

☆ DUBAI WORLD CUP ☆

ON THE NAD AL SHEBA WORK TAB

Working towards the \$2 million G2 UAE Derby, **Palace Line (Aus)** (Palace Music) went 800 meters, dogs up, in :48.40 Tuesday at Nad al Sheba. A champion juvenile in South Africa, the Australian-bred chestnut has successfully transferred his form to Singapore, where he captured the Mar. 1 Singapore Classic.

Boreal (Ger) (Java Gold) zipped through 600 meters in :35.97 in preparation for the \$2 million G1 Dubai Sheema Classic, while stablemate **Zollner (Ger)** (Dashing Blade {GB}), a candidate for the \$2 million G2 Dubai Duty Free, went the same distance in :37.17.

Top Brazilian sprinter **Cacique Bar (Brz)** (Punk {Arg}) prepped for the \$2 million G1 Dubai Golden Shaheen by breezing 800 meters in :55.84, but she was outshone by local hopeful **Conroy** (Gone West), whose 800-meter work was timed in :47.70.

Hong Kong representative **Helene Vitality (NZ)** (Zabeel {NZ}) covered 600 meters in :39.36 while tuning up for the Dubai Sheema Classic.

WESTERN PRIDE SOLD TO SAUDI INTERESTS

Western Pride (Way West {Fr}), who was sent as the sole U.S. representative to this Saturday's G1 Dubai World Cup, has been sold by the Chapman family to Saudi Prince Faisal bin Khaled bin Abdul Aziz for an undisclosed sum. The four-year-old colt, who was purchased at the OBSMAR selected two-year-olds in training sale for \$65,000, won the GII Ohio Derby, GIII Calder Derby and West Virginia Derby last year. This year he took the GII San Fernando Breeders' Cup S. by a length at Santa Anita in January, pushing his career earnings to \$1,073,819, but faded badly to seventh in the GII Strub S. Feb. 2. The impressively built colt has been working very well this week in preparation for the \$6-million World Cup, and was the subject of some healthy support with British bookmakers William Hill yesterday. *Dubai notes cont. p. 2*

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3-year-old **BUDDHA** by

UNBRIDLED'S SONG

wins at Gulfstream on Florida Derby Day in spectacular fashion by 9 1/2 widening lengths, posting a 105 Beyer. The winner of the Florida Derby on the same track on the same day posted a 101. Wow!

☆ TRIPLE THREATS ☆

TEAM O'BRIEN IN ACTION AT LINGFIELD

Johannesburg (Hennessy), one of the early favorites for the G1 Kentucky Derby, and stablemate **Castle Gandolfo** (Gone West), also nominated to the classic,



Johannesburg wins the 2001 Breeders' Cup Juvenile

Horse-Photos

worked in company yesterday for trainer Aidan O'Brien at Lingfield.

According to the *Blood-Horse*, G1 Breeders' Cup Juvenile winner Johannesburg was clocked at 1:12 for six furlongs while Castle Gandolfo, runner-up in the G1 Racing Post Trophy, required 1:14 to cover the same distance. Other O'Brien-trained sophomores with classic aspirations who were sent out for a gallop

over the Polytrack surface were G1 2000 Guineas favorite **Hawk Wing** (Woodman) and **Rock of Gibraltar (Ire)** (Danehill), winner of the G1 Dewhurst S. "We found it a lovely surface," O'Brien told the *Racing Post*. "It's been hard to work them at home [Ballydoyle, Ireland] because of wet weather and this was a speeding-up process of their fitness levels." According to O'Brien, plans for the illustrious group are still up in the air. "All of the three-year-olds are possible for the Gladness S. at The Curragh [Apr. 7]--none of the trials are sorted out yet and we will make up our minds nearer the day." O'Brien added, "It is quite possible we will have a runner at Lingfield. We are going to need all the trials to help us sort them out."

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CORRECTION: The Apr. 13 Wood Memorial is a Grade I stakes, not Grade II, as we reported in yesterday's *TDN*. We regret the error.

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(Triple Threats cont. from p. 1)

Saturday, Turfway Park

LANE'S END SPIRAL S.-GII, \$500,000, 3yo, 1 1/8m

Perfect Drift (Dynaformer), second in the John Battaglia Memorial S., worked five furlongs in 1:02 2/5 yesterday over a sloppy Trackside training track in Louisville, Kentucky. "He finished really well," commented trainer Murray Johnson. "The clocker said he caught him going the last three-eighths in :35 and change." Eddie Delahoussaye has the mount Saturday.

NEXT YEAR'S PRESENT

The dam of Saturday's GI Florida Derby winner **Harlan's Holiday** (Harlan), **Christmas in Aiken** (Affirmed) has been scanned in foal to Forestry. The resulting foal will be a 3/4-sibling to Harlan's Holiday. The 10-year-old mare produced a colt by Spirit Voices last year, but was barren for 2002. Owned by Double D Farm, Christmas in Aiken is currently in Lexington, Kentucky at Rockwell Farm.

