



## HEADLINE NEWS

### BC SPRINT WINNER TOPS JANUARY OPENER

**Desert Stormer** (Storm Cat--Breezy Stories, by Damascus), who captured the GI Breeders' Cup Sprint at Belmont Park in 1995, brought a final bid of \$3.6 million to top yesterday's opening session of the Keeneland January Horse of All Ages Sale in Lexington. The 12-year-old mare, in foal to Kris S., was consigned by Taylor Made Sales Agency, agent for Norfields. She was purchased by Michael Youngs on behalf of Live Oak Stud in Florida. "She's a beautiful mare," Youngs said. "She was a graded-stakes winning race mare; she has a very nice [yearling, by Seeking the Gold]. She's already the dam of a graded-stakes winner. What more can I say? It's very rare that you get a chance to buy a mare like this." Desert Stormer's first foal is the now five-year-old Sahara Gold (Seeking the Gold), a Grade II winner of \$248,742. How much did Youngs expect to pay for the bay? "I thought she was as good a mare as any that were in the Keeneland November sale, and that alone would make her around \$3 million," he said. "How much she would go up after that, I really didn't know. It's a lot of money, no question about it. But the opportunities to buy these types of mares are very rare and if you are going to buy the best, you've got to spend a lot of money." Live Oak bought a pair of high-priced mares at Keeneland November, getting Dreams Galore for \$1.6 million and Saoirse for \$2.2 million. They led the buyers at January yesterday, taking home two for a total of \$3,960,000. David Plummer led buyers with three or more purchases, purchasing five for a total of \$1,930,000. Taylor Made led all consignors, selling 47 lots for \$9,858,200, an average of \$209,748.

### TOP NINE BROODMARES - MONDAY

Hip	Name	Covering Sire	Price
196	<b>Desert Stormer</b>	<b>Kris S.</b>	<b>\$3,600,000</b>
	<i>(12, Storm Cat--Breezy Stories, by Damascus)</i> Consigned by Taylor Made Sales Agency, agent for Norfields Purchased by Live Oak Stud		
13	<b>Roll Over Baby</b>	<b>Unbridled's Song</b>	<b>\$1,000,000</b>
	<i>(13, Rollin On Over--Sweet Praise, by Honey Jay)</i> Consigned by Taylor Made Sales Agency, Agent XXXIV Purchased by S. David Plummer		
9	<b>Rings a Chime</b>	<b>Not in Foal</b>	<b>\$800,000</b>
	<i>(5, Metfield--Outofthebluebell, by Red Ryder)</i> Consigned by Taylor Made Sales Agency, Agent IL Purchased by Stonerside Stables, LLC		
129	<b>Batroyale</b>	<b>Kingmambo</b>	<b>\$450,000</b>
	<i>(9, Batonnier--Royal Merger, by Princely Native)</i> Consigned by Denali Stud (Craig Bandoroff), agent for Gallagher's Stud Purchased by Chiefswood Stables Limited		
220	<b>Evil's Pic</b>	<b>Deputy Minister</b>	<b>\$425,000</b>
	<i>(10, Piccolino--Evil's Sister, by Medieval Man)</i> Consigned by Taylor Made Sales Agency, Agent IX Purchased by S. David Plummer		
288	<b>Jeano</b>	<b>Kris S.</b>	<b>\$360,000</b>
	<i>(14, Fappiano--Basie, by In Reality)</i> Consigned by Taylor Made Sales Agency, Agent XXXI Purchased by Live Oak Stud		
317	<b>Madame Secretary</b>	<b>Gone West</b>	<b>\$360,000</b>
	<i>(20, Secretariat--Ruby Tuesday, by T.V. Lark)</i> Consigned by Shadwell Purchased by Horse France		
217	<b>Erinyes</b>	<b>Silver Charm</b>	<b>\$350,000</b>
	<i>(9, Seeking the Gold--Chapel of Dreams, by Northern Dancer)</i> Consigned by Longfield Farm, agent Purchased by Frank Stronach		
228	<b>Fighting Countess</b>	<b>King Of Kings (Ire)</b>	<b>\$300,000</b>
	<i>(10, Ringside--T.V. Countess, by T.V. Commercial)</i> Consigned by Taylor Made Sales Agency, Agent XXXVII Purchased by Horse France		

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### KEENELAND JANUARY STATISTICS MONDAY, JANUARY 7, 2002

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SESSION TOTALS	2002
No. Sold	242
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**TOP FIVE YEARLINGS - MONDAY**

Hip	Sex	Sire	Dam	Price
14	c	Unbridled's Song	Roll Over Baby	\$1,100,000
Consigned by Taylor Made Sales Agency, Agent XXXIV Purchased by Buzz Chace, agent				
194	c	Forestry	Deputy Jane West	\$340,000
Consigned by Three Chimneys Sales, agent for Lady Slipper Farm Purchased by Hodgewell, agent for Kuehue Racing				
282	f	Unbridled's Song	Irish Coco	\$300,000
Consigned by Pope McLean (Crestwood Farm) Purchased by E.J.C. Investments				
100	c	Exploit	Affirmed Ambience	\$125,000
Consigned by Paramount Sales, Agent VI Purchased by M. Byrne, agent				
336	c	Hennessy	Moll	\$125,000
Consigned by Paramount Sales, Agent VII Purchased by White Mountain Farm				

