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**KEENELAND JULY SALE ON HIATUS**

The Mare Reproductive Loss Syndrome, which hit Central Kentucky in early 2001 and has had a devastating effect on the yearling crop of 2003, is primarily responsible for the decision taken yesterday by officials at Keeneland to place its July Selected Yearling Sale on a one-year hiatus. Horses catalogued for July will instead be incorporated into the first two days--the "se-



**July Sale on hold for 2003**

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lected sessions"--of Keeneland's September Yearling Sale. The July Sale is set to resume in 2004 with a revised format. "The decision was made only after extensive discussions with our consignors and buyers," commented Keeneland President and

Chief Executive Officer Nick Nicholson. "Because of MRLS, this year's yearling crop is fewer in number and the majority of this year's crop will not be ready for auction by July. Most of the horses will need until September to physically develop." It is estimated that 30 percent of mares in foal in 2001 spontaneously aborted following the onset of MRLS; a large majority of those were carrying early foals which comprise much of a typical July catalog. The July Sale reached a pinnacle in the late 1980s, when numbers of horses sold ranged between 250 and 300 and gross receipts routinely eclipsed \$100 million. After falling off dramatically in the early 1990s, the sale rebounded towards the end of the decade and in 2001, a record average of \$710,247 was established. But 2002 saw just 87 horses sold for \$42.4 million. During the coming year, officials at Keeneland plan on reviewing current policies and meeting with buyers and consignors to discuss what they would like to see in a restructured July Sale. "Based on our recent conversations with buyers and sellers, the July Sale continues to have a great deal of support," said Geoffrey Russell, Keeneland's director of sales. "Everyone is looking at this as an opportunity to revamp the sale so that we can give our customers and the industry what they want." (cont p5)

**WEEKEND PEDIGREE  
PERSPECTIVES**

*by Alan Porter*

**GOLDEN GATE DERBY-GIII, \$100,000, GGX, 1-11, 3yo, 1 1/16m, 1:43 3/5, my.**

**1--@#STANDARD SETTER, 120, c, 3, by Benchmark**  
**1st Dam: When and Where, by Siyah Kalem**  
**2nd Dam: Make Me Swoon, by Jungle Blade**  
**3rd Dam: Swoons Cay, by Swoon's Son**  
O/B-Philip Leberherz & Richard Meister (CA); T-Jeff Bonde; J-R M Gonzalez; \$55,000. Lifetime Record: 7-2-3-1, \$95,110. \*First stakes winner for sophomore sire (by Alydar).

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For all his merits as a racehorse, a sire and a broodmare sire, there is no escaping the fact that Alydar was a sorry disappointment as a sire of sires. For example, more than 100 sons of Alydar have had runners, and between them they have sired only eight Grade I winners, and only Easy Goer has sired more than one Grade I scorer.

On that basis, one wouldn't have had tremendous hopes for Benchmark, an Alydar son who didn't win his first race to until he was a four-year-old, didn't win a stakes until the age of six and retired to stud as an eight-year-old for a fee of \$2,000. Actually, Benchmark made a very useful start last year with 10 first crop two-year-old winners, three of which were stakes placed. Last weekend, one of those stakes-placed performers, Standard Setter produced a brave performance to capture the GIII Golden Gate Derby, leading throughout to hold off the favored Ozzie Cat, a D. Wayne Lukas-trained son of Storm Cat.

Alydar apart, Benchmark certainly has enough pedigree and performance to sire good horses. When he reach his peak as a six-year-old, Benchmark pulled off a hat trick of graded stakes victories, taking the GII Goodwood Breeders' Cup H., GII Del Mar Breeders' Cup H. and GII San Bernardino H. Benchmark is half-brother to Tranquility Lake, winner of the GI Yellow Ribbon and GI Gamely Breeders' Cup H. and over \$1.6 million. His dam Winters' Love is a graded-stakes placed daughter of Danzig, and is half-sister to the GI Belmont S. victor Caveat. (Porter cont. p4)

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**FROM THE DESK OF...**  
**Bill Oppenheim**



**JANUARY SALE: COMPARED TO WHAT?**

After withdrawals, 41 percent more horses went through the ring at Keeneland's January sale than last year, but, combined with the 100-percent drop in horses selling for \$500,000 or more, comparisons of this year to last year look a little dodgy. Even with a significantly lower clearance rate (74 percent this year versus 82 percent in 2002), there were still 1,185 sales over the five days, 27 percent more than last year's 936 sold--the equivalent of an extra day. We have no real way of measuring whether that 'extra day' consisted of bad horses or good horses, but, judging from the sale's 22-percent drop in median (\$12,750 last year to \$10,000 this year), 'bad horses' seems a good bet.