(Dubai World Cup notes cont. from p. 1)

NAYEF A "DIFFERENT CLASS"

Richard Hills is adamant that **Nayef** (Gulch) is in a, "different class," and is hoping that owner Sheikh Hamdan Al Maktoum will allow Marcus Tregoning's stable-star to run in Saturday's G1 Dubai World Cup. Nayef has an alternative engagement in the Dubai Sheema Classic on the turf. Hills, who has already won the World Cup aboard Almutawakel (GB), said; "I have been riding Nayef all winter, and he has never given me a better feel. I know he would start favorite back home for the Dubai Sheema Classic, but I would be a bit worried about a mile and a half first time out. The turf course is riding very spongy, and without a prep-race he might not get home. In contrast, I think he has got a terrific chance of winning the big one. He has been working the house down, and, though it is a totally different ball game racing on dirt than galloping in the morning, he is a horse who has always had a high-cruising speed and that is a major plus in dirt racing. Nayef has developed physically from three to four, and he has a big summer ahead of him in Europe. He'll be going for all the top races, and what better way to start than by winning the World Cup. Almutawakel was a good horse, but Nayef has more class. The fact that he is by top American dirt sire Gulch is another bonus, and it would be great if he justified the faith that Marcus and the team have always held in him."

☆ PREVIEW ☆

Saturday, Rosehill, Sydney, Australia

AAMI GOLDEN SLIPPER-G1, A\$2.5 million, 2yo, 1200mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	WT
1	Bel Esprit (Aus)	Royal Academy	Treloar	121
2	De Lollies (Aus)	Dehere	Katsidis	115
3	Whiskey on Ice (Aus)	Mighty Avalanche (Aus)	Cooper	115
4	Fatoon (Aus)	Snaadee	Dye	115
5	Brief Embrace (Aus)	Irgun	J Cassidy	115
6	Calaway Gal (Aus)	Clang (Aus)	Seamer	115
7	Italian Adventure (Aus)	Adventurous (Aus)	McLellan	121
8	Yell (Aus)	Anabaa	Quinn	121
9	Choisir (Aus)	Danehill Dancer (Ire)	L Beasley	121
10	Chuckle (Aus)	Danehill	York	115
11	Dama de Noche (Aus)	Snippets (Aus)	Brown	115
12	Victory Vein (Aus)	Mr. Henrysee	D Beasley	115
13	Planchet (Aus)	Canny Lad (Aus)	Beadman	121
14	Snowland (Aus)	Snippets (Aus)	Munce	121
15	Before Too Long (Aus)	Belong to Me	L Cassidy	115

Bel Esprit deserves to be the favorite. He's a bargain-buy, professional racehorse who has won five from five, culminating with a victory in the G1 Blue Diamond S. a fortnight ago. The brave colt likes to be out on the front, so his inside draw should help. At the 11th hour, Torryburn Stud owner Rob Ferguson paid a A\$110,000 late entry fee for **Chuckle**. She has at least two factors playing in her favor: she is by Danehill, who has four Golden Slippers already; and she is trained by Gai Waterhouse, who had the Slipper trifecta last year.

☆ RESULTS ☆

Saturday, Newmarket, South Africa

COMPUTAFORM SPRINT-G1, R400,000, Newmarket, 3-16, 3yo/up, 5fT, 0:58.12, gd.

- 1--**LAISSERFAIRE (AUS), 122, m, 5, by Danehill**
 1st Dam: Procrastinate (Aus) (GSW-Aus), by Jade Hunter
 2nd Dam: Reigtaine (Aus), by Century (Aus)
 3rd Dam: Rainbeam (Aus), by Vain (Aus)
 O-Mrs Sabine Plattner; B-Indian Pacific Bloodstock; T-Brett Crawford; J-K Neisius; R250,000. Lifetime Record: 15 starts, 11 wins, 4 places, R1,139,680.
 - 2--**All Will Be Well (SAf), 128, g, 8, Badger Land--**
 Romantic Fantasy, by In Reality. O-Mr & Mrs A J MacDonald; B-Maine Chance Farms (Pty); R80,000.
 - 3--**Syon (SAf), 128, g, 5, Fort Wood--Lucy Percy (SAf),**
 by Harry Hotspur (SAf). O-Mrs B D Oppenheimer; B-H F Oppenheimer; R40,000.
- Margins: HD, 3/4, SHD. Odds: 21-10, 7-1, 14-1.



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**WEEKEND PEDIGREE
PERSPECTIVES**
by Alan Porter

Sunday, Aqueduct

GOTHAM S.-GIII, \$200,000, AQU, 3-17, 3yo, 1m, 1:34 4/5, ft.

1--#**@MAYAKOVSKY, 116, c, 3, by Matty G**

1st Dam: Joy to Raise (SP), by Raise a Man

2nd Dam: Joy To Tell, by Tell

3rd Dam: Flower Bonnet, by Johns Joy

(\$10,000 wlng '99 OBSOCT; \$210,000 2yo 2001 OBSAPR). O-Tabor Michael B; B-R C Van Voorhees (FL); T-Patrick L Biancone; J-E S Prado; \$120,000. Lifetime Record: GISP, 3-2-1-0, \$184,600.

The weekend was a key one for Kentucky Derby contenders with major trials in Florida, California and New York. New York's GIII Gotham S. was somewhat unusual in that the two principal protagonists were both returning from long layoffs and had started only seven times between them. The beautifully bred Saarland (Unbridled--Versailles Treaty, by Danzig) had been away since his strong late run propelled him to the line a neck in front of Nokoma (Pulpit) in the GII Remsen S. For Mayakovsky, the absence from action had been longer still.

The Patrick Biancone trainee broke Saratoga's 5 1/2-furlong track record in his debut, but after finishing second to Came Home in the GI Hopeful S. Sept. 1, he suffered a hairline fracture to his left hind pastern and had not started since.

