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at Sophomore Sires**  
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Horse Racing Ireland (HRI) has announced that overseas runners in Irish Pattern and Listed races are to receive a travel allowance if they finish out of the prize money. A payment of €1,000 will be on offer to horses finishing out of the prize money for the flat season's 94 black-type races. "This tremendous incentive, coupled with Ireland's enhanced black-type programme and attractive prize money, should encourage greater overseas participation in Ireland's major races," HRI's Jason Morris told *Irish Thoroughbred Marketing*. "Increased international competition will add to the quality of our races and provide extra excitement for racegoers."

☆ **SOPHOMORE SCENE** ☆

**DOMESTIC DISPUTE DRILLS**

GII Santa Catalina S. winner **Domestic Dispute** (Unbridled's Song) worked five furlongs Monday at Santa



**Domestic Dispute**  
*Benoit*

Anita in 1:01 under jockey David Flores. "I would have liked to have gone in a minute," trainer Bob Baffert commented, "but what are you going to do?" Domestic Dispute is being aimed at the Mar. 16 Gil San Felipe S.

Also working Monday at Santa Anita, **Atswhatimtalknabout** (A.P. Indy) went three furlongs in a bullet :36.40. **Our Bobby V.** (Majesterian), aiming for the Mar. 1 Gil San Rafael S., worked six furlongs in 1:13.00...Turf Paradise Derby winner **Robledo** (Robannier), prepping

for the Mar. 8 GIII El Camino Real Derby at Golden Gate, worked four furlongs in :49.60...Sham S. winner **Man Among Men** (Gentlemen {Arg}) went three furlongs in :37.40 at Hollywood Park.

**MINISTER'S WILD CAT: DESTINATION UNKNOWN**

Trainer Neil Drysdale said he would have to speak with owner Irving Cowan before deciding on the next race for Golden Gate Mile winner **Minister's Wild Cat** (Deputy Minister). "He was a little green in the [Mile]," Drysdale said. "But he got a good education out of it and that's what he needed."

**WEEKEND PEDIGREE  
PERSPECTIVES**

*by Alan Porter*

**FOUNTAIN OF YOUTH S.-GI**, \$200,000, GPX, 2-15, 3yo, 1 1/16m, 1:43 1/5, ft.

1--▲@**TRUST N LUCK**, 122, c, 3, by Montbrook

1st Dam: **Bold Burst**, by Dahar

2nd Dam: **Bold Brat**, by Boldnesian

3rd Dam: \***Beat It**, by \*Silnet

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The weekend saw two spectacular performances by colts with classic aspirations, and with pedigrees which present a similar conundrum. That pair are the GIII Risen Star S. winner Badge of Silver (whose pedigree was reviewed Tuesday by my colleague Andrew Caulfield) and the GI Fountain of Youth S. victor Trust N Luck. Both these horses are by sires who showed considerable speed in short racing careers and who are primarily influences for speed, but are out of mares by proven stayers.

Trust N Luck is by Montbrook, a son of the Buckpasser stallion Buckaroo. A Florida-bred, Montbrook was sold for \$260,000 at the OBS February Two-Year-Old in Training Sales, but didn't make his debut until the age of three, when he kicked off in his career in sensational fashion with a 13 1/2-length victory in a six-furlong maiden event at Laurel. Although he could only manage third in a seven-furlong allowance race just a week later, Montbrook would campaign exclusively in stakes company for his six other starts, winning his first stakes on only his third start with a victory in the Hirsch Jacobs S.. Fourth-place finishes in the GIII Best Turn S. and GII Withers S. followed, but Montbrook ended his career in a blaze of glory with successive triumphs in the Jersey Shore Budweiser Breeders' Cup H., the GII Riva Ridge S. and GIII Frank J. De Francis Memorial Dash.

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*(Pedigree Perspectives cont. from p. 1)*

To commence his stud career, Montbrook returned home to Ocala Stud, where he retired at an initial fee of \$3,000 (coincidentally, Ocala Stud is also home of Notebook, sire of the 2002 GI Fountain of Youth winner Booklet). Just as he had on the racecourse, Montbrook made an impact right from the start. From his first crop of 33 named foals, 32 made the races, and 28 of them won. This included 14 two-year-old winners, and six stakes winners.

