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ELUSIVE CITY TARGETS FRENCH GUINEAS

Elusive City (Elusive Quality) will likely skip Newmarket's 2000 Guineas in favor of the G1 Poule d'Essai des Poulains (French 2000 Guineas) May 11 at Longchamp, trainer Gerard Butler revealed yesterday. Last year's G1 Prix Morny winner, who was stripped of previous successes in the G2 Richmond S. and a Lingfield maiden after testing positive for a prohibited substance, appeared unsuited by the undulations of the course when third in the G1 Middle Park S. at Newmarket in the fall. Butler had that in mind when he set out the colt's plans in the *Racing Post*. "We will look at the G3 Greenham S. [at Newbury Apr. 12] or a listed race at Lingfield a week earlier Apr. 5. It depends what way the ground is at Newbury. After that he will be aimed at the French Guineas rather than at Newmarket. The hill [at Newmarket] just catches him out and I don't want him to go through that again." Butler added that Elusive City passed an official stalls test on Saturday at Lingfield, where he is expected to start his sophomore campaign in a conditions event Mar. 14.



Elusive City
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TEAM VALOR'S IPI TOMBE TO AMERICA

Zimbabwean-bred sensation **Ipi Tombe (Zim)** (Manshood {GB}), a champion in South Africa and recent course-record setter in Dubai, will most likely join trainer Elliot Walden's stable in April after competing in the Mar. 29 \$2 million G1 Dubai Duty Free. A 75-percent interest in the filly was purchased by Team Valor and WinStar Farm last autumn. The multiple graded stakes winner in South Africa rewarded her new connections recently by setting a course record over Dubai's Nad al Sheba racecourse Feb. 6, going a mile in 1:37 flat while defeating males in the Listed Al Fahidi Fort. "The is the most expensive filly we ever bought," said Team Valor's Barry Irwin. "These folks stepped up to the plate and they now have what appears to be one of the best distaffers on the planet."

☆ SOPHOMORE SCENE ☆

Awesome Humor Returns to Training

Undefeated **Awesome Humor** (Distorted Humor), who won the G1 Spinaway S. at Saratoga last summer, has been placed back in training according to trainer Elliot Walden. "She's been jogging and she'll be ready to start galloping in a couple of weeks," Walden told *Thoroughbred Times*. "But I don't think she'll make the [G1 Kentucky] Oaks [May 2]. She'll probably be ready for a race about that time, but we are not going to throw her in there." The three-year-old filly, who is currently at Payson Park in Florida, will likely make her 2003 debut in the G1 Acorn S. at Belmont June 6. The chestnut has been on the sidelines since last fall, when she underwent surgery to remove bone chips from both front ankles. *(More Sophomore News p3)*

☆ RESULTS ☆

Sunday, Kokura, Japan

KOKURA DAISHOTEN-G3-JRA, ¥82,660,000, Kokura, 2-9, 1800mT, 1:49.3, gd.

- 1--**@MEINER BLAU (Jpn)**, 119, h, 6, by Amber Shadai (Jpn)
1st Dam: Okano Blue (Jpn), by Neptunus (Fr)
2nd Dam: Hindo Birth (Jpn), by Hindostan (GB)
3rd Dam: San Marino (Jpn), by Tosa Midori (Jpn)
O-K. Thoroughbred Club Ruffian; B-Big Red Farm; T-Masatoshi Ando; J-Shinji Kawashima; ¥43,602,000. *1/2 to Yamanosky (Jpn) (Maruzensky {Jpn}), MGSP-Jpn; Mine Leben (Jpn) (Tosho Boy {Jpn}), GSP-Jpn; Maruka Rocky (Jpn) (Amber Shadi {Jpn}), MGSP-Jpn.
- 2--**Yu One Protect (Jpn)**, 119, h, 6, Tony Bin (Ire)--Lufira, by Nureyev. O-Y Yamaishi; B-Northern Farm; ¥17,172,000.
- 3--**Zenno Shogun (Jpn)**, 119, h, 6, Sunday Silence--Sweet Diana (Jpn), by Mogami (Fr). O-Shinobu Oosako; B-Shadai Farm; ¥11,086,000.
Margins: 1 1/4, NK, NK. Odds: 49.50, 4.90, 9.20.
Meiner Blau, who returned from a 13-month absence to finish 10th last time in the New Year's S., set the pace, gained command turning for home and drew clear late for the score. *(Japanese Results cont. p3)*



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September Grad Sweeps La Canada Series

GOT KOKO (September 2000) became only the third filly to sweep the La Canada series. Remember the early closing for the selected sessions in September is **March 3**.



