

HEADLINE NEWS

CIGAR LEADS HALL OF FAME NOMINEES

Two-time Horse of the Year Cigar has been named

a finalist in the contemporary male category for nomination into the National Museum of Racing's Hall of Fame. Others nominated in that category include Ancient Title and Precisionist. Cigar raced into fame when he reeled off a remarkable 16 straight victories, including the inaugural Dubai World Cup in 1996. Ancient Title and Precisionist are among only five horses to sweep Santa Anita's Strub Series: the Malibu, San Fernando and Strub S.



Cigar Horsephotos

Precisionist won the 1985 GI Breeders' Cup Sprint and was named that year's champion sprinter. Nominees in the contemporary female horse category are Canadian Triple Crown and Breeders' Cup Distaff winner Dance Smartly, 1995 champion three-year-old filly Serena's Song and two-time turf champion Flawlessly. Nominated in the horse of yesteryear category are Morvich, the first Cal-bred to win the Kentucky Derby, Noor, the champion older male of 1950, and Swoon's Son. Kent Desormeaux, Eddie Maple and Jack Westrope have been nominated in the jockey category and Buddy Delp, Sonny Hine and Mel Stute have been nominated in the trainer category. A 14-person committee selected the nominees and voting will be in the hands of more than 140 Thoroughbred racing journalists and historians. The winner in each category will be announced on Apr. 30 as part of the Kentucky Derby week festivities at Churchill Downs. The Hall of Fame induction ceremony will be held at the Fasig-Tipton Sale Pavilion in Saratoga Springs, NY on Aug. 5.

★ TRIPLE THREATS ★

REPENT SLIGHT DERBY FAVORITE

Churchill oddsmaker Mike Battaglia has made GI Louisiana Derby winner **Repent** (Louis Quatorze) the 4-1 favorite for Pool 2 of the Kentucky Derby Future Wager. The mutuel field is listed as the 5-1 second choice in the pool, which opens Thursday at noon and continues through Sunday at 5:30 p.m. Just behind the top two choices in the 24-interest field are a trio of horses at 6-1: champion two-year-old **Johannesburg** (Hennessy), GI San Rafael winner **Came Home** (Gone West) and GI Hollywood Futurity winner **Siphonic** (Siphon {Brz}). Pool 2 includes eight horses who were not included in the first pool: **Blue Burner** (French Deputy), **Easy Grades** (Honor Grades), **Essence of Dubai** (Pulpit), **Mayakovsky** (Matty G), **Perfect Drift** (Dynaformer), **Showmeitall** (All Gone), **Sunday Break (Jpn)** (Forty Niner) and **Yougottawanna** (Candi's Gold). The third and final pool of the future wager is scheduled for Apr. 4-7.

HARLAN'S HOLIDAY TUNES UP

Harlan's Holiday (Harlan) tuned up for Saturday's GI Florida Derby with a five-furlong work at Gulfstream yesterday. The colt covered the distance in 1:00.60. In two starts this year, Harlan's Holiday has been second to **Booklet** (Notebook) in both the GIII Holy Bull and Feb. 16 GI Fountain of Youth.



Harlan's Holiday at Gulfstream yesterday Equi-Photos

Also working yesterday, **Mayakovsky** (Matty G) worked four furlongs in :46 at Santa Anita. The colt, off since finishing second in the GI Hopeful last fall, is expected to ship to Aqueduct on Friday for Sunday's GIII Gotham S. "He was very relaxed. He did exactly what I wanted and finished up strong," said trainer Patrick Biancone. "We have been very lucky so far. He has not missed a day of work."

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FORESTRY

Among ALL sires, the record-setting Grade 1 Winner by Storm Cat was the

1 WEANLING SIRE AT KEENELAND (3 or more sold)





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BOOKLET TO AID EQUINE RESEARCH

John Oxley has pledged a portion of **Booklet** (Notebook)'s earnings to the Grayson-Jockey Club Research Foundation. Oxley, who offered a similar donation with Kentucky Derby winner Monarchos last year, will donate one percent of the individual race purses to the Foundation should his colt win any of the following stakes: GI Florida Derby, GI Toyota Blue Grass S., GI Kentucky Derby, GI Preakness or GI Belmont S. The Grayson-Jockey Club Research Foundation funds research throughout North America devoted to furthering the health, safety and soundness of horses.

☆ RESULTS ☆

Saturday, Hipodromo Palermo, Argentina

GRAN PREMIO SANTIAGO LURO-G1, \$25,000, Palermo, 3-9, 2yo, 1200m, 1:10.52, sy.

1--#**▲ECLIPSE WEST (ARG)**, 121, c, 2, by Westbridge

1st Dam: Legitime (Arg), by Southern Halo

2nd Dam: Liking (Arg), by Logical

3rd Dam: Jungle Princess (Arg), by Make Tracks

O/B-Las Telas; T-H R Pavarini; J-J Herrera; \$16,000.

Lifetime Record: 5-3-2-0.

2--**Lywi Marshal (Arg)**, 121, Parade Marshal--Only

Winner (Arg), by Creativity.

3--**Fernan (Arg)**, 121, Espaciado (Arg)--Fergie (Arg), by Armada (GB).

Margins: 9, 3/4, 2. Odds: 2.75, 19.00, 6.35.

Also Ran: Longue Fortune (Arg), Bid Yev (Arg), Vacacionado (Arg), Es Saltense (Arg), Signore Caruso (Arg).

Eclipse West sailed over the sloppy track at Palermo on Saturday to capture the first Group 1 race on the calendar for two-year-olds by nine lengths. A son of the Gone West stallion Westbridge, Eclipse West captured his first two career outings before running second to Vacacionado (Roy) twice, missing by a head in the G3 Premio Congreve on the turf at San Isidro Jan. 19 before coming up a half-neck short in the G2 Premio Guillermo Kermis Feb. 8 in an 1100-meter test over this surface. Favored Vacacionado went up to set the pace, with Eclipse West settled a length and a half back in fourth. Eclipse West switched to the outside approaching the stretch and accelerated smoothly on his way to a nine-length victory, while Vacacionado struggled home sixth after sustaining a cut to his hind leg.