In all, from his first five crops, Montbrook is the sire of 20 stakes winners from 230 foals (8 percent) and has a good shot at improving that figure with his current three-year-olds. In addition to Trust N Luck, his best runners also include the GI Super Derby victor, Outofthebox; GI Davona Dale S. winner Ms. Brookski; GI Rebel S. victor Snuck In; Pure Precision, successful in the GI Sapling S.; and Thunderello, who was beaten only half a length by Orientate in last year's GI Breeders' Cup Sprint.

Although Montbrook has been primarily a speed influence, we can note that the 10 furlongs of the GI Super Derby seemed to pose no problems to his son Outofthebox, and that he has several other stakes winners at 8 1/2 and nine furlongs. Montbrook's sire Buckaroo won the GI Saranac and GI Peter Pan S. and sired a wide variety of runners. In addition to Montbrook, they include Spend a Buck, who parlayed his front-running speed into a victory in the GI Kentucky Derby; the outstanding sprinter Lite the Fuse; the GI Suburban and GI Philip Iselin H. hero Roo Art; and the GI Californian S. winner Another Review.

Outofthebox, the best staying son of Montbrook, is out of a mare by Notebook, but his second dam is by the stout French runner Roi Dagobert. Similarly, Bold Burst, the dam of Trust N Luck, also has some stamina strains with European roots. His broodmare sire Dahar is by Lyphard out of the great mare Dahlia (a two-time winner of one of Europe's great 1 1/2-mile contests, the G1 King George & Queen Elizabeth S.). Dahar began his career in Europe, where he won the G1 Prix Lupin and finished third in the G1 Irish Derby. Campaigned in North America at four and five, he added victories in three Grade I events to his resume, includ-

ing one in the 1 3/4-mile GI San Juan Capistrano.

Bold Burst's dam Bold Brat is by Boldnesian, a Santa Anita Derby winner who made his impact on the classic scene as grandsire of Seattle Slew. Bold Brat was no average performer in her own right, winning 14 races including the GI Barbara Fritchie H. and GI Correction H. Bold Burst herself was only a minor winner, but Bold Brat did produce three stakes winners, led by Yucca, a son of Vigors who won the Chati S. at Monmouth and was also second in the GI Lexington S.

Through her dam Beat It, Bold Brat gets some more European influence. A daughter of the top-class French stayer Silnet, Beat It herself was stakes-placed in Europe and is half-sister to champion French two-year-old filly Silver Cloud. Beat It produced a top-class runner in Queen to Conquer, who took third in the G1 Irish Oaks and also captured the GI Yellow Ribbon S. when brought to North America. Trust N Luck's fourth dam Beactive was a stakes winner in France, but had an American pedigree, as she was by John's Joy out of daughter of War Kilt, a stakes-winning sister to War Relic.

Trust N Luck is actually the second produce of the Montbrook--Bold Burst mating. The first, Grand Veranda, was a filly foaled in 1996. She didn't break her maiden until her eighth start, when she scored over 8 1/2 furlongs on turf. Subsequently, Grand Veranda won three stakes events at eight and 8 1/2 furlongs on turf and was stakes-placed at nine furlongs. So, Trust N Luck looks likely to get nine furlongs and must have at least a shot of lasting a mile and a quarter.

Trust N Luck's pedigree is quite an outcross, with the nearest duplication being a 5x5 cross of Nearctic, which appears through Explodent (grandsire of Montbrook's dam) and Northern Dancer (in the male line of Trust N Luck's dam). The Northern Dancer strain is in at least six of Montbrook's stakes winners, but Trust N Luck has another strain which seems to be even more important to Montbrook. Montbrook's dam is inbred 4x4 to Nasrullah (through Sir Ruler and Nashua), and Montbrook seems to do particularly well with more Nasrullah, especially through Bold Ruler, who appears in the pedigree of Trust N Luck. Bold Ruler is in at least 11 of Montbrook's 20 stakes winners, and his sire Nasrullah in at least 17 of them.

