

### FAIRY KING PRAWN RETIRED

Hong Kong champion **Fairy King Prawn (Aus)** (Danehill--Twiglet {Aus}, by Twig Moss {Fr}) has been retired from racing due to the lingering effects of an old injury. The seven-year-old gelding, who hadn't raced since October of 2001, underwent surgery for an injured suspensory ligament and splint bone last January, but efforts to bring him back to competition proved unsuccessful. Racing in the colors of Philip S. H. Lau, Fairy King Prawn was twice named Horse of the Year in Hong Kong and earned three titles as champion sprinter as well as a pair of awards as champion miler under the tutelage of Ivan Allan. In addition to winning the Hong Kong Sprint in 1999, he annexed Japan's G1 Yasuda Kinen in 2000 and was a valiant second in the G2 Dubai Duty Free the following year. Fairy King Prawn retires with a record of 26-12-10-0 and earnings of just over \$4.6 million. Lau also announced the retirement of **Jeune King Prawn (Aus)** (Danehill--Western Chorus {NZ}, by Western Symphony), winner of the G1-HK Hong Kong Champions Mile. The five-year-old won eight of 13 career outings and earned \$1,222,070. Negotiations are underway for the bay to enter stud in Australia.



**Fairy King Prawn**  
*Hong Kong Jockey Club photo*

### SURVEY HELPS IDENTIFY FOAL LOSS FACTORS

Researchers from the University of Kentucky Department of Veterinary Science, in conjunction with other departments within the College of Agriculture, are analyzing the results of 30 farm surveys in an effort to identify possible risk factors associated with increased fetal losses during early and late autumn 2002. Of nine identified risk factors, four were determined to be significant enough to warrant closer study: the topical application of insecticides, the presence of Eastern Tent Caterpillars, the presence of MRLS and increased illnesses. "These are only suspects, and as such are innocent until further evidence is obtained," said the department's David Powell. "We should also emphasize we are dealing with a multi-factorial situation. There could be a combination of causes or other factors, such as weather, that could have played a role in the increased losses. We're still putting the puzzle together and must keep an open mind." The 22 "control" farms which responded to the survey reported a 90.5-percent pregnancy rate of mares covered since February, compared to a 75-percent rate for the eight farms with higher-than-normal autumn foal losses.

*(Sophomore Scene cont.)*

### **Saintly Looks Good**

Trainer Dallas Stewart, who took the Risen Star two years ago with Dollar Bill, likes his chances in this year's renewal with **Saintly Look** (Saint Ballado). The dark bay colt stretched to two turns in his most recent and responded by winning the one-mile GIII Lecomte S. at Fair Grounds by 2 3/4 lengths Jan. 25. "We're still trying to find out a lot about him," Stewart said yesterday. "[At this point], he's probably on the same scale that Dollar Bill was two years ago."

### **Ziadie Confident in Trust N Luck**

"If he runs his race, I don't see anybody beating him," said trainer Ralph Ziadie yesterday about his Florida-bred colt **Trust N Luck** (Montbrook), who is slated to start in the GI Fountain of Youth S. at Gulfstream. The chestnut was last seen winning the 1 1/16-mile What a Pleasure S. at Calder by 11 dominating lengths Dec. 14. "He's been training good and is coming into the race good," said Ziadie. "He's matured since December."

## ☆ SOPHOMORE SCENE ☆

### **Indy Dancer to Risen Star**

Indicating he'd prefer to take a "gradual" step into stakes company with his promising **Indy Dancer** (A.P. Indy), trainer Todd Pletcher has ruled out Saturday's GI Fountain of Youth S. at Gulfstream and instead will start his charge in Sunday's GIII Risen Star S. at Fair Grounds. "The track at Gulfstream has been leaning towards the speed-favoring side over the last few weeks," Pletcher said Tuesday. "[Indy Dancer] doesn't have a lot of speed at the break...[and] I think that the long stretch at Fair Grounds will help him out." Unbeaten in two starts, the colt most recently won an entry-level allowance race at Gulfstream Jan. 4.

## **FORESTRY**

"I think everyone was impressed by his yearlings, and they brought in a lot of money, and he has enough numbers. I

think he will be quite a good sire...I'd pick Forestry as number one."

— John Ferguson, John Ferguson Bloodstock, Thoroughbred Times, 12/28/02



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**WEEKEND PEDIGREE  
PERSPECTIVES**

*by Alan Porter*

**Sunday, Fair Grounds**

**WHIRLAWAY H.-GIII**, \$125,000, FGX, 2-9, 4yo/up,  
1 1/16m, 1:43 3/5, ft.

1--**BALTO STAR, 118, g, 5, by Glitterman**

**1st Dam: Miss Livi, by Devil's Bag**

**2nd Dam: Canticle, by Stage Door Johnny**

**3rd Dam: Melody Roulette, by Northern Dancer**

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Considering that he was the greatest sire of sires of his era, it is remarkable how quickly Bold Ruler's male line has faded. From a point in the early 1970s, when his sons and grandsons were the dominant force in North American breeding, the fortunes of the Bold Ruler male line have declined to an astonishing degree. In fact, if we look at what we might term mainstream commercial Kentucky stallions, we find that in Kentucky all but one of the Bold Ruler male line representatives descend from just one Bold Ruler son, that being Boldnesian, via Bold Reasoning and Seattle Slew.

