



## HEADLINE NEWS

### DREAM SUPREME RETIRED

Multiple Grade I winner **Dream Supreme** (Seeking the Gold--Spinning Round, by Dixieland Band) has been retired and will be bred to A.P. Indy, according to *The Blood-Horse*. The five-year-old mare won nine of 16 races, including the 2000 GI Test S. and GI Ballerina H. and the 2001 GII Distaff Breeders' Cup H. and GII Humana Distaff H. In the final start of her career, Dream Supreme missed by a head in the Oct. 26 GII First Flight H. She retires with earnings of \$1,007,679.

## ★ RESULTS ★

### Sunday, Tokyo, Japan

**AMERICAN JOCKEY CLUB CUP S.-G2-JRA**, ¥123,240,000, Tokyo, 1-20, 4yo/up, 2200mT, 2:13.7, fm.

1--**#@FUSAICHI RUN HEART (JPN)**, 125, h, 5, by **Sunday Silence**

1st Dam: **Enchante (Jpn)**, by **Real Shadai**

2nd Dam: **Beau Danzig**, by **Danzig**

3rd Dam: **La Belle M'selle**, by **\*Semillant**

O-Fusaro Sekiguchi; B-Northern Farm; T-Michifumi Kono; ¥64,868,000. Lifetime Record: 11-5-0-2, ¥116,778,000.

2--**Spark Hawk**, 125, h, 5, Silver Hawk--All My Memories, by Little Current. O-Joy Racehorse K; B-Pam Gartin & John Phillips; ¥26,248,000.

3--**Born King (Jpn)**, 123, c, 4, Sunday Silence--Ballet Queen (Ire), by Sadler's Wells. O-Makoto Kaneko; B-Northern Farm; ¥16,124,000.

Margins: NK, NK, 3/4. Odds: 19.60, 6.10, 6.60.

Fusaichi Top Heart returned from an 11-month absence to finish fourth in a middle plate race at Kyoto Nov. 11, but got back into the win column with a 1 1/4-length victory at Nakayama Dec. 16. Off very slowly, the dark bay trailed for the opening mile, advanced on the far turn and stormed down the middle of the track to catch Spark Hawk, a full brother to Memories of Silver, in the final strides for a narrow win.

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### CRAFTY SHAW-G3

**CONGRATULATIONS** to owner **Lucky Seven Stable**, trainer **Peter Vestal** and breeder **Lance Robinson**. This Taylor Made Sales graduate won his second consecutive stakes in the Diplomat Way H. on 1/20.

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### Sunday, Kyoto, Japan

**HEIAN S.-G3-JRA**, ¥81,360,000, Kyoto, 1-20, 4yo/up, 1800m, 1:50.9, ft.

1--**SMART BOY (JPN)**, 125, h, 7, by **Assatis**

1st Dam: **Unravel (Jpn)**, by **No Lute (Fr)**

2nd Dam: **Alert (Jpn)**, by **Northern Dictator**

3rd Dam: **Queen Grand (Jpn)**, by **Only For Life (GB)**

O-Gland B.; B-Grand Stud; T-Keizo Ito; J-Naoto Ito; ¥42,602,000. Lifetime Record: 47-9-5-3, ¥301,674,000.

2--**Meiner Brian (Jpn)**, 125, h, 5, Brian's Time--Mine Leben (Jpn), by Tosho Boy (Jpn). O-K Thoroughbred Club Ruffian; B-Big Red Farm; ¥17,172,000.

3--**Mambo Twist**, 125, h, 7, Kingmambo--Lotka, by Danzig. (\$525,000 yrl '96 KEEJUL). O-G Tahara; B-Calumet Farm; ¥11,086,000.

Margins: 1 3/4, 2, 2HF. Odds: 25.50, 5.80, 4.70.

Winner of the G3 Antares S. in 2000 and 2001, Smart Boy recorded his first graded-stakes win since then with a front-running display in the Heian S. Most recently a well-beaten fourth in the G2-NAR Urawa Kinen Dec. 5, the bay was sent off at double-digit odds to break through in this spot. Sent immediately to the front by jockey Naoto Ito, he covered the opening 1200 meters in a leisurely 1:13 4/5 and had plenty left to easily hold a late run from Meiner Brian. Defending champion Mambo Twist finished third.