PEDIGREE INSIGHTS

BY ANDREW CAULFIELD

SHAM S., \$81,000, SAX, 2-7, (R), 3yo, 9f, 1:48 1/5, ft. 1--**MAN AMONG MEN, 120**, c, 3, by [Gentlemen \(Arg\)](#)

1st Dam: La Favorita (Fr) (SW & GSP-Fr, SW-US, \$131,555), by Nikos (GB)

2nd Dam: Didia Clara (Fr), by Sea Break (Ire)

3rd Dam: Patria (Fr), by Tarquin (Fr)

O/B-Hubbard & Sczesny (KY); T-Gary Mandella; J-A Solis; \$48,600. Lifetime Record: 5-3-0-0, \$122,640.

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When the votes were cast for the Eclipse Award for the best older male of 1997, it was a pretty close-run contest between those highly admirable performers Skip Away and Gentlemen. In the end, the deciding factor was probably the fact that Skip Away's impressive victories in the Jockey Club Gold Cup and the Breeders' Cup Classic were fresher in the mind than Gentlemen's three Grade I wins, gained between May and August, and Skip Away took the award by 145 votes to Gentlemen's 123.

We shouldn't forget, though, that Gentlemen had given 3 pounds and a half-length beating to Skip Away when the pair met in the Pimlico Special H. Consequently, the team of handicappers who compiled the year's International Classifications considered Gentlemen to be the best horse trained in the U.S. in 1997. His rating of 31 placed him 4 pounds above Skip Away and Formal Gold and 5 pounds ahead of Touch Gold, the top-ranked American three-year-old.

Although Gentlemen wasn't quite so successful as a six-year-old in 1998, he still earned a weight of 126 on the International Classifications, so there was no doubting his quality. Among his other attractions were his impressive physique--he stands 16.2 hands--and his versatility. In addition to being able to produce his form on dirt and turf, Gentlemen was fast enough to set a track record over a mile and an eighth, despite having been a major winner at up to 12 1/2 furlongs in his native Argentina.

The main obstacle in his way had to be his pedigree. Although this features 4x4 inbreeding to the brilliant Graustark and 3x4 to Northern Dancer, through his exceptional sons Nureyev and Nijinsky II, the bare facts sound less impressive. Although Gentlemen's sire Robin des Bois and his broodmare sire Loose Cannon were both very well-bred individuals, neither managed to win at Group or Graded level. Robin des Bois was rated only 106 by Timeform as a two-year-old, when he won a Listed race in France, and Loose Cannon received an Experimental Free Handicap figure of 109, following his second in the GIII Nashua S.

Gentlemen's dam, Elegant Glance, had cost only \$4,200 as a yearling at Ocala and Gentlemen had the distinction of being the first graded stakes winner produced by any of his first three dams. In these circumstances, it was easy to forget that his fourth dam, Any Port, was a half sister the dam of Danzig.

Fortunately, Gentlemen's other qualities ensured that he attracted plenty of mares to Walmac International at a fee of \$30,000, with a first book of 96 mares being followed by 92 in 2000. His book fell to 80 in 2001, the year his first-crop yearlings sold for up to \$550,000 while achieving a median price of only \$21,000. With his fee halved to \$15,000, Gentlemen drew 100 mares in his fourth season in 2002, but his progeny generally struggled in the sales ring, with an average of \$28,981 and a median of \$12,000. That could well be about to change, now that the winners are beginning to flow from Gentlemen's 60-strong first crop.

His 11 winners are lead by Man Among Men, who justified his Experimental Free Handicap rating of 110 when he gave 5 pounds and a length beating to the royally-bred Empire Maker in the Sham S. This win--his third in five starts--confirmed that Man Among Men has inherited his sire's ability to handle dirt as well as turf, and the colt should continue to prove an excellent ambassador for Gentlemen. *(cont. p3)*

TDN TODAY

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Fri, Feb 7 3YO **GRAND CANYON** defeats the best males of his generation in the Singapore Guineas-**G3**.

