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**THURSDAY, MARCH 27, 2003**

## DUBAI DRAWS 84

A total of 84 horses have been entered for the Dubai World Cup Meeting Saturday night at Nad al Sheba, which will host six races worth \$16 million. The headlining event is the \$6-million G1 Dubai World Cup, which has drawn 11 runners. The lone American runner in the field is Jack and Laurie Wolf's **Harlan's Holiday** (Harlan), who will seek to duplicate the feat achieved



**Moon Ballad**  
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by U.S.-based winners Cigar (1996), Silver Charm (1998) and Captain Steve (2001). The Ohio-bred bay will break from post 10 with regular rider John Velazquez aboard. Godolphin, successful with Dubai Millennium (GB) in 2000 and Street Cry (Ire) last year, have two runners bearing the blue colors in this renewal, **Grandera (Ire)**

(Grand Lodge) and **Moon Ballad (Ire)** (Singspiel {Ire}). Stable jockey Frankie Dettori has opted to ride Moon Ballad, the son of 1997 World Cup hero Singspiel; the duo have drawn the outside post. Sheikh Hamdan's **Nayef** (Gulch), an impressive winner of the G1 Dubai Sheema Classic in 2002, will attempt to transfer his turf form to the dirt for the first time. A son of star broodmare Height of Fashion (Fr), the five-year-old bay will start from post seven with Richard Hills in the saddle. "He's working well, if not better than last year," Hills told *Racing Post*. "He's bigger and stronger horse this year and I'm looking forward to the ride." The lone filly in the field is the Wildenstein Family's **Aquarelliste (Fr)**, who has drawn the rail in her first attempt over this surface. A multiple Group 1 winner in France, the bay is scheduled to be bred to Sadler's Wells later this spring, but is well-regarded by her connections after opening the year with a victory in the G3 Prix Exbury. "I am confident she will win," said Bruno Kogue, stable lad for trainer Elie Lellouche.



**Nayef under the lights**  
Andrew Watkins

## International Flavor

The six races of the World Cup meeting will feature horses bred in all parts of the globe. There is the usual contingent of American, British, French and Irish-bred runners, as well as horses from Germany, Japan, New Zealand, Turkey, South Africa and Zimbabwe in addition to an impressive array of runners from South America. Bloodstock agent John Fulton brokered the sales of a pair of Saturday's entrants: **Avanzado (Arg)** (Luhuk), who goes in the \$2-million G1 Dubai Golden Shaheen; and **Byzantium (Brz)** (Burooj {GB}), a classic winner in Brazil who now races for WinStar Farm. "I'd been watching [Avanzado] for a long time," said Fulton, who has been doing business in South America for 20 years. "He was a Group 3 winner there and was third in a Group 1. I felt he was a horse that would adjust well to our training style. I felt he needed a little bit further distance, since most of the races there are five-eighths, and we were able to get him very reasonably." After acclimating in California, Avanzado travelled to New York to win the GII Forest Hills H., then returned to his western base to annex the GII Palos Verdes H. Jan. 26. That victory convinced his connections to go to Dubai. "After the Palos Verdes, where he ran in 1:07 4/5 and got a 117 Beyer--the co-highest of the year--that made us think about Dubai," Fulton added. "Sprinters don't get a lot of opportunities to run for a lot of big purses. He ships well and he's got the right kind of mind. He was fit when he got here. He's ready to go."

## Saturday, Nad al Sheba

**DUBAI WORLD CUP-G1**, \$6,000,000, 3yo/up, 2000m

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY
1	5	Blue Burner	French Deputy	Desormeaux
2	8	Crimson Quest (Ire)	Rainbow Quest	Solis
3	9	Grandera (Ire)	Grand Lodge	Spencer
4	6	Grundlefoot	Unaccounted For	S Madrid
5	4	Hans Anderson	Deputy Minister	W Ramos
6	10	Harlan's Holiday	Harlan	Velazquez
7	11	Moon Ballad (Ire)	Singspiel (Ire)	Dettori
8	7	Nayef	Gulch	R Hills
9	3	Sei Mi (Arg)	Potrillazo (Arg)	Velez
10	2	State Shinto	Pleasant Colony	Murtagh
11	1	Aquarelliste (Fr)	Danehill	Boeuf

All carry 126 pounds, except Aquarelliste, 121.



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**Byzantium Set to Conquer New World**

A son of the Danzig stallion Burooj (GB), **Byzantium (Brz)** swept through his first five races in Brazil, culminating with a victory in the G1 Grande Premio



Ipiranga (Brazilian 2000 Guineas) Sept. 8. "We bought him for WinStar Farm in September and brought him up [to the U.S.] in October," explained bloodstock agent John Fulton. "He had one race at Gulfstream on the grass and was beaten around 3 1/2 lengths." Byzantium, who had won over both turf and dirt in

**Byzantium at Nad al Sheba**  
*A Watkins*

Brazil, faced some stiff competition in that Feb. 17 allowance at Gulfstream, running a close sixth to G1SW Rouvres (Fr), with GSW Krieger third. "That really brought him around and he's been doing well," Fulton continued. "He's a classic winner in Brazil and it's a unique opportunity to come here to win another one."

**Saturday, Nad al Sheba**

**UAE DERBY-G2, \$2,000,000, 3yo, 2000m**

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	WT
1	11	Baccarat (Brz)	Burooj (GB)	Durso	128
2	3	Byzantium (Brz)	Burooj (GB)	Velazquez	128
3	2	Hard Buck (Brz)	Spend a Buck	Murtagh	128
4	8	Peasant (Arg)	Equalize	Solis	128
5	7	Seattle Fitz (Arg)	Fitzcarraldo	Dominguez	128
6	10	Tangeriano (Arg)	Roy	Hind	128
7	6	Victory Moon (SAf)	Al Mufti	W Smith	128
8	12	Anasheed	A.P. Indy	Carroll	119
9	4	Bourbonnais (Ire)	Singspiel (Ire)	Spencer	119
10	5	Inamorato	Tale of the Cat	Dettori	119
11	9	Lundy's Lane (Ire)	Darshaan (GB)	Fallon	119
12	1	Outta Here	Dehere	Desormeaux	119
13	15	Parhelion (Ger)	Southern Halo	R Hills	119
14	14	Rahaf	Theatrical (Ire)	Darley	119
15	13	Songlark (GB)	Sinspiel (Ire)	McEvoy	119

The American-based **Outta Here** tuned up for this 10-furlong event with an 800-meter work in :45.67 Wednesday at Nad al Sheba. Owned by Bill Currin and Al Eisaman, the chestnut has not raced since winning the \$500,000 Delta Jackpot S. Dec. 21.