The sale's gross dropped \$3.5-million, or 10 percent, from last year's \$34,688,000, to this year's \$31,186,000. Not surprisingly, when 27 percent more sell for 10 percent less money, the average was down 29 percent, dropping more than \$10,000, to \$26,317 from \$37,060. However, about \$7,000 of that decline can be attributed to the four horses which last year brought \$800,000 or more, and totalled \$6.5 million. If we take those four out, the sale was up 11 percent in gross and down 13 percent in average. That's probably a fairer reflection of the market, and that 'real' 13 percent average drop can probably be ascribed to more bad pedigrees being in the catalogue. Halfway decent pedigrees probably sold for about the same.

Having said that, there was no doubt good 'short yearlings' (foals of 2002) sold very well, while among the in-foal mares, there were several cases of perfectly okay mares selling for significantly less than I thought they would, and not on conformational grounds (the judges reported). The decimated early-month 2002 crop is sure to also result in yearling prices later this year which will be higher than they otherwise would be.

Because of this shortage, you can expect to pay more--maybe significantly more--for the better 2003 Kentucky-sired yearlings. But in-foal mares starting to slip through the cracks is surely a worrying longer-term sign of overproduction, and especially of overbreeding mares with weak pedigrees to good sires and sire prospects.

**THE STORM CAT ERA**

It seems pretty much universally accepted among sales observers and commentators that the big dip in North American select sales last year was in large part owing to the loss of several of Kentucky's top sires --half of the Top 10 of five years ago, by some reckoning. There has also been a discernible shift of sire power back towards Europe; not that it's now better than Kentucky, more that a balance has been restored. We don't yet know what the next World Top 10 will look like, though Europe will almost certainly be more strongly represented. It is even possible that the new Top 10 won't be as dominant as top sires have been in the past. As I've noted before, the most important change in Thoroughbred pedigrees, and therefore markets, in the last 50 years has been the decline of owner/breeders and the rise of traders. The most positive side effect of this has been what I call 'the democratization of value'--more people, more of the traders, are making more of the money circulating in the game. That's good. The worst side effect has been the fragmentation of pedigrees--it's harder today to be as sure about what is really a good pedigree as it was in by-gone days. Mares change hands much more often, and no one really has the luxury of creating families. The identification of true quality (if not real value--that's determined by prices) is much more difficult than it used to be. *(Oppenheim cont. p3)*

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**Bill Oppenheim cont.**

While we're waiting to see what happens next, **Storm Cat** has become the world's most important sire--even more important than **Danzig** now. He's 'The Man,' and you don't need to go any further than his \$500,000 stud fee to understand that. A couple of years ago I cautioned against jumping to a hasty conclusion that he is the next great sire of sires, after Northern Dancer and Mr. Prospector. But one of the most interesting things about horse racing is that the story is always unfolding: history is being written before our eyes every day. I'll come back to this subject in more detail in a week or two, when I've had a chance to look at the 2002 year-end APEX figures, due any minute now from The Jockey Club Information Services. But even without supporting numbers just yet, the evidence is starting to pile up that Storm Cat is now making a sire of sires.

There are two principal requirements for becoming an important sire of sires. The first is to have Top 10 sire sons to carry on the line. That has not yet happened, but he has eight sons standing for \$10,000 or more who will be having their first runners by the end of 2004, including, of course, the superstar racehorse **Giant's Causeway**. If you're a betting person, wager that it will happen.

The second requirement to be an important sire of sires is that the stallion's sons regularly outstare their race records. Unfuwain, Northern Dancer's last top sire son, illustrates this principle. His half-brother Nashwan was markedly better than Unfuwain as a racehorse, yet Unfuwain was really the better sire. Storm Cat is getting good results in this department, and having sons who outstare their race records is the best pointer to eventually having major sons.