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**FROM THE DESK OF...**

Bill Oppenheim

**SOPHOMORES IN GEAR**

The rise and rise of Florida's top sire Montbrook continued with Trust N Luck's ultimately impressive five-length win in Gulfstream's GI Fountain of Youth last Saturday. Will he go another 1 1/2 furlongs? That's the question for all North American three-year-olds this time of year, isn't it? Here's an interesting historical point: 18 years ago a son of Montbrook's sire Buckaroo did so: Spend a Buck. In fact, he was the first of three Buckpasser male line three-year-olds (the others: Lil E. Tee 1992, Silver Charm 1997) to win the Kentucky Derby since 1985. That's a 17-percent strike rate, pretty good considering Buckpasser isn't even really a sire line. Let's put it this way: front-running winners over 8 1/2 furlongs in February may not win the Kentucky Derby very often, but in Trust N Luck's case, history is at least not totally against him.

**0 For 19 and Counting...**

Chief's Crown won the inaugural Breeders' Cup Juvenile at Hollywood Park in 1984 (Spend a Buck third), but, when their positions were reversed at Churchill Downs the following May, it marked the first of what will now be 19 consecutive years in which the Juvenile winner will not win the Kentucky Derby. What a record: 0-for-19 lifetime. It pretty much looks like you can hope to win one or the other, but not both.

Such a statistic does not, however, detract from Vindication's eventual reputation as a stallion prospect. Another son of Seattle Slew, [Capote](#), won the Breeders' Cup Juvenile but not the Kentucky Derby, and he's turned out to be Seattle Slew's second best sire son, even siring BC Juvenile winner Boston Harbor. So it's very bad luck for Vindication and all his connections, but he's already done enough to become a successful sire.

**Sophomore Sires...**

Lion Tamer, Michael Tabor's recent purchase from Will's Way's first crop, made an impressive stakes debut when drawing off to a six-length win in the seven-furlong GIII Hutcheson on Gulfstream's undercard Saturday. He didn't beat a lot but was, as we now like to say, visually impressive. Will's Way, by Sunday Silence's great racetrack rival Easy Goer (by Alydar), won only two stakes in his life--one at 10 furlongs, one at nine furlongs, both at Saratoga, both Grade 1s: the Travers and the Whitney. So it was maybe not a huge surprise that he ranked 34th among 2002 North American freshman sires (he's now up to 23rd). Whether Lion Tamer will actually get nine furlongs, much less 10, we'll find out next time out, but he drew off impressively in the Hutcheson.

Will's Way was, up until now, the least well known of a 1997 'Gang of Four' older horses I've mentioned before, who all ran Beyer figures in the 120s--well above the levels achieved by much better-known horses before and since. They all have their first three-year-olds this year. Will's Way ran a Beyer 126 (equal to a Timeform 138, at least) when he beat Formal Gold a nose in the Whitney with [Skip Away](#) 6 1/2 lengths back in third. Formal Gold (now 18th on the sophomore sire list) also defeated Skip Away by more than five lengths when he ran a 124 to win the Iselin, and a 125 when he won the Woodward. [Gentlemen](#) (24th, including recent Santa Anita SW Man Among Men) ran a 126 when beating Skip Away (125) in the Pimlico Special, as well as 121s in the Hollywood Gold Cup and Pacific Classic (with Siphon second in both). Skip Away himself ran 115+ in eight consecutive races that year, beginning with the Pimlico Special, and culminating with a facile win in a 120 in the Breeders' Cup Classic, by which time he was about the only one of this Gang of Four actually still standing. He has eight stakes horses so far, and ranks 14th among sophomore sires. So the jury is still out on the Gang of Four. None of them by 'name' sires of sires, but all four now rank between 14th and 24th, and it's only February, after all. *Cont. p. 4*

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

Two sophomore sires who really have been on fire are [Tale of the Cat](#) and Touch Gold. Ashford's Tale of the Cat had a huge day last Saturday: two winners at Gulfstream, including Mr. Tabor's Aristocat in an allowance race with big form implications; a stakes second sprinting at Golden Gate; and two two-year-old stakes horses, including a SW, from his first New Zealand crop. He's now edged past Awesome Again into a narrow third among sophomore sires.

Awesome Again's stablemate, Belmont winner Touch Gold, had just one winner last Saturday, but he has made a tremendous start to 2003. I confirmed this with a look through our new Progeny PPs feature, which I can thoroughly recommend to readers who haven't had a chance to use it yet. Here I could see that this year Touch Gold has had three different three-year-olds register very promising performances. Last month his son Powerful Touch got beat a dirty nose by Offlee Wild in the GIII Holy Bull S. at Gulfstream. Earlier this month Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies' runner-up Composure won the GI Las Virgenes S. at Santa Anita; and last Saturday Region of Merit scored his second straight allowance win at Gulfstream, thus earning himself a step up to Derby prep company. In his previous allowance win, he had defeated Aristocat. All this has edged Touch Gold into fifth spot among sophomore sires. Interestingly, both Powerful Touch (Two Punch) and Region of Merit (Gone West) are out of Mr. Prospector-line mares.

