



HEADLINE NEWS

LIDO PALACE BOUND FOR DONN

Multiple Grade I winner **Lido Palace (Chi)** (Rich Man's Gold) is likely to make his next appearance in the Feb. 9 GI Donn H. at Gulfstream Park, according to *Daily Racing Form*. The five-year-old, a finalist for Eclipse champion older horse, has not started since finishing eighth in the G1 Japan Cup Dirt in November. A multiple Group 1 winner in his native Chile, Lido Palace stormed to prominence in the United States last year with victories in the GI Whitney H. and GI Woodward S. He worked six furlongs at Hollywood Park on Monday morning in 1:13.60. Also expected to make his next start in the Donn is trainer Todd Pletcher's **Graeme Hall** (Dehere). The five-year-old has been off since running second in the Nov. 24 GI Cigar Mile. "He's had a couple of good works over this track [Gulfstream] and we'll get more serious about him in the next couple of weeks," Pletcher told *Thoroughbred Times*. "Our plans now are to run him in the Donn." Even as Bobby Frankel sends Lido Palace east for the Donn, the trainer will still have a representative in Santa Anita's GII San Antonio H. on Feb. 3. Frankel will saddle **Euchre** (Personal Flag) for the San Antonio. The six-year-old, coming off a narrow loss in the Jan. 5 GII San Pasqual, worked four furlongs at Hollywood yesterday in :47.80.

HILBERT DISPERSAL CANCELLED

A day after it was announced, the planned dispersal of Stephen and Tomisue Hilbert's Thoroughbred holdings has been cancelled. The dispersal of 25 Thoroughbreds was expected to be held during Fasig-Tipton's Winter Mixed Sale in Lexington, Kentucky on Feb. 11 and was to include the stallion **Stephen Got Even** (A.P. Indy) and the broodmare **Tomisue's Delight** (A.P. Indy). Lane's End, which was to act as agent for the dispersal, issued a release yesterday which blamed the cancellation on, "unforeseen timing complications."

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WEEKEND PEDIGREE PERSPECTIVES

by Alan Porter

Saturday, Golden Gate Fields

GOLDEN GATE DERBY-GIII, \$125,000, GGX, 1-12, 3yo, 1 1/16m, 1:43 4/5, gd.

1--@**DANTHEBLUEGRASSMAN**, 120, c, 3, by Pioneering

1st Dam: **Stay With Bruce**, by *Grey Dawn II

2nd Dam: **Summer Time Music**, by What a Pleasure

3rd Dam: **Natural Sound**, by Olden Times

(\$37,000 wlng '99 KEENOV; \$85,000 yrl '00 FTKJUL). O-Pegram Michael E; B-Ledgelands Farm, LLC (KY); T-Bob Baffert; J-J J Steiner; \$68,750.

Lifetime Record: 6-3-2-0, \$140,630.

More often than not, modestly performed siblings and half siblings to outstanding sires don't themselves make the grade as stallions. However, it looks as if Wheaton and Pioneering, half brothers to Storm Cat, are making the most of their opportunities. Wheaton, a son of the generally disappointing sire of sires Alydar, won just once in 11 starts, and that in a maiden event at Beulah. Retired to stud in Florida, Wheaton has cut a much more impressive figure as a sire, and he has already sired five stakes winners in his first three crops, including last year's multiple graded-stakes winning three-year-old, Radical Riley.

Pioneering, a son of Mr. Prospector, showed rather more on the racetrack. From six starts, all at two, he won a maiden at Keeneland and an allowance event at Hollywood Park, the latter against a field which included subsequent GISW King of the Heap. Standing alongside Storm Cat at Overbrook Farm, Pioneering has made a very promising start. His first two crops already include five stakes winners and nine stakes horses, headed by this weekend's GIII Golden Gate Derby winner Danthebluegrassman, the GII Sorrento S. heroine Give Praise, and the Bahamas S. victor American Century.

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Taylor Made Tops Keeneland January

Leading consignor by gross, Taylor Made sold Breeders' Cup Sprint-G1 winner **DESERT STORMER** for a sales topping \$3,600,000 and the highest priced yearling, **UNBRIDLED'S SONG-ROLLOVER BABY** for \$1,100,000.