Sat, Feb 8 **G1** CCA Oaks winner **TWEEDSIDE** runs second at Gulfstream Park in The Very One H.-**G3**

MYSTIC LADY retires with 10 wins, eight seconds and a third from her 27 starts for earnings of **\$1,170,390**.

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(Results cont. from p1)

Sunday, Kyoto, Japan

SILK ROAD S.-G3-JRA, ¥82,520,000, Kyoto, 2-9, 4yo/up, 1200mT, 1:08.6, fm.

1--**@T.M. SUNDAY (JPN)**, 119, h, 7, by **Sunday Silence**

1st Dam: Thurston Flag (Jpn), by No Attention (Fr)

2nd Dam: Corner Flag (Jpn), by Northern Taste

3rd Dam: Shadai Flag (Jpn), by Hitting Away

O-Masatsugu Takezono; B-Miyauchi Bokujo; T-Masaru Fukushima; J-Shinichiro Akiyama; ¥43,504,000.

Lifetime Record: 31-7-4-3.

2--**Café Bostonian**, 121, c, 4, Boston Harbor--Libby Lee, by Sutter's Prospect. O-Kiyoshi Nishikawa; B-Richard & Nancy A & Nancy R Kaster; ¥17,144,000.

3--**Sunningdale (Jpn)**, 126, c, 4, Warning (GB)--Kadizadeh (Ire), by Darshaan (GB). O-S Goto; B-Taihei Stud Farm Co. Ltd; ¥11,072,000.

Margins: NK, 1 1/4, NK. Odds: 12.40, 4.40, 2.10.

T.M. Sunday, third in the 2001 G2 CBC Sho, was allowed to fall off the early pace, but delivered an impressive rally in deep stretch to just edge Café Bostonian. "He seems to be in top condition, despite being seven," said winning rider Shinichiro Akiyama. "His next target will be the [Mar. 30] G1 Takamatsunomiya Kinen [at Chukyo]."

Sunday, Nakayama, Japan

KYODO NEWS SERVICE HAI-G3-JRA, ¥81,150,000, Nakayama, 2-9, 3yo, 1800mT, 1:48.3, gd.

1--**@RUN TO THE FREEZE (JPN)**, 123, c, 3, by **Brian's Time**

1st Dam: Solo Singer (Jpn) (GSP-Jpn), by Rivlia

2nd Dam: Miss Tomokaze (Jpn), by Bold Lad

3rd Dam: Shimizu Tomokaze (Jpn), by Romulus (GB)

O-Tomiro Fukami; B-Toyosato Bokujo; T-Kenji Yamauchi; J-Hiroyuki Uchida; ¥42,455,000. Lifetime Record: 8-3-2-0.

2--**Takara Shaadi (Jpn)**, 123, c, 3, Shaadi--Okura Dancer (Jpn), by Nice Dancer. O-S Ito (4100); B-Koichi Sakai; ¥17,130,000.

3--**Reward Cymbals (Jpn)**, 123, c, 3, Afleet--Reward Carillon (Jpn), by Tony Bin (Ire). O-T. Miyazaki; B-Reward Ltd.; ¥11,065,000.

Margins: NK, 1, NO. Odds: 5.40, 8.30, 64.80.

Run to the Freeze settled just off the pace before unleashing a powerful stretch run. He got up just in time for the first group stakes success of his career. NAR jockey Hiroyuki Uchida commented, "I am very happy. Running in a JRA stakes is such a great opportunity for me, so I just did my best. Run to the Freeze is a horse with a lot of potential and I appreciate [trainer] Kenji Yamauchi giving me the opportunity to ride him."

(Sophomore Scene cont.)

Bham Out of Fountain of Youth

Bham (Boston Harbor), third in the GIII Holy Bull S. at Gulfstream Jan. 18, has been forced out of Saturday's GI Fountain of Youth S. because of a high temperature. Trainer Todd Pletcher suggested that stablemate **Indy Dancer** (A.P. Indy), who was scheduled to make his next start in the GIII Risen Star S. Feb. 16, may take the bay's place in the Gulfstream feature. Undefeated in two lifetime starts, Indy Dancer worked five furlongs yesterday morning in 1:03. Pletcher will make a final decision today as to his charge's next start.

(Pedigree Insights cont.)

A Dam Among Men..

