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**TUESDAY, DEC. 16, 2003**

**DRESS TO THRILL RETIRED**

Moyglare Stud's homebred **Dress to Thrill (Ire)** (Danehill--Trusted Partner, by Affirmed) has been retired to stud and will be sent to Ireland, where she is slated to be bred to Sadler's Wells in 2004. A Listed winner and Group 1-placed in her native Ireland as a two-year-old, the bay reeled off four straight victories to begin her three-year-old campaign, capturing in sequence the Listed Brownstown S., the G3 Desmond S., and the G3 Matron S. at Leopardstown before traveling to England for a successful run in the G2 Sun Chariot S. at Newmarket for trainer Dermot Weld. A spin in the GI Breeders' Cup Mile versus the boys yielded only an eighth-place showing, but she redeemed herself with a valiant head victory in the GI Matriarch S. to end her year on a high note. The four-year-old, transferred to the care of conditioner Christophe Clement for 2004, won the GIII All Along Breeders' Cup S. at Colonial Downs in mid-July, but failed to defend her title in the Matriarch when 12th in the Nov. 30 event, which proved to be her last start. Dress to Thrill retires with seven wins from 14 lifetime starts and earnings of \$777,158. Dress to Thrill's dam, Trusted Partner, also a Moyglare homebred, counted amongst her victories the 1988 renewal of the Irish 1000 Guineas. Her dam, Talking Picture, made a name for herself in the States with a pair of Grade I triumphs that helped earn her champion two-year-old filly honors in 1973.



**Dress to Thrill (white star)  
winning the Matriarch**  
*Horsephotos*

**FUTURITY WIN FOR COSMO SUNBEAM**

**Cosmo Sunbeam (Jpn)** (Zagreb) put himself on track to be named Japan's champion juvenile after defeating even-money favorite **Meisho Bowler (Jpn)** (Taiki Shuttle) in Sunday's G1 Asahi Hai Futurity at Nakayama. Winner of the Kikyo S. at Hanshin on Oct. 4, Cosmo Sunbeam was coming off a record-setting win in the Nov. 15 G3 Keio Hai Nisai S. at Tokyo. Ridden by Italian Dario Vargiu, the brown colt settled in fifth early as the unbeaten Meisho Bowler set a strong pace. Meisho Bowler still held a commanding lead with a furlong to run, but Cosmo Sunbeam responded with a powerful stretch run to best the pacesetter by a neck at the wire. "I know the leader, Meisho Bowler, is a very good horse," Vargiu said after the victory. "But I saw he was hard ridden by Olivier [Peslier] at the top of the stretch, while my horse was still on the bit and I thought I had a very good chance to catch him. This is a big Christmas gift for me." Trainer Shozo Sasaki, who won the Japan Cup with Tap Dance City two weeks ago, said of his two-year-old star, "He is a better horse than I thought he'd be originally. I think the [G1] NHK Mile Cup in May should be the ultimate goal for Cosmo Sunbeam, but I'll have to talk to the owner, who may prefer to go to the [G1] Satsuki Sho [Japanese 2000 Guineas]." Cosmo Sunbeam became the first Group 1 winner for his sire, 1996 Irish Derby winner Zagreb.

**Sunday, Nakayama, Japan**

**ASAHI HAI FUTURITY-G1-JRA**, ¥60,000,000 to winner, Nakayama, 12-14, 2yo, 1600mT, 1:33.70, fm.

- 1--**COSMO SUNBEAM (JPN)**, 121, c, 2, by Zagreb  
1st Dam: **Robbies Rainbow (GB)**, by Rainbow Quest  
2nd Dam: **Mary Martin (Ire)**, by Be My Guest  
3rd Dam: **Centre Piece (GB)**, by Tompion  
O-Misako Okada; B-Yamaoka Bokujo; T-Shozo Sasaki; J-Dario Vargiu; ¥60,000,000. Lifetime Record: 7-4-2-2, ¥136,736,000.
- 2--**Meisho Bowler (Jpn)**, 121, c, 2, Taiki Shuttle--Nice Raise, by Storm Cat. O-Yoshio Matsumoto; B-Hinode Bokujo.
- 3--**Appointed Day**, 121, c, 2, Red Ransom--Appointed One, by Danzig. (\$6,000 wnlg '01 KEENOV; \$120,000 yrl '02 FTKJUL). O-Yoshio Fujita; B-Cheveley Park Stud.  
Margins: NK, 3/4, 3/4.

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Sunday, Hanshin, Japan

**NARUO KINEN-G3-JRA**, ¥43,000,000 to winner, Hanshin, 12-14, 3yo/up, 2000mT, 2:00.0, fm.

1--**WIN BLAZE (JPN)**, 126, h, 6, by Mejiro Ryan (Jpn)

1st Dam: Super Seven (Jpn), by Blabby O (Jpn)

2nd Dam: Fugino Moulines (Jpn), by Moulines (Fr)

3rd Dam: Tiger Fuji (Jpn), by Solonaway (Ire)

O-Win Co Ltd; B-Hakutsu Bokujo; T-Yoshitada Munakata; J-Hatsuhiro Kohata. Lifetime Record: 28-9-7-3, ¥302,374,000.