**On a Roll...**

**Roll Over Baby** (Rollin On Over--Sweet Praise, by Honey Jay) was responsible for a pair of seven-figure sales yesterday. The 13-year-old mare, in foal to Unbridled's Song, brought \$1 million, while her yearling colt by Unbridled's Song went for \$1.1 million. The dam of Majorbigtimesheet (Carson City), a stakes winner of \$274,746, and Morocco, who sold for \$2 million as a 1999 Barretts March Sale juvenile, Roll Over Baby also has produced the undefeated two-year-old of 2001, Werblin (Unbridled's Song). An \$850,000 Keeneland September yearling, the colt was a winner of both his starts last season. "We run horses at Santa Anita, so we're able to watch [Werblin] regularly and we are impressed with him," David Plummer, who bought the mare from Taylor Made Sales Agency, Agent XXXIV, said. "The mare is carrying a full sibling and we hope that it will be just as good. After seeing the yearling sell for [\$1.1 million], we think we got her pretty cheap." Buzz Chace, acting as agent for Aaron and Marie Jones, bought the yearling from the same consignment. The Jones' Thoroughbred operation is headquartered at Taylor Made Farm. "I thought he was an outstanding individual and when you find horses of that quality, you have to spend the money to get them," Chace said. "He had a lot of things going for him--he looks very, very athletic. He is from a good family and by a hot young stallion. He had a great attitude from the first time I saw him. He'll go back to Taylor Made and we'll see what the Jones want to do with him. They might want to re-sell or keep him to race."

**No Monday Blues for Taylor Made...**

Taylor Made Sales Agency, the leading consignor at Keeneland January Monday, was responsible for no less than six of the top 10 sellers yesterday.

"The sale went really well," Duncan Taylor said. "A few of our horses went for quite a bit more than we'd thought, some hit right on the mark, but we really didn't have any that disappointed us. I thought the market was good--a little better than I had anticipated. The top horses sold good and the middle market was solid, too. Business is good right now--interest rates are low and people are wanting to buy. It's a good sign and will make for a strong sale."

As for the \$3.6 million price tag which the Taylor Made-consigned Desert Stormer brought, he said, "I thought it was a good sale, but [Live Oak Stud] made a good buy. They bought a really, really good mare--I think they got something special."

**A Great Day for Denali...**

Denali Stud was the second-leading consignor yesterday, selling 15 lots for \$1,278,500, an average of \$85,233. "I thought the sale was strong," Craig Bandoroff said. "It's very encouraging, a good start to the year. We had 16 horses in [Monday], and we sold 15 of them. That was definitely beyond our projections."

"I haven't totally analyzed the numbers to see how far we exceeded expectations, but I know, overall, we did exceed them. The horses we sold all comfortably passed their reserves. It wasn't like they were just getting close--they got to their reserves and went right through them. We were pleased."

He added, "I think the strength of the sale was a surprise. I don't think we had any indication before the sale--there wasn't a big dispersal and it wasn't a really strong catalogue that would attract a lot of people."

"But, if you had anything with any quality, the market was very receptive. There was plenty of showing all weekend, lots of interest, and that carried over."

**OUTS - KEENELAND JANUARY TUESDAY**

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## PEDIGREE INSIGHTS

BY ANDREW CAULFIELD

### HAPPY NEW YEAR AT CRESTWOOD

I suspect that few of us will have enjoyed such an encouraging start to the New Year as Pope McLean, who has steadily established a flourishing team of stallions at his Crestwood Farm near Lexington.

McClellan has carved a niche at the inexpensive end of the market by standing competitively priced stakes performers by top sires such as Dixieland Band, Deputy Minister, Seeking The Gold and Storm Cat. Although most of his stallions fell short of the highest level on the track, the strength of their bloodlines helped four--Dixieland Heat, Petionville, Service Stripe and Storm Boot--come up with graded-stakes winners in 2001.

Now Dixieland Heat has started the New Year in great style, with his daughter Xtra Heat improving her record to 18 wins from 23 starts with her victory in the Interborough H., and Storm Boot has also enjoyed stakes success, thanks to the Ruthless S. triumph of his unbeaten daughter Nice Boots Baby. It is worth reminding you that Dixieland Heat's potential has been established with progeny conceived at fees of only \$3,000, while Storm Boot was even cheaper--at \$2,000--during his early years at Crestwood.

Those bargain-basement years quickly showed that Storm Boot was destined to be more effective as a stallion than he'd been during his 14-race career. Despite achieving several respectable Beyer figures, the nearest he came to winning a stakes race was when he failed by a head to take the Broad Street S., a \$30,000-added restricted event at Philadelphia Park.

Yet this sturdy son of Storm Cat had one attractive distinction. Every one of his four grandparents--Storm Bird, Terlingua, Mr. Prospector and Drumtop--had been a major winner. Then there was the fact that his fifth dam was none other than the celebrated Rough Shod.

The power of Storm Boot's genetic make-up, and the speed he was heir to, quickly became apparent when two of the fillies in his first crop of 33 named foals became graded-stakes winners.

Between them, Hurricane Bertie and Bourbon Belle notched six graded victories, all at six furlongs, and they helped fuel a steady rise in their sire's fee. Raised to \$6,000 in 1998, his fee climbed to \$10,000 in 1999 and then to its current level of \$15,000 in 2000.

Considering that Storm Boot's four \$2,000 crops produced 15 stakes winners from 145 named foals, including four graded-stakes winners, we have every right to expect even better things from his later crops.

Nice Boots Baby comes from the season he spent at \$6,000, which resulted in his largest crop up to that point, and Storm Boot has maintained his popularity pretty well, attracting 88 mares in 1999, 104 in 2000 and 79 in 2001.

Storm Boot's record so far suggests that he is always likely to get progeny with more speed than stamina, but he ought to get winners at around 1 1/8 miles, given a mare with a staying background. He is, after all, a grandson of Drumtop, a prolific stakes winner at up to 1 5/8 miles.

