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out of Big 'Cap
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A TALE TO TELL

A colt from the second crop of Tale of the Cat lit up the board at the Fasig-Tipton Two-Year-Olds in Training Sale at Calder Race Course Tuesday afternoon when he sold for a lofty \$1.4 million. Consigned by Robert Scanlon, agent, the half brother to GSW French Satin (French Deputy) was purchased by Demi O'Byrne, who



Hip 142 Horsephotos

signed the ticket on behalf of Michael Tabor. "I was beginning to feel a bit stretched," O'Byrne said when asked about his limit. Carl Lizza of Flying Zee Stable, who was part of the partnership that consigned the colt, was the underbidder. It was a grand slam of a

home run for the group. The racy chestnut colt was purchased as a yearling for \$100,000 at the Fasig-Tipton Midlantic Sale last October, but really started to come around recently, according to Scanlon. "He changed completely physically [since we bought him]," he said. "He wasn't a bad-looking yearling, but from December to now, he's gotten a little bit bulkier. Mentally he was doing super and just did everything right." The juvenile zipped a bullet one furlong in :10 at the auction's Feb. 16 under tack preview.

Fasig-Tipton Calder coverage cont. p. 2

FASIG-TIPTON CALDER TUESDAY, FEB. 25, 2003		
SESSION TOTALS	2003	2002
No. Offered	246	254
No. Sold	139	139
RNAs	107	115
% RNA (% change)	43% (-4%)	45%
Gross	\$29,077,000	\$29,479,000
Average (% change)	\$209,187 (-1%)	\$212,079
Median (% change)	\$150,000 (-14%)	\$175,000
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FASIG-TIPTON CALDER -- TOP COLTS

Hip#	Sire	Dam	Price
<u>142</u>	<u>Tale of the Cat</u>	Satin Sunrise	\$1,400,000
		(\$100,000 yrl '02 FTMSEP)	
		B-Sabine Stable (Ky)	
		Consigned by Robert N Scanlon, agent	
		Purchased by Demi O'Byrne	
<u>168</u>	<u>Forestry</u>	Starry Ice	\$900,000
		(\$150,000 yrl '02 KEESEP)	
		B-Barbara Jean & Jerry Dutton	
		Consigned by Hoby & Layna Kight, agent	
		Purchased by Buzz Chace, agent	
<u>022</u>	<u>Kris S.</u>	Key to My Heart	\$850,000
		(\$200,000 yrl '02 FTSAUG)	
		B-Darby Dan Stables (Ky)	
		Consigned by M W Miller, III, agent	
		Purchased by Fusao Sekiguchi	
<u>081</u>	<u>A.P. Indy</u>	November Snow	\$600,000
		B-Dell Ridge Farm (GB)	
		Consigned by Wavertree Stables, Inc. (C Dunne), agent	
		Purchased by Fleetwood Bloodstock	
<u>188</u>	<u>Tale of the Cat</u>	Tango's Mambo	\$600,000
		(\$75,000 wnlng '01 KEENOV; \$50,000 yrl '02 KEESEP)	
		B-Lance Robinson (Ky)	
		Consigned by William Harrigan, agent	
		Purchased by John Oxley	
<u>280</u>	<u>Dixieland Band</u>	Dancin Renee	\$575,000
		(\$65,000 yrl '02 EASOCT)	
		B-Sanford Bacon (Ky)	
		Consigned by Nick de Meric, agent	
		Purchased by E Paul Robsham	
<u>090</u>	<u>Deputy Minister</u>	Oxford Scholar	\$550,000
		B-Edward Evans (Va)	
		Consigned by Kirkwood Stables, agent	
		Purchased by B Wayne Hughes	
<u>318</u>	<u>Theatrical (Ire)</u>	Heart of America	\$500,000
		B-Arthur Appleton (Fl)	
		Consigned by Bridlewood Farm	
		Purchased by John Ferguson	
<u>067</u>	<u>Wild Again</u>	Music Zone	\$485,000
		(\$120,000 yrl '02 KEESEP)	
		B-Larry Byer & Wild Again Partners (Ky)	
		Consigned by Hartley/DeRenzo Thoroughbreds, agent	
		Purchased by Michael Gill	

HIP 168, BY FORESTRY, SELLS FOR \$900,000.

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(Fasig-Tipton Calder cont.)

Charted Territory for Scanlon...

Tuesday's \$1.4-million sale topper wasn't Robert Scanlon's first seven-figure juvenile; he was involved in the sale of Unbridled's Song, who brought \$1.4 million at Barretts in 1995. When asked to compare the two, Scanlon said, "Unbridled's Song was a superstar from day one. We thought this horse was nice, but we really started to like him near the end of December." The final price didn't come as a big surprise to Scanlon. "I thought he'd bring a million, from all the action at the barn, but I didn't expect a million. But when you've got Demi, it's like a dream come true." As for the sale itself, Scanlon said, "I think it's a fair market, but you've got to be realistic. You have to set reserves at a very realistic level."

