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return Saturday**
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DUTCH COURAGE

Dutch Gold (Lahib) led every step of Tuesday's G3 Victor Chandler Chester Vase, drawing off to win by six lengths. Ninth in the G2 Royal Lodge S. at Ascot on his final juvenile start last September, Dutch Gold showed



Dutch Gold
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early sophomore promise when winning a maiden over Lingfield's polytrack Mar. 15 and again when third to experienced elders at Pontefract Apr. 8. His most recent outing earned a second-place finish to Prince Tum Tum in the Listed Easter S. at Kempton Apr. 19 and he posted a career best effort here, under a supreme Frankie Dettori ride, to secure a second Chester Vase for trainer Clive Brittain following Luso's 1995

victory. "The time for the cotton wool has gone and now it's time to see where the men are," said a typically bullish Brittain. "Those that didn't come to Chester should be looking over their shoulders. The [G1] Derby Italiano [at Rome May 25] is a definite and I won this with Luso before he won in Italy. Dettori just doesn't ride with his arse, he rides with his brain." With only four runners to post, Dettori bagged the lead from the gun and dictated varying degrees of pace throughout. The partnership still held a cozy lead turning into the short straight and the ebullient Italian pushed his mount all the way to the wire for a comprehensive success over the isolated Summerland. "In the back of my mind I was confident that he would run a good race, but I didn't know how he would handle the track," the winning jockey commented. "He handled it really well and he is very tough and strong. We'll see what happens in the next couple of weeks, but he's a live contender, that's for sure." *Chart, p. 2*

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Westchester H.-GIII.
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Belmont Homecoming for Funny Cide

Kentucky Derby winner **Funny Cide** (Distorted Humor) is scheduled to school in Belmont Park's paddock between races this coming Saturday. "We want to get him used to the crowd," trainer Barclay Tagg explained. "He got a little upset at Churchill Downs, but he never washed out. We just want him to be comfortable when he goes to the paddock for his next race." Funny Cide's next race is expected to be the May 17 GI Preakness. The exact time of Funny Cide's appearance in the Belmont paddock will be determined later in the week.

New Draw Process for Preakness

Pimlico has changed the process for selecting post positions for the Preakness. The blind draw to establish the order in which post positions will be drawn will be conducted in the Pimlico press box at 11:30 a.m. May 14. The actual post position selection will take place at Baltimore's ESPN Zone between 5 and 6 p.m.

☆ PREVIEW ☆

Wednesday, Belmont Park, post time: 4:40 p.m.

WESTCHESTER H.-GIII, \$100,000, 3yo/up, 1m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER	WT
1	Najran	Runaway Groom	Zito	113
2	Gander	Cormorant	Terranova	116
3	Justification	Miner's Mark	H A Jerkens	113
4	Saarland	Unbridled	McGaughey	114
5	Bowman's Band	Dixieland Band	Matz	116
6	Regal Sanction	Regal Classic	J Jerkens	113
7	Saint Appeal	Saint Ballado	Jolley	113

Thursday, Longchamp, France, post time: 3:45 p.m.

PRIX HOCQUART-G2, €95,000, 3yo, c/f, 1 1/2mT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY
1	2	Zied (Ire)	Woodman	Peslier
2	1	Silver Gilt (GB)	Silver Hawk	Fortune
3	4	Benares (Fr)	Bering (GB)	Bonilla
4	5	Risk Seeker (GB)	Elmaamul	Boeuf
5	3	Touch of Land (Fr)	Lando (Ger)	Androuin
6	6	Rhythm Mad (Fr)	King's Theatre (Ire)	Soumillon
7	8	Campo Charro (Ire)	Alhaarth (Ire)	Placais
8	7	Coroner (Ire)	Mtoto (GB)	Pasquier

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Tuesday, Chester, Britain

VICTOR CHANDLER CHESTER VASE-G3, £65,000, Chester, 5-6, 3yo, c/g, 12f 66ydsT, 2:35.85, gd.

1--#**@DUTCH GOLD**, 122, c, 3, by Lahib

1st Dam: **Crimson Conquest**, by Diesis (GB)

2nd Dam: **Sweet Ramblin Rose**, by *Turn-To

3rd Dam: **Velvet Rose**, by Round Table

O-Sheikh Marwan al Maktoum; B-Darley Stud Mgmt LLC; T-Clive Brittain; J-Frankie Dettori; £40,300.

Lifetime Record: 9-2-2-1, £56,807. *1/2 to Crimplene

(Ire) (Lion Cavern), Hwt. 3yo Filly-GB at 7-9.5f, Co-

Hwt. 3yo-Ire at 7-9f, Hwt. 3yo-Ger at 7-11f,

MG1SW-GB, G1SW-Ire, GSW-Ger & GSP-Ity, \$762,469.

2--**Summerland (Ire)**, 122, c, 3, Danehill--Summerosa, by Woodman. O-Robert Sangster & Susan Magnier; B-Swettenham Stud & Orpendale; £14,300.

3--**Risk Taker (GB)**, 122, c, 3, Rainbow Quest--Post Modern, by Nureyev. O-Khalid Abdullah;

B-Juddmonte Farms; £7,150.

Margins: 6, 5, 1. Odds: 13-2, 7-4, 11-8.

Also ran: Cruzspiel (GB).

Monday, Takasaki, Japan

GUMMA KINEN-G3, ¥30,000,000 to winner, Takasaki, 5-5, 3yo/up, 1500m, 1:35.3, gd.

1--**MEINER BRIAN (JPN)**, 126, h, 6, by Brian's Time

1st Dam: **Mine Leben (Jpn) (SP-Jpn)**, by Tosho Boy (Jpn)

2nd Dam: **Okano Blue (Jpn)**, by *Neptunus

3rd Dam: **Hindo Birth (Jpn)**, by Hindostan (GB)

O-Thoroughbred Club Ruffian; B-Big Red Farm; T-Toru

Miya; J-S Fujita; ¥30,000,000. Lifetime Record:

25-8-4-1, ¥262,713,000. *1/2 to Meiner Monster

(Jpn) (Tamamo Cross {Jpn}), SP-Jpn, \$649,932; and

Meine Vita (Jpn) (Narita Brian {Jpn}), MSP-Jpn,

\$326,957.

2--**Preeminence (Jpn)**, 121, m, 6, Afleet--Agitation (Jpn), by Caerleon. O/B-Grand Farm.

3--**Esprit Thes (Jpn)**, 123, c, 4, Cacoethes--Smackover Lady (Jpn), by Smackover Creek. O-Yasuo Yorita;

B-Ohashi Farm.

Margins: 1HF, 2, 2HF. Odds: 4.50, 2.90, 15.20.

☆ NEWS TODAY ☆

PEASANT DIES IN DUBAI Argentine Classic winner **Peasant (Arg)** (Equalize--Nashira {Arg}, by Cipayo {Arg}) died in Dubai from laminitis, according to *Thoroughbred Times*. The four-year-old colt ran 13th of 14 in the Dubai World Cup on Mar. 29 and had remained in the country since that effort. He was sent to an equine hospital after contracting pneumonia and his condition seemed to be improving until he developed laminitis. Winner of the G1 Polla de Potrillos and the G1 Gran Premio Jockey Club in 2002, Peasant ran in Dubai in the colors of John Paul Reddam, who purchased a 50-percent interest in the colt in February.