Nice Boots Baby, though, is more likely to follow in the footsteps of Storm Boot's four graded winners, all of whom excelled at around six furlongs. The filly's dam, Foxfire Lass, gained all of her three wins in sprints, and she is a half-sister to Geaux Tiger, a dual six-furlong stakes winner, and to Senor Foxfire, a stakes-winning miler. For good measure, Foxfire Lass is a daughter of Premiership, another specialist sprinter.

As Premiership was by Exclusive Native, Nice Boots Baby is inbred 4x4 to Raise A Native. Storm Boot has other stakes winners inbred 4x4 to Raise A Native, including one inbred 3x3 to Mr. Prospector. However, a more common feature among his stakes winners has been inbreeding to Northern Dancer, with his Grade III-winning sons American Spirit and Icanseetherain respectively being inbred 4x3 and 4x4 to this great stallion. Interestingly, Forest Wildcat, another fast son of Storm Cat, also has two graded-stakes winners inbred to Northern Dancer, and this type of strategy could well pay dividends with other sons of Storm Cat.

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**“WOODMAN** could well have next year's Derby (Dah-by, not Derr-by) winner in Hawk Wing, but Classic winners are nothing new for the offspring of this tried-and-true quality sire. **”**

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### MOCKINGBIRD TOPS 2001 BREEDERS' LIST

With total earnings of \$9,550,610, Mockingbird Farm, Inc. led the 2001 list of individual breeders, according to statistics from The Jockey Club Information Systems. Mockingbird, which bred the winners of 390 races from 2,581 starts, is followed on the list by Adena Springs, whose runners won 182 races from 1,217 starts and earned \$7,996,838. Although not represented by runners bred in partnership, Mockingbird still led the breeders list which includes partnerships. In second on that list was Farnsworth Farms which, alone or in partnership, bred the winners of 467 races from 3,876 starts and \$8,103,469. A complete list of the top 100 breeders can be accessed by [clicking here](#).

**VALID APPEAL DEAD** Valid Appeal (In Reality--Desert Trial, by Moslem Chief), who turned 30 this year, was euthanized yesterday due to the infirmities of old age. The first horse to set foot on Mockingbird Farm in Ocala, Florida, the dark bay was also the last to remain after the operation's holdings and bloodstock were disbursed last year. New owner Eugene Melnyk had planned to let the stallion live out his days in his own paddock. But after Valid Appeal's health began to deteriorate rapidly over the last few days, it was decided to put him down. Foaled May 12, 1972, the Florida-bred won the GII Dwyer S. and was four times graded-stakes placed with earnings of \$201,734. From 21 crops to race, he sired more than 550 winners and 83 stakes winners, including Grade I winners K.J.'s Appeal, Stormy But Valid, Mighty Appealing, Proud Appeal and Southern Appeal. His progeny earnings topped \$44.5 million. His son, Valid Expectations, was the leading freshman sire of 2001. Valid Appeal was buried in the Mockingbird/Tartan Farm Cemetery next to such greats as Dr. Fager and Dark Mirage.

**STAKES CLOSINGS**  
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## ☆ GULFSTREAM ☆

### Yesterday's Results:

**5th-GPX, \$46,000, Alw, 4yo/up, 1 1/8m (off turf), 1:50 2/5, ft.**

**1--RIZE, 118, g, 6, Theatrical (Ire)--Campagnarde (Arg) (Ch. 3yo Filly-Arg, G1SW-Arg & US), by Oak Dancer (GB).** O-Runnin Horse Farm Inc; B-Allen E Paulson (KY); T-Norman R Pointer. Lifetime Record: GSW, 30-9-7-2, \$519,990.

**2--American Halo, 116, h, 6, American Chance--Halos Star, by Halo.**

**3--Officer's Sword, 118, g, 4, Sword Dance (Ire)--Vicereine, by Damascus.**

Margins: 11 1/4, 2HF, 5HF. Odds: 0.70, 9.10, 8.20.

Rize, winner of the GII Phillip Iselin H. in 2000, finished a tired fifth in the GIII Salvator Mile over Monmouth's main track last summer before improving to second in his next start in a turf allowance event at The Meadowlands Oct. 3. Following two more starts at that track; a distant third in the Broad Brush S. Oct. 19 and a win in the Creme Fraiche S. Nov. 10, he failed to handle the turf finishing seventh in the GIII Tropical Turf H. at Calder Dec. 8. The odds-on favorite in this off the turf event stalked the early lead, mounted his challenge after a modest six furlongs and drew away strongly to win by double digits.

**9th-GPX, \$38,000, Alw, 4yo/up, f/m, a1m 70yd (off turf), 1:41 4/5, ft.**

**TAP DANCE (f, 4, Pleasant Tap--Lyrical Prayer, by The Minstrel)** embarked on the classic's trail for fillies last season after an impressive win in the GII Bonnie Miss S. over this track Mar. 16 and followed that with a finish fifth in the GI Kentucky Oaks May 4 and a third in the GII Black Eyed Susan S. at Pimlico two weeks later. Seventh in Belmont's GI Mother Goose S. June 30 and sixth in the 12-furlong GI C C A Oaks July 21, the filly headed to the sidelines again following a second in allowance company at the Spa Aug. 20. Unraced since a fourth-place finish at Belmont Oct. 19, the 4-5 favoritism stalked the early lead, gained command on the far turn and drew off to score by 12 lengths. Lifetime Record: GSW, 15-4-1-1, \$275,416.

O/B-Edward P Evans (KY). T-Mark Hennig.