The exception is Bold Ruler's grandson Glitterman, who is by Dewan, a good sire, but Glitterman aside, a disappointing sire of sires. This branch of Bold Ruler's line actually hung by a thread, for Glitterman, a foal of 1985, was his sire's last stakes winner. Unraced at two, Glitterman went on to capture stakes events at three, four and five. His most prestigious victory came in the GIII Philadelphia Park Breeders' Cup H., but he also captured four other black-type events. Twenty two of his 25 starts came on dirt, but Glitterman demonstrated that he could certainly handle turf, setting a new world record for 5 1/2 furlongs on turf when running the distance in 1:01.3. A sprint specialist, he scored only once at a distance beyond six furlongs.

Retired to stud in Florida, Glitterman made an immediate impact with 19 two-year-old winners in his first crop (more than any other first-season sire that year, if memory serves correctly). That first crop supplied two stakes winners, the durable geldings Get My Glitter and Sport d'Hiver, both winners of over \$500,000 and still active at the age of 10 in 2002. In his next two crops, Glitterman came up with two millionaire fillies, J J's Dream and Glitter Woman, and the success of that duo earned Glitterman a move to Nathan Fox's Wafare Farm in Midway, Kentucky, where he has stood since 1997.

Balto Star, winner this weekend of the GIII Whirlaway H., is Glitterman's third millionaire and Glitterman is also sire of graded-stakes winners Texas Glitter, who equaled a world record for five furlongs on turf; Ethan Man, Golden Oriental and classic hopeful Champali.

Balto Star was also once on the Triple Crown trail. In fact he started at 8.30-1 for the GI Kentucky Derby after scoring impressive victories in the GII Spiral S. and GII Arkansas Derby. A confirmed front-runner, Balto Star battled for the lead in the early stages, but faded after half a mile, eventually coming home 14th, 32 lengths behind Monarchos. Balto Star skipped the Preakness S., but was back for the Belmont S., leading for the first quarter before trailing home a distant eighth.

Subsequently, Balto Star has run consistently well over a wide variety of distances on both dirt and turf. Although he didn't capture a stakes event in between his GII Arkansas Derby triumph and his GIII Whirlaway win, he did run a number of big races, including a narrow loss to Guided Tour in the GII Kentucky Cup Classic and when running With Anticipation to a length in the GI Man o' War S. over 11 furlongs on turf.

Balto Star is the first foal of his dam, Miss Livi, an unraced daughter of Devil's Bag. Balto Star's granddam Canticle was not a winner either, but she owned a true classic pedigree as she was by the Belmont S. winner Stage Door Johnny out of Melody Roulette, a Northern Dancer half sister to GII Louisiana Derby winner and GI Kentucky Derby runner-up Woodchopper. Balto Star's fourth dam Musical Chairs is a sister to No Robbery, winner of six of eight starts, including the Wood Memorial. *Cont. p. 4*



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



**'2' BAND SIRES**

Three weeks ago we ran a table of the World Top 40 (Northern Hemisphere), according to 1996-2002 'APEX A Runner Index.' Taking 924 sires with 10+ three-year-olds of 2002 and 100+ year-starters, we found there were 11 stallions (nine living, two dead) with A Runner Indices of 4.00+, meaning eight percent-plus of their year-starters were in the top two percent of runners by earnings. To quickly review, the index measures against the top two percent, so an index of 1.00 equals 2.00 percent of runners. I should also note that throwing out all sires who had fewer than 10 foals of 1999 makes these indices less accurate than a cumulative average-earnings index (which compares a stallion against all runners by all sires), but it's my conviction, anyway, that the results are more practically useful: it measures stallions against their true contemporaries, I would say. It basically cuts out the bottom 20 percent of 'sires of foals.' Leaving them in tends to inflate sires' average-earnings indices. That's one reason I think APEX ratings give us a truer 'real-world' picture.

The Top 40 sires (31 living, eight dead, and Forty Niner in Japan) all have A Runner indices of 2.66 or more, meaning 5.32 percent-plus of year-starters. This week I'd like to highlight the next tier of stallions, which I call '2-band sires,' meaning those sires with A Runner indices which are plus or minus 2.00. In practice, I judge this covers a band from 1.70-2.65 A Runner Index.

This band covers 74 sires, who I believe are still active in North America and Europe. Combined with the 31 of the Top 40, that gives us a list of 105 stallions, basically a Top 100, or a Top 10 Percent, of sires you have ever heard of, or need to know

about, who had three-year-olds and up in 2002. The only exceptions to that will be [Pulpit](#) (2.22) and [Lost Soldier](#) (3.33), who had first three-year-olds last year, but fewer than 100 year-starters (90 each, as it happened); and a few sires who are quite capable of siring top horses, but whose foal crops are so huge, their averages are seemingly dragged down. [Grand Lodge](#), whose first five Northern crops averaged 91 foals, is a dramatic example of this. His A Runner Index is just 1.62, yet his best horses in the last three years have been [Sinndar](#), [Queen's Logic](#), and [Grandera](#), and I trust [Coolmore](#) is filling him just fine at €75,000. There can be no better example of the pulling power of champions to breeders, resulting in a significant dilution of class and epidemic overbreeding of mares.