2--**Cheers Brightly (Jpn)**, 125, h, 5, Sunday Silence--

Cheers Dancer (Jpn), by Amber Shadai (Jpn).

O-Kiyoko Kitamura; B-Kon Bokujo.

3--**Sidewinder (Jpn)**, 126, h, 5, Tony Bin (Ire)--Golden

Jack (Jpn), by Afleet. O-K Kyoei; B-Tabata Farm.

Margins: NK, NO, NK. Odds: 8.40.

Win Blaze stamped his ticket for Japan's championship race, the Dec. 28 G1 Arima Kinen, when he outbattled Cheers Brightly and Sidewinder for this narrow victory. The bay was runner-up in this year's G3 Tanabata Kinen in July and was narrowly beaten when second in the G3 Fukushima Kinen Nov. 16 last time out. Carrying highweight in the 16-horse field, Win Blaze moved into contention leaving the backstretch and finished gamely for the third Japanese group victory of his career.

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**PEDIGREE INSIGHTS**

BY ANDREW CAULFIELD

**HONG KONG CUP-G1**, HK\$18,000,000, Sha Tin, 12-14, 3yo/up, 2000mT, 2:00.9, gd/fm.

1--**FALBRAV (IRE)**, 126, h, 5, by Fairy King

1st Dam: Gift of the Night (SP-Fr), by Slewpy

2nd Dam: Little Nana (Fr), by Lithiot

3rd Dam: Nenana Road (Fr), by Kirkland Lake (GB)

O-T Yoshida & Scuderia Rencati; B-Azienda Agricola Francesca; T-Luca Cumani; J-Frankie Dettori; HK\$10,200,000. Lifetime Record: Hwt. Older Horse-ity at 9.5-11 & 11-14f, MG1SW-Eng & Ity, G1SW-Jpn & Fr, G1SP-Ire, GISP-US, 26-13-5-5,

HK\$46,676,030. [Click here](#) for the HKJC chart or [click for a video replay: modem or broadband](#). [Click for the free brisnet.com catalogue-style pedigree.](#)

If you tackle an authentic Cantonese banquet in Hong Kong, you may well come across a few ingredients guaranteed to confound lily-livered Westerners. The Chinese, shaped by centuries of hardship, have learnt never to discard anything that might have a use.

If you will forgive the tortured analogy, last Sunday's Hong Kong festival served up a feast of four Group 1 races. The pedigrees of at least three of the winners contained some ingredients guaranteed to surprise pedigree purists in the West, and they act as a worthwhile reminder that, in a sire, pedigree is sometimes more relevant than performance. *Caulfield cont. p3*

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For example, Falbrav, the magnificent winner of the Hong Kong Cup, is by Fairy King, a horse who retired to stud entirely unproven, having been injured on his only start. However, the beautifully bred Fairy King has succeeded in injecting a very large measure of quality into a family noted more for its toughness than its achievements.

Little Nana, the second dam of Falbrav, was kept extremely busy by French standards, racing 14 times at two and another 19 times at three before finally becoming a Listed winner at four. If my memory serves me well, she raced in claiming company early in her career.

**HONG KONG MILE-G1**, HK\$14,000,000, Sha Tin, 12-14, 3yo/up, 1600mT, 1:34.3, gd/fm.

1--▲**LUCKY OWNERS (NZ)**, 126, c, 4, by [Danehill](#)  
 1st Dam: Miss Priority (NZ), by Kaapstad (NZ)  
 2nd Dam: Benediction (Ire), by Day Is Done (Ire)  
 3rd Dam: Cathedra (GB), by So Blessed (GB)

O-Mr & Mrs Leung Kai Fai; B-Mrs J A & Mr P Hogan; T-Tony Cruz; J-Felix Coetzee; HK\$8,000,000.

Lifetime Record: 11-7-3-0, HK\$13,588,900. [Click here](#) for the HKJC chart or [click for a video replay: modem or broadband](#). [Click for the free brisnet.com catalogue-style pedigree](#).

...Moving on to Lucky Owners, the New Zealand-bred winner of the Hong Kong Mile. He comes from a female line which has experienced some highs and lows. His third dam, Cathedra, was bred by the late Lord Howard de Walden from Collyria, a mare who provided some highs both on the track and at stud. Unfortunately, Cathedra didn't have the physique to match her bloodlines--Timeform described her as a neat, sharp sort--and she performed so unpromisingly in two early starts as a juvenile that her breeder quickly discarded her for 3,600 guineas. The decision to sell looked justified when Cathedra continued to disappoint at three, but the filly's bloodlines proved more important than either her form or her looks.