WEEKEND PEDIGREE PERSPECTIVES

by Alan Porter

HONEYBEE S.-GIII, \$75,000, OPX, 3-9, 3yo, f, 1 1/16m, 1:46 2/5, ft.

1--**@BEDANKEN**, 114, f, 3, by Geri

1st Dam: Danka, by Strawberry Road (Aus)

2nd Dam: Paloma Blanca, by Blushing Groom (Fr)

3rd Dam: Satania, by Ruritania

O/B-Pin Oak Stable (KY); T-D Von Hemel; J-D Pettinger; \$45,000. Lifetime Record: 5-4-1-0, \$97,590. *First GSW for sophomore sire (by Theatrical {Ire}).

The spring is an interesting time of year for stallion watchers. This is especially true with regard to stallions whose first crops have just turned three. It is in the spring that sophomore sires who, by pedigree and race record, aren't cut out to sire precocious two-year-olds begin to show their true colors. For example, last spring brought a rash of three-year-old winners for Maria's Mon and Forest Wildcat. Maria's Mon's first crop has now yielded seven stakes winners, headed by GI Kentucky Derby winner Monarchos; while Forest Wildcat, now one of the most exciting young sires around, has 10 first crop stakes winners, including graded scorers Forest Secrets, Snow Dance, Forest Heiress and D'wildcat.

Sophomore sires were in the thick of the graded stakes action over the weekend with the GII Louisiana Derby going to Repent (by Louis Quatorze), and the GIII Honeybee S. falling to Bedanken, a daughter of Geri. While Repent's juvenile efforts had already hoisted Louis Quatorze into a position among last year's leading freshman sires, this is the first time that Geri has emerged on our radar.

When one considers Geri's race record and pedigree, it's not surprising that he's only just beginning to make his presence felt as a sire. Unraced at two, Geri started just four times at three, winning a maiden race at Santa Anita and an allowance contest at Hollywood Park. Geri's record improved dramatically at four, however, when he captured four of seven starts, including the GI Oaklawn H. and GIII Creme Fraiche H., and finished second to Siphon (another promising sophomore sire) in the GI Hollywood Gold Cup. Those races were on dirt, but at five, Geri showed himself to be equally formidable on turf, adding the GII Citation H. and Woodbine Mile, and finishing second to Spinning World (up-and-coming sophomore sire again) in the Breeders' Cup Mile. **cont. p. 4**



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FROM THE DESK OF...

Bill Oppenheim



CHELTENHAM

"Your six-furlong vermin that scamper
Half a mile with their featherweight up;
They wouldn't earn much of their damper
In a race like the President's Cup ..."
-from Old Pardon, The Son of Reprieve
A.B. (Banjo) Paterson, 1888

The President's Cup, about which the great Australian bush poet and racing writer (he was Racing Editor of the *Sydney Morning Herald* before World War I) Banjo Paterson was writing, was "three miles in three heats" on the flat, in 'Menindie,' a bush meeting in New South Wales, but it could easily have been written about Cheltenham--the Royal Ascot of jump racing without the *My Fair Lady* clothes. Over 51,000 racegoers attended the opening day of the three-day Cheltenham meet yesterday and over 150,000 will be there over the whole three days, which is why it might be even more important than the \$1.9-million two-year-old filly by the previously unknown Stormy Atlantic bought by Prince Ahmed at Barretts last week.

Jumping is admittedly not to everybody's taste, especially in countries with climates like America, where there is high-quality flat racing all year round. On top of everything else that can go wrong with them, horses can fall when they jump, and it is very distressing when one kills itself or has to be put down. Thankfully it happens far less often than one might imagine, but still it happens. I didn't like jump racing for just that reason when I first moved to the U.K., but after a couple of years I realized that these are 'proper horsepeople' conducting 'proper racing.'

It's far more motivated by sport than by business, even though top jumpers, probably 80 percent of whom are gelded, can cost upwards of half-a-million dollars, and six-figure transactions are routine for good prospects, many of whom come off the flat.

One such was Istabraq, no less than a three-quarter brother to Epsom Derby winner Secreto. A son of Sadler's Wells (Secreto was by Northern Dancer), he was bought, relatively inexpensively, by the late John Durkan for leading Irish jumps owner J.P. McManus, and is unquestionably the best hurdler I have ever seen (hurdles are smaller, whereas chases have bigger obstacles. The normal distance range for both is from two to three miles plus). One of a very small string of jumpers trained by--who else?--Aidan O'Brien, Istabraq had won the two-mile Champion Hurdle for its last three runnings in 1998-1999-2000 (the entire Cheltenham meet was lost to foot-and-mouth last year). But Istabraq only jumped two hurdles yesterday in his quest to become the first four-time winner before regular rider Charlie Swan pulled him up, and he walked back in front of the stands to an honorable retirement. The crowd applauded as he came back, surely the first time a favorite in a championship race was cheered after being pulled up. But this horse is a legend, and it's great that he came back safe and sound, and a real tribute to rider, trainer, and owner.

Yesterday's first two races were both 'novice' two-mile championships (horses are 'novices' in each category, hurdles and chases, the season they break their maidens), the Supreme Novices' for novice hurdlers, and the Arkle for novice chasers. Champion jockey Tony McCoy, who started the day eight wins short of the British record for winners in a season (269), finished second in both, riding for champion trainer Martin Pipe; both races won by Irish invaders. McCoy failed by a length to peg back favorite Like-A-Butterfly in the first. She is owned by J.P. McManus, and is by a very well-connected son of Alleged, Montelimar, who, like many good jump sires, was a good horse on the flat. McCoy was on the unbeaten German-bred Seebald in the second, but could not contain the Irish-trained Moscow Flyer (by a son of Nijinsky II, Moscow Society), who had twice won hurdle races last season when Istabraq uncharacteristically capsized.

