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BREEDING WOES FOR WAR EMBLEM

War Emblem (Our Emblem--Sweetest Lady, by Lord at War {Arg}), who won the Kentucky Derby and



War Emblem Horsephotos

Preakness S. en route to winning the Eclipse Award as champion three-year-old colt, is having difficulties covering mares in his first year at stud at Shadai Stallion Station on the Japanese island of Hokkaido, according to *The Blood-Horse*. Sold to the Yoshida family last September for a reported \$18 million, War Emblem has been reluctant to cover mares at Shadai since the start of the 2003 breeding season and has managed to get only five mares in foal as of Mar. 13. According to sources, the problem does

not involve the four-year-old's fertility, but rather insufficient libido. Reports reveal that his owners are negotiating a settlement with an insurance company. A winner of seven of 13 starts over the course of two racing seasons, War Emblem retired sound with earnings of \$3,491,000.

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ATSWHATIMTALKNBOUT WORKS

Atswhatimtalknbout (A.P. Indy) worked yesterday at Santa Anita. The three-year-old colt, second in the GII San Felipe, went four furlongs in :48.80 under retired jockey Chris McCarron. He is expected to start next in the Apr. 5 GI Santa Anita Derby.

Also working at Santa Anita yesterday and pointing towards the Santa Anita Derby: **Domestic Dispute** (Unbridled's Song) went five furlongs in :58.80 and **Kafwain** (Cherokee Run) went six furlongs in a bullet 1:10.80.

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BELLE DU JOUR BREEZES Australian sprinter **Belle du Jour** (Aus) (Dehere) zipped through 800 meters



under the lights early yesterday morning at Nad al Sheba, stopping the clock in :46.91. Jockey Len Beasley, who will ride the mare in Saturday's G1 Dubai Golden Shaheen, flew in from Sydney for the workout. Trainer Clarrie Connors said that Belle du Jour was 100 percent, but acknowledges that she will face stiff opposition from the American contingent. "They go so hard and mostly they keep going," he commented. "We will give them a start and I hope the mare can avoid the backwash of the dirt kicked up by the leaders."

Hard Buck (Brz) (Spend a Buck) blew out 600 meters in :32.67 in preparation for the G2 UAE Derby Saturday. "Rapido," trainer Ken McPeck told the colt's Brazilian connections. "He likes this surface."

Eventuail (Arg) (Candy Stripes), bred in Argentina but based in South Africa, also went 600 meters yesterday, covering the distance in :32.84. Owned by Mr. and Mrs. L. Jaffee, the four-year-old is slated to run in the G1 Dubai Duty Free.

UPCOMING MAJOR THREE-YEAR-OLD STAKES

Date	Race	Track
3-29	Private Terms S.	Laurel
4-4	GIII Transylvania S. (T)	Keeneland
4-5	GI Santa Anita Derby	Santa Anita
4-5	GII Illinois Derby	Hawthorne
4-6	GIII Lafayette S.	Keeneland
4-12	GI Toyota Blue Grass S.	Keeneland
4-12	GI Wood Memorial S.	Aqueduct
4-12	GII Arkansas Derby	Oaklawn
4-12	GIII Bay Shore S.	Aqueduct
4-12	California Derby	Bay Meadows

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**WEEKEND PEDIGREE
PERSPECTIVES**

by Alan Porter

Sunday, Aqueduct

NEXT MOVE H.-GIII, \$108,000, AQU, 3-23, 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/8m, 1:49, ft.

1--**SMOK'N FROLIC, 120, f, 4, by Smoke Glacken**
1st Dam: Cherokyfrolicflash (MSP), by Green Dancer
2nd Dam: Cherokee Frolic, by Cherokee Fellow
3rd Dam: Fauchon, by Final Ruling
 (\$85,000 2yo 2001 OBSFEB). O-Dogwood Stable; B-Cherokee Farms Inc (FL); T-Todd A Pletcher; J-J R Velazquez; \$64,800. Lifetime Record: G1SP, 17-7-3-0, \$1,015,844.

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It took Citation 45 starts and 32 wins, including the Triple Crown, to become the first horse to earn over \$1,000,000. The barrier breached by Citation in 1951 is somewhat less formidable now, and on Sunday, Smok'n Frolic achieved the feat by winning the GIII Next Move H. in just her 17th outing. Smok'n Frolic is one of just over 100 horses to earn a million without a Grade I victory, but of this group only Repent, Peteski, Mountain Cat, Event of the Year and King Cugat have made fewer starts.

Of course, Smok'n Frolic, who is only four, could yet land a Grade I event. She already has a second in the GII Spinaway S. as a two-year-old along with her other stakes victories, which have come in the GII Cotillion H., GII Demoiselle S., GIII Tempted S., Fashion S. and Sunshine Millions Distaff.

