \$101,245. O-D Punches. B-Farnsworth Farms & Gerald Robins (FL). T-D Hurtak.

8th-PHA, \$22,000, 4yo/up, 6 1/2f, 1:17, ft.

T P LOUIE (c, 4, Allen's Prospect--Saint {SP, \$114,880}, by Little Current) Lifetime Record: MSW & GSP, 14-4-0-1, \$141,720. O-B J Partners. B-Richard D Norling (MD). T-Martin E Ciresa.

9th-PHA, \$21,000, 4yo/up, f/m, 7f, 1:26, ft.

BELLEEK (f, 4, Concorde's Tune--Silver Pastry {SP, \$122,778}, by Silver Buck) Lifetime Record: 16-3-1-0, \$57,200. O/B-Patricia Generazio (FL). T-F Generazio Jr.

MAIDEN WINNERS:

Dancing Deer, f, 3, Deerhound--Pale Purple (MSW, \$269,170), by Verbatim. CRC, 1-2, (C), 7f, 1:26 3/5. B-Richard S & Nancy R Kaster (Ky). *\$1,200 yrl '00 FTKOCT. ** 1/2 to Zin (Desert Wine), MSW, \$146,386; and Shinko's Lass (Desert Wine), SW, \$142,615.

Bob's Lady, f, 3, Pirate's Bounty--Lady Engineer, by Flying Paster. SAX, 1-2, (C), 1 1/16m, 1:46 3/5. B-Oakcrest Stable (Ca).

My Blue's Traveler, c, 3, Rinka Das--My Blue Heron, by Horatius. PHA, 1-2, 6 1/2f, 1:19 2/5. B-John W Cullen (NJ).

Sultry Fluff, f, 3, Sultry Song--Donttellthefluff (SW), by Dixieland Band. CRC, 1-2, 6f, 1:12 4/5. B-Live Oak Stud (FL).

Excessivelycasual, m, 5, In Excess (Ire)--Bluejean Society, by Imp Society. SAX, 1-2, (S), (C), 6 1/2f, 1:18 4/5. B-Michael Edward Pegram (Ca).



SOPHOMORE SPOTLIGHT

Second-crop progeny to watch: Thursday, Jan. 3

Sire (Sire's Sire), Farm, 1998 Fee, #2yos/Winners/SW
Race #-track, race type, distance, runner, odds (if available)
ALWAYS A CLASSIC (Deputy Minister), Turkey, \$15K, 46/5/0
8-AQU, Alw, 6f, All That Magic, \$5K OBS AUG yrl
ATTICUS (Nureyev), Three Chimneys, \$20K, 97/8/0
5-FG, Msw, 1mT, +Attitudinize, \$120K OBS MAR 2yo, 20-1
DIPLOMATIC JET (Roman Diplomat), Hooper, \$5K, 26/0/0
4-TAM, Msw, 1mT, Florida Diplomat, \$8K OBS OCT yrl, 3-1
HELMSMAN (El Gran Senor), Pegasus, \$8K, 92/9/1
4-TAM, Msw, 1mT, Hypothetical, \$15K OBS APR 2yo, 6-1
LOST SOLDIER (Danzig), Franks, \$4K, 107/11/1
4-HOU, Msw, 1m, East Coast Soldier, \$18K KEE NOV wnl, 7-2
MARLIN (Sword Dance {IRE}), Turkey, \$10K, 200/6/0
4-TAM, Msw, 1mT, Son of a Fish, \$7K OBS AUG yrl, 15-1
SANDPIT (BRZ) (Baynoun {IRE}), Vinery, \$5K, 219/8/1
5-FG, Msw, 1mT, Pleasure Pit, \$22K KEE SEP yrl, 9-2
URGENT REQUEST (IRE) (Rainbow Quest), Flag Is Up, \$4K, 108/4/1
4-HOU, Msw, 1m, Lutece, \$2K TEX AUG yrl, 12-1
WILD ESCAPE (Wild Again), Emerald, \$4K, 51/5/0
9-GP, Alw, 1m, Thiscannonsloaded, \$67K OBS MAR 2yo, 8-1

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★ **BRITAIN** ★

Yesterday's Results:

1.50 Southwell, £5 Minimum Stake On 0800 329393 Maiden S. (Class D), £4,812, 3yo/up, 6f(AWT), 1:21.10, slow.

RAHLEX (IRE) (g, 4, Rahy {USA}--Lady Express {Ire}, by Soviet Star {USA}), sent off at odds of 16-1, missed the kick and raced in rear early as Eternal Bloom (GB) (Reprimand {GB}) grabbed the lead. Ridden by halfway, the 45,000gns TATHOU yearling responded on the rail to find a gap in the straight before hitting the front with 100 yards remaining. Pushed clear from there, he had a comfortable three lengths to spare over Sundried Tomato (GB) (Lugana Beach {Ire}). Lifetime Record: 8-1-0-0, £3,368. O-B Bruce; B-Gerry Canavan; T-Ronald Thompson; J-Fergal Lynch.

