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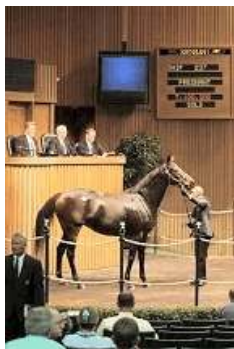
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A WORLD-RECORD RUN

In 1999, **Cash Run** (Seeking the Gold--Shared Interest, by Pleasant Colony) shocked the racing world by winning the GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies at odds of 32-1. The dark bay mare was back in the headlines yesterday after becoming the highest-priced broodmare ever to go through the sales ring. Selling as hip 237, she attracted a world-record bid of \$7.1 million at the opening session of the Keeneland November Breeding Stock Sale in Lexington. Consigned by Taylor Made Sales Agency on behalf of Coolmore magnate John Magnier and Padua Stable's Satish Sanan, Cash Run, in foal to Storm Cat, was at the center of a protracted duel between the two partners, with Magnier up against Satish's agent, J.B. McKathan. The winning bid broke the previous record of \$7 million set in 1985 for Miss Oceana and matched in 1998 for Korveya. "She's as good as a mare gets," said Taylor Made's Duncan Taylor. "She's from the Mr. Prospector line and Seattle Slew's female family and her half brother Forestry is off to a great start and looks like he's going to be a great stallion. That might be the best buy of the sale." The mare's first foal, a filly by Storm Cat, brought just \$300,000 at the Keeneland September Sale, and Magnier said that to be worth her eye-catching price tag, "[Cash Run] just needs to have a better yearling than she did this year." But he was optimistic about that yearling's prospects. "She was a first foal," he said. "She was kind of small, but she could turn out to be a runner. She was very athletic."



Cash Run Horsephotos

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389	394	396	407	408	412	427	434	437
441	444	456	459	460	463	474	489	493
506	513	520	523	538	542	551	555	556
563	564	569	573	581	587	597	599	631
	651	652	653	659	661	665	667	

TOP TEN BROODMARES/RACING PROSPECTS

Hip#	Name	Covering Sire	Price
<u>237</u>	Cash Run <i>(m, 6, Seeking the Gold--Shared Interest, by Pleasant Colony)</i>	Storm Cat	\$7,100,000
Consigned by Taylor Made Sales Agency, Agent LIII Purchased by John Magnier			
<u>156</u>	Spain <i>(m, 6, Thunder Gulch--Drina, by Regal and Royal)</i>	Storm Cat	\$5,300,000
Consigned by Three Chimneys Sales, agent Purchased by Dromoland Farm			
<u>253</u>	Composure <i>(f, 3, Touch Gold--Party Cited, by Alleged)</i>	A.P. Indy	\$3,600,000
Consigned by Three Chimneys Sales, agent Purchased by John Ferguson Bloodstock			
<u>309</u>	Golden Apples (Ire) <i>(m, 5, Pivotal {GB}--Loon {Fr}, by Kaldoun {Fr})</i>	B'mare Prospect	\$3,400,000
Consigned by Taylor Made Sales Agency, Agent LX Purchased by Shadwell Farm LLC			
<u>204</u>	Arabis <i>(f, 4, Deputy Minister--Aishah, by Alydar)</i>	Racing/B'mare Prosp.	\$2,900,000
Consigned by Middlebrook Farm, agent Purchased by Aaron U. & Marie D. Jones			
<u>142</u>	Saudi Poetry <i>(m, 6, Storm Cat--Gone to Venus, by Gone West)</i>	Silver Deputy	\$2,200,000
Consigned by Three Chimneys Sales, agent Purchased by WinStar Farm, agent			
<u>136</u>	Saganeca <i>(m, 5, Sagace {Fr}--Haglette, by Hagley)</i>	Storm Cat	\$2,000,000
Consigned by Lane's End, agent Purchased by John Magnier			
<u>239</u>	Celtic Melody <i>(m, 5, Mr. Greeley--Ballynaugh, by Desert Wine)</i>	Danzig	\$1,300,000
Consigned by Taylor Made Sales Agency, Agent CLXXV Purchased by ClassicStar LLC by S. David Plummer			
<u>272</u>	Descapate <i>(m, 5, Dehere--Scapegoat, by Forty Niner)</i>	A.P. Indy	\$1,250,000
Consigned by Lane's End, agent Purchased by WinStar Farm, agent			
<u>126</u>	Regal and Fleet <i>(f, 4, Seattle Slew--Flat Fleet Feet, by Afleet)</i>	War Chant	\$775,000
Consigned by Three Chimneys Sales, agent Purchased by R.J. Bennett, agent			

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Spain Reigns...

The bidding for **Spain** (Thunder Gulch) opened inside the pavilion at \$1 million and quickly accelerated to the \$3-million range, but the action moved to the back after that, with John Ferguson, bidding on behalf of Sheikh Mohammed; trainer Elliott Walden for WinStar Farm; Demi O'Byrne and John Magnier for Coolmore; and Gerry Dilger, on the phone with Dromoland Farm, all taking part. A clearly nervous Dilger was the last man standing when Ferguson dropped out at \$5.2 million. Asked who was responsible for the final bid of \$5.3 million, Dilger refused to comment, saying only that he'd bought her because "her pedigree stands for itself." Consigned by Three Chimneys Sales, agent, Spain was sold in foal to supersire Storm Cat.

No sooner had the ink dried on that ticket than Dilger was back on the phone to go after hip 157, a weanling colt by Storm Cat out of Spain. WinStar was in the thick of the proceedings, taking the bidding to \$2.3 million before being outdone by Dilger, who, acting on behalf of an unidentified client, went to \$2.4 million. It was a North American record for a weanling colt.

All this for a filly who was listed as a \$25,000 KEESEP yearling. But Spain went on to win nine races, including the GI Breeders' Cup Distaff and GI La Brea S., and earned \$3,540,542. Her half-brother Puerto Banus (Supremo), who sold for \$345,000 as a FTFFEB juvenile, captured the 2003 GII Sunset H. Her full sister, Path of Thunder, brought \$1.2 million at Keeneland September 2002.

Darley Shows Composure...