Smok'n Frolic is a member of the first crop sired by champion sprinter Smoke Glacken. This grey son of the very successful Maryland-based Mr. Prospector son Two Punch won four of six starts at two, including the Tyro S., GII Sapling S. and GI Hopeful S., the latter event by nine lengths. At three he began his campaign by adding the Black Gold and Mountain Valley S., both at six furlongs, and then defeated Phantom On Tour by eight lengths in the one-mile GIII Southwest S. Asked

to stretch out to 8 1/2 furlongs, Smoke Glacken finished third to Crypto Star in the GIII Louisiana Derby and second to Touch Gold in the GII Lexington S. His final three outings came in sprints, and he took, in succession, the GIII Riva Ridge S., GIII Jersey Shore Breeders' Cup S. and GII Frank J. De Francis Memorial Dash. Although an injury ended Smoke Glacken's career after the De Francis Memorial, in mid-July his six-for-six record at distances up to a mile earned him the Eclipse Award as the year's leading sprinter. Appropriately for a champion sprinter, Smoke Glacken has made a fast start to his stud career, as Smok'n Frolic is one of six stakes winners from his first crop (another, Smoke Chaser took the Kissapotamus S. at Hawthorne to give Smoke Glacken a weekend stakes double).

Smok'n Frolic comes from a very solid family, and one which has been particularly notable in recent times for the quality of its females. Smok'n Frolic's dam Cherokyfrolicflash, a daughter of Green Dancer, was twice stakes-placed and she is sister to Fabulous Frolic, who took the GIII Tropical Park Derby and two other stakes wins; and half sister to Lindsay Frolic, who numbered the GIII Sabin S. among seven black-type scores. Smok'n Frolic's granddam Cherokee Frolic was an even better distaffer, scoring 10 times in stakes competition, including wins in the GII Test S. and GIII Railbird S.

Cherokee Frolic owned a pedigree with intense inbreeding as she had Nasrullah 4x4x3 (with Nasrullah's 3/4-brother Royal Charger also in the fourth generation) and the closely related Blue Eyed Momo (by War Admiral out of a daughter of La Troienne) and Boda (by War Admiral out of a great granddaughter of La Troienne) 2x4. In fact, of the 16 ancestors found in the fourth generation of the pedigree of Dame Francesca, dam of Cherokee Frolic's sire, no less than 13 reappear in Cherokee Frolic's dam, Fauchon! This close inbreeding doesn't appear to have negatively impacted Cherokee Frolic's toughness--she started 45 times--or for that matter her reproductive abilities, as she's produced 15 foals of racing age, two stakes winners and three other stakes performers. *Cont. p. 6*



He was a Grade I winning multimillionaire who ran the fastest mile and an eighth in South Florida history, the fastest mile and a quarter EVER by a 3-year-old in New York,AND his first foals look great!

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FROM THE DESK OF...
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CLASS AND CONSISTENCY

The first quarter of 2003 is nearly over, but before the clocks go forward, I'd like to summarize the last four quarters from a slightly different angle than I've looked at it before: leading sires of 2002 APEX 'ABC Runners.' What's different about this is that APEX statistics usually cover the previous seven years; in this column, we'll be looking at 'ABC Runner' totals for 2002 only.

To briefly review, APEX ratings calculate stallions' consistency in siring horses who achieve certain earnings thresholds in the countries covered. In this case, that includes the U.S., Canada (combined as North America), Britain, Ireland, France, and Germany ('Europe'). Japan is not included in these totals. To allow for different earnings structures in each country, three classes of runners are identified in each jurisdiction: A Runners are the top two percent of earners in a year; B Runners the next two percent; and C Runners the next four percent. In North America last year, C Runners earned \$53,640+, B Runners \$80,330+, A Runners \$113,860+.

Today's mission is to look at the leading sires in number of ABC Runners in 2002--the horses who are most consistently siring runners who at least pay their way. This doesn't take into consideration their number of runners or foals, quality of mares, or anything else: These are the horses that sired the highest number of decent types or better last year.

Not surprisingly, Coolmore's big-book policy has yielded dividends. They have the runaway 1-2, but--reflecting their current comparable 'private' stud fees anyway--[Danehill](#) (60) has distanced the opposition, headed by stablemate [Sadler's Wells](#) (47). He is nearly as far in front of last year's number three, [A.P. Indy](#) (37). That in itself is a big number for a non-Coolmore horse, and puts him clear as the leading sire in North America in that category last year. *Cont. p. 4*