### Monday, Trentham (Wellington), New Zealand

**TELEGRAPH H.-G1**, NZ\$100,000, Trentham (Wellington), 1/21, 6fT, 3yo/up, 1:08.06, fm.

1--**VINAKA (NZ)**, 116, g, 3, by **Volksraad (GB)**

1st Dam: **Shepherd's Delight (NZ)**, by **Famous Star (GB)**

2nd Dam: **Aro Ar (NZ)**, by **Khozaam**

3rd Dam: **Janzone (NZ)**, by **Sovereign Edition (Ire)**

O/B-Mrs A & Mr J A Gibbs; T-Jim Gibbs & Eric Betty; J-Lance O'Sullivan; NZ\$62,500.

2--**Life Of Riley (NZ)**, 119, g, 6, Kreisler (Ire)--Go Norn (NZ), by Clay Hero (Aus). O-Mesdames H Anderson, T E & T E Armstrong & G A Rogerson; B-Go Kreisler Syndicate; NZ\$20,000.

3--**Spring Rain (NZ)**, 115, f, 4, Centaine (Aus)--Pearl Dragon (NZ), by Grosvenor (NZ). O-Messrs A P Saker & K W Skews; B-Mapperley Stud Partnership Syndicate; NZ\$10,000.

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



### ★ BRITAIN ★

#### PLANS FOR GREAT LEIGHS COURSE ADVANCE

Plans to develop a new racecourse at Great Leighs are well underway, it was revealed yesterday. John Holmes, who owns Essex County Show round at Great Leighs near Chelmsford, has begun talks with the British Horseracing Board (BHB) in efforts to licence the first new racetrack in Britain since Taunton in 1927. Redevelopment of the site, set to cost £20 million, into Britain's first integrated equestrian and racing facility as part of a new complex was unanimously approved at a planning meeting of Chelmsford Borough Council. Plans outline a mile oval turf track and all-weather surface with 200 new stables--120 for training and 80 for raceday use. Work is set to begin in the spring on the track and grandstand, office and exhibition building. Holmes told *PA Sport* yesterday: "I am obviously thrilled with the reception our scheme got from the planning committee. This is a great moment for me personally and I hope a new chapter for the community of Essex, and for the horse industry. Our scheme is ambitious, but I take very seriously the planning committee's faith in our commitment to see it through." A statement from the BHB read: "We are encouraged at the confidence shown in the future of British racing by the level of investment planned for Great Leighs, particularly as the proposal is self-funding and would require no support from our existing resources. As general background, any approval for any new racecourse project would depend on a significant number of factors, including the provision of a satisfactory long-term business plan, sufficient external funding, conformity to Jockey Club rules, and very importantly, whether racing as a whole is able to sustain additional fixtures. We are also in contact with a number of other prospective promoters of new racecourse projects, while there is significant demand for more fixtures from existing racecourses. Great Leighs' own proposals will therefore be considered in this context."

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#### Yesterday's Results:

**2.30 Southwell, Bet Direct Tax Free Betting Maiden S. (Class D), £4,740, 4yo/up, 1 1/2m(AWT), 2:44.70, std. TENDER TRAP (IRE) (c, 4, Sadler's Wells {USA}--Shamiyda {USA}, by Sir Ivor {USA}), a lr190,000gns GOFORB yearling purchase, raced keenly in mid-division early as Dancing Mary (GB) (Sri Pekan {USA}) cut out the running. Making smooth progress on the bridle to challenge approaching the furlong marker, the half to Shaiybara (Ire) (Kahyasi {Ire}), SW-Ire, GSW-Fr, hit the front soon after where he was ridden clear. Eased near the line, the 1-2 favourite was the comfortable length winner over Perfectly Honest (GB) (Charnwood Forest {Ire}), with seven lengths back to the third. Lifetime Record: 8-1-3-1, £7,777. O/T-Terry Mills; B-Orpendale; J-Jimmy Fortune.**

### ★ IRELAND ★

#### SCARVAGH BOOSTED BY NEW ARRIVALS

**Tragic Role (USA) (Nureyev {USA}) and Runyon (Ire) (Sadler's Wells {USA})** have arrived at Scarvagh House Stud, Irish Thoroughbred Marketing revealed yesterday. Tragic Role has sired 45 winners of 91 races, while Runyon boasts a strike-rate of 50 percent winners to runners Australia. The pair will bring the total of stallions at the Co. Down stud to eight, and in the words of stud director Alfred Buller, "[They] will fill the gap between the stud's three superstars, Exit To Nowhere, Lahib and Deploy and the younger stars Pasternak, Beauchamp King and Clerkenwell."