A Giant Among Women...

The top-selling filly yesterday was hip 179, a filly by Storm Cat out of Sun Blush (Ogygian), a half sister to the dam of Giant's Causeway. Consigned by Danny Pate's Solitary Oak as agent for Kathleen Schonefeld, her father, Roger Baugh, and Rick Embert, the filly brought \$1 million from trainer Leroy Jolley. Jolley was bidding for a partnership, but declined to reveal the names of the partners involved. "I bought her for a group of people who want to race a Storm Cat filly," he said. "She's closely bred to Giant's Causeway, she worked well and she's a good mover." The dark bay, a \$115,000 Keeneland September yearling, produced a huge return on the investment and gave Pate his first seven-figure consignment. "I sold an Arch colt last year for \$660,000 and I almost fainted, because I owned that one," he said. "But this is my first million-dollar horse and it feels great." What caught his eye about the filly last fall? "I liked her shoulder and her rear end, and she's the spitting image of her father," Pate said. "She's not real big, but she's precocious and she's a good mover." But, stamped by her sire physically, she is an atypical Storm Cat when it comes to her behavior. "I've had Storm Cats before and they're always difficult to break, but that was not the case with this filly," Pate said. "Nothing bothers her, ever."

FASIG-TIPTON CALDER -- TOP FILLIES

Hip#	Sire	Dam	Price
<u>179</u>	<u>Storm Cat</u>	Sun Blush	\$1,000,000
		(\$115,000 yrl '02 KEESEP)	
		B-John Mulligan (Ky)	
		Consigned by Solitary Oak (Danny Pate), agent	
		Purchased by Leroy Jolley, agent	
<u>305</u>	<u>Victory Gallop</u>	Fordyce	\$525,000
		B-George Brunacini (Ky)	
		Consigned by Hartley/DeRenzo Thoroughbreds, agent	
		Purchased by Dr Tom Van Meter II	
<u>117</u>	<u>Elusive Quality</u>	Prying (Arg)	\$450,000
		(\$60,000 yrl '02 FTKJUL)	
		B-Janis Whitham (Ky)	
		Consigned of Don R Graham & Ocala Oaks Inc.	
		Purchased by Robert & Beverly Lewis	
<u>074</u>	<u>A.P. Indy</u>	Nataliano	\$425,000
		(\$170,000 yrl '02 KEESEP)	
		B-Lazy E Ranch (Ky)	
		Consigned by Terry Oliver, agent	
		Purchased by Robert & Beverly Lewis	
<u>316</u>	<u>Cherokee Run</u>	Hausman	\$400,000
		(\$140,000 yrl '02 KEEJUL)	
		B-Robert Courtney & Robert Clinkinbeard (Ky)	
		Consigned by M W Miller III, agent	
		Purchased by B Wayne Hughes	
<u>220</u>	<u>Broad Brush</u>	Wayward Bound	\$400,000
		(\$60,000 yrl '02 KEESEP)	
		B-W S Farish & Joseph Jamail (Ky)	
		Consigned by Eisaman Equine	
		Purchased by Guy Snowden	
<u>014</u>	<u>Honor Grades</u>	Jealous and Jaded	\$370,000
		(\$60,000 yrl '02 FTKJUL)	
		B-T/C Stable (Ky)	
		Consigned by Sequel Bloodstock (Becky Thomas), agt.	
		Purchased by John Fort	
<u>259</u>	<u>Meadowlake</u>	Candytuft	\$370,000
		(\$50,000 yrl '02 KEESEP)	
		B-Tom Evans, Macon Wilmil Equines & Marjac Farms (Ky)	
		Consigned by Eddie Woods, agent	
		Purchased by B Wayne Hughes	

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MEDAGLIA D'ORO TO SKIP BIG 'CAP Trainer Bobby Frankel has decided not to run MGISW **Medaglia d'Oro** (El Prado {Ire}) in Saturday's GI Santa Anita H. after weights for the million-dollar race were released yesterday. The four-year-old, along with **Congaree** (Arazi), was assigned co-top weight of 124 pounds. "He's not running," Frankel said. "I don't want to start the horse off this early in the year with 124 pounds, because where will it go from here? Tiznow won the Breeders' Cup Classic as a three-year-old and he only carried 122 in his first start back." Tiznow's four-year-old bow was a winning effort in the 2001 San Fernando Breeders' Cup S., but that race was not a handicap. Medaglia d'Oro is coming off a seven-length victory in the Feb. 1 GII Strub S.; he carried 123 pounds in that race. The absence of Medaglia d'Oro leaves Jerry Bailey free to ride Congaree in the Big 'Cap.