But we are here to praise [Caesar](#), and the accompanying table (*p. 5*) lists 74 sires whose names really are worth knowing. They are listed alphabetically by state or region, because the less than two-percent difference in their exact ratio of top two-percent earners is less significant than the fact they have demonstrated enough consistency in siring horses that can make money to rate among the World Top 100 (actually 105) active Northern American and European sires.

One thing this list illustrates beyond debate is that Kentucky is still the world's only superpower when it comes to standing stallions. Of the 105 sires in the World Top 100, no fewer than 52, almost exactly 50 percent, stand in Kentucky. The four countries counted as Europe, though resurgent, have 30 among them (Great Britain 11, Ireland 9, France 6, Germany 4), and the other states and provinces in North America have 23 total. That adds up to 75 of the 105 standing in North America, a little over 70 percent, with a little under 30 percent in Europe. North America has more than twice as many as the four European countries combined, and roughly two-thirds of those in North America stand in Kentucky. So something like a continuing abortion problem is really bad news. It's biological terrorism--nature being subversive, you might say.

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*(Bill Oppenheim cont. from p. 3)*

If you consider only those sires who stand for \$50,000 (or the equivalent, say €50,000, or £30,000), I count 42 of them, including of course, unproven sires. Among these 42, Kentucky's dominance is even more pronounced. The percentages for North America vs. Europe are exactly the same: 71 percent North America (30), 29 percent Europe (12). But all 30 of the \$50,000+ stallions in North America stand in Kentucky--even more reason for breeders to be pouring research money into really solving the abortion/dead foal problem, which I get the distinct impression is not yet really solved. Interestingly, Europe's 12 are divided evenly between Great Britain and Ireland. The highest-priced stallions in France are Anabaa (€45,000), Linamix (€40,000) and Highest Honor (€35,000)--all in the Top 100, but none in the Top 40. That's France's ceiling in the stallion business. Top 40 stallions have been worth more elsewhere for the last 20 years, and then some.

It's also instructive to look at a breakdown of the 105 sires in the Top 100 (with 3yos+ of 2002) by when they went to stud. Keeping in mind this is a list of sires now covering (at least, they all covered in 2002), there is sure to be a natural bias towards younger sires. The very youngest group, those with first foals 1999, is still in formation, and six stallions from that group are in the 'second 74,' but there are none among the 31 counted as active (excluding Japan) among the Top 40. Other than that, there are only two first-crop foal years, among the 11 stretching back to 1989, when there were fewer than seven Top 100 sires. Meaning, over 80 percent of the time, ranking among the top seven sires who went to stud each year translates into a future Top 100 ranking. As much as I have raved on about the group with first foals 1998, that group is not in fact the leader. There are 10 from 1998, and also from 1991, and nine each from 1992 and 1989. But the runaway winner, to my surprise, is the group with first foals 1997. No fewer than 15 sires whose oldest foals were five-year-olds in 2002 ranked among the Top 100. There must be a real 'sleeper' or two among them.

*(Pedigree Perspectives cont. from p. 2)*

Balto Star is one of those horses who is bred on a disappointing nick, or sire line affinity, but who has other clever inbreeding and linebreeding in his pedigree. Out of Moon Glitter, a stakes-winning sister to Relaunch (like Balto Star, a very versatile horse), Glitterman has as his granddam Foggy Note, a daughter of The Axe II. A stakes winner in England at two and three, The Axe II subsequently did well as a staying turf horse in North America, where his victories included the Man o' War S., the San Luis Rey H. and the Canadian International Championship. The Axe II was by English Derby winner Mahmoud out of Blackball, a daughter of Big Event and a granddaughter of La Troienne. This makes him a three-quarters relative to Cohoes (by Mahmoud out of Belle of Troy, a sister to Big Event), and Cohoes appears in the pedigree of Balto Star as the sire of the second dam of Devil's Bag. This gives Balto Star The Axe II/Cohoes 4x5, and Balto Star's dam also has a double of Almahmoud, a Mahmoud daughter who has a very similar genetic background to The Axe II.

We should also mention that it was a mating between The Axe II and Balto Star's fourth dam Musical Chairs, which came up with the classic performing Woodchopper. That horse had the very close relatives, Big Event/Bimelech (a son and daughter of La Troienne) 4x3, and Balto Star has Big Event/Belle of Troy/Bimelech 6x6x6.