*(Gulfstream Report Cont.)*

**7th-GPX, \$34,000, Alw, 4yo/up, f/m, a1m70yd, 1:42, ft.**

**PLEASANT COUNTY (f, 4, Pleasant Tap--Starr County, by Ogygian)** was a distant second while trying seven furlongs in her belated debut at Belmont Oct. 25, but cranked it up a notch to score by 10 1/2 lengths at Aqueduct one month later. Pounded down to 1-5 favoritism for her first route appearance, the bay assumed command straight out of the gate, held her advantage throughout and kicked clear late to win by 4 1/4 lengths. Lifetime Record: 3-2-1-0, \$53,200. O/B-Edward P Evans (KY). T-Mark Hennig.

**4th-GPX, \$32,000, Msw, 4yo, f, 6f, 1:12 2/5, ft.**  
**+ SHAWNEE SUNRISE (f, 4, Roar--Sunflower Fields, by Fit to Fight)** was an unhurried fifth early, but moved within striking distance for the stretch run. The 5-1 third choice took over near the sixteenth pole and edged away late to win by 1 1/2 lengths over favored Softly (Bingalong). Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$19,200. O-G Watts Humphrey Jr. B-G Watts Humphrey & Selby Schriber (KY). T-Victoria Oliver.

**Getting Ready for the Skip Away:**

The road to the GIII Skip Away S. (formerly the Broward H.) at Gulfstream Park has been clear sailing for some of its contestants and rocky for others. **Hal's Hope** (Jolie's Halo), winner of the GI Florida Derby in 2000, is still on course for his fifth start at the Hallandale oval following a bullet work of :48 1/5 for the half-mile on Monday at nearby Calder Racecourse. "He's doing good, training well and we're going in there," said owner, trainer and breeder Harold Rose. The Florida-bred five-year-old, using Saturday's race as a final prep for the GI Donn H. Feb. 9, has won three and placed once in four lifetime starts at Gulfstream. Not all the camps were in high spirits after yesterday's morning session. The connections of multiple stakes winner **Trajectory** (Gone West) have abandoned hopes of making this weekend's feature after the colt sustained an injury while preparing for the event. "He strained a ligament in his left front leg," trainer Graham Motion said. "I'm afraid he will be sidelined for a while. I'm shipping him to a veterinary clinic in Kentucky for X-rays and then we'll decide what we're going to do with him."

☆ MIDWEST ☆

**Yesterday's Results:**

**6th-FGX, \$30,000, Msw, 3yo, 6f, 1:11 3/5, ft.**  
**+ GUERNICA (c, 3, El Prado {Ire}--Rhapsody Blues, by Homebuilder)** held a narrow lead soon after the break, repelled the challenge of second-choice Texas Storm (Tejano Run) after a half mile and held that foe safe in the final drive for a two-length score at 16-1 odds. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$18,000. O-R Nip. B-Andover Way LLC (KY). T-S Asmussen.

☆ FOREIGN ☆

**AMERICAN-BRED WINNER IN BRITAIN:**

**Desert Spa, g, 7, Sheikh Albadou (GB)--Healing Waters,** by Temperence Hill. Wolverhampton, 1-7, Littlewoods Bet Direct on 0800 329393 Claiming S., 4yo/up, 1 1/2m (AWT), \$3,192 to winner. O-D M Ahier; B-Robert & Virginia White; T-Peter Makin. \*1/2 to Healing Knowledge (Technology), SW, \$199,938. \*\*\$25,000 yrl '96 KEESEP.

**SO. HEMISPHERE WINNERS BY US STALLIONS:**

**Half Hennessy (Aus), c, 2, Hennessy--Singeing Lamp** (Aus), by Blazing Saddles (Aus). Kembla Grange (New South Wales), 1-5, Members Promotional Day H., 2yo, 5fT, \$2,177 to winner. B-Dr J D Woolridge; T-Bede Murray.  
**Fiaba (NZ), f, 3, Defensive Play--Gio (NZ),** by Centaine (Aus). Woodville (New Zealand), 1-5, Tararua Rooding H., 3yo, 1 1/4mT, \$2,778 to winner. B-Mr G J Chittick; T-Lisa Latta.  
**Call Me Henry (Aus), g, 3, Hennessy--Call A Queen** (NZ), by Phone Trick. Kembla Grange (New South Wales), 1-5, Marc Mertens H., 3yo/up, 6fT, \$2,177 to winner. B-Gooree Park Stud Pty Ltd; T-Gai Waterhouse.  
**Ice Dancer (Aus), f, 3, Mister Frisky--Ice Column** (Aus), by Pillaster. Moonee Valley (Melbourne), 1-5, Moonee Valley Tabaret H., 3yo, f, 6fT, \$13,476 to winner. B-Mr S G Van Eyk, Mr S L Ware & Mr A Kalogerov; T-Dianne Wynne.  
**Salad (Aus), f, 3, Quest For Fame (GB)--Caesar's Wonder** (NZ), by Gaius (Ire). Kembla Grange (New South Wales), 1-5, Gayson Woods Maiden, 3yo/up, f/m, 7fT, \$2,177 to winner. B-Mrs J E Hawkes & Mr T Shahabuddin; T-John Hawkes.

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**Housemaster (NZ)**, g, 4, **Housebuster**--Empress Belle (NZ), by Sir Tristram (Ire). Taupo (New Zealand), 1-6, The Merchant of Taupo H., 3yo/up, 1 1/8mT, \$1,528 to winner. B-Mrs N M Leicester; T-Michael Moroney & Andrew Scott. \*1/2 to Desert Rain (NZ) (Honor Grades), MGSP-NZ.