SUNLINE STILL TRUMPS XTRA HEAT Saturday's GII Barbara Fritchie H. was **Xtra Heat** (Dixieland Heat)'s 25th stakes victory, but the gallant five-year-old mare still trails the distaff mark of 28 stakes victories set by Australian champion **Sunline (NZ)** (Desert Sun {GB}), according to thoroughbredinternet.com. During her career, Sunline won 13 Group 1 races, 12 Group 2s, two Group 3s and one listed race.

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ON THE WORKTAB:

GIII Bashford Manor S. winner **Lone Star Sky** (Conquistador Cielo) worked four furlongs yesterday at Fair Grounds in :49.20. The colt is expected to start next in the GII Louisiana Derby on Mar. 9. **Defrere's Vixen** (Defrere) worked the same distance in :52.40. The pair were second and third, respectively, in the Feb. 16 GIII Risen Star S.

TOC CET SIDELINED AGAIN

Toccet (Awesome Again) will miss another five days of training after suffering a bruised foot, according to *The Blood-Horse*. Original plans called for the colt to return in the Mar. 29 Private Terms S., followed by the Apr. 12 GI Wood Memorial, but those plans are now on hold. "This injury is a separate incident from his original injury," owner Dan Borislow told *Blood-Horse*. Toccet had been sidelined earlier in the year by remodeling of the ankles. "We're all relieved to find out it's only a slight bruise, but it does screw up our time schedule, which was very tight to begin with," Borislow continued. "We realize the [Kentucky] Derby is now going to be super, super tight, and we might have to change our plans and wait for the Preakness and Belmont. But I don't want to make any decision until I see how quickly he bounces back and how he returns to training."

(More Fasig-Tipton Calder coverage)

Kights Flying High...

In a climate clouded by buybacks, Hoby and Layna Kight seem to have found a patch of blue sky. The Kights brought eight two-year-olds to the OBS February Sale and went home with an empty horse trailer and full pockets. They had a three-horse consignment at Fasig-Tipton and once again sold everything they had to offer, including hip 168, the \$900,000 Forestry colt. "He's the best thing I've ever touched," said Hoby Kight of the sales third-best seller, who was purchased for \$150,000 as a KEESEP yearling. "He was leggy when we first got him, but he just kept getting bigger and bigger and bigger." He added, "I like to buy during the first two or three days of the Keeneland September Sale, when they have the best pedigrees. That's when the horses that are a little too leggy or that still need filling out might fall through the cracks. Later in the week, everyone who does what I do is out there and there's no more falling through the cracks." As for the overall market, Kight, who has been pinhooking for seven years, remarked, "I think it is the same as it has been the last couple of years. Good horses sell, but if they don't perform in the breeze show or have flaws, people just aren't forgiving."



In the News...

Red Ransom

\$30,000 Live Foal

- **HALIBERY** placed in G1 Blue Diamond S. after two consecutive graded stakes wins
- **Four Impressive winners:** England, Ireland, Dubai and Australia
- **Atswhatimtalknbout** (out of Red Ransom mare) dubbed "rising star" after Santa Anita win



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(More from Fasig-Tipton Calder)

Sunshine State...

There was a new player at Fasig-Tipton yesterday, with Solaris Racing Stable LLC buying its first horses. The group was put together by owner John Ball of Saratoga Springs, New York, who is also the managing partner. "We have nine partners, some who have experience in the racing game and are looking to spread their investments and a couple who are new to the game," Ball said. "We have had a tremendous response. There is no overhead, everything is crystal clear and we made the buy-in relatively inexpensive. That heightened the interest, and we actually had to close the partnership because we didn't want it to get too big the first year." New to the game are international businessmen Tom D'Ambra and Elliott Masie, both of Saratoga. "I don't feel the economy has been hurtful to investors," Ball said. "People don't want to leave their money in the stock market and watch it make 2 ½ percent." Veteran owner Aron Yagoda will oversee the disposition of the horses when the partnership ends. Solaris picked up a pair of two-year-olds yesterday, getting hip 16, a Saint Ballado colt, and hip 27, a Horse Chestnut (SAf) colt, for \$150,000 each. "The plan is to buy four to five two-year-olds this year," Ball said. "We worked the [OBS] sale hard, but we couldn't get what we wanted in our price range. Generally, we are looking to spend \$150-250,000, but we will go higher for the right horse." Linda Rice, who bought and trained GI Spinaway S. winner Things Change for Ball in 1998, will condition the Solaris string.

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What They're Saying At The Sales...

