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CAT'S OUT OF THE BAG AT BARRETTS

A colt by freshman sire Sea of Secrets (Storm Cat) demolished the world record price for two-year-olds when he brought a final bid of \$2.7 million at last night's Barretts March Sale in Pomona, California. Trainer Bob Baffert, acting on behalf of owner Chuck Fipke, made the record bid on the colt, who sold for just \$30,000 as a yearling. "He was the outstanding horse in the sale," Baffert said of the juvenile. "He's beautiful, he's well-bred, he moved beautifully and he worked very well. He's the kind of horse that, if you get lucky and he wins a Grade I, you're out. Now it's my job to get that Grade I win, to try and win the Derby with him." Impressed by the




Hip# 107 Horsephotos

horse, Baffert was not awed by the price paid for him. "[Fipke] was cool about it. This is the most he's ever paid for a horse, but he has bred mares to stallions like Sadler's Wells. We don't care about the world record. That's what happens--there are people here who want to buy a good horse and it's all about who has the biggest stick. It was Chuck." Fipke, a Canadian geologist, discovered Canada's only diamond mine in 1992. He bred and raced Perfect Soul (Ire) (Sadler's Wells), second in last year's GI Niagara Breeders' Cup H. and eighth in the Breeders' Cup Turf, as well as Dimontina (Dixieland Band), the last mare bred to Triple Crown winner Seattle Slew. The juvenile, out of Swift Spirit (Tasso), was consigned by Becky Thomas's Sequel Bloodstock and is a half brother to MSP Friendly Spirit (Friendly Lover). He worked one furlong in :10.20 at the first under tack preview and a quarter in :21.60 at the second. The previous record price for a two-year-old was \$2 million, shared by Morocco (Brocco), who was purchased by The Thoroughbred Corporation at the 1999 Barretts March Sale, and La Salle Street (Not for Love), who was purchased by Michael Tabor at the 1999 Keeneland April sale. **Barretts coverage cont. p. 2**

BARRETTS MARCH -- TOP COLTS

Hip#	Sire	Dam	Price
<u>107</u>	<u>Sea of Secrets</u>	<u>Swift Spirit</u>	\$2,700,000
		(\$30,000 yrl '02 FTKJUL)	
		B-John T L Jones, Jr. (Ky)	
		Consigned by Sequel Bloodstock	
		Purchased by Charles Fipke	
<u>137</u>	<u>El Prado (Ire)</u>	<u>Ask Anita</u>	\$1,000,000
		(\$475,000 yrl '02 KEESEP)	
		B-Robert Spiegel	
		Consigned by Chapman Farms, agent	
		Purchased by Stuart Tsujimoto & Wm Schettine	
<u>119</u>	<u>Exploit</u>	<u>Two Punch Lil</u>	\$700,000
		(\$195,000 yrl '02 KEESEP)	
		B-Charles Giles MD (Ky)	
		Consigned by Chapman Farms, agent	
		Purchased by JS Company Ltd.	
<u>104</u>	<u>Victory Gallop</u>	<u>Summer Fantasy</u>	\$400,000
		(\$41,000 yrl '02 KEESEP)	
		B-G Watts Humphrey (Ky)	
		Consigned by Chapman Farms, agent	
		Purchased by JS Company Ltd.	
<u>039</u>	<u>Meadowlake</u>	<u>Majestic Number</u>	\$300,000
		B-Hersey Farm Corp. (Ky)	
		Consigned by Jerry Bailey Sales Agency, agent	
		Purchased by NW Management & Fleetwood	
<u>223</u>	<u>Elusive Quality</u>	<u>Honey Sipper</u>	\$300,000
		(\$22,000 wnlg '01 KEENOV; \$60,000 yrl '02 KEEOCT)	
		B-Grade I Bloodstock, Inc & Halycon Farm (Ky)	
		Consigned by Sequel Bloodstock, agent	
		Purchased by Patrick Biancone, agent for Thomas Liang	

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No. Offered	167	121	
No. Sold	86	73	
RNAs	81	48	
% RNA (% change)	49% (+23%)	40%	
Gross	\$12,228,000	\$10,950,000	
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(Barretts March coverage cont.)

Big Night for Sequel Bloodstock...

Becky Thomas, who also consigned the previous record two-year-old Morocco, owned yesterday's record youngster in partnership with Lewis and Brenda Lakin. "I put a \$249,000 reserve on him--I was hoping he'd bring \$350-400,000," Thomas admitted. "But when the buyers want a certain horse and have the means to get him, that's what happens. I was dumb-founded, it's just incredible. We have been so debt-heavy carrying the farms, it's a wonderful feeling to be able to make the banks happy at last." Thomas knew she had a bargain when she bought the colt at the 2002 Fasig-Tipton Kentucky July Sale. "He was a real athlete, a very balanced horse, and I like his sire--we've bred some of our mares to him," she said. Thomas was quick to share credit for the success of Sequel Bloodstock. "I have an outstanding team, and I couldn't do it without Rudy Delguidice," she said. "He's as instrumental as I am. We both cover the sales--he picked out [GISW] Officer. He's the Nureyev of exercise riders, he's a phenomenal horseman and he's an excellent, excellent judge of a horse. He's interchangeable with me." What does a world-record setter do for an encore? "I don't think I can ever top this," Thomas said. "I will certainly always cherish this memory." Buzz Chace, acting on behalf of Aaron and Marie Jones, was the underbidder on the record-setting chestnut. "I never thought he'd bring that much money, I don't think anyone did," Chace said. "I thought maybe he'd bring \$1 million. We got caught up in it and gave it a try, but you have to stop somewhere. It was an awful lot of fun until the end result. But there are more sales and a lot more horses out there. We'll be looking at a few more, but he was the man as far as I'm concerned."

El Prado Colt Brings a Cool Million...