After being sold for 7,000 guineas as a seven-year-old in 1983, Cathedra was mated to a couple of inexpensive and none-too-fashionable Irish stallions, Day Is Done and Tanfirion. The Tanfirion mating resulted in Tantum Ergo, a Group 3 Irish two-year-old winner in 1988, the year that Cathedra's Day Is Done filly, Benediction, won at the little Sligo track before being Listed-placed.

Benediction fetched no more than 17,000 guineas at Tattersalls' 1989 December Sales, her destination being New Zealand, where the Kaapstad filly Miss Priority was her first foal and the Zabeel gelding Might And Power her third. Miss Priority is now the dam of Lucky Owners, while Might And Power collected seven Group 1 wins, including the Melbourne Cup, plus the title of Horse of the Year. It's a fair bet that Benediction would never have had the chance of visiting a stallion of Zabeel's quality had she remained in Ireland.

**HONG KONG SPRINT-G1**, HK\$10,000,000, Sha Tin, 12-14, 3yo/up, 1000mT, :56.5, gd/fm.

1--▲**SILENT WITNESS (AUS)**, 126, g, 4, by El Moxie  
 1st Dam: Jade Tiara (Aus), by Bureaucracy (NZ)  
 2nd Dam: Jade Amanda (NZ), by Grosvenor (NZ)  
 3rd Dam: Comptroller (NZ), by Smuggler (GB)

O-Arthur Antonio & Betty da Silva; B-I K Smith; T-Tony Cruz; J-Felix Coetzee; HK\$5,700,000.

Lifetime Record: 8-8-0-0, HK\$12,636,900. \*Formerly Eltira (Aus). [Click here](#) for the HKJC chart or [click for a video replay: modem or broadband](#).

...Another who received far greater opportunities in Australasia than he would in his native America is El Moxie, sire of the sensational Hong Kong Sprint winner Silent Witness.

I can't imagine that many American breeders would have wanted to patronize a horse of El Moxie's achievements. This son of Conquistador Cielo had been an under-achiever almost from the word go. Offered for sale in a year when his sire's yearlings averaged nearly \$182,000, El Moxie made only \$50,000. He failed to recoup even that comparatively modest amount on the track, despite clocking up six wins, and his victories included claiming races at Moutaineer Park and Canterbury Downs.

Like Falbrav's sire Fairy King, El Moxie owed his chance at stud almost entirely to the power of his pedigree. He is out of Raise the Standard, an unraced daughter of the Natalma, the legendary dam of Northern Dancer. Coincidentally, Lucky Owners is by Danehill, a tremendously successful stallion inbred 3x3 to Natalma.

*Caulfield cont. p4*



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El Moxie wasn't hugely popular in his early years in Australia, with 110 foals in his first four crops, but he became much more in demand in the mid-1990s, with 102 foals in his 1996 crop. He has hit the Group 1 target in Australia with Alfa (1996 VATC Caulfield Guineas), El Mirada (2001 AJC All-Aged S.) and Winestock (2003 VRC Sires' Produce S.). Silent Witness is potentially the best of the bunch, his Sprint win being his eighth from eight starts, and it is going to be fascinating to see how he fares if he ventures to Dubai or Britain next year.

El Moxie, of course, is just one of several descendants of Raise the Standard who have done well in 2003. Her daughter Coup de Folie is the dam of Machiavellian, sire of the likes of Storming Home, and his sister Coup de Genie. The latter made a major impact on France's top juvenile races in the fall, with her daughter Denebola taking the G1 Prix Marcel Boussac and her grandson Bago winning the G1 Criterium International. Another of Raise the Standard's daughters, Bonita Francita, is the dam of Jules, sire of the highly talented Peace Rules, and Orpen, sire of a group winner in his first crop in Ireland.

Perhaps it will pay to keep an eye on the first foals by Ocean of Wisdom, a group-winning grandson of Raise the Standard, which were born in France this year.

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**NEW GUINEAS SPONSOR** Irish bookmaking firm Boylesports is the the new sponsor of the Irish 1000 and 2000 Guineas. Under the terms of the sponsorship deal, which runs at least through 2006, the meeting will be known as the Boylesports Irish Guineas Festival. Boylesports John Boyle told *PA Sport*: "We look forward to working in partnership with the Curragh over the next three years to develop and promote the Boylesports Guineas Festival and copper-fasten its position as one of the must-see festivals of the season." The Curragh's Michael Osborne added: "We look forward to working closely with Boylesports to ensure the festival continues to be one of the most sought-after events in the international racing calendar."