**Desert Breezes**

**St Expedit (GB)** (Sadler's Wells) prepped for the G1 Dubai Duty Free with an 800-meter work in :47.80 Wednesday at Nad al Sheba...A pair of hopefuls for the G1 Dubai Sheema Classic went 600 meters Wednesday:

**Ange Gabriel (Fr)** (Kaldounevees {Fr}) was timed in :37.35, while **Boreal (Ger)** (Java Gold) zipped through the same distance in :34.24...**Passport Pride (Arg)** (Hidden Prize) blew out 600 meters in :33.58 in advance of the G2 Godolphin Mile.

**Saturday, Nad al Sheba, Dubai**

**DUBAI DUTY FREE-G1, \$2,000,000, 3yo/up, 1777mT**

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY
1	12	Blizz Bless (Arg)	Lode	Geroudis
2	9	Eventuail (Arg)	Candy Stripes	Strydom
3	5	Imtiyaz	Woodman	Dettori
4	8	Itaquere Power (Brz)	Minstrel Glory	Cardozo
5	1	King of Happiness	Spinning World	Fallon
6	2	Masterful	Danzig	Velazquez
7	11	Naheef (Ire)	Marju (Ire)	McEvoy
8	6	Paolini (Ger)	Lando (Ger)	Suborics
9	10	Royal Tryst	Kingmambo	Murtagh
10	4	Sights on Gold (Ire)	Indian Ridge (Ire)	Spencer
11	7	St Expedit (GB)	Sadler's Wells	Hind
12	3	Ipi Tombe (Zim)	Manshood (GB)	Shea

All carry 125 pounds, except Ipi Tombe, 121.

**Saturday, Nad al Sheba, Dubai**

**DUBAI GOLDEN SHAHEEN-G1, \$2,000,000, 3yo/up, 1200m**

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY
1	5	Abreeze	Danzig	Velazquez
2	2	Avanzado (Arg)	Luhuk	T Baze
3	11	Captain Squire	Flying Chevron	Solis
4	4	Conflict (Fr)	Warning (GB)	Smith
5	3	Conroy	Gone West	Desormeaux
6	10	Crystal Castle	Gilded Time	Fallon
7	7	Mugarreb	Gone West	R Hills
8	9	My Cousin Matt	Matty G	Dominguez
9	13	Nobel Prize (Arg)	Lode	Blanco
10	8	Persuasivo Fitz (Arg)	Fitzcarraldo (Arg)	Hind
11	6	State City	Carson City	M Hills
12	12	Belle du Jour (Aus)	Dehere	Beasley
13	1	Xtra Heat	Dixieland Heat	Wilson

All carry 130 pounds, except Belle du Jour & Xtra Heat, 125.

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*Dubai World Cup meeting fields cont.*

**Saturday, Nad al Sheba**

**DUBAI SHEEMA CLASSIC-G1**, \$2,000,000, 4yo/up, 2400mT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY
1	8	Ange Gabriel (Fr)	Kaldounevees (Fr)	Jarnet
2	13	Boreal (Ger)	Java Gold	Fallon
3	16	Califet (Fr)	Freedom Cry (GB)	Velazquez
4	4	Celtic Silence (GB)	Celtic Swing (GB)	Carroll
5	7	Dano-Mast (GB)	Unfuwain	Peslier
6	12	Ekraar	Red Ransom	R Hills
7	9	Grand Ekinoks (Tur)	Barnato	Karatas
8	4	Highest (Ire)	Selkirk	Spencer
9	15	Morshdi (GB)	Slip Anchor (GB)	Hind
10	3	Nowrass (GB)	Bering (GB)	Supple
11	14	Perfect Sunday	Quest for Fame (GB)	S Madrid
12	1	Polish Summer (GB)	Polish Precedent	Hughes
13	2	Pugin (Ire)	Darshaan (GB)	McEvoy
14	11	Sulamani (Ire)	Hernando (Fr)	Dettori
15	10	Well Made (Ger)	Mondrian (Ger)	Starke
16	6	Zindabad (Fr)	Shirley Heights (GB)	Darley

All carry 123 pounds.

**Saturday, Nad al Sheba**

**GODOLPHIN MILE-G2**, \$1,000,000, 3yo/up, 1600m

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY
1	9	Aramram	Danzig	Hind
2	10	Cayokey (Fr)	Always Fair	T Baze
3	15	Easyfromthegitgo	Dehere	Peslier
4	16	Equerry	St. Jovite	Spencer
5	7	Essence of Dubai	Pulpit	McEvoy
6	12	Estimraar	Holy Bull	W Smith
7	1	Firebreak (GB)	Charnwood Forest (Ire)	Dettori
8	5	Grey Memo	Memo (Chi)	Desormeaux
9	13	Love Regardless	Storm Bird	Dalgleish
10	3	Lusty Latin	El Prado (Ire)	Solis
11	4	Mr John	Golden Gear	Velazquez
12	11	One More Round	Ghazi	Murtagh
13	6	Passport Pride (Arg)	Hidden Prize	S Madrid
14	8	Que Expression (Arg)	Lode	Geroudis
15	2	Skoozi (NZ)	Prince of Praise (NZ)	J Carroll
16	14	Fabria (Per)	Farallon P.	Verge

*Also Eligible:*

17 Northern Rock (Jpn) Northern Taste no rider

All carry 126 pounds.

The enigmatic **Aramram** makes his first start since running fourth in the Listed Steventon S. at Newbury July 20. Third to Rock of Gibraltar (Ire) in the G1 St. James's Palace S., the dark bay was banned from racing in France after unseating his rider in both the G1 Prix Jean Prat and the G2 Prix Eugene Adam.

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**NEW YORK HERO**, winner of the March 22 Lane's End S. (GII)  
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 O-Paraneck Stable; B-Dark Hollow Farm & W. Beatson (MD); T-Jennifer Pedersen  
*Consigned by Dark Hollow, Agent for Dark Hollow & Wm. Beatson;*  
*Purchased by Patrick H. Hoppel*

**QUEST STAR**, winner of the March 22 Pan American H. (GII)  
 Sold Keeneland September 2000 for \$40,000; Earnings now \$404,455  
 O-Mansell Stables; B-John Messara (KY); T-W. Elliott Walden  
*Consigned by Taylor Made Sales Agency, Agent; Purchased by Gabriel Dixon, Agent*

**CANDID GLEN**, winner of the March 23 Explosive Bid H. (GII)  
 Sold Keeneland September 1998 for \$67,000; Earnings now \$1,195,130  
 O-Glen C. Warren; B-W. Kenan Rand Jr. (KY); T-Andrew Leggio Jr.  
*Consigned by Blandford Stud (Padraig Campion),*  
*Agent for W. Kenan Rand Jr.; Purchased by Glen C. Warren*

**ELECTRONIC UNICORN**, winner of the March 23 Chairman's Trophy (G2-HK)  
 Sold Keeneland September 1997 for \$200,000  
 O-Lo Ying Bin; B-Foxfield (KY); T-J. Size  
*Consigned by Foxfield Trackside Farm (Tom Evans), Agent;*  
*Purchased by John Foote Bloodstock*