Happily, both these talented colts returned from their layoffs in very creditable style. Left alone on the lead, the long-striding Mayakovsky reeled off opening fractions of :22.54, :45.13 and 1:09.45 with apparent ease. He drifted out markedly in the final furlong, but still had 3 3/4 lengths to spare when he reached the wire in 1:34.90, a time which tied for the sixth fastest running of the Gotham. Mayakovsky may always be best suited by distance around a mile, but there's little doubt that Saarland, who was cutting back from the

nine furlongs of the Remsen, will be suited by much longer distances. Under the circumstances, Saarland ran a splendid race, keeping creditably close to the hot pace, and closing with a will in the stretch to claim second. At time of writing, Mayakovsky and Saarland are due to meet again in the GI Wood Memorial S.

The homebred Saarland has never been through a sale ring, but he owns the type of pedigree which commands six-figure sums. Mayakovsky, on the other hand, realized only \$10,000 as a weanling at the OBS October Sale. Eighteen months later, his athletic abilities clearly evident, he fetched \$210,000 at the OBS April Two-Year-Olds in Training Sale.

Mayakovsky is from the first crop of the Capote stallion Matty G. Campaigned on the West Coast, Matty G pulled off a major surprise when taking the GI Hollywood Futurity by seven lengths over a field which included Hennessy and Odyle. A back injury suffered in the GI Santa Anita Derby hampered his career at three, although he did capture the GIII Ascot H. over 8 1/2 furlongs on turf. Matty G damaged a leg in his box in the winter, and although he appeared complete sound, he failed to recover his form in four starts at four.

Matty G stood his first two seasons at Devonian Stud in Ocala, Florida; moved to Pegasus Ranch in Petaluma, California for 2000 and 2001; and now stands at Darby Dan Farm in Lexington, Kentucky. From his first crop of 34 named foals, Matty G has been represented by 26 starters and 13 winners. In addition to Mayakovsky, they also include stakes winner Little Billy, the GIII Sorority S. third Divine Angel, the Vallejo S. third Lil' Awesome Annie, and Robins Beauty, who led in midstretch in Saarland's Remsen before finishing fourth.

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CURRENCY CONVERSIONS

	Unit/US\$	Unit/GB£
British pound	1.42443	1.00
Euro	0.882143	0.619295
South African rand	0.0858903	0.0602965
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FROM THE DESK OF...

Bill Oppenheim



3YO TIME: U.S. PREPS

Trainer Kenny McPeek is due to be in Dubai this week, and after Harlan's Holiday swamped his field in the GI Florida Derby last Saturday, McPeek won't need a plane to get there. The recent Tabor purchase Smooth Jazz couldn't live with Booklet, but he softened him up enough, and Harlan's Holiday swept past him and the rest to post an authoritative win, and earn Kentucky Derby co-favoritism, along with Johannesburg.

Besides Harlan's Holiday, of course, McPeek also has GI Louisiana Derby winner Repent in his barn, which makes the 39-year-old Lexington native the narrow favorite to be the trainer of this year's Kentucky Derby winner.

Both horses have form lines which tie up with Johannesburg, whose Breeders' Cup Juvenile win still provides the key form lines for this year's three-year-olds. Repent, the standard bearer from the first crop of 1996 Preakness winner Louis Quatorze (a member of the same 1993 foal crop which also includes Unbridled's Song, Hennessy, and Maria's Mon), ran second in the Juvenile, won the GI Kentucky Jockey Club afterwards, and is two-for-two in New Orleans this winter. Harlan's Holiday has never been out of the first two in nine career starts. Last year, he ran second to Siphonic in the GI Breeders' Futurity at Keeneland, after which Siphonic ran a good third in the Breeders' Cup Juvenile and came back to win the GI Hollywood Futurity, then Harlan's Holiday himself came back to win the GI Iroquois at Churchill in his final start at two. Then came the two seconds to front-running Booklet, in the GI Holy Bull and the GI Fountain of Youth, before the authoritative win last Saturday.

Right now you'd say Michael Tabor looks co-favorite with trainer McPeek. Tabor's Florida Derby entry of Smooth Jazz and Nokoma didn't deliver, but his Mayakovsky, who's from the first crop of the Capote horse Matty G., breezed home in Aqueduct's one-mile GI Gotham, over Saarland. Interestingly, both Harlan's Holiday and Mayakovsky (Beyer 102) were ridden by

Edgar Prado. Saarland, an Unbridled colt out of Versailles Treaty was unplaced in the Breeders' Cup Juvenile, then came back to win the GI Remsen in his final start at two, adding further credibility to Johannesburg's Breeders' Cup form.

Only Siphonic, who has now been beaten by Bobby Frankel-trained three-year-olds in both his starts this year, has let down the Breeders' Cup form, and it looks like he peaked at two. The California piece of the Derby puzzle now looks between the GI San Felipe winner, Medaglia D'Oro (by El Prado), trained by Frankel for long-time patron Ed Gann, and Came Home, the Gone West colt who looks the real deal, but probably not for that critical 10th furlong at Churchill Downs.

There's just one spanner in the works here: time, and speed. Particularly speed. Johannesburg's form before the Breeders' Cup was six-furlong form, and I think history does relate that seven-furlong two-year-old form in Europe is generally more meaningful. That's one thing. Then, in the Breeders' Cup, Johannesburg dominated his American rivals, but his Beyer speed figure was a troubling 99, the lowest of the day, and eight points lower than Tempera's 107 in the Fillies' equivalent.