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SILVANO VOTED HORSE OF THE YEAR Gestut Fahrhof's homebred five-year-old **Silvano (Ger)** (Lomitas {GB}) has earned the title of Germany's "Horse Of The Year" for 2001. The son of Lomitas, who is set to take up stud duties at his home base next month, polled just over 50 percent of total votes ahead of G2 Falmouth S. victress **Proudwings (Ger)** (Dashing Blade {GB}) and the G1 German Derby hero **Boreal (Ger)** (Java Gold {USA}). Silvano's finest hour came when taking the G1 Arlington Million after having already won the Singapore Airlines Cup and the G1 Audemars Queen Elizabeth II Cup in Hong Kong.

STARKE BANNED Leading German jockey Andrasch Starke has been banned from riding until July 1, 2002 by the stewards of the Hong Kong Jockey Club for testing positive to benzoylecgonine, which is a major metabolite of cocaine. Starke will be allowed to resume his career on July 1 subject to the provision of a urine sample which upon analysis is free of any prohibited substances or its metabolites. Starke had originally suspended from Dec. 18 after Dr T S M Wan, the Club's Senior Racing Chemist, reported that an analyzed sample provided by Starke at the Sha Tin meeting Dec. 16, had contained benzoylecgonine. A reserve sample was analyzed by Dr John H Vine of Racing Analytical Services Limited in Melbourne and that was also found to contained the banned substance. The Direktorium fur Vollblutzucht und Rennen (German Jockey Club) is expected to uphold the Hong Kong Jockey Club's decision as is common in international cases.

★ BRITAIN ★

BRITISH TRAINERS WIN OVER £10 MILLION ABROAD British-based trainers enjoyed their third highest total of overseas earnings last year, despite only winning 90 races abroad, the first time that figure has fallen below 100 since 1992. Saeed bin Suroor headed the list for the fourth year running, with his chief contributor being dual Emirates World Series champion **Fantastic Light (USA)** (Rahy {USA}), who amassed £1,226,343 in prizemoney. Bin Suroor's total of £3,805,010 does not include £728,363 which was won by Tobougg, Ekraar and China Visit at the Hong Kong International meeting at Sha Tin Dec. 16, because he had returned to his Dubai base beforehand.

★ AUSTRALASIA ★

WINNERS BY EUROPEAN STALLIONS:

- Something Funny (Aus)**, f, 4, **Baryshnikov (Aus)**--Northern Scent (Aus), by Geiger Counter (USA). Flemington (Melbourne), 1-13, Ruffles H., 4yo/up, f/m, 5fT, A\$16,250 to winner. B-A J Crabb & Sons Pty Ltd; T-Robert Smerdon.
- Deebee Belle (NZ)**, f, 4, **Bin Ajwaad (Ire)**--Deebee Lady (NZ), by Brilliant Invader (Aus). Avondale (New Zealand), 1-12, Governor General's Cup H., 3yo/up, 1 3/8mT, NZ\$8,750 to winner. B-Mr D A & Mrs N H Bell; T-Tony & Pam Gillies. *GSP-NZ.
- Defer (Aus)**, g, 4, **Brief Truce (USA)**--Special Class (NZ), by Conquistarose (USA). Wyong (New South Wales), 1-13, Year Of The Outback Maiden, 3yo/up, 6fT, A\$4,550 to winner. B-Mr T Wallace; T-Paul Perry.
- Lontano (Aus)**, g, 4, **Danehill (USA)**--Tarare (Aus) (MGSW & G1SP-Aus), by Salieri (USA). Flemington (Melbourne), 1-13, Taj Quillo H., 3yo/up, 5 1/2fT, A\$22,750 to winner. B-Wood Nook Farm Pty Ltd; T-David Hall. *1/2 to Academy Girl (Aus) (Scenic {Ire}), GSP-Aus.
- Alfayn (Aus)**, g, 4, **Flying Spur (Aus)**--Red Spice (Aus), by Red Anchor (NZ). Newcastle (New South Wales), 1-12, Express Communications H., 3yo/up, 1m 1f 55ydsT, A\$4,225 to winner. B-Mr & Mrs T S Dennis; T-Paul Perry. *1/2 to Nevet (Aus) (Zeditave {Aus}), SW-Aus; Hot Beat (Aus) (Snippets {Aus}), GSP-Aus.
- Storm Grass (Aus)**, g, 4, **Hurricane Sky (Aus)**--Grass Seed (Aus), by Yeats (USA). Wyong (New South Wales), 1-13, Oasis Caratel H., 3yo/up, 6fT, A\$5,200 to winner. B-Dr L G Gillam & Dr B D Gillam; T-Paul Perry.
- Tipito (Aus)**, f, 4, **Magic Ring (Ire)**--Ballet Rouge (Aus), by Red Anchor (NZ). Gold Coast (Queensland), 1-12, Marriott Surfers Paradise Resort H., 3yo/up, f/m, 6 1/2fT, A\$16,250 to winner. B-Clairden Thoroughbreds; T-Terry Commerford.
- Lilindeeana (Aus)**, f, 4, **Night Shift (USA)**--Miss Marscay (Aus), by Marscay (Aus). Canterbury (Sydney), 1-12, Members Reserved Seating H., 4yo/up, 1 3/16mT, A\$29,250 to winner. B-Mr N J R Werrett; T-John Hawkes.