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**Ellis Pleased with Atswhatimtalknbout**

Trainer Ron Ellis was pleased with the work **Atswhatimtalknbout** (A.P. Indy) turned in Tuesday at Santa Anita. "I wasn't expecting that much [from Tuesday's work]," Ellis said yesterday. "[Chris] McCarron rode him and I told him to go between :48 and :49." The colt, coming off a late-charging second-place finish in the GII San Felipe, completed the four-furlong drill in :48.80. Ellis expects **Atswhatimtalknbout** to work again Monday as he continues his preparation for the Apr. 5 GI Santa Anita Derby. "We'll go five-eighths on Monday with [jockey David] Flores," said the conditioner. "I might give him a horse to chase. He has a tendency to start looking around, so we might give him a target to run at. He's pretty fit, so we don't have to do too much with him." Of his impressive run in the San Felipe, Ellis commented, "It wasn't that important a race, we didn't want to knock him out. I was hoping for a reasonable third. In the Santa Anita Derby, David will be able to ride a little bit more and he'll probably be a little bit closer."

**'Man' May Go to Arkansas**

**Man Among Men** (Gentlemen {Arg}), will most likely skip next Saturday's GI Santa Anita Derby in favor of the GII Arkansas Derby Apr. 12, according to trainer Gary Mandella. "I don't think he'll make the Santa Anita Derby," said Mandella. "He lost weight after the San Felipe and I want to take the extra week." The blaze-faced chestnut disappointed when seventh in the GII San Felipe S. Mar. 16. "If I run him in the Santa Anita Derby, it would mean bringing him back in 20 days. The Arkansas Derby is the likely spot."

**Brancusi Breezes**

**Brancusi** (Deputy Commander), third in the GII San Felipe S., continued his preparations for the GI Toyota Blue Grass S. Apr. 12 with a six-furlong drill in 1:12.60.

☆ RESULTS ☆

Wednesday, Funabashi, Japan

**DIOLITE KINEN-G2-NAR**, ¥76,500,000, Funabashi, 3-26, 4yo/up, 2400m, 2:29.60, sy.

- 1--**KANETSU FLEUVE (JPN)**, 121, h, 6, by **Paradise Creek**  
 1st Dam: **Rosita (Jpn)**, by **Mill George**  
 2nd Dam: **Mellow Madang (Jpn)**, by **Mandang (Ire)**  
 3rd Dam: **Speed Kiyofuji (Jpn)**, by **China Rock (GB)**  
 O-Laurel Racing; B-Takase Farm; T-Shoji Yamamoto; J-Mikio Matsunaga; ¥45,000,000. Lifetime Record: MG1SW-Jpn, 29-9-6-5, ¥370,329,000.
  - 2--**Regent Bluff (Jpn)**, 121, h, 7, Park Regent--Sally Belle (Jpn), by Goodly (Fr). O-Akihiro Ohara; B-Takashi Sato; ¥15,750,000.
  - 3--**Name Value (Jpn)**, 119, m, 5, Honour and Glory--Madison County, by Seattle Slew. O/B-Tobino Farm; ¥9,000,000.
- Margins: 1, 2 1/2, 7. Odds: 1.80, 1.90, 6.50.

 **FOALING NEWS**

**VIRGINIE (BRZ)**, 9, Legal Case (Ire)--Misty Moon (Brz) (Baronius {Brz})

Foal born Feb. 19, a filly by Danzig. Will be bred back to Giant's Causeway. Owned by Crystal Springs Farm and Rio Claro TBs. Boarded at Crystal Springs Farm, Ky. Accomplishments: Ch. 3yo Filly-Brz, MGISW-US & Brz, \$271,610-US.

**BEAUTIFUL PLEASURE**, 8, Maudlin--Beautiful Bid (Baldski)

Foal born Mar. 25, a colt by Thunder Gulch. Will be bred back to Monarchos. Owned by John C. Oxley. Boarded at Fawn Leap Farm, KY. Accomplishments: Ch. Older Mare, MGISW, \$2,734,078.

Sunday's Orchid H. at Gulfstream Park was automatically downgraded when it was taken off the turf. Upon review by the American Graded Stakes Committee, the race was reinstated to Grade II status. The winner, **Tweedside** (Thunder Gulch) will be credited with a Grade II victory.

**UPCOMING MAJOR THREE-YEAR-OLD STAKES**

Date	Race	Track
3-29	Private Terms S.	Laurel
3-30	WinStar Derby	Sunland Park
4-4	GIII Transylvania S.	Keeneland
4-5	GI Santa Anita Derby	Santa Anita
4-5	GII Illinois Derby	Hawthorne
4-5	Aventura S.	Gulfstream
4-6	GIII Lafayette S.	Keeneland

**BREEDERS' CUP STAKES CLOSINGS**



CLOSES	TRACK	RACE	CONDITIONS	PURSE	RUNS
4-2	KEE	Commonwealth Breeders' Cup S. (GII)	3yo/up, 7f	\$250,000	4-13
4-3	OP	Northern Spur Breeders' Cup	3yo, c & g, 1m	\$75,000	4-12
4-3	OP	Instant Racing Breeders' Cup	3yo, f, 1m	\$75,000	4-12

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**Yesterday's Results:**

**8th-GPX, \$48,000, Alw, 4yo/up, f/m, a5fT, :56 3/5, fm.**

1--**FLYING BIRDIE, 121, m, 5, Birdonthewire--Mickioso, by Medieval Man.** O-Alter's Racing Stable; B-Berens, Garazi & Glenda Muhtar (FL); T-Happy Alter. Lifetime Record: MSW, 23-12-3-3, \$358,662.

2--**Petrina Above, 121, m, 8, Great Above--Elegant Pat, by Tri Jet.**

3--**Quick Blue, 119, m, 5, Cure the Blues--Nightlong (GB), by Night Shift.**

Margins: 2 3/4, 2HF, 1 3/4. Odds: 1.00, 2.30, 5.90.

Flying Birdie started the year in style with a two-length score in the Just a Little Kiss H. over the Calder turf Jan. 2 before a narrow nose defeat in a five-furlong main track allowance test here Feb. 3. On the sidelines since, the Florida-bred went off the well-supported favorite for her return to the turf. Away sharply, she led all the way and cruised home comfortably.

**7th-GPX, \$38,000, Alw, NW1X, 4yo/up, f/m, 6 1/2f, 1:17 2/5, ft.**

**SPECTACULAR PLACE (f, 4, Out of Place--Sea Bid, by Spectacular Bid)** finished fourth in her second start of 2003, a six-furlong \$30,000 claimer at the big A Jan. 30. Claimed for \$32,000 last time over this track Mar. 20, the \$45,000 OBSAUG yearling purchase went off the piping hot 2-5 choice in her step up in class. Out of the gate quickly, the chestnut was never challenged and cruised home an authoritative seven-length winner. Lifetime Record: 14-5-1-0, \$102,155.