***Sire of Sires Deputy Minister:***

There were plenty of observers who felt that the most impressive three-year-old performance of last weekend was, however, registered by the unbeaten Silver Deputy colt Badge of Silver, who ran away with Fair Grounds's GIII Risen Star S. What a run Deputy Minister is now having as a sire of sires. As Andrew Caulfield detailed in his column yesterday, Silver Deputy (2.15 APEX A Index) established himself with Silverbulletday as a serious sire, and the Adena Springs pair of Awesome Again and Touch Gold both rank in

the top five among 2003 North American sophomore sires. They're not the only ones, either. A few more success stories by Deputy Minister are:

**Salt Lake** (1st foals 1994, APEX A Index 1.23)

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**Dehere** (1996, 2.43)

*Second on 2002 General Sire List, ranks sixth among all sires with a whopping 3.30 ABC Index for two-year-olds; sold to Japan.*

**War Deputy** (1996, 1.69)

*Closely related to Shareef Dancer and top jumps sire Zaffaran (sire of a Grand National winner), he was the top sire in Canada last year; foaled when his dam, Sweet Alliance, was 27!*

**French Deputy** (1997, 2.55)

*Also sold to Japan, but sire of six GSW in 2002, including ill-fated champion older horse Left Bank, from his first crop.*

**Service Stripe** (1998, 8.70)

*Sire of six SW (ok, four only in Michigan) from 28 foals in his first two crops, including Grade I winner Cashier's Deam and 15-time SW Secret Romeo.*

**Open Forum** (1999, 2.36)

*Second-leading 2001 freshman sire (behind once and future stablemate [Valid Expectations](#)), and carried on the good work with his first three-year-olds last year.*

Add those six to Silver Deputy, Awesome Again, and Touch Gold, and it's all looking pretty good again on the Deputy Minister front. Just think if they operated in Europe, too.