### ★ GERMANY ★

#### NO GO FOR CHIN

Stanley Chin was yesterday denied a jockey's licence for 2002 by the German Jockey Club Committee. Chin, who was due to ride as stable jockey for leading trainer Andreas Schutz this season, was refused the opportunity due to past involvement in betting fraud, which led to three-and-a-half year's imprisonment. Officials based their decision on further detailed information issued by the Licensing Committee and the Security Division of the Hong Kong Jockey Club. Chin may appeal against this decision before the high appeal committee.



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★ AUSTRALASIA ★

**INGLIS CLASSIC CONCLUDES**

The two-day Inglis Classic Yearling Sale concluded on a solid note yesterday with 28 from 336 sold fetching A\$50,000 or more while five lots sold for A\$100,000 or more (compared with 13 last year). Gold Fever (USA) accounted for the highest priced lot, a A\$180,000 colt sold Monday, and trainers Lee Freedman, Russell Cameron and Paul Moroney were featured among the high-profile buyers at this year's sale. Danehill's (USA) latest "hot" son Shovhog's (Aus) popularity continued as his offspring averaged A\$26,200 off a A\$6,000 fee. The seven-year-old stallion's top lot was a colt from Very Fine (Aus) (Maizcay {Aus}), knocked down to Huntworth Stud, NSW, for A\$50,000. Gai Waterhouse was among trainers active at the sale, giving A\$120,000 for Lot 415, a colt by End Sweep (USA) from Marcia (Aus) (Marscay {Aus}), offered by Woodlands Stud on behalf of owner Christian Marin. Marin, who purchased the 10-year-old mare for \$35,000 in 1998 and resold her in 2001 for \$75,000, immediately approached Waterhouse to purchase a share in the colt. "He is a lovely, balanced individual by a stallion who looks like he will get some runners," said Waterhouse spokesman Steve Brem. "It is hard to buy nice horses at this sale because everyone is on them. But there is plenty of variety and it is a good third-level sale." Inglis & Son Managing Director Reg Inglis said: "If we'd had a few more top level horses here to bring \$100,000 or over, we would have smashed the average of last year--it was a strong sale in the \$50,000 to \$80,000 range. It was a very strong market at the top end with some buyers seeking horses for the Breeze Up sale and missing out." Lot 386, a Snippets (Aus) colt from the good producer Laffy (USA) (Highland Blade {USA}) was the final offering from John Rippon's Reavill Farm. He was knocked down to Victorian bloodstock agent Mark Pilkington for \$105,000. "We bought his full brother last year and his half-sister Latte, the year before that," said Pilkington. "Maybe we should just by the mare!"

★ BETTING PARLOUR ★

**HAWK WING NEW FAVOURITE FOR DERBY**

**Hawk Wing (USA)** (Woodman {USA}) has been cut from 16-1 down to 12-1 by Coral Eurobet as the new favourite for the G1 Epsom Derby June 8. Aidan O'Brien's colt, winner of the G2 Futurity S. and G1 National S. at The Curragh this past summer, was the joint second-highest rated colt on 119 pounds in the 2001 International Classifications. He was nominated by Garry O'Gorman, handicapper for the Irish Turf Club, who said last week that Hawk Wing "has me very excited," adding that he "wouldn't be surprised if he was the top three-year-old," from Ballydoyle.

★ MAIDEN WINNERS ★

**Tender Trap (Ire), c, 4, Sadler's Wells (USA)**--Shamiyda (USA), by Sir Ivor (USA). Southwell, Britain, 1-22, Bet Direct Tax Free Betting Maiden S. (Class D), 4yo/up, 1 1/2m(AWT), £3,318 to winner. B-Orpendale. \*1/2 to Shaiybara (Ire) (Kahyasi {Ire}), SW-Ire, GSW-Fr. \*\*lr190,000gns yrl '99 GOFORB.



**INGLIS CLASSIC YEARLING SALE**  
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<u>SESSION TOTALS</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2001</u>
No. Sold	182	156
Gross (A\$)	\$5,406,000	\$4,990,000
Average (A\$)	\$29,703	\$31,987
<u>CUMULATIVE</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2001</u>
No. Sold	342	326
Gross (A\$)	\$9,849,000	\$10,467,000
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## ☆ NEW YORK ☆

### Nielsen Elected NYTB President:

Gerald Nielsen was elected president of New York Thoroughbred Breeders, Inc. at the organizational meeting of the board of directors this week. Nielson owns Sunnyfield Farm in Bedford. Barry Ostrager was elected vice president and Barbara Brewer was re-elected secretary/treasurer. Ostrager is a principal in Questroyal Stud, LLC. Brewer is owner of Onteora Farm.