Bill Oppenheim cont. p. 4

Three Days, Two Stakes Winners

Feb. 28: **ESSENCE OF DUBAI** wins UAE 2000 Guineas-G3.

March 2: **BEMA** cruised to an easy 3 1/4-length score in Aqueduct's Busher S.

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(Bill Oppenheim cont. from p. 3)

The Champion Hurdle was the third yesterday, and McCoy must not have believed what he had under him, especially after Istabraq pulled up, on the big, grey six-year-old by Linamix, Valoramix, for Martin Pipe as the race unfolded. As they prepared to turn into the straight, Valoramix was galloping all over the opposition, when he suddenly clipped the heels of a tiring front-runner and went down hard. The horse was 1-10 to win the Champion Hurdle three from home, but instead he paid the ultimate price, and had to be put down. McCoy was in tears when he came back in. It was heartbreaking. The race was ultimately won, in the gamest fashion, by Hors La Loi III, a French-bred trained by none other than the flat's James Fanshawe, who was winning his second Champion Hurdle, no less. By a good French jump sire son of Arctic Tern, Cyborg, Hors La Loi III was second to Istabraq in the 2000 Champion Hurdle. He outlasted Marble Arch, a six-year-old son of Rock Hopper (good flat horse by Sadler's Wells), with the Francois Doumen-trained Bilboa, a five-year-old mare by Phantom Breeze (useful son of Caerleon's full brother Vision, by Nijinsky II), staying on for third. It was great for Fanshawe, but Valoramix was a certain winner until he came to grief.

The week's highlight is the three-mile, 2 1/2-furlong Cheltenham Gold Cup on Thursday. It's an ultra-competitive field this year, and the current favorite is the now 10-year-old 2000 Gold Cup winner Looks Like Trouble, by the very good jump sire Zaffaran, a half brother to Shareef Dancer by Assert. Among the dangers are two top novices from last season: Best Mate, a seven-year-old by Top Ville's son Un Desperado, and Bacchanal, owned by Lady Madeline Lloyd-Webber, wife of Andrew. Bacchanal is by Bob Back, son of Roberto. Incidentally, one of the favorites for tomorrow's opener, the Triumph Hurdle, for four-year-olds, is Lord Joshua, bought for around \$200,000 out of the Tattersalls Autumn Horses-in-Training sale. By King's Theatre out of a Royal Academy mare, he races for Sara Farish, wife of Ambassador and Lane's End owner Will Farish.

(Pedigree perspectives cont. from p. 2)

Geri's improvement with age somewhat mirrored that of his sire, Theatrical. The son of Nureyev did win at two, and was second in the G1 Irish Derby at three, but he didn't reach the height of his powers until the age of five, when he earned honors as North America's champion turf horse. Late maturity is also evident in the pedigree of Danka, Bedanken's dam. Unplaced in her only start at two, Danka won three times at three. Danka is a daughter of Strawberry Road, a top-class horse in his native Australia at three and four and subsequently a group and graded stakes winner in Germany, France and North America between the ages of five and seven.

Danka herself is half sister to the multiple graded-stakes winning filly Apolda, to the graded-stakes winner Ganges and to stakes winner Abrojo. Her dam Paloma Blanca is by Blushing Groom out of Satania, a stakes-winning daughter of the Graustark stallion Ruritania (from whom Bedanken gets her grey coloring). This pedigree means that Danka is bred along very similar lines to the GI Hollywood Turf Cup hero, Royal Chariot. He too is by Strawberry Road, and his dam is by a son of Graustark, out of French group winner Sea Sands, a half sister to Satania.

Since Danka's sire, Strawberry Road, is by the Nijinsky II stallion Whiskey Road, one might have thought that Danka's breeders would have been wary of breeding her to Geri, who is himself inbred 3x4 to Nijinsky II's sire, Northern Dancer. There were, however, at least two obviously compelling reasons to take the chance. Firstly, Danka's MGSW half sister Apolda is by Geri's sire Theatrical, and secondly, one of the Northern Dancer strains in Geri's pedigree appears via Far North. The sire of Geri's second dam, Far North is a three-parts brother to Nijinsky II, and thus two of the Northern Dancer strains appear via close relatives, a formula which frequently seems to convey more success than inbreeding to an individual via unrelated strains.

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☆ MIDWEST ☆

Yesterday's Results:

5th-SPT, \$28,000, Msw, (S), 3yo, 5 1/2f, 1:05 2/5, ft.
 + **MARGIES CONNECTION** (f, 3, Just a Cat--Boz Connection, by Danzig Connection), a 4-1 shot, held sway throughout and eased clear late to win by four lengths. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$16,800.
 O-Steven Holland & Crown Ways Farm. B-H M S
 Crown's Way (IL). T-Gene Cilio.

☆ INDUSTRY INFO ☆

Interest in Horseracing Increases Again:

For the second consecutive year, interest in horseracing has experienced new growth, announced TNS Intersearch-ESPN Sports Poll yesterday at the NTRA's annual Marketing Summit in Las Vegas, Nevada. Horseracing, up 5.4 percent, was one of only four sports to increase in its American fan base from 2000 to 2001. "Horseracing is one of those fan bases that continues to grow in an industry cluttered with choices. This is impressive," said Tracy Schoenadel, executive director of ESPN Sports Poll.

NYRA Appoints New VP of Parimutuel Operations:

The National Thoroughbred Racing Association announced yesterday that Jim Gallagher, current executive director of the NTRA Racing Integrity and Drug Testing Task Force, will become vice president of parimutuel operations at the New York Racing Association, effective Mar. 28. "He brings a wealth of experience to the position as a former regulator and in his work with the NTRA," said Terry Meyocks, NYRA president and COO. "His expertise and stature in the industry will be valuable assets for the NYRA." Among his responsibilities at NYRA, Gallagher will oversee the mutuel department and wagering operations with TVG and OTB. He will continue to serve the NTRA Task Force in an advisory capacity.