O-M Gill. B-Michael W Rosati (FL). T-Mark Shuman.

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**3rd-GPX, \$36,000, Msw, 2yo, 3f, :34 3/5, ft. + EURO LINER (c, 2, Pass the Line--Eurotrash, by French Colonial),** sent off a whopping 59-1 shot, jumped out to an early advantage and held it all the way to the wire, besting Seattle Borders (Western Borders) by 3/4 of a length. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$21,600.

O-Elizabeth & P A Everard. B-Stanley M Ersoff & Triple E Farm (FL). T-Harold F Schultz.

**5th-GPX, \$36,000, Msw, 4yo, f, 6 1/2f, 1:18 2/5, ft. ADAMS CASTLE (f, 4, Hennesy--Royal Nominee, by His Majesty)** finished second in her most recent start over track and distance Feb. 19 and was pounded down to 3-5 favoritism to graduate this time. The \$200,000 KEESEP yearling chased early leader Miesques Testimony (Miesque's Son) through solid half-mile fractions, drew even at the eighth-pole, took over in the final sixteenth and outlasted her foe by a half-length on the wire. Lifetime Record: 3-1-1-0, \$29,760. O-Eugene & Laura Melnyk. B-Cashmark Farms Inc (KY). T-Joseph Orseno.

★ **NEW YORK** ★

**Yesterday's Results:**

**8th-AQU, \$43,000, Alw, NW1X, 4yo/up, f/m, 7f, 1:23 2/5, ft.**

**FOLLOW BETSY (f, 4, Cozzene--Straight Story {SW, \$201,855}, by Fabled Monarch),** a half to Cobra King (Farma Way), MGSW, \$256,825, went off the 8-5 choice here following a 2 1/2-length win in her debut at Aqueduct Feb. 5. Asked to go a furlong further this time, the dark bay was bumped at the start, but still managed to hold a narrow lead through the opening half. Headed by Multiple Wins (Sea Salute) soon after, the filly fought back in the stretch and went on to claim victory over her valiant foe by 3/4 of a length. Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, \$50,400.

O/B-Cobra Farm Inc (KY). T-Steven W Young.

**STAKES CLOSINGS**

**TODAY, THURSDAY, MARCH 27:**

04-05 \$150,000 **San Bernardino H.-III, SA,** 4yo/up, 9f (150)

04-05 \$100,000a **Las Cienegas H.-III, SA,** 4yo/up, f/m, a6.5fT (100)

04-06 \$150,000 **Arcadia H.-II, SA,** 4yo/up, 9fT (150)

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**New York report cont.**

**6th-AQU, \$42,000, Msw, 3yo, f, 1m, 1:39 1/5, ft. MYSTERY MAIDEN (f, 3, [Conquistador Cielo](#)--Lady Tiara, by Vice Regent)** ran third in her route debut in the Aqueduct slop before a solid second in her most recent outing, a 1 1/16-mile affair Mar. 9. Given a 5-2 chance to graduate here, the chestnut took was close-up early, assumed command at the half and drew clear late for an easy 3 1/2-length score over Thong (Tale of the Cat). Lifetime Record: 4-1-1-2, \$41,135. O/B-Cobra Farm Inc (KY). T-Steven W Young.

**Purse Increase at Oaklawn:**

Oaklawn Park has raised purses \$1,000 across the board for all races except stakes events, effective Mar. 30. The increase, which will be in effect through the end of the track's 2003 season, is the second of the current meet. "In spite of losing six days to bad weather conditions, our business has stayed good, people keep coming out to the races and they also enjoy playing Instant Racing, which is in no small part responsible for this purse increase," Racing Secretary Pat Pope said yesterday. Oaklawn's meet runs through Apr. 12.

★ CENTRAL ★

**Doninga Farm on the Market:**

David and Ginger Mullins have listed for sale their 113-acre Doninga Farm in Lexington, Kentucky. The farm was established in 1986. Under the Doninga banner, the Mullins's consigned the \$2.8-million yearling daughter of Storm Cat--Amelia Bearhart to last year's Keeneland July Sale. The couple also sold Saoirse, in foal to Seeking the Gold, for \$2.2 million at the 2001 Keeneland November Sale. "David and Ginger have decided to concentrate more on their successes as selling agents, and have turned over the day-to-day operation of the farm to their longtime farm manager Jody Sparks, until the farm sells," said Bill Justice of Justice Real Estate, which is selling the property. "This is an exceptional parcel of land, with a long history of raising top-class racehorses, including two champions and numerous Grade I winners."

**What to Do With All That...?**

Ron Wallace, president of Equine Farm Management, R W Hicks, owner of Brookstown Farm, and Dawn Angarone, president of Equine Waste Composting, have formed Equine Muck Management LLC to provide on-site composting to Lexington area horse farms. Three Chimneys Farm, Old Bradley Place and WinStar Farm are already clients of the company, which turns manure into a soil-like resource that is available for use in pastures in eight to 10 weeks. "We have been searching several years for an effective and efficient means of composting manure," explained Dan Rosenberg, general manager of Three Chimneys Farm. "Now we can handle this material in an environmentally responsible manner, while improving our soil and pasture quality."

**Hasten to Add to Illinois:**

Canadian champion **Hasten to Add** (Cozzene--Beau Cougar, by \*Cougar II) has been sold to Gary Shultz and will stand at Shultz's Bloomington, Illinois farm. The sale was brokered by bloodstock agent Stanley Petter. Winner of the 1995 GIII Laurel Turf Cup H., the 13-year-old stallion was third in that year's GI Rothman's International and GII Early Times Turf Classic before being named Canadian Turf Champion. Hasten to Add's stud fee has not been announced.

★ SO. CALIFORNIA ★

**Yesterday's Results:**

**PINE TREE LANE S.**, \$78,650, SAX, 3-26, 4yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:10 1/5, ft.

1--**#SHAMEFUL, 116, f, 4, Flying Chevron--Lady's Legacy (SP), by Matchlite.** (\$14,000 wlng '99 OBSOCT; \$50,000 yrl '00 KEESEP). O-Hal J Earnhardt III; B-Devonia Stud (FL); T-Bob Baffert; J-D R Flores; \$47,190. Lifetime Record: MGSP, 12-4-3-2, \$241,345.

2--**Wild Tickle, 116, m, 5, Roar--Really Wild, by Wild Again.** (\$47,000 wlng '98 KEENOV). \$15,730.

3--**Brisquette, 116, m, 5, Unbridled's Song--Pirate's Glow, by Pirate's Bounty.** \$9,438.

Margins: 1, HF, 3. Odds: 9.20, 4.20, 1.10.