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WRITERS UP

THE FATE OF THE INTERNATIONAL CLASSIFICATIONS TOPPERS: BLESSED OR CURSED? by Tom Frary

When the International Classifications are announced today, the big talking point will be the top-rated juvenile. This year, the top spot rests with either **Johannesburg (USA)** (Hennessy {USA}) or **Queen's Logic (Ire)** (Grand Lodge {USA}), but that will be no guarantee of success in their Classic year. Since 1979, only six of the top-rated two-year-olds have gone on to Classic glory. Storm Bird, who topped the Classifications in its second year in 1980 on 128 pounds, is perhaps the most notorious of those who failed to build on an exceptional juvenile campaign.

STORM BIRD (CAN) (Northern Dancer {Can}--South Ocean {Can}), by New Providence {Can}).

Rated 128 pounds, International Classifications of 1980

Owner: Robert Sangster; Breeder: Edward Plunkett Taylor; Trainer: Vincent O'Brien.

Storm Bird emerged at a time when the Robert Sangster-Vincent O'Brien axis ruled the roost and became an instant star. Bred by the legendary E. P. Taylor, the bay dominated the two-year-old division of 1980 with successes in the Anglesey S., National S. then Group 2) at The Curragh and Larkspur S. at Leopardstown before taking the Dewhurst S. at Newmarket. At that point the unbeaten colt was established the firm ante-post favourite to emulate his breeder's Nijinsky in winning the 2000 Guineas back at the track in the spring of 1981. Tony Morris recalls the feeling at the time, "I remember Robert [Sangster] thinking he was very good--I remember saying to Robert after the Dewhurst where does he stand and he said he thought he was better than Try My Best, Monteverdi and the best of the Dewhurst winners he'd had, and I think O'Brien thought so to."

What should have been a straightforward preparation for that Classic became a series of trials for Vincent O'Brien as Storm Bird's career took a bizarre turn in the New Year. Consumed with rage, an intruder used the champion colt as an outlet for his feelings towards O'Brien, hacking his mane and tail. Storm Bird enjoyed no greater luck as the Classic approached, missing his intended prep in the Gladness S. at The Curragh through lameness and lacking lustre in his workout at Naas racecourse shortly after. By the time To Agori Mou, whom he had conquered in the Dewhurst the previous year, was lining up ahead of his Guineas victory, Storm Bird was in his box recovering from a bout of coughing. Brought back for an inauspicious start in the Prix du Prince d'Orange at Longchamp, he trailed in seventh, a shadow of his former self.

Upon his retirement the colt was making headlines again, as the \$22.5 million three-quarters share that Coolmore offered helped the Irish breeding operation obtain Ashford Stud in Kentucky, the soon-to-be crucial American arm. Yet the story was far from over. Storm Bird sired the brilliant fillies Indian Skimmer and Balanchine, able to take on the colts and come out firmly on top. In 1983, just two years on from his disastrous Classic year, his mating with the speedy Secretariat mare Terlingua produced none other than Storm Cat. Progeny of that stallion, described as a "phenomenon" by Tony Morris, now regularly reach seven figures at auction, making him the most sought-after stallion that side of the Atlantic. Ironically, Storm Cat was also responsible for Giant's Causeway, the Iron Horse, the latest to shine from the Ballydoyle cosmos.

Retired from stud duties at the age of 21 in 1999, Storm Bird remains at Ashford Stud, the home he largely helped make for himself. Despite the controversy that tended to overshadow the second half of his racing career, Storm Bird was one of the finest two-year-olds to have graced Ballydoyle. Not only that, his presence is still felt through Storm Cat, his finest legacy.