The second-highest price of the evening was brought by hip 137, a colt by El Prado (Ire), who fetched \$1 million. Out of Ask Anita (Wolf Power {SAf}), the juvenile is a half brother to Saturday's GI Santa Anita H. winner Milwaukee Brew (Wild Again). He was consigned by Chapman Farms, agent, and was purchased by Stuart Tsujimoto and William Schettine. Tsujimoto, owner of stakes winners Humorous Lady and Give Praise, has had horses with Chapman in the past. "You're always looking for something that will give you a chance at the Derby," he said yesterday. "That's why I started with [Jim Chapman] way back. They kept talking about this horse, so I told them if they could find a partner, I'd take a shot. But it was getting up into the big bucks, wasn't it?" What caught his eye about this colt? "He's good-looking, and after [half brother Milwaukee Brew's] win in the Santa Anita H., he's got to have breeding potential. He didn't work fast, so people weren't as interested. But he has a big stride and he was just playing out there." The colt worked in :10.60 and in :11.20. Tsujimoto doesn't expect to see his latest acquisition at the races any time soon. "He'll probably be a late two-year-old," he said.

Exploitation...

Continuing the good showing of sons of super sire Storm Cat, freshman sire Exploit was represented by hip 199, a colt purchased for \$700,000 by J S Company. The gray worked a co-bullet eighth in :10.10 at the sale's first preview and returned a week later to record a :21.50 quarter-mile drill. Sold for \$195,000 as a KEESEP yearling, the juvenile is out of MSW Two Punch Lil (Two Punch). He was consigned by Chapman Farms, agent. "We liked his pedigree and his works were unbelievable," commented Taki Murayama of JS Company. "Not only is he a good racing prospect, but he is also a very good stallion prospect. We expect a lot from him...we were very lucky to get him. We thought we would have to pay a lot more." While Bob Baffert may think he got the pick of the Barretts crop, Murayama would disagree. "He was our choice, the best horse in the sale," he said. *Barretts cont. p. 3*

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More from the Cat Family...

Tactical Cat, yet another freshman son of Storm Cat, sired Barretts top-priced filly. Hip number 78, out of graded stakes winner Ransomed Captive (Mr. Leader), was consigned by the omnipresent Sequel Bloodstock and was purchased by Overbrook Farm for \$500,000. The gray filly worked the co-fastest furlong of :10.10 in the first preview and turned in a bullet quarter-mile of :21.10 on Sunday. She RNA'd at \$14,000 at Keeneland September. "Not only is she a good individual that worked well, but Overbrook owns Tactical Cat and I trained him and she's a wonderful advertisement for her sire," trainer D. Wayne Lukas, buying for Overbrook Farm, said. "You might see her at Keeneland--she's already worked a quarter in :21 and she could be ready. She has a lot of Tactical Cat in her. She has the good look of soundness and she has a little bit of attitude, like he did. For a filly to work that fast and be as clean as she is, it's significant. We're looking for racehorses and I think we'll have some fun with this one." Lukas admitted that he was a little over budget by the time the hammer fell. "The price was more than I was thinking, but it wasn't my decision," said Lukas, who was on the telephone with an Overbrook representative during the bidding. "But everybody can read the clock."

By the Numbers...

Even with a world-record setting two-year-old, numbers were down across the board at Barretts. "Our sale was zigging when the market was zagging," Barretts President and General Manager Jerry McMahon admitted. "We opened it up this year, trying to broaden the market, but that occurred at a time when the middle market buyers were getting out of the market. That accounts for the high buy-back rate." The buy-back rate at the sale was a lofty 49 percent--up 23 percent from last year's auction. With the \$2.7-million baby, the average was down only slightly from a year ago, but the median fell 33 percent to \$60,000. "You have to leave this sale saying, until there is proof that there is a market in March for average horses, you have to concentrate on the top end," McMahon said. "Overall, I feel we survived a difficult market."

BARRETTS MARCH -- TOP FILLIES

Hip#	Sire	Dam	Price
<u>078</u>	<u>Tactical Cat</u>	Ransomed Captive B-Roger Gebhard (Ky)	\$500,000
Consigned by Sequel Bloodstock, agent Purchased by Overbrook Farm			
<u>216</u>	<u>French Deputy</u>	Heather's Flight (\$120,000 yrl '02 KEESEP) B-Woodbridge Farm (Ky)	\$400,000
Consigned by Wavertree Stables, Agent II Purchased by NW Management & Fleetwood			
<u>169</u>	<u>Wolf Power (SAf)</u>	Cornish Image (\$95,000 yrl '02 KEESEP) B-James Herbener Jr. (Ky)	\$220,000
Consigned by B.C.3 Thoroughbreds, agent Purchased by James Vreeland			
<u>224</u>	<u>Bianconi</u>	Horah B-Mr & Mrs Theodore Kuster (Ky)	\$210,000
Consigned by Timber Creek Bloodstock, agent Purchased by Haruya Yoshida			
<u>146</u>	<u>Forestry</u>	Bel's Starlet B-Thomas-Lakin-Kintz (Ky)	\$180,000
Consigned by Sequel Bloodstock, agent Purchased by Green Lantern Stables, LLC			

(See What They're Saying at the Sales on p. 4)

BARRETTS TOP FIVE CONSIGNORS

	#Sold	Gross
Sequel Bloodstock	8	\$4,110,000
Chapman Farms	7	\$2,355,000
H T Stables	5	\$657,000
Havens Bloodstock Agency	12	\$561,000
Equine Prep	6	\$502,000

BARRETTS TOP FIVE BUYERS

	#Sold	Gross
Charles Fipke	1	\$2,700,000
J S Company Ltd	6	\$1,570,000
S Tsujimoto & W Schettine	1	\$1,000,000
NW Management & Fleetwood	3	\$975,000
Haruya Yoshida	3	\$510,000