John Ferguson outlasted the competition to secure multiple Grade I winner and 2002 Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies runner-up **Composure** (Touch Gold) for \$3.6 million. "She's a lovely mare and she'll be going to Darley," Ferguson said. "We're just delighted to get her." A \$470,000 KEESEP yearling, the bay was victorious in this year's GI Las Virgenes S., but was retired after suffering a fractured sesamoid during her victory in the GI Santa Anita Oaks Mar. 8 and was bred to Lane's End stallion A.P. Indy. "She's a lovely mare and that was a good sale," said Robert Clay, whose Three Chimneys Farm consigned the sophomore on behalf of Bob and Beverly Lewis. "She sold for well beyond our expectations." Added Bob Lewis, "I think [Darley] bought an outstanding broodmare and we're pleased to have made the sale. We're delighted that an authority in the industry like Sheikh Mohammed would be interested."

Bobbing for Apples...

Another to crack the \$3-million level was **Golden Apples (Ire)** (Pivotal {GB}), who was knocked down for a final price of \$3.4 million to Shadwell Farm. The reigning Eclipse Award-winning turf distaffer took a pair of Grade I races during her championship season. She started just once this term, finishing in a triple-dead heat for second in the GI John C. Mabee H. over the Del Mar turf July 26. She was consigned to the sale by Taylor Made Sales Agency. "Her pedigree is such that you can breed to anybody. She a complete outcross," commented Rick Nichols, who signed the ticket on behalf of Shadwell. "She's a fantastic physical and had a great racetrack record. She sold for about what we thought she'd sell for. The market is very strong. It's a good thing that we already have a good broodmare band and that we're not trying to build one." The mare is likely to remain at Shadwell in the U.S. as opposed to being sent overseas. Sold as a broodmare prospect and not in foal, Nichols indicated that Shadwell has not yet made a decision as to who the five-year-old mare would be bred to next season. **KEENOV Coverage cont. p3**

LEADING CONSIGNORS BY AVERAGE

Consignor	No. Sold	Average
Middlebrook Farm	2	\$1,505,000
Three Chimneys Sales	20	\$935,750
Taylor Made Sales Agency	41	\$574,414
Hill 'n' Dale Sales Agency	10	\$430,500
Needham-Betz Thoroughbreds	2	\$425,000
Lane's End	23	\$353,043
Pope McLean	2	\$327,500
Millford Farm	1	\$325,000
Katalpa Farm	1	\$250,000
Patricia Clark	1	\$245,000

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Chacing Arabis...

Buzz Chace, agent for Aaron and Marie Jones, outbid Gerry Dilger, acting for Peter Blum, to buy the four-year-old racing or broodmare prospect **Arabis** (Deputy Minister) for \$2.9 million. The mare, consigned by Middlebrook Farm, agent, is a half sister to Grade I winner Aldiza (Storm Cat) and a full sister to multiple graded-stakes winner Atelier. "She just has a great pedigree and Mr. Jones was looking for a real good mare to breed to Forestry," explained Chace. "She just kind of fit the repertoire nicely." Of the price tag, Chace said, "I thought she'd bring between two and three million. That was probably our limit. I'm not saying that we wouldn't have gone higher, but we're glad we got her at that price" The mare, an allowance winner of \$163,157, will not race again. Helen Alexander's Middlebrook Farm has enjoyed considerable success with this family, selling Arabis' yearling half brother by A.P. Indy at Keeneland September for \$600,000. Of the competitive market for mares at Keeneland Monday, Alexander said, "We had a great September, the sales in Europe were good and when people do well with their yearlings, they're excited about buying another mare--something to keep it going, to hopefully improve their broodmare band."

Lemon Drop Kid Weanling Tops Norfields Dispersal...

A weanling filly from the first crop by Lemon Drop Kid out of Desert Stormette (Storm Cat) brought a final bid of \$460,000 to top the Norfields dispersal, which was offered after Keeneland November's opening session yesterday. The chestnut is a half sister to stakes winner Desert Gold (Seeking the Gold) and is out of a full sister to GI Breeders' Cup Sprint heroine Desert Stormer. She was purchased by Nicoma, agent for Lael Stable. The dispersal was handled by Taylor Made Sales Agency, but only three of the 17 horses originally catalogued were sold. The trio grossed \$491,000, an average of \$163,667 and a median of \$25,000.

She Can Carry a Tune...

A filly by Storm Cat out of Serena's Tune (Mr. Prospector--Serena's Song, by Rahy) was the day's second-best selling weanling, bringing a final bid of \$1.4 million from Frank Justice's Dell Ridge Farm. The first foal out of champion Serena's Song, Serena's Tune was purchased for \$1 million by James Delahooke, on behalf of Winsong Farms, at the 1999 Keeneland July Sale. She proved successful at the races, winning stakes events at Santa Anita, Fair Grounds and the Meadowlands and earning \$337,260. This is her first foal. "Her pedigree, her conformation, everything about her is good," Justice commented. "She's exactly what we want. We plan on racing her and there are no plans to resell her." According to farm manager Des Ryan, Dell Ridge maintains a broodmare band which numbers about 20. Among the mares at the farm are four-year-old Storming Beauty (Storm Cat--Sky Beauty, by Blushing Groom {Fr}), who has a weanling filly by Gone West; Indian Snow (A.P. Indy--November Snow, by Storm Cat), whose first foal is a colt by Kingmambo; and Warrior Queen (Quiet American--Call Me Fleet, by Afleet), who is the dam of a weanling colt by A.P. Indy and is back in foal to that sire.

TOP FOUR WEANLINGS

Hip	Sex	Sire	Dam	Price
<u>157</u>	c	Storm Cat	Spain	\$2,400,000
<i>B-The Thoroughbred Corp. (Ky)</i>				
Consigned by Three Chimneys Sales, agent				
Purchased by Dromoland Farm				
<u>147</u>	f	Storm Cat	Serena's Tune	\$1,400,000
<i>B-Hill 'n' Dale Farm & Edward McGhee (Ky)</i>				
Consigned by Hill 'n' Dale Sales Agency, agent				
Purchased by Dell Ridge Farm				
<u>128</u>	c	Unbridled's Song	Revonda (Ire)	\$400,000
<i>B-Avalon Farm (Ky)</i>				
Consigned by Robert E. Courtney/Crestfield Farm LLC, Agent V				
Purchased by Shadwell Estate Co. Ltd				
<u>229</u>	c	Montbrook	Bold Burst	\$300,000
<i>B-Silverleaf Farm (Fl)</i>				
Consigned by Greenfield Farm, Agent II				
Purchased by Eaton Sales				

LEADING BUYERS BY GROSS

Buyer	No. Bought	Gross
John Magnier	2	\$9,100,000
Dromoland Farm	3	\$7,810,000
John Ferguson Bloodstock	3	\$4,450,000
WinStar Farm, agent	4	\$4,350,000

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What They're Saying At The Sales...