My database includes 40 sons of Storm Cat--of which, interestingly, zero stand in Europe. Storm Cat's first sons at stud had their first foals in 1995; in six 'sire groups' with runners through 2002, he has 19 sons. In each of those groups there is at least one son who is either an 'OK' sire, or has significantly outstared his race record, and made some sort of real impact. In all, I count eight successes from 19 tries (and very few flops, by the way). The nominees are:

**First foals 1995**

**Storm Boot** (Crestwood, KY, now \$15,000): only stakes-placed himself but has averaged five SW per crop for his first five crops; had 10 SW in 2002.

**First foals 1996**

**Harlan**: His only stakes win in 30 starts came in the GI Vosburgh S. (7f) as a five-year-old--though Elusive Quality, Distorted Humor, and Forest Wildcat suggest top sprint form is underestimated, so maybe he is another who was really better than his record reads. Anyway, he died early in 1999, but from under 100 foals he had two dual Grade I-winning three-year-olds: twice Classic-placed Menifee in his first crop, and Harlan's Holiday last year.

**First foals 1997**

**Tabasco Cat** (Japan): He may have been sold to Japan, but I still thought he was an okay sire. Last year, with his oldest foals now five-year-olds and four crops racing, he was 29th on the general sire list and had eight stakes winners.

**First foals 1998**

This is the hot group of sires with first four-year-olds last year, of which eight were among the 78 sires with 2002 progeny earnings over \$3-million. Two of those eight are by Storm Cat:

**Forest Wildcat** (Brookdale, KY, now \$60,000): He never won a stakes in 13 starts until his five-year-old season: that year he won four six-furlong stakes (two GIII). He started out at \$10,000, they've always sold great and he's done very well: already up to 30th on the 2002 general sire list with 12 SWs last year.

**Hennessy** (Ashford, KY, now \$35,000): He's sired seven GII/GIII winners in his first three crops, plus 2001 world champion two-year-old Johannesburg. He ranked 47th on the 2002 GSL, and--in spite of those huge foal crops which wreck their percentages--he's certainly done okay. His yearlings sold well last year, I thought.



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**First foals 1999**

**Crown Ambassador** (Swiftly Farms, Indiana, \$4,000): Placed in three stakes sprinting as a three-year-old and as he's been standing for \$4,000 in Indiana, obviously not too much could be expected. But he just sired the winner of the middle leg of Santa Anita's Strub series last weekend when his first-crop son Pass Rush won the GII San Fernando Breeders' Cup S.

**First foals 2000**

Among last year's freshman sires, two more sons of Storm Cat have impressed: **Tale of the Cat** (Ashford, KY, now \$25,000) should have. He got the big Ashford shot, and he did fine: fourth on the Freshman Sire List (progeny earnings), with 24 winners and four SW. The big upgrade was **Stormy Atlantic**, who I personally had never heard of before he had the \$1.9-million Barretts filly who turned out to be \$550,000-earner Atlantic Ocean. I must have been looking the other way when Stormy Atlantic won a 5 1/2-furlong stakes at Pimlico and a six-furlong stakes at Delaware as a four-year-old, but I've heard of him now. He was ninth on the freshman sire list, with nine winners and three SW last year, and has now moved from Bridlewood in Florida to Jay Sikura's Hill 'n' Dale in Kentucky, where he is sure to be popular at his \$12,500 ticket. Incidentally, he is out of the Grade I-winning Seattle Slew mare Hail Atlantis from the great \*Rough Shod II sire family.

So there you are: in six sire groups, five horses (all sprinters, please note) who have definitely outsiored their race records: Storm Boot, Harlan, Forest Wildcat, Crown Ambassador and Stormy Atlantic; and three who have held their own in good company: Tabasco Cat, Hennessy and Tale of the Cat. It is looking quite encouraging.

Coming soon: **Forestry**, **Exploit**, **Stormin' Fever**, and **Tactical Cat** with two-year-olds this year; and **Giant's Causeway**, **High Yield**, **Cat Thief** and **Aljabr** with first yearlings 2003, first two-year-olds next year. This looks like a ship which is about to sail.

**Alan Porter cont.**

Standard Setter's dam, When and Where, has a less illustrious background. Unraced until she was four, When and Where won four of 12 starts at that age, earning \$42,635. Her sire, Siyah Kalem, a son of Mr. Prospector, showed his best form in Europe, where he earned seconds in two German group events and a third in England's G2 Waterford Crystal Mile. When and Where is out of the unraced Make Me Swoon, a half-sister to three minor stakes winners, the best of which, Thoughtless Doll, was also third in the GIII Ruthless S.