Moreover, they're not going appreciably faster this year as three-year-olds. Harlan's Holiday, the Derby favorite, won the Florida Derby in a 101 Beyer figure, having previously run 101-104. Repent, second in the Breeders' Cup Juvenile, ran only a 92 when he won the Kentucky Jockey Club, and a 95 in the Louisiana Derby. Saarland won the Remsen with an 87, and improved in the Gotham to around a 95. The California horses have run better numbers: Came Home ran 109 (seven-furlong GI San Vicente) and 106 (one-mile GI San Rafael), but looks more a Met Mile prospect; and Frankel's new acquisition, Medaglia D'Oro, ran a 107 winning the San Felipe last weekend, but he is seriously short on seasoning, a major drawback for Kentucky.

Verdict: If Harlan's Holiday had run a second faster, he'd be a solid favorite. You've got to respect him, but the whole lot of them just might be vulnerable to a rapid improver (Charismatic did, for example) or a longshot who gets the trip. After all, Rule Number One, no exceptions, is: nine-furlong horses do not win the Kentucky Derby. You got to get the trip. **Cont. p. 5**

"HE'S GREAT VALUE" PARADE GROUND, Kingmambo – Battle Creek Girl

"PARADE GROUND was a very solid racehorse on both dirt and turf from a family that has consistently thrown up good sires. He's great value."

– Racing Update, Feb. 2002

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(Bill Oppenheim cont. from p. 4)

One thing I do think Harlan's Holiday's status as a legitimate Classic contender does is tend to confirm that Storm Cat now looks all right at least as a sire of sires. The marketplace long since embraced the idea that Storm Cat was the next great sire of sires, but researchers take a little longer. I'm not prepared to call him 'great' in that category maybe he will be, maybe he won't but I am prepared now to say he's a positive.

There were 12 sons of Storm Cat who were assigned APEX Ratings at the end of last year, meaning they had three-year-olds of 2001. The A Runner indices for six of the 12 were 1.48 or higher, which I would say was pretty good and even most of the sires with indices under 1.00 have sired something good; Future Storm two Grade II winners, Delineator the winner of a Grade I. Here's the tale of the tape:

Storm Cat's 12 Sons...

- 1st Foals 1995: Storm Boot - 1.59A Index
- 1st Foals 1995: Mountain Cat - 0.78
- 1st Foals 1995: Future Storm - 0.72
- 1st Foals 1996: Harlan - 2.02
- 1st Foals 1996: Catrail - 0.97
- 1st Foals 1996: Delineator - 0.65
- 1st Foals 1997: Tabasco Cat - 2.63
- 1st Foals 1997: In Case - 0.91
- 1st Foals 1998: Forest Wildcat - 2.56
- 1st Foals 1998: Hennessy - 1.86
- 1st Foals 1998: Storm Creek - 1.48
- 1st Foals 1998: Level Sands - 0.0

Meanwhile, Across the Pond...

Cheltenham concluded a rousing three-day meet last Thursday with an impressive win by Top Ville's grandson, the seven-year-old second-season chaser Best Mate (by Un Desperado) in the Cheltenham Gold Cup. This Thursday the English flat turf season gets underway at Doncaster, though the first black-type races for three-year-olds on the Classic trail won't be until Kempton's March 30-April 1 Easter meeting; no wonder Britain's Classics on the first weekend in May are at a mile. But this weekend sees the peak of the Asian winter season, if I can call it that, with Dubai World

Cup weekend. Look for big races from Sakhee and Street Cry for Godolphin, and Nayef for Sheikh Hamdan, in the Dubai World Cup. And that Agnes Digital from Japan. Hot race, even with only one previously American-based representative. That'll be the planet's best racing this weekend, by far.

(Pedigree Perspectives cont. from p. 3)

Like Matty G, Mayakovsky's dam Joy to Raise also campaigned in California, where she showed very useful form at two, winning two races and finishing third in the Bay Meadows Lassie S. Joy to Raise had produced eight foals prior to Mayakovsky, and none had earned black-type, although Capote's Joy, a filly by Matty G's sire Capote, did manage to amass over \$102,000. Joy to Raise's dam Joy to Tell was a daughter of the Round Table stallion Tell. She earned only a little over \$10,000, but did get black-type with a victory in the Atokad Futurity. Mayakovsky's third dam Flower Bonnet was also stakes-placed and is ancestress of numerous stakes horses, though none of particular class, with the possible exception of her granddaughter Diorissimo, a graded winner in South Africa, and Diorissimo's daughter Scented Royal, a juvenile champion in South Africa. Mayakovsky's sixth dam Nectarine is a sister to multiple champion sire Bull Lea.

Since Joy to Raise is by the Raise a Native stallion Raise a Man, Mayakovsky represents a continuation of the tremendous success that his sire Capote has enjoyed with Raise a Native male-line mares (the cross has produced at least 15 unrestricted stakes winners to date, three of them Grade I winners). Of equal importance may be the presence of Tell as the sire of Mayakovsky's dam. He is bred on the same Round Table/Nasrullah cross as Poker (broodmare sire of Matty G's grandsire Seattle Slew), and his granddam is a half sister to Round Table. In addition to the two Round Table (Princequillo/Nasrullah) crosses through Poker and Tell, Matty G's granddam Soonerland is by a son of Nasrullah out of a mare by a son of Princequillo, so Mayakovsky has a triple of the Nasrullah/Princequillo combination.

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HALO'S IMAGE TOPS OBS OPENER

A son of sophomore sire Halo's Image brought the top price at yesterday's opening session of the Ocala Breeders' Sales Company's Selected Two-Year-Olds in Training Sale at the OBS Sales Complex in Ocala, Florida. The dark bay juvenile, out of the unraced mare Pleasant Dixie (Dixieland Band), completed a one-furlong drill during the Mar. 10 under-tack show in :10.2. He was consigned by Bridlewood Farm and was purchased by Michael Machowsky, agent. The top-priced filly at yesterday's session was hip number 74, Yester Morn (Capote--Patticake Blues, by Cure the Blues). Consigned by Eisaman Equine, agent, the filly was purchased for \$210,000 by Choctaw Racing Stable. She worked a bullet two furlongs in :21.1 at the Mar. 16 under-tack show. The sale's second and final session begins today at 11 a.m.