Bob Lewis, owner/breeder:


"We're seeing records broken here, shattered. It's phenomenal, it's fantastic. It's great to watch it happen."

Peter Bradley, bloodstock agent:

"It looked like the 'A' physicals with no holes in the produce record--young mares--were bringing three times what you expected them to bring. It was hard to sell anything that was sub-par as far as physically, or that had holes in the produce record. You either got 300 percent of what you thought or you couldn't sell them for 50 percent of what you'd hoped for."

Geoff Russell, Keeneland director of sales:

"Quality mares sold above expectations. We say this time and time again, when you bring to market jewels, these are once-in-a-lifetime experiences. The market reacts to it. Spain was an all-time North American earner, she's a very special commodity. Cash Run is much the same. [The market] was exceedingly selective. There was some horses, in all ranges, brought more than I thought they'd bring and there were horses that didn't live up to expectations. People know what they're looking at and they appraise them very carefully. We look forward to tomorrow. I would have thought before the Breeders' Cup that [Monday] we would have the sale-topping mare. But after the Breeders' Cup, after Windsharp, we'll see."



KEENELAND NOVEMBER STATISTICS
MONDAY, NOV. 3, 2003

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*SESSION TOTALS	2003	2002
No. Offered	239	236
No. Sold	171	186
RNAs	68	50
% RNA (% change)	28% (+33%)	21%
Gross	\$69,170,000	\$58,851,500
Average (% change)	\$404,503 (+28%)	\$316,406
Median (% change)	\$180,000 (+6%)	\$170,000

*Does not include Norfields dispersal.

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☆ HIP HAPPENINGS ☆

Hip 403, Onaga (m, 9, Mr. Prospector--Savannah Dancer, by Northern Dancer)

Consigned by Indian Creek, agent

In foal to Storm Cat, the bay mare is a full sister to Sha Tha, the dam of French group stakes winner State Shinto (Pleasant Colony); and to Tacha, the dam of Irish Group 1 winner One Cool Cat (Storm Cat). One Cool Cat brought \$3.1 million at last year's KEEJUL sale. Onaga sold for \$1.7 million at the 1999 Keeneland November sale.

Hip 427, c, Fusaichi Pegasus--Regent's Walk, by Vice Regent

Consigned by Paramount Sales, Agent IV

B-Gaines-Gentry Thoroughbreds and Pacelco SA (Ky)

By a Kentucky Derby winner, this weanling is a half brother to MGISW Marquetry (Conquistador Cielo) and 3/4 to multiple French group winner Spain Lane (Seeking the Gold).

Hip 435, Sapharia (f, 3, Touch Gold--Marshesseaux, by Dr. Blum)

Consigned by Michael Byrne, agent

In foal to Thunder Gulch, the chestnut mare is a 3/4 sister to champion older horse Left Bank. She sold for \$650,000 at the 2002 Fasig-Tipton February sale.

Hip 442, Secregold (m, 5, Seeking the Gold--Secrettame, by Secretariat)

Consigned by Mare Haven Farm

The chestnut mare is a 3/4-quarter sister to Gone West and Lion Cavern and is in foal to Belmont S. winner Lemon Drop Kid. She'll be followed in the ring by her weanling filly by Lemon Drop Kid.

Hip 454, Siberian Fur (m, 9, Siberian Express--Siksika, by Quack)

Consigned by Indian Creek, agent for Woodburn Farm

The gray mare was represented by her first graded-stakes winner when Spoken Fur (Notebook) took the GI Coaching Club American Oaks and GI Mother Goose S. She is carrying a full sibling to that filly. Her weanling by GSW Forest Gazelle follows her into the ring.

Hip 488, Tuzia (m, 9, Blushing John--Fleet Road, by Magesterial)

Consigned by Bluegrass Thoroughbred Services, Inc., agent for Stoneway Farm

The bay mare, in foal to Breeders' Cup Classic winner Awesome Again, is a half sister to this year's Preakness runner-up Midway Road (Jade Hunter).



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Hip 525, Another Storm (f, 4, Gone West--Storm Song, by Summer Squall)

Consigned by Denali Stud (Craig Bandoroff), agent

Sold for \$1 million as the first foal from the champion two-year-old filly of 1996, Another Storm is offered in foal to Three Chimneys stallion War Chant. The bay mare also hails from the family of Tasmanian Tiger (Storm Cat), who brought \$6.8 million at the 2000 Keeneland September Sale.

Hip 533, Banshee Winds (m, 13, Known Fact--Quack a Doodledoo, by Quack)

Consigned by Mill Ridge Sales, agent

Graded-stakes placed on the track, Banshee Winds got off to a cracking start in the breeding shed, producing subsequent champion Banshee Breeze to the cover of Unbridled in 1995. Also the dam of stakes winner Unbridled Wind and stakes-placed Charm, the 13-year-old mare is also the dam of a full sister to Banshee Breeze, purchased by Richard Santulli for \$1.1 million at this year's Keeneland September Sale. She is due early to A.P. Indy.

Hip 534, Bayou Storm, (m, 5, Storm Cat--At the Half, by Seeking the Gold)

Consigned by Ashview Farm, agent

This young mare, unplaced in one start at the races, is a half sister to MGSW & MGISP Lu Ravi (A.P. Indy), who earned over \$1.8 million in her career. Not only is she a half sister to a \$1.35 Keeneland September yearling of this year, but she is also kin to Half Queen (Deputy Minister), the dam of Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies winner Halfbridled (Unbridled). She sells in foal to Maria's Mon. Her weanling filly by Thunder Gulch follows her into the ring.

Hip 613, c, Giant's Causeway--Fountain Lake, by Vigors

B-Gaines-Gentry Thoroughbreds (KY)

Consigned by Paramount Sales, agent

The March 28 foal is a half sister to \$3-million earner Free House (Smokester), who won three Grade I events and placed in all three legs of the 1997 Triple Crown. His dam was sold in foal to Fusaichi Pegasus for \$560,000 at the 2001 Keeneland November Sale.

Hip 614, Fragrant Storm (f, 4, Storm Bird--Subtle Fragrance, Crafty Prospector)

Consigned by Gainesway, agent

A winner at two in England, this is the older half sister to Soto (Dehere), who took this year's GIII West Virginia Derby and was second since the catalogue to Ten Most Wanted in the GII Super Derby S. The female family was represented this summer by a \$675,000 colt by Forest Wildcat sold at Fasig-Tipton Saratoga.