The first previous graded-stakes winner from the family appears under Standard Setter's fourth dam, Tweet Fleet, who is third dam of the GIII Salvator Mile winner Count His Fleet. As a matter of interest for a horse who has taken a first step on the Triple Crown trail, Standard Setter's sixth dam, Golden Melody, is half-sister to the dam of the 1941 Triple Crown winner, Whirlaway.

Standard Setter has a clever pedigree pattern, but it isn't one which was intentionally planned by his connections. Co-owner Phil Lebherz, on the advice of trainer Jeff Bonde, purchased Standard Setter's dam to breed to Lebherz and Meister's 1999 GIII Golden Gate Derby winner Epic Honor, and at the time she was carrying Standard Setter.

The cleverness in Standard Setter's pedigree stems from her 3x4 inbreeding to Raise a Native through Alydar in his male line and through Mr. Prospector in the male line of the mare. These two sons of Raise a Native were very dissimilar in terms of physique and aptitude, but very similar in pedigree. Both were out of mares by sons of Nasrullah, and their second dams were bred on Bull Dog/Blue Larkspur crosses.

The combination of the two genetic relatives has been a very successful one. There are nine graded-stakes winners by stallions carrying Alydar out of mares carrying Mr. Prospector, and the reverse cross of stallions carrying Mr. Prospector over mares carrying Alydar is found in at least 19 stakes winners, including Horse of the Year Point Given and champion two-year-old Anees.

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**Keeneland Tables July Sale cont.**

Buyers and consignors alike have spoken with one voice in support of Keeneland's choice to forego this year's sale and believe in the importance of the July market. "Eaton Sales is committed to revitalizing and growing the Keeneland July Sale," explained Reiley McDonald, co-owner with Tom Van Meter of the perennial leading consignor. "Unfortunately, the number of early, mature, well developed yearlings historically suited to this market is down 70-80 percent this year. There is just not the supply for it to work, but we will be back in strength in 2004." Added Lane's End Farm's Bill Farish, "We completely support Keeneland's decision. We look forward to exploring the future of the July Sale with the Keeneland staff as the number of early foals rebounds." Given the steep declines in recent years, some have suggested changes to the boutique July market, some as extreme as the cancellation of the sale altogether. But there appears to be little support for such drastic measures. "I think the July Sale is a very important sale," said bloodstock agent Mike Ryan. "I hate to lose it [this year], but I certainly understand their reason for doing it. They want to have a meaningful sale and if they don't have the stock, it's hard to do that. I hope that it's just a one-year thing." Ryan has his own thoughts on the situation. "I think that there needs to be a shift in mentality," he explained. "Over the years, the July catalog has become weaker and September has gotten stronger and deeper. I really don't see any reason that they couldn't put together a book of 225 to 250 horses from the September Sale and sell them in July. September can be very trying. It's a long sale, the days are long and maybe doing something like this would lighten the load for September." Keeneland Director of Sales Geoff Russell indicated that preliminary meetings with buyers and consignors concerning the future of the shape of the July Sale have occurred, but that no firm plans are in place. "We've told everyone that all ideas will be considered," he said.

Russell indicated that this year's September Sale would continue with the same format of last year, with selling on the first four days followed by a one-day breather before proceeding. He did not estimate the number of "July" yearlings that would be cataloged for the September Sale. In addition to scrapping the July Sale, Keeneland officials also announced the cancellation of the October Yearling Sale.

☆ NEWS TODAY ☆

**DELAHOUSSAYE SET TO RETIRE** Injured in an Aug. 30 fall at Del Mar, jockey Eddie Delahoussaye announced his retirement upon advice from his doctors. "This is it," the 51-year-old reinsman told *Associated Press*. "I had a feeling it was going to happen, I was prepared. I've had a great career, I can't complain." Delahoussaye, who sustained a concussion and fractured a bone in his neck in the late summer spill, was not released to ride at an examination Monday by orthopedic specialist Dr. Dan Capen. "He said, 'You'd have to be crazy to go back,'" Delahoussaye added. "With the fractures and the concussions and the tremors I still have, if I got another blow to the head it could be really serious and I could have more than tremors." Beginning with his first sanctioned win in 1968 at Evangeline Downs, Delahoussaye piloted 6,384 winners of \$195,881,170. He rode seven Breeders' Cup winners, including champions A.P. Indy ('92 Classic), Cardmania ('93 Sprint), Hollywood Wildcat ('93 Distaff), Pleasant Stage ('91 Juvenile Fillies) and Princess Rooney ('84 Distaff). The Louisiana native became only the fourth jockey in history to boot home consecutive winners of the GI Kentucky Derby, aboard Gato del Sol in 1982 and Sunny's Halo in 1983. He earned additional Triple Crown victories aboard A.P. Indy ('92 Belmont) and champion Risen Star ('88 Preakness, Belmont). Based in California for most of his career, Delahoussaye was inducted into the Hall of Fame in 1993. "I'm going to miss race riding," he continued. "I was hoping I could ride until I was 60."