It isn't surprising that Man Among Men was considered a turf horse last year. His dam, La Favorita, was a high-class performer when the ground was soft in France, as she showed when she ran the classic-winning Hatoof to half a length in the G2 Prix de l'Opera. Although the faster conditions in America probably didn't suit La Favorita particularly well, this daughter of Nikos managed a minor stakes success over a mile after her transfer from Europe. She still ranks as one of the best runners by Nikos, a stallion best known nowadays for his high-class winners over jumps, which include La Favorita's brother Jameson Kid. La Favorita is a half sister to the Group-winning Sudaka, who bred the Group 3 winner Moteck. All in all, this is a tough and talented family, despite its fairly humble origins, and it would be unwise to underestimate its latest stakes winner.

A + will first-time starters, an (S) will be used for state-bred races, a (C) will be used for maiden-claiming races and an (R) will be used for other restricted races. Purses for Canadian races are in Canadian dollars.

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POMONA TOPS EARLY RETURNS AT WINTER MIXED FINALE **Pomona (GB)**, a 10-year-old daughter of Puissance (GB) out of the Be My Guest mare Plum Bold, brought a final bid of \$150,000 to top the first 337 hips at yesterday's final session of Fasig-Tipton's Winter Mixed Sale in Lexington. Purchased by agent Dan Mallory, [hip166](#) was consigned by David and Ginger Mullins, agent. The bay mare, a half to Italian sprint highweight Plumbird (Statoblest {GB}), ran third in the Grade I Yellow Ribbon S. as a five-year-old. She is believed to be in foal to Silver Deputy. A full report on the final session of the Winter Mixed Sale, as well as the results for yesterday's Fasig-Tipton's Stallion Access Sale, will appear in tomorrow's *TDN*.

★ **GULFSTREAM** ★

Yesterday's Results:
9th-GPX, \$40,000, Alw, NW3X, 4/up, a1mT, 1:37 3/5, fm. FRENCH CHARMER (c, 4, French Deputy--Queen of Women, by Sharpen Up {GB}), displaying theretofore unused racing tactics, went gate to wire in a sharp Calder allowance victory Dec. 27. The bay reverted back to his standard off-the-pace style here, parlaying a four-wide move off the turn into a driving 3/4-length victory over the game Fiscally Speaking (Belong to Me) at odds of 7-1. French Charmer, a \$200,000 KEESEP yearling, is a half to Antoniette (Nicholas), GSW, \$399,140. Lifetime Record: 9-4-2-0, \$80,720. O-Double S Stable. B-Calumet Farm (KY). T-H Benson.

7th-GPX, \$36,000, Alw, NW1X, 4/up, 11fT, 2:20 2/5, fm. CAP (h, 5, Boundary--Limit {SW & GSP}, by Cox's Ridge), returning from a nine-month break, was forced to steady on the turn before rallying to get third going 1 1/16 miles over the main track Jan. 8. Switching to the lawn for the first time and stretching to this distance, the 3-1 shot was well placed in fifth up the backstretch, moved to challenge the pacesetting favorite Roll of the Dice (Green Dancer) at the top of the lane and asserted by a neck superiority over that one on the line. Lifetime Record: 9-2-1-3, \$70,860. O/B-Claiborne Farm & A Dilschneider (KY). T-W I Mott.

8th-GPX, \$34,000, Msw, 4yo, 1 1/16m, 1:44 1/5, ft. AMHERST WILDCAT (c, 4, Forest Wildcat--Mon Drapeau, by Personal Flag) came off a three-month freshening to be sixth over trip and track Jan. 3. Sent off as a 4-1 chance here, the bay stormed to the lead as the field turned for home and powered clear through the stretch to register the victory by 11 1/4 lengths. The winner was a \$42,000 KEENOV weanling, a \$95,000 FTKJUL yearling and a \$200,000 OBSFEB two-year-old. Lifetime Record: 9-1-1-3, \$43,000. O-Solondz & Kimmel. B-F Hertrich III (KY). T-J Kimmel.