Shameful, a head second behind Cashier's Dream last May in the seven-furlong GIII La Troienne H. at Churchill Downs, just came up a neck short in her 2003 debut in the Sunshine Millions Sprint at Gulfstream Jan. 25 before a lackluster seventh in the GIII Las Flores H. over track and trip Feb. 22. A lightly regarded 9-1 shot here, the bay tracked the hot early pace in third through a half in :44.02 before taking over in the final strides and inched clear late for the win.

**1st-SAX, \$38,000, Msw, (S), 2yo, f, 2f, :21 4/5, ft. + SYNCHRONISTIC (f, 2, Synastry--Hold the Tempo, by Gumboy),** the 5-2 second choice, sped to a clear early lead and had enough left in reserve to score by 1 1/4 lengths over closing 2-1 favorite Kind Lena (Seneca Jones). Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$22,800. O/B-Roger P Downes (CA). T-Doug O'Neill.

The **brisnet.com** 'Race of the Day' is the 3rd Race, a \$52,000 allowance at Santa Anita. For pps and a complete race analysis, click [here](#).



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**SoCal Report cont.  
Divine Intervention?**

Six nuns celebrated the Sabbath this past Sunday at Santa Anita by cashing a winning Pick 6 ticket worth \$194,047.80. The white habit-wearing sisters held one of eight winning tickets of the Pick 6 pool, which had inflated to more than \$2.3 million after a two-day carry-over. The nuns, from St. Michael's Elementary School in south central Los Angeles, had never before been to the track, but came prepared with a bankroll of \$2,560 after about 100 supporters of the school donated \$25 apiece to purchase the ticket. While five of the six races were won by the first or second betting choice, the winning ticket was juiced up by a 15-1 longshot who won the fourth race. Her name, appropriately, was Krismas. "The money will pay for new desks and other improvements," said Sister Mary Catherine Antczak, the principal of the school. "Some would call it luck," she continued. "I call it a blessing."

**Citibank to Sponsor California Gold Rush Day:**

Hollywood Park has announced that Citibank, which absorbed Cal Fed Bank last year, will be the new sponsor of the Citibank California Gold Rush IV, which will take place Apr. 26 at the Inglewood, California track. "We're very excited about our partnership with Citibank," said Allen Gutterman, Hollywood Park's vice president of marketing. "Cal Fed paved the way from this relationship. Citibank is going to take it to the next level." Citibank California Gold Rush IV, scheduled for the opening weekend of the Spring/Summer Meet, will consist of 10 stakes races for Cal-breds with purses exceeding \$1.3 million. The program's feature race will be the \$250,000 Citibank Snow Chief S. for three-year-olds. "We are eager to bring Citibank's world-class services and products to the Thoroughbred industry, and in particular to breeders, owners and horsemen," said Michael Weitzman, president of Citibank's western division. "Our acquisition of Cal Fed is part of our plan to become a major banking and investment provider here in California. We believe our global reach and local focus make us the perfect banking partner for the California breeding and horse racing industry. And we like the idea of being involved with a fascinating, colorful sport that has a grand history in the Los Angeles marketplace."

★ WEST ★

**Yesterday's Results:**

**5th-GGX, \$30,310, Msw, 4yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:09 3/5, ft. + CHOSEN HONOR (f, 4, Sultry Song--Math, by Devil's Bag),** the 5-2 second choice, stalked the early pace through a solid half, took over on the turn and drew off late to score by 1 1/2 lengths over 8-1 shot Icy Choice (Ice Age). Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$15,400. O-Marta Racing Ventures, Abruzzo & Debruycker Et Al. B-Ramona Holt Thomson (KY). T-Jerry Hollendorfer.

★ INDUSTRY INFO ★

**Lottery Matches Potential Owners with Consultants:**

The Greatest Game LLC conducted its first Consultant lottery Tuesday night, matching 54 consultants with 16 prospective Thoroughbred investors. The prospects and consultants filled out forms marking their areas of interest and region of interest and were matched up accordingly. Consultants representing 14 states and Puerto Rico were included in the lottery, while prospects from 11 states participated. The Greatest Game LLC is multi-faceted marketing program of the Thoroughbred Owners and Breeders Association, Keeneland Association and National Thoroughbred Racing Association. It is designed as a marketing program to attract, expose, service and oversee new investors to Thoroughbred ownership.

★ AMERICAN-BRED WINNERS ★

**IN BRITAIN:**

**Unigold, c, 3, Silver Deputy.** See "Europe"



**FRESHMAN FOCUS**

**First-crop progeny to watch: Thursday, Mar. 27**

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

**GUARANI** (Storm Bird), Blue Sky, \$2.5K, 11/0/0  
2-GGX, Msw, 2f, Guarani's Son



**SOPHOMORE SPOTLIGHT**

**First-crop progeny to watch: Thursday, Mar. 27**

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

**CONCERTO** (Chief's Crown), Ocala, \$4K, 82/17/2  
6-GP, Msw, 1 1/16mT, +Apollo Uno, \$85K OBS FEB 2yo  
8-GP, Alw, 1 1/16m, Onemorefashion

**CONFIDE** (Phone Trick), Walmac, \$5K, 131/9/1  
5-CT, Msw, 6 1/2f, Confidital, \$2K KEE NOV wnl, 10-1

**FAVORITE TRICK** (Phone Trick), Walmac, \$30K, 138/16/2  
6-GP, Msw, 1 1/16mT, Occult, \$65K KEE SEP yrl

**GRAND SLAM** (Gone West), Ashford, \$30K, 244/31/1  
5-FG, Msw, 1 1/16m, Double Slam, 2-1

**HALORY HUNTER** (Jade Hunter), Rockin Rvr, \$8K, 97/6/0  
5-CT, Msw, 6 1/2f, Diamond Hunter, 4-1

**SWAIN (IRE)** (Nashwan), Shadwell, \$35K, 122/7/1  
6-GP, Msw, 1 1/16mT, Sir Lochinvar, \$72K KEE SEP yrl

**YARROW BRAE** (Deputy Minister), Murmur, \$6K, 72/4/0  
5-CT, Msw, 6 1/2f, +Finally Here, 10-1



★ ON THE RADAR ★

**WEDNESDAY'S RESULTS**

**5th-GPX, Msw**

**WALKES SPRING (A.P. Indy)** went to post as the 3-5 chalk, though much of that money was aimed at entrymate *Adams Castle (Hennesey)*. Away slowly in ninth, the dark bay made a solid, prolonged move leaving the turn and got up for fourth, beaten 5 1/2 lengths.