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**TOP TEN BROODMARES - U.S.**

Price	Mare	Covering Sire	Sale
\$7,100,000	Cash Run	<u>Storm Cat</u>	KeeNov03
<i>Seeking the Gold--Shared Interest, by Pleasant Colony</i>			
Consigned by Taylor Made Sales Agency Purchased by John Magnier			
\$7,000,000	Miss Oceana	Northern Dancer	NewNov85
<i>Alydar--Kittiwake, by *Sea-Bird</i>			
Consigned by Newstead Farm Trust Purchased by Foxfield			
\$7,000,000	Korveya	<u>Woodman</u>	KeeNov98
<i>Riverman--Konafa, by Damascus</i>			
Consigned by Claiborne Farm, agent Purchased by Reynolds Bell Jr, agent			
\$6,100,000	Windsharp	<u>Gone West</u>	KeeNov03
<i>Lear Fan--Yes She's Sharp, by Sharpen Up (GB)</i>			
Consigned by Mill Ridge Sales, agent Purchased by John Ferguson Bloodstock			
\$5,500,000	Princess Rooney	<u>Danzig</u>	KeeNov85
<i>Verbatim--Parrish Princess, by Drone</i>			
Consigned by Stone Farm Inc, agent Purchased by Wichita Equine Ltd			
\$5,400,000	Life's Magic	Mr. Prospector	KeeNov86
<i>Cox's Ridge--Fire Water, by Tom Rolfe</i>			
Consigned by Klein & Hatley, M Hatley Racing Stbls, agent Purchased by Eugene V Klein			
\$5,400,000	Lady's Secret	not in foal	NSFTK87
<i>Secretariat--Great Lady M., by Icecapade</i>			
Consigned by Eugene V Klein Purchased by Fasig-Tipton Co			
\$5,300,000	Spain	<u>Storm Cat</u>	KeeNov03
<i>Thunder Gulch--Drina, by Regal and Royal</i>			
Consigned by Three Chimneys Sales, agent Purchased by Dromoland Farm			
\$5,250,000	Producer	Northern Dancer	KeeNov83
<i>Nashua--*Marion, by Tantieme (Fr)</i>			
Consigned by Carelaine Stable, Walnut Green, agent Purchased by BBA England, agent			
\$5,000,000	Mackie	Mr. Prospector	KeeJan00
<i>Summer Squall--Glowing Tribute, by Graustark</i>			
Consigned by Eaton Sales, agent Purchased by Britton House Stud Ltd			



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 **NORTH AMERICA** 

**HALF TO GSW GATORS N BEARS TOPS F-T** A winning half sister to GSW **Gators N Bears** (Stormy Atlantic), the six-year-old broodmare prospect **Jolie's Dream** (Jolies Halo), topped all bids yesterday at the lone session of the Kentucky December Mixed Sale in Lexington, Kentucky. Cataloged as Hip **5**, the Lazy Q Ranch, agent, consignee was hammered down for \$40,000 to agent David E. Hager II. Jolie's Dream is out of the Notebook mare I'll be Along, herself a half to MGSW Friendly Lover. A youngster by Cryptoclearance led the way for the weanlings when Reece Bloodstock went to \$19,000 for Hip **176**. Out of the SP Olden Times mare Richie, the March 24th foal was consigned to the sale by Aspendell, agent. There were substantial declines on the afternoon compared to 2002 figures, as average fell 39 percent, from \$6,762 to \$4,119; and median fell 28.6 percent, from \$3,500 to \$2,500.

**STAKES CLOSINGS**

**TOMORROW, WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 17:**

01-01 \$100,000 **Tropical Park Derby-III, Crc,**  
3yo, 9fT (100)

01-01 \$100,000 **Tropical Park Oaks, Crc,** 3yo, f, 8.5fT  
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Median (% change)	\$2,500 (-28.6%)	\$3,500

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★ **NEW YORK** ★

**NYRA Adds a Trio of NY-bred Stakes at Saratoga:**

The New York Racing Association (NYRA) announced yesterday the creation of three new events for its 2004 stakes schedule--all to be run at Saratoga--for New York-bred three-year-olds and up on the main track. The John Morrissey at 6 1/2 furlongs; the mile-and-an-eighth Saratoga Dew; and, for fillies and mares, the six-furlong Union Avenue. Each stakes will be a \$65,000-added event. The John Morrissey is scheduled for Thursday, August 19; the Union Avenue a week later for Thursday, August 26; and the Saratoga Dew for the following Wednesday, September 1. "There was a void for New York-breds up at Saratoga," explained NYRA Racing Secretary Michael Lakow, "but now we have some races in place for them." The addition of the three new stakes will bring the total number of restricted races for New York-breds in 2004 to 44--for an aggregate purse value of \$3,915,000.

**NYRA Down \$21.7 million in 2002:**

The New York Racing Association ended its 2002 fiscal year with a comprehensive loss of \$21.7 million, up from \$12 million, according to a released statement issued by the Racing and Wagering Board. NYRA lists the 'net loss' for 2002 as \$6.8 million, compared with \$11.3 million the previous term. NYRA, indicted on last Thursday for tax fraud, was required to release financial statements as per an agreement with the U.S. Attorneys office.

