



HEADLINE NEWS

JOHANNESBURG TO PREP IN IRELAND

Eclipse Award winner and Breeders' Cup Juvenile hero **Johannesburg** (Hennessy) will have a single prep race, which will take place in Europe, prior to shipping to the U.S. for the May 4 Kentucky Derby, owner Michael Tabor told the *New York Daily News* yesterday. "He will probably have his prep race in Ireland in April, and then he'll go straight to Kentucky," Tabor told the *Daily News*, referring to the seven-furlong G3 Gladness S. at The Curragh. "No prep race in America, which may not be a good idea. I'm sure we'll get castigated if it doesn't work out. If it does work out, we're very bright." Tabor confirmed that Johannesburg has yet to do any serious training and has been a bit hampered by a wet winter in Ireland, where stabled with trainer Aidan O'Brien. Still, Tabor is hopefully optimistic about his chances in the Kentucky Derby. "I won this (Derby) in 1995 with Thunder Gulch," Tabor said. "When you've experienced that type of high you want it again."

CORRECTION: In the Eclipse Award section of Tuesday's *Thoroughbred Daily News*, it was incorrectly stated that Dr. John Chandler accepted the Eclipse Awards on behalf of the Godolphin team. In fact, Dr. Chandler, who serves as President and U.S. Racing Manager for Juddmonte Farms, accepted the awards on behalf of Juddmonte. We sincerely regret the error.

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CURRENCY CONVERSIONS

	Unit/US\$	Unit/GB£
British pound	1.42715	1.00
Euro	0.869369	0.609166
U.S. dollar	1.00	0.700699

FROM THE DESK OF...

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U.S. STALLIONS--PART II

Wednesday's *TDN* featured nine young sires based in Kentucky, which have made our short list of horses which we believe represent excellent value. Today's second part is highlighted by several stallions residing in the Sunshine State followed by a review of sires standing elsewhere in the U.S. European-based stallions will be featured in tomorrow's *TDN*.

Miner's Mark

(Mr. Prospector--Personal Ensign, by Private Account)
Standing at Dunhill Farm, Florida, for \$7,500

By Mr. Prospector out of Personal Ensign, and this horse always seemed more like his dam's sire, Private Account, than like Mr. Prospector. His Grade I win at three came in the 10-furlong GI Jockey Club Gold Cup. They bounced him out of Lane's End (but apparently didn't sell him), and he promptly showed signs of improvement. It's no great shakes--he's better for B and C Runners than for A's, and his two-year-old rating is low. But he did have five five-year-olds from his first crop earn \$50,000+ last year, which means they're looking sound, and aren't devoid of class. He'd be a good horse to breed some of those speedball Florida mares to.

Hunting Hard

(Seeking the Gold--Oh What a Dance, by Nijinsky II)
Standing at Bridlewood Farm, Florida, for \$3,000

This horse has made a good start, and I know every time I say something nice about him, Bob Cromartie and Alan Briggs, who bought him, shake their heads and chuckle. A stakes-placed son of a filly sire, I said, 'no chance.' "Very good-looking horse," said Bob, "had ability. You watch." See, I do admit when I've 'underestimated' one. This horse has sired four earners of \$80,000+ (B Runners at least), which is plenty good going for a \$3,000 sire. They're good at two, too.



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My Man Ryan by **MUTAKDDIM** wins impressively at Aqueduct on February 15. Congratulations to owner West Point Thoroughbreds and trainer Rick Violette.

Next stop: The GII \$600,000 Lane's End Spiral Stakes at Turfway Park March 23.



☆ GULFSTREAM ☆

North East Bound in Canadian Turf 'Cap:

North East Bound (D'Accord), near winner of the 2000 GI Breeders' Cup Mile, will try to end a recent streak of poor luck when he goes postward in Saturday's GIII Canadian Turf H. at Gulfstream. Trained by Bill Perry, the six-year-old has finished second by narrow margins in each of his two starts this season, checking in a head behind Pisces in the GII Appleton H. Jan. 5 and a neck in arrears of Del Mar Show in the GII Fort Lauderdale H. Jan. 26. The dark bay gelding has trained well since that effort, including a half-mile breeze in :48 3/5 around the dogs Feb. 14, during which he threw a shoe. "Luckily it was on the turf and not the dirt," Perry said yesterday. "He didn't hurt himself and he is doing well. He's holding his weight and eating good." The trainer is also expected to saddle **One Eyed Joker** (Polish Numbers) for the Canadian Turf H.