VOLPONI RETURNS SATURDAY Breeders' Cup Classic winner **Volponi** (Cryptoclearance) will likely make his first start of 2003 in Saturday's six-furlong GIII Bold Ruler H. at Belmont Park. "The timing of the Bold Ruler would work out well because we want to get him in something in the next week to make the [June 14 GII] Brooklyn," trainer P.G. Johnson told *The Thoroughbred Times*. "There is a [seven-furlong] allowance he could go in, but that's too far."

Preakness Stakes: Likely Starters

Horse (Sire)	Most Recent Start
Champali (Glitterman)	GII Lane's End S. (3rd)
Eye of the Tiger (American Chance)	Kentucky Derby (5th)
Funny Cide (Distorted Humor)	Kentucky Derby (1st)
Indian Express (Indian Charlie)	Kentucky Derby (14th)
Peace Rules (Jules)	Kentucky Derby (3rd)
Scrimshaw (Gulch)	Kentucky Derby (11th)
Senor Swinger (El Prado {Ire})	Crown Royal American Turf (1st)

Preakness Possibles

Empire Maker (Unbridled)	Kentucky Derby (2nd)
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FROM THE DESK OF...
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**CLASSIC SCORE: MR. PROSPECTOR 8,
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In a Classic weekend in which absolutely nothing went to plan, the most striking result was the pronounced thrashing the Mr. Prospector line doled out to Northern Dancer, in Newmarket as well as Kentucky. Including Friday's Kentucky Oaks, three of the four winners were by Mr. Prospector-line sires, and, from 12 available placings in the four races, eight went to Mr. Prospector (including the 1-2-3 in the Derby), and just two to Northern Dancer. Of course, you could say it was all to the greater glory of Native Dancer, grandsire of one and damsire of the other; he would then figure in 11 of the 12 placegetters, since English 2000 third Norse Dancer is by Halling, a grandson of Native Dancer's grandson Sharpen Up. It's also fair to say that many of the Mr. P. placegetters have Northern Dancer on the bottom; nonetheless, considering the overwhelming prevalence of Northern Dancer sires these days, it's a right result for Mr. Prospector. Let us enumerate:

KENTUCKY OAKS, Friday:

- 1--**Bird Town**, by [Cape Town](#), by [Seeking the Gold](#), by Mr. Prospector
- 2--**Santa Catarina**, by [Unbridled](#), by Fappiano, by Mr. Prospector
- 3--**Yell**, by [A.P. Indy](#)

KENTUCKY DERBY, Saturday

- 1--**Funny Cide**, by [Distorted Humor](#), by Forty Niner, by Mr. Prospector
- 2--**Empire Maker**, by Unbridled, by Fappiano, by Mr. Prospector
- 3--**Peace Rules**, by Jules, by Forty Niner, by Mr. Prospector

ENGLISH 2000 GUINEAS, Saturday

- 1--**Refuse to Bend**, by [Sadler's Wells](#), by Northern Dancer
- 2--**Zafeen**, by Zafonic, by Gone West, by Mr. Prospector
- 3--**Norse Dancer**, by Halling, by Diesis, by Sharpen Up (Native Dancer)

ENGLISH 1000 GUINEAS, Sunday

- 1--**Russian Rhythm**, by [Kingmambo](#), by Mr. Prospector
- 2--**Six Perfections**, by Celtic Swing, by Damister, by Mr. Prospector
- 3--**Intercontinental**, by [Danehill](#), by [Danzig](#), by Northern Dancer

I'm among those who don't believe that outcrossing to Northern Dancer is either necessary or more productive any more, but one thing is for sure: if you're looking for an outcross to Northern Dancer, Mr. Prospector is your man. There need to be more Mr. Prospector-line sires in Europe.

Who Won, Who Lost...

The view beforehand was that this is an exceptional year for three-year-old mile fillies in Europe, and the races themselves did nothing to alter that impression. The Kentucky Derby was won by a gelding for the first time in 74 years, running a respectable Beyer figure of 109. Favored Empire Maker looked a certain winner turning for home, but he didn't find as much as Funny Cide, and really only struggled on for second, as Peace Rules held off the onrushing Atswatimtalknabout (can they change that name before he goes to stud?) for third. All Kentucky Derbys are great races, but it didn't look like one of the greatest.

The English 2000 was won well by Refuse to Bend, a half brother to 2002 Melbourne Cup winner Media Puzzle by Sadler's Wells--the third English 2000 Guineas winner in the last seven years for Europe's top staying sire.

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(Bill Oppenheim cont. from p. 3)

Now unbeaten in four starts and in possession of a Derby pedigree anyway, Refuse to Bend is now co-favorite for Epsom, along with another colt trained in Ireland but not by Aidan O'Brien, Alamshar. But Refuse to Bend's winning speed figure looks low, serious longshots finished second and third, and seven horses finished within three lengths of each other: not a great renewal, was the consensus.

But what an exciting and eventful 1000 Guineas. I'll add my name to the already long list of those who say 'take nothing away from the winner, but...' The French filly Six Perfections would certainly have won had she not drawn the 'coffin box.' You either blame Thierry Thulliez or you don't. I don't. And the suggestion that he cocked up 'again' (referring to Sulamani's second in the Arc) is a really bad rap. You only need to see how Frankie Dettori won on Sulamani in Dubai to see that. There were a lot of other hard-luck stories in the 1000. It was a very rough race, but it still looked, by streets, the best Classic of the weekend. The first two are quite exceptional, considering the trainer of the winner singlehandedly caused his filly's odds to triple with his downbeat bulletins. Ironically, he was trying to be open with the betting public. Clearly he felt his filly would improve off this race and, considering Six Perfections had one of the most nightmare trips any of us have ever seen in a Classic, let's just assume she would have finished no worse than level with Russian Rhythm. Those two would have been three lengths clear of Intercontinental, a very good sprinting filly who didn't get the trip, and nearly five lengths clear of last year's Fillies' Mile winner Soviet Song, the unlucky Hanami, and the Oaks prospect Casual Look. It looks outstanding form.

The race's proudest winner, however, might have been Kathleen Richardson, mother of Cheveley Park manager Chris and Tim, manager of Haras de Fresnay where Six Perfections was born. She was seen leaving the course with a wheelbarrow, presumably having boxed the exacta a few times. That lady, along with her late husband, John, of course, raised a couple of ace farm managers up Northumberland way, judging from these results.

There were a few notable losers over the weekend. The game's two great powerhouses, Coolmore and Godolphin, made no show, combined. Between them they ran no horses in the Kentucky Derby, and from eight runners in the two Guineas (two each in both races), Coolmore managed two eighths, 15th, and 17th, while Godolphin ran 10th, 12th, 14th, and 20th. Whoops.