★ **EAST** ★

**Gulfstream Announces Racing Schedule:**

Gulfstream Park announced yesterday that it had realigned its 2004 racing schedule, slated to run from January 3 through April 25. The first race on Saturdays and Sundays will be run at 1:00 p.m. with the first post for all weekdays at 1:30. Beginning March 19, the Friday programs will commence at 2:45 and a concert will be presented immediately following the last race on the card.



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**Funny Cide Works at Palm Meadows:**

Kentucky Derby and Preakness S. winner **Funny Cide** (Distorted Humor) was in good order following his first Florida breeze of the season, a half-mile move in :49 3/5 at trainer Barclay Tagg's winter homebase at the Palm Meadows Training Facility in Florida. It was the eighth fastest of 17 works at the distance. A satisfied Tagg said afterwards, "We're not in a hurry with this horse. We set goals last year and we had to work hard to achieve those goals. Even though I have wonderful owners, there's a lot of pressure in getting through the Triple Crown. It's different with an older horse. We're not under so much pressure now. We want to run in the [Feb. 7, GI] Donn H., but if we can't make it this year, we can make it next year, or the year after that. We're not going to run and hide all year. When he's ready, when he seems right, he's going to run, but I don't have a schedule of races yet."

**Yesterday's Results:**

**8th-PHA, \$21,600, Alw, NW1X, 2yo, f, a1m70yd, 1:45, my.**

**DREAMADREAMFORME (f, 2, Sword Dance {Ire}--Personal Content, by Personal Flag)** finished a respectable second going a mile in the slop at Delaware Park Sept. 13, but couldn't handle the move into stakes company over the Meadowland's turf course Oct. 17 and had to settle for seventh, beaten 10 1/4 lengths. Backed down to 2-1 favoritism this time, the Florida-bred filly gained control early, led throughout and drew clear in the stretch to score by an impressive 9 1/4-length margin. Lifetime Record: SP, 6-2-1-1, \$37,200. O/B-Gilbert G Campbell (FL). T-Edward T Allard.

**9th-CRC, \$20,000, Alw, NW1X, 2yo, f, 1 1/16m (off turf), 1:47 3/5, ft.**

**MENIFEEQUE (f, 2, Menifee--Quick Rhythm {SW, \$140,972}, by Cure the Blues)** ran fourth in her latest going a panel shorter over the Calder turf Nov. 24 and was given a 4-1 chance to win in this off-the-turf affair. Rated off the early pace, the \$200,000 FTSAUG yearling took over after a pedestrian three quarters and drew clear with ease to score by a widening seven lengths. Lifetime Record: 8-2-1-1, \$35,870. O-Live Oak Plantation. B-James H Stone & Arthur B Hancock III (KY). T-William P White.

**6th-PHA, \$19,836, Msw, 2yo, f, 5 1/2f, 1:06 2/5, my.**

**TO THE ALAMO (f, 2, Phone Trick--Deer Valley Girl, by Rahy)** was sent off the 9-2 third choice to graduate following a fifth-place finish last out going a furlong longer Nov. 3. Out front early, the \$34,000 KEESEP yearling and \$50,000 FTMMAY juvenile purchase maintained a narrow advantage throughout and held on to win by a neck over Spiritual Hand (Capote). Lifetime Record: 4-1-0-0, \$13,230. O-Pewter Stable LLC & Michael McLoughlin. B-George Stefanis (KY). T-Kathleen A Demasi.

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<b>Danzig</b>	<b>Mt. Livermore</b>
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<b>Deputy Commander</b>	<b>Vicar</b>

**BROODMARES/BROODMARE PROSPECTS**

**Beth's Our Choice** - Seattle Slew half to Brian's Time  
**Bright and Cheery** - Half to the dam of Carry on Katie, probable 2yo filly ch. in England  
**Eltisha** - SP winner of \$112K selling w/ season to Posse or Yonaguska  
**Magic Melody** - Gulch mare, top family, i/f to red-hot Tale of the Cat  
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Former Adena Springs stallion **Birdonthewire** (Proud Birdie--Silk and Wrapper, by Jontilla) will take up stud duty at Cal Fischer's Madera Thoroughbreds near Madera, California for the 2004 season. The 14-year-old, who stood for \$3,000 at Adena Springs South, will stand for the same fee in the upcoming season. Birdonthewire, whose chief earner is multiple stakes winner Flying Birdie, has sired 70 individual and seven stakes winners to date for progeny earnings over \$4.5 million. A winner of 10 of 31 lifetime starts through five seasons on the track, including the GI Vosburgh S., GI Forego H. and GI Tom Fool S., the bay retired with \$541,752 in earnings.