Terence Collier, Fasig-Tipton's director of marketing:
"I think we all said that if we held steady with the average and didn't have a huge spike in the not solds, we would be pretty satisfied with the way the market was. We knew we had a broader group of top-class horses and that proved to be the case. I think the toughest thing to come to grips with is what a selective process it is to get horses sold. There were a high number of scratches prior to the sale and I think that was probably because of the difficulty of getting horses through the process—not just the training, but also the repository. If they're not getting that done, there is very little chance of achieving worthwhile results in the sales ring, so it came as no surprise that there were a high number of scratches and not solds. But the most disappointing part of the exercise was the buybacks. We sold the same number as last year, but we bought back a few more. But, if you had the time to canvas the consignors, I think you would find that, overall, it was a very satisfying exercise for the pros in this game."

Trainer Linda Rice, buying for Jack Liebeau and Solaris:
"The last sale [OBS February] was a little deceptive, because Michael Gill kept the middle market healthy. I don't think he has been participating at the same level at this sale, so the middle market is softer. There are some very nice horses here, but the best horses are extremely expensive, beyond my budget. But I have managed to find a few from the middle market that I've been able to get. That's how I approach this sale."

Becky Thomas, Sequel Bloodstock,
 Consigned 14 horses: 8 sold, 6 RNA
"It kind of went as I expected. "The ones with holes in them didn't do well. On the other hand, the higher ones went for more than I expected.
On the Market: There's definitely more strength at the top of the market than in recent years. But there's no middle market."

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☆ HIP HAPPENINGS ☆

Hip# 168 (Forestry--Starry Ice, by Ice Age)

B-Barbara Jean & Jerry Dutton

Consigned by Hoby & Layna Kight, agent

Purchased by Buzz Chace, agent

Agent Buzz Chace, on the phone with Aaron Jones, went to \$900,000 for a colt from Forestry's first crop. "I thought I'd have to pay more," said Chace. "I thought he'd be a lot more money." Produced by stakes winner Starry Ice (Ice Age), the dark bay colt will be trained by Todd Pletcher. "He's a nice, rangy horse," said Chace. "He travelled so well, and galloped out nicely. It was the way he did it." The colt worked at the first under-tack show, going a quarter in :21.2. Jones campaigned Forestry on the racetrack. "I've seen a lot of nice Forestrys," Chace added. "[This horse] looked a lot like Forestry. I think he'll be a good miler." The result was a substantial profit for consignor Hoby Kight, who acquired the colt for \$150,000 at Keeneland September. As a weanling, the youngster sold for \$135,000 at Keeneland November.

Hip# 022 (Kris S.--Key to My Heart, by Mr. Prospector)

B-Darby Dan Stables (Ky)

Consigned by M W Miller, III, agent

Purchased by Fusao Sekiguchi

The sale's first big price came relatively early, when Japanese buyer Fusao Sekiguchi went to \$850,000 for Hip 22, a handsome Kris S. colt from the consignment of Maurice Miller III. "Mr. Sekiguchi has purchased the colt and he will go to Japan," said Neil Drysdale, who trained Kentucky Derby hero Fusaichi Pegasus for Sekiguchi. "He looks like he'll be a three-year-old. He'll get some time off now and get a chance to grow into himself." Bred by Darby Dan, the youngster was a substantial pinhook, as he was purchased out of the Fasig-Tipton Saratoga Sale for \$200,000. A full brother to GSW Love N' Kiss S., the dark bay was produced by Key to My Heart (Mr. Prospector), a full sister to champion sprinter Eillo. At the first under-tack show, the colt breezed in :10.4 and he followed with a :10.2 move at Sunday's preview. The brilliance he evidenced on the track was one of his most attractive features, according to Drysdale. "He has a lot of speed for a Kris S.," said the conditioner. "He's already doing something most of them don't do. I think [Sekiguchi] was prepared to go higher."

Hip# 067 (Wild Again--Music Zone, by The Minstrel)

B-Larry Byer & Wild Again Partners (Ky)

Consigned by Hartley/DeRenzo Thoroughbreds, agent

Purchased by Michael Gill

A full brother to MSW and track-record setter Wild Zone, the bay, consigned by Hartley/DeRenzo Thoroughbreds LLC, agent, brought \$485,000. Michael Gill signed the ticket for the colt, who looks very much like his sire Wild Again. "I thought he was the best mover in the sale," Gill said. "He has great balance, good conformation. He's average size, like most Wild Agains, but he looks like he could become a little bit more stocky. I liked him right from the beginning and I kept coming back to him. Truth be told, I was prepared to go to \$700-750,000 for him." He added, "He has a classic pedigree, and I'm constantly looking for a Derby horse." Gill, who was by far the leading buyer at the Ocala Breeders' Sales Company's February Sale, was not nearly as active yesterday, buying only eight lots. "There were no buyers for quite a few horses [at OBS], so I stepped in, knowing I could turn them back if there were problems," he explained. "I think the repository hurts this sale."