44 Sires with 20+ 2002 ABC Runners (NA, EU)

Sire	#ABC Rnrs	1st Foals	Stands
Danehill	60	1991	Ire
Sadler's Wells	47	1986	Ire
A.P. Indy	37	1994	Ky
El Prado	31	1994	Ky
Dehere	29	1996	Jpn
Storm Cat	29	1989	Ky
Broad Brush	28	1989	Ky
End Sweep	28	1996	dead
Dynaformer	27	1991	Ky
French Deputy	27	1997	Jpn
Carson City	26	1992	Ky
Unbridled	25	1993	dead
Wild Again	25	1987	Ky
Belong to Me	24	1995	Ky
Regal Classic	24	1991	NY
Royal Academy	24	1992	Ky
Saint Ballado	24	1994	dead
Smart Strike	24	1998	Ky
Woodman	24	1988	Ky
Dixie Brass	23	1993	dead
Gulch	23	1990	Ky
Kingmambo	23	1995	Ky
Night Shift	23	1986	Ire
Not For Love	23	1997	Md
Big Shuffle	22	1991	Ger
Mr. Greeley	22	1997	Ky
Mt. Livermore	22	1987	Ky
Silver Deputy	22	1990	Ky
Twining	22	1996	Ky
Dixieland Band	21	1986	Ky
Holy Bull	21	1996	Ky
Kris S.	21	1983	dead
Sky Classic	21	1994	Ky
Two Punch	21	1988	Md
Allen's Prospect	20	1988	Md
Cadeaux Genereux	20	1991	GB
Cozzene	20	1987	Ky
Danzig	20	1982	Ky
Forest Wildcat	20	1998	Ky
Grand Lodge	20	1996	Ire
In Excess	20	1994	Ca
Quiet American	20	1993	Ky
Salt Lake	20	1994	Ky
Tabasco Cat	20	1997	Jpn

RECENT STAKES WINS FOR LANE'S END STALLIONS

A.P. INDY

MINESHAFT – 1st New Orleans H.-G2
SNAKE MOUNTAIN – 1st Stymie H.-L

BELONG TO ME

EBONY BREEZE – 1st Florida Oaks-G3
VITAL AGREEMENT – 1st Gosford Guineas-L

SMART STRIKE

MIDNIGHT CRY – 1st Forward Gal S.-G3



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(Bill Oppenheim cont. from p. 3)

I consider this an important clue to A.P. Indy's emergence as The Next Big Thing after [Storm Cat](#), in North America at least. He's not just siring class, he's consistently siring class. Also significantly, last year's leader on the North American General Sire List, El Prado, is next, with 31 ABC Runners last year. Interestingly, his first foals arrived in 1994, the same year as A.P. Indy's--but, suffice to say, he's worked his way up the ranks, whereas A.P. Indy has always been big news.

A total of 40 stallions had between 20-29 ABC Runners last year, and another 43 had between 16-19, adding up to 87 stallions who had 16 or more ABC Runners in 2002. Storm Cat tied with ex-Coolmore sire Dehere with 29, followed by Broad Brush and End Sweep with 28, [Dynaformer](#) and [French Deputy](#) (leader with first five-year-olds last year) with 27, [Carson City](#) with 26, and [Unbridled](#) and [Wild Again](#) tied, with 25.

The leading sire with first four-year-olds last year, [Smart Strike](#), is among six with 24--though it is possible Smart Strike is one of those beneficiaries of the official fiction which, mystifyingly, still persists: that the Canadian dollar is equal to the American dollar. Even if he has benefitted from that blatant absurdity, though, Smart Strike still had a fantastic second half, and is now deservedly included as a success story, among a good group of sires with first foals 1998. [Forest Wildcat](#) is second in this group, with 20 ABCs last year, followed by [Valid Wager](#) and [Ide](#), a son of Forty Niner who never got much ink in Kentucky, but is sure to be a big player at Clear Creek Stud in Louisiana, where he's been moved for this year. Valid Wager and Ide each had 19 ABC Runners in 2002 from three crops on the racetrack, which is surely the best ever achieved by a stallion standing in Louisiana.

[Alphabet Soup](#) led sires with first three-year-olds last year with 19 ABC Runners, which of course explains why he went from nobody to somebody in a hurry. [Smoke Glacken](#) and [Valid Expectations](#) both sustained their good starts as freshman sires with 17 each, followed by two Coolmore stallions, [Danehill Dancer](#) (15), and [Spinning World](#) (13). Coolmore's [Desert King](#) (now

in Japan), [Langfuhr](#), Florida's surprising [Lost Soldier](#), [Open Forum](#), and [Singspiel](#) had 11 each; [Pulpit](#) had 10, [Boston Harbor](#) nine. *Cont. p. 5*

Leading Sires of 2002 ABC Runners: 1st Foals 1998

Sire	#ABC Rnrs	Stands
Smart Strike	24	Ky
Forest Wildcat	20	Ky
Ide	19	La
Valid Wager	19	Ca
Honour and Glory	16	Ky
Lit de Justice	15	Ca
Peaks And Valleys	15	Ky
Unbridled's Song	15	Ky
Afternoon Deelites	14	Ky
Judge T.C.	14	NY
Lite The Fuse	14	Fl
Maria's Mon	14	Ky
Spectrum	14	Ire
Roar	13	Ca
Storm Creek	13	Ky
Pivotal	12	GB
Anabaa	11	Fr
Hennessy	11	Ky
Signal Tap	11	NY

* Imported to NA or EU after standing elsewhere

Leading Sires of 2002 ABC Runners: 1st Foals 1999

Sire	#ABC Rnrs	Stands
Alphabet Soup	19	Ky
Smoke Glacken	17	Ky
Valid Expectations	17	Tx
Danehill Dancer	15	Ire
Spinning World	13	Ire
Desert King	11	Jpn
Langfuhr	11	Ky
Lost Soldier	11	Fl
Open Forum	11	Tx
Singspiel	11	GB
Pulpit	10	Ky
Boston Harbor	9	Jpn

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“Red Ransom On Fire Down Under...”