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**Holy Bull Kin Queen at OBS Opener:**

Hip [252](#), a three-year-old filly by Wild Again--Sharon Brown (Al Hattab) brought a final bid of \$80,000 to top Monday's consignor preferred session of the OBS Winter Mixed Sale in Ocala, Florida. A half sister to Darley at Jonabell stallion Holy Bull, the dark bay filly named Norwegian Wood was consigned by Peacock Ridge (Becky Boyd, agent) and purchased by Ro Parra. Trade was solid during the session, as the gross was up over nine percent, despite 46 fewer sales, and the average was up by a robust 34.7 percent. Tuesday's first open session was headlined by hip number 574, the 10-year-old mare Extreme Change (Copelan), who sold for \$25,000 to Gaspar Rivera. Nancy J. Bauman, agent, consigned the mare out of Ideal Exchange (Crozier), who is in foal on an Apr. 13 cover to Devil's Bag. The three-day sale concludes today. *(Stats, p4)*

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**Yesterday's Results:**

**9th-PHA, \$22,000, Alw, Opt. Clm. (\$40,000), NW3X, 4yo/up, f/m, a1m70yd, 1:42 4/5, ft.**  
**LA TIZONA (m, 5, Shuailaan--Conversation Piece, by Seeking the Gold),** a Group 1 winner at three in Peru, concluded her Southern Hemisphere campaign with a third in the G1 Derby Nacional. The chestnut made two starts at four for Richard Mandella, finishing sixth at Santa Anita in her most recent outing Oct. 11. Making her first start on the East Coast, the 7-2 shot challenged for the lead turning for home and drew off to post a 3 3/4-length victory. Lifetime Record: G1SW-Per, 9-4-2-1, \$78,186.  
O/B-Gonzalo de la Puente (KY). T-John S McCaslin.

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**TODAY, WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 15:**

- 03-29 \$6,000,000 **Dubai World Cup-G1, Nad, 3yo/up, 2000m (0)**
- 03-29 \$2,000,000 **Dubai Duty Free-G1, Nad, 3yo/up, 1777mT (0)**
- 03-29 \$2,000,000 **Dubai Sheema Classic-G1, Nad, 3yo/up, 2400mT (0)**
- 03-29 \$2,000,000 **Dubai Golden Shaheen-G1, Nad, 3yo/up, 1200m (0)**
- 03-29 \$2,000,000 **UAE Derby-G2, Nad, NH3yo/SH4yo, 2000m (0)**
- 03-29 \$1,000,000 **Godolphin Mile-G2, Nad, 3yo/up, 1600m (0)**



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- 01-25 \$200,000 **Santa Monica H.-I, SA, 4yo/up, f/m, 7f (200)**
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East Report cont.

**8th-PHA, \$20,000, Alw, Opt. Clm.** (\$25,000), NW1X, 3yo, 6f, 1:11, ft.

**SKY SOLDIER** (c, 3, Unaccounted For--Cookie, by Dayjur) shook free to win at first asking Dec. 7 over track and trip and was bet down to 4-5 to maintain his perfect record. The \$25,000 KEESEP purchase, never far from the front, tackled the pacesetter at the top of the stretch and pulled away by 4 1/4 lengths. Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, \$23,400.

O-Arthur E Vickers. B-PLD Stable (KY). T-Todd M Beat-tie.

★ WEST ★

Yesterday's Results:

**9th-SUN, \$21,300, Alw, NW2L, 4yo/up, 6f, 1:08 4/5, ft.**

**STREAK OF ROYALTY** (c, 4, Regal Classic--La Fappiana, by Fappiano), a 10 3/4-length maiden winner in the local slop last Feb. 5, returned from 10 months of inactivity to finish second by a neck in a Dec. 13 allowance and most recently completed the exacta in a similar event Dec. 26. The 3-5 chalk in his four-year-old bow, the New York-bred colt forced the early pace from between horses, edged to the rail on the turn and opened up under a hand ride to score by 7 1/4 lengths. The winner is a 1/2 to Pete's Sake (Peteski), SW, \$133,168. Lifetime Record: 4-2-2-0, \$26,216.