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- TOMORROW, WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 12:**
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- 02-23 \$100,000 **Davona Dale-III, GP, 3yo, f, 8.5f (100)**
- 03-29 \$6,000,000 **Dubai World Cup-G1, Nad, 3yo/up, 2000m (30000s)**
- 03-29 \$2,000,000 **Dubai Duty Free-G1, Nad, 3yo/up, 1777mT (10000s)**
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- 03-29 \$2,000,000 **Dubai Golden Shaheen-G1, Nad, 3yo/up, 1200m (10000s)**
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Yesterday's Results:

7th-FGX, \$32,000, Alw, NW2X, 3yo, 5f, :57 1/5, ft. POSSE (c, 3, Silver Deputy--Raska, by Rahy), half to Green Fee (Green Dancer), GSW, \$492,295, was an early presence in the two-year-old division last year after taking the GIII Kentucky Breeders' Cup S. at Churchill in May, but didn't get back to the winner's circle in four subsequent trips to the track. He wrapped up his freshman campaign with a tired eighth in the inaugural Great State Challenge Juvenile S. at Sam Houston in early December, then was shelved for two months before reappearing here as the prohibitive 1-2 chalk. The \$115,000 KEESEP yearling veered at the start, recovered to track the leaders in third, then drew clear once asked to win going away by 6 1/4 lengths. Despite the effortless performance, the bay set a new track record by going five panels in :57 1/5, a tick faster than the previous mark. Lifetime Record: GSW, 8-3-1-1, \$203,615.

O-Heiligbrodt Racing Stable. B-Robert E & Lawana L Low (KY). T-Steven M Asmussen.

8th-FGX, \$30,000, Alw, NW1X, 4yo/up, 1 1/16mT, 1:45 1/5, fm.

SMOKIN' JOHN (c, 4, Smoke Glacken--Suite, by Graustark), a \$20,000 FTNAUG yearling and \$40,000 OBSMAR two-year-old, was last seen finishing second to My Cousin Matt in an Aqueduct allowance race last April for trainer Gary Contessa. Now in Dallas Stewart's shedrow, the chestnut made his first start with Lasix as the crowd's 8-5 choice and rewarded his backers by coming from well off the pace to gain a neck advantage over Algezir (Northern Spur {Ire}) in the shadow of the wire. Lifetime Record: 4-2-2-0, \$60,200.

O-West Point Thoroughbreds. B-Questroyal LLC & Barry Rostrager (NY). T-Dallas Stewart.

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★ EAST ★

Yesterday's Results:

8th-PHA, \$20,880, Alw, NW1X, 3yo, f, a1m70yd, 1:41 2/5, ft.

POWERS PROSPECT (f, 3, Allen's Prospect--Power's Orphan, by Magesterial), a sharp gate-to-wire winner vs. \$100,000 optional claimers at the Meadowlands Oct. 26, overcame a stumbling start to be a good second in the Marshua S. at Laurel Jan. 4. A listless fourth in her latest at the Big A Jan. 18, the dark bay got back on track with this game performance. The 3-5 pick sped to the front and led every step of the way, galloping home a 6 1/4-length victress. Lifetime Record: SP, 6-3-1-0, \$59,270.

O-D'Arrigo Racing Stable. B-Robert L Edwards (NJ). T-Cathal Lynch.

★ WEST ★

Sale-Topping Ochoco to Oregon:

Aaron and Marie Jones' **Ochoco** (Mr. Prospector--Eaves, by Cox's Ridge), who brought a bid of \$3 million to top Fasig-Tipton's 1999 Saratoga Selected Yearling Sale, has been retired from racing and is slated to begin his stud career at Oakhurst Thoroughbreds in Newberg, Oregon for a fee of \$1,500. The five-year-old, trained by W. Elliot Walden, was last seen finishing fourth in a Churchill allowance race in mid-June and concludes his career with a record of 6-1-0-1 and earnings of \$28,015. Bred by Angus Glen Farm in Kentucky, Ochoco is a half to two stakes winners. "He's so far been very well received," said veterinarian Jack Root, who owns and runs Oakhurst with his wife Margaret.

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IN JAPAN:

+ **One and All**, f, 3, **Arch**--Affability, by Unbridled. Nakayama, 1-25, 2-8, Maiden Race, 6f. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$50,000. O-Koji Maeda; B-Nursej Place; T-Fumio Koga. *Broke from the inside in the field of 16 and quickly asserted control, cruising home a six-length winner. "It seemed to be an easy race for her, but she was nervous and I think she will improve," commented winning jockey Jiro Ono.

+ **Eishin Hampton**, c, 3, **Dynaformer**--Sedona Berry, by Strawberry Road (Aus). Kyoto, 2-8, Maiden Race, 6f. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$50,000. O-Toyomitsu Hirai; B-Oakbrook Farm; T-Hideaki Fujiwara.

