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## LUCKY 13 IN THE MALIBU

A large and accomplished field of 13, including nine graded stakes winners, has been entered for Friday's GI Malibu S. at Santa Anita. The group includes GI Santa Anita Derby winner **Buddy Gil** (Eastern Echo), who has not been seen since finishing sixth after a troubled trip in the GI Kentucky Derby. The bay gelding has worked strongly over the Santa Anita oval in preparation for his return to the races. "He's doing good," trainer Jeff Mullins said of Buddy Gil. "I think he's a better horse now [than he was last year]. He's older and he's still active. The others he was running against last year are either sidelined or have been sent to stud." Another contender coming into the Malibu off a long layoff and a strong series of works is **Blazonry** (Hennessy), who began his career in England with trainer Jeremy Noseda.



**Buddy Gil** *Benoit*

Switched to the barn of Kathy Walsh for his sophomore campaign, the bay colt won the GII Laz Barrera Memorial at the Malibu's seven-furlong distance May 26, but has not raced since. The omnipresent trainer Bobby Frankel will saddle three in the Malibu, including the speedy **Midas Eyes** (Touch Gold). Eighth in the Breeders' Cup Sprint, the bay colt is coming off a strong second-place finish behind Congaree in the Nov. 29 GI Cigar Mile H. **Posse** (Silver Deputy) is expected to make the final start of his career in the Malibu. The colt is coming off a powerful win in Fair Grounds' Thanksgiving H.

## GRAND LODGE DEAD

**Grand Lodge** (Chief's Crown--La Papagena, by Habitat) was euthanized at Scone Veterinary Hospital in the NSW Hunter Valley today following a long battle to repair a shattered left knee, Woodlands Stud general manager Trevor Lobb reported. "It is a very sad day, he was very much a part of Woodlands," Lobb said of the 12-year-old stallion who injured his knee in a paddock accident at Woodlands Sept. 4. "Woodlands Stud, in conjunction with their Grand Lodge partners, Coolmore Stud, Ireland and Plantation Stud, England, wish to express their very deep appreciation of the outstanding treatment, daily monitoring and personal attention given to the horse by Dr Angus Adkins, Dr Jane Axon and the intensive care unit staff of the Scone Veterinary Hospital in the Hunter Valley," Lobb said in a statement. "The Thoroughbred breeding world has lost one of its most significant stallions of the current era," he added. Grand Lodge, Europe's champion juvenile of 1993, won the G1 Dewhurst S. and G1 St. James's Palace S., and was second in the English 2000 Guineas and G1 Champion S. Champion European Sire in 2000, he is the sire of champions Sinndar (Ire) and Queen's Logic (Ire), as well as multiple Group 1 winners Grandera (Ire) and Indian Lodge (Ire). In Australia, Grand Lodge was represented by multiple Group 1 winners Shogun Lodge (Aus), Freemason (Aus) and Lovelorn (Aus). He will be buried at Woodlands Stud.

## ☆ PREVIEW ☆

Friday, Santa Anita, post time: 3:52 p.m. PST  
MALIBU S.-GI, \$250,000, 3yo, 7f

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	WT
1	Midas Eyes	Touch Gold	Velazquez	119
2	Baltic Heights	Machiavellian	Nakatani	115
3	Watchem Smokey	Alphabet Soup	Valenzuela	119
4	Blazonry	Hennessy	Smith	117
5	Marino Marini	Storm Cat	T Baze	115
6	Domestic Dispute	Unbridled's Song	Solis	117
7	Buddy Gil	Eastern Echo	Stevens	121
8	Eye of the Tiger	American Chance	Pedroza	117
9	Special Rate	Pulpit	Valdivia	117
10	Posse	Silver Deputy	Lanerie	119
11	Southern Image	Halo's Image	Espinoza	115
12	Toccet	Awesome Again	Charvez	115
13	Zavata	Phone Trick	Desormeaux	117



### REMINDER:

Due to the Christmas holiday, the TDN office will be closed Wednesday, Dec. 24 and Thursday, Dec. 25.

**There will be NO newsletter for Thurs, Dec. 25 or Fri., Dec. 26.**

All news and results from Dec. 24 and 25 will appear in the Saturday, Dec. 27 issue.

*Have a wonderful holiday!*

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**Saturday, Calder Race Course**

**W L MCKNIGHT H.-GII**, \$200,000, 3yo/up, 1 1/2mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	WT
1	Art Variety (Brz)	Pleasant Variety	Blanc	115
2	Balto Star	Glitterman	Velazquez	121
3	Thompson Rouge (Ire)	Machiavellian	Velasquez	112
4	Runaway Dancer	Runaway Groom	Garcia	114
5	Prodigus (Brz)	Kenetico (Brz)	Cruz	112
6	Gran Cesare (Arg)	Roar	Homeister	112
7	Cetewayo	His Majesty	Douglas	115
8	Rowans Park	Irish River (Fr)	Santos	113
9	Continuously	Diesis (GB)	Coa	116
10	Macaw (Ire)	Bluebird	Bridgmohan	117
11	Final Prophecy	World Stage (Ire)	Velez	112
12	Sir Brian's Sword	Sword Dance (Ire)	Bravo	112

*Also Eligible*

13	In Hand	Belong to Me	Bravo	111
14	Father Bryan's Gem	Sword Dance (Ire)	Castro	111

**Saturday, Calder Race Course**

**LA PREVOYANTE H.-GII**, \$200,000, 3/up, f/m, 12ft

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	WT
1	New Economy	Red Ransom	Homeister	116
2	Pillow Talk	Lear Fan	Alvarado	112
3	Lady Annaliese (NZ)	Groom Dancer	Coa	116
4	Lost Appeal	Valid Appeal	Douglas	113
5	Go On Baby	With Approval	Bridgmohan	113
6	Spice Island	Tabasco Cat	Velasquez	118
7	Volga (Ire)	Caerleon	Migliore	119
8	Victory Snit	Victory Speech	Penalba	109
9	Shining Jewel	Gulch	Velazquez	111
10	Mariensky	Gulch	Blanc	115
11	Sixty Seconds (NZ)	Centaine (Aus)	Santos	116