**Lion Heart Works Towards Futurity:**

The unbeaten **Lion Heart** (Tale of the Cat), who built upon a Santa Anita maiden victory with a sizzling six-length winning effort in the GIII Hollywood Prevue S. in mid-November, put forth his final serious work on Sunday for Saturday's mile-and-a-sixteenth GI Hollywood Futurity. The Michael Tabor/Derrick Smith colorbearer sped through five panels in :59 1/5 under exercise rider Jean Claud, the third fastest of 38 works at the distance. "It was an easy work," said trainer Patrick Biancone. "He worked good. He just keeps improving and I am very happy with him. The question is whether he will go two turns." A field of four or five is expected for the Futurity, which could include **St Averil** (Saint Ballado), **Saint Afleet** (Northern Afleet), **That's an Outrage** (Quiet American) and possibly **Mambo Train** (Kingmambo). That's an Outrage worked six furlongs at Santa Anita in 1:13 2/5 on Sunday for trainer Mike Puhich.

The **brisnet.com** 'Race of the Day' is the 10th race at Sunland Park, \$36,500 allowance. For pps and a complete race analysis, click [here](#).

★ AMERICAN-BRED WINNERS ★

**IN GERMANY:**

**Silver Swan**, f, 3, **Silver Hawk** See "European Breeders' Edition"

**IN FRANCE:**

**Red 'n Socks**, h, 6, **Devil's Bag** See "European Breeders' Edition"

**IN JAPAN:**

**Lord Sfida**, c, 2, **Grand Slam**--Chardonnay Ridge, by Trempolino. Nakayama, 12-14, Novice Race, 8fT. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-0, \$46,296. O-Lord Horse Club; B-Damara Farm; T-Masanori Ito. \*\$110,000 yrl '02 KEESEP.

**Cafe Olympus**, c, 2, **Grand Slam**--Cognac Lady (SW), by Olympio. Nakayama, 12-14, Plate Race, 6f. Lifetime Record: 4-2-2-0, \$162,963. O-Kiyoshi Nishikawa; B-Mt. Brilliant Farm LLC; T-Yasuhisa Matsuyama. \*\$425,000 2yo '03 FTFEB. \*\*The 7-10 favorite tracked the early leader before drawing off easily in the stretch to win by four lengths. "It was like a morning gallop for him," commented winning rider Yoshitomi Shibata. "He should have a bright future."

**Rameau d'Or**, f, 2, **King of Kings (Ire)**--Golden Hind (Jpn), by Yellow God (GB). Chukyo, 12-14, Novice Race, 6fT. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-0, \$52,778. O/B-Hidekazu Date; T-Takashi Tsukazaki. \*Battled down the stretch to eke out a half-length victory.

**Wedding Valley**, f, 2, **Peaks and Valleys**--Dime Queen, by Sham. Nakayama, 12-13, Kuromatsu Sho, 6fT. Lifetime Record: 4-2-0-0, \$166,852. O-Shoji Ogihara; B-Richard J. Forbush & Richard Lueck; T-Yasuhisa Matsuyama. \*1/2 to Geronimo's Joy (Blush Rambler), GSP. \*\*\$48,000 yrl '02 KEESEP; \$85,000 2yo '03 FTFEB. \*\*\*After a winning debut at six furlongs in September, the filly disappointed at seven furlongs and one mile and returned to six furlongs for an easy four-length triumph here.

American-bred winners in Japan cont. p4

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**American-bred winners in Japan cont.**

**Daishin Chance**, c, 2, **Smoke Glacken**--Mercedes Too, by Mercedes Won. Hanshin, 12-14, Novice Race, 7f. Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, \$72,222. O-Nobuyuki Oyagi; B-Lothenback Stables Inc.; T-Yoshihito Dazai. \*\$87,000 yrl '02 FTKJUL; \$125,000 2yo '03 FTFEB. \*\*Recovered from a slow start to chase the pacesetters and quickened to the lead in upper stretch en route to a four-length win.

**Siberian Angel**, c, 2, **Swain (Ire)**--Affirmed Halo, by Affirmed. Nakayama, 12-13, Novice Race, 10fT. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-1, \$62,963. O/B-Yoshio Fujita; T-Masahiro Horii. \*Third over a muddy Tokyo track in his Nov. 30 debut, Siberian Angel collected his first win by 1 1/2 lengths. "He is still green and will improve a lot from here," said winning rider Yoshitomi Shibata.

+ **Antique Coin**, c, 2, **Theatrical (Ire)**--Antique Auction (MSW, \$202,284), by Geiger Counter. Hanshin, 12-14, Maiden Race, 8fT. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$64,815. O-Shadai Race Horse; B-Fontainebleau Farm Inc.; T-Tsutomu Setoguchi. \*Antique Coin, bred by Teruya Yoshida's Kentucky farm Fontainebleau, broke sharply and went wire-to-wire for a 1 3/4-length tally.