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## '2' BAND SIRES

(Alphabetically by Location, 100+ Year-Starters 1996-2002)

### KENTUCKY (37)

Sire	1st Foals, '03 Fee	A Runner Index
Alphabet Soup	1999, \$10,000	2.59
<a href="#">Bahri</a>	1997, \$20,000	2.25
<a href="#">Belong to Me</a>	1995, \$20,000	2.01
<a href="#">Capote</a>	1989, \$30,000	1.98
<a href="#">Carson City</a>	1992, \$35,000	1.94
Cherokee Run	1997, \$20,000	1.98
Count The Time	1997, n/a	1.71
Crafty Prospector	1985, \$25,000	2.54
Diesis	1985, \$30,000	2.03
Distant View	1997, \$20,000	2.11
<a href="#">Dixieland Band</a>	1986, \$60,000	2.57
<a href="#">Dixieland Heat</a>	1997, \$6,000	2.04
<a href="#">Dynaformer</a>	1991, \$50,000	2.16
El Prado	1994, \$75,000	2.12
<a href="#">Evansville Slew</a>	1997, \$3,500	1.74
<a href="#">Forest Wildcat</a>	1998, \$60,000	2.59
Gone West	1989, \$125,000	2.47
<a href="#">Gulch</a>	1990, \$50,000	1.90
Holy Bull	1996, \$15,000	1.85
<a href="#">Langfuhr</a>	1999, \$12,500	1.75
Lear Fan	1986, \$15,000	2.07
<a href="#">Mr. Greeley</a>	1997, \$50,000	2.12
Mt. Livermore	1987, \$40,000	1.77
Mutakddim	1998, \$6,500	2.46
<a href="#">Pine Bluff</a>	1994, \$10,000	2.43
<a href="#">Quiet American</a>	1993, \$35,000	1.76
<a href="#">Red Ransom</a>	1992, \$30,000	1.91
<a href="#">Repriced</a>	1996, \$5,000	1.77
<a href="#">Royal Academy</a>	1992, \$20,000	2.46
Silver Deputy	1990, \$40,000	2.15
Silver Hawk	1984, \$50,000	2.48
Sky Classic	1994, \$20,000	2.49
Smoke Glacken	1999, \$15,000	2.33
<a href="#">Thunder Gulch</a>	1997, \$65,000	2.22
<a href="#">Twining</a>	1996, \$10,000	1.73
<a href="#">Wild Again</a>	1987, n/a	2.63
With Approval	1992, \$10,000	2.07

**IN TOP 40 (15):** [A.P. Indy](#) (5.35), [Broad Brush](#) (3.93), [Cozzene](#) (3.15), [Danzig](#) (5.51), [Deputy Minister](#) (3.79), [Kingmambo](#) (4.04), [Pleasant Tap](#) (3.07), [Rahy](#) (3.03), [Seeking the Gold](#) (3.33), [Sefapiano](#) (3.68), [Smart Strike](#) (3.63), [Storm Cat](#) (5.33), [Summer Squall](#) (2.88), [Theatrical](#) (3.06), [Unbridled's Song](#) (4.19)

### OTHER STATES (18)

#### CALIFORNIA (5)

Sire	1st Foals, '03 Fee	A Runner Index
Avenue of Flags	1993, \$10,000	2.60
Bertrando	1995, \$25,000	2.46
Cee's Tizzy	1992, \$15,000	2.46
Memo	1996, \$8,500	2.59
Smokester	1994, \$5,000	2.34

**In Top 40 (2):** [General Meeting](#) (3.11), [In Excess](#) (3.29)

#### FLORIDA (1)

Notebook	1991, \$15,000	2.09
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**In Top 40 (1):** [Montbrook](#) (3.64)

### NEW YORK (4)

American Chance	1996, \$10,000	2.07
Judge T.C.	1998, \$8,500	1.72
Regal Classic	1991, \$10,000	2.09
Sea Salute	1998, n/a	1.85

**In Top 40 (1):** [Rizzi](#) (3.41)

### TEXAS (3)

Gold Legend	1995, \$5,000	1.78
<a href="#">Open Forum</a>	1999, \$7,500	2.36
<a href="#">Valid Expectations</a>	1999, \$12,500	2.24

**In Top 40:** none

### OTHER STATES/PROVINCE (5)

<a href="#">Friendly Lover</a> (IA)	1998, \$3,750	2.05
<a href="#">Charlie Barley</a> (IL)	1992, n/a	2.16
<a href="#">Classic Account</a> (IL)	1991, \$1,500	1.87
<a href="#">Great Gladiator</a> (ON)	1984, n/a	1.70
<a href="#">Housebuster</a> (VA)	1993, \$7,500	2.06

**In Top 40 (1):** [Not For Love](#) (MD, 2.66)

### EUROPE (19) GREAT BRITAIN (6)

Sire	1st Foals, '03 Fee	A Runner Index
Green Desert	1988, £60,000	2.19
<a href="#">Hernando</a>	1997, £12,000	1.95
Lomitas	1996, £12,000	2.22
Mark of Esteem	1998, £15,000	2.22
Robellino	1983, £6,000	2.26
<a href="#">Zilzal</a>	1991, £5,000	2.19

**In Top 40 (5):** [Generous](#) (2.79), [Machiavellian](#) (3.72), [Pivotal](#) (4.65), [Rainbow Quest](#) (3.81), [Selkirk](#) (2.93)

### IRELAND (5)

Barathea	1996, €25,000	1.90
<a href="#">Bluebird</a>	1989, €10,000	1.95
<a href="#">Danehill Dancer</a>	1999, €30,000	2.27
Indian Ridge	1991, €75,000	2.31
Soviet Star	1990, €12,000	1.89