2002 KENTUCKY DERBY FUTURE WAGER

Pool 2 - Opening Odds

HORSE	ML
1 Blue Burner (French Deputy)	30-1
2 Booklet (Notebook)	20-1
3 Came Home (Gone West)	6-1
4 Danthebluegrassman (Pioneering)	30-1
5 Easyfromthegitgo (Dehere)	20-1
6 Easy Grades (Honor Grades)	50-1
7 Essence of Dubai (Pulpit)	30-1
8 Harlan's Holiday (Harlan)	15-1
9 High Star (Private Terms)	50-1
10 Johannesburg (Hennessy)	6-1
11 Mayakovsky (Matty G)	50-1
12 Nokoma (Pulpit)	50-1
13 Perfect Drift (Dynaformer)	50-1
14 Repent (Louis Quatorze)	4-1
15 Request for Parole (Judge T C)	20-1
16 Saarland (Unbridled)	12-1
17 Saratoga Blues (Twining)	30-1
18 Showmeitall (All Gone)	50-1
19 Siphonic (Siphon {Brz})	6-1
20 Sunday Break (Jpn) (Forty Niner)	30-1
21 Tempera (A.P. Indy)	30-1
22 U S S Tinoso (Foxhound)	50-1
23 Yougottawanna (Candi's Gold)	50-1
24 All other three-year-olds	5-1

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AMERICAN-BRED WINNERS IN BRITAIN:

Cut Rate, g, 4, **Diesis (GB)**--Itsamazing (SW-GB), by The Minstrel. Southwell, 3-12, Bet Direct Tax Free Betting H., 3yo/up, 1 1/2m (AWT), \$7,134 to winner. O-John E Mills; B-Juddmonte Farms; T-K Bell. *\$12,970 HRA '01 TATAUT.

Pikestaff, g, 4, **Diesis (GB)**--Navarene, by Known Fact. Southwell, 3-12, Littlewoods Bet Direct Daily Special Offers Selling S., 3-6yo, 1 3/8m (AWT), \$3,188 to winner. O-Harrowgate Bloodstock Ltd; B-Juddmonte Farms; T-David Barron. *\$13,313 HRA '01 TATJUL.

WINNERS CONCEIVED IN NORTHERN HEMISPHERE:

Out Cruising (Aus), c, 3, **El Prado (Ire)**--Woodbe a Lady, by Woodman. Gold Coast (Queensland), 3-9, Lord Ben Maiden, 3yo/up, 6 1/2fT, \$2,500 to winner. B-Mr T W & Mrs D W Kelly; T-Kaye Tinsley.

Renano Brightia (Aus), f, 3, **Sky Classic**--Moonbeam McQueen (MSW, \$100,636), by Miswaki. Cheltenham (Adelaide), 3-9, Christies Beach Hotel H., 3yo, 7f 70ydsT, \$6,980 to winner. B-Bluegrass Breeding Venture; T-Len Smith. *1/2 to Johnny Stecchino (Secreto), GSW-Ity.

SO. HEMISPHERE WINNERS BY US STALLIONS:

Son Of Pegasus (Aus), c, 2, **Honour And Glory**--Court Physician (Aus), by Dr. Grace (NZ). Gosford (New South Wales), 3-10, Tarragal Glen Village/Modern Wall & Floor Tiles Maiden, 2yo, 5 1/2fT, \$2,709 to winner. B-Mr M Lowry; T-Paul Perry.

Stormcat Academy (Aus), g, 3, **Royal Academy**--Cotton Bay (Aus), by Zabaleta. Gosford (New South Wales), 3-10, Gosford Quarries H., 3yo/up, 5 1/2fT, \$3,386 to winner. B-Swettenham Stud & Mr C S Hayes; T-Pat Farrell.

Prince of War (Aus), c, 3, **Royal Academy**--Scribbling (Aus), by Palace Music. Flemington (Melbourne), 3-9, The Flemington Racecourse Rose H., 3yo, 1 1/16mT, \$20,314 to winner. B-Stone Lodge Farm P/L; T-Graeme Rogerson. *SP-Aus.

Dancing Pago (Aus), f, 3, **Thunder Gulch**--My Pago (Aus) (GSP-Aus), by Pago Mystery (Aus). Ascot (Perth), 3-9, Selangor Turf Club Trophy, 3yo, 5 1/2fT, \$9,387 to winner. B-Mr J Roberts; T-David Edwards. *SW-Aus.

#Taimana (NZ), f, 3, **Woodman**--Abbaye (Aus), by Ahonoora (GB). Flemington (Melbourne), 3-11, Schweppes H.-Listed, 3yo, 5 1/2fT, \$25,393 to winner. B-Mrs J A & Mr P Hogan; T-Michael Moroney.

Laetitia (Aus), f, 3, **Woodman**--Planet Hollywood (Aus), by Star Watch (Aus). Gosford (New South Wales), 3-10, Broadwater Court Retirement Village H., 3yo/up, 1mT, \$3,386 to winner. B-Mr J & Mrs S E Suduk; T-Guy Walter.

Albero (Aus), g, 3, **Woodman**--Twiggy Kima (Aus), by Twig Moss (Fr). Newcastle (New South Wales), 3-9, www.firstnational.com.au H., 3yo/up, 1m 1f 55ydsT, \$2,370 to winner. B-Hamilton Stud, P J & P M Vela & Tesio Bloodstock Agency; T-Bart Cummings.

Shelbourne Lass (Aus), f, 4, **Brocco**--Catherine Mary (NZ), by Famous Star (GB). Flemington (Melbourne), 3-11, Tooheys New Plate-G3, 4yo/up, 7fT, \$42,321 to winner. B-Dane Park Breeding Synd; T-Nigel Blackiston.