**CENTURY AIM** Godolphin outlined their plans for the forthcoming campaign at an open morning at Nad al Sheba yesterday, specifically targeting a 100th Group 1 success. Racing manager Simon Crisford spoke of the near future of the operation, currently responsible for 95 successes at the highest level. "Hopefully, we will reach the 100th this year, and in our 10th year, that would be a great achievement," he told *PA Sport*. "It is difficult at this stage to start talking which horses will be racing where this year, but our aim was always to be a truly global operation. We will know a lot more about where we are going after this weekend and after our trials, which will be at Nad al Sheba on Grand National weekend. By that time, if there are any Classic horses, we will hopefully know about it. Most of the obvious horses for Europe, the ones that have won their maidens, have done well over the winter and we will be looking forward to getting them back to Europe. We will have about 50 two-year-olds and 60 three-year-olds and older horses in Britain with another 25 going to America. Hopefully, we will identify the horses that will benefit from a North American campaign as early as possible. **Inamaroto** (Tale of the Cat), who runs in the UAE Derby, looks our likeliest horse for the Kentucky Derby, while **Danuta** (Sunday Silence) looks the type for the Kentucky Oaks. On the other hand, a filly that looks the type for Newmarket is **Mezzo Soprano (GB)** (Darshaan {GB}). But there is still a long way to go before we make any firm decisions." Crisford also revealed that no replacement for juvenile conditioner David Loder is planned when he retires at the end of the 2003 season. "David will have most of our two-year-olds this season, but Saeed [bin Suroor] will also have some at Moulton Paddocks," he continued. "After David retires, the plan at the moment is to send most of the yearlings to the trainers which the Sheikhs use now. They will then graduate to Godolphin if they are good enough."

**YOSHIDA BUYS INTO FALBRAV** Teruya Yoshida has purchased a half share in **Falbrav (Ire)** (Fairy King), the *Racing Post* revealed yesterday. Last year's G1 Japan Cup winner will continue to race in the colors of Scuderia Rencati under the care of Newmarket-based conditioner Luca Cumani, with the G1 Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe and G1 Japan Cup the main targets.

**KAMIROS DIES** **Kamiros II (Ire)** (Star Appeal {Ire}--Kandia {Ger}, by Luciano {GB}), winner of the 1987 G1 Preis von Europa, has died at the Union-Gestut. The son of G1 Aral-Pokal winner Kandia (Ger)--and close relative to Kazzia (Ger)--also took the 1985 G2 Deutsches St Leger and was responsible for last year's G3 Betty Barclay-Rennen winner Adlerflieger (Ger) and Tascilla (Ger), runner-up in the 1995 G2 Preis der Diana (German Oaks).

★ BRITAIN ★

**Yesterday's Results:**

**3.45 Nottingham, Mdn**, £6,600, 3yo, 9f 213ydsT, 2:13.30, gd/sf.

**UNIGOLD (c, 3, Silver Deputy--Desert Queen, by Wavering Monarch)**, an entry in the G1 Epsom Derby June 7, was sent off the 2-9 favourite in his seasonal debut on the basis of his sixth-placing in the Sept. 28 G2 Royal Lodge S. Kept to the rail just off the tepid early pace, he was short of room in the straight, but quickened instantly when switched to lead at the quarter-mile marker. Never in danger, the \$180,000 KEESEP yearling needed only to be kept up to his work to comfortably hold **Sea Holly (Ire)** (Barathea {Ire}) by a length. Lifetime Record: 4-1-1-0, £8,659.

O-Abdulla Buhaleeba; B-Runnymede Farm Inc, Catesby W Clay & Catesby W Clay Jr; T-Ed Dunlop.

★ CLASSIC CORNER ★

**PERFECTIONS IN MOTION**

**Six Perfections (Fr)** (Celtic Swing {GB}) yesterday delighted connections in her latest workout as she prepares for her sophomore return. Led by three stable companions over 6½ furlongs of the Les Reservoirs grass gallops, the Niarchos Family's filly traveled strongly before quickening clear under Thierry Thulliez. Connections of Six Perfections, rated the best juvenile filly on 121 pounds in the 2002 International Classifications by virtue of her impressive score in the G1 Prix Marcel Boussac at Longchamp on Arc day, have yet to commit to either the Newmarket or Longchamp Classics. "I'm very happy with the way she is coming around," trainer Pascal Bary commented. "That was a nice piece of work, and she is coming in her coat, all the time looking better and better. Everything being well she will return in the Listed Prix Imprudence at Maisons-Laffitte Apr. 7."



*Classic Corner Cont.*

**FRED DARLING FOR CASSIS**

Jeremy Nosedo has revealed that **Cassis** (Red Ransom) will reappear in the G3 Fred Darling S. at Newbury Apr. 12. "Cassis is coming along well, and we have our sights firmly set on the Fred Darling at Newbury," the Newmarket handler said of the runner-up in last year's G2 Cherry Hinton S. "After a run there, we will decide where her next target will be. I'm happy with her. She's done well during the winter, physically."

**SATURN CRAVEN AIM**

**Saturn (Ire)** (Marju {Ire}) is due to return in the G3 Macau Jockey Club Craven S. at Newmarket Apr. 17, connections announced yesterday. The Michael Bell-trained colt followed an impressive Newbury conditions score with a fifth-placing in the G1 Dewhurst S. in October and may yet be aimed at the G1 Poule d'Essai des Poulains (French 2000 Guineas) at Longchamp May 11. "There's no reason not to think he won't run a big race in the Craven and, although he's entered in the French Guineas, we feel the Craven is a good stepping stone and will give us an idea of whether we should be moving him up in trip," owners Highclere Thoroughbred Racing's spokesman Tim Jones told *PA Sport* yesterday. "He did look as though he might need longer last year, but he was not disgraced in the Dewhurst, and he's not short of speed." Jones also had news of the Royal Ascot Racing Club's **Revenue (Ire)** (Cadeaux Genereux {GB}), awarded the G2 Richmond S. after the disqualification of Elusive City. "After being so good as a two-year-old, he's rather surprised us with his development over the winter," Jones said. "Michael [Bell] is adamant he will get further and it seems obvious to test the horse in the Listed Victor Chandler European Free H. [at Newmarket Apr. 16]." Jones also stated that Highclere's unbeaten colt **Audience (GB)** (Zilzal), trained by William Haggas, may take up his engagement in the G1 2000 Guineas at Newmarket May 3.

**CRAVEN SAIF OPTION**

**Captain Saif (GB)** (Compton Place {GB}) will be aimed at the G3 Macau Jockey Club Craven S. at Newmarket Apr. 17, it was announced yesterday. Unbeaten in three starts last term, the colt ended his juvenile campaign by beating the smart Weavers Pride (Fr) and Godolphin purchase Love You Always in a conditions event at Ascot in late September. "Captain Saif worked well this morning and he will definitely get the mile, so I suppose that [the Craven] is where he will end up," conditioner Richard Hannon told the *Racing Post*. Hannon also revealed that G3 July S. winner **Mister Links (Ire)** (Flying Spur {Aus}) will reappear in the G3 Greenham S. at Newbury Apr. 12.