**WEEKEND PEDIGREE
PERSPECTIVES**

by Alan Porter

GENERAL GEORGE H.-GII, \$200,000, LRL, 2-22, 3yo/up, 7f, 1:22, sy.

1--**@MY COUSIN MATT**, 113, g, 4, by **Matty G**

1st Dam: **Conquistamiss**, by **Conquistador Cielo**

2nd Dam: **Miss Ooh La La**, by **Wallet Lifter**

3rd Dam: ***Feu Follet**, by **Fair Trial (GB)**

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What is the record for progress from claiming competition to multi-million dollar competition? That's the question we might be asking if My Cousin Matt, winner of the GII General George H. at Laurel on Saturday, gets an invite to the \$2-million G1 Dubai Golden Shaheen, a sprint run on the same card as the Dubai World Cup.

My Cousin Matt demonstrated ability right from the start of his career, but it's taken a while to find his ideal surface, distance and running style. At two, My Cousin Matt finished second in his first three starts varying between, 5 1/2 furlongs on dirt and 8 1/2 furlongs on turf.

My Cousin Matt finally broke his maiden going six furlongs on dirt at Aqueduct Dec. 29th of his two-year-old career, and came right back to finish a respectable fourth in the Fred "Cappy" Capossela (formerly Swift) S.

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(Pedigree Perspectives cont. from p. 6)

Despite that effort, My Cousin Matt's connections obviously felt that his true metier was middle distance turf events, and through the spring and summer of 2002, he ran five times on the grass at distances between a mile and nine furlongs. He did win his two lifetime allowance condition at Aqueduct, but thereafter, his form began to tail off and he ended this particular portion of his career finishing unplaced in a \$75,000 claiming event at Saratoga.

Given a month off after this effort, My Cousin Matt returned to the races in a \$50,000 claiming event run over six furlongs on the dirt at Saratoga, and scored comfortably. Brought back for \$85,000 over six furlongs at Belmont, My Cousin Matt tallied a 3¼-length win, but was claimed by Scott Lake for his number one owner, Richard Englander.

For Lake, the horse continued his progress with an impressive Belmont allowance win, which saw him cover the seven furlongs in 1:21.2. After that Lake had planned to run My Cousin Matt along with eventual runner-up Thunderello in the GI Breeders' Cup Sprint, but a minor infection kept him out of the race. My Cousin Matt's first try in stakes company eventually came three weeks after the Breeders' Cup, in Calder's Jack Dudley Sprint H., where he was beaten three-quarters of a length by the good older horse Tour of the Cat. My Cousin Matt came back with a spectacular performance to take the inaugural Great State Challenge Sprint by seven lengths three weeks later, an effort which led his owner to describe him as, "the best sprinter in the country."

Reportedly off color when sixth in the GI Malibu S., My Cousin Matt made his 2003 debut in the General George, and produced a tremendous closing run to score a decisive three-length victory over Peeping Tom.

My Cousin Matt is a member of the first crop sired by the Capote stallion Matty G. Campaigned on the West Coast, Matty G ended his two-year-old season with a sensational seven-length victory in the GI Hollywood Futurity. A variety of injury problems kept him from ever replicating that performance, but he did add a victory the GIII Ascot H. at three.

Matty G began his stud career in Florida, and from a first crop numbering 35 named foals, has been represented by 33 starters and 27 winners (82% winners to starters). Three of this crop are stakes winners, and six of them stakes horses. My Cousin Matt is Matty G's highest earner, but Matty G has also been represented by another very talented colt in Mayakovsky, a Saratoga track-record breaker who finished second in the GI Hopeful S. at two, and won the GIII Gotham S.

at three. Another graded-stakes performer from Matty G's first crop is Divine Angel, third in the GIII Sorority S.

Matty G stood in California in 2000 and 2001, but following Mayakovsky's efforts at two, moved to Darby Dan Farm, Lexington, Kentucky, for the 2002 season, where he covered 75 mares. For 2003 he is expected to cover a full book of 100 mares.

My Cousin Matt is out of the Conquistador Cielo mare, Conquistamiss. A winner at two, Conquistamiss produced minor winners by Once Wild and Pine Bluff from her three foals prior to My Cousin Matt. Conquistamiss is half sister to Pole Position, a much-traveled performer who won 11 stakes events from two to four, including the GII John B. Campbell H., the GII San Felipe S. and GII B. C. Premier's Championship H. Oddly enough, Pole Position once equaled a track record of 1:22.1 for the same seven furlongs at Laurel which My Cousin Matt traversed in 1:22.0 on Saturday.

