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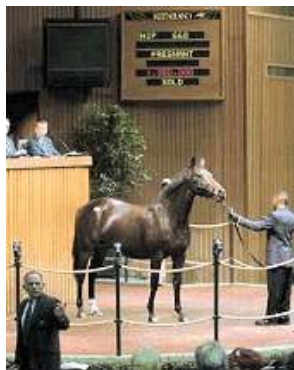
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ANGEL ON HIGH

Eaton Sales' Reiley McDonald made a final bid of \$1.35 million for hip 668, Cozzene's Angel (Cozzene), to top yesterday's second session at the Keeneland January Horses of All Ages Sale in Lexington. The 11-year-old mare was widely expected to be one of the stars of the show. From a solid black-type family and herself multiple stakes placed, the dark bay is better known as the dam of Toccet (Awesome Again), one of the leading two-year-olds of his generation with Grade I victories in the Champagne S. and the Hollywood Futurity. McDonald refused to identify exactly the parties



Cozzene's Angel
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whom he was representing. "It's for the same partnership as November," he commented, referring to his purchases of Take Charge Lady (\$4.2 million) and sales-topper Santa Catarina (\$4.8 million). "She's a big, strong, good-looking mare. She's the best one in the sale by far. I think she would have probably gone for \$1.5 or \$2 million in November. She's a lovely mare. She's carrying an American-based kind of horse that will definitely go on to the yearling sales." The immediate underbidder on the mare was Castleton Lyons, which purchased Toccet as a stallion prospect out of the Fasig-Tipton November Sale for \$3.35 million.

**KEENELAND JANUARY
TUESDAY - TOP SIX LOTS**

Hip	Name	Covering Sire	Price
<u>668</u>	Cozzene's Angel	<u>Pulpit</u>	\$1,350,000
	<i>(11, Cozzene--Charming Pan {Fr}, by Trepan {Fr})</i> Consigned by Hill 'n' Dale Sales Agency, agent Purchased by Eaton Sales, agent		
<u>671</u>	Crazy Ensign (Arg)	<u>Gone West</u>	\$925,000
	<i>(9, Firey Ensign--Crazy Fitz {Arg}, by Fitzcarraldo {Arg})</i> Consigned by Gainesway, Agent IV Purchased by Margaux Farm, agent		
<u>660</u>	Clear in the West	<u>b'mare prospect</u>	\$800,000
	<i>(5, Gone West--Danka, by Strawberry Road {Aus})</i> Consigned by Pin Oak Stud LLC Purchased by Fleetwood Bloodstock		
<u>457</u>	Perfect Solution	<u>Unbridled's Song</u>	\$510,000
	<i>(4, Seeking the Gold--Dispute, by Danzig)</i> Consigned by Knockgriffin Farm, Inc. (Jim Fitzgerald), Agent IV Purchased by Wayne G. Lyster, III		
<u>378</u>	Lady Upstage (Ire)	<u>Dynaformer</u>	\$500,000
	<i>(8, Alzao--She's the Tops {GB}, by Shernazar {Ire})</i> Consigned by Claiborne Farm, agent Purchased by Nobuo Tsunoda		
<u>477</u>	Really Rising	<u>Awesome Again</u>	\$450,000
	<i>(11, For Really--Rising Writer, by Staff Writer)</i> Consigned by Warrendale Sales, agent for Billingsley Creek Ranch Purchased by Shadai Farm		

SEE PAGE THREE FOR YEARLING TOPPERS

KEENELAND JANUARY STATISTICS		
TUESDAY, JAN. 11, 2005		
KEENELAND.		
SESSION TOTALS	2005	2004
No. Offered	333	324
No. Sold	258	265
RNAs	75	59
% RNA	22.5%	18.2%
Gross	\$22,314,500	\$20,513,100
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Dell Ridge Perseveres...