**BREEDERS' EDITION  
AMERICA**

**ALLOWANCE RESULTS:**

**7th-AQU, \$44,000, NW1X, (S), 3yo, 1 1/8m, 1:51 3/5, ft.**  
**NEW YORK'S RUDY (c, 3, Ormsby--Penetration, by Proud Birdie)** Lifetime Record: 7-2-1-1, \$67,100. O-Mary Luis Hauswald. B-J P Racing Stable (NY). T-Claude McGaughey III. \*\$7,500 yrl '01 FTMOCT. \*\*Won by 5 1/2 lengths.

**9th-AQU, \$44,000, NW1X, (S), 4yo/up, f/m, 1m, 1:38, ft.**

**CAUGHT CHEATIN' (f, 4, Scarlet Ibis--Open Marriage, by Deputy Minister)** Lifetime Record: 11-2-2-2, \$81,690. O/B-Seymour Cohn (NY). T-John O Hertler. \*1/2 to Pentelis (Pentelicus), MSW, \$239,925; Chasin' Wimmin (Belong to Me), MSW & GSP, \$418,558.

**9th-OPX, \$32,000, NW2X, 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:11 1/5, ft.**

**MY MEOW (m, 5, Excavate--Romeo's Love, by Romeo)** Lifetime Record: 28-10-1-2, \$113,885. O-Kenneth W Murphy. B-Joseph Adcock (LA). T-Cole Norman.

**8th-OPX, \$31,000, NW1X, 4yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16m, 1:45 4/5, ft.**

**TOYSINTHEATTICUS (f, 4, Atticus--May We {SW, \$135,227}, by Carson City)** Lifetime Record: 4-2-0-1, \$30,400. O-Young Stables & Hall K & J. B-Centaur Farms Inc (KY). T-Ronald Campisano. \*\$100,000 yrl '00 KEESEP.

**8th-LRL, \$28,000, Opt. Clm. (\$50,000-\$45,000), NW2X, 3yo, f, 6f, 1:10 2/5, ft.**

**BAMBA (f, 3, Not for Love--Munchkin Michele {MSW, \$180,847}, by Naked Sky)** Lifetime Record: 6-3-2-0, \$56,730. O/T-John F Scanlan. B-Dark Hollow Farm (MD). \*\$4,700 yrl '01 FTMOCT.

**7th-LRL, \$26,000, NW1X, 3yo, f, 1 1/16m, 1:47, ft.**

**BLUSHING VALLEYS (f, 3, Peaks and Valleys--Don't Devil Me, by Devil's Bag)** Lifetime Record: SP, 8-2-2-0, \$47,340. O/B-Mrs Henry D Paxson (KY). T-John E Salzman. \*\$19,000 wlng '00 FTMDEC.

**8th-MNR, \$25,000, 3-25, NW1X, 3yo/up, f/m, 5 1/2f, 1:07, ft.**

**SCOOTINAFASH (f, 3, Lite the Fuse--Bededinroses, by Star Choice)** Lifetime Record: 11-3-0-1, \$50,803. O-Bramalea Farm. B-Kenneth Houle (KY). T-Peter Pizzurro. \*\$7,500 yrl '01 KEESEP.



**ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:**

**Fuzz E Delight**, f, 3, **Fuzzy**--Gents Delight, by What a Gent. MNR, 3-25, 1m, 1:43 3/5. B-Woodswitch Farm (Tx).

**Princess Dream**, f, 3, **Mutakddim**--Anna Villa (MSP), by Golden Act. LRL, 3-26, 5 1/2f, 1:06 2/5. B-Kathryn Nikkel & Budget Stable (Ky). \*\$14,000 wlng '00 KEENOV; \$5,500 2yo 2002 TEXMAR; \$30,000 2yo 2002 FTMJUL.

**Harvest Festival**, c, 3, **Souvenir Copy**--Ms. Margi (SW & GISP, \$247,915), by Private Account. SAX, 3-26, (C), 1 1/16m, 1:46 1/5. B-Mr & Mrs John C Mabee (Ca). \*3/4 to Carreras (Seeking the Gold), MSP, \$223,540; and 1/2 to Largeandincharge (Broad Brush), SP, \$165,249; and Bare Outline (Broad Brush), SP, \$241,437.

**Tricky Surf**, f, 3, **Urgent Request (Ire)**--Windy Pass, by Dimaggio. SAX, 3-26, (S), 1mT, 1:37 1/5. B-Harold Phenix (Ca). \*\$35,000 yrl '01 BESOCT. \*\*1/2 to Pismo Bay, (Corwyn Bay {Ire}), SW, \$250,160.

**Clever Electrician**, c, 4, **Clever Trick**--Loose Wire, by Ruritania. OPX, 3-26, 1 1/16m, 1:46 2/5. B-Driver-Ferguson (NY). \*\$75,000 wlng '99 KEENOV. \*\*1/2 to Scottish Monk (Duns Scotus), GSW, \$688,701; Electric Shock (Cure The Blues), SW, \$134,100; and full to Wire Me Collect, GSW, \$626,452.

**BREEDERS' EDITION  
EUROPE**

**CONDITIONS RESULTS:**

**ITALY, Milan, 2.50, Cond, €22,950, 3yo, 7fT, time:**  
n/a, gd.

**L'ESORCISTA (IRE) (c, 3, Spectrum {Ire}--Lavezzola {Ire} {SP-Ity}, by Salmon Leap)** Lifetime Record: 10 starts, 3 wins, 5 places, €52,360. O-Lino Scarpellini; B-Allevamento Gialloblu; T-Bruno Grizzetti.

**ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:**

**Certa Cito (GB)**, f, 3, **Mind Games (GB)**--Bollin Dorothy (GB), by Rambo Dancer. Catterick, Britain, 3-26, Mdn, 3yo/up, 5f 212ydsT. B-Tim Easterby.

**Chinkara (GB)**, g, 3, **Desert Prince (Ire)**--You Make Me Real, by Give Me Strength. Lingfield, Britain, 3-26, Mdn, 3yo/up, 1 1/4m(AWT). B-P Onslow. \*110,000gns wlng '00 TATDEC; 150,000gns yrl '01 TATHOU. \*\*1/2 to Camargo (Ire) (Brief Truce), GSW-Ire & MGSP-US, \$149,728.

+ **Tour de Force (GB)**, g, 4, **Saddlers' Hall (Ire)**--Rensaler, by Stop the Music. Nottingham, Britain, 3-26, Mdn, 3yo/up, 1m 54ydsT. B-Cheveley Park Stud Ltd. \*1/2 to Never Force (Full Out), MSW, \$239,074; Jovial (GB) (Northern Jove), GISW, \$868,475; and Brave Note (Ire) (Dancing Brave), GSW-US & MGSP-Fr, \$538,968.