The reputation of England's top year-end Group 1 races for two-year-olds also took a knock. Both Dewhurst winner Tout Seul and Fillies' Mile winner Soviet Song managed fourths, but on last weekend's evidence, neither is at the top of the tree in their respective divisions. There is no coherent European pattern for two-year-olds; each country has its program, but it doesn't look like there's much coordination. Nothing new about that. What can you expect when nobody's in charge?

Bill Oppenheim cont. p. 5



FOALING NEWS

PERSONAL BID, 13, Personal Flag--Kemp (Spectacular Bid)

Foal born Mar. 20, a filly by Maria's Mon.

Owned by Jane Schosberg.

Boarded at Pine Lane Farm, NY.

Accomplishments: MSW of \$163,358.

RELUCTANT GUEST, 17, Hostage--Vaguely Royal (*Vaguely Noble)

Foal born Mar. 21, a colt by Minardi.

Will be bred back to Gentlemen (Arg).

Owned by Robert Folsom.

Boarded at Walmac International.

Accomplishments: GISW, \$800,975. Dam of P.T. Indy (A.P. Indy), SW & MGSP, \$173,933; Honestly Darling (Kingmambo), GSP, \$152,260.

Weekend Stakes Action for Langfuhr

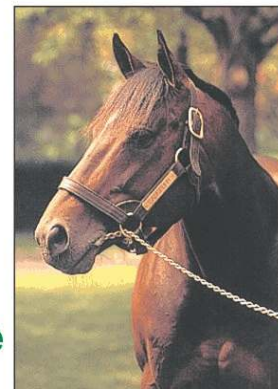
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Second-Crop Sires...

With both Kentucky races being won by three-year-olds from their sire's first crops, it just reinforces again how hot this group is looking. Bird Town's Kentucky Oaks win propels her sire Cape Town from nowhere up into 13th place in this group, now immediately ahead of [Skip Away](#), [Favorite Trick](#), Formal Gold, and [Coronado's Quest](#). Funny Cide's win sent [Distorted Humor](#) over \$750,000 clear of his nearest pursuer, [Elusive Quality](#), with [Tale of the Cat](#) dropping back to third. Touch Gold remains fourth, and [Grand Slam](#) moves up to fifth. Awesome Again, Deputy Commander, and Indian Charlie round out the top eight, all of whom now have progeny earnings over \$1.5-million. Elusive Quality has 27 winners; 11 of them--over 40 percent--are stakes winners, and almost half (13) are stakes horses. Grand Slam has 12 stakes horses, Tale of the Cat 10. Distorted Humor, Elusive Quality, and Touch Gold have three graded stakes winners each, and Distorted Humor has two Grade I winners, including the Kentucky Derby winner in his first crop. Very hot stuff.

**WEEKEND PEDIGREE
PERSPECTIVES**
by Alan Porter

KENTUCKY DERBY-GI, \$1,100,200, CDX, 5-3, 3yo, 1 1/4m, 2:01, ft.
 1--▲@**FUNNY CIDE**, 126, g, 3, by [Distorted Humor](#)
 1st Dam: Belle's Good Cide, by Slewacide
 2nd Dam: Belle of Killarney, by Little Current
 3rd Dam: Cherished Moment, by Graustark (\$22,000 yrl '01 FTNAUG). O-Sackatoga Stable; B-WinStar Farm, LLC (NY); T-Barclay Tagg; J-J A Santos; \$800,200. Lifetime Record: 7-4-2-0, \$1,239,385. *Second Grade I winner for sire (by Forty Niner). [Click for the brisnet.com chart](#) or the [free brisnet.com catalogue-style pedigree](#).
 In the early development of the North American Thoroughbred, horses bred in the state of New York played a prominent role. In fact, Leamington, sire of the first Kentucky Derby winner Aristides, stood in New York.
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LEADING NORTH AMERICAN SECOND-CROP SIREs BY CUMULATIVE EARNINGS											
SIRE	YOB	SIRE'S SIRE	3YO	RNRS	WNRS	WINS	EARNINGS	GSW	SW	SP	LOC
Distorted Humor	1993	Forty Niner	69	42	27	49	\$2,952,528	3	4	2	KY
Elusive Quality	1993	Gone West	79	50	27	54	\$2,177,908	3	11	2	KY
Tale of the Cat	1994	Storm Cat	119	63	39	58	\$2,117,180	0	5	5	KY
Touch Gold	1994	Deputy Minister	86	47	13	24	\$1,791,362	3	3	2	KY
Dance Floor	1989	Star de Naskra	53	27	11	23	\$1,763,212	0	0	2	CA
Grand Slam	1995	Gone West	140	77	34	51	\$1,689,069	0	4	8	KY
Awesome Again	1994	Deputy Minister	77	42	16	27	\$1,575,149	1	2	2	KY
Deputy Commander	1994	Deputy Minister	103	58	21	29	\$1,521,019	1	1	4	KY
Indian Charlie	1995	In Excess (Ire)	91	53	27	36	\$1,503,456	0	1	7	KY
Partner's Hero	1994	Danzig	68	37	22	38	\$1,208,138	1	2	3	MD
Souvenir Copy	1995	Mr. Prospector	114	62	30	40	\$1,183,341	0	1	1	KY
Swiss Yodeler	1994	Eastern Echo	53	38	25	40	\$1,126,657	0	2	4	CA
Stormy Atlantic	1994	Storm Cat	60	28	16	33	\$1,108,595	1	3	2	KY
Cape Town	1995	Seeking the Gold	65	34	16	22	\$954,741	1	1	2	KY
Skip Away	1993	Skip Trial	108	52	20	31	\$902,524	0	2	7	KY
Favorite Trick	1995	Phone Trick	83	45	17	24	\$896,235	0	2	3	KY
Formal Gold	1993	Black Tie Affair (Ire)	74	40	26	34	\$872,195	0	1	2	KY
Coronado's Quest	1995	Forty Niner	58	29	17	22	\$865,033	1	3	2	KY
Double Honor	1995	Gone West	73	49	35	60	\$864,631	0	0	2	FL
Concerto	1994	Chief's Crown	50	30	18	34	\$822,333	0	2	3	FL

WEEKEND STAKES WINNERS INCLUDE:

SAT, Newmarket.....**Refuse to Bend**.....(by **SADLER'S WELLS**)..... 2,000 Guineas Stakes - G1
 SAT, Churchill Downs.....**Limehouse**.....(by **GRAND SLAM**)..... Three Chimneys Juvenile Stakes - LR
 SUN, Hannover.....**North Lodge**.....(by **GRAND LODGE**).....Preis der Firma Jungheinrich Gabelstapler - LR
 SUN, Cologne.....**Chan Chan**.....(by **SPINNING WORLD**)..... Excelsior Hotel Ernst-Meile - LR
 SUN, Japan.....**Ishino Grace**.....(by **ROYAL ACADEMY**)..... Shumpu Stakes - LR

COOLMORE



(Pedigree Perspectives cont. from p. 5)

But Leamington moved to Pennsylvania and stood his first season in that state in 1871, the year in which Aristides was conceived.