(Bill Oppenheim cont. from p. 4)

Though they aren't assigned APEX ratings, we do still count up the ABC Runners for freshman sires, for the calculations at the end of this year. Not surprisingly, **Elusive Quality** led the way with nine two-year-old ABC Runners--an impressive total. **Compton Place**, a British-based son of Indian Ridge, racked up six without a lot of fanfare--that was a good result for him. **Awesome Again**, **Distorted Humor**, **Grand Slam**, and **Swiss Yodeler** had five each. **Coronado's Quest** had four, along with **Tale of the Cat**--who is having an excellent spring with his first three-year-olds (his Inamorato runs in this weekend's G2 UAE Derby)--and **Groom Dancer**, who I count because this was his first crop back from Japan. He had been a useful sire in France before being sold to Japan, so he's not a real freshman sire; but I'm sure it's instructive to be able to look at horses like this when they do come back. **Soviet Star** is a freshman sire back, by that definition, this year. **Touch Gold**, incidentally, had two ABC Runners last year--Composure the better of the two--but with three GSWs and two more stakes-placed in the first quarter, his name is sure to appear on this sire group's leader board this time next year.

European Freshman Sires

They've been running five-furlong races for two-year-olds for about 10 days here now, and already three European freshman sires have notched up winners. Two of them are by top sons of Roberto: **Dr Fong** (Kris S.) had a winner on the all-weather at Lingfield and **Intikhab** (Red Ransom) had quite an impressive winner at Doncaster at the turf's season's opening Lincoln meeting. **Daggers Drawn**, a son of Diesis who was a good two-year-old himself, and whose first yearlings looked the part and sold well at the sales last year, has had one winner and three placed from four starters already; it seems like every two-year-old race run so far has a Daggers Drawn in it.

**Leading Sires of 2002 ABC Runners
1st Foals 2000 (1 crop)**

Sire	#ABC Rnrs	Stands
Elusive Quality	9	Ky
Compton Place	6	GB
Awesome Again	5	Ky
Distorted Humor	5	Ky
Grand Slam	5	Ky
Swiss Yodeler	5	Ca
Coronado's Quest	4	Ky
Groom Dancer	4	GB*
Tale of the Cat	4	Ky
Averti	3	GB
Benchmark	3	Ca
Favorite Trick	3	Ky
Formal Gold	3	Ky
Lucky Lionel	3	Fl
Skip Away	3	Ky

* Imported to NA or EU after standing elsewhere

**LEADING SIRES OF 2002 ABC RUNNERS
1ST FOALS 1996 (5 CROPS):**

Sire	#ABC Rnrs	Stands
Dehere	29	Jpn
End Sweep	28	dead
Twining	22	Ky
Holy Bull	21	Ky
Grand Lodge	20	Ire
Barathea	19	Ire
Montbrook	19	Fl
Boundary	16	Ky
Lomitas	16	GB

**Leading Sires of 2002 ABC Runners
1st Foals 1997 (4 crops):**

Sire	#ABC Rnrs	Stands
French Deputy	27	Jpn
Not for Love	23	Md
Mr. Greeley	22	Ky
Tabasco Cat	20	Jpn
Devil His Due	18	Ky
Thunder Gulch	16	Ky

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Smok'n Frolic is nowhere near as closely inbred as her granddam, but she does have a clever pedigree. She's a product of the prolific Mr. Prospector/Nijinsky II cross, but the avenues through which this pair arrive are of particular interest. Smoke Glacken is by Two Punch, who is out of a mare by Grey Dawn II. The granddam of Grey Dawn II is the noted tap-root mare Ampola, who appears as the third dam of Smok'n Frolic's broodmare sire Green Dancer. Even though the duplication of Ampola is somewhat distant in the pedigree, there is evidence that it should not be dismissed as insignificant. Two Punch himself has sired only one other Grade I winner besides Smoke Glacken, and that one, the GI Philip H. Iselin H. winner Taking Risks, was out of a mare by Green Dancer and so bred on the same cross as Smok'n Frolic. We can also note that Holy Bull, whose second dam is by Grey Dawn II, has sired GISW Confessional out of a mare by Green Dancer and GSW Turnofthecentury out of a mare by Green Dancer's son Greinton, this pair follows Macho Uno as his second and third highest earners. So the combining of Grey Dawn II and Green Dancer certainly looks worth a try when the opportunity occurs.