Hip 673, f, Storm Cat--Lost The Code, by Lost Code

B-Dr Audrey Narducci & Overbrook Farm (KY)

Consigned by Paramount Sales, agent

One of two weanling fillies by Storm Cat to sell this afternoon, this Feb. 6 foal is a half sister to Squitle Squirt (Marquetry), winner of the Breeders' Cup Sprint in 2001. Thirteen-year-old Lost The Code brought \$500,000 in foal to Storm Cat's son Cat Thief at the 2001 November Sale.

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Explosive. Beyond belief. Insane...yes, those descriptions were among those heard, more than once, by this correspondent at Keeneland yesterday. Of course, everybody knew there were going to be some boxcar prices, what with Cash Run, Spain, Composure and Golden Apples in the catalogue, but it was really strong in the '6 1/2-figure' range--the horses bringing \$500,000 to \$1 million--too, which perhaps wasn't expected.

For a catalogue which many felt wasn't particularly deep, you'd be forgiven for thinking you were at the strongest horse sale of modern times, so robust, shall we say, were the prices...and expect more of the same today, when Mill Ridge alone sends up The Thoroughbred Corp.'s Windsharp (dam of Johar), Sharp Cat, Point Given's dam (Turko's Turn), and Drina, the dam of Spain.

As off-the-graph as yesterday's session was, it's hard to believe there have been stronger Mondays in November. Yesterday's \$69.6-million gross for 174 sold constituted an 18% rise from Monday last year, and is 43% higher than two years ago. But on the Monday in 2000, a total of 226 horses grossed a world-record \$102,450,000, including 10 \$2-million plus mares; there were seven yesterday.

So all right, it might not have been the all-time record session, but the truth is, it's hard to imagine how yesterday's sale could have been any stronger. And no letup today.

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LEADING SIRES OF 2003 GRADE/GROUP 1 WINNERS (Through Oct. 26)

Sire	Location	Winners
<u>Sadler's Wells</u> (Northern Dancer)	Ire	7
Kris S. (Roberto)	dead	4
<u>Storm Cat</u> (Storm Bird)	Ky	4
<u>A.P. Indy</u> (Seattle Slew)	Ky	3
Darshaan (Shirley Heights)	dead	3
<u>Dynaformer</u> (Roberto)	Ky	3
<u>Red Ransom</u> (Roberto)	Ky	3
<u>Unbridled</u> (Fappiano)	dead	3
Caerleon (Nijinsky II)	dead	2
<u>Carson City</u> (Mr. Prospector)	Ky	2
<u>Danehill</u> (Danzig)	dead	2
Green Desert (Danzig)	Eng	2
<u>Hernando</u> (Niniski)	Eng	2
In the Wings (Sadler's Wells)	Ire	2
<u>Kingmambo</u> (Mr. Prospector)	Ky	2
Machiavellian (Mr. Prospector)	Eng	2
<u>Peintre Celebre</u> (Nureyev)	Ire	2
Pivotal (Polar Falcon)	Eng	2
Pleasant Colony (His Majesty)	Ky	2
<u>Selkirk</u> (Sharpen Up)	Eng	2

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1--▲**BAGO, 126, c, 2, by Nashwan**

1st Dam: Moonlight's Box, by Nureyev

2nd Dam: Coup de Genie, by Mr. Prospector

3rd Dam: Coup de Folie, by Halo

O/B-Niarchos Family; T-J Pease; J-T Gillet; €142,850.

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Conventional wisdom has it that "if at first you don't succeed, try, try again," but many commercial breeders find it much safer to adopt my schoolboy philosophy of "if at first you don't succeed, give up."

Every now and then, though, you could be forgiven for wondering whether there has been an outbreak of obsessive-compulsive disorder among sections of the breeding community. The catalyst is often the appearance of a couple of important winners bred to a pattern which suggests that a very profitable nick could be in its infancy.

For example, Storm Bird's first crop contained two very talented two-year-olds--Storm Cat and the English filly Storm Star--out of Secretariat mares. By the time the curtain came down on Storm Bird's career, he had sired 75 foals out of Secretariat mares, with these 75 representing 11 percent of his total output.

You could argue that Storm Bird had at least as good a record with a few other broodmare sires but breeders could hardly be blamed for attempting to produce another Storm Cat or Summer Squall.

However, I have been rather mystified by the persistence that breeders have shown in sending daughters of Nureyev to Nashwan.

It is easy enough to see the initial appeal of this pairing. Nashwan, after all, had been a truly magnificent racehorse, one who still has the distinction of being the only colt since Nijinsky in 1970 to win both the 2000 Guineas and the Derby.

Nureyev too had possessed exceptional talent but he managed to race only three times. Theoretically, his daughters could benefit from the toughness that had enabled Nashwan to become the first horse ever to complete a clean sweep of the 2000 Guineas, Derby, Eclipse and King George in a single season.

Then there was the appeal of the pair's contrasting physiques. Whereas Nureyev was distinctly on the small side, Nashwan was a much rangier individual, standing over 16.2 hands, and he had the strong bone sometimes lacking in Nureyev's daughters. The two stallions also seemed likely to complement each other from another angle: Nureyev possessed plenty of speed, while Nashwan came from a family which had enjoyed much of its success over a mile and a half.

There are now 36 foals of racing age by Nashwan out of Nureyev mares, which makes this the most widely-tried cross with the former Shadwell stallion. Until this year the cross had produced nothing better than Haami, a G3 winner with an International Classification of 113, and Najah, an Italian G2 winner with a Classification of 112. However, the try-try-again approach has finally paid off in the shape of Bago. This colt provided the Niarchos Family with yet another G1 victory when he took the Criterium International on very soft ground.

Bago is only the second son of Nashwan to win at G1 level, his predecessor being the admirably versatile Swain. Coincidentally, the day of Bago's big win also saw Swain represented by his third Graded winner from his first crop, when Stanley Park took the GIII Bay Meadows Derby.

Although Nashwan has also sired four Group 1-winning fillies, including the Eclipse winner Wandesta and the excellent One So Wonderful, who defeated the colts in the Juddmonte International, one could argue that he hasn't fulfilled all the high hopes once held of him. Bago is his 18th Group winner from a total of 509 foals, which works out to 3.5 percent, and his percentage of stakes winners stands at around six percent.