**TABLE OF LEADING NORTH AMERICAN SECOND-CROP SIRES... p.5**

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Sire	YOB	Sire's Sire	3yo	Rnrs	Wnrs	Wins	Earnings	GSW	SW	SP	Loc
<a href="#">Distorted Humor</a>	1993	Forty Niner	68	37	17	32	\$1,482,392	2	4	2	KY
<a href="#">Elusive Quality</a>	1993	Gone West	79	42	24	37	\$1,465,345	3	7	5	KY
<a href="#">Tale of the Cat</a>	1994	Storm Cat	114	50	29	41	\$1,308,983	0	4	2	KY
Awesome Again	1994	Deputy Minister	75	32	11	20	\$1,294,394	1	2	1	KY
Touch Gold	1994	Deputy Minister	86	41	10	17	\$1,059,023	1	1	1	KY
<a href="#">Grand Slam</a>	1995	Gone West	136	63	24	32	\$979,132	0	1	7	KY
Stormy Atlantic	1994	Storm Cat	51	25	13	27	\$901,731	1	3	2	KY
Swiss Yodeler	1994	Eastern Echo	48	28	18	27	\$871,868	0	2	4	CA
<a href="#">Souvenir Copy</a>	1995	Mr. Prospector	109	51	19	25	\$744,067	0	1	1	KY
<a href="#">Coronado's Quest</a>	1995	Forty Niner	54	27	14	19	\$738,620	1	3	2	KY
Indian Charlie	1995	In Excess (Ire)	87	41	19	20	\$711,143	0	1	5	KY
Deputy Commander	1994	Deputy Minister	99	52	18	23	\$701,671	0	0	1	KY
<a href="#">Favorite Trick</a>	1995	Phone Trick	81	36	13	19	\$677,542	0	2	3	KY
<a href="#">Skip Away</a>	1993	Skip Trial	102	42	16	21	\$649,935	0	2	6	KY
Concerto	1994	Chief's Crown	45	29	16	24	\$608,171	0	1	1	FL
Partner's Hero	1994	Danzig	67	35	20	25	\$591,586	0	1	3	MD
Benchmark	1991	Alydar	49	23	12	18	\$579,485	1	1	3	CA
Formal Gold	1993	Black Tie Affair (Ire)	72	32	17	21	\$554,187	0	1	1	KY
Double Honor	1995	Gone West	71	46	24	31	\$518,879	0	0	2	FL
Banker's Gold	1994	Forty Niner	66	27	12	15	\$518,280	0	1	2	KY
Lucky Lionel	1993	Mt. Livermore	48	24	15	26	\$494,629	0	0	2	FL
Announce	1992	Forty Niner	93	38	15	21	\$485,774	0	3	1	KY
Will's Way	1993	Easy Goer	64	36	17	23	\$466,523	1	1	0	KY
<a href="#">Gentlemen (Arg)</a>	1992	Robin des Bois	69	24	11	17	\$437,185	0	1	1	KY
Dance Brightly	1995	Mr. Prospector	89	43	10	11	\$419,517	0	0	3	KY
Kiridashi	1992	Bold Ruckus	68	22	10	10	\$401,544	0	1	0	ON
Wild Rush	1994	Wild Again	88	38	14	16	\$399,996	0	0	0	KY
<a href="#">Cape Town</a>	1995	Seeking the Gold	62	33	11	13	\$347,341	0	0	2	KY
Wild Deputy	1993	Wild Again	51	20	9	17	\$327,889	0	0	2	CA
Northern Afleet	1993	Afleet	40	21	12	15	\$318,327	0	0	0	FL
Western Fame	1992	Gone West	56	18	9	13	\$295,306	0	0	4	CA
Tomorrows Cat	1995	Storm Cat	56	22	6	7	\$292,625	0	1	1	NY
Ghostly Moves	1992	Silver Ghost	12	9	8	15	\$289,165	0	1	1	NM
<a href="#">Ordway</a>	1994	Salt Lake	54	28	11	13	\$286,135	0	1	1	KY
Semoran	1993	Phone Trick	35	22	13	18	\$259,775	0	0	0	FL
Cyberspace	1994	Forty Niner	24	11	5	12	\$245,093	0	1	0	FL
<a href="#">Confide</a>	1994	Phone Trick	66	30	8	11	\$239,219	0	1	0	KY
Aggie Southpaw	1993	Forty Niner	10	4	3	6	\$234,976	0	1	0	TX
Proud and True	1994	Mr. Prospector	39	25	6	10	\$226,690	0	1	0	FL
Storm Broker	1994	Storm Cat	58	19	11	12	\$225,590	0	0	1	MD

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**Connally Winner to Explosive Bid:**

**Candid Glen** (El Gran Senor), who won an unprecedented third consecutive running of the \$223,000 John B. Connally Breeders' Cup Turf H. Saturday night at Sam Houston will make his next start in the Mar. 23 GII \$650,000 Explosive Bid H. at the Fair Grounds. The six-year-old looks to boost his earnings over \$1 million with a win there; his Connally win took his earnings to \$805,130.

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**Philly Park Cancels Again:**

Racing at Philadelphia Park was cancelled Wednesday, the fourth consecutive live day lost to the winter storm that moved through the area over the weekend. Officials hope to have the track ready for live racing on Friday.

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- 03-01 \$150,000 *Bayou Breeders' Cup, FG, 4yo/up, f/m, a9fT (100)*
- 04-05 \$500,000a *Ashland-I, Kee, 3yo, f, 8.5f (250)*
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### TVG Viewers' Choice Awards:

The TVG Viewers' Choice Awards, recognizing the most memorable moments and individuals of the 2002 racing season as selected by TVG viewers, were announced Monday. The viewers selected Breeders' Cup Distaff heroine **Azeri** (Jade Hunter) as Horse of the Year. Bobby Frankel was named trainer of the year and Mike Smith was jockey of the year. The Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies, won by **Storm Flag Flying** (Storm Cat), was voted race of the year. The Thoroughbred Corporation was owner of the year and Charles Nuckols & Sons was breeder of the year. Jockey Julie Krone was voted comebacker of the year.

## ★ SO. CALIFORNIA ★

### Around Santa Anita:

The seven-year-old **General Challenge** (General Meeting), training towards a comeback, breezed four furlongs for trainer Bob Baffert at Santa Anita Monday in :50.40. "I don't know whether you'll see him run at the meet or not," Baffert said of the gelding.