Dell Ridge Farm was the immediate underbidder on Native Roots on Monday, but landed a big prize of their own yesterday, going to \$900,000 for the yearling filly by Unbridled's Song--Cahooters (Storm Cat). A full sister to GI Wood Memorial S. hero Buddha, the gray or roan filly rates as the fourth highest priced yearling filly and sixth overall highest priced yearling in the history of the sale. "She's a lovely filly and a full sister to a lovely horse,"



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commented Des Ryan, farm manager at Dell Ridge. "I like the family, I like Buddha and hopefully she'll make a nice addition to the broodmare band down the road." Eldon Farm, owned by Ken Luke and based in Keswick, Virginia, remained in the bidding to the \$875,000 mark before yielding grudgingly. Debbie Easter, the farm's bloodstock advisor, agonized over the near miss. "She had a lot of length and from when I saw her walk out of the stall, she was elegant right from the get-go," she explained. "We're trying to build up some nice fillies to make a nice broodmare band out of and this one looked like she fit the bill." Eldon Farm has been in business for about three years; they also have a steeplechase operation and race Hirapour (Ire), a finalist for the Eclipse as top steeplechaser.

If the Shoe Fits...

Jim FitzGerald was all smiles yesterday afternoon when hip 457, the four-year-old filly Perfect Solution (Seeking the Gold) was purchased for \$510,000 by Wayne Lyster, agent. A daughter of the outstanding racemare Dispute (Danzig), the bay was knocked down to Bradley Thoroughbred Brokerage, as agent for FitzGerald, at last year's January sale. On the advice of fellow consignor James Keogh, he decided to breed the filly to Unbridled's Song. It turned out to be a match made in heaven. "It obviously turned out very well," said FitzGerald, who consigned the filly on behalf of his Knockgriffin Farm. "I had a partner in her, in half of her, and he's very happy. It was a good sale. I kind of expected her to bring close to that, but maybe not quite that much. She's a very pretty, young mare with a beautiful family in foal to a very hot stallion." Asked what drew his attention to the filly 12 months ago, FitzGerald answered quickly. "Pedigree," he said, adding, "It's not often that someone like me can get into a family like that. At the time, she was a little bit small, but she grew and I got lucky. She's only just barely 15.3 [hands], but she's a stoutly built mare by Seeking the Gold and I just thought that Unbridled's Song would put a lot of daylight under her."

A Tale of Success...

John Stuart and Peter Bance's Bluegrass Thoroughbred Services agency scored big yesterday at Keeneland, selling a colt by Tale of the Cat--Nara (Green Forest) for \$315,000. The sale marked a handsome profit for Stuart, Bance and John Donaldson, a minority partner in the colt, who teamed to buy the mare carrying this foal in utero for \$95,000 at last year's January sale. "He was just a really nice colt, he always has been," Bance commented. The colt, a half brother to the stakes winners Irish Daisy (Allen's Alydar) and Irish Silence (Seattle Song), had to overcome some adversity last year. "We had him in the November sale, but we had to scratch him," Bance explained. "He ran into a fence and we were forced to take him out of the sale. But he's ok now." The successful bidder on the colt was Eldon Farm of Keswick, Virginia.

 KEENELAND	KEENELAND JANUARY STATISTICS	
	TUESDAY, JAN. 11, 2005	
<u>CUMULATIVE</u>	<u>2005</u>	<u>2004</u>
No. Offered	655	646
No. Sold	509	491
RNAs	146	155
% RNA	22.3%	24%
Gross	\$38,145,600	\$35,374,200
Average (% change)	\$74,942 (+4%)	\$72,045
Median (% change)	\$40,000 (+8.1%)	\$37,000

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Pin Oak Celebrates Profitable Afternoon...