Having missed a connection to the inaugural Kentucky Derby by a year, the New York breeding program had to wait another 128 years until this past weekend, when Funny Cide became the first New York-bred to claim the Run for the Roses. Funny Cide was not only the first New York-bred to win the GI Kentucky Derby, but also the first gelding to capture the race since Clyde Van Dusen in 1929. He's also the first horse that we can recall to win the Derby without having previously scored in open company (although Broker's Tip was a maiden when he won in 1933).

Funny Cide opened his career with a 13-length win in a state-bred maiden special weight event at Belmont Park. Subsequently, he maintained his undefeated juvenile record with wins in the Sleepy Hollow S. and Bertram F. Bongard S., both events restricted to New York-breds. Prior to the Derby, Funny Cide had faced the starter on three occasions in 2003. Fifth in the GIII Holy Bull S. after hitting the gate and then racing wide, he improved to third in the GII Louisiana Derby, before completing his Derby preparation with a close second to Empire Maker in the GI Wood Memorial.

Funny Cide is from the first crop of the Forty Niner stallion [Distorted Humor](#). The leading freshman sire of 2002, Distorted Humor is the current front runner in what looks to be an exceptional group of young stallions (another first-season sire, [Cape Town](#) was responsible for GI Kentucky Oaks winner Bird Town). He had four Northern Hemisphere first crop two-year-old stakes winners in 2002, headed by Awesome Humor, who earned Grade I honors in the Spinaway S., and the GII Astarita S. victress Humorous Lady.

His promising start notwithstanding, Distorted Humor wouldn't have been the first horse to come to mind as a candidate to sire a classic winner over a mile and a quarter. His first stakes win came in the six-furlong Screen King S. as a three-year-old. The following year he added the GIII Salvator Mile and at five he showed high-class form to capture a trio of graded stakes in the seven to 7 1/2-furlong range, setting a new track record for seven furlongs in the GII Churchill Downs H. and also taking the GII Commonwealth Breeders' Cup S. and the GIII Ack Ack H.

When noting these fine performances as a sprinter/miler, it's easy to overlook that Distorted Humor showed some very good form over longer distances: at three he went down by just a head to one

time world record mile holder, Istingood in the GII Fayette S. over nine furlongs, and the following year over the same distance he ran second to Semoran in the GIII Kentucky Cup Classic.

With that information in mind, it's a little less surprising that Distorted Humor should be able to sire middle-distance runners if bred to mares with some stamina in their backgrounds. Belle's Good Cide, the dam of Funny Cide, definitely fits that requirement. Her sire, Slewacide (a son of Triple Crown winner Seattle Slew) finished third in his only start, but sired Clever Trevor and Slew of Damascus, both middle-distance GISWs. Her dam Belle of Killarney is by Little Current, who had a luckless trip in the GI Kentucky Derby, but subsequently won the GI Preakness S. and GI Belmont S. Funny Cide's third dam, the GIII Ashland Stakes runner-up Cherished Moment, is a daughter of another stamina influence, Graustark.

Cherished Moment owns a rather interesting pedigree, as she is inbred 4x4 to the Aga Khan's fine staying mare Teresina through Graustark's broodmare sire Alibhai and his 3/4-sister Tertania (sixth dam of Funny Cide). Cherished Moment's dam Pumpkin Patch is inbred to Tesio's Italian 1,000 Guineas winner Nogara (dam of Nearco), so in his direct female line, Funny Cide has a foundation of the bloodlines of The Aga Khan and Federico Tesio, two of the greatest breeders of the 20th century. Another Tesio horse, Ribot, appears as the closest duplicated ancestor in Funny Cide's pedigree, appearing 5x5 through Tom Rolfe (broodmare sire of Forty Niner) and Graustark. This has been a formula which has worked well for Forty Niner and his sons, and there are at least another 21 Forty Niner-line stakes winners with Ribot duplicated in their pedigree, among them other GISWs Editor's Note, Gold Fever and Dark Ending. And in addition to Funny Cide, at least another seven have the second Ribot strain through Graustark. Forty Niner has also done very well with mares carrying the strain of Turn-to. Distorted Humor's granddam is inbred 3x3 to Turn-to through his son Hail to Reason and through Distorted Humor's fourth dam, and Funny Cide has Hail to Reason 5x6.

We can't leave Funny Cide without noting that he is also a product of the very successful Mr. Prospector/Seattle Slew cross. This pair, who both trace to the great tap-root mare Frizette, have been working well together for many years, and other examples of the cross with classic connections are the GI Belmont S. victor Lemon Drop Kid and Cape Town, who we have already mentioned as sire of this year's GI Kentucky Oaks heroine Bird Town.

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PROUD BIRDIE DIES Proud Birdie (Proud Clarion--Bernie Bird, by Bolero), a stalwart of Florida's breeding industry, was euthanized May 2 due to the infirmities of old age. The 30-year-old stallion was buried at Marablu Farm in Ocala, Florida, where he stood his entire stud career. Proud Birdie was purchased by A. Douglas Henderson at the first OBS two-year-olds in training sale in 1975. On the racetrack, he won the 1977 GI Marlboro H. and 1976 GII Everglades S. and was third in the 1976 GI Florida Derby. Proud Birdie retired to Henderson's Marablu Farm in 1979. "Birdie was more than just a friend; he got the ball rolling for Marablu Farm," Henderson said. From 20 crops and a total of 507 foals, Proud Birdie sired 63 black-type horses and 32 stakes winners. His current progeny earnings stand at \$21,281,065 and he sired 80 percent winners from starters and 15 percent black-type horses. He was represented on the track by Grade I winner Birdonthewire, as well as graded-stakes winners Score a Birdie, Hidden Tomahawk, Birdie's Legend, Star's Proud Penny and Georgia Bird Dog. Proud Birdie was pensioned in 1998, but continued to be a regular presence at Marablu's annual stallion shows.

★ **INDUSTRY INFO** ★

ReRun to Operate Maryland Farm:

ReRun, Inc. has assumed management of Greener Pastures Equine Sanctuary, a 160-acre estate along the Sassafras River near Cecilton, Md donated by the Wear Family. The facility, which was previously managed by Thoroughbred Charities of America, is presently home to many retired racehorses and is also a wildlife sanctuary dedicated to preserving the nesting habitat of the Blue Heron and American Eagle. Eventually, a dog and cat rescue will be housed at the facility as well.

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McDavid Awarded Russell-Rice Scholarship:

Matthew Collins McDavid of Bethesda, Md has been selected as the 47th recipient of the Fred Russell-Grantland Rice TRA Sports Writing Scholarship to Vanderbilt University. The four-year \$40,000 scholarship is co-sponsored by Vanderbilt University and the Thoroughbred Racing Association and is awarded each year to an outstanding high school senior with special interest and potential in the field of sports writing. The scholarship, first created in 1956, honors famed sports writers and Vanderbilt alumni Grantland Rice and Fred Russell. Previous winners include sports columnist Skip Bayless, who writes for San Jose's *Mercury News*; John Bloom, the syndicated "Joe Bob Briggs" movie critic/entertainer; David Sheinin, baseball writer for *The Washington Post*; and Tyler Kepner, the New York Mets beat writer for *The New York Times*.