**In Top 40 (4):** [Danehill](#) (4.09), [Desert Style](#) (2.68), [In The Wings](#) (3.60), [Sadler's Wells](#) (4.38)

### FRANCE (6)

Anabaa	1998, €45,000	1.74
Highest Honor	1989, €35,000	2.00
Kaldounevees	1997, €12,500	1.74
Linamix	1992, €40,000	2.14
Priolo	1993, €4,500	1.92
Tremolino	1989, €6,000	1.76

**In Top 40:** none

### GERMANY (2)

Big Shuffle	1991, €10,000	2.60
Acatenango	1989, €15,000	2.53

**In Top 40 (2):** [Lando](#) (2.67), [Monsun](#) (4.21)

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**MUTUEL FIELD FAVORED IN DERBY POOL**

Churchill Downs handicapper Mike Battaglia has made the mutuel field the 2-1 morning-line favorite for the first of three pools in the 2003 Kentucky Derby Future Wager which opens Thursday. The mutuel field includes all three-year-olds except the 23 individual horses listed as wagering interests in the four-day pool. The undefeated **Sky Mesa** (Pulpit) is the second choice at 8-1. The GI San Vicente S. winner **Kafwain** (Cherokee Run) and GI Hollywood Futurity winner **Toccet** (Awesome Again) follow at 10-1. Pool 1 opens at noon on Thursday and closes at 6:30 p.m. on Sunday. Pool 2 will run from Mar. 13-16 and Pool 3 is set for Apr. 3-6. A new Kentucky Oaks Future Wager, also a four-day pool, will be offered for the first time from Apr. 3-6. The mutuel field has been both the morning-line favorite and the final favorite in each of the four previous first pools of the Derby future wager. "The Kentucky Derby picture at this time of the year is as cloudy as it has been in the five years of the Future Wager's existence," said Battaglia. "That will mean there will be some very attractive prices on promising individual horses in this pool, but those horses have a lot to prove between now and Kentucky Derby Day." *For Complete Listing of Wagering Interests, see p3.*

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**Feathers**, a graded-stakes winning daughter of Cherokee Run out of the Rollicking mare Cool Chase, emerged the star of Monday's Fasig-Tipton Winter Mixed Sale when Eugene Melnyk gave \$270,000 to secure the six-year-old bay broodmare prospect. The winner of the GIII Bessarabian H. was consigned by Three Chimneys Farm, which was acting on behalf of Tooth and Nail Stable. During a single session last year, Fasig-Tipton sold 248 horses for \$2,829,100. Over two days this year, 285 horses grossed \$3,160,900. Immediately following the sale of racing and breeding stock, Fasig-Tipton offered 39 2003 no-guarantee seasons to a strong collection of stallions, including Seeking the Gold, who topped all offerings at \$160,000. The 18-year-old stallion currently stands at Claiborne Farm in Paris, Kentucky. A share in 2002 leading freshman sire Distorted Humor, who enjoyed success last year with graded stakes winners Awesome Humor and Humorous Lady, attracted top price of \$225,000. The 10-year-old son of Forty Niner stands at WinStar Farm in Versailles.


**OBS-MARCH CATALOGS ON-LINE** The catalogs for the Ocala Breeders' Sales Company's March Sale of Selected Two-Year-Olds in Training and for the Adena Springs Two-Year-Old Sale is currently available at [www.obssales.com](http://www.obssales.com). A total of 503 juveniles have been catalogued for the two-day OBS sale, with sessions beginning at 11 a.m. on Mar. 18 and 19. The Under Tack Previews are set for 9 a.m. Mar. 8 and Mar. 9. The regular Under Tack Show gets underway at 9 a.m. Mar. 15 and continues at 9 a.m. Mar. 16. The Adena Springs Sale features 88 two-year-olds selling on Mar. 20 beginning at 2:30 p.m.

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★ CENTRAL ★

**Kentucky Association of Equine Practitioners Meet:**

The Kentucky Association of Equine Practitioners, an equine veterinary organization of 150 members and a constituent of the Kentucky Veterinary Medical Association, held its annual meeting Feb. 6 in Lexington, Kentucky. Among the new officers introduced by departing president Dr. Bill Bernard were incoming president Dr. Richard Holder, Vice President Dr. Jim Morehead, and Secretary-Treasurer Dr. Nancy Cole.



**FASIG-TIPTON WINTER MIXED  
 MONDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2003**

<u>SESSION TOTALS</u>	<u>2003</u>
No. Offered	304
No. Sold	223
RNAs	81
% RNA	26.6%
Gross	\$2,645,200
Average	\$11,862
Median	\$5,500

**FASIG-TIPTON STALLION ACCESS SALE**

<u>NO GUARANTEE SEASONS</u>	
No. Sold	22
Gross	\$207,300
Average	\$9,423

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No. Sold	2
Gross	\$226,000
Average	\$113,000

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**KENTUCKY DERBY FUTURE WAGER – POOL ONE**