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So what, if anything, went wrong? My first hunch--which was to prove wrong--was that Nashwan had spent too big a part of his career covering mares by Northern Dancer and his sons. Because of the shortage of top stallions in Europe with pedigrees free of Northern Dancer, Nashwan acted like a magnet to mares from this line. Another incentive for this course of action was the success that Nashwan's dam, that exceptional mare Height of Fashion, had enjoyed with Northern Dancer. Her first visit produced Alwasmī, a Group 3 winner, and the second resulted in Unfuwain, a first-rate mile-and-a-half horse who was unfortunate not to win a Group 1 event.

Among Nashwan's most frequent visitors were daughters of Nureyev, Sadler's Wells, Northern Dancer, Nijinsky and Lyphard. You could be forgiven for thinking that here is the answer, because there were no stakes winners among the 16 foals out of Northern Dancer mares or the 15 foals out of Lyphard mares and there is only one Group winner (of one Group 3 race) among the 29 foals out of Sadler's Wells mares.

The picture changes, though, when all the foals out of mares by sons of Northern Dancer are included. By my reckoning there are 183 of them--36 percent of his total--but they include 12, or 67 percent, of his 18 Group winners and four of his six Group 1 winners.

I am afraid that the conclusion must be that Nashwan simply wasn't as outstanding as a stallion as he was as a racehorse.

Nashwan's record with mares by Mr. Prospector isn't impressive, with no stakes winners among their 16 foals. However, his very talented half-brother Nayef, who will be a valuable addition to the Shadwell stallion team next spring, is by Gulch and Bago's second dam is Mr. Prospector's champion daughter Coup de Genie, a sister to Machiavellian.

Coup de Genie recently notched up her fourth stakes winner from her first five foals when her Storm Cat filly Denebola took the G3 Prix de Cabourg on her way to winning the G1 Prix Marcel Boussac.

The one blank on her record, until Bago came along, was her first foal, Moonlight's Box. This daughter of Nureyev went into training in France, but never raced.

Moonlight's Box is closely related to Hydro Calido, a Nureyev filly out of Bago's third dam, Coup de Folie. Hydro Calido earned a Timeform rating of 117 during a campaign which included a close second in the French 1000 Guineas. She was sold to Japan for \$1,000,000 in 1997, carrying a Silver Hawk colt which scored at the Group 2 level in Japan, but she is now in Europe, where she has a yearling by Dubai Millennium.

This is an exceptional family and, with Bago and Denebola representing it, there is surely an excellent chance that it will soon enjoy Classic success, following near misses by Machiavellian, Coup de Genie and Hydro Calido.

☆ NEWS TODAY ☆

SLIGO BAY TO ADENA SPRINGS KENTUCKY

Sligo Bay (Ire) (Sadler's Wells--Angelic Song, by Halo), the winner of the 2002 GI Hollywood Turf Cup, has been purchased by Frank Stronach. He will stand the 2004 breeding season at Adena Springs Kentucky in Midway for an introductory fee of \$10,000. The bay started his career in Europe, breaking his maiden in Britain and placing in three group races, including a third in the G1 Grand Criterium de Saint-Cloud. He was shipped to the U.S. at three and enjoyed a successful American campaign as well, finishing first or second in seven of 12 starts. In addition to the Hollywood Turf Cup, the Irish-bred also captured the GIII Cinema H. and was the runner-up in the GI Hollywood Derby, GII Oak Tree Derby and GII San Gabriel H. He made his final appearance in the Feb. 8 Tanforan H. at Golden Gate Fields and finished second. The five-year-old retires with a record of 17-4-6-2 and earnings of \$484,935. Sligo Bay, out of a half-sister to Canadian champion and blue-hen mare Glorious Song, is from the family of Singspiel (Ire), Saint Ballado, Rahy, Devil's Bag, 2003 Group 1 winner Mezzo Soprano and Manshood, the sire of Ipi Tombe (SAf).

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Tuesday, Aqueduct, post time: 3:44 p.m. EST

TEMPTED S.-GIII, \$100,000, 2yo, f, 1m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER	WT
1	La Reina	A.P. Indy	McGaughey III	115
2	Sisti's Pride	Forestry	Pletcher	115
3	Main Stream	Menifee	Schulhofer	115
4	Baba Gonzo	Elusive Quality	Sobol	117
5	Fait Accompli	Louis Quatorze	Bush	115
6	Ellieonthemarch	Old Trieste	Violette Jr.	119
7	Fond	Old Trieste	Weaver	115
8	Eye Dazzler	Boundary	Hennig	115

The impeccably bred **La Reina** makes her stakes debut. Out of champion **Queen**, the chestnut miss finished well to be second in her career opener at Saratoga and came back to break her maiden by five lengths going seven furlongs at Belmont Sept. 6. Jockey John Velazquez, who has been aboard the filly in her first two starts, goes after his third straight Tempted victory. "Stretching out is really going to help her," Velazquez said. "I had to really ride her in her first two races and now she'll be able to settle. When she gets going, she can really finish." He added, "She's got a lot of talent. Now she's got to go out there and show it." **Ellieonthemarch** showed she could handle two turns in her latest outing. A fast-finishing third in her first start at the Spa Aug. 30, she shipped to Keeneland for her second effort and closed to earn a nose victory Oct. 4. **Eye Dazzler**, third in the GII Adirondack S. and the GI Matron S., needs to bounce back after tiring to be sixth in the Oct. 4 GI Frizette S.

Tuesday, Maisons-Laffitte, France, post time: 2:15 p.m.

PRIX MIESQUE-G3, €66,000, 2yo, f, 7fT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER
1	4	Bond Deal (Ire)	Pivotal (GB)	Riccardi
2	1	Sweet Salsa (Fr)	Highest Honor (Fr)	de Nicolay
3	2	Dalna (Fr)	Anabaa	Head-Maarek
4	7	Malaica (Fr)	Roi Gironde (Ire)	Pritchard-Gordon
5	6	Nakamti (Fr)	Lahint	Barbe
6	3	Roseanna (Fr)	Anabaa	Head-Maarek
7	5	La Ina (Ger)	Monsun (Ger)	A Trybuhl

All carry 123 pounds.

The **brisnet.com** 'Race of the Day' is the GIII Tempted S. at Aqueduct. For pps and a complete race analysis, click [here](#).

Prix Miesque cont.