**Arabian Towers (Aus)**, g, 4, **Regal Classic**--Princess Raad (Aus), by Gielgud. Sale (Victoria), 1-4, Racers Maiden, 3yo/up, 1 1/16mT, \$2,695 to winner. B-Mr M V Roach; T-R Griffiths.

☆ **INDUSTRY INFO** ☆

**Eclipse Venue Changed:**

The 31st annual Eclipse Award ceremony will be held at the Fontainebleau Hilton Resort in Miami Beach, Florida. The event, still scheduled for Feb. 18, was originally to be held at the Westin Diplomat Resort and Spa in Hollywood, Florida. The Fontainebleau is on the Atlantic Ocean beachfront and is approximately 10 miles from Gulfstream Park. For ticket information, contact Alison Thompson-Murphy at the NTRA at (800) 792-6872.

**BREEDERS' EDITION**

**ALLOWANCE RESULTS:**

**7th-FGX, \$32,000**, 4yo/up, 1 1/16mT, 1:45 3/5, fm. **RESURGENCE** (h, 5, **Black Tie Affair {Ire}**--**Regal Band**, by **Dixieland Band**) Lifetime Record: 13-2-0-2, \$44,780. O-Gregory D Hawkins. B-J D Squires (KY). T-Henry S Cochran. \*1/2 to Monarchos (Maria's Mon), MGISW, \$1,715,630.

**9th-FGX, \$32,000**, 4yo/up, a1 1/16T, 1:45 2/5, fm. **GREEK STAR** (c, 4, **Sky Classic**--**Native Satan {MSW}**, \$504,797}, by **Our Native**) Lifetime Record: 9-2-0-1, \$53,080. O-William A Carl. B-Wakefield Farm (KY). T-Dallas Stewart. \*1/2 to Code Satan (Lost Code), SW, \$227,390; King And Hart (Lost Code), SP, \$309,232.

**9th-PHA, \$21,000**, 4yo/up, 6 1/2f, 1:17 1/5, sy. **LOOPHOLE** (c, 4, **Petionville**--**Too Charming**, by **Capote**) Lifetime Record: 20-6-6-4, \$81,840. O-Edith M Lombardi. B-Everest Stables Inc (KY). T-John S McCaslin.

**MAIDEN WINNERS:**

+ **Guernica**, c, 3, **El Prado (Ire)**--Rhapsody Blues, by Homebuilder. FGX, 1-7, 6f, 1:11 3/5. B-Andover Way LLC (Ky).

**This Won**, c, 3, **Forty Won**--Thiss Octie, by Mr. Oct Oil. FGX, 1-7, (C), (S), 5 1/2f, 1:05 1/5. B-Stanley W Muller (La).

**Rightfully**, f, 3, **Lit de Justice**--Supah Gem (GISW, \$444,237), by Gold Meridian. GPX, 1-7, (C), a1m70yd, 1:46 3/5. B-Adena Springs (On).

**Famous Future**, c, 4, **Concorde's Future**--Claim to Fame, by Claim. SUF, 1-7, a1m70yd, 1:49 1/5. B-Patricia Generazio (Ma). \*SP.

**Extra Chilly**, f, 4, **Muhtafal**--Chill Out Baby, by Clever Trick. PHA, 1-7, 6f, 1:13 4/5. B-Jobe Racing Inc (NY).

+ **Shawnee Sunrise**, f, 4, **Roar**--Sunflower Fields, by Fit to Fight. GPX, 1-7, 6f, 1:12 2/5. B-G Watts Humphrey & Selby Schriber (Ky).

 **SOPHOMORE SPOTLIGHT**

**Second-crop progeny to watch: Tuesday, Jan. 8**

Sire (Sire's Sire), Farm, 1998 Fee, #2yos/Winners/SW  
Race #-track, race type, distance, runner, odds (if available)

**CAT'S CAREER** (Mr. Prospector), Airdrie Stud, \$5K, 122/8/0 4-TAM, Msw, 1 1/16mT, Sun Run Runner, 4-1

**SUAVE PROSPECT** (Fortunate Prospect), Farnsworth, \$3K, 82/10/0 4-TAM, Msw, 1 1/16mT, Suave Miss, \$14K OBS APR 2yo, 20-1

**WORLD STAGE (IRE)** (Sadler's Wells), Starview, \$3K, 110/4/0 4-TAM, Msw, 1 1/16mT, Ranger Annie, \$5K OBS AUG yrl, 12-1

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**\$118,125--A Winning Average in Victory Gallop's First Sale**

At the Keeneland November Breeding Stock Sale, 8 **Victory Gallop** weanlings sold for an average price of **\$118,125**. Of the first 40 first-crop sires represented in the sale, **Victory Gallop** had the third highest average.

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## WRITERS UP

### MAN ON THE RUN

By Bill Finley

He talked quickly, like a man in a hurry. Gary Johnson obviously doesn't like to waste time, a precious commodity when you have stables at two tracks, 150 horses to look after, owners to call, entries to make, a handful of cards to handicap and an intense will to succeed not just in one profession, but two.

"The only thing that I am scared about is failure," he said. "I've got to go for whatever I can get."

Lately, failure hasn't been much of a problem.

Johnson, 44, is in the midst of a remarkable year. Not only did he win the recently concluded Randall meet at Thistledown, where he is the perennial leader in the standings, but he took the training title at Mountaineer Park's summer meet, becoming the first trainer not named Dale Baird to win a meet title at the West Virginia track since 1981.

The hard work and long hours that it takes to operate at two tracks hasn't stopped him from focusing on his first love, handicapping. Johnson is regarded as one of the best handicappers in the Midwest and he has a long list of success stories to prove it.