STAKES CLOSINGS

TODAY, WEDNESDAY, MAY 7:

05-24 \$150,000a *Connaught Cup H.-II, Wo, 4yo/up, 8.5fT (150)*

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☆ **TRACK OPENING** ☆

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★ AMERICAN-BRED WINNERS ★

IN ITALY:

Danubio Blue, c, 4, **Tactical Advantage** See "European Breeders' Edition."

IN HONG KONG:

Great Dragon, g, 5, **Sky Classic--Go On Zen**, by Zen. Sha Tin, 5-4, Hcp., 1600mT. B-Lance K Robinson. *Previously Cafeteria Bay. **\$30,000 yrl '99 KESEP; 60,000gns 2yo '00 TATAPR.

★ ON THE RADAR ★

WEDNESDAY'S ENTRIES

2nd-BEL, Msw, 1 1/16m, post time: 1:30 p.m. EDT **BRIGHTON RIDGE** (c, 3, **Touch Gold--Swingin Nickel {SW}**), by **Plugged Nickle**) B-Kinghaven Farms Ltd (Ont).

Purchased for a cool \$1 million as a KEESEP yearling by Eugene and Laura Melnyk, Brighton Ridge broke poorly in the restricted Clarendon S. at Woodbine last June and raced wide to an honest fourth-place effort. The bay, a half to GSW Swingin on Ice (El Prado {Ire}), was shelved off that one, and trainer Todd Pletcher waited nearly a year to bring the colt back to the races. He's been training well for his 2003 debut, however, and Pletcher's go-to man, John Velazquez, gets the ride.

 **SOPHOMORE SPOTLIGHT**

First-time starters/stakes runners: Wednesday, May 7

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

SKIP AWAY (Skip Trial), Hopewell, \$50K, 180/21/2 2-BEL, Msw, 1 1/16m, +Merzouga Night

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★ BRITAIN ★

Wednesday, Chester, post time: 2:25 p.m.

UPM-KYMMENE CHESHIRE OAKS-Listed, £50,000, 3yo, f, 11f 79ydsT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER
1	2	Allergy (GB)	Alzao	Charlton
2	1	Bush Cat	Kingmambo	C Brittain
3	7	Halawanda (Ire)	Ashkalani (Ire)	Stoute
4	6	Hammiya (Ire)	Darshaan (GB)	Tregoning
5	5	Hecuba (GB)	Hector Protector	B Hills
6	9	Hurricane Love	Quiet American	B Hills
7	8	Illustria (GB)	Seeking the Gold	Channon
8	3	Lucky Date (Ire)	Halling	Magnusson
9	4	Snippets (Ire)	Be My Guest	Bolger

All carry 121 pounds.

The Queen's **Allergy** exited the maiden ranks on her third racecourse appearance and then stepped up on that form by finishing second in the Listed Zetland S. at Newmarket last November. She lacks match fitness but may possess enough class to win on her sophomore bow. **Lucky Date** was successful in one of her two juvenile starts but showed plenty of ability when second to Nasij in the Listed Masaka S. at Kempton Apr. 19. The Mount Coote Stud-bred does not hail from a fashionable stable but is a value alternative. **Halawanda**, **Hammiya** and **Hecuba** all rate as dangers but need to improve from last-time-out maiden wins.

Yesterday's Results:

BREITLING WATCHES & WALTONS OF CHESTER HUXLEY S.-Listed, £35,000, Chester, 5-6, 4yo/up, 10f 75ydsT, 2:10.66, gd.

1--**PARASOL (IRE)**, 127, c, 4, **Halling--Bunting (GB) (G1SP-Ity & SP-GB)**, by **Shaadi**. O/B-Mohammed Jumah Al Nabouda; T-David Loder; J-Frankie Dettori; £20,300. Lifetime Record: GSP-GB, 12-6-2-1, £141,319. * 1/2 to Mot Juste (GB) (Mtoto {GB}), SW-GB, G1SP-Fr, Ire & US, \$301,958.

2--**Vintage Premium (GB)**, 124, g, 6, **Forzando (GB)--Julia Domna (GB)**, by **Dominion (GB)**. £7,700.

3--**Burning Sun**, 131, c, 4, **Danzig--Media Nox (GB)**, by **Lycius**. £3,850.

Margins: 3/4, SHD, 1 1/4. Odds: 11-8, 8-1, 7-2.

Also ran: **Bustan (Ire)**, **Pablo (GB)**, **Gallant Hero (GB)**.



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***(Breitling Watches & Waltons of Chester Huxley S.-
Listed cont.)***

Having won the Listed Winter Derby on Lingfield's all-weather surface Mar. 15, Parasol returned to turf for his next start and doubled his stakes tally with victory in the Listed Magnolia S. at Kempton Apr. 21. He increased his burgeoning stakes portfolio here and maintained his unbeaten seasonal record with a determined display under jockey-of-the-day Frankie Dettori. "He's a funny old horse," said winning trainer David Loder. "It really suits him to just get a lead, but he thinks once he gets in front that he's done enough and that's why he always makes it look like hard work, but Frankie says he hasn't got to the bottom of him yet." Dettori positioned his mount in an enthusiastic yet stalking second as Vintage Premium led but joined that rival at the top of the stretch run. The 11-8 favourite was sent to the outright lead at the eighth pole and, with Dettori at his forceful best, drove to the wire for a determined success. As for future plans, Loder commented, "The [G1] Arlington Million is the long-term plan for him because I think it will suit him out there. In the short term, we are rather toying with the idea of trying him over a mile and a half in the [G2] Hardwicke S. at Royal Ascot [June 21], but that's going to need some thinking about before we commit to that plan. But, with the lollipop that is Ascot, I'm sure we may find ourselves there."

★ **"TDN Rising Star"** ★

Chester, 1.55, Cond, £21,000, 2yo, 5f 16ydsT, 1:01.40, gd.

CALDY DANCER (IRE) (f, 2, Soviet Star--Smile Awhile, by Woodman), successful on her debut at Haydock Apr. 19, was settled in a tracking third off a strong pace, but came under pressure at the quarter-mile marker. The 9-4 joint-favourite was ridden to the front along the rail approaching the final furlong and ran on strongly in the closing stages to beat Farewell to Arms (GB) (Efisio {GB}) by an impressive 3½ lengths. "She won really well at Haydock and didn't have to improve much to win here," said winning trainer Alan Berry. "She would have to go to Beverley for the [Listed] Hilary Needler Trophy [June 4], and if she's good enough she will go to the [G3] Queen Mary S. at Royal Ascot [June 18] after that." Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, £16,210.

O-Simba Racing; B-M J Foley; T-Alan Berry.

Bath, 3.45, Cond, £20,100, 3yo, 10f 46ydsT, 2:10.47, gd/fm.

HIGH ACCOLADE (GB) (c, 3, Mark of Esteem {Ire}--Generous Lady {GB} {SP-Ire}, by Generous {Ire}), a winner once from four juvenile starts for previous trainer Richard Hannon, was settled in fourth in the early stages, but was relegated to last position as the race began in earnest at the quarter-mile marker. The 11-2 chance made good progress approaching the final furlong and ran on strongly inside the last 50 yards to deny Heisse (GB) (Darshaan {GB}) by three-parts of a length. Lifetime Record: 5-2-0-2, £21,453. O-Lady Tennant; B-Deerfield Farm; T-Marcus Tregoning.