**Friday's Graded Stakes brought to you by**



**6:52pm Malibu S.-G1, Santa Anita Eastern Daylight Time.**  
**Vinery-bred HOLLYWOOD STORY dazzles in G1 Hollywood Starlet Click here for more...**

**WEEKEND PEDIGREE PERSPECTIVES**  
*by Alan Porter*

**HOLLYWOOD FUTURITY-GI**, \$382,000, HOL, 12-20, 2yo, 1 1/16m, 1:42 4/5, ft.  
 1--**LION HEART, 121, c, 2**, by [Tale of the Cat](#)  
**1st Dam: Satin Sunrise (SW, \$263,411)**, by Mr. Leader  
**2nd Dam: Logic**, by Naskra  
**3rd Dam: Bactu Reason**, by Bold Reason  
 (\$100,000 yrl '02 FTMSEP; \$1.4 million 2yo '03 FTFEB). O-D Smith & M Tabor; B-Sabine Stable (KY); T-P Biancone; J-M Smith; \$225,600. Lifetime Record: 3-3-0-0, \$310,800. \*1st GISW for sophomore sire (by Storm Cat). \*\*1/2 to French Satin (French Deputy), GSW, \$165,894. [Click for brisnet.com catalogue-style pedigree.](#)

**HOLLYWOOD STARLET S.-GI**, \$355,500, HOL, 12-21, 2yo, f, 1 1/16m, 1:42 4/5, ft.  
 1--**@#▲HOLLYWOOD STORY, 120, f, 2**, by Wild Rush  
**1st Dam: Wife for Life (SP)**, by Dynaformer  
**2nd Dam: Huggle Duggle**, by Never Bend  
**3rd Dam: Crown the Queen**, by Swaps  
 (\$130,000 yrl '02 FTKJUL). O-G Krikorian; B-Vinery (KY); T-John Shirreffs; J-P A Valenzuela; \$209,700. Lifetime Record: 5-1-2-1, \$356,500. \*Seventh stakes winner (first GISW) for sophomore sire (by Wild Again). [Click for the free brisnet.com catalog-style pedigree.](#)

The weekend saw the conclusion of the year's Grade I program for two-year-olds with the GI Hollywood Futurity and GI Hollywood Starlet S. Both races were taken by the offspring of two very successful second-season sires, Tale of the Cat in the case of Hollywood Futurity winner Lion Heart, and Wild Rush for the Starlet victress Hollywood Story. Both these successful young stallions have no less than five current juvenile stakes winners, but that similarity apart, they have gone in very different directions. Tale of the Cat, who began his stud career at \$25,000, has been raised to an advertised \$75,000 for 2004, with seasons now trading for considerably more. Wild Rush, who retired for \$15,000, and stood at \$10,000 for 2003, is now at Arrow Stud in Japan, having been sold for a reported \$1.5 million in early September. *Cont. p. 3*



**On Dec. 10 at Sam Houston, he had his 14<sup>TH</sup> winner;**  
**On Dec. 17 at Hollywood, he had his 15<sup>TH</sup> winner;**  
**On Dec. 20 at Tampa, he had his 16<sup>TH</sup> winner.**

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*(Pedigree Perspectives cont. from p. 2)*

The current juvenile crops of Tale of the Cat and Wild Rush both appear some way superior to their first crops. However, Tale of the Cat was last year's leading freshman sire by winners with 24, and he now has five first-crop stakes winners, led by My Trusty Cat, a multiple stakes winner of over \$320,000. His second crop two-year-olds made an impact early and often, and Tale of the Cat was already in the thick of the battle for the champion sire of two-year-olds title before Lion Heart arrived on the scene (in fact, he would have lifted the crown even without Lion Heart's earnings). In addition to Lion Heart, Tale of the Cat's current stars have been a trio of two-year-old fillies: the multiple graded stakes winner Be Gentle; Whoopi Cat, undefeated winner of the GII Adirondack S.; and the GIII Sorority S. heroine Feline Story.

The contrast in the shape of Wild Rush's career demonstrates how timing is everything. He didn't have a two-year-old stakes winner in his first crop, and at the time of his sale to Japan, he looked extremely well sold, his only black type scorers being the three-year-old fillies Fencelineneighbor and Friendofthefamily, who had earned her stakes win at Turf Paradise.

Since then, however, Wild Rush has come up with his quintet of two-year-old stakes winners (four of them in November), which in addition to Hollywood Story include Canadian champion two-year-old colt Judiths Wild Rush, and Stellar Jayne, who took the Pocahontas S. at Churchill Downs.

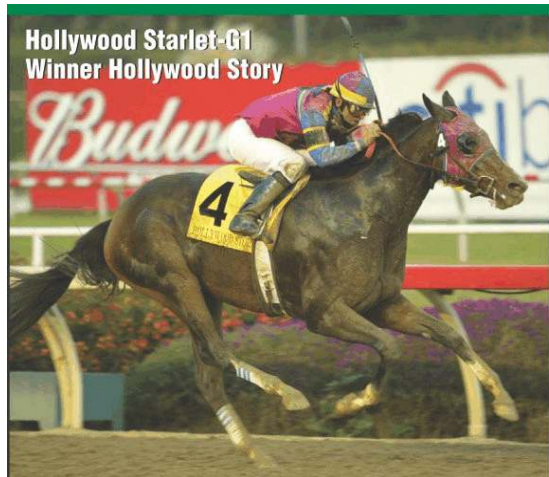
Lion Heart's win in the Hollywood Futurity assured him a prominent position on the ballots for an Eclipse Award as champion two-year-old colt. Although he has only run three times, he's won all three, and on his previous outing, he took the GIII Hollywood Prevue S. by six lengths while scorching the seven furlongs in 1:20 3/5.