**Sunday Break** (Jpn) (Forty Niner) worked six furlongs Monday at Hollywood Park in 1:13.60...**Congaree** (Arazi), targeting the Mar. 1 GI Santa Anita H., worked a bullet six furlongs at Santa Anita on Monday in 1:10 2/5. The five-year-old galloped out seven furlongs in 1:23 1/5.

Sprint champion **Kona Gold** (Java Gold) worked five furlongs Sunday in 1:01.40, but his next start is still up in the air. "He missed 12 days because of the weather," explained trainer Bruce Headley. "I took him out, but I couldn't work him. We're going day-to-day, playing it by ear."

GII La Canada heroine **Got Koko** (Signal Tap) is being aimed for the Mar. 9 GI Santa Margarita H. Trainer Warren Stute is considering running **Grey Memo** (Memo {Chi}) in the Mar. 2 GII San Carlos H. prior to a start in the Mar. 29 Godolphin Mile at Nad al Sheba.

### Monday Night Results:

**9th-SAX, \$58,026, Alw, Opt. Clm.** (\$62,500), NW2X, 4yo/up, 6 1/2f, 1:15 2/5, ft.

**BLUESTHESTANDARD** (h, 6, American Standard--Bob's Blue, by Bob's Dusty), a \$4,200 OBSOCT weanling and a \$20,000 OBSAPR two-year-old purchase, has hit the board in 16 of 18 career starts. The half to Arrive Alive (Broad Brush), SW, \$173,904, dropped in for a \$50,000 tag Jan. 31 and was claimed by his current connections out of that 5 1/2-length victory. Sent off at 4-1 in his return to the races, the Georgia-bred dueled for the lead, shook free turning for home and went on to win by four lengths over favored Sunset Place (Gilded Time). The race also featured the return of several promising runners. Denied (Bertrando) hadn't run since finishing third in the GII Santa Catalina S. Jan. 21, 2001; he finished third in his first start off the 25-month hiatus. Lusty Latin (El Prado {Ire}), third in the GI Santa Anita Derby last April, had been on vacation since finishing 15th in the GI Kentucky Derby; the grey colt was fourth. Running fifth was Werblin (Unbridled's Song), who was third to Came Home in both the GII San Vicente S. and the GII San Rafael S. last spring. Lifetime Record: 18-11-4-1, \$209,410.

O-Jeffrey Sengara. B-Terry Brown (GA). T-Ted H West.

## ★ WEST ★

### Monday Night Results:

**8th-GGX, \$34,980, Alw, Opt. Clm.** (\$25,000), NW1X, 4yo/up, 6f, 1:08 4/5, ft.

**TIME FOR LIBERTY** (g, 4, **Gilded Time**--Liberiana {Arg} {Ch. 2yo Filly-Arg, MG1SW-Arg & SP-US}, by Johnny's Prospect), a winner over course and distance Jan. 20 in a starter allowance, went postward as the 2-1 second choice. The bay pressed the pace, then took charge en route to a one-length tally over Blazing Road (High Brite). Lifetime Record: 6-3-2-0, \$44,000.

O-Sidney H & Jenny Craig. B-Sidney H Craig (KY). T-Jerry Hollendorfer.