## ☆ EAST ☆

### Yesterday's Results:

4th-TAM, \$12,600, Msw, 3yo, f, 1mT, 1:38 3/5, gd. + CHULA (f, 3, Broad Brush--Chardae, by Forty Niner) got off to a slow start in her career debut, but angled out in the stretch and closed with a rush to graduate by two lengths at 5-1. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$8,360. O-Peter Vegso. B-Peter & Anne Vegso (FL). T-Duane Knipe.

## ☆ INDUSTRY INFO ☆

### TVG to Televisе Fasig-Tipton Calder Under Tack Show:

TVG will televise the under tack preview of the Feb. 26 Fasig-Tipton Selected Two-Year-Olds in Training Sale at Calder. The show will air on Feb. 20 from 10:30 until 12:30 p.m. ET. Sires represented in this year's sale include A.P. Indy, Boston Harbor, Capote, Cherokee Run, Deputy Minister, Favorite Trick, Holy Bull, Maria's Mon, Seattle Slew, Skip Away, Thunder Gulch and Unbridled.

**STAKES CLOSINGS**

**TODAY, WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 23:**

02-02 \$150,000a Fair Grounds Breeders' Cup,  FG, 4yo/up, 9fT (50)

02-02 \$150,000 Hutcheson-II, GP, 3yo, 7f (150)

**TOMORROW, THURSDAY, JANUARY 24:**

02-02 \$400,000 Strub-II, SA, 4yo, 9f (400)

02-02 \$150,000 San Vicente-II, SA, 3yo, 7f (150)

02-03 \$250,000 San Antonio H.-II, SA, 4yo/up, 9f (250)

### Dean Named New Chaplaincy President:

The Race Track Chaplaincy of America elected long-time Maryland owner and breeder Don Dean its new president. The election took place Monday at the organization's annual convention in Phoenix, Arizona. "The welfare of racetrack workers is a longtime passion of mine and this is a wonderful opportunity to bring together organizations which have the capacity to find solutions," Dean said. "Racing is a people business and we need to touch people's lives." Dean, who has bred and raced Thoroughbreds for 19 years, sits on the board of the Horsemen's Benevolent and Protective Association at Charles Town, West Virginia and is president of the track's chaplaincy council. Sam Ed Spence, the Lone Star Park chaplain, was elected vice president.

### Roberson Joins TOBA:

Carmen Roberson has been named Membership Manager of the Thoroughbred Owners and Breeders Association. Roberson will be in charge of membership and advertising sales and will assist with the association's marketing and communications. She previously served as an account executive at *Thoroughbred Times*.

## SOPHOMORE SPOTLIGHT

### Progeny to watch: Wednesday, Jan. 23

Sire (Sire's Sire), Fam, 1998 Fee, #2yos/Winners/SW  
Race #-track, race type, distance, runner, odds (if available)  
**LANGFUHR** (Danzig), Vinery, \$20K, 275/14/0  
3-PEN, Msw, 6f, Landowska, \$40K KEE SEP yrl

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**STAKES RESULTS:**

**SUPER S.**, \$50,000, TAM, 1-22, 4yo/up, 7f, 1:22 3/5, ft.

1--**SECRET ROMEO**, 122, c, 4, **Service Stripe--Berry Point**, by Romeo. O-A A C Stables; B-James & Laura Jackson (MI); T-Gerald S Bennett; J-T D Houghton; \$21,000. Lifetime Record: 22-13-4-1, \$365,572.

2--**Tour of the Cat**, 122, c, 4, **Tour d'Or--Tune in to the Cat**, by Tunerup. (\$18,000 2yo '00 OBSAPR). \$14,500.

3--**Mountain Top**, 116, h, 7, **Trapp Mountain--Turning Top**, by Turn to Mars. (\$87,000 2yo '97 OBSAPR). \$8,500.

Margins: HD, 1HF, 1 3/4. Odds: 19.10, 3.40, 2.90.

**ALLOWANCE RESULTS:**

**9th-PHA**, \$26,100, 4yo/up, 6f, 1:09 4/5, ft.  
**MICHAEL'S PRIDE** (h, 5, **Not for Love--Tiger Rep**, by **The Reprobate**) Lifetime Record: 22-7-2-3, \$166,220. O/B-Patricia J Izdebski (MD). T-George F Gross. \*1/2 to Laura Who (Deputed Testamony), MSP, \$248,406; and Michael's Rep (Parfaitement), MSW, \$101,861.