Smok'n Frolic also has another clever element in her pedigree. Cherokee Frolic, her second dam, is by a son of the stallion Funny Fellow. He was by a son of Nasrullah (the sire of Bold Ruler) out of Bold Ruler's half sister, Foolish One, so bred on very similar lines to Bold Ruler. If we look at the pedigree of Smoke Glacken, we see that his dam is inbred 4x3 to Bold Ruler.

SARATOGA FLOWER, 10, Saratoga Six--Flora D'Ora (Stage Door Johnny)
Foal born Feb. 6, a colt by Saint Ballado.
Will be bred back to Gulch.
Owned by Pollock Farms.
Boarded at Taylor Made Farm, Ky.
Accomplishments: SW of \$148,725.

JEANNIE THE MEANIE, 16, Rare Performer--K.K.K. Katie (*Ramsinga)
Foal born Feb. 7, a colt by Deputy Commander.
Will be bred back to Anees.
Owned by Wally Burleson & Kirt Cahill.
Boarded at Taylor Made Farm, Ky.
Accomplishments: Dam of L.B. On Tour (Tour d'Or), MSW, \$188,390.

SEEBE, 9, Danzig--Annie Edge (Ire) (Nebbiolo {GB})
Foal born Feb. 7, a filly by A.P. Indy.
Will be bred back to Kingmambo.
Owned by George Strawbridge.
Boarded at Derry Meeting Farm, Pa.
Accomplishments: GSW-US & Eng & G1SP-Fr, \$308,822.

TRIMLINE, 9, Caller I.D.--Hug'm (Dixieland Band)
Foal born Feb. 7, a colt by Broken Vow.
Will be bred back to Jump Start.
Owned by and boarded at Dr & Mrs E C Hart's South Gate, Va.
Accomplishments: Dam of Right on the Line (Editor's Note), SW.

ADEL, 8, Strawberry Road (Aus)--Prankstress (Foolish Pleasure)
Foal born Feb. 8, a filly by Dixie Union.
Will be bred back to A.P. Indy.
Owned by and boarded at Diamond A Racing Corp.
Accomplishments: SW & GISP, \$204,336.

ADONESQUE (IRE), 5, Sadler's Wells--Mira Adonde (Sharpen Up {GB})
Foal born Feb. 8, a filly by Danehill.
Will be bred back to Elusive Quality.
Owned by Darley Stud Management.
Boarded at Mill Ridge, Ky.
Accomplishments: SW & GSP-Ire.

 **FOALING NEWS**

MASADA, 7, Pleasant Tap--Mertensia (Green Forest)
Foal born Feb. 6, a colt by Lemon Drop Kid.
Will be bred back to Belong to Me.
Owned by Robert Evans.
Boarded at Taylor Made Farm, Ky.
Accomplishments: MSW of \$267,139.

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Crowned King Horsephotos

CROWNED KING, by BARKERVILLE, wins the \$125,000 Rebel S. at Oaklawn Park Saturday by 1 1/4 lengths! The 3-year-old was bred by Wafare Farm.

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INDIAN CHARLIE COLT TOPS TEXAS SALE A colt from the second crop of GI Santa Anita Derby winner Indian Charlie topped yesterday's Fasig-Tipton Texas Two-Year-Olds in Training Sale at Lone Star Park. Sold as hip [129](#), the juvenile was consigned by Safari Bloodstock and was purchased for \$240,000 by Ted Keefer, agent. Out of the Halo mare Shahalo, the colt worked a co-bullet quarter mile in :21.2 at the sale's under tack show on Sunday.

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IN FRANCE:

+ Sarie Marais, f, 3, [Unbridled](#). See "France"

Yesterday's Results:


1st-HAW, \$28,000, Alw, NW1X, (S), 3, f, 6f, 1:13 3/5, ft. **BOOK THE DEVIL** (f, 3, [Notebook--You Devil](#), by [Diablo](#)) debuted a wire-to-wire winner in a 12-length romp against statebreds Mar. 2 and continued the mastery over her Illinois sisters here. Off as the prohibitive 1-5 pick as part of an entry, the dark bay filly set a pressured pace through four furlongs before powering clear of the pack en route to an 8 1/2-length success. Stablemate Oggi (Pioneering) completed the exacta. Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, \$32,400. O-Crown's Way Farm & Steve Holland. B-HMS Crown's Way (IL). T-Gene A Cilio.

★ **ON THE RADAR** ★

WEDNESDAY'S ENTRIES

5th-GPX, Msw, 6.5f, post time: 2:57 p.m. EST **WALKES SPRING** (f, 4, [A.P. Indy](#)--Whiffing, by Wavering Monarch) B-Calumet Farm (KY).