**BOOK REVIEW**

**A NACK FOR GENIUS** by *Lucas Marquardt*

Over the past few years, several well-written books on Thoroughbred racing have been released to praise not only from the religiously devoted racing fan, but also from the secular reader simply looking for a good tale. Cot Campbell's *Rascals and Racehorses: A Sporting Man's Life*, Jim Squire's *Horse of a Different Color*, and especially Laura Hillenbrand's *Seabiscuit: An American Legend*, have appealed to folks who couldn't tell you the difference between Hialeah and Hastings and sparked in them a theretofore unseen interest in the sport. It is no secret that the NTRA is hoping the prospective success of the film adaptation of *Seabiscuit*, the Dreamworks movie starring Tobey Maquire to be released this summer, will help to fill seats at tracks across the country and will ignite a sort of broad-based renaissance of support for horse racing. If, indeed, the aforementioned works have provided the kindling for such a renaissance, and *Seabiscuit*, the movie, sets ablaze the public's interest, then accessorial works like William Nack's just-released *My Turf: Horses, Boxers, Blood Money, and the Sporting Life* will be necessary to keep that fire burning deep into the night.

A political/environmental writer for the Long Island newspaper Newsday in the early '70s, Nack was offered a change of scenery by the paper's editor--to that of sportswriter--after the editor overheard at a Christmas party Nack's libation-fueled recitation of all Kentucky Derby winners, in chronological order, from 1875 to the then-present. Upon accepting, Nack deadpanned, "After covering politicians for the last four years, I'd love the chance to cover the whole horse." A natural at his new position, Nack was soon writing for Sports Illustrated, and it is a collection of his finest pieces written for that magazine--save one that was published by GQ--that comprise *My Turf*.

From his investigative reports on the unconscionable killing of sport horses for insurance money to his sketch of the idiosyncratic heavyweight champion Rocky Marciano, Nack brings a bygone craftsmanship to sportswriting that is underscored by the pieces chosen for *My Turf*. The publication of this book, and, it could be said, that of Nack's seminal *Secretariat: The Making of a Champion*, is not a case of journalist-turned-author by default--a journeyman thrown into the ring because no one else would take up the fight. Nack is a serious writer who just happens to write of sports. Never shying from a subject's unseemly underside, he relates the story with a philosopher's consideration. *cont. p7*



### A Nack for Genius cont.

Of the 26 pieces included in this collection, seven are on Thoroughbred racing. These seven stories offer the unique perspective of a man who understands the equine and human pistons that drive the industry. Locales span from the West Texas town of Fabons--the birthplace of a one pound, 13 ounce baby boy whom everyone would later know of as "The Shoe"--to Belmont's backstretch, the staging ground of Secretariat's immortal 1973 Triple Crown campaign.

Nack brings the reader to the gently sloping sand dunes of Dubai, where Godolphin's Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid al-Maktoum has built up a veritable super-army of the world's best-bred horses with an intended goal of winning the Kentucky Derby. Nack spends time with the Sheikh just prior to the 2002 renewal of the Derby and, a month later, watches as that elusive victory on the first Saturday in May goes to another Arab, the Thoroughbred Corporation's Ahmed bin Salman, with War Emblem.

In "Bloodbrothers and Bluegrass," Nack details the demons Arthur Hancock III had to confront after the tumultuous departure from his family's Claiborne Farm. The story, like many of the others here, was written some time ago and can be read and enjoyed within its proper historical context. Published a few weeks before the 1989 Breeders' Cup, "Brothers" has its denouement scripted by the reader; we know that Hancock exorcized some of those demons after his nearly black Sunday Silence wrapped up Horse of the Year honors by bravely besting arch-rival Easy Goer, owned by Ogden Phipps, in the Classic. Though dated, the story loses none of its appeal and, in fact, takes on an endearing and nostalgic slant.

While a couple of the stories in the collection lack teeth (Nack's stalking of chess-giant-turned-recluse Bobby Fischer, for instance, is loose and unfocused), *My Turf* is an unqualified success. And the pieces on Thoroughbreds, Nack's greatest muse, are indispensable. Worth the purchase price alone is "Pure Heart," Nack's recollection of his times spent with the great Secretariat. The author's affections for the horse are heartfelt and undeniable, and we see a side of the majestic chestnut rarely offered through the written word.

In all, Nack's insight into the powerful narcotic we call horse racing lends credence to the addiction of all horsemen. Those already converted to the sport of kings will find their passions verbalized in unimpeachable prose; the uninitiated, upon reading this book, will undoubtedly fall prey to the allure of the Thoroughbred that Nack knows so well.



## FOALING NEWS

**DANCING REEF**, 15, Danzig--Virginia Reef (Ire) (Mill Reef)

Foal born Feb. 8, a filly by Silver Ghost.

Will be bred back to Pleasant Tap.

Owned by Robert Evans.

Boarded at Taylor Made Farm, Ky.

Accomplishments: Dam of Tap Dancing (Pleasant Tap), SW.

**KENBU (FR)**, 14, Kenmare (Fr)--Tarlace (Ire) (Targowice)

Foal born Feb. 8, a filly by Rahy.

Will be bred back to El Prado (Ire).

Owned by Takahiro Wada.

Boarded at Mill Ridge, Ky.

Accomplishments: GSW & MG1SP-Fr, SP-US, \$267,487. Dam of Symboli Sword (Ire) (Green Desert), MSP-Jpn, \$1,578,916; Sweet Orchid (Gone West), SW-Jpn, \$875,275.

**READY JET GO**, 17, Northjet (Ire)--Rough Girl (Lt. Stevens)

Foal born Feb. 8, a filly by Maria's Mon.

Owned by and boarded at Pin Oak Stud, Ky.

Accomplishments: MSW of \$351,271. Dam of Start at Once (Gone West), MGSP, \$284,715.

**SCATTER BUY**, 8, Relaunch--Good Picker (Damascus)

Foal born Feb. 8, a filly by Carson City.

Will be bred back to Distorted Humor.

Owned by Whisperwood Farm.

Boarded at Taylor Made Farm, Ky.

Accomplishments: SW of \$130,732.

**SEEKING THE SKY**, 7, Storm Cat--Seeking Regina (Seeking the Gold)

Foal born Feb. 8, a colt by Monarchos.

Will be bred back to Pleasant Tap.

Owned by Barry K Schwartz.

Boarded at Stonewell Farm, NY.

Accomplishments: GSW of \$143,589.

**TURKISH TRYST**, 13, Turkoman--Darbyvail (Roberto)

Foal born Feb. 8, a filly by Thunder Gulch.

Will be bred back to Danzig.

Owned by Michael Moran (Applestone Farm)

Boarded at Brushwood Stable, PA, & Eaton Farms, KY.

Accomplishments: SW & GSP. Dam of Wild Current (Wild Again), MSP, \$272,378.