Bath, 2.10, Mdn, £7,315, 2yo, 5f 11ydsT, 1:03.13, gd/fm.

+ MAKILA KING (GB) (c, 2, Wizard King {GB}--Roonah Quay {Ire}, by Soviet Lad) broke smartly and raced in a close second, easing to the front before halfway. The 5-1 chance was pushed clear approaching the final furlong and ran on well, despite drifting right, to beat Dr Cerullo (GB) (Dr Fong) by a comfortable two lengths. Makila King was a 13,000gns DONSEP yearling purchase. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, £4,755. O-The Pink Hat Racing Partnership; B-Helshaw Grange Stud & E Kent; T-Andrew Balding.

★ **FRANCE** ★

Yesterday's Results:

Maisons-Laffitte, 2.15, Cond, €29,000, 2yo, c/g, 5fT, 1:03.71, vsf.

NOLDEN (FR) (c, 2, Goldneyev--Darra {Fr}, by Jefferson {GB}) broke his maiden over course and distance on his second start Apr. 1 before running fourth last time at Longchamp Apr. 17. Sent straight to the lead from the outset, the 47-10 chance came under pressure when tackled soon after halfway, but ran on well in the closing stages to safely account for Joursanvault (Fr) (Verglas {Ire}) by a length. Lifetime Record: 4 starts, 2 wins, 1 place, €30,400.

O-C Herman; B-Mlle F Vaillant; T-P Costes.

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Maisons-Laffitte, 2.45, Cond, €29,000, 2yo, f, 5fT, 1:03.80, vsf.

VERI STAR (FR) (f, 2, Verglas {Ire}--Hariti {Ire}, by Flash Of Steel {Ire}), victorious over course and distance Apr. 1, raced in a close fourth in the early stages, but made good progress on the inside from halfway. The 11-10 market choice was pushed to the front at the quarter-mile marker and was pushed out in the closing stages to hold Tiger Dream (Hennessy) by a length. Lifetime Record: 2 starts, 2 wins, €27,500. O/T-Yves de Nicolay; B-C Lambert & W Wolf.

Maisons-Laffitte, 3.15, Cond, €29,000, 3yo, 5 1/2fT, 1:05.90, vsf.

VICTORIEUX (FR) (c, 3, Anabaa--Vassia, by Machiavel-ian), fourth on his only juvenile start, broke his maiden in a handicap over track and trip Apr. 7 on his second sophomore outing and soon raced at the head of affairs here. The 23-10 second choice was pushed into a clear lead approaching the final furlong and ran on well thereafter to beat Private War (Danzig) by five lengths. Lifetime Record: 4 starts, 2 wins, 2 places, €31,500. O-Alec Head; B-A & Ghislaine Head; T-C Head-Maarek.

Maisons-Laffitte, 4.15, Cond, €22,000, 3yo, 1 5/8mT, time: n/a, vsf.

MOSOGNO (FR) (c, 3, Linamix {Fr}--Mosogna {Ire} {MSP-Ger & Ity}, by Last Tycoon {Ire}), unraced as a juvenile, ran second on his debut over 10 furlongs at this course Apr. 7. He led early here, but was settled in second until joining the leader at the top of the long home straight. The 1-2 punters' choice was pushed to the front approaching the final furlong and was driven out in the closing stages to hold the strong late charge of Pantheiste (Fr) (Panoramic {GB}) by a short neck. Lifetime Record: 2 starts, 1 win, 1 place, €14,400. O/B-Gestut Ammerland; T-Andre Fabre.

Wednesday, Saint-Cloud, post time: 3:00 p.m.

PRIX D'ANGERVILLE-Listed, €41,000, 3yo, f, 1mT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER
1	7	Khalafa (Ire)	College Chapel (GB)	de Royer-Dupre
2	3	Thakeyyah (Ire)	Alhaarth (Ire)	F Head
3	5	Sabkha	Green Desert	Pantall
4	1	Visorama (Ire)	Linamix (Fr)	Fabre
5	6	Derrienne	Cozzene	Clement
6	4	Kivi	King of Kings (Ire)	Laffon-Parias
7	2	Dore Lake (Fr)	Ski Chief	de Nicolay
8	8	Wink (GB)	Salse	Pantall

All carry 123 pounds.

(Prix D'Angerville cont.)

Derrienne will seek to confirm known stakes form against two promising home-breds for the honours here. The winner of one of her two juvenile starts, she was a highly creditable third to Six Perfections (Fr) and Campsie Fells (UAE) in the Listed Prix Imprudence at Maisons-Laffitte Apr. 7 and has the necessary class to prevail. **Visorama**, successful over a mile at Longchamp Apr. 11, and **Khalafa**, the winner of a similar event at Longchamp six days later, are rated as the main dangers.

★ EUROPEAN-BRED WINNERS ★

IN HONG KONG:

Sensible Way (GB), g, 5, **Inchinor (Ire)**--Tudorealm, by Palace Music. Sha Tin, 5-4, Hcp., 1400mT. B-Wyck Hall Stud Ltd. *4,200gns wnl '98 TATDEC; Ir14,000gns yrl '99 TATIRE; 36,000gns 2yo '00 TATAPR.



AUSTRALASIA



NEW RECORD AT NATIONAL SALE The 2003 Magic Millions National Broodmare Sale had a big day Tuesday, with a new record price of A\$500,000 achieved by **Ateates (Aus)** (Zeditave {Aus}). Ken Turner of Almavale Bloodstock purchased the five-year-old multiple Group winner, in foal to Carnegie (Ire), from the consignment of Riversdale, agent for N. R. and M. P. Johnson. The record would have been eclipsed again if **La Bella Dama (NZ)** (Desert Sun {GB}) had reached her reserve price of A\$650,000. The Group 1 winner, in foal to Giant's Causeway, was led out unsold at A\$600,000. While the number of lots sold was on a par with last year--162 to 161--the aggregate jumped up over A\$4 million to A\$8,888,240, with a subsequent leap in average to A\$54,866 from A\$30,179 in 2002. "It's been a strong day of selling," said David Chester, managing director of Magic Millions. "There were some quality mares offered and sold at the sale, and the strong results clearly show the National Broodmare Sale is a great place to sell and buy the best mares." The Broodmare Sale continues Wednesday at 11 a.m. "[Wednesday] we are offering some very good mares who are sure to be sold for competitive prices," Chester added. "This is the sale in 1999 that, for just A\$2,250, we sold Little Recruit in foal to Clang. The resultant foal is, of course, Clangalang [winner of the G1 AJC Derby]."