Walkes Spring's dam Whiffing got off to a brilliant start as a broodmare after her first foal, the ill-fated Prairie Bayou (Little Missouri), scored victories in the GI Blue Grass S. and GI Preakness S. on his way to champion three-year-old honors. Her third foal, Fitch (Demons Begone), was also a success, winning three graded events while banking \$628,796. Hammered down as a \$1.4-million KEEJUL yearling to Eugene and Laura Melnyk, Walkes Spring will debut with Lasix for trainer Joseph Orseno.

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- 4-5 \$250,000 *Aventura*, GP, 3yo, 8.5f (250)
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- 04-10 \$250,000 *Stonerside Beaumont-II*, Kee, 3yo, f, a7f (250)
- 04-19 \$150,000 *Federico Tesio*, Pim, 3yo, 9f (0)

TOMORROW, THURSDAY, MARCH 27:

- 4-5 \$150,000 *San Bernardino H.-III*, SA, 4yo/up, 9f (150)
- 4-5 \$100,000 *Las Cienegas H.-III*, SA, 4/up, f/m, a6.5fT (100)
- 04-06 \$150,000 *Arcadia H.-II*, SA, 4yo/up, 9fT (150)

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★ INDUSTRY INFO ★

Fan Interest on the Rise in Horseracing:

For the third year in a row, interest in horseracing has increased, according to the National Thoroughbred Racing Association. Based on a monthly survey, data compiled by the national consumer research firm TNS Intersearch-ESPN Sports Poll showed that fan interest grew by 3.6 percent last year, rising from 33.8 percent to 35 percent of the U.S. population. Also within the last year, horseracing climbed from 14th to 11th in overall popularity among all sports tracked by the firm. "We continue to see a positive overall trend for horseracing," said Tracy Schoenadel, vice president of ESPN Poll. "Among the sports we tracked in 2002, horseracing was one of only nine that showed increased interest levels from the prior year." According to NTRA Senior Vice President Keith Chamblin, War Emblem's pursuit of the Visa Triple Crown and the success of the movie Seabiscuit were among the factors that contributed to the upswing. "This helped lead to across-the-board increases in TV ratings last year and in the first three months of 2003," said Chamblin. He added, "Drilling down a little further, we're seeing that the increases in interest is from the infrequent, casual fan. Our collective challenge as an industry is to find ways to turn increased interest into increased participation."

 **FRESHMAN FOCUS**

First-crop progeny to watch: Wednesday, March 26

*Sire (Sire's Sire), Farm, 1999 Fee, #2yos/Winners/SW
Race #-track, race type, distance, runner, odds (if available)*

WESTERN BORDERS (Gone West), McMahan, \$4K, 24/0/0
3-GPX, Msw, 3f, Seattle Borders

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 and an (R) will be used for other restricted races. Purses for Canadian races are in Canadian dollars.

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 **SOPHOMORE SPOTLIGHT**

First-crop progeny to watch: Wednesday, Mar. 26

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

GOLD TOKEN (Mr. Prospector), Questroyal, \$5K, 79/7/0
2-CT, Msw, 7f, Gold Opera, 8-1

GRAND SLAM (Gone West), Ashford, \$30K, 244/31/1
7-LRL, Alw, 1 1/16m, Ann Dear, \$120K KEE SEP yrl, 8-1

INDIAN CHARLIE (In Excess {Ire}), Airdrie, \$10K, 149/23/1
7-LRL, Alw, 1 1/16m, Ebb n' Flow, \$90K OBS APR 2yo, 3-1

LARRUPIN' (Mr. Prospector), Green Willow, \$2K, 86/9/0
2-CT, Msw, 7f, Hot for You, 10-1

PARTNER'S HERO (Danzig), Northview, \$8K, 112/20/2
7-LRL, Alw, 1 1/16m, Love You Madly, \$57K EAS OCT yrl, 4-1
7-LRL, Alw, 1 1/16m, Sailmaker, 10-1

TALE OF THE CAT (Storm Cat), Ashford, \$25K, 235/32/5
6-AQU, Msw, 1m, Thong, \$32K KEE APR 2yo

TOMORROWS CAT (Storm Cat), Questroyal, \$10K, 149/9/1
6-AQU, Msw, 1m, Tomorrows Empress

★  **EUROPE** ★

★ **FRANCE** ★

Yesterday's Results:

PRIX LA CAMARGO-Listed, €41,000, Saint-Cloud,
3-25, 3yo, f, 1mT, 1:41.00, gd.

1--#**MAIDEN TOWER (GB)**, 126, f, 3, by Groom Dancer
1st dam: Sawara (GB), by Danzig

2nd dam: Narwala (Ire), by Darshaan (GB)

3rd dam: Noufiyla (Ire), by Top Ville (Ire)

O/B-Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid al Maktoum;
T-Henri-Alex Pantall; J-Christophe-Patrice Lemaire;
€20,500. Lifetime Record: 4 starts, 3 wins, 1 place,
€51,100.

2--**Fidelio's Miracle**, 126, f, 3, Mountain Cat--Flurry (Fr),
by Groom Dancer. €8,200.