**Siberian Dancer**, c, 2, **Wild Rush**--Icelandic Dancer, by Eskimo. Nakayama, 12-14, Novice Race, 6f. Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, \$72,222. O/B-Yoshio Fujita; T-Masahiro Horii. \*1/2 to Sparklin Lil (Mr. Sparkles), MSW, \$147,973; Sizzlin South (A Corking Limerick), MSW, \$162,129; Garrettslilnora (Bishop's Choice), MSP, \$160,117. \*\*\$50,000 yrl '02 FTKJUL; \$60,000 2yo '03 OBSMAR. \*\*\*Siberian Dancer, sent off the heavy 1-2 favorite after an impressive work at Miho Training Center four days before the race, held sway late to score by a half length.

**JAPANESE WINNERS BY AMERICAN SIRES:**

**Tenzan Dandy (Jpn)**, c, 2, **Gone West**--See You Soon (Fr) (GISW-US & SP-Fr, \$521,823), by Kaldoun (Fr). Hanshin, 12-14, Cyclamen S., 7f. Lifetime Record: 5-2-1-0, \$267,593. O-Saburo Hirano; B-Northern Farm; T-Ichizo Iwamoto.

**King Kamehameha (Jpn)**, c, 2, **Kingmambo**--Manfath (Ire), by Last Tycoon (Ire). Hanshin, 12-13, Erica Sho, 10fT. Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, \$160,093. O-Makoto Kaneko; B-Northern Farm; T-Kunihide Matsuda. \*1/2 to The Deputy (Petardia {GB}), GISW, \$817,787.

**Pit Fighter (Jpn)**, c, 4, **Pulpit**--Daring Danzig, by Danzig. Nakayama, 12-13, Shiwasu S., 9f. Lifetime Record: 13-7-3-0, \$1,033,796. O-Hiroyoshi Usuda; B-Shadai Farm; T-Yukihiko Kato. \*1/2 to Ecton Park (Forty Niner), GISW, \$1,323,825.



**FRESHMAN FOCUS**

**First-crop progeny to watch: Tuesday, Dec. 16**

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

- ACCELERATOR** (A.P. Indy), dead, 77/9/0  
1-MNR, Msw, 1 1/8m, Luckynquick, \$6K KEE SEP yrl
- ARTAX** (Marquetry), Taylor Made, \$15K, 68/3/0  
1-MNR, Msw, 1 1/8m, Please Pay Artax, \$20K KEE SEP yrl
- DONERAILE COURT** (Seattle Slew), Buck Pond, \$8K, 75/18/2  
8-PHA, Alw, 6 1/2f, Courtcase, \$10K FTK OCT yrl, 15-1
- EXPLOIT** (Storm Cat), Taylor Made, \$25K, 84/13/1  
9-SUN, Alw, 5 1/2f, Only Seventeen, \$10K KEE APR 2yo, 20-1
- MALIBU MOON** (A.P. Indy), Castleton Lyons, \$3K, 57/12/2  
8-PHA, Alw, 6 1/2f, End of an Era, \$26K FTK NOV wnl, 2-1
- STORMIN FEVER** (Storm Cat), Airdrie, \$15K, 71/17/1  
9-SUN, Alw, 5 1/2f, Jettin Fever, \$1,000 B '03 KEE JAN, 15-1



**SOPHOMORE SPOTLIGHT**

**First-time starters/stakes runners: Tuesday, Dec. 16**

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

- AWAD** (Caveat), Northview, \$4K, 79/17/0  
6-PHA, Msw, 6 1/2f, +Awadawin, 8-1

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## MIDDLE EAST



**DUBAI RESIDENT WINS SEVEN STARS** Nasser Omar Hassan, of the United Arab Emirates, narrowly beat out Italy's Shirly Tammam to win the 2003 Godolphin Seven Stars competition. The 26-year-old Dubai resident was in front nearly from the start of the year-long contest, which awards entrants points based on the performance of their pre-selected stable of Godolphin horses, but his victory wasn't secured until Firebreak's off-the-board finish in the Hong Kong Mile Sunday. The seven Godolphin horses Hassan picked in March amassed 469 points: Sulamani (185), Mamool (95), Mezzo Soprano (73), Naheef (52), Highdown (48), Singing Poet (10) and Parhelion (6). First prize in the contest is \$100,000, plus seven nights in the Burj Al Arab Hotel for the 2004 Dubai World Cup meeting. Information on the 2004 Godolphin Seven Stars competition will be available at [www.godolphin.com](http://www.godolphin.com).