SPENCER HEARING TODAY

Jockey Jamie Spencer will attend a disciplinary hearing this morning after being referred to the Jockey Club. The latest offence, involving interference at Lingfield Dec. 12, takes Spencer's total suspensions to 18 days in the past 12 months. The inquiry will take place at 11:30 am.

★ **IRELAND** ★

EURO INTRO GOES SMOOTHLY

Tramore racecourse in Ireland provided the stage for the introduction of the euro into racing on New Year's Day. The Tote accepted only euros from bettors, but, together with the Bank of Ireland, they also provided a conversion service for punters at a number of points throughout the course. Bookmakers at the course still handled both euros and punts. Francis Hyland, chairman of the Irish National Bookmakers Association, told *Irish Racing online*, "There are a lot of smaller bets in euros, but the big punters are still dealing in punts. I would say it will be at least Saturday before the euro really takes over on the racecourse." Tramore is the only national hunt fixture to survive the cold snap in Britain and Ireland since Saturday, and the trend continues today as Thurles is declared fit to race while Sedgfield and Taunton fell to the frost.

★ **AUSTRALASIA** ★

WINNERS BY EUROPEAN STALLIONS:

- Anaheart (Aus), f, 3, Anabaa (USA)--Enhearten (USA),** by Smarten (USA). Caloundra (Queensland), 12-30, Highland Smash Repairs Maiden, 3yo/up, 5fT, A\$4,550 to winner. B-Mr A L Rebbeck; T-Gerald Ryan.
 - Ashkalante (Aus), g, 3, Ashkalani (Ire)--Miami Heat (NZ),** by Grosvenor (NZ). Sale (Victoria), 1-1, January Maiden, 3yo, 7fT, A\$3,900 to winner. B-Mr J & Mrs J Poyser, Mr G & Mrs N Neill & Mr A & Mrs M Poyser; T-Cliff Brown.
 - Swing And Mist (Aus), g, 3, Celtic Swing (GB)--Pollyanna Mist (Aus),** by Digamist. Canberra (Australian Capital Territory), 12-30, Rare Spares Maiden, 3yo/up, 6fT, A\$6,500 to winner. B-Cescastle Pty Ltd as Trustee for the No.4 Mitchell Trust; T-Barbara Joseph.
 - Highly Dangerous (Aus), c, 3, Charnwood Forest (Ire)--Tempest Cloud (Aus),** by Marscay (Aus). Eagle Farm (Brisbane), 1-1, Te Rapa H., 3yo/up, 1 1/8mT, A\$15,300 to winner. B-Touchstone Bloodstock Breeding; T-Nerissa Cowell.
 - Tivoli Danz (Aus), f, 3, Danzero (Aus)--Snowspi (Aus),** by Bletchingly (Aus). Gosford (New South Wales), 12-31, The Three Times Loser Maiden, 3yo/up, 6fT, A\$5,600 to winner. B-Hill Holme Lodge; T-Mario Caltabiano. *1/2 to Banff Connection (Aus) (Scenic {Ire}), SW-Aus.
 - Varied (Aus), f, 3, Grand Lodge (USA)--Versatile (Aus),** by Archregent (Can). Eagle Farm (Brisbane), 1-1, Matamata H., 3/4yo, 7fT, A\$17,800 to winner. B-Woodlands Stud; T-John Hawkes. *1/2 to Veteran (Aus) (Canny Lad {Aus}), MGSP-Aus.
 - Minogue (Aus), f, 3, Turtle Island (Ire)--Estamay (Aus),** by Estaminet (GB). Warrnambool (Victoria), 12-30, Westfridge Maiden, 3yo/up, 1 1/16mT, A\$4,225 to winner. B-Dr E J Hodgson; T-Terry O'Sullivan.
 - Okanui (Aus), f, 4, Barathea (Ire)--Asian Reef (GB),** by Manila (USA). Randwick (Sydney), 1-1, Woollahra H., 4yo/up, f/m, 6 1/2fT, A\$26,000 to winner. B-Widden Stud Pty Ltd & Mr M Sakurai; T-Gary Portelli.
 - Garfield's Gal (Aus), f, 4, Catrail (USA)--Food Of Love (Aus),** by Lunchtime (GB). Caloundra (Queensland), 1-1, XXX Bitter H., 3yo/up, 5fT, A\$4,550 to winner. B-Bhima Pty Ltd; T-Robert Heathcote.
- Winner's by European Stallions cont. p2**

HERNANDO

Tony Morris - World of Breeding - Racing Post, 28/12/01
"Most neglected significant sire: **HERNANDO** - again. When is he going to get noticed?"