3--**Welcom Millenium (Fr)**, 126, f, 3, Kendor (Ire)--
Tambura (Fr), by Kaldoun (Fr). €6,150.

Margins: NK, 3/4, 2. Odds: 15.10, 15.60, 1.30.
Also ran: Musical Chimes, Amazon Beauty (Ire), Great
News (Fr), Semire (Fr), Jamaicaine (GB), Valtar (Fr),
Danse Francaise (Fr).



Another Group winner for DESERT PRINCE

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Prix La Camargo cont.

Maiden Tower beat Spangled and the smart Vallee Enchantee (Ire) in a debutantes event at this track in September before winning a competitive conditions race at Fontainebleau the following month. She lost her unbeaten record in the Listed Criterium de Lyon at Lyon Parilly later that month when Spangled exacted her revenge by 3/4 of a length. Keen on the way to post in this contest, she settled in the race when placed at the head of affairs by Christophe-Patrice Lemaire before quickening inside the final quarter. That proved decisive as stable companion Fidelio's Miracle drove into her lead in the closing stages. "Maiden Tower is quite keen, but she settled in front and was not 100 percent today," trainer Henri-Alex Pantall commented. "The runner-up was a bit unlucky and they will both run in the G3 Prix de la Grotte [at Longchamp Apr. 20]."

2.15 Saint-Cloud, Debutantes, €29,000, 3yo, c/g, 1mT, 1:43.00, gd.
+ NILOMETER (FR) (c, 3, Machiavellian--Zakota {Ire}, by Polish Precedent), a 9-2 chance, stalked the early pace set by Skip of Colour (GB) (Rainbow Quest) before tackling that rival in the straight. Grabbing the lead with a furlong remaining, the race was in safe keeping as Paging the King (Fr) (Spectrum {Ire}) closed to within 1 1/2 lengths at the line. Lifetime Record: 1 start, 1 win, €14,500.
 O/B-E Puerari; T-Andre Fabre.

2.45 Saint-Cloud, Debutantes, €29,000, 3yo, f, 1mT, 1:42.70, gd.
+ SARIE MARAIS (f, 3, Unbridled--Aletta Maria, by Diesis {GB}), sent off at odds of 4-1 to maintain Andre Fabre and Christophe Soumillon's fine early-season run of form, broke well to stalk the fast early tempo. Seizing the advantage on the inner at the top of the straight, she was kicked into a clear lead and stayed on in determined fashion to hold the persistent challenge of Light Saber (Fr) (Kendor {Fr}) by a length. Out of John Chandler's outstanding broodmare Aletta Maria, the chestnut filly is a half sister to Cetewayo (His Majesty), MGISW, \$1,113,917; Bryntirion (Bering {GB}), MGSP-US & GSP-Fr; De Aar (Gone West), MGSP-US, \$194,712; Bowman Mill (Kris S.), GSP-US, \$127,360; and Fort Nottingham (Alleged), G1SP-Fr; as well as a 3/4-sister to Ntombi (Quiet American), SW-US. Lifetime Record: 1 start, 1 win, €14,500.
 O/B-J A Chandler; T-Andre Fabre.

★ CLASSIC CORNER ★

KHULOOD THRIVING AHEAD OF GUINEAS BID

Connections of **Khulood** (Storm Cat) yesterday confirmed the John Dunlop-trained filly to be firmly on course for the G1 1000 Guineas at Newmarket May 4. Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid al Maktoum's half sister to Irish 1000 Guineas heroine Mehthaaf and G1 July Cup winner Elnadim ended her juvenile campaign with an impressive four-length score in the Listed Oh So Sharp S. at Newmarket in October, breaking the course record in the process. "She has done great and is tremendously well," racing manager Angus Gold said yesterday. "We're delighted with her and she's a big filly now--a real bold, galloping type and we'd like to think she's a Guineas filly. She's not a stuffy type, so she wouldn't mind going straight there, but we'll have to see." Gold also had news of the John Gosden-trained G2 Royal Lodge S. winner **Al Jadeed** (Coronado's Quest), who disappointed when 10th in the G1 Dewhurst S. following that success. "He was a little bit wrong behind after the Dewhurst, but he's done well," Gold added. "He's a little bit backward in his coat and John Gosden said he won't be rushed, but he will be trained for a Guineas and if he makes it in time, so much the better. He's very relaxed at home and I would say he'll possibly go a mile and a quarter in time." Gold also suggested that the John Dunlop-trained **Muqbil** (Swain {Ire}), winner of the Listed Washington Singer S., and **Maghanim (GB)** (Nashwan), whose juvenile form links closely to Almushahar, are others in consideration for the mile Classic. "Maghanim is working well and has plenty of speed," Gold continued. "I saw him last week and he is in good form and has grown a bit. He's got to improve a bit, as has Muqbil, who is more likely to stay further, and we don't quite know their trip." The Barry Hills-trained G3 Horris Hill S. winner **Makhlab** (Dixieland Band) also "looks fantastic", while the Sir Michael Stoute-trained maiden winners **Mustaneer** (Gone West) and **Nayzak** (Silver Hawk), entered in the G1 2000 Guineas and 1000 Guineas respectively, "could be anything."