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BLUE GRASS HIGHLIGHTS KEENELAND


SPRING MEET Anchored by the \$750,000 GI Toyota Blue Grass, Keeneland's 16-day spring meeting will feature 19 stakes worth \$3.65 million. A traditional Triple Crown prep, the Blue Grass is scheduled for Apr. 13, three weeks before the GI Kentucky Derby. Its filly counterpart is the \$500,000 GI Ashland S. to be run Apr. 6. At least one stakes race worth \$100,000 or more will be run on each day of the spring meeting. Twelve of the stakes are graded and nine will be run on the turf. The GI Coolmore Lexington S. for three-year-olds will be worth \$325,000 and will be run Apr. 20. "While the Keeneland spring meeting is an ideal path to the Kentucky Derby and the Triple Crown for three-year-olds, it also provides a variety of stakes opportunities for all divisions--on the dirt and the turf," said Director of Racing Rogers Beasley. The spring meeting runs from Apr. 5 through Apr. 26.

MARIA'S MON COLT TOPS OBS OPENER A yearling colt by Maria's Mon attracted a top bid of \$160,000 during Monday's consignor preferred session of the Ocala Breeders' Sales Company's Winter Mixed Sale in Ocala, Florida. The dark bay is out of the Farma Way mare Cowgirl and was consigned by Nancy Bauman, agent for Bob Seeger. Kenneth and Sarah Ramsey made the session-topping final bid. The highest-priced mare of the session was **Lost Appeal** (Valid Appeal). The four-year-old broodmare prospect, a half sister to graded stakes placed **Lost Expectations** (Valid Expectations), was consigned by L.W. Randolph Thoroughbreds as agent for Adena Springs South. She was purchased by bloodstock agent Buzz Chace for \$82,000. The consignor preferred portion of the Winter Mixed Sale was shortened from two sessions in 2001 to just one session this year. The one-session average declined 5.3 percent from last year's two day figures. The sale concluded with an open session yesterday, and complete results will appear in tomorrow's TDN.

☆ NEW YORK ☆

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New York Thoroughbred Breeders Inc will host speakers Dr. Jerry Bilinski D.V.M and foaling expert Jim Scott on Tuesday, Jan. 22, 2002, at Red's Restaurant in Coxsackie, NY. The event is open to breeders of all levels of experience and will cover topics ranging from normal foaling procedures to protocol during abnormal foaling situations. For more information call 518-587-0777.

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3yo/up, 2000m (0)

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☆ EAST ☆

Yesterday's Results:

9th-PHA, \$21,000, Alw, 4yo/up, 6f, 1:11 2/5, ft. JUST A MINER (h, 6, Mr. Prospector--Seattle Drama, by Seattle Slew), unplaced in two starts at Pimlico this fall, ran a respectable second following a layoff over this track and distance Dec. 28. Trying for his first win since June 2000, the 9-5 second choice settled in sixth early, passed rivals while racing wide a furlong from the wire and ran down Why Not Smile (Notebook) late for a two-length score. Lifetime Record: 11-3-3-0, \$74,310. O-Noreen Carpenito. B-Mr & Mrs John C Mabee (KY). T-Walter C Reese.

☆ FOREIGN ☆

AMERICAN-BRED WINNER IN BRITAIN:

Wethaab, g, 5, Pleasant Colony--Binntastic, by Lyphard's Wish (Fr). Southwell, 1-15, Littlewoods Bet Direct Daily Special Offers Selling S., 4-6yo, 1 1/2m (AWT), \$3,254 to winner. O-Mrs S E Cooper; B-Lance Robinson, Dr Jerry Bailey & Max Anderson; T-Mrs A M Naughton. *\$270,000 wnl '97 KEENOV; \$275,000 yrl '98 KEESEP; \$12,664 HRA '00 TATJUL.

AMERICAN-BRED WINNERS IN JAPAN:

Kokomo King, c, 3, Cherokee Run--Dearest Dee, by Stalwart. Tokyo, 1-13, Plate Race, 6f. Lifetime Record: 3-2-1-0, \$109,848. O-Makoto Kaneko; B-David G Campbell; T-Yoshitaka Ninomiya. *\$32,000 yrl '00 KEEJAN; \$450,000 2yo '01 FTFFEB. **Breaking from the outside in a 10-horse field, Kokomo King rallied strongly in the stretch to post a two-length victory.

Prime of Youth, f, 3, Deputy Minister--Miss Ra He Ra (GSW, \$302,833), by Rahy. Kyoto, 1-13, Novice Race, 9f. Lifetime Record: 4-1-0-1, \$60,379. O-Kenji Onoda; B-River Bend Farm & Robert N Clay; T-Toshiaki Shirai. *\$130,000 yrl '00 KEESEP; \$160,000 2yo '01 FTFFEB.