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 **SOPHOMORE SPOTLIGHT**



EUROPE



**First-time Starters & Stakes Progeny: Wednesday, Feb. 19**

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

- ACCEPTABLE** (Capote), Wafare, \$8K, 53/6/0  
9-PHA, Alw, 7f, Fostress, 8-1
- AWESOME AGAIN** (Deputy Minister), Adena, \$50K, 148/11/2  
5-AQU, Msw, 6f, Awesome Powers, \$30K FTS AUG yrl, 6-1
- FORMAL GOLD** (Black Tie Affair {IRE}), Gainesway, \$15K, 130/17/1  
6-TP, Msw, 6f, Digimon, \$3K KEE OCT yrl
- GRAND SLAM** (Gone West), Ashford, \$30K, 244/28/1  
4-AQU, Alw, 6f, Casanova Slammer, 6-1
- HALORY HUNTER** (Jade Hunter), Rockin Rvr, \$8K, 97/4/0  
3-CT, Msw, 7f, Diamond Hunter
- INDIAN CHARLIE** (In Excess {Ire}), Airdrie, \$10K, 149/20/1  
6-AQU, Alw, 6f, Midnight Charlie, \$100K FTF FEB 2yo, 10-1
- ORDWAY** (Salt Lake), Claiborne, \$5K, 73/11/1  
5-AQU, Msw, 6f, Broadway Lady, 10-1
- PARTNER'S HERO** (Danzig), Northview, \$8K, 112/20/1  
4-AQU, Alw, 6f, New York Hero, \$135K EAS MAY 2yo, 5-1
- SOUVENIR COPY** (Mr. Prospector), Hopewell, \$20K, 195/19/1  
9-PHA, Alw, 7f, Lous Spirit, \$8K KEE JAN yrl, 10-1
- SWEAR BY DIXIE** (Dixieland Band), Bonita, \$3K, 34/5/0  
3-CT, Msw, 7f, Gold Band  
9-PHA, Alw, 7f, Steal a Band, 8-1
- TOUCH GOLD** (Deputy Minister), Adena, \$30K, 169/10/1  
6-AQU, Alw, 6f, Buzzy's Gold, \$125K KEE SEP yrl, 4-1

★ **AMERICAN-BRED WINNERS** ★

**IN BRITAIN**

Jan Breughel, g, 4, Phone Trick. See "European Breeders' Edition"

**TDN CRITERIA**

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- Maiden Special Weight Races** - purses of \$18,000/up
- Maiden Claiming Races** - purses of \$18,000/up and a minimum claiming price of \$40,000

**CREEK POINTS TO ALL WEATHER**

Group 1-placed **Indian Creek (GB)** (Indian Ridge {Ire}) is set to become the highest-rated horse to race on an artificial surface in Britain when appearing in this week-end's Winter Derby Trial at Lingfield. The five-year-old, third in the 2001 G1 Champion S. at Newmarket and second in last year's G1 Prince of Wales's S. at Royal Ascot, has a rating of 118, which is three pounds higher than the previous best of Castle Gandolfo. "This is basically a quiet time of the year for me, but Indian Creek came back in good form from Hong Kong where the Cup, in December, was a muddling race, and I have kept him going," trainer David Elsworth told *Racing Post*. "Of course, there is the Winter Derby later on as well, so I thought it would be an interesting exercise to give him a run there. I have limited experience of the Polytrack, as I have very few runners on it, but Indian Creek likes fast ground and it is a quick surface."

**TOTE ANNOUNCE RECORD SPONSORSHIP**

Britain's biggest race sponsor, The Tote, is to increase its support of racing to over £2.5 million this season. Over 220 races, embracing all of Britain's 59 courses, will be sponsored in 2003. The Tote's PR Director Andy Clifton said, "The Tote is racing's biggest sponsor by far, and 10 of the races we support are worth £100,000 or over. In the long term, I'd like to concentrate on building up our association with some of the high-quality competitive races slightly more, as these are the contests which give us the highest recognition, but I'm equally proud of the fact that we now sponsor at all 59 racecourses. We are constantly talking to racecourses and have some new races and new initiatives for 2003, which will be announced as they come to fruition. We are also able to step in at short notice and back rescheduled races." Tote Chairman Peter Jones added, "It is a sign of the progress that the Tote has made as a business in recent years that we can now spend so much on supporting racing. When you add in the associated cost of trophies, best turned-out awards, banners, sponsored number cloths and so on, we are spending around £3 million this year on sponsorship alone. I'm very proud of our record in this area."

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## AUSTRALASIA



### ADELAIDE MAGIC MILLIONS KICKS OFF

Hunter Valley-based consignors--including Widden, Emirates, Collingrove, Attunga, and Rothwell Park--have been enticed to offer yearling drafts alongside southern-state farms at the fast-growing Adelaide Magic Millions sale, which kicks off in a revamped format at 6 p.m. Wednesday and continues through Thursday, with a Summer Session on Friday. Adelaide grossed A\$11,041,500 from the 391 lots that sold at an average A\$37,052 in 2002, providing stiff competition for rival company William Inglis' Melbourne Premier Sale, and is a favorite of purchasers from Malaysia and Singapore. The sale begins following the A\$400,000 Magic Millions race--the most prize money on offer for any race in South Australia--at Morphettville. There are 30 first-season sires, including Fasliyev, Catbird (Aus), Favorite Trick, Real Quiet, Redoute's Choice (Aus), Saratoga Springs, Stravinsky, and Xaar (GB). Leading U.S. freshman sire Distorted Humor has a dozen catalogued, and his popularity will be boosted by the performance of the talented filly Rinky Dink (Aus). Distorted Humor was a permanent arrival in 1999 and stood here in 2000 at a fee of A\$11,000, but his subsequent U.S. success ensured his return to the other side of the globe, and this is his final southern hemisphere crop. His first crop in 2002 averaged A\$29,323 and his yearlings have fetched up to A\$110,000 this year.