OBS SELECTED TWO-YEAR-OLDS IN TRAINING TOP FIVE LOTS -- TUESDAY

Hip#	Sex	Sire	Dam	Price
084	colt	Halo's Image	Pleasant Dixie	\$300,000
Consigned by Bridlewood Farm Purchased by Michael Machowsky, agent				
148	colt	<u>Favorite Trick</u>	So Brash	\$250,000
(\$35,000 yrl '01 KEESEP) Consigned by Equine Legacy Farm, agent Purchased by Fog City Stable				
110	colt	Formal Gold	Rosedon	\$220,000
(\$25,000 yrl '01 KEESEP) Consigned by Robert Scanlon, Agent II Purchased by Flying Zee Stable				
074	filly	<u>Capote</u>	Patticake Blues	\$210,000
(\$40,000 yrl '01 KEESEP) Consigned by Eisaman Equine, agent Purchased by Choctaw Racing Stable				
065	filly	Forest Wildcat	Old Flame	\$200,000
(\$60,000 wnlg '00 KEENOV) Consigned by Southern Chase Farm, Inc., agent Purchased by Colleen Smith, agent for Jeff Bonde				

STAKES CLOSINGS

TODAY, WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20:
03-30 \$300,000 Gulfstream Park H.-I, GP, 3yo/up, 10f (200)

TOMORROW, THURSDAY, MARCH 21:
03-30 \$100/100,000a Portrero Grande Breeders' Cup H.-II, SA, 3yo/up, 6.5f (100)



☆ EAST ☆

Reserves Available for Adena Springs Sale:


The reserve prices for Adena Springs Farm's 70 two-year-olds which will be sold at a special auction conducted by the Ocala Breeders' Sales Company are now available on the sales grounds and on-line at www.obssales.com. The auction will take place Thursday at 3:00 p.m. at Adena Springs in Ocala, Florida.

Yesterday's Results:

4th-TAM, \$11,000, Msw, 3yo, 1 1/16mT, 1:43 2/5, fm.

HYDRATION (f, 3, Unbridled--Good Picker, by Damascus) finished last of 10 in her career debut at Arlington, a six-furlong event on the main Aug. 31 before heading to the sidelines for six months. Trying similar conditions in her return to the races at Gulfstream Feb. 17, the filly could only finish seventh, beaten 28 1/4 lengths as a 30-1 longshot. Sent off the 4-1 third choice for her turf and route debut, the half to Scatter Buy (Relaunch), SW, \$130,732, broke well to take an easy early lead while setting modest fractions, increased her advantage to six lengths at the top of the stretch and held on well late to score by 3 1/4 lengths. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-0, \$6,020.


O/B-Glen Hill Farm (KY). T-Thomas Proctor.

		OBS SELECTED 2YOS IN TRAINING TUESDAY, MARCH 19, 2002	
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☆ MIDWEST ☆

KTM Awards Announced:

Jon Court rode 183 winners in Kentucky last year, earning him the title of the Kentucky Thoroughbred Media's 2001 Jockey of the Year. Bernie Flint won the KTM Trainer of the Year Award for the fourth straight year. He had 97 Kentucky victories in 2001. Ken and Sarah Ramsey repeated as KTM Owner of the Year with 42 wins. Court, Flint and the Ramseys will be honored Saturday after the third race on the GII Lane's End Spiral S. undercard at Turfway Park. The awards are determined by the most wins in a calendar year at Turfway, Keeneland, Churchill, Ellis and Kentucky Downs and are co-sponsored by the KTM and The Jockey Club Information Systems, which provide the statistical information.

☆ SO. CALIFORNIA ☆

Eidson Joins Hollywood Racing Department:

Daniel Eidson has been named stakes coordinator and assistant racing secretary at Hollywood Park. The 51-year-old Eidson served as racing secretary at Golden Gate for five years before taking over that same position at Delaware Park in 2000. "Dan will be a big asset to [racing secretary] Martin Panza and the racing department," said Hollywood track president Rick Baedeker. "He not only has strong ties in Northern California, he has established a good relationship with many East Coast trainers since leaving California."

☆ INDUSTRY INFO ☆

Virtual Reality:

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BREEDERS' EDITION

ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

1st-SPT, \$41,588, 4yo/up, 6f, 1:11, ft.
MEANDMYLOVEMAN (h, 5, Way West {Fr}--Majestical, by Garthorn) Lifetime Record: 23-8-3-3, \$185,132.
 O-Frank Mancari & Mark Triffler. B-Michael Yates (FL). T-Michael L Reavis.

4th-SPT, \$30,000, (S), 3yo/up, 1m, 1:42, ft.
MYNAMEISCHASE (c, 3, Cartwright--Song of the Nile, by Upper Nile) Lifetime Record: 8-2-0-1, \$46,500.
 O/B-James D Denney (IL). T-Pamela A Little. * 1/2 to Sox On Top (Black Moonshine), SP, \$264,533.

8st-SPT, \$30,000, (S), 3yo/up, 6f, 1:14 2/5, ft.
SPORTS CHANNEL (c, 4, Twilight Agenda--Channel Forty Six {SW}, by Czaravich) Lifetime Record: 24-3-3-1, \$48,515. O/B-James Quarto & Frank Gesualdo (IL). T-Thomas Tomillo.