*\$380,000 2yo '02 KEEAPR. **Took the lead at midstretch and pulled clear to win by two lengths. "I knew he had a lot of talent from his morning works and I am sure he will be even better on the turf," commented winning jockey Yuichi Fukunaga.

Georgian King, c, 3, **Kingmambo**--Georgian Bay, by Storm Cat. Nakayama, 2-8, Plate Race, 6f. Lifetime Record: 3-2-1-0, \$128,333. O-Hideo Hattori; B-G. Watts Humphrey; T-Sueo Masuzawa. *\$20,000 wnlng '00 KEENOV; \$110,000 yrl '01 KEESEP. **Came from just off the pace with an inside move turning for home and got up late for a 3/4-length victory. "In his last two starts, I let him show speed but today I wanted him to learn to rate," said winning rider Katsuharu Tanaka. "He was never bothered by it and I was very impressed."

Camphor World, h, 5, **Hennessy**--Celeste Cielo (GSP), by Conquistador Cielo. Kyoto, 2-9, Yamato Tokubetsu, 6f. Lifetime Record: 30-4-8-2, \$749,500. O-Kiyoharu Okumura; B-Louisa W. Lenehan; T-Hidetaka Tadokoro. *\$50,000 yrl '99 KEESEP. **Winless since last March, was well back in the field early, but showed a brilliant turn of foot in the stretch to win going away by 2 1/2 lengths.

AMERICAN-SIRED WINNER IN JAPAN:

Capital Luck (Jpn), h, 5, **Capote**--Michael's Heather, by Mr. Prospector. Kokura, 2-8, Plate Race, 6fT. Lifetime Record: 21-2-3-0, \$177,167. O-North Hills Management; B-Inoke Farm; T-Tsutomu Setoguchi.

 **SOPHOMORE SPOTLIGHT**

First-time Starters & Stakes Progeny: Tuesday, Feb. 11


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

- ANNOUNCE (Forty Niner), Dell Ridge, \$7K, 144/15/3 4-TAM, Msw, 1 1/8mT, Alaska Gold, 12-1
- AWESOME AGAIN (Deputy Minister), Adena, \$50K, 148/11/2 4-TAM, Msw, 1 1/8mT, Doll to Call, \$17K KEE SEP yrl, 5-1
- JOYEUX DANSEUR (Nureyev), Lakeview, \$20K, 92/6/0 7-MNR, Alw, 6f, Jump for Joyeux, \$13K OBS APR 2yo
- ORDWAY (Salt Lake), Claiborne, \$5K, 73/11/1 7-MNR, Alw, 6f, Fitzgerald, \$5K KEE SEP yrl
- 7-MNR, Alw, 6f, Dr. Dorminy, \$15K KEE SEP yrl

★  EUROPE ★

★ IRELAND ★

FORGET ME NOT TOPS GOFFS OPENER **Forget Me Not (Ire)** (Danehill Dancer {Ire}), an unraced three-year-old filly, topped yesterday's opening session of the Goffs February Mixed Sale in Co. Kildare. The bay, sold as lot **105**, is a half sister to Irish and French Classic winner **Bachir (Ire)** (Desert Style {Ire}). **Forget Me Not** was consigned by Seskin Stud, agent, and was purchased by Philip Brady for €80,000. During the session, 128 horses sold for an aggregate of €1,189,600 and an average of €9,294. A total of 82 horses were reported not sold. The sale continues today at 11 a.m.

	GOFFS FEBRUARY STATISTICS	
	MONDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2003	
SESSION TOTALS	<u>2003</u>	<u>2002</u>
No. Offered	182	186
No. Sold	128	121
RNAs	54	65
% RNA (% change)	30% (-14%)	35%
Gross (€)	1,174,300	1,023,000
Average (€) (% change)	9,174 (+8%)	8,460
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CARNIVAL MOVED

Carnival Dancer (GB) (Sadler's Wells) has left the stable of Sir Michael Stoute to be trained by Amanda Perrett, the *Racing Post* revealed yesterday. Despite the five-year-old's fourth-placing in last year's G1 Champion S. at Newmarket, he failed to build on his promising performance when winning the G3 Scottish Classic at Ayr in 2001. "Carnival Dancer came to us about a month ago," Mark Perrett, the trainer's husband, told the *Post*. "He has had training problems and the idea is to give him plenty of time. When he's ready we'll be looking at the good 10-furlong races."