**8th-PHA**, \$20,880, 4yo/up, f/m, 6 1/2f, 1:19 2/5, ft.  
**AMERICAN FIRE** (f, 4, **American Chance--Concorde's Fire**, by **Concorde Bound**) Lifetime Record: 21-6-2-2, \$104,536. O-Valley Stable. B-Patricia Generazio (KY). T-William D Anderson.

**MAIDEN WINNERS:**

+ **Chula**, f, 3, **Broad Brush--Chardae**, by **Forty Niner**. TAM, 1-22, 1mT, 1:38 3/5. B-Peter & Anne Vegso (FI).

**Julie's Tale**, f, 3, **Jules--Long Legend**, by **Reviewer**. PHA, 1-22, 6f, 1:11 3/5. B-Jayeff 'B' Stables (FI). \*1/2 to **Majestic Legend** (His Majesty), SW, \$200,853; **Talltalelady** (Naskra), MGSP, \$208,968; **Mr. Greeley** (Gone West), MGSW & GISP, \$474,452.

**For Gold's Sake**, f, 3, **Miner's Mark--Lot of Class**, by **Sovereign Dancer**. SUF, 1-22, 1m, 1:47 2/5. B-Little Hill Farm (FI). \*\$12,000 2yo '01 FTMMAY.

**Short Skirt Flirt**, f, 4, **Pentelicus--Flirt Skirt**, by **Sovereign Dancer**. TAM, 1-22, 7f, 1:26 3/5. B-Thomasina Caporella (FI). \*\$75,000 yrl '99 OBSAUG.

## 2001 LEADING FRESHMEN SIRES OF 2YO WINNERS (Final Standings)

SIRE	State	Foals	Wnrs
Valid Expectations (Valid Appeal)	Tx	67	27
Open Forum (Deputy Minister)	Tx	72	20
Smoke Glacken (Two Punch)	Ky	69	19
Spinning World (Nureyev)	Ky	110	15
Editor's Note (Forty Niner)	Ky	66	13
Langfuhr (Danzig)	Ky	81	13
Matty G (Capote)	Ky	35	13
Boston Harbor (Capote)	Jpn	72	12
Captain Bodgit (Saint Ballado)	Ky	69	12
Outflanker (Danzig)	Fl	34	12
Halo's Image (Halo)	Fl	50	11
Lost Soldier (Danzig)	Fl	54	11
Louis Quatorze (Sovereign Dancer)	Ky	117	11
Pulpit (A. P. Indy)	Ky	53	10
Suave Prospect (Fortunate Prospect)	Fl	38	10
Appealing Skier (Baldski)	Fl	18	9
Devious Course (Crafty Prospector)	Tx	37	9
Fabulous Frolic (Green Dancer)	Fl	22	9
Helmsman (El Gran Senor)	Ca	46	9
Sir Cat (Storm Cat)	Ky	63	9

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*(Maiden Winners cont.)*

**Belgrade**, c, 4, **Smart Strike--Red Star** (SP, \$126,300), by **Relaunch**. MNR, 1-21, 6f, 1:13. B-Twin Creeks Farm (Ky). \*\$260,000 yrl '99 KEESEP. \*\*Won by 6 3/4 lengths.

**Kissin Princess**, m, 5, **Kissin Kris--Alta's Princess** (MSW & GSP, \$184,565), by **Screen King**. DED, 1-21, 6 1/2f, 1:21 1/5. B-John Franks (FI).

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## WEEKEND PEDIGREE PERSPECTIVES

*by Alan Porter*

### Monday, Santa Anita

**SANTA YNEZ S.-GII**, \$150,000, SAX, 1-21, 3yo, f, 7f, 1:23, ft.

1--#@DANCING (GB), 116, f, 3, by Spectrum (Ire)

1st Dam: Torrid Tango, by Green Dancer

2nd Dam: Guinevere's Folly, by Round Table

3rd Dam: Lodge, by Bold Lad

(25,000gns wnlg '99 TATDEC). O-Howard J Baker; B-Ford Farm Bloodstock (GB); T-Jenine Sahadi; J-G L Stevens; \$90,000. Lifetime Record: 4-2-0-0, \$100,432.