Conditioner Criquelette Head-Maarek can dominate this juvenile contest with stakes winner **Roseanna** and the relatively unexposed **Dalna**. The former made a successful debut in the Listed Prix Yacowlef at Deauville Aug. 9, then finished sixth when upped in class for the G3 Prix d'Aumale at Longchamp Sept. 14. Her latest outing offered more encouragement when she was just over six lengths behind **Denebola** in the G1 Prix Marcel Boussac at Longchamp Oct. 5, and she can return to winning ways here. **Dalna** was a cozy winner of her only start to date, a maiden at Maisons-Laffitte Oct. 13, but should not be discounted on her lack of experience. The foreign challenge centers on the Italian-trained **Bond Deal**, third in the Listed Criterium Femminile at Rome Oct. 26; and German raider **La Ina**, who finished a close third in the G3 Preis der Winterkonigin at Mulheim Oct. 3.

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BROODMARE SIRES OF 2003 SWs (through Oct. 26, 2003)

BROODMARE SIRE	SWs
Mr. Prospector (Raise a Native)	26
Deputy Minister (Vice Regent)	16
Nureyev (Northern Dancer)	15
Alleged (Hoist the Flag)	13
Danzig (Northern Dancer)	13
Lyphard (Northern Dancer)	13
Miswaki (Mr. Prospector)	13
Dixieland Band (Northern Dancer)	12
Green Dancer (Nijinsky II)	12
Kris (Sharpen Up)	12
Blushing Groom (Red God)	11
Sadler's Wells (Northern Dancer)	11
Shirley Heights (Mill Reef)	11
Be My Guest (Northern Dancer)	10
Darshaan (Shirley Heights)	10
Nijinsky II (Northern Dancer)	10
Woodman (Mr. Prospector)	10

(Based on winners of unrestricted stakes with purses of \$35,000 or more in North America and winners of European stakes that qualify for "black-type" by North American catalogue standards and graded SWs in Japan.)

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★ **EAST** ★

Yesterday's Results:

6th-PHA, \$20,520, Msw, 2yo, f, 6f, 1:12, ft.
+ **SNAPPY TUNE (f, 2, Tour D'Or--Saint Saras Tune, by Tunerup)** was sent off at whopping 34-1 odds, but ran more like an even-money favorite to take her debut by two lengths. A close up second through a half mile in :45.43, the \$30,000 FTMMAY juvenile purchase took over in deep stretch and drew off late for the comfortable score over Vision of Sue (Crypto Star). Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$11,400. O-Pink Toes Farm LLC. B-Newport Farm & John Conway (FL). T-Dee Curry.

★ **INDUSTRY INFO** ★

Ruffian-Foolish Pleasure Match Race on ESPN Classic:

The Ruffian-Foolish Pleasure match race will be the subject of the weekly program "Woodie's World" on ESPN Classic Thursday, Nov. 13 at 7 p.m. EST. The show is typically an irreverent look at the America of the 1960s and '70s as seen through the eyes of Heywood Hale Broun, the color commentator for the Triple Crown in the 1970s. In the upcoming program titled "Women Pioneers," however, Woodie recounts how Ruffian became a part of the sexual revolution and a symbol for the women's movement when she challenged the Kentucky Derby winner in the match. Eighteen million television viewers tuned into the program. In an interview just before his death, Woodie recalled how difficult it was to do the telecast. "I think we were short of human heroes at that time," he said, "so we turned to the fabulous horse, to something which was so remarkable in her mixture of speed, power and beauty as to be a kind of icon. As a sporting tragedy, it is ahead of anything I can remember."

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★ **IRELAND** ★

LEOPARDSTOWN RESCHEDULED

Leopardstown's final fixture of the year, which was originally scheduled for last Sunday, but cancelled as a mark of respect following the death of jockey Sean Cleary, will now take place this Saturday. All original entries will stand, but there will be a new final declaration stage at 10 a.m. this Friday. The Listed Eyrefield S. and Listed Knockaire S., both part of the original card, will be the highlights of the meeting along with the valuable Leopardstown November H., which was won by Cleary, aboard Bubble N Squeak (Ire), last year.

★ **FRANCE** ★

Yesterday's Results:

GRAND PRIX DE LA VILLE DE NANTES-Listed, €60,000, Nantes, 11-3, 3yo/up, 1 1/2mT, 2:35.14, vsf.

- 1--**#MAREDSOUS (FR), 118, f, 3, Homme de Loi (Ire)--Tutti (Fr), by Rahotep (Fr).** (FF70,000 yrl '01 DEAAUG). O-Comte H de Talhouet-Roy; B-Haras des Sablonnets; T-Dominique Sepulchre; J-Stephane Pasquier; €30,000. Lifetime Record: 10 starts, 3 wins, 4 places, €66,100.
- 2--**Snow Cap (Fr), 130, c, 4, Bering (GB)--Girl of France (GB), by Legend of France.** €12,000.
- 3--**Terrazzo, 133, g, 8, Nureyev--Diese, by Diesis (GB).** €9,000.

Margins: 7, NK, 1HF. Odds: 18.00, 2.40, 11.00. Also ran: Vipassana (GB), Foreign Affairs (GB), Illustrator (GB), Turn to Black, Allodial Land, Miraculous (Fr), Dzinigane (Fr).

STAKES CLOSINGS

TOMORROW, WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 5:

- 11-15 \$300,000 **Frank J. DeFrancis Dash-I, Lrl, 3yo/up, 6f (0)**
- 11-15 \$100,000 **Laurel Futurity-III, Lrl, 2yo, 8.5f (0)**
- 11-15 \$100,000 **Anne Arundel-III, Lrl, 3yo, f, 9f (0)**

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Grand Prix de la Ville de Nantes cont.

Maredeous made her stakes debut on her seventh start and finished unplaced in the Listed Prix Urban Sea at Lion d'Angers June 15, but fared better on her second try in such company and collected minor prize money when fourth in the Listed Derby de l'Ouest over this course and distance June 28. She was again unplaced in the Listed Prix de Thiberville at Maisons-Laffitte July 15, but returned after a 79-day break to register her second career victory in a minor conditions event at Lion d'Angers Oct. 2. Clearly benefitting from that confidence booster, she bounded clear of her rivals to record a first stakes win in impressive fashion. Settling in second behind Allodial Land (Woodman) soon after the start, the eventual winner seized the initiative with a half mile remaining. Pushed along at the top of the short stretch, she was clear at the eighth pole and stretched right away from her rivals in the latter stages for an easy score.

PRIX DES SABLONNETS-Listed, €38,000, Nantes, 11-3, 2yo, 1mT, 1:41.96, vsf.