Buyers yesterday at Keeneland had the opportunity to bid on some well-pedigreed broodmares from Josephine Abercrombie's Pin Oak Stud. Bloodstock advisor Tim McMurry, acting on behalf of Jere Paxton's Northwest Farm, signed the ticket on hip 660, the multiple stakes placed broodmare prospect Clear in the West (Gone West). A daughter of Danka (Strawberry Road {Aus}), the bay is a half sister to Pin Oak's outstanding turf distaffer Bedanken (Geri), a multiple graded stakes winner on that surface and also a graded stakes scorer on the dirt. "We're thrilled," Mrs. Abercrombie commented. "She's a nice mare and I really hate to sell her, but we have a lot of the family. We've got Bedanken and a couple of other foals from the mare, so we can't keep them all." Added Paxton, "She's an 'A' type physical, she had a lot of speed herself and she comes from a good family. And she should throw good babies and that's the name of the game. It's a beauty contest and don't let anyone tell you any different." Paxton indicated that he does not yet have a potential mate in mind for the mare.

What They're Saying At The Sales...

Keeneland Director of Sales Geoffrey Russell:

It [the session] was a little better than I thought it was going to be. Last year's session was very strong and to surpass it is very exciting. There are more complaints from buyers that they are not able to buy--that's always positive. The \$40,000 median shows the middle remains strong and the expensive mares tow us along.



TRADING UP...
Recent Share Transactions

Sire	Amt	2005 Fee
Successful Appeal	\$200,000	\$25,000
Unbridled's Song	\$1,575,00	\$125,000

~ TUESDAY ~
TOP FIVE YEARLINGS

Hip	Sex	Sire	Dam	Price
<u>641</u>	filly	Unbridled's Song	Cahooters	\$900,000
B-Gaines-Gentry Thoroughbreds & Castleton Group (Ky) Consigned by Paramount Sales, Agent III Purchased by Dell Ridge				
<u>435</u>	colt	Tale of the Cat	Nara	\$315,000
B-Select Bloodstock & J Donaldson (Ky) Consigned by Bluegrass Thor. Services Inc., Agent for Select Bloodstock LLC Purchased by Eldon Farm				
<u>530</u>	filly	Unbridled's Song	Spicy Sauce	\$165,000
B-Mount Joy Stables (Ky) Consigned by Highclere Sales, Agent VI Purchased by Desperado Stables Inc				
<u>598</u>	colt	Deputy Minister	Amal Hayati	\$160,000
B-Carolyn T Groves Consigned by Mill Ridge Sales, agent Purchased by Charles LoPresti, agent				

☆ **HIP HAPPENINGS** ☆

Hip 796, **Micheline, 12, Shadeed--Prayer Wheel, by Conquistador Cielo**

Consigned by James B. Herbener Jr., agent

This 12-year-old mare is a half sister to Strategic Manuever (Cryptoclearance), a dual Grade I winner at two, as well as stakes winners Ashford Castle (Bates Motel) and Missionary (Deputy Minister). The Tactical Cat foal she is carrying will be similarly bred to Strategic Manuever's graded-stakes winning daughter Cat Fighter (Storm Cat).

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Hip **907**, f, **Yes It's True**--Va Bene, by Mr. Greeley
B-Mr & Mrs Doug Carnes (FI)

Consigned by Summerfield (F & B Vanlangendonck), agent

By the second-leading juvenile sire of 2004, this May 1 foal is out of a half sister to MSW Yaletown (Chief Honcho). Bred top and bottom for speed, the bay was purchased for \$50,000 at last year's OBS October sale.

Hip **1086**, Gata Secreta, 6, **Spinning World**--Secret Red, by Secretariat
Consigned by Taylor Made Sales Agency, agent

From the family of champion sprinter Rubiano, as well as last year's GI Wood Memorial S. winner Tapit, the chestnut mare is a half sister to Dupleo (Southern Halo). That colt not only won the GII Summer S. over the Woodbine turf last September, but also shipped to the West Coast to annex the GIII Generous S. in November at Hollywood Park. Her yearling filly by Jade Hunter follows her into the ring.