O/B-Gary Wayne Clements (NY). T-Fred I Danley.

**SOPHOMORE SPOTLIGHT**

**First-crop progeny to watch: Wednesday, Jan. 15**

*Sire (Sire's Sire), Farm, 1998 Fee, #foals of racing age/Winners/SW Race #-track, race type, distance, runner, odds (if available)*

- ARCH** (Kris S.), Claiborne, \$, 102/5/0  
5-SUF, Msw, 1m, Mr. Yano, \$7K KEE SEP yrl
- 6-LRL, Msw, 1 1/16m, Golden Arch, \$70K EAS JUL 2yo, 2-1
- CONCERTO** (Chief's Crown), Ocala, \$4K, 82/14/1  
7-GP, Alw, 1 1/8mT, Onemorefashion, 6-1
- DEPUTY COMMANDER** (Deputy Minister), Airdrie, \$20K, 182/13/0  
7-GP, Alw, 1 1/8mT, Bayani, \$77K KEE SEP yrl, 5-2
- OPS SMILE** (Caveat), Bonita, \$5K, 54/3/0  
6-LRL, Msw, 1 1/16m, Breanna's Smile, 5-1
- RAFFIE'S MAJESTY** (Cormorant), Stallion Park, \$4K, 25/0/0  
5-SUF, Msw, 1m, I'am Listening
- SKIP AWAY** (Skip Trial), Hopewell, \$50K, 180/13/2  
7-GP, Alw, 1 1/8mT, Grey Bouquet, \$18K KEE SEP yrl, 20-1
- TALE OF THE CAT** (Storm Cat), Ashford, \$25K, 235/25/4  
7-GP, Alw, 1 1/8mT, Civility Cat, \$19K EAS MAY 2yo, 6-1

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- **Baby Angel** breaks her maiden in her Santa Anita debut by 2 1/2 lengths at a mile Jan. 10.
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★ AMERICAN-BRED WINNERS ★

IN BRITAIN:

**Penwell Hill**, g, 4, **Distant View**--Avie's Jill, by Lord Avie. Southwell, 1-14, 4yo/up, Hcp., 1m (AWT). B-Costello, O'Rourke & Simon. \*\$22,000 yrl '00 KEESEP.  
**Kanz Wood**, g, 7, **Woodman**--Kanz (GSW & G1SP-Eng), by The Minstrel. Southwell, 1-14, 4yo/up, Hcp., 1m (AWT). B-Newbiggin Ltd.

IN HONG KONG:

**Dynamic Fun**, g, 4, **Dynaformer**--Irish Starlet, by Irish River (Fr). Sha Tin, 1-4, Hcp., 1800m. B-Ron McKee (Ky). \*\$180,000 yrl '00 KEESEP.  
**Champion Ranger**, g, 7, **Rubiano**--Woodley's Fee, by Seattle Slew. Sha Tin, 1-11, Hcp., 1650m. B-George Brunacini (Ky).



★ BRITAIN ★

ALMUSHAHAR UNLIKELY FOR GUINEAS

**Almushahar** (Silver Hawk), winner of the G2 Champagne S. at Doncaster last September, may not meet with his intended engagement in this year's G1 Sagitta 2000 Guineas. The twice-raced unbeaten son of G1 1000 Guineas heroine Sayyedati (GB) has been beset with injury problems since his Doncaster success. "Almushahar's problems have been well documented, but, if anything, they are even more serious than the ones encountered by Dubai Destination the previous year," explained Simon Crisford, racing manager for the colt's owner Godolphin, to *Racing Post*. "While Almushahar is improving, we are by no means sure that he will stand up to a vigorous training programme."

★ EUROPEAN-BRED WINNERS ★

IN HONG KONG:

**Bear Supremo (Ire)**, g, 4, **Desert King (Ire)**--Allegheny River, by Lear Fan. Sha Tin, 1-4, Hcp., 1600m. B-Holborn Trust Co. \*22,000gns yrl '00 TATHOU; 120,000gns 2yo '01 TATHOU. \*\*3/4 to Danetime (Ire) (Danehill), MG1SP-Eng, \$189,002.