Initial Chief (Aus), g, 4, **Chief's Crown**--Canomie (NZ), by Sir Tristram (Ire). Eagle Farm (Brisbane), 3-11, Ming Dynasty H., 3yo/up, 1mT, \$3,542 to winner. B-Domeland Pty Ltd; T-Bruce Brown.

Cloistered Habits (Aus), f, 4, **Royal Academy**--Quiet Vespers (Aus), by Purple Patch (NZ). Eagle Farm (Brisbane), 3-11, Dulcify H., 3yo/up, f/m, 6fT, \$3,542 to winner. B-Tabudan Pty Ltd; T-Gerald Ryan. *1/2 to Moretti (Aus) (Salieri), SP-Aus.

Brorama Star (Aus), g, 5, **Brocco**--Diorama (Aus), by Zeditave (Aus). Flemington (Melbourne), 3-9, Jayco H., 4yo/up, 1 1/4mT, \$16,928 to winner. B-Mr R Cvitkovic; T-Charlie Goggin. *GSW-Aus. **1/2 to Zero Drama (Aus) (Danzero {Aus}), SW-Aus.

Tears Royal (Aus), h, 5, **Royal Academy**--Don't Cry (Aus) (SW-Aus), by Vite Cheval (NZ). Flemington (Melbourne), 3-9, PFD Food Services S.-Listed, 3yo/up, 7fT, \$25,393 to winner. B-Mrs T I Macknamara; T-Grant Dalziel.

Consular (Aus), g, 5, **Royal Academy**--Miss Prospect (Aus) (MSW & GSP-Aus), by Rory's Jester (Aus). Flemington (Melbourne), 3-11, Schweppes Welter H., 4yo/up, 1mT, \$16,928 to winner. B-Talwood Park Stud; T-Peter Morgan.

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ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

8th-SPT, \$35,496, Opt. Clm. (\$35,000), 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:11 1/5, ft.

O LO (m, 5, Olympio--Digglyggylo {SP}, by Olden Times) Lifetime Record: 16-4-4-4, \$106,320. O-Sidney L Port & Trust. B-Keith & Cash Asmussen (KY). T-Mickey A Goldfine. *1/2 to He's Dynamite (Pancho Villa), SW, \$132,984.

7th-SPT, \$30,000 (S), 3yo/up, 1m, 1:39, ft.

SCOOTER ROACH (c, 3, Mi Cielo--Heroic Dreams, by Mr. Leader) Lifetime Record: 7-2-0-1, \$42,700. O-Lizabeth Gore. B-Mr. & Mrs. Terrel Gore (IL). T-Terrel Gore.

8th-PHA, \$20,880, 4yo/up, 6f, 1:11 1/5, ft.

DRY ICE (c, 4, Housebuster--Froze {MGSP}, by It's Freezing) Lifetime Record: 17-5-3-1, \$57,520. O-Noreen Carpenito. B-Sugar Knoll Farm & Muirfield Ventures (FL). T-Walter C Reese.

9th-PHA, \$20,880, 3yo, a1m70yd, 1:43 2/5, ft.

UNCLE ACK (c, 3, Housebuster--Elgin Lady, by Valid Appeal) Lifetime Record: 10-2-2-2, \$35,338. O-Marlene Epstein & Wire to Wire Stable. B-Larry Zellen (KY). T-Richard Vega.

MAIDEN WINNERS:

Honest Lawyer, f, 3, **Discover--Grassy Knowl**, by Noble Table. TAM, 3-12, a1mT, 1:43 4/5. B-Donald F March Sr (Ky).

The Jeckle, f, 3, **Executive Order--Lanyon's Mark**, by Lanyon. SPT, 3-12, (S), 5 1/2f, 1:05 4/5. B-Frank V, Constance G & Frank Jr Dumelle (IL).

+ **Margies Connection**, f, 3, **Just a Cat--Boz Connection**, by Danzig Connection. SPT, 3-12, (S), 5 1/2f, 1:05 2/5. B-H M S Crown's Way (IL).

Misty Forum, c, 3, **Open Forum--Cherokee Mist (SW)**, by Cherokee Fellow. SUF, 3-12, 1m, 1:45 4/5. B-Mockingbird Farm, Inc (FL).

Reflected Image, f, 4, **Farma Way--One for Smoke (SP)**, by Special Lineage. TAM, 3-12, 6f, 1:12 2/5. B-Guy Trolinger (Ky).

Royal Cadian, f, 4, **Royal Roberto--Circadian Ruler**, by Devoted Ruler. SPT, 3-11, 1m, 1:41 3/5. B-Gloria & Elson Seitz (IL).

Kassia Lion, f, 4, **Silent Landing--Golden Minute**, by Be a Prospect. SUF, 3-12, 6f, 1:15. B-Loebelenz Family (Ma). *Won by 5 1/2 lengths.



SOPHOMORE SPOTLIGHT

Progeny to watch: Wednesday, Mar. 13

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

CAPTAIN BODGIT (Saint Ballado), Margaux, \$10K, 146/16/0

4-AQU, Msw, 7f, Get Your Game On, \$40K OBS AUG yrl

CAYELI (Seattle Slew), Fossil Crk, \$2K, 22/4/0

7-AQU, Alw, 6f, Win Only, \$5K SAN AUG yrl

CHEQUER (Mr. Prospector), McMahan, \$8K, 90/10/0

7-TP, Alw, 6f, Scratch Off Ticket

JUST A CAT (Storm Cat), Hill 'n' Dale, \$4K, 69/10/0

7-TP, Alw, 6f, Camara Cat

PROUDEST ROMEO (Proud Truth), Tiffany, \$1000, 16/4/1

1-OP, Alw, 1m, Proud and Steady

PULPIT (A.P. Indy), Claiborne, \$35K, 107/11/2

8-OP, Msw, 5 1/2f, Sermon

SIPHON (BRZ) (Itajara), Airdrie, \$15K, 170/8/1

4-TP, Msw, 1 1/16m, Entitlement, \$240K KEE NOV wnl

4-AQU, Msw, 7f, Senate Caucus, \$45K KEE SEP yrl

4-TP, Msw, 1 1/16m, Over Run, \$40K OBS JUN 2yo

SIR CAT (Storm Cat), Gainesway, \$8K, 140/12/1

4-AQU, Msw, 7f, Cat Rocket, \$17K OBS APR 2yo

SMOKE GLACKEN (Two Punch), Gainesway, \$10K, 130/25/3

4-AQU, Msw, 7f, Last Puff

WILD SYN (Wild Again), Hurstland, \$3K, 27/0/0

4-TP, Msw, 1 1/16m, Belles of Syn

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ISTABRAQ PULLED UP IN DRAMATIC