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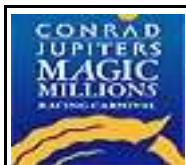
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TUESDAY - TOP FIVE LOTS**

<u>Lot</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Covering Sire</u>	<u>Price (A\$)</u>
533	Ateates (Aus) <i>(7, Zeditave {Aus}--Paris Miss {Aus}, by Opera Prince {Aus})</i>	Carnegie (Ire)	500,000
	Consigned by Riversdale Purchased by Almavale Bloodstock		
580	Fair Embrace (Aus) <i>(4, Strategic {Aus}--Janelle Again {NZ}, by Indian Ore)</i>	Not covered	400,000
	Consigned by T & R Trading Partnership Purchased by Baramul Stud		
632	Gold Lottey (Aus) <i>(4, Encosta de Lago {Aus}--Lottey {Aus}, by Bellotto)</i>	Not covered	390,000
	Consigned by T & R Trading Partnership Purchased by Neil Jenkinson		
557	Coat (Aus) <i>(5, Brocco--Fitting {Aus}, by Marscay {Aus})</i>	Carnegie (Ire)	350,000
	Consigned by Segenhoe Stud Purchased by Springfield Stud		
778	Sorb Apple (Ire) <i>(11, Kris {GB}--Sorbus {Ire}, by Busted {GB})</i>	Danehill	280,000
	Consigned by Collingrove Stud Purchased by Strawberry Hill Stud		

★ AUSTRALIA ★

D-DAY FOR WATERHOUSE

Controversial bookmaker Rob Waterhouse will face the NSW Thoroughbred Racing Board on May 12 after being issued a show-cause notice as to why his book-making licence should not be revoked. Waterhouse won a court appeal to revive his bookmaking career in the wake of the "extravagant odds" affair last February and he is set to resume at the Scone Cup meeting on Friday May 16. The TRB has issued a notice as to why it should not cancel or revoke his licence with four specific failures to honour undertakings and agreements with the board at the time his licence was renewed. After being found guilty by Racing NSW stewards of several charges relating to his conduct, Waterhouse was originally disqualified for one year, which meant he could not set foot on a racecourse during that period. Subsequently the Racing NSW Appeal Panel reduced the penalty to a nine-month suspension and reduced fines imposed by stewards from A\$78,000 to A\$19,500. After another appeal by Waterhouse, this time to the Racing Appeal Tribunal, Justice Thorley amended the suspension of nine months back to a disqualification. However, the Supreme Court of Appeal then ruled Justice Thorley had no jurisdiction to increase the penalty.



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Tuesday, May 6, 2003

<u>SESSION TOTALS</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2002</u>
No. Offered	237	191
No. Sold	162	161
RNAs	74	30
% RNA (% change)	31% (+94%)	16%
Gross	A\$8,888,240	A\$4,858,750
Average (% change)	A\$54,866 (+82%)	A\$30,179
<u>CUMULATIVE</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2002</u>
No. Offered	447	324
No. Sold	343	276
RNAs	103	48
% RNA (% change)	23%	15%
Gross	A\$10,913,690	A\$6,614,650
Average (% change)	A\$31,818	A\$23,966

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**BREEDERS' EDITION
AMERICA**

ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

6th-DEL, \$49,000, NW2\$6MX, 3yo/up, 6f, 1:11 1/5, ft.
GRANGEVILLE (g, 8, Gulch--Cor Anglais, by Nijinsky II)
Lifetime Record: MSW-US & SW-GB, 34-9-6-9,
\$424,470. O-Augustin Stable. B-George Strawbridge Jr
(PA). T-Jonathan E Sheppard.

7th-DEL, \$40,000, NW2X, 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16m,
1:47 2/5, ft.

BROAD PICTURE (f, 4, Broad Brush--Sacramentada {Chi} {Ch. Older Mare-Chi, MG1SW-Chi, GSW-US, \$166,350} by Northair) Lifetime Record: SP, 15-5-3-3,
\$124,100. O-Coming Home Stables Inc. B-Robert E Meyerhoff (MD). T-Michael P Petro.

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7th-FEX, \$34,900, Opt. Clm. (\$32,000-\$28,000), NW2LX, 3yo/up, a1m70yd, 1:44 3/5, my.
WHATTA BIG RUCKUS (c, 4, Big Wig--Ruckus Pette, by Bold Ruckus) Lifetime Record: 8-2-2-2, \$49,849. O-Spiro Tanti Family Stable. B-Mr & Mrs Harry Foster (ON). T-John C Simms.

5th-HAW, \$30,000, NW2X, (S), 3yo/up, 6f, 1:10 4/5, ft.
SHANDY (c, 3, Elusive Quality--Sweet Claire Bear {MSW, \$261,982}, by Mari's Book) Lifetime Record: SW, 8-3-1-1, \$88,307. O/B-Asiel Stable (IL). T-Richard P Hazelton.

4th-HAW, \$28,000, NW1X, (S), 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16m (off turf), 1:49 4/5, ft.
IN SPYT OF MY EX (m, 6, Spy Signal--Explodent's Echo, by Explodent) Lifetime Record: 37-7-2-3, \$82,701. O-Steven M & Joseph E Kasperski. B-Steve Kasperski (IL). T-Joseph Kasperski Jr.

7th-HAW, \$28,000, NW1X, 3yo/up, a1m 70yds (off turf), 1:45 1/5, ft.
MACATAWA BAY (c, 4, Kissin Kris--Genie's Flight, by Silver Hawk) Lifetime Record: 15-2-5-1, \$78,520. O-Mast Thoroughbreds. B-John Franks (FL). T-Robert M Gorham. *\$42,000 2yo 2001 OBSAPR. **1/2 to Silver on Silver (Silver Deputy), SW, \$141,545.

8th-PRM, \$26,950, 5-5, NW3L, 3&4yo, f, 6f, 1:10 2/5, ft.
ABOUNDING TRUTH (f, 3, Proudest Romeo--Abounding Mystery, by Lyphard's Ridge) Lifetime Record: 4-3-0-1, \$35,500. O-Maggi Moss. B-Dr K K Jayaraman & Dr Vilasini D Jayaraman (FL). T-Dick R Clark.

7th-PRM, \$24,750, 5-5, NW1X, 3&4yo, 6f, 1:11 3/5, ft.
LOUIE GOLD (c, 3, Lite the Fuse--Fancy Motion, by Distinctive Pro) Lifetime Record: SP, 6-2-0-1, \$30,703. O/B-John C Hajduk (IN). T-Robert Zahl.

10th-PHA, \$21,600, NW1X, 4yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:10 4/5, sy.
REGAL LEXIE (f, 4, Unreal Zeal--Regal Too, by Regal and Royal) Lifetime Record: 10-4-1-1, \$45,105. O-Charles T Matses. B-CTM Racing Stable & Tom McCrocklin (FL). T-Edward T Allard.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Laughing Academy, c, 3, Distorted Humor--Famous Colony (GSP), by Pleasant Colony. PHA, 5-6, a1m70yd, 1:45 4/5. B-Mike Brown (Ky). *1/2 to Powerful Nation (Turkoman), GSP, \$176,245; Buffalo Bird Woman (Slew City Slew), SP, \$162,013.

Hunter Jay, c, 3, Halory Hunter--Ofelia Girl (SW & GSP, \$102,839), by Peterhof. FEX, 5-6, 6f, 1:12 2/5. B-Richard L Lister (On). *\$27,000 yrl '01 CBSSEP.
Rhythm's Love, f, 4, Rhythm--Woodley's Fee, by Seattle Slew. DEL, 5-6, (C), 1m, 1:42 3/5. B-Dr Federico Carmona (Ky).