Asakusa Kininaru, c, 3, Kingmambo--Jump With Joy (SW, \$110,004), by Linkage. Tokyo, 1-14, Novice Race, 8f. Lifetime Record: 3-1-1-1, \$68,182. O-Genichiro Tahara; B-Mr & Mrs T M Foreman; T-Yasuhisa Matsuyama. *\$360,000 yrl '00 KEESEP. **1/2 to Washington Color (Black Tie Affair {Ire}), MGSW-Jpn, \$2,893,433; and Little Hans (Hansel), GSP, \$103,600. ***Breaking from the rail, the bay colt made all the running to break his maiden in his third career start.

+ **Elliott City, c, 3, Phone Trick--Carolina Saga,** by Caro (Ire). Kyoto, 1-13, Maiden Race, 6f. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$45,455. O-Yushun Horse Club; B-Brylynn Farm; T-Kotaro Tanaka. *1/2 to Sir Beaufort (Pleasant Colony), GISW, \$1,149,130. **After stalking the pace early, the grey colt took command entering the stretch and went on to defeat his 16 rivals by seven lengths in his racecourse debut. "He got a clear break today," said winning jockey Hiroshi Kawachi. "It was quite an easy race. I am very hopeful now."

Algernon, c, 3, Rahy--C'est Moi Meme (SP), by Miswaki. Tokyo, 1-12, Novice Race, 8f., Lifetime Record: 4-1-0-0, \$38,636. O-Noboru Shudo; B-Mr & Mrs Paul J Becker Jr, Gainsborough Farm Inc & Robert N Clay; T-Futoshi Kojima. *\$32,000 wnl '99 KEENOV; \$185,000 yrl '00 KEESEP. **1/2 to Sugino Gaisenmon (General Assembly), GSP-Jpn, \$1,235,743. ***With blinkers on for the first time, the chestnut colt went to the front after the start and never looked back en route to a 1 1/4-length victory. "He had much spirit today," commented his jockey, Yutaka Yoshida. "Taking the lead all the way to the wire suits this colt."

Cafe Rainbow, c, 3, Saint Ballado--Interpretive Mood, by Nureyev. Tokyo, 1-13, Novice Race, 7f. Lifetime Record: 3-1-1-0, \$63,636. O-Kiyoshi Nishikawa; B-G Watts Humphrey; T-Yasuhisa Matsuyama. *\$190,000 wnl '99 KEENOV; \$450,000 yrl '00 KEESEP. **Making his first start on dirt, the chestnut colt quickened from off the pace to break his maiden by three lengths as the favorite.

“Of all the good ones we've had”, says Tommy, **Storm Bird** was the most impressive in the morning. As a two-year-old he was dynamite. But this fellow, I think he shows even more brilliance than that.” **TOMMY MURPHY, BALLYDOYLE ASSISTANT FOR OVER 25 YEARS, RACING POST, 4/30/98**

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Kite Hill Wind, c, 3, **Saint Ballado**--Sloane Street, by Toppersider. Tokyo, 1-12, Kurochiku Sho, 6f. Lifetime Record: 6-2-2-0, \$203,636. O-Makoto Kaneko; B-Cypress Farms 1991; T-Sakae Kunieda. * \$125,000 2yo '01 FTFFEB. **Kite Hill Wind debuted victoriously in August, but was winless in four subsequent starts. The chestnut colt battled Grass Volante (Maria's Mon) throughout and prevailed by a neck.

Win Gracias, c, 4, **Deputy Minister**--Lucky Souvenir, by Capote. Tokyo, 1-14, Plate Race, 8f. Lifetime Record: 4-2-0-1, \$136,364. O-Win Inc; B-G Watts Jr & Lousie I Humphrey; T-Kazuo Fujisawa. * \$250,000 yrl '99 KEESEP. **Won by eight lengths.

Eishin Aiken, h, 6, **Boundary**--Math, by Devil's Bag. Tokyo, 1-14, New Year Stakes, 8fT. Lifetime Record: 26-6-4-1, \$983,333. O-Toyomitsu Hirai; B-Ramona Holt Thomson; T-Akira Nomoto. * \$47,000 yrl '97 KEENOV; \$380,000 2yo '98 KEEAPR. **1/2 to It All Adds Up (Our Emblem), GSP, \$114,061. ***Having ended 2001 with a victory in the Golden Whip Trophy, Eishin Aiken kept the streak alive with a 3/4-length victory. "You will not have to wait long to see him in higher company," said winning rider Akiyoshi Nomoto. "It was a very satisfactory race."