CHAMPION Istabraq (Ire) (Sadler's Wells {USA}) was pulled up after just two flights of what could have been his last race in yesterday's Grade 1 Smurfit Champion Hurdle at Cheltenham. "Charlie [jockey Swan] said he landed on his back jumping the first hurdle," explained trainer Aidan O'Brien. "He felt him go very stiff and he didn't want to take a chance with him, so he pulled him up. He did the right thing. He had obviously tied up behind. He has been very stiff this year and his skeleton and muscles and body are showing signs of age. I have got to speak to his owner J P McManus, but I would imagine he will be retired." The contest was taken by **Hors la Loi (Fr)** (Cyborg {Fr}) at odds of 10-1 after **Valiramix (Fr)** (Linamix {Fr}) broke a shoulder on the run to the second last fence; the grey was later destroyed. Today's Cheltenham festival action centres around the Grade 1 Queen Mother Champion Chase, where Henrietta Knight's **Edredon Bleu (Fr)** (Grand Tresor {Fr}) bids to follow up his 2000 success. He faces old rival **Flagship Uberalles (Ire)** (Accordion {Ire}), who took the Arkle Chase here in 1999. Of the other Grade 1 events on the card, the opening Royal & SunAlliance Novices' Hurdle features Martin Pipe's **Classified (Ire)** (Roselier {Fr}), unbeaten in his last six starts. The Royal & SunAlliance Novices' Chase and Weatherbys Champion Bumper add weight to a second day of top-class national hunt action.

★ BRITAIN ★

FALLON BACK WITH A WINNER

Kieren Fallon made his return to race-riding in Britain a successful one at Southwell yesterday as Cowboys and Angels (GB) scored in the Classified S. After finishing fifth and third on his other starts, the champion jockey, recently returned from Macau, said: "I just needed a couple of weeks rest to freshen up. Now I need to get working again and this was a good place to start."

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Yesterday's Results:

3.15 Cheltenham, Smurfit Champion Hurdle Challenge Trophy-G1, £270,000, 4yo/up, 16.fT, 3:53.60, gd/sf. **HORS LA LOI (FR)** (g, 7, **Cyborg {Fr}**-**Quintessence {Fr}**, by **El Condor {Fr}**), sent off at odds of 10-1, was held up towards the rear early as **Ansar (Ire)** (Kahyasi {Ire}) took them along. Making smooth progress to challenge at the top of the downhill run to the second last fence, he hit the front after that flight before staying on well up the hill to deny the game effort of **Marble Arch (GB)** (Rock Hopper {GB}) by three lengths. "I don't know what he'll do now," said trainer James Fanshawe. "He's never run well at Liverpool before and it might be a pity to spoil a Champion Hurdle victory by losing at Aintree. You never quite get the cheer you get at Cheltenham anywhere else. It's great for Dean [jockey Gallagher] too. We all know about everything he has been through, but he is a real hard worker." Lifetime Record: 19-8-3-3, £390,120. O-Paul Green; B-Francois Cottin; T-James Fanshawe; J-Dean Gallagher.

2.35 Cheltenham, Irish Independent Arkle Challenge Trophy Chase-G1, £125,000, 5yo/up, 2mT, 3:50.60, gd/sf.

MOSCOW FLYER (IRE) (g, 8, **Moscow Society {USA}**-**Meelick Lady {Ire}**, by **Duky {Ire}**) was held up in rear early as **Armatürk (Fr)** (Baby Turk {Ire}) cut out the running. Hitting the front with three fences remaining, the 11-2 chance lengthened well up the run-in to comfortably hold the persistent challenge of **Seebald (Ger)** (Mulberry {Fr}) by four lengths. Lifetime Record: 22-11-2-3, £291,863.

O-Brian Kearney; B-Edward Joyce; T-Jessica Harrington; J-Barry Geraghty.

2.0 Cheltenham, Gerrard Supreme Novices' Hurdle-G1, £90,000, 4yo/up, 2 1/16mT, 3:54.20, gd/sf.

LIKE-A-BUTTERFLY (IRE) (m, 8, **Montelimar {USA}**-**Swifts Butterfly {Ire}**, by **Furry Glen {Ire}**) was sent to the front early where she settled to take them along. Headed shortly after by **Westender (Fr)** (In the Wings {GB}), she eased into his slipstream before moving up to take the lead with two flights remaining. Strongly pressed and headed by **Adamant Approach (Ire)** (Mandalus {Ire}) before the last, she was left in front when that horse fell there. Staying on in game fashion, the 7-4 favourite held on well to hold the renewed challenge of **Westender** by a neck. Lifetime Record: 8-8-0-0, £144,896.

O-J P McManus; B-P J McGee; T-C Roche; J-C Swan.



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★ FRANCE ★

Yesterday's Results:

PRIX MONTENICA-Listed, €41,000, Maisons-Laffitte, 3-11, 3yo, c/g, 1mT, 1:47.20, hy.