8th-MNR, \$25,000, 3-18, 3yo/up, 1m, 1:41 1/5, ft.
LONDON LORD (c, 4, Lord At War {Arg}--Light Ice, by Arctic Tern) Lifetime Record: 8-2-0-1, \$28,236.
 O-Michael Estes. B-Winborne Farm Inc (KY). T-Mike Estes.

8th-PHA, \$23,604, 3yo/up, f/m, a1m70yd, 1:43 4/5, sy.
AGBAYANI (f, 3, Alphabet Soup--Hello Brian {MSP, \$151,310}, by Idabel) Lifetime Record: 14-3-1-0, \$44,265. O-Don Baker & Uriah St Lewis. B-Swifty Farms Inc (KY). T-Uriah St Lewis.

9th-PHA, \$23,100, 4yo/up, 6 1/2f, 1:17 4/5, sy.
RISEN WARRIOR (h, 6, Lost Code--Risen Witch, by Conquistador Cielo) Lifetime Record: 62-10-7-10, \$286,620. O-Robert J Amendola. B-Rankin, Lenihan & Ernst (KY). T-Jose A Gallegos.

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MAIDEN WINNERS:

Native Trinket, f, 3, **Dove Hunt**--Miss Gem, by Exclusive Gem. SPT, 3-19, 6f, 1:13. B-Don & Pam Mattox (FL). *\$15,000 yrl '00 OBSAUG. **1/2 to Meadow Gem (Meadow Flight), GSW, \$208,012.

Golden Valentine, c, 3, **Gold Alert**--Moment of Revenge, by Timeless Moment. MNR, 3-18, a1m70yd, 1:47 4/5. B-Frank Ambrosio (FL).

Hydration, f, 3, **Unbridled**--Good Picker, by Damascus. TAM, 3-19, 1 1/16mT, 1:43 2/5. B-Glen Hill Farm (Ky). *1/2 to Scatter Buy (Relaunch), SW, \$130,732.

Dreama, f, 4, **Run Turn**--Gleaming Dream (SP), by Fountain of Gold. TAM, 3-19, 5f, :59 3/5. B-C Kitchen (FL).

 **SOPHOMORE SPOTLIGHT**

Progeny to watch: Wednesday, Mar. 20

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

ATTICUS (Nureyev), Three Chimneys, \$20K, 97/11/0
 2-GP, Msw, 5f, +Attagal, \$325K KEE NOV wnl, 4-1

LOST SOLDIER (Danzig), Franks, \$4K, 107/17/1
 8-GP, Alw, 1mT, Lush Soldier, 5-1

LOUIS QUATORZE (Sovereign Dancer), Ashford, \$20K, 219/13/1
 2-GP, Msw, 5f, Royal Prairie, \$85K FTF FEB 2yo, 6-1

2-AQU, Alw, 1 1/8m, Under the Desk

MARLIN (Sword Dance {Ire}), Turkey, \$10K, 200/7/0
 1-TP, Msw, 6f, +Flying Marlin

MATTY G (Capote), Darby Dan, \$6K, 62/14/2
 2-AQU, Alw, 1 1/8m, My Cousin Matt

OUTFLANKER (Danzig), Cloverleaf, \$3K, 59/16/2
 8-GP, Alw, 1mT, Excellent Choice, 15-1

SMOKE GLACKEN (Two Punch), Gainesway, \$10K, 130/25/3
 2-AQU, Alw, 1 1/8m, Smokin' John, \$40K OBS MAR 2yo

TEJANO RUN (Tejano), Hill 'n' Dale, \$5K, 68/9/2
 1-TP, Msw, 6f, Inside Run

UPCOMING OBS SALES DATES

Selected Sale of Two-Year-Olds in Training - Mar. 19-20

Spring Sale of Two-Year-Olds in Training - Apr. 22-25

 **FOALING NEWS**

VALIDATED, 14, Valid Appeal--Sail or Cerf (Cerf Volant) Foal born 2-14, a colt by Silver Charm. Will be bred back to Hennessy. Owned by Dennis Drazin. Boarded at Denali Stud, KY. Accomplishments: MSW.

COGNAC LADY, 7, Olympio--Carmanetta (Roberto) Foal born 2-17, a filly by Storm Creek. Will be bred back to Royal Academy. Owned by Lux Investments, Ltd. Boarded at Denali Stud, KY. Accomplishments: SW.

PRATELLA, 7, Jade Hunter--Dancing Devlette (Devil's Bag) Foal born 2-22, a colt by Giant's Causeway. Will be bred back to Dixieland Band. Owned by Alvin Haynes. Boarded at Belvedere Farm, KY. Accomplishments: GSW, \$459,622.

ASHRAAKAT, 7, Danzig--Elle Seule (Exclusive Native) Foal born 2-23, a filly by Bahri. Will be bred back to Kingmambo. Owned by/Boarded at Shadwell LLC, KY. Accomplishments: SW & GSP-GB.

CRYSTAL VOUS, 14, Crystal Water--Taisez Vous (Silent Screen) Foal born 2-24, a colt by Silver Deputy. Will be bred back to Silver Deputy. Owned by Foxfield. Boarded at Trackside Farm, KY. Accomplishments: GSP, \$154,764.

CORONA LAKE, 8, Storm Cat--Aziyah (Alleged) Foal born 2-27, a filly by Coronado's Quest. Will be bred back to Seeking the Gold. Owned by Mr. & Mrs. Jerome Moss. Boarded at Mill Ridge, KY. Accomplishments: MSW, \$246,550.