Eishin Windom, h, 6, **Peteski**--Winelight, by Green Dancer. Tokyo, 1-14, Plate Race, 10.5f. Lifetime Record: GSP-Jpn, 25-3-1-5, \$291,818. O-Toyomitsu Hirai; B-Mr & Mrs Robert L Billings, Sr; T-Nobuhiro Suzuki. * \$29,000 wnl '96 KEENOV; \$57,000 yrl '97 KEESEP. **1/2 to Jelly Roll Jive (Prosper Fager), SW & GSP, \$266,664.

AMERICAN-SIRED WINNERS IN JAPAN:

Nishino Freya (Jpn), m, 5, **Seeking the Gold**--Our Royal Blue (MSW & MGSP, \$179,963), by Our Native. Tokyo, 1-12, Plate Race, 6f. Lifetime Record: 14-3-0-2, \$226,136. O-Nishiyama Farm; B-Nishiyama Farm; T-Hironori Kurita.

Fornalina (Jpn), m, 6, **Capote**--Prayer Wheel (SP), by Conquistador Cielo, Kyoto, 1-12, Plate Race, 9f. Lifetime Record: GSP-Jpn, 33-3-6-6, \$512,424. O-Hiroyoshi Usuda; B-Shadai Farm; T-Sakae Watanabe. * 1/2 to Strategic Maneuver (Cryptoclearance), MGISW, \$414,340; Ashford Castle (Deputy Minister), SW & MGSP, \$352,874; Missionary (Deputy Minister), MSW & GSP, \$349,354.

Lord West (Jpn), h, 6, **Gone West**--Pink Turtle (SW & G1SP-Fr, SP-US, \$183,390), by Blushing Groom (Fr). Tokyo, 1-13, Plate Race, 8f. Lifetime Record: 19-3-4-2, \$368,939. O-Lord Horse Club; B-Chiyoda Farm; T-Kiyotaka Tanaka. * 1/2 to Lady Pastel (Jpn) (Tony Bin {Ire}), G1SW-Jpn, \$1,870,043.

BREEDERS' EDITION

ALLOWANCE WINNERS:
8th-MNR, \$25,000, 1-14, 3yo, f, 6f, 1:12 1/5, gd. **QUEENOFMOUNTAIN (f, 3, Dixieland Band--Queen's Statue {MSP}, by King's Bishop)** Lifetime Record: 4-2-1-1, \$32,736. O-D D Orbovich. B-R Spoor (FL). T-J Poole. * Full to Dixie Hero, MSW & GSP, \$252,027.

9th-MNR, \$25,000, 1-14, 3yo/up, 6f, 1:12 2/5, gd. **HOLY HUTCH (h, 5, Old Stories--Classy Session, by Sharper One)** Lifetime Record: 21-7-4-1, \$68,865. O-John W Baird & Velma Harbison. B-Eastwind Farm (WA). T-John W Baird.

MAIDEN WINNERS:
Future Angel, f, 4, **Concorde's Future**--Unmistaken Angel (MSW, \$106,883), by Unmistaken. SUF, 1-15, 6f, 1:16. B-John Pomponio (Ma).
Papier Mache, f, 4, **Marquetry**--Moray, by Pleasant Colony. MNR, 1-14, 1m, 1:42 2/5. B-G Watts Humphrey Jr (Ky).
Skip's Singer, f, 4, **Skip Trial**--Fiesta Singer, by The Minstrel. TAM, 1-15, 5f, 1:00 1/5. B-A Appleton (Fl).

SOPHOMORE SPOTLIGHT

Second-crop progeny to watch: Wednesday, Jan. 16

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
 10-GP, Alw, 1mT, Whata Smoothie, \$15K KEE NOV wnl, 6-1

BENNY THE DIP (Silver Hawk), Cheveley Park, \$25K, 79/3/0
 2-TP, Msw, 1m, Benny the Hawk, \$97K KEE SEP yrl

EDITOR'S NOTE (Forty Niner), Overbrook, \$10K, 132/14/0
 6-GP, Alw, 1mT, Bridge Edition, \$65K OBS AUG yrl, 6-1

HALO'S IMAGE (Halo), Bridlewood, \$4K, 100/12/0
 6-GP, Alw, 1mT, Raised Eyebrows, \$33K OBS APR 2yo, 12-1

LOST SOLDIER (Danzig), Franks, \$4K, 107/11/1
 10-GP, Alw, 1mT, Cagney Move, \$19K OBS AUG yrl, 15-1