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LADY'S SECRET DIES The 1986 Horse of the Year **Lady's Secret** (Secretariat--Great Lady M., by Icecapade) died Tuesday from foaling complications at Valley Creek Farm near Valley Center, California. She was 21 years old. Her newborn, a General Meeting colt, is in good health. Bred in Oklahoma by Robert Spreen, the grey carried Eugene Klein's blue and yellow colors on the racetrack. Trained by D. Wayne Lukas, she hit the national radar at three, when she won 10 of 17 starts, including the GI Maskette S., the GI Ruffian H., the GI Beldame S., the GII Ballerina H. and the GII Test S. A runner-up finish to stablemate Life's Magic in the GI Breeders' Cup Distaff cost her an Eclipse Award as champion three-year-old filly, but she made up for it the following year. The 'Iron Lady' made 15 starts in 1986, winning 10, finishing second three times and third twice. She beat the boys in the GI Whitney H. and ran second to Precisionist in the GI Woodward H. before rattling off four straight victories to cap off her championship season. After covering a mile in 1:33 2/5 in defending her Maskette title, Lady's Secret carried 129 pounds in repeating in the Ruffian, then added another Beldame victory to her credit before posting a front-running triumph in the Breeders' Cup Distaff, which secured her Eclipse Award as Horse of the Year and champion older mare. She was a shadow of her former self the following year, winning a pair of Monmouth allowance races and finishing second in the GII Molly Pitcher at the Jersey oval. With a record of 45-25-9-3 and a bankroll of \$3,021,425, Lady's Secret was a prime broodmare prospect. She RNA'd at \$5.4 million at Fasig-Tipton's Night of the Stars sale in November of 1987, then sold for \$3.8 million to Fares Farm in foal to Alydar at Keeneland November in 1989. Her offspring consistently sold well at the sales, but she produced just four winners from seven foals to race. Lady's Secret went through the ring again in 1998, when she was purchased by John Glenney for \$750,000 in foal to Seattle Slew at Keeneland November. In addition to her General Meeting colt, she has a yearling by Skip Away.

What They're Saying At The Sales...

Trainer **D. Wayne Lukas:**

"I think the Barretts catalogue is a little bit light from a pedigree standpoint, but there are obviously some individuals that will bring big money. People are a little more forgiving of a light page if the individual looks good. I think that's the way the two-year-old sales are going to be in the future. With the pinhooking system set up the way it is, it's really hard to bring in the better pedigreed horses and make a profit. [Pinhookers] are buying horses that are a cut below in pedigree and hoping that the individual looks good and works fast."

Bloodstock agent **John Moynihan** (on the world record at Barretts):

"I was surprised at the price...how can you not be? We were interested in the colt, but we never had the chance to bid. I'm happy for [consignor Becky Thomas]. It just shows that if you are fortunate enough to jump through all the hoops to get to the two-year-old sales, if the horse is physically outstanding and goes beautifully on the racetrack, you can still get a fortune for him irrespective of pedigree."

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FROM THE DESK OF...

Bill Oppenheim



A.P. INDY STAKES HIS CLAIM

The next two weekends see important three-year-old trials: Sunday is the GII Louisiana Derby, in which Badge of Silver is due to cross swords with Kafwain; the GI Florida Derby and Santa Anita's GII San Felipe S. are the following weekend. But last weekend the focus in North American racing was on the older brigade, and there were a few particularly interesting and significant results.

The biggest win in money terms was Milwaukee Brew's second straight in the \$1-million GI Santa Anita H. Not since the legendary John Henry more than 20 years ago has a horse won the Big 'Cap twice, but of course there are few specialist 10-furlong dirt horses in America. [Wild Again](#), who won the inaugural Breeders' Cup Classic at 10 furlongs in 1984, has consistently been a top-five money sire just about ever since, and Milwaukee Brew's latest achievement has propelled him into second spot on the General Sire List after the first two months of the year, plus last weekend.

But ahead even of Wild Again now is [A.P. Indy](#), who makes his first appearance as North America's Leading Sire of 2003 after Mineshaft became his third graded stakes winner of the year in the GII New Orleans H. at Fair Grounds. There's a lot of racing to come this year, what with all the three-year-old Classics and, just this month, the sire of the winner of the G1 Dubai World Cup will become Leading Sire for the next little while. But I reckon A.P. Indy is going to have a big, big year. He may be 0-for-52 in Europe still, but if he has the kind of year I think he's going to have, he's going to establish himself as the world's next top sire, Europe or no Europe.

A couple of interesting points about Mineshaft: through the end of 2002, A.P. Indy had sired 50 'A Runners' in his first seven crops, of which 11 (22 per-

cent) were out of Mr. Prospector-line mares--including four in his first crop, and Mineshaft's full brother and sister, Rock Slide and Tomisue's Delight--and a total of 17 (34 percent) were out of mares from all Native Dancer lines. But he had also sired another 17 (34 percent) out of Northern Dancer-line mares. So, considering two-thirds of his A Runners are out of mares from the two top sire lines, it looks like those of you looking for an outcross to Native Dancer and Northern Dancer have had your prayers answered. Unless you're in Europe, so far. It's what we used to call Bold Ruler.

Mineshaft himself was trained by John Gosden in Britain last year and so appears to be a perfect example of A.P. Indys working better on American dirt than on European turf. He won the second of his seven starts, placed in a Group 3 in France, and earned a Timeform final 'black book' rating of 109. Then he goes to America, turns four (that could be important, too), and by March 2 he's a Grade II winner. Interestingly, the second in the race was Olmodavor, another four-year-old colt by A.P. Indy. He was bred by the Wertheimers, but never even went to Europe. They left him with Richard Mandella in California; in his last start he had run second to Medaglia d'Oro.

Another turf-to-dirt, Europe-to-America colt is future Darby Dan stallion Aldebaran, who made it another impressive Bobby Frankel weekend when mowing down the opposition to win the seven-furlong GI San Carlos. With 11 seconds in 17 career starts, including in four Grade I's last year, Aldebaran's been called a lot of names. But he either ran into lone speed (Orientate twice, Bonapaw once) or a horse exploding to a career best (Swept Overboard in the Met Mile, Congaree in the Cigar) in most of those cases. In the absence of superstars and with a four-horse speed duel in front of him, he finally completed his turf-to-dirt transition. It still works: European horses come over here, and as they mature and if they handle the dirt, the likes of Mineshaft and Aldebaran prove that early schooling in Europe still produces future group winners Stateside.