The beginnings of Johnson's racetrack career start off in familiar fashion. At age 16, the Cleveland native decided the racetrack was for him and he began on the bottom, as a hotwalker for Thistledown trainer W.J. Miller. Two years later, he went out on his own.

"When I was 18, I got my trainer's license in Cleveland and I did okay, but never had much opportunity," he said. "Most owners want to switch to the leading trainer and if you're 10th in the standings, you're not going to get much action."

Frustrated, Johnson quit as a trainer and became a professional handicapper. Along the way, he had handicapping jobs at the now-defunct Birmingham Turf Club and at Fort Erie.

But his reputation as a handicapper was made with the 1991 Breeders' Cup and the first ever Breeders' Cup Pick Seven. Johnson advised a syndicate of Cleveland gamblers and turned in a heroic handicapping feat. Nobody in the nation picked all seven winners, but Johnson's group had six of seven on nine of its tickets. With only 29 of the tickets sold in the country having six winners, the Cleveland syndicate collected about \$2 million.

The only horse he missed was Miss Alleged, who was 42-1 as part of the mutuel field. He singled Classic winner Black Tie Affair.

On another occasion, Johnson advised a group that hit a Pick Eight at Tampa Bay Downs for \$186,000.

One of the people who had benefitted from Johnson's handicapping expertise was owner Mark Yagour. He respected Johnson's opinions and found that his gambling buddy often knew more about his horses than his trainers did. In 1996, he decided to give Johnson a chance and sent him to Delaware Park with a barn of his horses. Johnson won 35 races that year and hit the winner's circle at a 30-percent clip. Yagour was sold.

"Gary is a guy who knows how to read the condition book, knows his horses and knows which way to go with a horse after we claim him," Yagour said.

With a barn full of Yagour's horses, Johnson returned to Thistledown late in 1996 and has been the track's dominant trainer ever since. There's never been anyone like him, a trainer who doubles as a professional handicapper. It gives him an edge in both aspects of the business.

"Unlike most of the other people who come to the grandstand to gamble, I've been able to learn about horses and have an edge over them," he said. "I've been around the track since I was 16 and I learned what it takes to win a race not only as a gambler, but as a trainer."

One of Johnson's favorite tricks is to enter more than one horse in most of the races he takes part in. After the *Form* comes out, he'll handicap the race and figure out which one of his horses is the best fit considering the competition and the likely pace scenarios. The other will be scratched.

Of the TOP 60 living leading sires of 2001, only Storm Cat, Dynaformer and Kingmambo had more stakes winners, and none of them had more **Grade I** stakes winners than

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His Thistledown duties alone were taxing enough, but he decided to nearly double his workload when he set up shop at Mountaineer Park after that track's purses rose dramatically due to the legalization of slot machines at West Virginia tracks. The easy thing to do would have been to leave an assistant in charge of the day-to-day responsibilities and do the rest of the work by phone. That, however, is not his style.

"Every day after the races in Cleveland I drive to Mountaineer," he said. "It's a two-hour trip. I have a great assistant in Cleveland, but at the other track I don't feel I have the type of help that would be capable of taking over. That's the type of place where everybody knows everybody else and I like to be very private in the way I run my business and the type of horses I claim."

The reward was the Mountaineer victory over Baird. The cost was exhaustion. Johnson admits he has not held up that well to the intense grind.

"It's tough," he said. "Back in June I was in the hospital for the first time in my life. I was treated for dehydration. I felt I was getting too weak and so they put me on fluids. It gets to be pretty crazy when you run 10, 12 a day."

Still, he hasn't stopped. He's busy picking horses and gambling every day and hosts handicapping seminars at Thistledown. Thistledown closes for the season Dec. 31, but that won't slow down Johnson, who will start racing at Charles Town. But even a workaholic who says he fears failure above all else knows he can't keep it up forever.

He wants to find the right people so that he will be comfortable letting someone else take over a large share of the training duties. That would allow him to re-focus his energies on handicapping and do what he really wants to do, develop a professional tipping service. In the meantime, he'll keep going the way he's been going, talking fast, racing between tracks and winning a lot of races.

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**LEADING SIRES OF 2001 GRADE/GROUP 1 WINNERS (Final Standings)**

Sire	Location	Winners
Sadler's Wells (Northern Dancer)	Ire	9
Danehill (Danzig)	Ire	4
Seattle Slew (Bold Reasoning)	Ky	4
End Sweep (Forty Niner)	Jpn	3
In the Wings (Sadler's Wells)	Ire	3
Nureyev (Northern Dancer)	Ky	3
A.P. Indy (Seattle Slew)	Ky	2
Broad Brush (Ack Ack)	Ky	2
Cee's Tizzy (Relaunch)	Ca	2
Darshaan (Shirley Heights)	dead	2
Gone West (Mr. Prospector)	Ky	2
Green Desert (Danzig)	Eng	2
Java Gold (Key to the Mint)	Ger	2
Pivotal (Polar Falcon)	Eng	2
Pleasant Colony (His Majesty)	Ky	2
Rahy (Blushing Groom)	Ky	2
Theatrical (Nureyev)	Ky	2
Thunder Gulch (Gulch)	Ky	2
Unbridled's Song (Unbridled)	Ky	2

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## GOLD CUP ATTRACTS 43

Cheltenham yesterday unveiled the 43 entries for the Mar. 14 G1 Gold Cup, as well as a record 32 entries for the G1 Queen Mother Champion Chase a day earlier. Ante-post favourite **Sackville (Ire)** (Satco {Fr}) heads the list of Gold Cup entries, alongside **Florida Pearl (Ire)** (Florida Son {GB}) and **Best Mate (Ire)** (Un Desperado {Fr}), winner and runner-up in the Dec. 26 G1 King George VI Chase at Kempton. Of the Queen Mother Champion Chase entries, **Edredon Bleu (Fr)** (Grand Tresor {Fr}), who took the 2000 renewal, and **Flagship Uberalles (Ire)** (Accordion {Ire}), are two of the leading lights among the two-mile chasers. Edward Gillespie, Cheltenham Racecourse's managing director, said yesterday: "The countdown to the 2002 National Hunt Festival gets underway with the announcement of the first entries--for the Tote Cheltenham Gold Cup and Queen Mother Champion Chase. It's great to be back on the road towards what we hope will be a thrilling festival. Prize money at the National Hunt Festival has, for the first time, topped £2 million, meaning that the average value per race is now over £100,000."