Conquistamiss's dam, Miss Ooh La La, was an unraced daughter of Wallet Lifter (by Khaled), but was three-parts sister to the excellent Khaled colt, New Policy, a horse whose victories included the Cinema H., California Breeders' Champion S. and San Bernardino H. Conquistamiss's granddam, Feu Follet, was stakes placed in England at two, and she is out of a half sister to the great French horse Pharis, undefeated in three starts, including the Prix du Jockey Club (French Derby).

It's no surprise to see Matty G get a top-class performer out of a Mr. Prospector-line mare: both his sire, Capote, and his grandsire, Seattle Slew, have crossed extremely well with that strain. Of course, Seattle Slew comes from the same family as Mr. Prospector, and his granddam has Mr. Prospector's fifth dam, Friseur, 5 x 4, once through Black Wave, a three-quarters relative to Mr. Prospector's third dam, Miss Dogwood. Capote has a third strain of the family through his maternal grandsire, Bald Eagle, who is out of a mare by Tiger, another close relative to Miss Dogwood.

Perhaps this extra strain has given Capote a particularly strong affinity for Mr. Prospector line mares, as 11 of his first 43 stakes winners are out of Mr. Prospector-line mares, including Grade I winners Agincourt and Capote Belle, and other graded scorers She's Tops, True Flare, Madison's Charm and Acceptable. We can note that Agincourt and three other Capote stakes winners are out of mares by Conquistador Cielo, who also happens to be the broodmare sire of My Cousin Matt. There is an additional reason to expect Matty G to work particularly well with Mr. Prospector. Matty G's granddam, Soonerland is by Fleet Nasrullah, a close relative to the dam of Mr. Prospector, and a horse who has often successfully combined with Mr. Prospector.

Six first crop stakes horses – headed by **MY COUSIN MATT** winner of the General George H.-G2 on Saturday.

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Oak Cliff Stable's multiple Grade I winner **Skywalker** (Relaunch--Bold Captive, by Boldnesian) died of a heart attack Monday morning at Stone Farm near Paris, Kentucky. The 21-year-old, who has been a member of Stone Farm's stallion roster since 1996, will be buried at the farm. "Skywalker was a grand individual and very beloved here at the farm," said Stone Farm owner Arthur Hancock III. "His death is a shock to all of us and we will certainly miss him." The winner of the GI Santa Anita Derby at three, the dark bay enjoyed his greatest moment at four, when he defeated champions Turkoman, Precisionist and Triptych in the 1986 GI Breeders' Cup Classic at Santa Anita. Skywalker retired to Cardiff Stud in California in 1987 with a record of eight wins from 20 starts and earnings of \$2,226,750. Accounting for 70 stakes horses and progeny earnings over \$23 million as a stallion, Skywalker sired Eclipse Award winning older horse Bertrando and graded-stakes winners Labamta Babe, Sky Terrace and Supercilious.

The **brisnet.com** 'Race of the Day' is the 8th Race Suffolk Downs, The Isadorable. For pps and a complete race analysis, click [here](#).

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★ **NEW YORK** ★

Seniors' Day at Big A:

The accomplished pair of **Say Florida Sandy** (Personal Flag) and **Affirmed Success** (Affirmed), both multi-millionaires and both going strong at nine years of age, are slated to meet this afternoon in Aqueduct's featured race, an open allowance test worth \$54,000. The former scratched out of Sunday's Hollie Hughes H. after the track came up muddy, only to see the race cancelled for the second consecutive week due to inclement conditions. Affirmed Success, who was to make his 2003 stakes debut in the Feb. 17 GII General George H., scratched out of the race when poor weather conditions prompted the rescheduling of the event for this past Saturday. "We opted not to go to Laurel because he was giving weight and the track was going to be bad," said his trainer, Richard Schosberg. "We'd rather not ship and [instead] get him ready for the [Mar. 15, GIII] Toboggan H."

★ **GULFSTREAM** ★

Throat Ulcer discovered in My Boston Gal:

My Boston Gal (Boston Harbor), last in Sunday's GII Davona Dale S. at Gulfstream, has been diagnosed with an epiglottal ulcer. According to trainer Carl Nafzger, the three-year-old filly may still make her next start in the nine-furlong GII Bonnie Miss S. at Gulfstream Mar. 14, depending on her recovery time.