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Second-Crop Sire Update...

This might be a really good group of sires. Last year [Distorted Humor](#), Awesome Again, and [Elusive Quality](#) (revised finishing order) led the Freshman Sire List. Only Elusive Quality of those three has a stakes winner so far this year (he has three), but several others from this sire group have stepped up. Last month Touch Gold, [Tale of the Cat](#), and Will's Way made the news. [Favorite Trick](#) is starting to look OK. Banker's Gold had his first stakes winner last weekend. [Gentlemen](#), Formal Gold, [Skip Away](#), Stormy Atlantic, [Souvenir Copy](#), Partner's Hero in Maryland; pretty long list. Here are two more: [Grand Slam](#), two stakes seconds last weekend, now four individual stakes-placed horses this year, as well as eight winners; and Deputy Commander, nine winners this year (group leader is Will's Way, with 10), and it looks like plenty of them are improving at two turns. Definitely one to watch.

Who's on Deck: Danzig

Remember him? All the chat these days may be [Storm Cat](#) and A.P. Indy, but, you know, this is still the most prolific, and probably still the most important, branch of Northern Dancer. [Danzig](#) is 26 now; Storm Cat (a grandson of Northern Dancer), remember, is 20. My sire file says there are 44 significant North American or European stallions tracing to Danzig whose first foals are two-year-olds and under, or who are standing their first seasons this year; by comparison, there are 31 tracing to Storm Bird. It's an average of 11 per year for Danzig. Interestingly, only about 30 percent of them stand in America, and about 90 percent of the expensive ones are standing in Europe.

Of the 13 with first two-year-olds this year, none stand for more than €10,000, but four in Ireland in particular look interesting: three sons of Green Desert, namely Cape Cross, Desert Sun, and Shinko Forest. Desert Sun has been at stud in New Zealand, where he sired Sunline; Shinko Forest raced in Japan. The fourth is [Orpen](#), a son of the barely fertile dual Breeders' Cup Mile winner, [Lure](#). Orpen was a good two-year-old and has a pretty big crop going for him.

Breeders' Cup Mile winner [War Chant](#), in Kentucky, and 2000 Epsom Derby winner Sinnard (by [Grand Lodge](#), a top miler by Chief's Crown) headline a strong group of 12 Danzig-line horses whose first yearlings will appear at the sales later this year. This group also includes Dansili, Agnes World, Elnadim, Mujahid, Monashee Mountain and Indian Lodge; so you're going to see Danzig's name a lot along the top lines in the European sales catalogues, at least this year.

Among nine with first foals arriving this year are Mozart, whose only crop this, unfortunately, will be, along with the likes of Bertolini, the very underrated Golden Snake, [Mull of Kintyre](#), and--in Kentucky--[Minardi](#) and Brahms. Among the 10 going to stud this year is, of course, the record-breaking 2002 Horse of the World, Rock of Gibraltar. His supporting cast includes French Derby winner Anabaa Blue and another raft of sprinters, including Ishiguru, Iron Mask, Invincible Spirit, and the Australian speedball (by Perugino) Testa Rossa, who is standing the season in France.

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Saturday, Golden Gate Fields

EL CAMINO REAL DERBY-III, \$200,000, 3yo, 1 1/16m

Lightly raced **Minsters Wildcat** (Deputy Minister), who won the Feb. 9 Golden Gate Mile in his most recent start, continues to make progress toward the weekend's 1 1/16-mile feature, according to trainer Neil Drysdale. "With each race he seems to improve mentally, by leaps and bounds," said Drysdale. In customary Drysdale fashion, the conditioner appears content to let the son of champion three-year-old filly Hollywood Wildcat develop at his own pace. When asked about the colt's light schedule, Drysdale commented, "I didn't want to throw him into group competition. He's still lacking experience, so we will have to see if he is still up to competing in the Triple Crown." Drysdale was quick to point out that a change in weather would make an impact on Saturday's field, at least in regards to his charge. "If the track condition, due to inclement weather is poor, then we will skip the race [El Camino Real] and head to the [GII] San Felipe S. [at Santa Anita Mar. 15]."

Sunday, Fair Grounds

LOUISIANA DERBY-GII, \$750,000, 3yo, 1 1/16m

Probable favorite **Badge of Silver** (Silver Deputy), who was the runaway winner of the Feb. 16 GIII Risen Star S. over this track and distance, appears poised to extend his winning streak to four in Sunday's feature. Trainer Ronny Werner, who was concerned by the three-week break since the dark bay's last race, is ready for action despite the short space between races. "You try to map out a plan, but you have to have the horse tell you where he wants to go. I let him dictate where he's going to run." Brimming with confidence, Werner added, "The last five days, he has really been aggressive in his gallops," said Werner. "He's been eating well and working well."

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1st Dam: Chimes of Freedom (G1SW-Ire & GB, \$503,431), by Private Account

2nd Dam: Aviance (Ire), by Northfields

3rd Dam: Minnie Hauk, by Sir Ivor

O-Flaxman Holdings Ltd; B-Flaxman Holdings Ltd (KY); T-Robert Frankel; J-J Valdivia Jr; \$120,000.

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Over the years there has been a lot of debate about the degree to which a stallion's performance declines with age. It's very hard to sort the genetic factors from influences of environment or commercial popularity (which governs the quality of mares bred to a sire), but the answer is that it is probably a very individual thing. Certainly some stallions remain able to sire good runners up until a very advanced age. Take for example Mr. Prospector: from the crop sired when he was 26 came Fusaichi Pegasus, his only GI Kentucky Derby winner and quite possibly his best runner; GISW Traditionally; and graded-stakes winners Strike Smartly, Moon Driver and Ocean of Wisdom. From the following crop has come Dancethruthedawn, winner of the GI Go for Wand H. and Canadian Classic Queen's Plate; Full of Wonder, who took the 2002 GI Niagara Breeders' Cup H.; graded-stakes winners E Dubai and Pyrus; and Aldebaran, winner this weekend of the GI San Carlos H.