## ★ BRITAIN ★

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### Yesterday's Results:

**2.00 Wolverhampton, betdirect.co.uk Maiden S. (Class D)**, £4,646, 4yo/up, 1m 100ydsT, 1:53.10, slow.

**REASONING (GB) (f, 4, Selkirk {USA}--Attribute {GB}, by Warning {GB})**, sent off the 7-4 favourite, was held up towards the rear early as She's Smokin (GB) (Cigar {GB}) cut out the running. Making smooth progress on the outside to lead with 2 1/2 furlongs remaining, she asserted inside the final furlong to win by two lengths. The winner was a Ir£60,000 GOFORB yearling. Lifetime Record: 11-1-2-1, £5,715.

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### WINNERS BY EUROPEAN STALLIONS:

**Dapple Desert (Aus)**, f, 2, **Desert Style (Ire)**--Dapple Up (Aus) (SP-Aus), by Black Zephyr (NZ). Te Rapa (New Zealand), 1-5, Tankard Racing Stables H., 2yo, 5 1/2fT, NZ\$6,250 to winner. B-Mr G W MacNicol; T-Katrina Alexander.

**Rory's North (Aus)**, c, 2, **Distinctly North (USA)**--Rory's Classic (Aus) (SW-Aus), by Rory's Jester (Aus). Doomben (Brisbane), 1-5, Doomben Double H., 2yo, c/g, 5fT, A\$15,300 to winner. B-Glenlogan Park Pty Ltd; T-Sonia Kumpikas. \*1/2 to All Classic (Aus) (St. Covet {Aus}), SW-Aus.

**Romantic Flyer (Aus)**, f, 2, **Flying Spur (Aus)**--Batsman's Ballad (Aus), by Century (Aus). Caulfield (Melbourne), 1-6, Welcome Melbourne Racing Club H., 2yo, f, 5 1/2fT, A\$16,250 to winner. B-Mr A T Whittenbury; T-Tom Hughes Jnr. \*1/2 to Matrilineal (Aus) (Rancho Ruler {Aus}), GSP-Aus; Mr Bossini (Aus) (Racer's Edge {Aus}), GSP-NZ.

**Eminently (Aus)**, f, 2, **Spectrum (Ire)**--Viva Regina (Aus) (GSP-Aus), by Archregent (Can). Rosehill (Sydney), 1-5, Cabra-Vale Diggers 2002 H., 2yo, f, 5 1/2fT, A\$29,250 to winner. B-J & G Morrissey; T-G Frazer. \*1/2 to On the Beam (Aus) (Kenmare {Fr}), SW-Aus.

**Fleecing (Aus)**, f, 3, **Anabaa (USA)**--Stealing (Aus), by Don't Say Halo (USA). Rosehill (Sydney), 1-5, C V D Vice-Presidents H., 3yo, f, 6fT, A\$29,250 to winner. B-Stone Lodge Farm Pty Ltd; T-Ron Quinton.

**Desert Falcon (Aus)**, c, 3, **Bluebird (USA)**--Guajira (Arg) (MGSW & G1SP-Arg), by Laramie Trail (USA). Seymour (Victoria), 1-6, Super VOBIS Maiden, 3yo/up, 7fT, A\$3,900 to winner. B-Mr E W & Mrs S J Cockram; T-Tony McEvoy. \*1/2 to Happy Cracker (Aus) (Rory's Jester {Aus}), GSW-Aus.

**Danegar (Aus)**, g, 3, **Danehill Dancer (Ire)**--Jacquenetta (Aus), by Agricola (GB). Kembla Grange (New South Wales), 1-5, Ron Carey Maiden, 3yo, 6fT, A\$4,200 to winner. B-Mr J & Mrs G Murphy; T-K Robinson.

**Desert Bay (NZ)**, g, 3, **Desert Sun (GB)**--Bay Folly (NZ), by Kingdom Bay (NZ). Te Rapa (New Zealand), 1-5, Rich Hill Stud H., 3yo, 7fT, NZ\$6,250 to winner. B-Mrs N J Hopson; T-Peter McKay. \*SP-NZ.

**In Control (Aus)**, f, 3, **Dolphin Street (Fr)**--Easy Does It (NZ), by Straight Strike (USA). Caloundra (Queensland), 1-5, Caloundra Party Hire Maiden, 3yo/up, 1 1/8mT, A\$4,550 to winner. B-Mr W J Slatter; T-Gerald Ryan.



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**Quam Cleeriter (NZ)**, f, 3, **Hector Protector (USA)**--Midori Splice (Aus), by Last Tycoon (Ire). Caloundra (Queensland), 1-6, Mary Henzell Real Estate H., 3yo/up, 7fT, A\$10,010 to winner. B-Messrs W Pegg & R Smith; T-Bruce McLachlan.