Yesterday's Results:

7th-GPX, \$40,000, Opt. Clm. (\$80-75,000), 4yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16m, 1:44 4/5, ft.

1--**TRANSCENDENTAL, 119, f, 4, Mt. Livermore--Ladies Cruise (SW, \$122,364), by Fappiano.** O-Rudlein Stable & Clifton Jr William L; B-Lazy Lane Stables, Inc (VA); T-Harold James Bond. Lifetime Record: 10-4-2-1, \$140,460.

2--**Multiplicity, 119, f, 4, Fastness (Ire)--Queen Joan,** by *Vaguely Noble.

3--**Laurel Light, 117, m, 5, Colony Light--Nasratti,** by Al Nasr (Fr).

Margins: 5HF, 1HF, 3 3/4. Odds: 0.70, 2.70, 17.40.

Transcendental, whose last victory was an eight-length romp versus Belmont allowance foes last June, ended 2001 with a fourth-place effort behind Exogenous in the Sept. 8 GI Gazelle H. and a seventh-place effort behind Mystic Lady in the Oct. 6 GII Cotillion H. Off since then, the filly was heavily favored in her return. She sat just off the early pace, made a three-wide move to take the lead with a furlong to run and pulled clear for an easy victory.

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8th-GPX, \$34,000, Alw, 3yo, f, 1 1/16m, 1:45, ft.
DUST ME OFF (f, 3, With Approval--Emma Loves Marie, by Wild Again) debuted with a 1 1/4-length victory while sprinting at Calder last December, but faltered to sixth after a troubled trip in her second outing, a one-mile turf allowance at Gulfstream Jan. 16. Back on the main track and getting Lasix for the first time, the 10-1 shot set the pace from the start and pulled away in the stretch to win by 5 3/4 lengths. On Parade (Storm Cat), the 3-5 favorite, settled off the pace, rallied three wide turning for home and closed late to get up for second, while 7-2 second choice Miss Halory (Mr. Prospector), a pace-stalking second early, tired to third. The winner is a half sister to Dat You Miz Blue (Cure the Blues, GSW, \$518,620). Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-0, \$33,640. O-Cynthia Knight. B-Landon Knight Stables (Ky). T-H Allen Jerkens.

6th-GPX, \$32,000, Msw, 3yo, f, 1 1/16mT, 1:46 2/5, fm.

+ **GIVE AND TAKE (f, 3, Devil His Due--Greenwood Cash, by Green Forest)**, an \$8,000 KEESEP yearling, was dismissed at 16-1 in her bow. The filly was on the lead from the start and pulled clear in the stretch to win by two lengths. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$19,200. O-Harris Karches & Rankovitz. B-Gilbert Campbell (Fl). T-Christophe Clement.

9th-GPX, \$32,000, Msw, 3yo, f, 1 1/16mT, 1:46, fm.

+ **AFFIRMED DANCER (f, 3, Affirmed--Woolloomooloo {Ch. Turf Mare & Ch. Older Mare-Can, MSW, \$373,234), by Regal Intention)**, a \$150,000 KEENOV weanling, was lightly regarded by the Gulfstream faithful and was sent off a 15-1 outsider in her debut. Rated off the lead early, the filly moved to the outside for the drive and took the lead late en route to a 1 1/4-length victory over 6-5 favorite Tarnished Lady (Lord Avie). Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$19,200. O-Tracy Farmer. B-Glenview Stable Ltd (Ky). T-John C Kimmel.