Five-year-old Aldebaran has campaigned on two continents, on both dirt and turf, and over a range of distances. In the process, he has proven himself extremely versatile and consistent: from 18 starts, he has posted four wins, 11 seconds and two thirds, his only off-the-board finish coming on soft turf in last year's GI Breeders' Cup Mile. Aldebaran won the Nassau H. over a mile on turf as a three-year-old, but he was overdue for a graded-stakes victory, having finished second last year in the GI Metropolitan H., GI Vosburgh S., GI Forego H. and GI Cigar Mile. In the San Carlos he accomplished the feat in style, coming from off the pace to beat GI Breeders' Cup Sprint-third Crafty C. T. by five lengths.

This kind of effort would normally attract considerable attention from stallion hunters, but last fall it was announced that Aldebaran would be retiring to [Darby Dan Farm](http://www.darbydanfarm.com) in Lexington, Kentucky. Initially it was possible that he would be at stud for 2003, but the decision to postpone that retirement has now paid dividends.

Aldebaran certainly has the pedigree to be a sire. In addition to being a son of Mr. Prospector, he is half brother to the 2002 GI Atto Mile winner Good Journey and is out of Chimes of Freedom, a Private Account daughter who won the G1 Moyglare Stud S. at two and the G1 Coronation S. at three, an age at which she was the highweighted filly on the European Free Handicap. Chimes of Freedom is a half sister to Denon, a Pleasant Colony colt who had Aldebaran back in third when he captured the GI Hollywood Derby and who has also added the GI Turf Classic and GI Charles Whittingham H. Another of her half siblings is Imperfect Circle, a Group 1-placed stakes winner in England who is dam of Spinning World, a champion miler whose five Group/Grade I victories include the GI Breeders' Cup Mile and Irish 2,000 Guineas.

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The dam of Chimes of Freedom, Denon and Imperfect Circle is Aviance, a Northfields mare who earned championship honors in Ireland, where she captured the G1 Phoenix S. Aldebaran's third dam Minnie Hauk is a stakes-placed daughter of Sir Ivor and Broodmare of the Year Best in Show. This makes her a sister to champion Irish two-year-old colt Malinowski, G2 Champagne S. winner Gielgud and Monroe, a group-winning sprinter who is also dam of Xaar, a champion at two and three in Europe, and granddam of GISW Senure. Minnie Hauk is also half sister to the G1 Santa Susana S. and G1 Kentucky Oaks heroine Blush With Pride, herself dam of three group/graded winners; Sex Appeal, whose offspring include champions El Gran Senor and Try My Best; and Show Lady, granddam of Hurricane Sky and Umatilla, both G1SWs and sires in Australia.

The cross which Aldebaran represents, that of Mr. Prospector and his sons over Private Account mares, has been a very successful one, producing at least 16 unrestricted stakes winners, including Grade I winners Miner's Mark and Traditionally as well as French classic winner Bluemamba. Another product of the cross is Our Emblem, a brother to Miner's Mark and Traditionally who is the sire of last year's champion three-year-old War Emblem. Oddly enough, although he never won a stakes, Our Emblem had a race record which somewhat resembles that of Aldebaran in that he was a closing sprinter who placed in several Grade I events, including-like Aldebaran--the Vosburgh and Met Mile.

Mr. Prospector-line stallions have a far better strike rate with Private Account mares than with descendants of Damascus (Private Account's sire) in general. In part that might be because Private Account was a very well-bred individual who became an extremely successful sire and broodmare sire. If there is a pedigree key, it might be the influence of Private Account's broodmare sire Buckpasser. Mr. Prospector himself had a strong affinity for Buckpasser mares, the cross producing important sires Seeking the Gold, Woodman and Miswaki. This might be explained in part by the fact that Mr. Prospector's third dam Miss Dogwood is by Bull Dog (by Teddy) out of a Blue Larkspur mare, while Buckpasser's granddam Businesslike is by Blue Larkspur out of Teddy's great daughter La Troienne. Mr. Prospector and Buckpasser add to that combination with Teddy's son Case Ace (in Mr. Prospector) and Gaga (by Bull Dog and dam of Buckpasser's sire Tom Fool), who have similar backgrounds to Miss Dogwood and Businesslike.

 **FOALING NEWS**

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SOPHISTICATEDCIELO, 12, Conquistador Cielo--Sophisticated Lynn (Clever Trick)
 Foal born Feb. 5, a filly by Siphon (Brz).
 Will be bred back to Forest Wildcat.
 Owned by Mace & Samantha Siegel.
 Boarded at Taylor Made Farm, Ky.
 Accomplishments: MSW of \$290,299.

TORCH, 10, Risen Star--Cool Comfort (Honest Moment)
 Foal born Feb. 5, a filly by Cat Thief.
 Will be bred back to Orientate.
 Owned by Gale Ann Patti.
 Boarded at Hill 'n' Dale, Ky.
 Accomplishments: SW & MGSP, \$485,014.



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★ NEW YORK ★

Randaroo Returns in Allowance Test:

Trainer Anthony Dutrow's **Randaroo** (Gold Case), who was unbeaten in two starts last year, will make her 2003 debut in today's fifth race at the Big A, a \$50,000 non-winners of two other than allowance race going six panels. The bay filly smashed her maiden by 10 1/4 lengths at first asking last October at Delaware, then proved 5 1/4 lengths too much for House Party when taking the Gill Valley Stream S. over Aqueduct's main track Nov. 24. Jockey Mario Pino travels up from Laurel to take the mount.