European-bred winners cont.

**Konrad the Great (Ire)**, g, 5, **Be My Guest**--Lady of Dreams (Ire), by Prince Rupert (Fr). Happy Valley, 1-8, Hcp., 1650m. B-Forenaghts Stud Co Ltd. \*Ir25,000gns yrl '99 TATIRE. \*\*Formerly Urban Legend.


**Triumphant Master (Ger)**, h, 5, **Big Shuffle**--Implore (GB), by Ile de Bourbon. Sha Tin, 1-4, Hcp., 1400m. B-n/a. \*Formerly Irish Man. \*Ir25,000gns wnlg '98 GOFNOV; Ir£32,000 yrl '99 TATOCT. \*\*SW & GSP-Ger.

**Come See You (Ire)**, g, 5, **Sri Pekan**--Landrail, by Storm Bird. Happy Valley, 1-8, Hcp., 1800m. B-W G McKinley. \*Formerly Come On Pekan. \*\*MSP-HK.



COMMANDS FILLY TOPS MAGIC MILLIONS

Tuesday's Conrad Jupiters Magic Millions session was highlighted by lot 949, a yearling filly out of the Zeditave (Aus) mare Clarion Chimes (Aus), by first-season sire Commands (Aus) (Danehill). Sold for A\$57,000 to Lauriston Thoroughbred Farm in Victoria, she was consigned by Glenlogan Park Stud as agent. Leading the way for the boys was lot 798, a Piccolo (GB) yearling colt out of My Isadora (NZ) (Danzatore), who went to trainer RG Lipp for A\$50,000. Eureka Thoroughbreds Pty Ltd. was the consignor.



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MAGIC MILLIONS SALE**  
Tuesday, January 14, 2003

<u>SESSION TOTALS</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2002</u>
No. Offered	235	218
No. Sold	173	173
RNAs	62	45
% RNA (% change)	26% (+19%)	21%
Gross	A\$2,661,500	A\$2,849,000
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## BREEDERS' EDITION AMERICA

**ALLOWANCE RESULTS:**

9th-MNR, \$28,800, 1-13, NW16MX, 3yo/up, 5f, :57 4/5, gd.

**HIGH FLYING BID** (h, 5, **Friendly Lover--Bid On Burgandy**, by **Explosive Bid**) Lifetime Record: SW, 26-11-3-4, \$195,907. O-Daniel J Chen. B-James T Sabiston (ON). T-Harry F Thompson Jr.

## BREEDERS' EDITION EUROPE

**CONDITIONS RESULTS:**

**FRANCE**, Cagnes-sur-Mer, 3.00, Cond, €16,000, 4yo/up, 1 1/4m (AWT), 2:06.40, stn.

**ASTHEUS (FR)** (g, 7, **Antheus--Cimel {Fr}**, by **Cimon {Ire}**) Lifetime Record: 19 starts, 7 wins, 9 places, €112,583. O-J Poiroux; B-A & Mme Blin; T-Henri-Alex Pantall.

**MAIDEN WINNERS:**

**Destino Blu (Ire)**, c, 3, **Titus Livius (Fr)--Northern Isle (Ire)** (SP-Ity), by Crofter. Rome, Italy, 1-14, Mdn, 3yo, 7 1/2f (sand). B-Azienda Agricola Associate SRL.

**OBS JANUARY MIXED SALE  
PREFERRED SESSION  
MONDAY, JANUARY 13, 2003**

SESSION TOTALS	2003	2002
No. Sold	198	244
Gross	\$3,192,400	\$2,918,400
Average (% change)	\$16,123 (+34.8%)	\$11,961

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TUESDAY, JANUARY 14, 2003**

SESSION TOTALS	2003	2002
No. Sold	193	250
Gross	\$805,600	\$1,313,500
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Sire	Location	Winners
Sadler's Wells (Northern Dancer)	Ire	10
Danehill (Danzig)	Ire	6
<u>Storm Cat</u> (Storm Bird)	Ky	4
Affirmed (Exclusive Native)	dead	3
Machiavellian (Mr. Prospector)	GB	3
<u>Mr. Greeley</u> (Gone West)	Ky	3
<u>Wild Again</u> (Icecapade)	Ky	3

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## FIVE More Maiden Winners Over the Weekend from WTC-Recommended Matings!

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