STAKES CLOSINGS

TODAY, WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26:

03-08 \$200,000 **Richter Scale Breeders' Cup Sprint Chp.-II, GP, 3yo/up, 7f (200)**

TOMORROW, THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27:

03-08 \$300,000 **Santa Anita Oaks-I, SA, 3yo, f, 8.5f (300)**

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★ CENTRAL ★

Oaklawn Cancels Wednesday Card:

A winter storm brought snow and icy conditions to Hot Springs, prompting officials to cancel Wednesday's live racing card at Oaklawn Park. "We see no way for the racing strip to be suitable for racing on Wednesday," commented Oaklawn General Manager Eric Jackson. "This has been such an unusual winter that we have to take each day as it comes. The condition of the surrounding roads on Wednesday will allow us to determine whether or not it's safe to open for simulcasting. We will look at Thursday's live and simulcasting on Wednesday afternoon. Our decisions are always made with the safety of horses, jockeys and fans uppermost in our minds." Oaklawn has already lost four racing days to winter weather.

★ AMERICAN-BRED WINNERS ★

IN BRITAIN:

Mostarsil, g, 5, **Kingmambo**--Naazeq (GB), by Nashwan. Lingfield, 2-25, Hcp, 4yo/up, 1 1/2m (AWT). O-G A Jackman; B-Shadwell Farm Inc; T-Gary Moore.

*6,500gns HRA '01 TATAUT.

Absolute Utopia, g, 10, **Mr. Prospector**--Magic Gleam (GSW & G1SP-Eng, G1SP-Fr, \$206,668), by Danzig. Lingfield, 2-25, Hcp, 4yo/up, 1 1/4m (AWT). O-M T Lawrence; B-Gainsborough Farm Inc; T-J Spearing.

*1,700gns HRA '96 TATAUT. ** 1/2 to Truckle Feature (Saint Ballado), GISP, \$125,300.

IN ITALY:

Mystery Golden, m, 5, **Mystery Storm**. See "European Breeders' Edition" for more info.

BARRETT'S TWO-YEAR-OLDS IN TRAINING SALE

Under-tack preview--Feb. 24, 2003

1/8-mile works

Time	Hip#	Sex	Sire	Dam
:10.10	025	filly	<u>DistortedHumor</u>	Lady Ironwood
	078	filly	<u>Tactical Cat</u>	Ransomed Captive
	119	colt	Exploit	Two Punch Lil
	179	filly	Anet	Dixieland Fantasy
	191	filly	Boston Harbor	Fancy Ribbons

1/4-mile works

Time	Hip#	Sex	Sire	Dam
:22.30	022	colt	Afternoon Deelites	Kauai Princess (Ire)

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★ BRITAIN ★

FITZGERALD TO RETIRE

Trainer Jimmy Fitzgerald has announced his retirement this week at the age of 67 as he prepares to hand over the reins to his son Tim. Alongside establishing himself as a highly successful dual-purpose conditioner over a period of 33 years, Fitzgerald was renowned as a developer of some of British racing's premier jockeys, including Kieren Fallon. Despite his pre-eminence in the national hunt sphere, where he won the 1985 Cheltenham Gold Cup with Forgive'N Forget (GB), the Malton-based conditioner was responsible for the 1990 G2 Princess of Wales' S. and 1992 Jockey Club S. winner **Sapience (GB)** (Niniski), who was also runner-up in the 1989 G1 St Leger and 1992 G1 Eclipse S.

★ ITALY ★

Yesterday's Results:

Rome, 3.35, Cond, €15,300, 4yo/up, 5fT, time: n/a, gd/fm.

KATHY COLLEGE (IRE) (m, 5, College Chapel {GB}--Katy Guest {Ire}, by Be My Guest), off the track since winning the G3 Premio Omenoni in October in Milan, traveled easily while stalking Mangayoh (Ire) (Indian Ridge {Ire}) before brushing aside that rival in the final quarter mile to win by a half length. Lifetime Record: GSW-Ity, 30 starts, 10 wins, 15 places, €204,171. O-Allevamento Pian di Neve; B-STI Engineering SRL; T-Antonio Peraino.



SERENA'S SONG, 11, Rahy--Imagining (Northfields) Foal born Feb. 23, a filly by Storm Cat. Will be bred back to Storm Cat. Owned by Bob & Beverly Lewis. Boarded at Denali Stud, Ky. Accomplishments: Ch. 3yo Filly, MGISW, \$3,283,388. Dam of Serena's Tune (Mr. Prospector), MSW, \$337,260; and Sophisticat (Storm Cat), G1SW-Eng, G1SP-Ire, GSW-Fr, \$444,231.



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**BREEDERS' EDITION
AMERICA**

ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

10th-PHA, \$20,880, NW1X, 4yo/up, 6 1/2f, 1:18, ft.
ALL THE LOOT (h, 5, Demaloot Demashoot--Jet n' Tune, by Tri Jet) Lifetime Record: 18-4-5-2, \$79,970.
 O-Gumpster Stable. B-Mockingbird Farm, Inc (FL).
 T-Scott A Lake. *\$15,000 yrl '99 OBSAUG.