LOUIS QUATORZE (Sovereign Dancer), Ashford, \$20K, 218/12/1
 8-TP, Alw, 1m, Louie Loual, \$12K KEE APR 2yo

MARLIN (Sword Dance {IRE}), Airdrie, \$10K, 200/6/0
 2-TP, Msw, 1m, Northern Catch

PULPIT (A.P. Indy), Claiborne, \$35K, 107/10/1
 2-SA, Alw, 7f, Historic Speech, \$700K FTS AUG yrl

SIPHON (BRZ) (Itajara), Airdrie, \$15K, 170/7/1
 5-HOU, Msw, 1m, +Why Say Goodbye, \$97K KEE SEP yrl, 5-2

VICTORY SPEECH (Deputy Minister), Ashford, \$15K, 191/8/0
 2-SA, Alw, 7f, Rhetoric Express, \$34K BAR MAY 2yo



FROM THE DESK OF...
Bill Oppenheim



LEADING SIRE LIST

Third-crop sire Thunder Gulch toppled Storm Cat as leading sire on the 2001 North American General Sire List (*Blood-Horse*, 1-12). It looked distinctly unlike a fluke, which means his 2002 stud fee of \$80,000 looks a real bargain. Big win (for Coolmore), take him seriously. Robert Clay's Three Chimneys Farm stands three of the top five--Rahy (second), who had a career year, headed by Godolphin's Fantastic Light; Dynaformer (fourth), who had another very good year, with 14 SW; and Fly So Free (fifth), who did fluke it with Captain Steve winning the Dubai World Cup. Captain Steve was responsible for almost 75 percent of his sire's earnings last year. Nevertheless...

Dynaformer was tied with Storm Cat and Kingmambo for second in number of 2001 SW sired, behind the great Nureyev, the epitome of class, in the year he died. Nureyev was represented by 16 SW last year to lead that category, and tied with Danzig with 10 GSW each, and with Seattle Slew, with four Grade I winners each. The only four active sires with 100+ SW are: Mr. Prospector (177), Danzig (165), Nureyev (131), and Seattle Slew (100).

Storm Cat has 92, and will join that very exclusive club this year. A.P. Indy, at 13 one of the youngest top sires, finishing third in 2001 (less than \$13,000 behind Rahy in second). He also finished fourth on the Juvenile Sire List, with a very promising 13 two-year-old winners last year, including pro tem two-year-old filly champion Tempera. Here's a striking realization: I voted for a Coolmore two-year-old (Johannesburg) and a Godolphin two-year-old (Tempera) as North American two-year-old champions. Both Breeders' Cup Juvenile winners belonged to the world's biggest, most international Thoroughbred operations. Godolphin got another vote from me for Fantastic Light as champion grass horse.

The three leading two-year-olds of 1995 were GI Champagne winner and champion Maria's Mon, and Breeders' Cup Juvenile 1-2 Unbridled's Song and Hennessy. All three had big years, and finished in the top 40 on the General Sire List: Maria's Mon (34th GSL) had Kentucky Derby winner Monarchos in his first crop, and both Unbridled's Song (36th) and Hennessy (40th) had Breeders' Cup winners (Unbridled Elaine and Johannesburg, who propelled Hennessy to Leading Juvenile Sire). Color them all going the right way. Forest Wildcat (70th GSL), like Hennessy a son of Storm Cat, also had earners of over \$3 million last year, and topped all North American second-crop sires with eight 2001 SW. Can we now call Storm Cat an 'emerging sire of sires'? Probably yes, and he has a slew of top-class sons coming on.

Good News Week...

The auguries were good for Keeneland's January sale, as discussed in my column of Jan. 2. Monday grossed almost \$18 million, with a relatively very low 17 percent not sold, and, with no Book 3, there was no danger of a Book 3 fall-off. With the number catalogued down a third, the fact that 936 sold (down 22 percent from last year) for \$34.6 million (down 13 percent from last year) was a big Result, and was reflected by a 13-percent gain in average from 2001, to \$37,060. I thought beforehand \$35 million would be a very good sale, in the context of the catalogue, and given the composition and results of the January sale the last five years. Tattersalls' December sale and Keeneland January composed a strong finish to the 2001-02 sales season, and it's heartening news to breeders, too, that the first sale of the calendar year was a strong one.

The Other A.P....