Lion Heart's achievements represent a considerable upgrade for his family. Although he is a half brother to the GIII Florida Oaks winner French Satin (French Deputy), he and his sister are the only graded stakes scor-

ers in the first four generations of the pedigree. His dam Satin Sunrise was a typical tough product of her sire Mr. Leader. Starting 78 times, she won 23 races, scoring black-type in the My Fair Lady S. at Suffolk Downs. The granddam Logic is another minor stakes winner by a horse who typically got a lot of toughness, Naskra. Lion Heart is bred on the Storm Cat/Hail to Reason cross, and in general terms this hasn't been one of the strongest for Storm Cat. It has resulted in 22 unrestricted stakes winners, but a third of those have been out of mares by Stop the Music or sons, a strain which has tended to operate a little differently than Hail to Reason in general. There have only been five Storm Cat/Hail to Reason stakes winners out of mares descending from Hail to Reason through Roberto (the best, GISW Dessert, being out of champion Windsharp), and just two out of Halo mares, although one was the excellent but short-lived sire Harlan.

Lion Heart's dam actually has not one, but two crosses of Hail to Reason, and they arrive through a very interesting pattern. Satin Sunrise's sire Mr. Leader is by Hail to Reason out of a mare by Djeddah, and exactly the same cross is responsible for Bold Reason, the sire of Lion Heart's granddam, Bactu Reason. Lion Heart's own pedigree is an outcross at five generations, and we'd have to speculate that Tale of the Cat has thrown to something deep in the common background of Mr. Leader and Bold Reason.

From a practical standpoint, the key interest in Lion Heart's pedigree is going to be whether it is likely to carry him the mile and a quarter of the Kentucky Derby. Tale of the Cat's defining performance was his brilliant win in the seven-furlong GII King's Bishop S. He did, however break his maiden over an extended mile, won an allowance at 8 1/2 furlongs and finished second in the nine-furlong GI Whitney H. to Awesome Again. Mr. Leader got several horses who displayed stamina at a very high level, including the GI Travers S. winner Wise Times, the GI Santa Anita H. victors Ruhlmann and Martial Law, the GI Suburban H. winner Quiet Little Table and the GI Gulfstream Park H. winner Hurry Up Blue. *Cont. p. 8*



Hollywood Starlet-G1  
Winner Hollywood Story

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**FROM THE DESK OF...**  
**Bill Oppenheim**



**GOOD SIRES ABOUND IN \$15,000-\$50,000 RANGE**

If you're not already committed, and you have a mare worthy of a medium five-figure stud fee in North America (an increasingly worrisome query given today's double-size stallion books), it strikes me that there are some pretty salty sires and sire prospects scheduled to stand in the \$15,000 up to \$50,000 range next year. Here is a selection of 15 of them, and I'll bet they aren't all full--however that's defined these days. Ten of the 15 have runners, five do not; and 13 of the 15 stand in Kentucky. These are, of course, subjective

choices, especially so for the five who don't have runners. I'm sure I've missed some out. It's not that other sires in the same stud fee range aren't worthy, simply that, to me, these stand out as good-value gambles to use when the object is to breed a racehorse.

**DIESIS (Sharpen Up {GB}--Doubly Sure, by Reliance)**

I believe Diesis is still the last horse to win the Middle Park-Dewhurst two-year-old Group 1 double at Newmarket, which means by definition he was a tremendous two-year-old. Like his sire, Sharpen Up, a very successful sire who came up from the humblest of beginnings, Diesis didn't win after he was two, but that hasn't stopped him from siring three winners of the Epsom Oaks. He is for European tastes, and is rising 24, but his record is very impressive. *Cont. p. 5*

**15 Good Value Sires in North America,  
 (\$15,000 - \$50,000)**

**IN KENTUCKY (WITH RUNNERS)**

Sire (YOB)	Sire	Year of 1st Foals	Farm (State)	Crops	'04 Fee
Diesis (1980)	Sharpen Up	1985	Mill Ridge (KY)	17 crops	\$30,000
Carson City (1987)	Mr. Prospector	1992	Overbrook (KY)	10 crops	\$35,000
Royal Academy (1987)	Nijinsky II	1992	Ashford (KY)	10 crops	\$20,000
Belong to Me (1989)	Danzig	1995	Lane's End (KY)	7 crops	\$25,000
Smart Strike (1992)	Mr. Prospector	1998	Lane's End (KY)	4 crops	\$25,000
Langfuhr (1992)	Danzig	1999	Lane's End (KY)	3 crops	\$20,000
Deputy Commander (1994)	Deputy Minister	2000	Airdrie (KY)	2 crops	\$30,000
Victory Gallop (1995)	Cryptoclearance	2001	WinStar (KY)	1 crop	\$30,000

**OUTSIDE KENTUCKY (WITH RUNNERS)**

Sire (YOB)	Sire	Year of 1st Foals	Farm (State)	Crops	'04 fee
In Excess (1987)	Siberean Express	1994	Vessels (CA)	8 crops	\$25,000
Montbrook (1990)	Buckaroo	1996	Ocala Stud (FL)	6 crops	\$20,000

**UNPROVEN**

Sire (YOB)	Sire	Year of 1st Foals	Farm (State)	Crops	'04 fee
Aljabr (1996)	Storm Cat	2002	Shadwell (KY)	1st 2yo's 2004	\$15,000
Tiznow (1997)	Cee's Tizzy	2003	WinStar (KY)	1st Yearlings 2004	\$30,000
Came Home (1999)	Gone West	2004	Lane's End (KY)	1st Foals 2004	\$40,000
Johannesburg (1999)	Hennessy	2004	Ashford (KY)	1st Foals 2004	\$30,000
Mizzen Mast (1998)	Cozzene	2004	Juddmonte (KY)	1st Foals 2004	\$15,000

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*(Bill Oppenheim cont. from p. 4)*

In 17 crops of racing age, never numbering more than 60, Diesis is the sire of 80 stakes winners (10 percent of foals), of which no fewer than 42 have won graded/group stakes. At \$30,000, given the proviso that you're probably breeding for Europe, he is a serious bargain.