SOPHOMORE SPOTLIGHT

First-Crop Progeny to Watch: Wed., Feb. 26

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

- ARCH** (Kris S.), Claiborne, \$15K, 102/8/0
 8-GP, Msw, 1 1/8mT, Wear, 3-1
- DISTORTED HUMOR** (Forty Niner), Winstar, \$13K, 128/18/4
 6-GP, Msw, 1 1/8mT, Star of Humor, 4-1
- NORTHERN AFLEET** (Afleet), DBL Diamond, \$5K, 78/14/0
 8-GP, Msw, 1 1/8mT, Teak Totem, 12-1
- PARTNER'S HERO** (Danzig), Northview, \$8K, 112/20/1
 7-LRL, Alw, 7f, Love You Madly, \$57K EAS OCT yrl, 10-1
- 7-LRL, Alw, 7f, Sailmaker, 20-1
- 7-LRL, Alw, 7f, Wonderous Woman, \$7K EAS OCT yrl, 5-2
- SUBORDINATION** (Mt. Livermore), Gainesway, \$10K, 80/10/0
 7-LRL, Alw, 7f, Miners Mate, \$27K KEE SEP yrl, 3-1

NEW ARRIVALS
FOALING NEWS

LEAVE NO PRINTS, 8, Departing Prints--Conductive (Son of Bagdad)
 Foal born Jan. 17, a filly by Tejano Run.
 Will be bred back to Boundary.
 Owned by Guy and Dede Snowden.
 Boarded at Denali Stud, Ky.
 Accomplishments: SW, \$232,376.

A # will distinguish first-time stakes-winners, a @ will indicate first-time graded stakes-winners, a ▲ will denote a first-time Grade/Group 1 winner, a + will first-time starters, an (S) will be used for state-bred races, a (C) will be used for maiden-claiming races.

**BREEDERS' EDITION
EUROPE**

CONDITIONS RESULTS:

ITALY, Rome, 4.00, Cond, €19,125, 4yo/up, 1 3/16mT, 1:56.80, gd/fm.
BOY SPECIAL (IRE) (h, 8, Common Grounds {GB}--Soft Call {GB} {Ch. 3yo Filly, Ch. Hcp. Mare, Mare of the Year, & 2x Ch. Older Mare-Ata, Ch. Import Stayer & Ch. Older Mare-Slov}, by Ardross {Ire}) Lifetime Record: SP-lty, 77 starts, 15 wins, 32 places, €257,211. O-I Boi; B-Stall Quo Vadis; T-Luigi Camici.

ITALY, Rome, 4.35, Cond, €19,125, 4yo/up, f/m, 7fT, 1:24.50, gd/fm.

MYSTERY GOLDEN (m, 5, Mystery Storm--Sweet Mary B., by Stalwart) Lifetime Record: 37 starts, 8 wins, 17 places, €117,733. O-Scuderia Golden Horse; B-Hart Farm Inc; T-G Fratini. *\$15,000 wnlg '98 OBSOCT. **1/2 to Trooper Red (Olympio), SW, \$156,220.

ITALY, Rome, 2.15, Cond, €15,300, 3yo, 1 1/16mT, 1:50.00, gd/fm.

ROYAL DUKE (IRE) (c, 3, Ali-Royal {Ire}--Vibrant Hue, by Exclusive Native) Lifetime Record: 5 starts, 2 wins, 2 places, €23,545. O-Azienda Agricola Dorna di Montaltuzzo; B-Frank Moran; T-Roberto Brogi.

FRANCE, Marseille-Borely, 2.15, Cond, €15,000, 4yo/up, 1 5/8mT, 2:56.80, vsf.

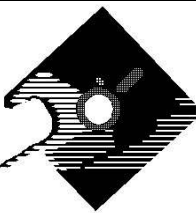
HESIODE (FR) (h, 6, Highest Honor {Fr}--Elite Guest {Ire} {GSP-Fr}, by Be My Guest) Lifetime Record: MGSP-Fr, 17 starts, 7 wins, 7 places, €87,801. O-Gary Tanaka; B-Haras de Manneville; T-Jean-Claude Rouget.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Boy Express (GB), f, 3, **Air Express (Ire)**--Zacinta, by Hawkster. Rome, Italy, 2-25, Mdn, 3yo, f, 1mT. B-Branston Stud Ltd.

Island Rapture (GB), f, 3, **Royal Applause (GB)**--Gersey (GB), by Generous (Ire). Lingfield, Britain, 2-25, Mdn, 3yo/up, 1 1/4m (AWT). B-Hesmonds Stud Ltd. *25,000gns yrl '01 TATOCT.

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