**Intermagic (Aus)**, g, 3, **Magic Ring (Ire)**--Playful (Aus), by Whiskey Road (USA). Seymour (Victoria), 1-6, Forty Winks Shepparton H., 3yo/up, 5 1/2fT, A\$3,900 to winner. B-J Antico; T-Graeme Pateman.

**Baal Yabba (Aus)**, g, 3, **Magic Ring (Ire)**--Windscape (Aus), by Black Zephyr (NZ). Doomben (Brisbane), 1-5, Golden Snake H., 3yo, 6fT, A\$15,300 to winner. B-Mr J Cannon; T-Trevor Miller.

**Orthopaedic (Aus)**, g, 3, **Octagonal (NZ)**--Casualty (Aus), by Cerreto (Ire). Mornington (Victoria), 1-5, Carlton Maiden, 3yo/up, 6fT, A\$4,550 to winner. B-Woodlands Stud; T-John Hawkes.

**Little Madame (Aus)**, f, 3, **Octagonal (NZ)**--Insomniac (Aus), by Danehill (USA). Kembla Grange (New South Wales), 1-5, Greg Smith Maiden, 3yo, 6fT, A\$4,200 to winner. B-Woodlands Stud; T-John Hawkes.

**Kia Puru (NZ)**, f, 4, **Blues Traveller (Ire)**--Kia Princess (NZ), by Bellissimo (Fr). Sale (Victoria), 1-4, Puntersclub.com Maiden, 4yo/up, 7fT, A\$5,200 to winner. B-M D Dromgool & L Mathieson; T-P Casey.

**Dubai Traveller (NZ)**, g, 4, **Blues Traveller (Ire)**--Windchaser (NZ), by Riverton (Fr). Te Rapa (New Zealand), 1-5, Hamilton Mowers & Chainsaws H., 3yo/up, 6fT, NZ\$6,250 to winner. B-Mrs V M & the Estate of the Late J W Morris; T-R Dowling. \*1/2 to Golden Amethyst (NZ) (Desperate Dee {GB}), SP-NZ.

**Thorns (Aus)**, g, 4, **Brief Truce (USA)**--Ivy Cottage (NZ) (SP-Aus), by Star Way (GB). Rosehill (Sydney), 1-5, C V D Function Centre H., 3yo/up, 7 1/2fT, A\$29,250 to winner. B-Woodlands Stud; T-J Hawkes. \*1/2 to Hut (Aus) (Danehill {USA}), MGSP-Aus.

**Halo Jack (Aus)**, g, 4, **Brief Truce (USA)**--Jasmin's Hazard (NZ), by Gold And Ivory (USA). Caulfield (Melbourne), 1-6, Always Welcome H., 4yo/up, 1 1/8mT, A\$16,250 to winner. B-Mr R B Cvitkovic; T-Wendy Kelly.

**Northern Friends (Aus)**, f, 4, **Distinctly North (USA)**--Still Friends (Aus), by Oenjay Star (Aus). Gold Coast (Queensland), 1-5, H Harvey Cup, 3yo/up, 7fT, A\$13,700 to winner. B-Mr N Morgan; T-Gerald Ryan.

**Gamesman (Aus)**, g, 4, **Eagle Eyed (USA)**--No Finer (Aus), by Kaoru Star (Aus). Rosehill (Sydney), 1-5, Diggers' Restaurant H., 3yo/up, 6fT, A\$29,250 to winner. B-Amadi Park Ltd; T-Gai Waterhouse. \*1/2 to Rothko (Aus) (Zoffany {USA}), SW-Aus; Pins (Aus) (Snippets {Aus}), G1SW-Aus.

**Super Suave (Aus)**, g, 4, **Suave Dancer (USA)**--Sunstate (Aus), by Luskin Star (Aus). Sale (Victoria), 1-4, Carlton Draught H., 3yo/up, 5fT, A\$5,200 to winner. B-Mrs W M Gurry; T-Tony Noonan.

**Play Station (Aus)**, g, 5, **Brief Truce (USA)**--Station Mistress (Aus) (SW-Aus), by Imperial Baron (Aus). Doomben (Brisbane), 1-6, Bernborough H. (Listed), 3yo/up, 1mT, A\$64,000 to winner. B-Mr J Ryan; T-Gerald Ryan. \*SW & MGSP-Aus.

**Secret Heart (Aus)**, m, 5, **Dolphin Street (Fr)**--Nothing Daunted (Aus), by Water Mill (GB). Gold Coast (Queensland), 1-5, Greg Kelly 'Roston Stud' H., 3yo/up, 1 1/8mT, A\$5,500 to winner. B-Dr D Byrne; T-Ricky Ludwig. \*1/2 to Alacqua (Aus) (Rancho Ruler {Aus}), GSW-Aus.

**Ottoman (Aus)**, g, 5, **Grand Lodge (USA)**--Cushti (Aus), by Gypsy Kingdom (Aus). Moonee Valley (Melbourne), 1-5, Carlton Draught H., 3yo/up, 1m 2f 45ydsT, A\$26,000 to winner. B-Woodlands Stud; T-John Hawkes. \*1/2 to Cushion (Aus) (Crown Jester {Aus}), GSW-Aus; Cushy (Aus) (Pine Circle {USA}), SW-Aus; Luther (Aus) (Canny Lad {Aus}), GSW-Aus.

★ MAIDEN WINNERS ★

**Reasoning (GB)**, f, 4, **Selkirk (USA)**--Attribute (GB), by Warning (GB). Wolverhampton, Britain, 1-7, betdirect.co.uk Maiden S. (Class D), 4yo/up, 1m 100ydsT, £3,259 to winner. B-Miss Kirsten Rausing. \*Ir£60,000 yrl '99 GOFORB.

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