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★ BRITAIN ★

NEW GALLOP FOR NEWMARKET

A new polytrack gallop on Newmarket's Long Hill will open for the first time tomorrow morning, according to *Racing Post*. Work was started on the near one mile gallop last December and will provide local trainers with another useful training aid. The strip has been widened by 25 percent (to five metres) and will allow three, and possibly four, horses to work upsides. Training grounds manager John Taylor said: "We installed a centre drain with soak-aways and then put on a clean limestone base. Porous tarmac was then laid on the surface as a membrane and approximately six inches of compacted Polytrack was added, which will expand to seven inches once it has eased. The horses would have been coming straight onto it from a concrete base, but having taken the views of the trainers, we have re-done the start and they come in from various directions on a funnel. All the plastic fencing has been replaced and it should prove very popular. I think the older horses will love it although it may be a little too much to start with for the younger ones, but when the ground starts to firm up in the summer I think it will come into its own as it is so near and people like Sir Michael Stoute, Henry Cecil and Godolphin will live on it."

RECORD 83 REMAIN IN GRAND NATIONAL

A record 83 horses remain in the 2002 Martell Grand National following yesterday's second forfeit stage with the weights still headed on 166 pounds by Florida Pearl (Ire) (Florida Son {GB}). The 83 compares with the previous best of 73 last year. A maximum field of 40 can line up for £500,000 race at Aintree Apr. 6. Champion trainer Martin Pipe, who saddled a record 10 of last year's 40 runners, still has 13 remaining in this year's race, including last year's third and current favourite Blowing Wind (Fr) (Fabulous Dancer {USA}) who was successful in last week's Mildmay of Flete Chase at Cheltenham. Aintree's Managing Director Charles Barnett said, "There is less than three weeks until the 155th running of the world's greatest steeplechase, and the 2002 Martell Grand National is shaping into an ultra-competitive renewal with bags of quality."

★ FRANCE ★

Yesterday's Results:

1.45 Maisons-Laffitte, Prix Azulene (Cond), €26,000, 3yo, f, 1 1/4mT, 2:26.20, vhy.

DZINIGANE (FR) (f, 3, Exit to Nowhere {USA}--Dzietta {Fr}, by Tip Moss {Fr}) tracked the leaders in fourth as Haimonnous (Fr) (Anabaa {USA}) set the pace and made good progress at the top of the long straight. The 53-10 chance was ridden to challenge at the quarter mile marker, was sent to the front at the distance and stayed on in determined style to beat Tangolania (Fr) (Ashkalani {Ire}) by a decisive three lengths. Lifetime Record: 4 starts, 2 wins, 2 places, €21,922. O-Andre Radelet; B-C Wattinne; T-Dominique Sepulchre; J-Dominique Boeuf.

2.15 Maisons-Laffitte, Prix Verso II (Cond), €26,000, 3yo, c/g, 1 1/4mT, 2:28.70, vhy.

+ **LOXIAS (FR)** (c, 3, Saumarez {GB}--Loxandra {GB}, by Last Tycoon {Ire}) soon raced in third as Brex (Ire) (Exit to Nowhere {USA}) made the running and came under pressure with 2 1/2 furlongs to run. He made his bid at the quarter mile pole, quickened into a slight lead at the eighth marker and ran on strongly in the closing stages to assert a three parts of a length win over Patent Pending (Fr) (Double Bed {Fr}) at odds of 27-2. The winner is a half brother to Iridanos (GB) (Sabrehill), MSW & MGSP-Fr, \$153,235; and Keltos (Fr) (Kendor {Fr}), GSW-Fr. Lifetime Record: 1 start, 1 win, €13,000.

O-Leonidas Marinopoulos; B-Stilvi Compania Financiera SA; T-Carlos Laffon-Parias; J-Christophe Tellier.

CORRECTION: Tuesday's *TDN* incorrectly reported information about **Bowman's Crossing (Ire)** (Dolphin Street {Fr}), a winner in Hong Kong. The three-year-old was in fact bred by Eclipse Bloodstock and was not offered at auction. We regret the error.

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French Report cont.

3.15 Maisons-Laffitte, Prix Karaway (Cond), €26,000, 4yo/up, 1 7/8mT, 3:52.00, vhy.

ROYAL CETI (FR) (g, 5, Garde Royale {Ire}--Mira Ceti {Fr}, by Carvin {Fr}), the 2-1 punters' choice, was reserved in sixth place early on as Multiverse (Fr) (Hernando {Fr}) set a slow pace and moved into fourth as Karis (Fr) (Darshaan {GB}) took over before halfway. He was ridden along approaching the final quarter mile as Multiverse regained the lead, went to the front inside the last 150 yards and stayed on dourly to hold the strong late finish of Estarana (Ger) (Mandelbaum {Ger}) by a short head. Lifetime Record: 6 starts, 3 wins, 3 places, €63,080.

O-Ecurie Passing; B-S Boucheron; T-Elie Lellouche;

J-Dominique Boeuf.

★ HONG KONG ★

X-RAYS MANDATORY FOR HONG KONG

The Stewards of the Hong Kong Jockey Club have that beginning this July, all racehorses imported to Hong Kong must have their limbs screened radiographically prior to their arrival in the Special Administrative Region. This procedure is designed to protect owners from receiving horses with pre-existing conditions. The HKJC has suggested that the X-ray procedure closely follow that which is in current use for the Piaget Hong Kong International Sale, as a lack of problems with the horses that passed through last year's International Sale has been noted. The HKJC is also recommending that a thorough vetting of the horse should be performed during the month prior to the horse entering pre-export quarantine so that clinical and radiographic findings can be compared and evaluated. The Jockey Club will also employ leading specialists to assess individual cases when doubts are cast as to the suitability of a horse for racing in Hong Kong.