**CARSON CITY (Mr. Prospector--Blushing Promise, by Blushing Groom {Fr})**

If you have a mare who could use an injection of speed and precocity, you'd better dial up Carson City right away--and by that I do not mean the state capitol of Nevada. This fellow is heading for his fifth consecutive top 10 finish on the North American General Sire List, and in fact is currently sixth, his highest placing yet. From 10 crops of racing age, he has sired 64 stakes winners, of which 20 are graded stakes winners, but no fewer than 29 have won stakes at two, meaning he averages almost three two-year-old stakes winners per crop. He has a near chart-topping 26 percent two-year-old winners to foals, too. This is the real deal, still at \$35,000. What a bargain.

**ROYAL ACADEMY (Nijinsky II--Crimson Saint, by Crimson Satan)**

One of the original double-book size (and dual-hemisphere) sires at Coolmore and now at Ashford (first Kentucky crop 1999, I believe), excess, rather than lack of opportunity has maybe been Royal Academy's problem. He has averaged 82 foals per crop for his 10 Northern Hemisphere crops, and he is the sire of 60 stakes winners (33 of them graded/group stakes winners), yet doesn't really have a following anywhere. Well, he does here. His 60 stakes winners represent seven percent of foals, whereas Carson City's 64 are nine percent of his foals. Conventional wisdom says nine percent is better than seven percent, but my gut instinct is that seven percent stakes winners for sires whose crop sizes average over 80 is probably just as good as 10 percent stakes winners for other sires. In any case, Royal Academy for \$20,000 is, in my book, a terrific buy.

**BELONG TO ME (Danzig--Belonging, by Exclusive Native)**

After getting off to a tremendous start with his first New York-bred two-year-olds in 1997, the Grade III-winning sprinter Belong to Me was brought to Kentucky by Lane's End, and his first Kentucky-bred foals, I'm pretty certain, were foals of 1999--four-year-olds this year. When that Kentucky crop didn't get off to a brilliant start--Belong to Me's name did not feature among the 150 top sires of two-year-olds in 2001--he was beginning to look an expensive purchase. But he's been rehabilitating himself. He has 10 'A Runners' now in his first two Kentucky crops, and ranks in the Top 40 on this year's General Sire List, with eight stakes winners this year, five of them graded/group stakes winners. After a modest stud fee hike to \$25,000, he now looks like a pretty reasonable value to me.

**SMART STRIKE (Mr. Prospector--Classy 'n Smart, by Smarten)**

At \$25,000, Smart Strike has got to be the most underrated stallion in America. With his oldest crop just five, he is 10th on the General Sire List, with 11 stakes winners this year, eight of them graded. He was 15th on the GSL last year with just four-year-olds. By my numbers, his 2003 mid-year APEX A Runner Index was a whopping 3.65. If you're looking for consistency and decent-class horses, Smart Strike is an absolute steal for \$25,000. But he has no Grade I winners, and the correlation between Grade I winners and stud fee is a lot higher than the correlation between percentage of stakes winners, average-earnings index, or APEX ratings. We statisticians must be fooling ourselves. People want to know about consistency, but they'll only pay the big stud fees if they think they have a chance to get a Grade I winner. Since most mares are never going to produce a Grade I winner, realists should be all over Smart Strike.

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2004 fee: \$10,000



(Bill Oppenheim cont. from p. 5)

**LANGFUHR** (Danzig--Sweet Briar Too, by Briartic)

He's always been a hard horse to figure out. Though based in Canada, his only four stakes wins, the GI Vosburgh and GI Forego at four, and the GI Carter and GI Met Mile at five, were all in top New York seven-furlong/one mile races. That's terrific form, though he wasn't precocious. His three crops to race at Vinery averaged 82 foals per crop, so maybe his low four percent stakes winners to foals really means seven percent. But he has had 20 percent two-year-old winners from foals, each of his first two crops has included a genuine top-class horse (the filly Imperial Gesture in his first and 2003 Canadian Horse of the Year Wando in his second); and he has buried his third-crop rivals both in 2003 earnings--he is an eye-catching fifth on the 2003 General Sire List--and in cumulative earnings. In short, in what will be his first year at Lane's End, he must be worth \$20,000.

**DEPUTY COMMANDER** (Deputy Minister--Anka Germania, by Malinowski)

There are three sons of Deputy Minister among at least seven seriously promising sires whose first foals are three-year-olds this year, a litany I have chanted so often this year even I must just about be able to recite their names by heart: Ashford's [Grand Slam](#) and [Tale of the Cat](#); sprinter-milers [Distorted Humor](#) and [Elusive Quality](#); and the three Deputy Ministers, Awesome Again, Touch Gold, and Deputy Commander. After Grand Slam and Tale of the Cat were each bumped to \$75,000, guess how many of these seven will be standing for less than \$50,000 in 2004? One. Deputy Commander. Case closed. It has been noticed that his first crop of 90 foals does have only two stakes winners so far, but he does have another six stakes horses, including the Grade I-placed three-year-olds Brancusi and Holiday Lady, and he very much has the profile of a sire whose runners are going to keep improving with age.

**VICTORY GALLOP** (Cryptoclearance--Victorious Lil, by Vice Regent)

He spoiled Real Quiet's bid for the Triple Crown, and, if Victory U.S.A. had read the script last weekend and won the GI Hollywood Starlet, instead of finishing fourth, he would have spoiled [Stravinsky](#)'s bid to be Leading Freshman Sire. As it is, he's within just \$8,000 of Stravinsky, with a week to go. Tight race. Stravinsky has more foals (106 to 82), more runners (58 to 34), more winners (25 to 11), and more stakes horses (nine to four). Whether this is a vintage crop of freshman sires is debatable. They haven't cracked the \$1-million mark in progeny earnings, and both trail European 1-2 [Fasliyev](#) and Cape Cross. But of all of them, Victory Gallop is the one whose runners seem sure to improve next year. He looks like he's siring class, and that means he's a good buy at \$30,000 if you can still get in.