Trovato, Trainer of Chris Evert, Dies:

Joseph Anthony Trovato, trainer of the brilliant Eclipse Award-winning filly Chris Evert, died last Friday. He was 67. Trovato was buried yesterday at St. Mary's Cemetery in Staten Island after a Mass of Christian Burial at St. Roch's Church. Trovato left college to become a jockey's agent before signing on as an assistant under future Hall of Fame trainer Bobby Frankel. The Brooklyn native set out on his own in 1971 and three years later trained Chris Evert to a sweep of New York's Triple Tiara--the GI Acorn S., the GI Mother Goose S. and the GI Coaching Club American Oaks. Chris Evert, who would later go on to be an excellent broodmare, also finished third in the GI Travers S. against the boys on her way to championship three-year-old filly honors. After retiring as a trainer, Trovato went back to working as a jockey's agent. Condolences may be sent to the family via the Matthew Funeral Home website at www.matthewfuneralhome.com.

Father of Post's Fontaine Dies:

Edmund Oliver Fontaine, the father of *New York Post* horse racing analyst Ed Fontaine, died yesterday morning after an extended illness. He was 79. A veteran of World War II, Fontaine was a retiree after serving as a sales representative for ChemCo. Funeral arrangements have yet to be announced.

Jockey Injured at Hawthorne:

Randy Meier, the all-time leading rider at Hawthorne Race Course, sustained multiple injuries, including a broken right shoulder and a broken rib when he was thrown from his mount during the first race over the Stickney, Illinois oval Monday. Meier was riding 3-1 shot Demon Like when the horse began bleeding profusely, although racing on Lasix, and went down. The four-year-old appears to be recovering well. "Initially the vets didn't think he'd make it through the night," trainer Noel Hickey said of Demon Like. "But he kept up and is actually looking much better this morning."

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TODAY, WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5:

03-14 \$200,000 *Bonnie Miss-II, GP, 3yo, f, 9f (200)*

03-15 \$1,000,000 *Florida Derby-I, GP, 3yo, 9f (3000)*

03-15 \$150,000 *Swale-III, GP, 3yo, 7f (150)*

TOMORROW, THURSDAY, MARCH 6:

03-09 \$750,000 *Louisiana Derby-II, FG, 3yo, 8.5f (25000s)*

03-15 \$250,000 *San Luis Rey H.-II, 4yo/up, 12fT (250)*

03-15 \$125,000 *Victoria Lass, FG, 4yo/up, f/m, 6f (100)*

03-16 \$250,000 *San Felipe-II, SA, 3yo, 8.5f (250)*

03-16 \$200,000 *Golden Gate Breeders' Cup H.-III, GG, 3yo/up, 9fT (200)*



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Yesterday's Results:

MARDI GRAS H., \$65,000, FGX, 3-4, 4yo/up, 1m (off turf), 1:37 4/5, ft.

1--#**EVEN THE SCORE**, 116, h, 5, Unbridled's Song--**Ashtabula (SW & GSP, \$321,748)**, by Rahy. (\$285,000 wlng '98 KEENOV). O-Thomas Vanderhyde; B-Aspiration Stable (KY); T-Dallas Stewart; J-S J Sellers; \$39,000. Lifetime Record: MGSW, 20-6-1-7, \$354,349.

2--**Discreet Hero**, 111, h, 5, Honour and Glory--**Tapstress**, by Desert Wine. (\$155,000 wlng '98 KEENOV). O-Bradley Wayne Hughes. \$13,000.

3--**Seinsky**, 115, c, 4, Sea Hero--Rose Russe, by Nijinsky II. (\$39,000 yrl '00 KEESEP). O-Jack Gullett. \$7,150.

Margins: HD, HF, HF. Odds: 3.40, 1.30, 4.20.

Even the Score, third behind Sarafan and Beat Hollow over the Fair Grounds turf in last year's GII Explosive Bid H. and third again in the GII Firecracker Breeders' Cup H. at Churchill Downs last July, was coming off a sixth-place finish in the Feb. 15 John Connally Breeders' Cup H. at Sam Houston. Making his first main-track appearance in over a year when this affair came off the turf, the gray was a ground-saving sixth before swinging to the outside for the drive. Weaving through traffic in the lane, Even the Score overtook favored Discreet Hero in deep stretch en route to a narrow victory. "It was an ugly trip, but that's the way it goes sometimes," said winning rider Shane Sellers. "He made a nice move on the turn and then we hit some traffic. I was thinking about that short stretch and he dug in gamely and got it done." Trainer Dallas Stewart added that Even the Score will now be pointed towards the Mar. 23 Explosive Bid H.

7th-**HAW**, \$26,000, Msw, 3yo/up, 6f, 1:11 3/5, ft. **MY CALABRESE** (c, 3, **Wild Again--Silver Maiden** {GISW, \$344,958}, by Silver Buck) finished a good half-length second to subsequent GIII Risen Star third-place finisher Defrere's Vixen in a Fair Grounds maiden contest Jan. 13. Second by a neck in his route and turf debut Feb. 15, My Calabrese was making his Illinois bow here as the overwhelming 2-5 pick. The dark bay gunned for the lead and set a pressured pace through four furlongs, then left the field in his wake as he drew clear en route to a five-length success. Lifetime Record: 4-1-2-1, \$29,480.

O/B-Frank C Calabrese (KY). T-Wayne M Catalano.

★ ON THE RADAR ★

WEDNESDAY'S ENTRIES

SAX-4th, Msw, 6 1/2f, post time: 2:35 PST
+ **IMPETUOUS FLING** (f, 3, **A.P. Indy--Impetuous Image**, by Mr. Prospector) B-JS Company (KY).

Trainer D. Wayne Lukas sends out first-timer Impetuous Fling, who was purchased by Bob and Beverly Lewis for a solid \$675,000 as a KEEJUL yearling. The chestnut filly has shown some encouraging gate works of late and gets the services of jockey Pat Valenzuela. She'll debut with Lasix.