No.	Horse	Sire	Odds
	<i>(Last start, next start)</i>		
1	Apalachian Thunder	Wekiva Springs	30-1 <i>(won Jan. 24 SAX allowance, undecided)</i>
2	Atswhatimtalknbout	<u>A.P. Indy</u>	50-1 <i>(3rd in Jan. 24 SAX allowance, undecided)</i>
3	Badge of Silver	Silver Deputy	50-1 <i>(won Jan. 23 FGX alw, Feb. 16 GIII Risen Star)</i>
4	Domestic Dispute	Unbridled's Song	15-1 <i>(won GIII Santa Catalina, Mar. 16 GII San Felipe)</i>
5	Empire Maker	Unbridled	20-1 <i>(2nd in Sham S., Mar. 15 GI Florida Derby)</i>
6	Funny Cide	<u>Distorted Humor</u>	30-1 <i>(5th in GIII Holy Bull, FI Dby or Mar. 9 GII La Dby)</i>
7	Indy Dancer	<u>A.P. Indy</u>	20-1 <i>(1st Jan. 4 GPX alw, Risen Star)</i>
8	Kafwain	Cherokee Run	10-1 <i>(1st GII San Vicente, GII San Felipe)</i>
9	Lion Tamer	Will's Way	20-1 <i>(1st Jan. 4 GPX alw, Feb. 15 GIII Hutcheson)</i>
10	Man Among Men	<u>Gentlemen (Arg)</u>	30-1 <i>(1st Sham, undecided)</i>
11	Ministers Wild Cat	Deputy Minister	20-1 <i>(1st Golden State Mile, undecided)</i>
12	Offlee Wild	<u>Wild Again</u>	15-1 <i>(1st GIII Holy Bull, Fountain of Youth)</i>
13	Ozzie Cat	<u>Storm Cat</u>	50-1 <i>(2nd GIII Golden Gate Derby, Fountain of Youth)</i>
14	Peace Rules	Jules	30-1 <i>(1st Hill Rise S., unknown)</i>
15	Saintly Look	Saint Ballado	30-1 <i>(1st GIII Lecomte, Louisiana Derby)</i>
16	Seattle Hooper	Seattle Slew	50-1 <i>(1st Jan. 17 FGX alw, Risen Star)</i>
17	Senor Swinger	El Prado (Ire)	20-1 <i>(DH 1st Jan. 31 GPX alw, Florida Derby)</i>
18	Siberland	Siberian Summer	20-1 <i>(2nd TuP Derby, Mar. 1 GII San Rafael)</i>
19	Sky Mesa	<u>Pulpit</u>	8-1 <i>(1st GII Lane's End Breeders' Futurity, undecided)</i>
20	Ten Cents a Shine	<u>Devil His Due</u>	20-1 <i>(DH 1st Jan. 31 GPX alw, Fountain of Youth)</i>
21	Toccet	Awesome Again	10-1 <i>(1st Hollywood Futurity, Mar. 29 Private Terms)</i>
22	Trust N Luck	Montbrook	20-1 <i>(1st What a Pleasure, Fountain of Youth)</i>
23	Whywhywhy	<u>Mr. Greeley</u>	30-1 <i>(10th BC Juvenile, Fountain of Youth)</i>
24	All Other 3yos		2-1

★ AMERICAN-BRED WINNERS ★

**IN BRITAIN:**

**Exclusive Air**, g, 4, **Affirmed**--Lac Dessert (SW-US & SP-GB), by Lac Ouimet. Southwell, 2-11, Cond, 4yo/up, 1 ½ m (AWT). O-Carequick Ltd; B-Payson Stud Inc; T-David Barron. \*\$9,500 yrl '00 FTKOCT.  
**Littleton Zephir**, f, 4, **Sandpit (Brz)**--Miss Gorgeous (Ire), by Damister. Southwell, 2-11, Hcp, 4yo/up, f/m, 1m (AWT). O-Littleton Manor Racing; B-Sierra Thoroughbreds; T-J Naughton. \*\$4,500 yrl '00 KEESEP.