### Sunday, Sha Tin, Hong Kong

**THE STEWARDS' CUP-G1-HK**, HK\$8,000,000, Sha Tin, 1-20, 3yo/up, 1600mT, 1:35.2, gd.

1--#@ELECTRONIC UNICORN, 126, g, 6, by Housebuster

1st Dam: Lilac Garden, by Roberto

2nd Dam: Balletomane, by Nijinsky II

3rd Dam: Nanticious, by Nantallah

(\$200,000 yrl '97 KEESEP). O-Lo Ying Bin; B-Foxfield; T-J Size; J-R Fradd. \*1/2 to Blushing K.D. (Blushing John), GISW, \$918,900. \*\*G1SP-HK.

One of the most reliable combinations around is that of Blushing Groom and Nijinsky II. This weekend, the pairing scored a spectacular one-two punch with the victories of Dancing in the GII Santa Ynez S. and Electronic Unicorn in the G1-HK The Stewards' Cup.

The U.S.-foaled Electronic Unicorn was the second highest priced yearling of 1997 for his sire Housebuster when sold to Hong Kong for \$200,000 at the Keeneland September Sales. That he has turned out to be tremendous value is underlined by the fact that the purse for The Stewards' Cup alone was worth over US\$1,000,000. Electronic Unicorn's sire, twice-champion sprinter Housebuster, was repatriated last year after a spell at stud in Japan and now stands at Blue Ridge Farm in Upperville, Virginia. He has sired 24 stakes winners from seven crops, including last year's graded-stakes winning juvenile Buster's Daydream. Housebuster is by Blushing Groom's son Mt. Livermore, which means that Electronic Unicorn is bred on very similar lines to his GI Kentucky Oaks-winning half sister, Blushing K. D. Electronic Unicorn is out of Lilac Garden, a daughter of Roberto (another strain which frequently

finds success with Blushing Groom), and the Nijinsky II strain enters the pedigree through his second dam, Nijinsky II's GII Princess S.-winning daughter Balletomane.

This is not the only time that Housebuster has successfully combined with Nijinsky II. From a Southern Hemisphere stint, he sired Australian stakes winner Homewrecker out of a mare by Nijinsky II's son Tights. Housebuster's sire Mt. Livermore sired his highest earner, Canadian Horse of the Year Peaks and Valleys, out of a mare by Nijinsky II's son Green Dancer, and his GII Jersey Derby winner More Royal has a second dam by Green Dancer.

Green Dancer also appears as the second dam of Dancing. Whereas Electronic Unicorn headed East for his racing career, Dancing has traversed the globe in a westerly direction. Dancing was making her U.S. debut and her first start on dirt in the Santa Ynez S. Her form in Ireland at two hadn't shown her to be anything out of the ordinary, three starts yielding only a maiden win at Dundalk, a venue not renowned for top-class competition. Not surprisingly, Dancing was the longest shot on the board for the Santa Ynez, but took advantage of the fast pace by rallying from the rear of the field for a half-length win.

Dancing is from the second crop of the G1 Irish 2,000 Guineas winner Spectrum, a son of one of Blushing Groom's most successful scions, Rainbow Quest. Spectrum is off to an extremely bright start as he has already sired nine stakes winners in his first two crops. These include last year's G1 2,000 Guineas winner Golan, who like Dancing is out of a mare by a Nijinsky II-line stallion, in this case Nijinsky II's grandson Generous. Dancing cost her owner just 25,000gns--a little over \$40,000--at the 1999 Tattersalls December Sales, and not only did she win back \$90,000 in the Santa Ynez, but she must also be worth a small fortune as a broodmare, as her dam is a three-quarters sister to the G1 French Derby and G1 Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe victor, Suave Dancer.

Of course Electronic Unicorn and Dancing are only the latest chapters in the Blushing Groom/Nijinsky II story. The saga began in 1988 with the G1 Epsom Derby victory of Kahyasi, who was by a son of Nijinsky II out of Blushing Groom mare. Since then the pair has appeared in somewhere in the region of 70 unrestricted stakes winners including other G1 Epsom Derby winners Quest For Fame and Lammtarra, 2001 G1 Breeders' Cup Turf Classic victor Fantastic Light and champion turf mare Wandesta. *Cont. p. 4*



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**FROM THE DESK OF...**

**Bill Oppenheim**



**THE WORLD'S TOP ELEVEN SIREs**

More than 1,200 stallions had 10 or more foals of 1998 (three-year-olds of 2001) in the major Northern Hemisphere racing countries (US, Canada, Britain, Ireland, France, Germany, and Japan), and thus qualified for year-end APEX (Annual Progeny Earnings index) ratings covering the seven-year period 1995-2001. As has been the case for the last few years, full details of the stallions and their various ratings (for three earnings class levels; at ages two, three, four, and five-plus; and in North America, Europe, and Japan) can be found in the forthcoming *Blood-Horse* supplement, "Sires of 2001."