SAX-2nd, Msw, 6 1/2f, post time: 1:31 PST
+ **AWESOME RUSH** (c, 3, **Awesome Again--Rose Diamond** {GISP, \$149,420}, by Diamond Shoal {GB}) B-Anne Wrenn Poulson (KY).

Grade I stakes placed Rose Diamond had success as a dam early on when her third foal, Deputy Diamond (Deputy Minister), placed in several graded races, including the GII Jim Dandy S. and the GII Brooklyn H. The Stronach-owned Awesome Rush, a three-quarters brother to Deputy Diamond, sold for \$230,000 as a KEESEP yearling and makes his first start here for trainer Bobby Frankel.

+ **BULLISTIC** (c, 3, **Holy Bull--Delicate Vine** {GISW, \$390,370}, by Knight's Choice) B-Mr & Mrs JS Moss (KY).

Delicate Vine won four of five career starts, including the GI Arlington-Washington Lassie as a two-year-old, and her son Altazaar (Relaunch) won the GII Hollywood Juvenile Championship. Despite the propensity for two-year-old success in the family, the homebred Bullistic makes his first start three months into his three-year-old season. But his trainer, John Shirreffs, is hitting at an impressive 24-percent clip with his first-time starters this year, and a quick start to the colt's career would not be out of the question.



FOALING NEWS

GOUACHE (ARG), 14, Southern Halo--Aquarelle (Arg) (Logical)

Foal born Feb. 5, a filly by Giant's Causeway. Owned by Walmac Broodmare Partners I Boarded at Walmac, Ky. Accomplishments: MG1SW-Arg. Dam of Guernika (Arg) (Luhuk), MG1SW-Arg.

KATE'S COLLEGE, 14, Carr de Naskra--Majestic Street (Majestic Prince)

Foal born Feb. 5, a colt by Dynaformer. Will be bred back to Elusive Quality. Owned by Mill Ridge and Jamm, Ltd. Boarded at Mill Ridge, Ky. Accomplishments: MSP. Dam of Storm Me September (Summer Squall), MSW, \$168,078.

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★ FRANCE ★

Yesterday's Results:

Maisons-Laffitte, 2.15, Cond, €29,000, 3yo, 6fT, 1:19.50, hy.

THE WISE LADY (FR) (f, 3, Ganges--Miller's Lily {Fr}, by Miller's Mate {GB}) ran third to Six Perfections (Fr) in the G3 Prix du Calvados in August and closed out her two-year-old season with a runner-up finish in the G3 Prix Miesque Nov. 5 over this course. Making her first start this year, the bay raced in second in the early stages before taking closer order from the quarter-mile marker. The 7-10 favourite eased to the front at the eighth pole and was pushed out late on to beat Heinstein (Ire) (Night Shift) by two lengths. Lifetime Record: MGSP-Fr, 5 starts, 2 wins, 2 places, €52,100. O/B-Mme Pierre Lepeudry; T-Markus Nigge.

Maisons-Laffitte, 3.15, Cond, €18,000, 3yo, c/g, 1 5/16mT, 2:31.60, hy.

CORONER (IRE) (c, 3, Mtoto {GB}--Tamnia {GB} {SW-GB & G1SP-Ire}, by Green Desert) was reserved off the pace in sixth, then made progress from the three-furlong marker. The 4-5 market choice was ridden to the lead at the distance and ran on well thereafter to defeat Balzen (Fr) (Ballerot) by an easy four lengths. Lifetime Record: 4 starts, 2 wins, 1 place, €16,600. O-Marquise de Moratalla; B-Nawara Stud Company Ltd; T-Jean-Claude Rouget.

Maisons-Laffitte, 3.45, Cond, €18,000, 3yo, f, 1 5/16mT, 2:29.70, hy.

SWEET FOLLY (IRE) (f, 3, Singspiel {Ire}--First Kiss {GB}, by Kris {GB}) tracked the leaders in fourth until coming under pressure with three furlongs remaining. The 12-5 punters' pick led at the quarter-mile marker and was driven out in the closing stages to hold Kivi (King of Kings {Ire}) by a length. The homebred is a half sister to Shahi (Shahrastani), SP-Aus; and Kissing Cousin (Ire) (Danehill), G1SW-GB, \$248,738; as well as a 3/4-sister to Apprehension (Ire) (In the Wings {GB}), GSW-GB. Lifetime Record: 3 starts, 1 win, 1 place, €11,100.

O/B-Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid al Maktoum; T-Henri-Alex Pantall.

**BREEDERS' EDITION
AMERICA**

ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

8th-HAW, \$33,408, Opt. Clm. (\$35,000-\$30,000), NW3X, 4yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:11 3/5, ft.

PASS THE PEPPER (f, 4, K.O. Punch--Sweet Lake, by Salt Lake) Lifetime Record: 6-4-1-1, \$83,120.

O-Cherrywood Racing Stables II. B-Donald Dreyfuss (KY). T-Michele Boyce. *\$32,000 yrl '00 KEESEP; \$17,500 yrl '00 KEEJAN.

10th-SUN, \$33,400, 4yo/up, f/m, 1m, 1:37, ft.

ASHEVILLE (m, 5, Clever Trick--Forever Splendid, by Dewan Keys) Lifetime Record: 21-5-11-0, \$177,890. O-Nelson Bunker Hunt. B-Prestonwood Farm, Inc (KY). T-Sтивен M Asmussen. *\$40,000 yrl '99 FTKJUL. **1/2 to Dorothy Ann (Groovy), SW, \$298,006; Asheville (Clever Trick), SW, \$140,850.

9th-MNR, \$31,700, 3-3, NW3X, 3yo/up, a1m70yd, 1:42 2/5, gd.

GONE COURTING (h, 7, Gone West--Courtship, by Blushing Groom {Fr}) Lifetime Record: 26-9-4-2, \$216,524. O-John S Barberino Sr. B-Pin Oak Stud Inc (KY). T-John R Semer. *\$38,000 yrl '97 FTKOCT; \$70,000 2yo '98 FTFEB.