BHB COMBAT SHORTAGE

British Horseracing Board Chairman Peter Savill yesterday unveiled large-scale changes to Britain's recruitment and training program in the face of a shortfall in staff numbers. As a result of the BHB's Racing Review, new initiatives will include the inaugural appointment of a Recruitment and Training Director to take charge from the spring. "Racing and breeding will only thrive if we have a well-trained work force, of sufficient size and with the necessary skills, to cope with the increasingly demanding leisure environment," Savill said yesterday. "It is furthermore essential that some of the additional revenue coming into racing is applied for recruitment and training purposes for the benefit of our much-prized workforce."

★ EUROPEAN-BRED WINNERS ★

IN JAPAN:

Field Spurt (GB), h, 5, **Flying Spur (Aus)**--Sawlah (GB), by Known Fact. Kokura, 2-9, Hobashirayama Tokubetsu, 6fT. Lifetime Record: 23-4-5-1, \$850,167. O-Katsumi Chida; B-Coln Valley Stud; T-Kenji Yamauchi. *13,000gns yrl '99 TATOCT; 30,000gns 2yo '00 TATAPR.



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AUSTRALASIA



FLYING SPUR FILLY LEADS INGLIS SALE New Zealand agent Paul Moroney snared the top-priced filly at the first session of the Inglis Premier Sale in Melbourne yesterday, going to A\$115,000 for Lot 119, a Flying Spur (Aus)--Sister St. Klaire (Aus) (Star Way {GB}) yearling offered by Arundel Farm. The filly is from an unraced three-quarter sister to Group 1 winners Bonanova and Telesto and closely related to Octagonal's (NZ) family. Syndicators, including Slade Bloodstock and Hancox Bloodstock, were active at the sale, along with agents such as Mark Pilkington and Vin Cox and trainers including Graeme Rogerson, Lee Freedman and Bill Mitchell. On Monday, 156 yearlings sold for a gross of A\$5,580,000, an average of A\$35,769 and a median of A\$30,000, slightly up on the 2002 first session when 80 sold for A\$2,831,500 at an average of A\$35,393. A further 234 lots will be offered Tuesday with 110 catalogued for the Premier II session Thursday. In related news, underrated gelding **Winestock (Aus)** (El Moxie) upstaged his more fancied rivals to win the A\$500,000 Inglis Premier Race at Flemington Sunday for Victorian country trainer Terry O'Sullivan. Winestock, sold by Emirates Park, was purchased by O'Sullivan for A\$21,000 and has earned more than A\$250,000 to date.

BREEDERS' EDITION
AMERICA

ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

9th-FGX, \$34,000, Opt. Clm. (\$75,000), NW3X, 4yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:11 2/5, ft.

PUNCHING (f, 4, Two Punch--Thirty Crowns, by Chief's Crown) Lifetime Record: 7-4-0-1, \$80,340. O-Robert Dean Cecil. B-Mrs Richard C Dupont (MD). T-Steven M Asmussen.

2003 VISA TRIPLE CROWN NOMINEES:

LEADING STALLIONS

Stallion	Nominees
A.P. Indy	16
Storm Cat	15
Touch Gold	10
Deputy Minister	9
Unbridled	9
<u>Gentlemen (Arg)</u>	8
Saint Ballado	8
Seattle Slew	8



9th-MNR, \$31,700, NW4L, 3yo/up, f/m, 1m, 1:42 3/5, gd.

NUTBUSH (m, 5, Turkoman--Emalilly, by Skywalker)
Lifetime Record: 37-4-7-4, \$95,816. O-John W Baird & Rob Corum. B-Emil Kark (KY). T-John W Baird. *1/2 to Reuben (Rubiano), SW, \$240,812.

8th-SUF, \$22,000, NW2\$6MX, 4yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:12 1/5, ft.

FAVORITE ENDING (m, 6, End Sweep--In Favor, by General Assembly) Lifetime Record: SP, 51-7-9-15, \$295,650. O-Barry R Ostrager. B-Harry T Mangurian Jr (FL). T-Bruce N Levine.

MAIDEN WINNERS:

West Coast Gee Gee, f, 3, Bertrando--Gene's Grinders, by Ormonte. SAX, 2-9, (S), (C), 6f, 1:11 3/5. B-Jose Carro (Ca). *\$50,000 wlng '00 KEENOV; \$90,000 2yo '02 BESMAR.