Frankie Dettori's 'Magnificent Seven' on Queen Elizabeth II S. day at Ascot in 1996 ranks as one of the great riding performances of our time, and propelled the personable Italian to stardom. Now a British jump jockey, 27-year-old Northern Ireland native A.P. (Tony McCoy, is poised to make some serious history himself. *Cont. p. 3*

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(Oppenheim cont. from p. 2)

Already Britain's champion jump rider six times, last Friday McCoy rode his 200th winner of the current season, which ends April 27. The all-time record for winners in a season in Britain is 269, set by Sir Gordon Richards on the flat in 1947. The Tote quotes McCoy at 4-1 ON (meaning 1-4) to break that record; if he stays healthy and avoids suspension, he's a lock. If he does break that record, it will leave him just a hundred or so winners short of Richard Dunwoody's all-time record of 1,699 wins for a jump jockey. He could well break both records this year. Two days before he rode his 200th (38 days earlier than he'd ever hit 200 before), he'd had three falls at Newbury. He was back riding the next day.

Of course, it's not warm or dry enough for turf flat racing in the winter in Britain anyway - no following the sun to Gulfstream around here (although you can go to Dubai, and maybe even Spain in a few years' time, for warm weather and decent flat racing). One place where it's warm enough to race in December is Houston, and last week it was announced that the NTRA is sponsoring something called the 'Great State Challenge,' to be run this Dec. 7, at Sam Houston Park in Houston. There will be six races and \$1.5 million in prize money. Regional rivalries always work well in sports, and this idea seems to me to be a good brainwave. I must say, I'd have excluded Kentucky, though, regardless of the diplomatic difficulties that might present.

British flat racing is the most competitive horse racing on the planet, but because the purse money is woefully underfunded, most British owners have to sell their horses in order to stay in the game. You've very little shot to stay above water from the prize money. The result is that Britain is the world's leading exporter of racehorses. This sorry situation persists because there is no automatic correlation between money bet and purses: private bookmaking firms have had the upper hand politically for 40 years. Sales veteran Peter Savill is now chairman of the British Horseracing Board, and he is fighting a protracted battle with the bookmakers to correct the system. Within the last couple of weeks, Savill announced he will accept a two-year extension to his term. I know the bookmakers extend generous credit facilities and they're a colorful part of British racing, but I'm amazed that every other racing professional in the country is not 150 percent behind Savill. Purse money in Britain would double within five years, and the prices of horses--racehorses, yearlings, mares, the lot--would also double, internationally. Now, more

than ever, industry professionals should back the Savill plan, and ensure that prize money is tied to the handle. If you work in the industry, and you gamble, which I do, we should be prepared to boycott the bookies if we have to, and bet only into Tote pools.

(Pedigree Perspectives cont. from p. 1)

Danthebluegrassman was making his graded stakes debut in the Golden Gate Derby, but he had previously earned black type with a win in the Gold Rush Futurity on his previous start. Danthebluegrassman is out of a mare by Grey Dawn II, and Pioneering's half-brother Storm Cat sired Delineator (himself responsible for 2001 juvenile GISW Tali'sluckybusride). Danthebluegrassman's second dam Summer Time Music was only a minor winner, but she was half-sister to Hoist Emy's Flag, a stakes winning and graded-stakes placed Hoist the Flag mare who subsequently produced the GI Pimlico Special victor Star Standard. Summer Time Music and Star Standard share a rather interesting pedigree characteristic. Summer Time Music's dam Natural Sound--herself a stakes winner--is out of stakes winner Moaning Low, a daughter of the stallion Loser Weeper. A sire rarely seen in pedigrees, Loser Weeper was a high-class performer whose victories included the Metropolitan and Suburban Handicaps. More interesting from a pedigree standpoint is that he was a brother to Miss Disco, the dam of Bold Ruler. Summer Time Music is by a son of Bold Ruler, and has Miss Disco/Loser Weeper 3x3, and Star Standard, by a grandson of Bold Ruler, had Miss Disco/Loser Weeper 4x4. Star Standard's sire Risen Star was by Secretariat, also the broodmare sire of Pioneering, and this gives Danthebluegrassman Miss Disco/Loser Weeper 5x5x5.

In addition to Star Standard and Danthebluegrassman, breeding stallions carrying Bold Ruler back onto descendants of Moaning Low has produced GISW Istidaad (like Danthebluegrassman, by a stallion out of a Secretariat mare), and stakes winners Corona Lake (by Pioneering's half-brother Storm Cat), Mythical Hunter (by Gone West, a horse bred on the same Mr. Prospector/Secretariat cross as Pioneering).

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