9th-HAW, \$28,000, NW1X, (S), 4yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:14 2/5, ft.

FLY BY YOU (m, 5, Cartwright--Tell Me the Line, by Clev Er Tell) Lifetime Record: 5-2-0-0, \$28,050. O-A & J Thoroughbreds Inc. B-Alfred Clark (IL). T-Larry Rivelli.



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8th-FGX, \$28,000, NW1X, 4yo/up, f/m, 1m, 1:40 2/5, ft.

AFRICAN SKYLINE (f, 4, Saint Ballado--Why Go On Dreaming {GISP, \$102,068}, by Danzig) Lifetime Record: 7-2-2-1, \$48,700. O-Bruce Lunsford. B-Hill 'n' Dale Farm & John Franks (KY). T-Albert M Stall Jr. *\$87,000 wlng '99 KEENOV.

6th-MNR, \$25,000, 3-3, NW2L, 3yo, f, 5 1/2f, 1:05 2/5, gd.

O'LEE'S STORY (f, 3, Partner's Hero--Toosie {SW & GSP}, by D'Accord) Lifetime Record: 5-2-0-0, \$25,751. O-J L Stone. B-Constance Wickes (KY). T-Bernard S Flint. *\$16,000 wlng '00 FTKDEC.

9th-PHA, \$20,000, NW1X, 4yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:11 2/5, ft.

PRIME JEWEL (f, 4, The Prime Minister--Gold Heist, by Mr. Prospector) Lifetime Record: 11-3-2-0, \$51,560. O-Jet M Stable. B-Temple Webber Jr & McDermott Ranch (TX). T-Patricia Farro. *\$51,000 2yo '01 OBSAPR. **1/2 to Shotgun (Pancho Villa), MSW, \$244,739; and Heister (Air Forbes Won), MSW, \$125,414.

10th-PHA, \$20,000, NW1X, 4yo/up, 5f, :58 3/5, ft.

MIKE AND LEO (h, 5, Flying Continental--Miss Soft Sell, by Siyah Kalem) Lifetime Record: 19-8-1-3, \$192,736. O-Kristin Peck & Lisa Allen. B-Thomas M Caldwell (CA). T-Randy Allen.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

No Crime Committed, c, 3, Judge T C--Dangrously-precious, by Regal Intention. HAW, 3-4, (S), a1m70yd, 1:46. B-Don Millonas (II). *Won by 6 1/4 lengths.

Scootinaflash, f, 3, Lite the Fuse--Bedinroses, by Star Choice. MNR, 3-3, 5 1/2f, 1:05 4/5. B-Kenneth Houle (Ky). *\$7,500 yrl '01 KEESEP.

Two Timin Lover, c, 4, Digamist--Lover's Faite, by Parfaitement. PHA, 3-4, 6f, 1:11 4/5. B-Janice Wendling & J Anne Fetterly (Pa). *1/2 to Lookin For Romance (Great Prospector), SW, \$144,572.

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SOPHOMORE SPOTLIGHT

First-crop progeny to watch: Wednesday, Mar. 5

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, 144/16/3 4-SA, Msw, 6 1/2f, +Glace Wink Smile, \$130K BAR MAY 2yo
- AWESOME AGAIN** (Deputy Minister), Adena, \$50K, 148/13/2 2-SA, Msw, 6 1/2f, +Awesome Rush, \$230K KEE SEP yrl
- GRAND SLAM** (Gone West), Ashford, \$30K, 244/30/1 9-LRL, Msw, 6f, Luganis, \$95K KEE SEP yrl, 5-2
- 5-AQU, Alw, 6f, Home Run Hitter, \$11K EAS OCT yrl
- KING OF KINGS (IRE)** (Sadler's Wells), Ashford, \$20K, 186/13/1 6-TP, Msw, 6 1/2f, He Shall Reign
- OPS SMILE** (Caveat), Bonita, \$5K, 55/3/0 9-LRL, Msw, 6f, Breanna's Smile, 10-1
- PARTNER'S HERO** (Danzig), Northview, \$8K, 112/20/1 9-LRL, Msw, 6f, Disguised, \$5K EAS DEC wnl, 12-1
- SOUVENIR COPY** (Mr. Prospector), Hopewell, \$20K, 195/21/1 2-SA, Msw, 6 1/2f, Bone Dog
- STORMY ATLANTIC** (Storm Cat), Bridlewood, \$3K, 128/13/3 9-LRL, Msw, 6f, Sale the Atlantic, 9-5
- TOMORROWS CAT** (Storm Cat), Questroyal, \$10K, 149/6/1 6-AQU, Msw, 6f, Tomorrows Empress

BREEDERS' EDITION EUROPE

CONDITIONS RESULTS:

ITALY, Rome, 3.10, €19,125, 3yo, f, 1 3/16mT, time: n/a, sf.

SA EROLA (GB) (f, 3, Muhtarram--Bella Domani {GB}, by Cadeaux Genereux {GB}) Lifetime Record: 5 starts, 3 wins, 2 places, €29,920. O-Scuderia di Garavicchio; B-Dr M Marchetti; T-Giampiero Ligas.

BRITAIN, Lingfield, 1.20, Cond, £6,320, 3yo/up, 1m (AWT), 1:39.05, stn.

KING'S THOUGHT (GB) (c, 4, King's Theatre {Ire}--Lora's Guest {GB}, by Be My Guest) Lifetime Record: 8-3-0-1, £12,017. O-Mrs E Houlton; B-Limestone Stud; T-Steve Gollings. *1/2 to Centre Stalls (Ire) (In the Wings {GB}), MSW & G1SP-GB, MGSP-Ire, SP-US, \$180,207.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Ladies Knight (GB), g, 3, Among Men--Lady Silk (GB), by Prince Sabo (GB). Lingfield, Britain, 3-4, Mdn, 3yo/up, 5f (AWT). B-Mark C Collins & Keith West. *11,500gns wnl '00 TATDEC; 8,000gns yrl '01 DONSEP.