★ U.S. PREMIERES ★

Wednesday at Gulfstream Park

6th Race, \$34,000, Allowance, 4yo/up, 1 1/8mT.

INDIAN PROSPECTOR (FR) (h,5 Machiavellian {USA}--Danse Indienne {USA}, by Green Dancer {USA}) won his career bow in France in November of 1999, but has been on the board only once since, finishing second in the G3 Prix de la Jonchere at Chantilly in June of 2000. The bay, who was trained overseas by Andre Fabre, makes his first start since a sixth-place finish in the Prix de l'Île Saint-Louis last June at Longchamp and will be adding Lasix in his U.S. debut. Lifetime Record: 7-1-1-0, \$28,761.

O-Edouard de Rothschild; B-Ecurie de Meautry SC; T-Christopher Clement.

★ MAIDEN WINNERS ★

+ **Loxias (Fr), c, 3, Saumarez (GB)--Loxandra (GB),** by Last Tycoon (Ire). Maisons-Laffitte, France, 3-19, Prix Verso II (Cond), 3yo, c/g, 1 1/4mT, €13,000 to winner. B-Stilvi Compania Financiera SA. *1/2 to Iridanos (GB) (Sabrehill), MSW & MGSP-Fr, \$153,235; and Keltos (Fr) (Kendor {Fr}), GSW-Fr.

★ IN THE BETTING PARLOUR ★

Latest Odds for the Dubai World Cup:

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By **BRONWYN FARR**

WRONG FIT FOR THE SLIPPER?

Four-time Golden Slipper-winning trainer Lee Freedman is likely to have pulled the right rein in opting not to rush VRC Sires' Produce Stakes winner Pillaging (Aus) (Marauding {NZ}) to Sydney for Saturday's Golden Slipper (1200 meters).

Having sent Bint Marscay (Aus), Danzero (Aus), Flying Spur (Aus) and Merlene (Aus) to Slipper victories from 1993 to 1996, Freedman's Slipper judgment is unsurpassed--three weeks before the '95 Slipper he pulled Flying Spur out of the paddock, after assessing the opposition (which included runner-up Octagonal {NZ}) and immediately deciding the colt was capable of beating the best Sydney could dish up.

For the past three years trainers have had the luxury of choosing the A\$1 million Heroic Championship (for graduates of Inglis sales) a week later; the race is over an extra half-furlong at spacious Randwick, where the G1 Sires' Produce Stakes (1400 meters) and the G1 Champagne Stakes (1600 meters) will take place.

Pillaging is likely to contest the Heroic; he was beaten by Choisir (Aus) (Danehill Dancer {Ire}) by a resounding 2 3/4 lengths in the Inglis Classic at his only Sydney start to date. Freedman instantly declared the winner was a genuine Slipper hope.

Pillaging, a A\$45,000 Inglis Classic sale graduate out of a Kenmare (Fr) half-sister to SWs Encores and Irradiate, returned south to place behind boom colt Bel Esprit in the G1 Blue Diamond before snatching the Sires' by a decisive three lengths last Saturday.

And omens point toward a bright future for those who, for one reason or another, don't line up in the Slipper--an over-hyped race, maybe, but one that certainly secures a horse's future as a multi-million dollar stallion proposition or a A\$900,000 broodmare, the figure for which Burst (Aus) (Marauding {NZ}) changed hands in 1996.

The Slipper was never on the agenda for Testa Rossa's canny connections and the Perugino (USA) horse retired with six Group 1 wins and more than \$3 million stakes, a record surpassing Slipper winners with the exception of triple Group 1 winner Flying Spur.

Testa Rossa won the Magic Millions, was beaten by Redoute's Choice (Aus) in the Blue Diamond and evened the score in the G1 Sires' Produce Stakes.

Testa Rossa collected Group 1 trophies at three subsequent campaigns; his nemesis Redoute's Choice was the classiest Slipper contender seen for years, but he was scratched after suffering a temperature on the day and didn't return for six months, when he came out and won the G1 Manikato S. and Caulfield Guineas before a game fifth in the Cox Plate.

He added the C.F. Orr Stakes to a Group 1 tally that included a further three Group 1 placings before a minor injury took its toll and he went to stud as the brightest young thing since Flying Spur (Aus).

The '99 Slipper winner Catbird (Aus) (Danehill {Ire}) won four en route to the big one, and never placed again in seven appearances.

There are exceptions to every rule and one who is training on with aplomb is Ha Ha (Aus) (Danehill {Ire}) who won the G1 Flight Stakes last spring before returning again to capture the Magic Millions Trophy and the G2 Apollo Stakes before finishing 3 1/2 lengths behind Sunline (NZ) in the G1 Coolmore Classic a fortnight ago. Likewise, Flying Spur (Aus) was perfectly campaigned by Freedman to score at Group 1 level as a three-year-old and at weight-for-age.

But change is on the horizon with a new generation of shuttle sires whose progeny are less likely to go early, unlike the speedy Star Kingdom (Aus) sireline that dominated the race until Danehill emerged, with fewer candidates hotly contesting a berth in the 2002 edition of the world's richest race for two-year-olds.

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Danehill (Danzig)	Ire	2
Exit to Nowhere (Irish River)	Ire	2
Loup Solitaire (Lear Fan)	Fr	2

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