**TATTS MAKE ASIAN APPOINTMENT** Tattersalls has appointed Rodney Rae its representative in South East Asia with immediate effect. Rae is the managing director of the Melbourne-based Thoroughbred Racing Bureau, which specialises in racing and bloodstock consultancy and management services throughout Australia and South East Asia. Rae had worked in the Australian racing industry since 1984, including seven years with the Victoria Racing Club and two years as the Racing Manager for the Western Australian Turf Club, before founding the Thoroughbred Racing Bureau in 2000. "I am immensely looking forward to working with Tattersalls in South East Asia," said Rae. "Racing and breeding throughout the region continue to thrive, and with Northern Hemisphere horses very much in demand, we will be looking to continue raising the profile of Tattersalls in South East Asia." Tattersalls Chairman Edmond Mahony added, "Rodney brings a wealth of experience to his new role for Tattersalls. South East Asia is a mixture of established and fledgling markets, and we have long felt the need for direct representation in the area to complement our existing promotional activity."

## BREEDERS' EDITION AMERICA

### ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

**10th-SAX, \$56,000, NW1X, (S), 4yo/up, f/m, 1mT, 1:37 2/5, gd.**

**A LIL EXCESS (m, 6, In Excess {Ire}--Seattle Lil, by Seattle Dancer)** Lifetime Record: 13-4-1-1, \$116,740. O-Ren-Mar Thoroughbreds. B-Rene & Marjorie Lambert (CA). T-Doug O'Neill.

## BREEDERS' EDITION EUROPE

### ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

**Effective (GB), g, 3, Bahamian Bounty (GB)--Efficacy (GB), by Efisio (GB).** Wolverhampton, Britain, 2-15, Mdn, 3yo, 6f (AWT). B-Peter Balding. \*2,200gns yrl '01 TATAUT.

+ **Le Monde (Ger), c, 3, Dashing Blade (GB)--La Constancia (GB), by Dominion (GB).** Naples, Italy, 2-17, Mdn, unraced 3yo, 1 1/4mT. B-Gestut Brummerhof. \*DM20,000 yrl '01 BBASEP.

**Jan Breughel, g, 4, Phone Trick--Sunk, by Polish Navy.** Southwell, Britain, 2-18, Mdn, 3yo/up, 6f (AWT). B-Christiana Stables. \*\$45,000 wnlg '99 KEENOV; 70,000gns yrl '00 TATOCT.

**Mr Gisby, g, 5, Chief's Crown--Double Lock (GB) (SW & GSP-GB), by Home Guard.** Wolverhampton, Britain, 2-17, Mdn, 3yo/up, 1 1/2m (AWT). B-Albert G & John W Clay. \*1/2 to Only A Pound (Sharpen Up {GB}), GSW-SAf; Sure Blade (Kris {GB}), MGSW & G1SP-GB, \$192,464; Sure Locked (Lyphard), SW-Fr, GSP-Ger & Ity; and Sure Sharp (Sharpen Up {GB}), GSW-GB, SW & MGSP-Ire, SW-Ity, \$110,138-GB & Ire. \*\*\$40,000 yrl '99 KEESEP.



## FOALING NEWS

**PRINCESS BELLE, 5, Mr. Greeley--Sister Belle (Bravest Roman)**

Foal born Jan. 28, a filly by Saint Ballado.

Will be bred back to Fusaichi Pegasus.

Owned by Don & Mary Zuckerman.

Boarded at Taylor Made Farm, KY.

Accomplishments: SW & GSP, \$135,196.

**EVER AFTER, 6, Kris S.--Wedded Bliss (His Majesty)**

Foal born Feb. 1, a filly by Carson City.

Will be bred back to Silver Deputy.

Owned by and boarded at Pin Oak Stud, Ky.

Accomplishments: MSW of \$240,678.