★ BRITAIN ★

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AUSTRALASIA



JEUNE KING PRAWN TO STUD Top Hong Kong miler **Jeune King Prawn (Aus)** (Danehill--Western Chorus {NZ}, by Western Symphony) will enter stud at Newlands Thoroughbreds Farm in central Victoria. A A\$275,000 Magic Millions yearling, Jeune King Prawn raced in the colors of Philip Lau in Hong Kong. He captured eight of 13 career starts, including the G1-HK Hong Kong Champions Mile, and earned over A\$2.3 million. A stud fee has not yet been announced.

BREEDERS' EDITION AMERICA

ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

11th-SUN, \$35,100, NW26MX, 3yo/up, 6 1/2f, 1:14 4/5, ft.

WORK VISA (g, 6, Feu D'Enfer--Port Visa (SP), by Port Authority) Lifetime Record: SW, 34-12-6-4, \$220,978. O-Gary McNeil. B-Merv Nelson (BC). T-Peter Stephen.

9th-HAW, \$32,000, Opt. Clm. (\$35-30,000), NW3X, 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:12, ft.

FT. MANN (f, 4, Fort Chaffee--Lady of Mann {SP-Eng}, by Great Above) Lifetime Record: 13-5-3-2, \$114,600. O-Endo Pat & Pauls Steve. B-R Ivory & Joe Sencovich (KY). T-Michael L Reavis. *\$12,000 wlng '99 OBSOCT.

9th-MNR, \$31,700, 3-24, NW4L, 3/up, 1m, 1:41 2/5, ft.
HEAD OFFICE (c, 4, Majestic Light--Palace Chill {MSW, \$183,431}, by The Minstrel) Lifetime Record: 15-3-1-2, \$62,315. O-Richard A Englander. B-D G McClelland (ON). T-John W Baird.

9th-PHA, \$20,000, NW1X, 4yo/up, f/m, a1m70yd, 1:44 1/5, ft.

CRAFTY 'N SMOOTH (f, 4, Crafty Prospector--Pretty Ribbons, by Capote) Lifetime Record: 11-3-0-0, \$24,585. O-J Equils. B-Mueller Farm (KY). T-R Allen. *\$100,000 yrl '00 KEESEP; \$40,000 HRA '02 BESMAY.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

King Magic, c, 3, Conquistador Cielo--Smile n' Dance (SW, \$141,766), by Gate Dancer. HAW, 3-25, (S), 1 1/16m, 1:49 4/5. B-Richard Otto (II).

+ **Shadow of Illinois, g, 3, Illinois Storm--My Annie T,** by Trempolino. SUN, 3-25, 5 1/2f, 1:02 3/5. B-Barbara E Millard (Ca). *\$22,000 yrl '01 BESOCT; \$65,000 2yo 2002 BESMAY.

Lord Six, c, 3, Lord Avie--Zoe P. V., by Saratoga Six. HAW, 3-25, 1 1/16m, 1:49 4/5. B-Rachel & Bernard Pemstein (Ky). *\$1,800 wlng '00 KEENOV; \$3,600 yrl '01 ARKFEB.

Kid Diamond, c, 3, Wild Zone--I Prefer Emeralds, by Vaal Reef. HAW, 3-24, (S), 6f, 1:13 3/5. B-Ben Barnow (II).

BREEDERS' EDITION EUROPE

SHUTTLE WINNERS BY EUROPEAN SIRES:

The Net (Aus), g, 6, Mukaddamah--El Rello (Aus), by Cerreto (Ire). Randwick (Sydney), 3-19, 3yo/up, Hcp, 5 1/2fT. B-M Hawcroft.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

+ **Prince of Denmark (Ire), c, 2, Danetime (Ire)--Villa Nova (Ire),** by Petardia (GB). Folkestone, Britain, 3-25, Mdn, 2yo, 5fT. B-Tally-Ho Stud. *14,500gns yrl '02 DONSEP.

+ **Sister Moonshine (Fr), f, 2, Piccolo (GB)--Cootamundra (Fr),** by Double Bed (Fr). Saint-Cloud, France, 3-25, Debutantes, 2yo, 4 1/2fT. B-Ste Cocheese AG.

Dance In The Sun (GB), f, 3, Halling--Sunny Davis, by Alydar. Folkestone, Britain, 3-25, Mdn, 3yo, f, 9f 149ydsT. B-Hesmonds Stud Ltd. *1/2 to Warming Trends (GB) (Warning {GB}), SW-Swe.

Bening (Fr), c, 3, Shantou--Bessie Bennett (Ire), by Be My Guest. Rome, Italy, 3-25, Mdn, 3yo, 1 3/16mT. B-S.P.A C.I.T.A.I.



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