My subject today, though, is that very narrow one-percent band at the very top of the tree--the world's top 11 sires. Sometimes the number is 10, sometimes 12--this year it happens to be 11. These are the horses who have separated themselves from the rest, and are justified in living in the rarefied commercial world of six-figure stud fees and seven-figure yearlings. In subsequent columns I shall be looking at other aspects of the numbers, but for today I particularly want to highlight the Northern Hemisphere's, and therefore the world's, top 11. Any analogies with American football or soccer are allowed. This is the all-star team.

It is fairly straightforward to identify the rarefied few whose commercial activity bears little resemblance to that of the other 1200, and constitutes a commercial tier of the market all by themselves. APEX ratings are based on annual earnings. The shortest version is that the top two percent of earners in a country in a year are called 'A Runners,' the next two percent are 'B Runners,' and the next four percent are 'C Runners.' Just as with the average-earnings index, doing the calculations by country eliminates the problem of vastly differing purse structures: in North America (that's how it's collected, US and Canada combined) horses had to earn \$113,050 in 2001 to be in the top two percent of

earners, and thus be classified an 'A Runner.' In Britain/Ireland combined, it was the equivalent of \$60,626 (down 10 percent from the 1999 high). In France, \$51,471 (a worrying 40-percent drop since the mid-nineties); in Germany, \$39,963; and in Japan, a massive \$452,833, also down 10 percent from the last couple of years, and down 30 percent from the mid-nineties.

An index is really a very simple way of translating from percentage terms, and last year, the top 11 threshold was a 4.00 'A Runner Index', meaning 8.00 percent of the sire's runners 1995-2001 were A Runners (8.00 percent divided by 2.00 percent = 4.00). So these sires all produce something over eight percent 'A Runners' from runners--well, almost all: I had to sneak Mr. Prospector in, at 3.99, for obvious reasons.

I always find the numbers engrossing (I would, wouldn't I?), but for this year, for this group of sires, there were two particularly striking points: first, the world's top 11 this year are the same as the top 11 last year; and second, for the fourth consecutive year, every year since he's had enough runners to make the leaders' lists, the world's top sire, by this method of measurement, is A.P. Indy. This is particularly striking because he is 0-for-42 in Europe, meaning he's never had an A Runner there from 42 'year-starters' (a horse is counted as one runner every year it starts, as with the average-earnings index, because it's based on annual earnings).

In fact, the top five sires have been the top five sires for the last three years: other than A.P. Indy, three sons and one grandson of Northern Dancer. Danzig has been second each of the last three years, Storm Cat third. The only change in the top five is that the three-quarter brothers Nureyev and Sadler's Wells have switched places in fourth and fifth, no doubt because of Nureyev's declining number of runners, and Sadler's Wells' expanding number. He's one of only five stallions to have had 1200+ year-starters since 1995. The fact that the top five sires, using this method, really are the world's top five sires, serves to validate both the method and the ratings. *Cont. p. 4*

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**(Bill Oppenheim cont. from p. 3)**

The only top sire to emerge from South America in recent years, Lord at War, holds sixth spot--I believe his last crop are three-year-olds in 2002--just a tick ahead of Kingmambo, who is surely a top-five sire in waiting. He was 19th two years ago, 10th last year, and now advances to seventh. In contrast to A.P. Indy, this is a sire who works everywhere: his only bias is that so far he has been a considerably better sire of colts than fillies. Of Kingmambo's 403 year-starters since his first foals raced in 1997, 46 percent have been in North America (4.30 A Index), 32 percent in Europe (4.69), and 22 percent in Japan (3.37). Considering he's had a champion or near-champion colt in each of his first five crops to race (El Condor Pasa, Lemon Drop Kid, King's Best, Okawango, and Dubai Destination), he must also be considered a leading contender to make the next 'sire of sires.' The top 11 is rounded off by Rainbow Quest, Deputy Minister, Sunday Silence, and Mr. Prospector, who has dropped off some in the last few years. He was the perennial top sire in the late 'eighties and early 'nineties.