**BREEDERS' EDITION
EUROPE**

CONDITIONS RESULTS:

Rome, 4.00, Cond, €19,125, 3yo/up, 7 1/2fT, time: n/a, gd.

DANUBIO BLUE (c, 4, Tactical Advantage--Halo Belle, by Saint Ballado) Lifetime Record: SP-Ity, 16 starts, 4 wins, 7 places, €64,845. O-O Pessi; B-Lou-Roe Farm Inc; T-M Colamartini. *\$30,000 yrl '00 OBSAUG.

Rome, 3.30, Cond, €15,300, 3yo, 7 1/2fT, time: n/a, gd.
BRASSY DOMINIE (GB) (c, 3, Primo Dominie {GB}--Brassy Nell {Ire}, by Dunbeath) Lifetime Record: 11 starts, 2 wins, 7 places, €31,654. O-F Cantone; B-Fulling Mill Farm & Stud; T-L di Dio.

Florence, 4.25, Cond, €15,300, 3yo, 1 1/4mT, time: n/a, gd.

SHORAN (IRE) (c, 3, Indian Ridge {Ire}--Sheriyna {Fr} {SW-Fr}, by Darshaan {GB}) Lifetime Record: 11 starts, 4 wins, 5 places, €45,220. O-Scuderia Belforte di Cesare Bernasconi; B-Agricola del Parco; T-B Grizzetti.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Ornello (Ity), c, 3, Brief Truce--Ocresia (Ity), by High Estate (Ire). Rome, Italy, 5-6, Mdn, 3yo, 7 1/2fT. B-Zootecnica Vitellia.



FOALING NEWS

SOPHISTICATED LYNN, 21, Clever Trick--So Sophisticated (Quack)

Foal born Mar. 21, a filly by Silver Ghost.

Will be bred back to Sultry Song.

Owned by Equine Farm Management Inc & Lexco Services Inc.

Boarded at Chanteclair Farm, Ky.

Accomplishments: SW. Dam of Sophisticatedcielo (Conquistador Cielo), MSW & GSP, \$290,299.

TERMINAL BLUSH, 16, Silent Screen--Brag (Bold Lad)

Foal born Mar. 21, a colt by Elusive Quality.

Will be bred back Commendable.

Owned by and boarded at Mill Ridge, Ky.

Accomplishments: It's Over (Stop the Music), SW.



WRITERS UP

WHAT A LONG, STRANGE TRIP IT'S BEEN; OR, HOW TO CATCH LIGHTNING IN A BOTTLE

By Lucas Marquardt

It began as the field straightened for home, just as he poked a determined head in front, and by the time Funny Cide, a 12-1 longshot to win the biggest race in the land, had put away the much-hyped Empire Maker and won the 129th running of the GI Kentucky Derby, the pride of New York breeders had reached a crescendo: *he's one of ours*. But while it's true that Funny Cide, a son of second-crop sire Distorted Humor, wears with pride the New York-bred tag, his roots stretch well past the borders of the Empire State, down to Kentucky, down further to Florida, and over, even, to sunny California. Funny Cide is the adopted son of a family that's nowhere near nuclear.

Funny Cide's story begins with his dam, a daughter of Slewacide named Belle's Good Cide, who was acquired by the Kentucky-based Prestonwood Farm under the acumen of general manager Rich Decker. When Prestonwood, including its broodmare band and promising young stallions Distorted Humor and Victory Gallop, was sold to Kenny Troutt and Bill Casner and renamed WinStar, Belle's Good Cide came along for the ride. It was during this period, in the early months of 1999, that the decision was made by Decker and Bloodstock Advisory Services' John Prather to breed Belle's Good Cide to first-year sire Distorted Humor.

"We were first turned onto Distorted Humor by Jerry Brown of *Thorograph*, who had flagged him as a top racing prospect with sire potential," remembers Decker, now based in California as part of the Vessels Stallion team. "In terms of breeding Belle's Good Cide to him, there was, of course, the whole Mr. Prospector/Seattle Slew thing. And there were several things in her pedigree John and I liked and how they lined up with Distorted Humor." When asked about the distance limitations of a prospective foal, Decker laughs, "Did I know that he would get a mile and a quarter? Hell, no. But that's what we were attempting to do, absolutely. The goal at Prestonwood was to breed Classic horses."

With Belle's Good Cide carrying a future Derby winner and enjoying the good life in the Bluegrass State, a fateful marketing decision was made by WinStar's Doug Cauthen to send a group of nine or so mares in foal to Distorted Humor to McMahan Thoroughbreds of Saratoga Springs, New York, thus making the resulting

offspring New York-breds. "We were trying to get Distorted Humor into different regions," explains Cauthen. "If his foals were to have success in N.Y., then his influence in the region would grow exponentially." Because of New York's breed-back policy, all of the mares that were sent up from Kentucky were bred back to New York-based stallions and were subsequently sold at auction. "Did we lose some nice mares [at the sales]," Cauthen asked. "Absolutely. But the ultimate goal was to have the stallion succeed." Cauthen's plan, quite obviously, has worked out better than anyone could have expected. In addition to Funny Cide, at least two other stakes horses have emerged

from that interstate exchange program: MSP Go Rockin Robin and MSP Ritzy Dame. Unfortunately, Belle's Good Cide, after being purchased for \$3,500 by Bonita Farm, agent, at the Fasig-Tipton Mid-Atlantic sale, died earlier this year after suffering a severe bout of colic.

Funny Cide, meanwhile, had returned to Kentucky after being weaned at McMahan, but again was shipped to New York, this time as a yearling under McMahan's consignment at the Fasig-Tipton Saratoga Preferred Yearling Sale. In what will most likely turn out to be the sale of the year, Tony Everard, in conjunction with his brother Joseph and

Joseph's wife, Helen, purchased the colt for \$22,000, a price tempered by the fact the youngster was a ridgling. The Everard's brought Funny Cide down to their New Episode farm in Ocala, Florida, where they broke the yearling after having him gelded. Tony liked the way the colt's training was progressing and soon trainer Barclay Tagg, with whom Everard often did business, visited Ocala to take a look at the chestnut.

"He was training beautifully," recalls Tony. "He was a beautiful mover, one of the best I've ever had, and was very smart."

A second visit by Tagg early in 2002 resulted in his purchasing Funny Cide for client's Sackatoga Stable for \$75,000. Once again, Funny Cide was heading north, where he joined Tagg's stable in New York. A few months later, in early September, Funny Cide would break his maiden against state-breds by 14 3/4 lengths. And the rest, as they say, is damned good luck.

Rich Decker, encapsulating the feeling many share about Funny Cide, concluded, "I feel like a small cog in an awfully big wheel. This horse has been surrounded by a lot of great people. I mean, Barclay Tagg, God bless him. He's done a great job with this horse. On Derby day, you've got a lot of feelings deep down that you're better off keeping close to your chest. Let the horse do the talking on the track. But, man, it was like catching lightning in a bottle."



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