**IN FRANCE:**

**Go Got**, h, 5, **Solid Illusion**. See "Europe" for more info.



**SOPHOMORE SPOTLIGHT**

**First-crop progeny to watch: Wednesday, Feb. 12**

*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  
 8-LRL, Alw, 1 1/16m, Announce Me, \$1K OBS WIN yrl, 8-1  
 9-OP, Msw, 5 1/2f, Mr Rocket, 6-1  
**BANKER'S GOLD** (Forty Niner), Airdrie, \$15K, 122/12/1  
 8-LRL, Alw, 1 1/16m, Depository, \$100K KEE SEP yrl, 9-2  
**CONFIDE** (Phone Trick), Walmac, \$5K, 131/8/1  
 1-CT, Msw, 4 1/2f, +Reggie's Magic, \$10K KEE SEP yrl, 10-1  
**EXETERA** (Forty Niner), Illinois, \$2K, 24/1/0  
 7-OP, Str, 1m, Drillmaster, 3-1  
**FAVORITE TRICK** (Phone Trick), Walmac, \$30K, 138/14/2  
 8-LRL, Alw, 8.5f, Prospector's Trick, \$35K OBS MAR 2yo, 5-1  
**GENTLEMEN (ARG)** (Robin des Bois), Walmac, \$30K, 126/11/1  
 1-CT, Msw, 4 1/2f, +Oobitwa, 10-1  
**HALORY HUNTER** (Jade Hunter), Rockin Rvr, \$8K, 97/4/0  
 7-OP, Str, 1m, Squirmlikeaworm, \$3K FTK OCT yrl, 8-1  
**INDIAN CHARLIE** (In Excess {Ire}), Airdrie, \$10K, 149/19/1  
 8-TP, Alw, 6f, Choctaw Charlie, \$46K OBS MAR 2yo  
**LARRUPIN'** (Mr. Prospector), Green Willow, \$2K, 85/7/0  
 6-LRL, Alw, 1 1/16m, Shaheen Shaheen, 10-1  
 1-CT, Msw, 4 1/2f, Erik's Chance, \$10K EAS MAY 2yo, 10-1  
**OPS SMILE** (Caveat), Bonita, \$5K, 54/3/0  
 3-GG, Msw, 6f, Jacobs Smile, \$12K BAR MAY 2yo, 5-2  
**PARTNER'S HERO** (Danzig), Northview, \$8K, 112/17/1  
 8-LRL, Alw, 1 1/16m, Delcastle, \$23K EAS OCT yrl, 5-2  
**SOUVENIR COPY** (Mr. Prospector), Hopewell, \$20K, 195/18/0  
 3-GG, Msw, 6f, +Dazzling Copies, \$50K 1 '02 BAR OCT, 10-1  
**SWISS YODELER** (Eastern Echo), Pepper Oaks, \$3K, 101/18/2  
 1-SA, Str, 1m, Dotted Swiss  
**TALE OF THE CAT** (Storm Cat), Ashford, \$25K, 235/27/4  
 3-SA, Alw, 1m, Honest Answer, \$600K BAR MAR 2yo  
**TYCHONIC (GB)** (Last Tycoon {Ire}), Black Oak, \$4K, 50/3/0  
 3-GG, Msw, 6f, +Tyvara, \$10K BAR OCY yrl, 6-1  
**WILD RUSH** (Wild Again), Adena, \$15K, 173/15/0  
 9-OP, Msw, 5 1/2f, +Movingmichael, \$14K EAS OCT yrl, 15-1

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**Yesterday's Results:**

**GRAND PRIX DE LA RIVIERA COTE D'AZUR-Listed,** €58,000, Cagnes-sur-Mer, 2-11, 4yo/up, 1 1/4m (AWT), 2:04.10, std.

1--**GO GOT, 121, h, 5, Solid Illusion--Fab's Melody, by Devil's Bag.** O/B-EQuaki; T-J Beguigne; J-I Mendizabal; €29,000. Lifetime Record: 9 starts, 6 wins, 3 places, €114,091. \*1/2 to Bonapartiste (Fr) (Kendor {Fr}), GSW & MGISP-US, MGSP-Fr, \$804,629; and Quad's Melody (Ire) (Spinning World), GSW-Fr.

2--**Labirinto, 121, h, 5, Theatrical (Ire)--Ostora, by Blushing Groom (Fr).** €11,600.

3--**Almond Mousse (Fr), 118, f, 4, Exit to Nowhere--Missy Dancer (GB), by Shareef Dancer.** €8,700.

Margins: 2HF, HF, 1HF. Odds: 4.60, 10.10, 3.80. Also ran: Astheus (Fr), Nummenor (Fr), Mont Rocher (Fr), Kasai (GB), Mr Tango (Arg), Tikzane (Fr), High Straits (GB). Also ran (not classified): Stretton (Ire), Fleurie Domaine (GB).

Go Got proved a different class from his rivals to win Europe's first stakes race of 2003 in facile fashion. Gifted a soft lead in the early stages until Astheus (Fr) (Antheus) briefly flattered at halfway, Go Got swept that rival aside at the top of the straight to assume complete command before crossing the line geared down under jockey Ioritz Mendizabal. In doing so, he was registering his third stakes score, having capped a perfect three-for-three sophomore campaign with success in the Listed Derby de l'Ouest at Angers in 2001 before taking the Listed Prix Max Sicard at Toulouse last December. "He has a lot of quality," winning trainer Jean-Marie Beguigne commented. "We'll take the classic route with him and go to the G3 Prix Exbury [Saint-Cloud, Mar. 8] and then possibly the G1 Prix Ganay [Longchamp, Apr. 27]."

**SWEET EMOTION TOPS GOFFS SECOND SESSION**

Selling as [Lot 352](#), **Sweet Emotion (Ire)** (Bering {GB}) attracted an offer of €110,000 from John O'Byrne to top the second session of the Goffs February Sale. The seven-year-old mare, in foal to In the Wings (GB), was a Listed winner at three. She was consigned by Jockey Hall Stud, which also sold her yearling colt by Sinnadar (Ire) for €72,000 as [Lot 350](#). Redpender Stud signed the ticket for the youngster. "I have bought him for myself to resell later in the year," Redpender's Jim Murphy told *Racing Post*. "He is a nice athletic horse with lovely scope to him and his sire was a marvellous racehorse who fought every battle going and won them all. There will be no recession with his stock." In all, 128 head sold for an aggregate of €1,425,100 and an average price of €11,134.