## AUSTRALASIA



**LAKWOOD DISPERSAL IN APRIL** South Australian nursery Lakewood Stud has announced an unreserved dispersal sale scheduled for Apr. 4. The auction, to be conducted by Magic Millions Sales Pty Ltd, will take place on the Liston family's Wellington property. According to Lakewood principal, Peter Liston, the dispersal is part of a restructuring process which will help the stud develop their stallion division and expand the breaking-in and pre-training division. "We believe that this restructuring will place the stud, our clients and the SA industry in a great position for future growth," Liston explained. Sires represented by weanlings at the dispersal include Galileo (Ire), Rubiton (Aus), Peintre Celebre, Desert Prince (Ire), Indian Danehill (Ire) and Royal Academy. Also selling will be mares in foal to such stallions as Choisir (Aus), Fasliyev, Carnegie (Ire) and Orpen and yearlings by Danehill, Happy Giggle (Aus), Dangerous (Aus), Bellotto (GB) and Sandpit (Brz). Catalogs will be available in early February.

## BREEDERS' EDITION AMERICA

**ALLOWANCE RESULTS:**

**5th-CRC, \$32,000**, Opt. Clm. (\$62,500-\$57,500), NW1 \$R3M, 3yo/up, 1fT, 1:39 4/5, ft.

**MARCO'S WORD (g, 5, Marco Bay--Sunshine's Word, by Verbatim)** Lifetime Record: 36-10-8-5, \$221,155. O-Cecilia Dixon. B-Mr & Mrs E R Dixon (FL). T-Robert A Hale.

**9th-PHA, \$21,000, NW2X, 3yo/up, 6 1/2f, 1:17 4/5, my. WHITE EAGLE HALL (c, 3, Peaks and Valleys--Gail's Falcon {SW}, by Imperial Falcon)** Lifetime Record: 21-4-2-1, \$71,108. O-Wam Stable. B-Highclere Inc (KY). T-Chris Landicini Jr. \*\$110,000 yrl '01 KEESEP.

**ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:**

**Fairy Valley, f, 4, Dixieland Band--Valse Musette, by Halo. CRC, 12-15, 6 1/2f, 1:19. B-Hermitage Farm (Ky).** \*\$475,000 yrl '00 KEEJUL. \*\* 1/2 to Basqueian (Bounding Basque), Ch. Older Horse, GSW & GISP, \$1,056,289; Regal Halo (Alwuhush), SW, \$110,474; Sir Ebony Knight (Show Dancer), SW, \$190,064.

## BREEDERS' EDITION EUROPE

**CONDITIONS RESULTS:**

**ITALY, Varese, 4.05, 12-14, €15,300, 3yo, 7 1/2f (AWT), time: n/a, stn.**

**RE DI CUORI (ITY) (c, 3, Close Conflict--Rustensis {Fr}, by Rusticaro {Fr})** Lifetime Record: 28 starts, 6 wins, 12 places, €65,705. O-Scuderia Antares; B-Antonio Rocco; T-A Tavazzani.

**FRANCE, Deauville, 3.00, 12-15, €14,000, 3yo/up, 7 1/2f (AWT), 1:29.50, stn.**

**RED N'SOCKS (h, 6, Devil's Bag--Racing Blue {GB} {GSP-Ger}, by Reference Point {GB})** Lifetime Record: 36 starts, 10 wins, 13 places, €100,950. O/B-Frau Hildegard Focke; T-Peter Lautner. \*1/2 to Ryono (Mountain Cat), SW-Ger.

**ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:**

**Scottish Exile (Ire), f, 2, Ashkalani (Ire)--Royal Jade (GB), by Last Tycoon (Ire).** Southwell, Britain, 12-15, Mdn, 2yo, 5f (AWT). B-D J & Mrs Deer.

**Ceprin (Ire), c, 2, Desert Prince (Ire)--Black Wood, by Woodman. Pisa, Italy, 12-14, Mdn, 2yo, 7 1/2fT. B-Scuderia Siba SPA.**

**Le Volontaire (Fr), c, 2, Nombre Premier (GB)--Lagrasse (Fr), by Hours After. Deauville, France, 12-15, Mdn, 2yo, 6 1/2f (AWT). B-Yves & Mme Fremiot.**

**Dear Polish (Ire), c, 2, Polish Precedent--Liaison (SW-Fr), by Blushing Groom (Fr). Pisa, Italy, 12-14, Mdn, 2yo, 1 1/4mT. B-Brinkley Stud SRL. \*1/2 to Lagudin (Ire) (Eagle Eyed), SW-Eng & MSP-Fr.**

**Nuzzle (GB), f, 3, Salse--Lena, by Woodman. Southwell, Britain, 12-15, Mdn, 3yo/up, 1m (AWT). B-Side Hill Stud. \*18,000gns 2yo '02 TATAUT.**

**Silver Swan, f, 3, Silver Hawk--Shy Swan, by Nureyev. Dortmund, Germany, 12-14, Mdn, 3yo, 1 1/16m (AWT). B-H Smoot Fahlgren. \*\$75,000 wnlg '00 KEENOV.**

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