**IN EXCESS** (Siberian Express--Kantado, by Saulingo)

Switched to the dirt as a four-year-old, he won four top New York Grade I races in 1991: the Met Mile, Suburban, Whitney, and Woodward. He's been the leader of a significant revival in the California stallion ranks, along with General Meeting, Bertrando, and Cee's Tizzy, the first top sires to stand in California since Flying Paster. He's sired 36 stakes winners now in eight crops, and his two-year-old 'ABC Runner' Index of 4.25 ranks him among the world's best. He also has a 3.44 'A Runner' Index, which also ranks him in the World Top 20 in that category. He's currently 21st on the 2003 North American General Sire List, with over \$4.4-million in progeny earnings this year.

**MONTBROOK** (Buckaroo--Secret Papers, by Jet Diplomacy)

A Grade III-winning sprinter himself, Montbrook has now firmly established himself as Florida's best sire. He's sired 24 stakes winners in six crops, nine of them graded stakes winners, plus Grade I-placed stakes winners Thunderello and Giant Gentleman.

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**A Special Holiday Schedule**

**EquineCommerce.com will be closed Christmas week.**

**New Year's Week:**

A special schedule will be in effect the week of Dec 29 to accommodate for year-end tax planning:

- Mon, Dec. 29** Ask and Bid Listings accepted until 4pm
  - Tues, Dec. 30** Simultaneous 1-day Ask/Bid Market 9am-4pm  
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*(Bill Oppenheim cont. from p. 6)*

With the likes of Fountain of Youth winner Trust N Luck, the very good two-year-old Chapel Royal, 2001 Super Derby winner Outofthebox, and the multiple graded stakes winning sprinter Shake You Down in the public eye, Montbrook has established beyond debate that he is one of those rare Top 20 sires, like In Excess, who doesn't stand in Kentucky. He'd be worth sending a mare to Florida to breed to, especially as (for pedigree buffs) he's by a son of Buckpasser and has no Northern Dancer or Native Dancer in his pedigree.

**ALJABR (Storm Cat--Sierra Madre, by Baillamont)**

In 1994, Distant View ranked as one of the top three-year-old milers in Europe. He had been beaten by [Grand Lodge](#) in the G1 St. James's Palace S. at Royal Ascot, but came back to win the G1 Sussex S. at Goodwood. At the end of the season, Timeform ranked Distant View 126, Grand Lodge 125. It's because of that sort of form that I rate Aljabr, who was also second in the St. James's Palace and won the Sussex, so highly as a sire prospect. That, and the fact he was a Group 1 winner at two, three, and four, and is by Storm Cat out of a mare who was a top-class Group 1 winner of the Marcel Boussac and the Prix Vermeille. Unbeaten in three starts at two, including a win over Stravinsky (who was dq'ed) and Kingsalsa in the G1 Prix de la Salamandre, Aljabr was actually pointed for the Kentucky Derby, but was pulled out at the 11th hour. He came back to finish second to Sendawar (Timeform 129, and another horse, as you know, that I like a lot) in the G1 St. James's Palace, then scored an easy win in the G1 Sussex. Aljabr was rated Timeform 125 at three. He has a lot going for him, not least the support of his owner-breeder, Sheikh Hamdan. He may not have the numbers of some other freshman sires of 2004, but his form screams that he's a good gamble at \$15,000.

**TIZNOW (Cee's Tizzy--Cee's Song, by Seattle Song)**

In 2000, if [Giant's Causeway](#) had won the Breeders' Cup Classic in his first start on the dirt, he would have been hailed as the hands-down world champion. Tiznow beat him. In 2001, if Sakhee had won the Breeders' Cup Classic after his emphatic win in the Arc, he would have been hands-down world champion. Tiznow beat him, too. Conclusion: Tiznow was a seriously good horse. In speed terms, Tiznow ran 116-117 Beyers in his Classic wins. He ran a 119 in his final race before the Classic as a three-year-old, the GII Goodwood H. As a four-year-old, he ran a 117 when he won the GI Santa Anita H.

My research in the early 'Nineties led me to assign a 'global' +12 to a Beyer figure to arrive at an equivalent Timeform rating. That appears to be conservative, if anything, in light of other research. I would have rated Tiznow a Timeform 130. Timeform actually rated him 133. His first foals looked the part in November. He does have a rather strange pedigree, but it's not without its good points. He's getting a real good shot at WinStar, alongside Victory Gallop and Distorted Humor.

**CAME HOME (Gone West--Nice Assay, by Clever Trick)**

Only ever beaten when he didn't stay the trip in the Breeders' Cup Juvenile at two and the Kentucky Derby and Breeders' Cup Classic at three, Came Home proved himself an outstanding colt with a terrific sire profile. He won his first three starts at two, at five, six (GIII Hollywood Juvenile Championship), and seven furlongs (GI Hopeful), before patently failing to stay in the Juvenile won by Johannesburg. He then won his first three starts at three, at seven, a mile, and nine furlongs, progressing to win the GI Santa Anita Derby. But, significantly, his Beyer figure dropped markedly as the distance increased. No surprise he didn't get the trip in the Kentucky Derby. He then came back to win the GII Swaps and the GI Pacific Classic at 10 furlongs over olders, in what was surely his career best. But he always looked a better horse over shorter, as Grand Slam turned out to be. Conventional wisdom assumes breeders drop young sires like a hot potato after their first year, but the statistics suggest otherwise. There is a minor dropoff in book quality in year two, but the significant drops are years three and four (the year they have their first two-year-olds). Came Home is standing his second year in 2004, and if I were a breeder who liked his chances, I'd be breeding to him this year just as happily as if it were his first.