1--#**LOUP MASQUE (FR)**, 126, c, 3, by **Loup Solitaire (USA)**

1st dam: **Lacewings (USA)**, by **Forty Niner (USA)**

2nd dam: **Lyphka (USA)**, by **Lyphard (USA)**

3rd dam: ***Veruschka**, by **Venture VII (GB)**

(FF300,000 yrl '00 DEAAUG). O-Ecurie Wildenstein; B-SCA Elevage de Tourgeville and E Erculiani; T-Dominique Sepulchre; J-Dominique Boeuf; €20,500. Lifetime Record: 7 starts, 3 wins, 3 places, €59,039.

*First stakes winner for sire (by **Lear Fan (USA)**).

2--**Inesperado (Fr)**, 128, c, 3, **Zayyani (Ire)**--**Ile Mamou (Ire)**, by **Ela-Mana-Mou (Ire)**. €8,200.

3--**Mercenac (USA)**, 126, c, 3, **Irish River (Fr)**--**Minnie Gunn (USA)**, by **Diesis (GB)**. €6,150.

Margins: NK, 3/4, 3. Odds: 1.70, 7.50, 2.20.

Also ran: **Sharp Native (USA)**, **Eternel Defi (Ire)**, **Mister Pous (Fr)**.

Loup Masque had been highly tried and is a consistent sort, his best effort coming when second to **Firth of Lorne (Ire)** in the Listed **Prix des Sablonnets** at Nantes last November. Here he was reined back into second as **Eternel Defi (Ire)** (**Lion Cavern (USA)**) cut out the running at a crawl in the heavy conditions. Ridden to lead with a quarter of a mile remaining, he asserted over **Mercenac** to poach an advantage that the fast-finishing **Inesperado** could not close.

2.20 Maisons-Laffitte, Prix de Quincy (debutantes)

(Class F), €17,000, 3yo, f, 1 1/8mT, 2:06.40, hy.

+ **POLYGREEN (FR)** (f, 3, **Green Tune (USA)**--**Yxenery (Ire)** {MSW-Fr}, by **Sillery (USA)**), sent off at odds of

17-10, raced in fourth early as **Acora (Ire)** (**Anabaa (USA)**) led them along. Making smooth progress to lead

with 1 1/2 furlongs remaining, she quickened impressively to go clear and win by a comfortable four

lengths. Lifetime Record: 1 start, 1 win, €8,500.

O/B-Wertheimer et Frere; T-Freddie Head; J-Davy

Bonilla.

2.50 Maisons-Laffitte, Prix Rieur (debutantes) (Class F), €17,000, 3yo, c/g, 1 1/8mT, 2:04.90, hy.

+ **RISING TALENT (IRE)** (c, 3, **Bering (GB)**--**Trois Heures Apres (GB)**, by **Soviet Star (USA)**) raced in fifth on the

rail early as **Mon Zizou (Fr)** (**Snurge (Ire)**) dictated the steady pace. Switched to the outer with 2 1/2 furlongs

remaining, the 5-2 chance quickened to pass **Louvetau (USA)** (**Bahri (USA)**) with 100 yards remaining and win

by a half length. He was a FF500,000 DEAAUG yearling purchase. Lifetime Record: 1 start, 1 win, €8,500.

O-Mme Y Shen; B-6CBloodstock Holdings Ltd;

T-Freddie Head; J-Davy Bonilla.

★ UNITED STATES ★

EUROPEAN-BRED WINNER:

Mus-If (GB), g, 6, **Lahib (USA)**--**Navajo Love Song (Ire)**, by **Dancing Brave (USA)**. Fair Grounds, 3-11,

Alw/Opt. Clm. (\$40,000), 1 1/16mT, \$19,200 to

winner. O-Shadwell Farm Inc; B-Eurostrait Ltd;

T-Michael V Pino. *G1SW-Ire. **FF350,000 yrl '97

DEAAUG. **1/2 to **Jammaal (GB)** (**Robellino**), MSW

& G1SP-Ire, SP-Mal, \$208,573-GB & Ire.

★ AUSTRALASIA ★

GIOVANNA RETIRED

Scratched out of Monday's G1 Australian Cup with a high fever, **Giovana (NZ)** (**Blues Traveller (Ire)**--

Tristaine (NZ), by **Centaine (Aus)**) has been retired.

The five-year-old mare has been booked to GI Kentucky Derby hero **Fusaichi Pegasus (USA)** this spring.

Giovana captured four Group 1 events, including the

G1 Queensland Oaks (2400m) in 2000, the G1

Whakanui Stud International S. (2000m) in 2001,

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BLETCHLEY PARK COLT TOPS DAY TWO

A colt by Bletchley Park (Ire) attracted an offer of A\$92,500 from Dato Robert Chan Woot Choon to top the second day of the Magic Millions Perth Premier Yearling Sale. Queensland's Oaklands Stud consigned the chestnut colt out of the stakes-winning Hot Spice (Aus) (Old Spice {Aus}). The session topper is a full brother to G1 Western Australian Derby winner Hot Jules (Aus) and to stakes winner Spirit of Jules (Aus). The sale continues today and may be viewed on www.magicmillions.com.au.

WINNERS BY EUROPEAN STALLIONS:

Milanova (Aus), f, 2, **Danehill (USA)**--L'On Vite (USA), by Secretariat (USA). Cheltenham (Adelaide), 3-9, Carlton Draught H., 2yo, 6f 70ydsT, A\$14,740 to winner. B-Katom; T-Tony McEvoy. *1/2 to Heart of Oak (USA) (Woodman {USA}), SW-Ger & Swe; and Big Viking (USA) (Theatrical {Ire}), GSW-Jpn, \$986,363.

Reve (Aus), f, 2, **Flying Spur (Aus)**--Pre Packer's Dream (Aus), by Luskin Star (Aus). Newcastle (New South Wales), 3-9, First National Commercial & Industrial Maiden, 2yo, 6 1/2fT, A\$4,225 to winner. B-Mr M Cristiano & M Cristiano; T-Paul Perry.