1--#**SECRET MELODY (FR)**, 118, f, 2, by **Inchinor (GB)**

1st Dam: **Secret Music**, by **Dixieland Band**

2nd Dam: **Secret Form (GB)**, by **Formidable**

3rd Dam: **Secretive (Fr)**, by **Secretariat**

O-Lady O'Reilly; B-Petra Bloodstock Agency Ltd; T-Henri-Alex Pantall; J-Mathieu Androuin; €19,000. Lifetime Record: 4 starts, 3 wins, 1 place, €43,800.

2--**Love and Bubbles**, 118, f, 2, Loup Sauvage--Bubble Dream (Fr), by Akarad (Fr). €7,600.

3--**Casigris**, 118, f, 2, Cozzene--Laluche, by Alleged. €5,700.

Margins: NO, 1HF, 3/4. Odds: 1.70, 11.00, 2.80. Also ran: **Delicias Blues**, **Miss Mission (Ire)**, **Caipirosca**.

Secret Melody was successful on her debut at this course June 1 and followed up with victory at Vichy July 27. Her latest start was a first foray into the metropolitan jungle and resulted in a runner-up finish at Longchamp Oct. 9, but she returned to her winning ways and bagged a first stakes win here by holding off the late challenge of Love And Bubbles by the minimum margin. The young filly was positioned in a stalking second as Miss Mission (Ire) (Second Empire {Ire}) assumed her usual pacesetting tactics. Moving to the head of affairs at the top of the lane, Secret Melody was ridden along approaching the final furlong and needed strong driving in the closing stages to retain her lead as the Love and Bubbles closed to within inches at the wire.



FRESHMAN FOCUS

First-crop progeny to watch: Tuesday, November 4

*Sire (Sire's Sire), Farm, 2000 Fee, #2yos/Winners/SW
Race #-track, race type, distance, runner, odds (if available)*

- ACCELERATOR** (A.P. Indy), Dead, 77/8/0
9-PHA, Alw, 6f, Joey G, 6-1
- CRYPTO STAR** (Cryptoclearance), Murmur, \$4K, 42/3/0
6-DEL, Msw, 1 1/16m, Key to the Stars, 8-1
- FORESTRY** (Storm Cat), Taylor Made, \$50K, 75/8/2
8-AQU, Stk, 1m, Sisti's Pride, 4-1
- GOOD AND TOUGH** (Carson City), Lakland, \$6K, 44/8/0
6-MED, Msw, 5 1/2f, Super Tough, \$9K EAS JUL 2yo, 5-1
- LIL'S LAD** (Pine Bluff), Lane's End, \$10K, 65/8/1
6-DEL, Msw, 1 1/16m, Irish Laddie, \$75K FTS AUG yrl, 10-1
- MAZEL TRICK** (Phone Trick), Airdrie, \$13K, 87/6/1
6-DEL, Msw, 1 1/16m, Society Sam, \$65K EAS MAY 2yo, 4-1
- MENIFEE** (Harlan), Stone, \$15K, 37/6/0
8-AQU, Stk, 1m, Main Stream, \$155K KEE APR 2yo, 10-1
- NOT TRICKY** (Phone Trick), DBL Bar S, \$3K, 13/3/0
9-MNR, Alw, 5 1/2f, Stuck in Canada, \$6K BAR JAN 2yo
- OLD TRIESTE** (A.P. Indy), Dead, \$, 44/7/0
8-AQU, Stk, 1m, Fond, \$80K FTK JUL yrl, 12-1
- 8-AQU, Stk, 1m, Ellieonthemarch, \$130K FTF FEB 2yo, 8-1
- TACTICAL CAT** (Storm Cat), Overbrook, \$10K, 68/10/1
6-MED, Msw, 5 1/2f, +Aztec, \$45K FTF FEB 2yo, 8-1



SOPHOMORE SPOTLIGHT

First-time starters/stakes runners: Tuesday, Nov. 4

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

- ELUSIVE QUALITY** (Gone West), Gainsborough, \$10K, 165/60/12
8-AQU, Stk, 1m, Baba Gonzo, 5-1

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Garrucha, f, 3, **Ghazi**. See "European Breeders' Edition."

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ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

8th-BMX, \$41,168, 11-2, NW1X, 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16mT, 1:44 4/5, fm.

NO PESO NO DANCE (f, 4, Emerald Jig--We Got the Dinero, by Ice Age) Lifetime Record: 26-9-4-4, \$133,642. O-Sky Chase Farm. B-Joe L Turner (CA). T-Jerry Hollendorfer.

7th-DEL, \$37,000, NW2X, 3/up, f/m, 6f, 1:10 1/5, ft. **PICCOLO HONEY** (f, 4, Afternoon Deelites--Substitute Teacher, by Shelter Half) Lifetime Record: 26-11-6-4, \$149,832. O-Gorsuch, Kreis & Makarovich Jr. B-Bacharach Burt (MD). T-Howard E Wolfendale.

8th-DEL, \$34,000, NW1X, 3yo, 1m, 1:38 2/5, ft. **LITTLE RUT** (g, 3, Kokand--Send Red Roses, by Double Hitch) Lifetime Record: 6-2-1-1, \$42,050. O/B-Pat Lightizer (SC). T-Hamilton A Smith.

8th-MNR, \$31,700, 11-2, NW4L, 3yo/up, a1m70yd, 1:48 4/5, ft. **BUSH CABIN** (c, 4, Rakeen--Cash Palace, by Slew o' Gold) Lifetime Record: 11-4-2-1, \$73,166. O-Mrs Frank P Wright. B-Frank P Wright (MD). T-Jeff C Runco.

5th-CRC, \$26,000, Opt. Clm. (\$25,000-\$22,500), NW2X, 3yo/up, f/m, 5fT, :59, ft. **FRIENDLY THERESA** (f, 3, Friendly Lover--Strawberry Fizz {SW}, by Silver Deputy) Lifetime Record: 15-5-1-3, \$73,610. O-Crispo F & Graham J LLC. B-Adena Springs (FL). T-Steve Towne. *\$5,500 wIng '00 OBSOCT; \$5,500 yrl '01 OBSAUG.

7th-MNR, \$25,000, 11-2, NW2L, 3yo, 6f, 1:13 4/5, ft. **SUAVE KNIGHT** (c, 3, Suave Prospect--Baltic Ballerina, by Ascot Knight) Lifetime Record: 14-2-3-3, \$42,355. O/T-Michael L Reavis. B-William J Condren (FL). *\$1,500 yrl '01 KEESEP.

2nd-CRC, \$22,000, NW3L, 3yo/up, 1 1/16m (off turf), 1:48 2/5, ft. **DEMETEOR** (c, 4, Dehere--Seattle Meteor {GISW, \$379,053}, by Seattle Slew) Lifetime Record: 6-3-0-0, \$41,200. O/T-Kenneth E Hoffman. B-Grand Farm (KY). *\$270,000 yrl '00 KEESEP.