**JOHANNESBURG (Hennessy--Myth, by Ogygian)**

Same goes here. Without doubt the world champion two-year-old of 2001, when he went six-for-six in Europe, including three Group 1 wins at six furlongs, and then swooped late to win the Breeders' Cup Juvenile. So he never won again. Neither did Sharpen Up, Diesis, Raise a Native, or Fasliyev. That will not stop him making a sire. He is bred along similar lines to Tale of the Cat (his dam Myth is a half sister to Tale of the Cat and Middle Park winner Minardi). His second dam is a full sister to the dam of [Pulpit](#), and his fifth dam, Title, was a full sister to Round Table. Perhaps most significant of all, he was the best two-year-old in a yard which also included Rock of Gibraltar and Hawk Wing. No wonder he was bred to a mere 193 mares in 2003.

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**MIZZEN MAST** (Cozzene--Kinema, by Graustark)

This is a really interesting horse. I happened to be at Deauville the day Mizzen Mast broke his maiden, over a mile in a four-runner race, in which another first-time starter, Domedriver, ran third. I subsequently followed Mizzen Mast's career, and basically every time he got firm turf, he looked a pretty good horse. Coming off a second to Chichicastenango in the 2001 G1 Grand Prix de Paris, he went off favorite for the G1 Secretariat at Arlington Park, but it came up soft and he never figured. Bobby Frankel ran him twice more on the grass. In the second of those starts, he beat Momentum by five lengths over one mile. Then Frankel switched him to the dirt, and, in his final start at three, he came from far back to win the G1 Malibu over seven furlongs. He returned five weeks later, in what was to be his only start at four, and won the G1 San Fernando over nine furlongs by four lengths, running a Beyer 119 in the process. A series of minor problems kept him off the track, and he never had a chance to build on what was looking like a very promising dirt career. I reckon this was a really good horse. He may not be the best-known \$15,000 stallion on the planet, but he did cover 123 mares this year. He definitely has the ability to make a sire.

**In Other News...**

Lion Heart's win in the G1 Hollywood Futurity wrapped up the title of champion sire of two-year-olds for Ashford's Tale of the Cat. It was his first Grade I winner as well. Congratulations also to Lane's End's [A.P. Indy](#), who will win his first sire championship by leading the North American General Sire List. Last year's winner, El Prado, and [Dynaformer](#) are neck-and-neck for second, but A.P. Indy has long since gone beyond recall.

A few Honorable Mentions among under-\$15,000 stallions...like the ads say, Airdrie's Mazel Trick (first two-year-olds, \$12,500) has had a passel of winners in the last two months and could be poised to break out in early '04. For just pure pedigree, how about Vinery's Pure Prize (second season '04)? By Storm Cat out of Heavenly Prize, he hopelessly outclassed a Grade II field in what turned out to be his final career start; he would have been a big threat in last year's Breeders' Cup Classic had he made the race. Gainesway's Sir Cat (first four-year-olds, \$6,500) is another Storm Cat. He's knocked out 10 stakes winners in his first three crops and looks like he's well worth that kind of money. In

Florida, the speedball Smooth Jazz, a son of Storm Boot, looks a very interesting play, at only \$2,500, at Cloverleaf. Bought for a lot of money by Michael Tabor late in his two-year-old year, he proved not able to get the Classic trips, but came back this year to run a Beyer 117 in the GII Commonwealth Breeders' Cup at seven furlongs. And the latest deportation from Japan, Sulamani's dual Derby-winning half brother Dream Well, returns to stand at his birthplace, the Haras de Fresnay-Le-Buffard in Normandy. He looks seriously cheap at just €4,000.

**(PEDIGREE PERSPECTIVES CONT. FROM P. 3)**

While his isn't a typical classic pedigree, given Lion Heart's class, it might well be enough to get the job done in an era where relatively few really top-class dirt horses really relish a strongly contested 10 furlongs.

While Lion Heart's win was widely anticipated, the Starlet victory of Hollywood Story was less expected. In fact, she went into the race a maiden. Her previous outings including in a second to Victory U. S. A. (the Starlet favorite) on her debut, a second to Halfbridled in the G1 Del Mar Debutante S., a third in the GII Oak Leaf S. and a fourth in the G1 Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies.

Hollywood Story is the first foal of her dam, Wife For Life, a minor stakes-placed daughter of Dynaformer (a horse who is becoming a very promising broodmare sire). A half-sister to the German group winner Al Mundhir, Wife For Life is out of the GIII Gallorette H. heroine Huggle Duggle. The third dam, Crown the Queen, is a stakes-winning daughter of Swaps, and her third dam, Spring Beauty, is a sister-in-blood to Miss Dogwood, the third dam of Mr. Prospector.

Hollywood Story's pedigree is rather more easily interpreted than Lion Heart's. She has the brothers Graustark and His Majesty 5x4 in her pedigree (Graustark as great-grand sire of the dam of Wild Rush; His Majesty as broodmare sire of Dynaformer), while Swaps, the sire of her third dam, is bred on the same Hyperion/Beau Pere cross as Flower Bowl, the dam of Graustark and His Majesty.

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**SUMMER '04 LAUNCH FOR NEW DRUG**

**TESTING PROTOCOL** The implementation of a new drug testing protocol for all graded stakes races has been pushed back and the program is now expected to be launched in July 2004. The protocol, initiated by the Thoroughbred Owners and Breeders Association's American Graded Stakes Committee, was tested this fall at Belmont Park, Keeneland and Santa Anita. Issues raised during that trial run are currently being addressed with the assistance of racing chemists from the Interstate Drug Testing Alliance and Testing Integrity Program, as well as state regulators. "The goals of the protocol are to ensure the integrity of the committee's grades by requiring more extensive testing on samples collected from horses participating in graded stakes and to assist the Racing Medication and Testing Consortium to achieve its goal of uniform testing standards in the U.S.," explained Steven Duncker, chairman of the committee. "By addressing these issues with the racing chemists and regulators at this point in time and not rushing to implement the protocol in its current form, the committee believes significant progress will be made toward achieving these goals. Although we anticipate implementing the protocol in July 2004, we will not implement it until we believe we have it right." The new protocol will require testing for over 140 parent drugs and their metabolites and will be a condition for grade eligibility.