Gobi Gabbana (Aus), f, 3, **Desert Style (Ire)**--Galspray (Aus) (SW & GSP-Aus), by Galveston (GB). Gold Coast (Queensland), 3-9, Electronic H., 3yo/up, 7fT, A\$4,800 to winner. B-Brewford Pty Ltd; T-Harold Norman.

Solitary Soldier (Aus), g, 3, **Hector Protector (USA)**--Solitary Flight (NZ), by The Expatriate (Ire). Rosehill (Sydney), 3-9, Baguette H., 3yo/up, 7fT, A\$29,250 to winner. B-Mr K Yoshida; T-Gai Waterhouse. *SW-Aus. **1/2 to Hula Flight (NZ) (Hula Town {NZ}), Hwt. Older Mare-Aus at 7-9.5f & 11-14f, G1SW-Aus.

Gironde (Aus), g, 3, **Lake Coniston (Ire)**--Enshrine (Aus) (GSP-Aus), by Marscay (Aus). Cheltenham (Adelaide), 3-9, Stuart Crystal H., 3yo, 6f 130ydsT, A\$14,740 to winner. B-Woodlands Stud; T-John Hawkes.

Pinnacles Icon (Aus), f, 3, **Nicolotte (GB)**--Rosanilin (NZ), by In The Purple (Fr). Trentham (Wellington), 3-9, Nees Mitre 10 Maiden, 3yo/up, 7 1/2fT, NZ\$4,375 to winner. B-Mrs C E & Mr D O Barber; T-Garry Barlow.

Candelaria (Aus), f, 3, **Spectrum (Ire)**--Glint of Gold (Aus), by Danehill (USA). Newcastle (New South Wales), 3-9, First National The Name In Real Estate Maiden, 3yo/up, 7 1/2fT, A\$4,225 to winner. B-Gooree Park Stud Pty Ltd; T-Gai Waterhouse.

Flash Bash (Aus), f, 3, **Vettori (Ire)**--Party Time (Aus) (GSW-Aus), by Bletchingly (Aus). Ellerslie (Auckland), 3-9, Fasttrack Automotive Compliance Centre Maiden, 3yo/up, 1mT, NZ\$4,550 to winner. B-Tristan Antico Thoroughbreds; T-Robert Priscott.

After Six (NZ), c, 3, **Woodborough (USA)**--Irish Myth (NZ), by Epidaurus (USA). Trentham (Wellington), 3-9, Winstone Wallboards H., 3yo, 5fT, NZ\$12,500 to winner. B-Mr & Mrs G M Hewson; T-John Wheeler.

Supa Belt (NZ), f, 4, **Blues Traveller (Ire)**--Spanish Delight (NZ), by Sir Avon (NZ). Trentham (Wellington), 3-9, Rotary Charity H., 3yo/up, f/m, 7 1/2fT, NZ\$12,500 to winner. B-Mr K & Mrs K A Gray; T-Kevin Gray. *SW-NZ.

Dancing On (Aus), f, 4, **Flying Spur (Aus)**--Love at the Gallop (Aus), by At Talaq (USA). Doomben (Brisbane), 3-9, Chariot Internet Company H., 3yo/up, 1mT, A\$15,300 to winner. B-Mr W Doughty; T-Gerald Ryan.

Sri Lanka (Aus), f, 4, **Sri Pekan (USA)**--Momentaire (Aus) (SW & GSP-Aus), by Marscay (Aus). Newcastle (New South Wales), 3-9, First National Real Estate H., 3yo/up, 6 1/2fT, A\$5,850 to winner. B-Mr G B Cobcroft; T-Jim Johnstone. *1/2 to Key Issue (Aus) (At Talaq), SW-Aus.

College Union (NZ), m, 5, **College Chapel (GB)**--Union Springs (USA), by Blushing Groom (Fr). Ellerslie (Auckland), 3-9, Genesis Star Belle Classic, 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/4mT, NZ\$25,000 to winner. B-Ra Ora Stud Ltd; T-Rex Allen. *SP-NZ. **1/2 to Aspects of Love (NZ) (Famous Star {GB}), SW-NZ.

Mukanic (Aus), h, 5, **Mukaddamah (USA)**--Elbow Grease (Aus), by Macho (Aus). Gold Coast (Queensland), 3-9, Card Shark H., 3yo/up, 6fT, A\$5,150 to winner. B-Ms K McGreal & Mr J Sunderland; T-Gary Rafter.

Tickle My (Aus), m, 5, **Perugino (USA)**--Mere Fancy (Aus), by Noalcoholic (Fr). Flemington (Melbourne), 3-9, Rosemount Estates Chardonnay H., 4yo/up, f/m, 1mT, A\$39,000 to winner. B-Mr K W Breese; T-Bruce Purcell. *MGSW-Aus.

Mallet (Aus), g, 6, **Brief Truce (USA)**--Majalh (Aus), by Kaoru Star (Aus). Doomben (Brisbane), 3-9, FM 104 Triple M/Guinness H., 3yo/up, 6f 165ydsT, A\$17,800 to winner. B-Woodlands Stud; T-John Hawkes. *MSP-Aus.

★ MAIDEN WINNERS ★

+ **Polygreen (Fr)**, f, 3, **Green Tune (USA)**--Yxenery (Ire) (MSW-Fr), by Sillery (USA). Maisons-Laffitte, France, 3-12, Prix de Quincy (debuttantes) (Class F), 3yo, f, 1 1/8mT, €8,500 to winner. B-Wertheimer et Frere.

+ **Rising Talent (Ire)**, c, 3, **Bering (GB)**--Trois Heures Apres (GB), by Soviet Star (USA). Maisons-Laffitte, France, 3-12, Prix Rieur (debuttantes) (Class F), 3yo, c/g, 1 1/8mT, €8,500 to winner. B-6C Bloodstock Holdings Ltd. *FF500,000 yrl '01 DEAAUG.

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