Danehill, six-time champion sire in Australasia and the leading sire of two-year-olds in Britain/Ireland the last two years, continues to progress in what constitutes a belated charge to the top. At 16, he's already too old to be considered one of the top young sires, but he may yet achieve a 'top 11' ranking. Certainly Coolmore is now viewing him as their successor to Sadler's Wells, and he has a 'top 11' fee of Ir£200,000. Having moved from 24th to 16th in the last year, that confidence does not look misplaced.

In upcoming columns, I'll delve into various aspects of these sire ratings from time to time. Occasionally we uncover a little nugget, a sire whose numbers are screaming that he's on the way up, or maybe just seriously underrated as a sire of racehorses. More to follow, a lot of which will be interpretation; for the numbers themselves on more than 1200 stallions, please refer to the *Blood-Horse* supplement mentioned before, which I can heartily recommend as a reference, even aside from the APEX ratings. **See chart p. 5**

**(Pedigree Perspectives cont. from p. 2)**

Those who believe that inbreeding via related strains can often confer benefits will not have been surprised about the success achieved by the combination of Blushing Groom and Nijinsky II. Blushing Groom's sire, Red God, is out of the mare Spring Run, who is by Menow out of a daughter of Bull Dog. Nijinsky II's dam, Flaming Page, is by a grandson of Bull Dog out of Flaming Top, a daughter of Menow. In turn, Flaming Top's own dam is by a grandson of Bull Dog's brother, Sir Gallahad III. Not coincidentally, Blushing Groom and Nijinsky II also work well with another Menow/Bull Dog cross, Tom Fool.

**THIS WEEK IN RACING HISTORY...**

**January 23, 1994...Pat Day**, at age 40, became the 10th rider in North American racing history to ride 6,000 winners when he rode Miss Popsnorkle to victory in the first race at Oaklawn Park.

**January 24, 1974...Jockey Chris McCarron** rode his first race, in which he finished last aboard Most Active at Bowie Racecourse.

**January 26, 1950...Citation's** 16-race win streak came to an end in the La Sorpresa Handicap at Santa Anita. Despite giving 16 pounds to the winner, Miche, Citation, carrying 130 pounds, lost only by a neck.  
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## TOP 40 SIRES 1995-2001

### ‘A Runner’ Index in North America/Europe/Japan

Rank	Sire	1st Foals	State	Runners	A Runners	A Runner Index
1	A.P. Indy	1994	KY	491	56	5.70
2	Danzig	1982	KY	682	76	5.57
3	Storm Cat	1989	KY	917	98	5.34
4	Nureyev	1982	dead	673	69	5.13
5	Sadler’s Wells	1986	Ire	1214	111	4.57
6	Lord At War	1987	dead	496	42	4.23
7	Kingmambo	1995	KY	403	34	4.22
8	Rainbow Quest	1987	GB	696	58	4.17
9	Deputy Minister	1985	KY	789	64	4.06
10	Sunday Silence	1992	Jpn	1576	126	4.00
11	Mr. Prospector	1976	dead	576	46	3.99
12	In Excess	1994	CA	307	24	3.91
13	Rizzi	1997	NY	157	12	3.82
14	Machiavellian	1992	GB	549	41	3.73
15	Broad Brush	1989	KY	852	63	3.70
16	Danehill	1991	Ire	1032	75	3.63
17	Seattle Slew	1980	KY	568	41	3.61
18	El Gran Senor	1986	pens.	488	35	3.59
19	Theatrical	1989	KY	813	56	3.44
19	In the Wings	1992	Ire	378	26	3.44
21	Unbridled	1993	dead	482	33	3.42
22	Seeking the Gold	1991	KY	736	50	3.40
23	Rahy	1991	KY	817	55	3.37
24	General Meeting	1993	CA	346	23	3.32
24	Montbrook	1996	FL	211	14	3.32
26	Dancing Brave	1988	dead	385	25	3.25
27	Cozzene	1987	KY	708	45	3.18
28	Avenue of Flags	1993	CA	286	18	3.15
29	Generous	1993	GB	522	32	3.07
30	Pleasant Tap	1994	KY	349	21	3.01
31	Fairy King	1987	dead	811	48	2.96
32	Caerleon	1985	dead	1106	64	2.89
32	Forty Niner	1990	Jpn	709	41	2.89
34	Silver Hawk	1984	KY	662	38	2.87
35	Acatenango	1989	Ger	544	31	2.85
36	Dixieland Band	1986	KY	997	56	2.81
36	Gone West	1989	KY	890	50	2.81
38	Selkirk	1994	GB	413	23	2.78
39	Bertrando	1995	CA	362	20	2.76
40	Summer Squall	1993	KY	564	31	2.75

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