**GOFFS FEBRUARY STATISTICS  
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2003**

<u>SESSION TOTALS</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2002</u>
No. Offered	185	200
No. Sold	128	135
RNAs	57	65
% RNA (% change)	31% (-6%)	33%
Gross	€1,425,100	€1,671,900
Average (% change)	€11,134	€12,378
Median (% change)	€6,000	€5,000
<u>CUMULATIVE</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2002</u>
No. Offered	367	386
No. Sold	256	256
RNAs	111	130
% RNA (% change)	30% (-12%)	34%
Gross	€2,599,400	€2,695,600
Average (% change)	€10,154	€10,530

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# AUSTRALASIA



## RED RANSOM FILLY HEADS INGLIS DAY TWO

A filly by Red Ransom topped a strong second session at the Inglis Premier Yearling Sale in Melbourne, Australia Tuesday when she was purchased by Sydney-based agent David Lamond for A\$260,000. Offered by Devon Park Stud as [lot 251](#), she is a half sister to G1SW Lady of the Pines (Aus). "The horse of the sale," Lamond commented. "I respect the stallion and have been waiting to find the right one and this filly, with such a great pedigree and a beautiful type, certainly fit the bill." [Lot 467](#), the full brother to millionaire sprinter Rubitano (Aus) was sold for A\$230,000 to Teeley Assets Pty Ltd of Victoria; the business name of Sri Lanka-based Muzzafa Yaseen purchased Shantha's Choice from the same sale in 1994 for A\$220,000 and she is the dam of four-time G1SW Redoute's Choice (Aus) as well as G1SW Platinum Scissors. Paul Perry, who prepared Choisir (Aus) to win Sunday's Lightning S., gave A\$160,000 for [lot 252](#), a Gilded Time--Calemoss (Aus) colt from the same draft as the session topper. In all, 14 yearlings made A\$100,000 or more to ensure an average of A\$41,127, 12 percent up on 2002, and an 18-percent increase in gross to A\$14,065,500 for 342 sold. Inglis Melbourne manager Peter Heagney said it was an excellent result for Victorian vendors who opted to sell their top yearlings through Premier.

### INGLIS PREMIER TUESDAY - TOP FIVE LOTS

Hip	Sex	Sire	Dam	Price (A\$)
<a href="#">251</a>	f	<a href="#">Red Ransom</a>	<a href="#">Calemeo (Aus)</a>	260,000
Consigned by Devon Park Stud Purchased by David Lamond Bloodstock				
<a href="#">467</a>	c	<a href="#">Rubiton (Aus)</a>	<a href="#">Mrs Soffel</a>	230,000
Consigned by Rubiton Bloodstock Pty Ltd Purchased by Teeley Assets Ltd				
<a href="#">252</a>	c	<a href="#">Gilded Time</a>	<a href="#">Calemoss (Aus)</a>	160,000
Consigned by Devon Park Stud Purchased by Paul Perry				
<a href="#">428</a>	c	<a href="#">Encosta de Lago (Aus)</a>	<a href="#">Lottey (Aus)</a>	150,000
Consigned by Blue Gum Farm Purchased by B. Durran				
<a href="#">404</a>	f	<a href="#">Red Ransom</a>	<a href="#">Kilspindie (Aus)</a>	140,000
Consigned by Collingrove Stud Purchased by Colm Santry Bloodstock				

## BREEDERS' EDITION AMERICA

### ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

**7th-MNR, \$25,000, NW2L, 3yo, f, 6f, 1:15 2/5, gd.**  
**COBRA LADY (f, 3, Cobra King--More Delicate, by Mt. Livermore)** Lifetime Record: 4-2-2-0, \$31,100.  
 O-Michael J Hund. B-Roy & Joyce Monroe (KY). T-J Michael Baird.

**9th-PHA, \$21,600, NW1X, 4yo/up, 6f, 1:09 2/5, ft.**  
**SOMBODYSWATCHNOVME (c, 4, Seattle Sleet--Scotch N Water, by Northrop)** Lifetime Record: 11-3-2-1, \$54,870. O-Leo Gaspari Racing Stable Inc. B-Thomas L Vaughn (KY). T-Scott A Lake. \*\$25,000 2yo '01 FTMMAY.

## BREEDERS' EDITION EUROPE

### CONDITIONS RESULTS:

**Cagnes-sur-Mer, 2.15, Cond, €20,000, 3yo, 1m**  
 (AWT), 1:38.70, std.

**L'ARCHONTE (FR) (c, 3, Solon {Ger}--Quelle Classe {Fr}, by Bikala {Ire})** Lifetime Record: 18 starts, 3 wins, 9 places, €42,600. O-Ecurie du Ring; B-C Auniac & S Collet; T-G Collet.

**Cagnes-sur-Mer, 3.15, Cond, €20,000, 3yo/up, 6 1/2 f**  
 (AWT), 1:16.80, std.

**JARN (GB) (h, 6, Green Desert--Alkariyh, by Alydar)**  
 Lifetime Record: 24 starts, 5 wins, 11 places, €79,238. O-P Autret; B-Shadwell Estate Company Limited; T-E Pilet.

### ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

**Invorio (Ire), c, 3, Danzig Connection--Isernia (Ire), by Ajraas.** Naples, Italy, 2-11, Mdn, 3yo, 2250mT. B-M Marchetti.

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