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**Yesterday's Results:**

**8th-PHA, \$20,000, Alw, NW1X, 2yo, f, 6f, 1:11, ft. DARN WILD (f, 2, Wild Event--Muffie St. Marie, by Darn That Alarm) broke her maiden at Philly Park July 4, then ran seventh in the Colleen S. at Monmouth Aug. 3 and eighth in the Delaware Park NATC Sorority last out Aug. 30. Sent off at 5-2 for her Philadelphia homecoming, the \$20,000 OBSAPR two-year-old dictated the early pace and drew away to a four-length victory. Fast Laner (Mutakddim), the 6-5 chalk, completed the exacta. Lifetime Record: 5-2-0-1, \$28,090. O-Arcola Farm. B-Sara Lynn & Fred Yutani (FL). T-Guadalupe Preciado.**

**9th-CRC, \$19,500, Msw, 3&4yo, 1m, 1:40 4/5, ft. GONE BALLISTIC (c, 3, [Gone West](#)--Etheldreda, by Diesis {GB}), a \$400,000 KEESEP yearling acquisition, ran second over the Churchill turf while making his first start in over 10 months Nov. 22. Made the 9-5 favorite off that effort, he settled early, rallied on the final turn and got up to defeat 6-1 Allensky (Silver Deputy) by 1 1/2 lengths. The winner is a half to Daggett Peak (It's Freezing), MGSP, \$500,677; and Flemensfirth (Alleged), G1SW-Fr & Ity, SP-Eng, \$366,919. Lifetime Record: 5-1-1-1, \$29,480. O-Padua Stables. B-Mill Ridge Farm, Ltd (KY). T-Stephen R Margolis.**

**7th-PHA, \$19,000, Msw, 2yo, f, a1m70yd, 1:45, ft. CLEVER TO ME (f, 2, [Belong to Me](#)--Clever Cleo {MSP, \$124,120}, by Smarten), a \$22,000 KEESEP yearling and a \$25,000 OBSMAR two-year-old, hit the board in each of her previous attempts while sprinting, including a third-place finish last time out over this course Nov. 16. On the stretchout here, the 3-1 shot rated early, swung out for the stretch drive, fought her way to the front and held 18-1 chance Fappadoon (Knockadoon) a half length safe. Lifetime Record: 5-1-3-1, \$24,890. O-Charles L Biggs. B-Mt Brilliant Farm LLC (KY). T-Jayne Vaders.**

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**MOLONY NEW SENIOR STEWARD**

Pierce Molony has been appointed senior steward of Ireland's Turf Club, succeeding Ray Rooney who has retired after completing his two-year term of office. The owner of Malton Stud, Molony has been a member of Horse Racing Ireland's board since its inception in 2001 and was also chairman of the Association of Irish Racecourses between 1991 and 1998. Frank Clarke, a well-known senior counsel and racehorse owner, has been appointed deputy senior steward in place of Molony.

**THE VIKING IS COMING**

**Viking Ruler (Aus)** (Danehill--Tristalove {NZ}, by Sir Tristram {Ire}), four-length winner of the 2001 G1 AJC Spring Champion S. at Randwick in Australia, will stand stud in Ireland next season. The five-year-old will join the stallion roster at Oak Lodge Stud in County Kildare. Purchased for A\$1.5 million as a yearling, the bay was also group-placed four times and was retired after running off the board in a Listed race in Flemington in February. He will cover at a fee of €6,500.

**BREEDERS' EDITION EUROPE**

**CONDITIONS RESULTS:**

**ITALY, Naples, 5.15, 12-23, €11,475, 2yo, 7 1/2fT, time: n/a, gd.**

**ETICA (IRE) (f, 2, Barahea {Ire}--Minodora {Ire} {SP-Ity}, by Marju {Ire})** Lifetime Record: 5 starts, 2 wins, 1 place, €19,295. O-Augusto Cati; B-Alberto Panetta; T-Roberto Brogi.

**ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:**

**Cloudless, f, 3, Lord Avie--Summer Retreat, by Gone West.** Wolverhampton, Britain, 12-22, Mdn, 3yo/up, 5f (AWT). B-Juddmonte Farms Inc. \*5,000gns HRA '03 TATJUL.

**SO. HEMISPHERE WINNERS BY EUROPEAN SIRES:**

**Ashkala (NZ), f, 3, Ashkalani (Ire)--Impulsive (Aus), by Pillaster.** Te Rapa (New Zealand), 12-20, 3yo/up, mdn, 1mT. B-W C Y Fan.

**Al Samoud (Aus), f, 3, Desert Prince (Ire)--All Stormy (Aus), by Storm At Sea (Aus).** Moonee Valley (Melbourne), 12-18, 3yo, hcp, 5fT. B-Meringo Stud Farm.

**Genghis (Aus), g, 3, Entrepreneur (GB)--Hear My Song (NZ), by McGinty (NZ).** Te Rapa (New Zealand), 12-20, 3yo/up, mdn, 1 1/4mT. B-L F Allerdice, C W Devine & P F Menzies.

**Al's Wish (Aus), f, 3, Flying Spur (Aus)--Miss Khozaam (Aus), by Khozaam.** Canterbury (Sydney), 12-18, 3yo, f, hcp, 6fT. B-A J Chappell.

**Country Lodge (Aus), f, 3, Grand Lodge--Coalition (Aus), by Pre Emptive Strike.** Flemington (Melbourne), 12-20, 3yo, f, hcp, 7fT. B-Contract Racing Pty Ltd & A & Mrs K Hancock.