9th-PHA, \$21,000, NW2X, 3yo/up, 6f, 1:10, ft. **MUSAA ED** (c, 4, Deputy Minister--Sayedat Alhadh, by Mr. Prospector) Lifetime Record: 17-3-8-1, \$123,160. O-Shadwell Stable. B-Shadwell Farm LLC (KY). T-Michael V Pino. *1/2 to Walayef (Danzig), GSW-Ire, \$116,576.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Unbrakeable George, g, 2, **Signal Tap**--Georgia Anna, by Stutz Blackhawk. MNR, 11-2, a1m70yd, 1:51 1/5. B-Neal Hayias (NY). *\$12,000 yrl '02 FTMSEP.
Key to Paris, g, 4, **Signal**--Paris Diary, by Balzac. MNR, 11-2, 5 1/2f, 1:09. B-Robert Gale (Mi).

BREEDERS' EDITION EUROPE

CONDITIONS RESULTS:

ITALY, Rome, 1.30, 11-2, €26,775, 3yo, 7fT, 1:32.30, hy.

BOEMONDO (ITY) (c, 3, Jareer--Tormenta {Ity}, by Horage {Ire}) Lifetime Record: 14 starts, 2 wins, 3 places, €39,015. O-S Bernardini; B-Azienda Agricola Toce SAS; T-S di Chio.

FRANCE, Nantes, 2.30, 11-3, €26,000, 4yo/up, 1mT, 1:41.76, vsf.

NORTHERN SHINE (FR) (h, 6, Northern Crystal {GB}--Auction Rose {Ire}, by Auction Ring) Lifetime Record: 69 starts, 11 wins, 26 places, €161,158. O-D Bayet; B-Comte J J de la Rochette, F Fisk & Mille F Buquet; T-A Spanu.

ITALY, Milan, 2.20, 11-2, €22,950, 2yo, 1mT, 1:46.30, hy.

BRAVO TAZIO (IRE) (c, 2, Sri Pekan--Exemina, by Slip Anchor {GB}) Lifetime Record: 2 starts, 2 wins, €21,250. O-Scuderia Effevi; B-Azienda Agricola Allevamento del Velina; T-A & G Botti. *1/2 to St Mawes (Fr) (Shahrastani), GSW-Eng.

ITALY, Milan, 2.50, 11-2, €19,125, 3yo/up, f/m, 1mT, 1:45.50, hy.

GARRUCHA (f, 3, Ghazi--Clouhalo {SP}, by Halo) Lifetime Record: SP-Ity, 25 starts, 4 wins, 16 places, €105,383. O-Scuderia Razza dell'Olmo; B-Dr J K Griggs; T-M R Salvioni. *\$5,500 yrl '01 KEESEP.

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THOROUGHBRED RACING'S GREATEST DAY

by Bill Finley

There's not a detail, an anecdote or a moment of Kentucky Derby lore that hasn't been covered in print. Certainly, America's greatest horse race is a deserving subject for dozens of books, which document everything from A (Aristides) to Z (Zev).

But what about the Breeders' Cup? Despite its status as one of the world's most important racing events, it had received scant attention from the literary world. That was a problem Canadian-based author Perry Lefko set out to solve in 1996 when he penned *The Greatest Show on Turf: A History of the Breeders' Cup*, the first book written about the sport's championship day.

Seven years later, Lefko has done it again. He's taken his original work, updated it, improved it and churned out *Thoroughbred Racing's Greatest Day*. The book, which sells for \$34.95, stands alone as the most definitive book on the Breeders' Cup. When it comes to the history, the pageantry, the sublime (Cigar, Personal Ensign), the ridiculous (Ricks Natural Star) and the scandalous (the 2002 Fix Six), the void has been filled.

Lefko's strength is his painstaking research. *Thoroughbred Racing's Greatest Day* is made up of 24 somewhat unrelated chapters that address everything that has made the Breeders' Cup such an interesting and significant event. Rather than a dry, chronological text, Lefko tells the greatest Breeders' Cup stories. Yet, in each one, he has left no detail untouched, which leaves the reader feeling like an expert on the subject. It's a nice trick: informing while entertaining.

Lefko's passion for the Breeders' Cup is clear, but never is it more evident than when he writes about anything to do with his native country. Obviously proud to be a Canadian, he writes in triumphant tones about the Breeders' Cup's foray north of the border for the 1996 running at Woodbine. He lets you know how close a mutuel clerks' strike came to destroying Canada's chance of hosting the event and the tremendous behind-the-scenes efforts that went into saving the Breeders' Cup in Canada. He tells you just how proud people like Ontario Jockey Club President David Willmott and the late Charles Taylor, then the head of Windfields Farm, felt after the day had been declared a success.

Lefko gets a little carried away with his pro-Canadian bias when he dedicates an entire chapter to the "success" enjoyed by Canadian-breds in the Cup. Considering that only three--Dance Smartly, Chief Bearheart and Awesome Again--have won Breeders' Cup races, a paragraph or two would have sufficed. And he's much too soft on Canadian jockey Gary Stahlbaum, whose ride may have cost Afleet the 1988 Sprint. Lefko dismisses the fiasco in a sentence and concludes that it was still a great day for the Canadians because Play The King finished second in the same race at 49-1.

One of the more entertaining chapters is about Ricks Natural Star, the hopeless \$3,500 claimer out of New Mexico who was entered in the 1996 Turf by his owner/trainer Dr. William Livingston. Lefko doesn't treat Livingston with kid gloves, but he does suggest that he was not necessarily up to no good. Rather, Livingston may have been an eccentric gripped by unrealistic optimism who genuinely felt he could win.

Some of the most notable figures in Breeders' Cup history--Wayne Lukas, Bobby Frankel, Shug McGaughey, Angel Cordero--have a chapter of their own. So do the greatest performers, like Cigar and Arazi. He covers the good betting stories (the T.V. production crew led by G.D. Hieronymous that hit the Pick Six in 1999 for \$3 million) and the bad betting stories (the Drexel boys who tried to steal the Pick Six pool in 2002).

The book concludes with the 2002 running at Arlington Park. A lot happened a year later in 2003, when Julie Krone became the first woman jockey to win a Breeders' Cup race and Richard Mandella had an historic day with four winners. Can another Perry Lefko Breeders' Cup book be far away?

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