+ **Zina Cause, c, 3, Cause for Pause--Elzina,** by Nalees Man. DED, 2-9, (S), 5f, :59 1/5. B-W A Darling (La).

Beach Plum, f, 3, Wild Rush--Birthday Fan (SP), by Lear Fan. FGX, 2-10, 11/16m, 1:47 1/5. B-William Schaffrick (Ky).

Twin Oaks A. L., c, 4, French Deputy--Micheline, by Shadeed. MNR, 2-9, 5 1/2f, 1:06 2/5. B-Peter Van Andel (Ky). *\$57,000 wlng '99 KEENOV; \$17,000 yrl '00 KEESEP.

SHUTTLE WINNERS BY U.S. SIREs:

Vital Agreement (Aus), g, 3, Belong To Me--Vital Consent (Aus), by Pre Emptive Strike. Randwick (Sydney), 2-8, hcp, 3yo, c/g, 7fT. B-Gooree Park Stud Pty Ltd.

Glefti (Aus), g, 3, Dehere--Desert Jewel (Aus), by At Talaq. Flemington (Melbourne), 2-9, hcp, 3yo, 1mT. B-Dr G Footit.

Only Glory (Aus), f, 3, Honour and Glory--Range Belle (Aus), by Rancher (Aus). Randwick (Sydney), 2-8, hcp, 3yo, f, 6fT. B-E Wojcik & D Balatoutis.

Brief Embrace (Aus), f, 3, Irgun--Tranquil Love (Aus), by Imperial Baron (Aus). Caulfield (Melbourne), 2-8, hcp, 3yo, f, 6fT. B-A Atkinson.

Feel The Noise (Aus), g, 4, Dehere--Slade (Aus), by Chimes Square (Aus). Caulfield (Melbourne), 2-8, Japan Racing Association S.-Listed, 3yo/up, 5 1/2fT, A\$48,750 to winner. B-G Murphie.

Eaux De Vie (Aus), f, 4, Hennessy--Drawaway (Aus), by Star Shower (Aus). Randwick (Sydney), 2-8, hcp, 3yo/up, f/m, 1mT. B-A G, P R, P C & D J Tobin.

Maze (NZ), f, 4, Housebuster--Strangeways (NZ), by Veloso (NZ). Te Rapa (New Zealand), 2-8, hcp, 4yo, 1 1/4mT. B-V M Langford.

Winsome (NZ), f, 4, Housebuster--Wyndham (NZ), by Ruling. Te Rapa (New Zealand), 2-8, hcp, 3yo/up, 6fT. B-Haunui Farm Ltd.

Disco (NZ), g, 5, Dance Floor--Sounds Abound (NZ), by Sound Reason. Ellerslie (Auckland), 2-6, hcp, 3yo/up, 1 5/16mT. B-C F & M J Todd & Trelawney Stud.

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EUROPE**

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Ampoule (GB), g, 4, Zamindar--Diamond Park (Ire), by Alzao. Wolverhampton, Britain, 2-10, Mdn, 4yo/up, 1 1/2m (AWT). B-Wyck Hall Stud Ltd. *22,000gns yrl '00 TATOCT.

SHUTTLE WINNERS BY EUROPEAN SIREs:

Ha'penny Bridge (Aus), g, 4, Ashkalani (Ire)--Lowan's Magic (Aus), by Magical Wonder. Flemington (Melbourne), 2-9, hcp, 4yo/up, 1mT. B-Fernhaven Lodge Pty Ltd.

Arena Valadora (Aus), g, 4, Flying Spur (Aus)--Palm Beach (Arg), by Logical. Flemington (Melbourne), 2-9, hcp, 3yo/up, 1 1/4mT. B-Jacobson Bloodstock P/L.

New Chapter (Aus), f, 4, Grand Lodge--New Story (NZ), by Gold And Ivory. Eagle Farm (Brisbane), 2-5, hcp, 3yo/up, 1 3/8mT. B-J E Carmody, J Commisso & G Malouf.

Didneda (Aus), g, 4, Grand Lodge--Yulneda (NZ), by Nassipour. Eagle Farm (Brisbane), 2-5, hcp, 3yo/up, 6 1/2fT. B-Woodlands Stud.

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