**Picaday (Aus), g, 3, Piccolo (GB)--Our Today (Aus) (MSW-Aus), by Semipalatinsk.** Doomben (Brisbane), 12-20, Doomben S.-Listed, 3/up, hcp, 6f 165ydsT, A\$63,000 to winner. B-Eureka Thoroughbreds Pty Ltd & S C McAlpine; T-Bruce McLachlan.

**Woburn (NZ), g, 4, Groom Dancer--Harriet (NZ), by Kaapstad (NZ).** Te Rapa (New Zealand), 12-20, 3yo/up, hcp, 1mT. B-Bloomsbury Stud.

**Magical Flight (Aus), g, 5, Bluebird--Summer Magic (Aus), by Eagling (GB).** Canterbury (Sydney), 12-18, 4yo/up, c/g, hcp, 6fT. B-Summerset Park Stud & R E Parker.

**Dynamic Danzer (Aus), g, 5, Danzero (Aus)--Assist (NZ), by Nassipour.** Moonee Valley (Melbourne), 12-18, 4yo/up, hcp, 1m 2f 45ydsT. B-R Anderson.

**Komplete Kaos (NZ), m, 6, Desert Sun (GB)--Kappadios (NZ), by Great Charmer.** Te Rapa (New Zealand), 12-20, 3yo/up, f/m, hcp, 1mT. B-Mrs H Sadler.

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**ALLOWANCE RESULTS:**

**10th-CRC, \$22,000, NW2X, 3yo/up, 1 1/8mT, 1:48 4/5, gd.**

**OFFICE GHOST (c, 3, [Silver Ghost](#)--Office Fire, by Kris S.)** Lifetime Record: 14-4-3-2, \$64,690. O-Ralph C Sessa. B-Arthur B Hancock III (KY). T-Shawn Musgrave. \*\$26,000 yrl '01 KEESep.

**9th-PHA, \$21,000, NW2X, 3yo/up, 1 1/16m, 1:44 4/5, ft.**

**RIGHT TOO REFUSE (c, 4, [Lost Code](#)--Not Too Proper, by Proper Reality)** Lifetime Record: 27-5-7-3, \$158,735. O-Laz K Chapman. B-Chris Young & Elizabeth A Dibella (KY). T-Frank Labocchetta Jr.

**10th-PHA, \$20,000, NW1X, 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:10 3/5, ft.**

**QUEENSTOWN (f, 3, [Not for Love](#)--Sheba Queen, by Premiership)** Lifetime Record: 7-3-2-2, \$33,940. O-Timber Creek Farm. B-Farnsworth Farms & Locust Valley Corp (FL). T-Cynthia G Reese. \*\$17,000 wlng '00 OBSOCT; \$9,000 2yo 2002 KEENOV.

**ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:**

**Ella F., f, 2, [Honour and Glory](#)--Melancholy Blues (SP),** by Cure the Blues. SUN, 12-23, 1m, 1:41. B-Hermitage Farm LLC (KY). \*1/2 to Grundlefoot (Unaccounted For), GSW-US, SW & GSP-UAE, \$730,834; Are You Blue (You And I), SW, \$121,664.

**SO. HEMISPHERE WINNERS BY U.S. STALLIONS:**

**Hennessy Waltz (Aus), f, 4, [Hennessy](#)--Painted Blue (Aus),** by Sovereign Red (NZ). Canterbury (Sydney), 12-18, 4yo/up, f/m, hcp, 7f 165ydsT. B-Kirkby Investments Pty Ltd.

**Miss Astur (Aus), m, 5, [Royal Academy](#)--Clear Apollo (Aus),** by King Apollo (Aus). Doomben (Brisbane), 12-20, 3yo/up, f/m, hcp, 6f 165ydsT. B-Planette Thor Trading Pty Ltd.

**Tully Thunder (Aus), m, 5, [Thunder Gulch](#)--Fleur De Chine (NZ),** by Centaine (Aus). Flemington (Melbourne), 12-20, 3yo/up, hcp, 1 1/4mT. B-Plowman Bloodstock Ltd.

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Dec. 26	GI Malibu S.	Santa Anita
Dec. 27	GI La Brea S.	Santa Anita
	GII W L McKnight H.	Calder
	GII La Prevoyante H.	Calder
	GIII Fred W. Hooper H.	Calder
Dec. 28	GII San Gabriel H.	Santa Anita
Dec. 29	GIII Monrovia H.	Santa Anita
Jan. 1	GIII El Conejo H.	Santa Anita
	GIII Tropical Park Derby	Calder
Jan. 3	GII San Pasqual H.	Santa Anita
	GIII Hal's Hope H.	Gulfstream
	GIII Honey Fox H.	Gulfstream
	GIII Mr. Prospector H.	Gulfstream
Jan. 4	GIII Appleton H.	Gulfstream
	GIII Santa Ysabel S.	Santa Anita
Jan. 10	GII San Fernando H.	Santa Anita
	GII San Gorgonio H.	Santa Anita
	GIII Golden Gate Derby	Golden Gate
	GIII Spectacular Bid S.	Gulfstream
Jan. 11	GIII First Lady H.	Gulfstream
	GIII San Miguel S.	Santa Anita
Jan. 17	GII Santa Catalina S.	Santa Anita
	GIII Holy Bull S.	Gulfstream
Jan. 18	GII El Encino S.	Santa Anita
Jan. 19	GII San Marcos S.	Santa Anita
	GII Santa Ynez S.	Santa Anita
Jan. 24	GIII Lecomte S.	Fair Grounds
Jan. 25	GI Santa Monica H.	Santa Anita
	GIII Mac Diarmida H.	Gulfstream
Jan. 31	GIII Brown Bess H.	Golden Gate
	GIII Canadian Turf H.	Gulfstream
	GIII San Bernardino H.	Santa Anita
	GIII Suwannee River H.	Gulfstream
Feb. 1	GII Palos Verdes H.	Santa Anita
	GIII Whirlaway H.	Fair Grounds

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