Martin Percival - BBA Stallion News "HERNANDO is another horse who has done exceptionally well at stud. His first crop of three year olds in 2000 included the French Derby winner **HOLDING COURT** and this year his 1998 crop included **MR COMBUSTIBLE** and **ASIAN HEIGHTS**. Having made such a promising beginning to his stud career, he has to have every chance of being able to emulate his own sire **NINISKI** who was Champion sire with ten individual Group 1 winners to his credit."

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WRITERS UP

INTERNATIONAL CLASSIFICATIONS PREVIEW: MIDDLE DISTANCE DIVISION

by Tom Frary

Since their inception in 1979, the International Classifications have attempted to make sense of the season's top flat performances.

Most hotly contested and most keenly awaited, the classification for the middle-distance division has provided the highest average and overall rating from the beginning. Since 1986, none have eclipsed Dancing Brave's assessment of 141 pounds, when he was pipping the mighty Shergar by only a pound. While only Generous and Peintre Celebre have approached that figure on 137 pounds in the '90s, the general trend looks encouraging. In an age that has thrown up Dubai Millennium, Sinndar, Montjeu and Daylami, it appears that the exploits of Galileo, Sakhee and Fantastic Light in 2001 are just carrying on the good work.

Nigel Gray, senior handicapper for the British Horse-racing Board, is of that opinion, thanks mainly to **Sakhee (USA)** (Bahri {USA}), who marked his return to the heights he had approached at three with his seven-length success in the G1 Juddmonte International S. in August. Last year, he tailed Sinndar, eventually rated on 132 pounds, by a length in the Epsom Derby and by nine pounds in the Classifications after injury cut short his campaign. There are many Sakhee fans, and Gray appears to be firmly among them.

"Sakhee's win in at York made an impact and his subsequent performances [in winning the Arc and finishing second in the Breeders' Cup Classic] confirmed that he was an outstanding horse," Gray said. "He seemed to be the forgotten horse in the first part of the season, but as was the case with Daylami he showed what he could do as a mature animal. Thinking of his record as a three-year-old and his tremendous performance in the Derby, he was still to a large extent unexposed. He wasn't prominent in everybody's minds, but he forced his way in by taking the step back up into the big league--what a star he is and we are all looking forward to him this year."

From last summer, Sakhee stole the show from **Galileo (Ire)** (Sadler's Wells {USA}) and **Fantastic Light (USA)** (Rahy {USA}), who provided the season's highlights with their great set-tos in the G1 King George VI & Queen Elizabeth Diamond S. and G1 Irish Champion S. Godolphin's five-year-old proved the perfect match for Aidan O'Brien's colt and Gray finds it hard to distinguish the pair.

"I think it is very difficult to tell what led to the reverse of form at Leopardstown, but they are obviously both top-flight horses. There is very little between them, but it is very difficult to say."

Fantastic Light, who ended his career on a high note in the Breeders' Cup Turf, did so at the expense of **Milan (GB)** (Sadler's Wells {USA}), who had won the G1 St Leger.

"Fantastic Light was a smashing horse and Milan put up his best performance yet in that race," Gray said. "The way he won the St Leger and the way he confirmed that performance afterwards suggests he is a versatile horse and it was a good year for him."

Gray is confident that 2001 provided the material for a healthy middle-distance division.

"There were several eye-catching performances which made it a good year strength-in-depth wise," he said. "I think the most exciting aspect is the volume of top horses who have stayed in training as older horses. The World Series and the number of races globally now are extra incentives to keep top-notchers in training."

MIDDLE-DISTANCE DIVISION - Top-Rated 1979-'00

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>HORSE</u>	<u>RATING (Pounds)</u>
1979	Three Troikas	137
1980	Argument/Ela-Mana-Mou	130
1981	Shergar	140
1982	Golden Fleece	134
1983	Shareef Dancer	133
1984	Teenos	135
1985	Slip Anchor	135
1986	Dancing Brave	141
1987	Reference Point	135
1988	Mtoto/Tony Bin	131
1989	Old Vic	134
1990	Saumarez	132
1991	Generous	137
1992	St Jovite	135
1993	Opera House	129
1994	Balanchine	130
1995	Cigar	132
1996	Helissio	134
1997	Peintre Celebre	137
1998	Skip Away	131
1999	Daylami/Montjeu	135
2000	Dubai Millennium	134

Winners by European Stallions cont.

Dane River (Aus), g, 4, **Danehill (USA)**--Star Of Light (Aus), by Star Watch (Aus). Kilmore (Victoria), 12-30, Philip Bentley H., 3yo/up, 6fT, A\$6,500 to winner. B-Riverend Park Pty Ltd; T-Brad Marzato.

Go The Roman (Aus), c, 4, **Danehill (USA)**--Cloud Peak (USA), by Storm Bird (Can). Ascot (Perth), 1-1, BMW Lifestyle H., 3yo/up, 1mT, A\$18,020 to winner. B-Mr L Tall; T-David Edwards.

★ MAIDEN WINNERS ★

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