STAKES CLOSINGS

TOMORROW, THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 21:

03-02 \$200,000 *San Rafael-II, SA, 3yo, 8f*
(200) nominations@santaanita.com

03-03 \$500,000 *New Orleans H.-II, FG, 4yo/up, 9f (100)*

03-03 \$150,000 *San Carlos H.-I, SA, 4yo/up, 7f (150)*



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★ UNITED ARAB EMIRATES ★

Thursday, Nad al Sheba, Dubai, post time: 9:30 pm

MOONSHHELL MILE-Prestige, \$200,000, 3yo, f, 1600m

PP HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER	WT
1 Imperial Gesture (USA)	Langfuhr (Can)	bin Suroor	128
2 Seba (GB)	Alzao (USA)	bin Suroor	128
3 Dr Quackenbush (USA)	Deposit Ticket (USA)	Seemar	123
4 E B's Sweep (USA)	End Sweep (USA)	McLaughlin	123
5 Test the Rest (USA)	Take Me Out (USA)	Frazier	123

Godolphin's **Imperial Gesture** makes her three-year-old debut in this event. The bay has not raced since finishing second at 53-1 to her stablemate, newly crowned champion **Tempera (USA)**, in the GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies Nov. 24. Frankie Dettori has the mount.

★ BRITAIN ★

TATTS CHANGE OCTOBER SALE

Tattersalls announced yesterday that it is reformatting its October Yearling Sale. By offering the stronger lots on the opening two days and restricting numbers to a maximum of 950--from last year's record 1089--the sales company is looking to provide prospective buyers more chance to view the choice yearlings. Beginning with this year's sale Oct. 15-19, yearling inspections will begin approximately two to three weeks earlier than in previous years, starting in early April. "The huge foal crops of the last few years have led to record numbers in the October Yearling Sale which have placed increasing strains upon the existing format, and in particular upon the task of boxing the yearlings to the best advantage of both vendors and purchasers," said Edmond Mahony, chairman of Tattersalls. "The changes will allow vendors to bring the higher profile lots into Park Paddocks well before the sale therefore allowing maximum viewing time for prospective buyers. We strongly believe that the changes to the October Yearling Sale will benefit all concerned." Mahoney also said the company's premier Houghton Yearling Sale would be held over two days this year, Oct. 2 and 3, instead of the three-day span in the past.

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LINGFIELD STEWARDS COURT CONTROVERSY AGAIN

Lingfield's stewards were at the centre of more controversy yesterday. Trainer Brian Pearce criticised the decision to allow the result of a claimer to stand after a flip start was used. After witnessing a false start and a 10-minute delay, Pearce (whose runner was unplaced after starting on the outside, having originally drawn low) said: "The race should have been voided or they should have let them go from the start. It would have been fairer coming out of the stalls in the first place than it was there. Half of the horses did not get a start." Lingfield's stewards have attracted criticism after a series of incidents involving interpretation of the rules of racing in recent months. The stewards handed a ban and fine to the newly founded partnership trainer Gerard Butler and jockey Eddie Ahern. Ahern was handed a 10-day ban and Butler fined £2,500 after the fast-finishing third-placer **Loreto Rose (GB)** was judged not to have been ridden to achieve the best possible position in the second division of the maiden. Being Butler's second similar offence within a year, the stewards found it necessary to place the fine, against which Butler will not appeal. **Loreto Rose** was also banned from racing for 40 days Feb. 23 to Apr. 3. Butler was found guilty under Rule 155(ii), for "failing to give adequate instructions to his rider to ensure the best possible placing" for the filly. Ahern was found guilty of breaching Rule 158, in "failing to take all reasonable and permissible measures to ensure the best possible placing" for the filly. His ban, which covers Mar. 2-23, rules him out of the Dubai World Cup meeting at Nad al Sheba Mar. 23, where he was due to ride for Butler.

CECIL DRUG TEST PROBE

Trainer Henry Cecil will face a Jockey Club disciplinary committee today after one of his fillies tested positive for flunixin last June. Prohibited in Britain, the substance was found in the urine of Thirk maiden winner **A Bit Special (GB)** (Rahy {USA}). Cecil will be joined by Paul D'Arcy, whose star filly **Lady High Havens (Ire)** (Bluebird {USA}) was found positive for methyprednisolone after winning a conditions event at Ascot in June. Another facing similar charges is Bill Turner, while the committee will look into the case of two of Karl Burke's fillies, one of which was unable to be identified by their passport.

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