Hip **1116**, f, **Lemon Drop Kid**--Illiquidity, by Sky Classic
B-Stonerville Stables (Ky)

Consigned by Taylor Made Sales Agency, agent

This is the third foal from Illiquidity, winner of the GIII Cardinal H. at Churchill Downs for trainer Pat Byrne. The chestnut filly, an Apr. 18 foal, is a granddaughter of MSW Ms. Aerosmith (Skywalker) and hails from the female family of Argentine champion Telescopico (Arg).

Hip **1127**, Jetinto Houston, 6, Houston--Jetinwith Kennedy, by Kennedy Road

Consigned by Denali Stud (Craig Bandoroff), agent

A California-bred, Jetinto Houston put together some outstanding performances in a career which included a pair of stakes victories and a third-place finish in the GIII Desert Stormer H. in 2003. The dark bay was fast enough to win a six-furlong allowance race by 11 lengths in 1:07 3/5, earned a career-best Beyer of 107 and a 3 on the Ragozin sheets. The six-year-old mare sells with a season to 2004 leading freshman sire Successful Appeal, which is transferrable to the new owner. "She's an absolutely gorgeous mare, she was fast and I expect her to do very well," commented Denali Stud's Craig Bandoroff.

☆ NEWS TODAY ☆

BREEDERS' CUP CALLS FOR GRADE I

CHANGES The Breeders' Cup Limited Board of Directors approved a weight-for-age recommendation in Grade I races at their Jan. 9 meeting in Lexington, Kentucky. During the meeting, the Board received individual reports from management and committees, including reports on financial status, the National Thoroughbred Racing Association operations and matters pertaining to the Breeders' Cup World Thoroughbred Championships. The Board approved a recommendation



from the Racing and Nominations Committee that all Grade I races receiving Breeders' Cup purse funds must be run under weight-for-age conditions, beginning July 1, 2005. "We believe that there should be a level playing field in all Grade I Breeders' Cup Stakes program races," said Pamela Blatz-Murff, senior vice president of Breeders' Cup operations, "and the fairest way to do this is to contest those races under weight-for-age conditions." (See below for a list of affected races). The Board also approved the combined BCL/NTRA budget, the terms of a contract with the TCT and the NTRA for the development and conduct of a Thoroughbred Championships Tour beginning in 2006, and BCL's participation as a founding contributor to the Friends of New York Racing.

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SCHEDULED 2005 GRADE I HANDICAPS WITH BREEDERS' CUP FUNDS

Race	Track	Conditions
Ancient Title BC H.	Santa Anita	3/up, 6f
Bing Crosby BC H.	Del Mar	3/up, 6f
Gamely BC H.	Hollywood	3/up, f/m, 9fT
Garden City BC H.	Belmont	3yo, f, 9fT
Gulfstream Park BC H.	Gulfstream	3/up, 11fT
Triple Bend BC H.	Hollywood	3/up, 7f



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FROM THE DESK OF...
Bill Oppenheim

THE NEW TOP 40

I feel a bit like Dan Aykroyd and Eddie Murphy did at the end of Trading Places--that charged air of anticipation, that balancing on a knife edge, like they were, waiting for the crop report for the frozen orange juice futures to come out. That's how I feel when I'm waiting for the e-mail from Cindy Sturdivant at The Jockey Club Information Systems with the new, year-end APEX run, revealing, according to that method of calculation, who the true star sires are.

There are 42 sires in this year's Top 40, following a three-way tie for 40th (Rahy, Cozzene, and Linamix, at 2.59). Exactly a third of them--14--are either dead or retired, illustrating that the top young sires haven't totally replaced the old guard just yet. Using a minimum of 200 year-starters (which effectively eliminates the youngest group of sires rated--those with three-year-olds of 2004), 14 of the Top 42 are sires whose first foals were born from 1997-2000, though one of those 14, Jules, has already died. The remaining 13 are surely the leading living candidates to eventually become Top Five sires, and six of those 13 already rank in the Top 20: Distorted Humor (6th, 4.26) and Awesome Again (= 17th, 3.15) among third-crop sires (first foals 2000); Unbridled's Song (8th, 3.72), Smart Strike (= 9th, 3.64), and Pivotal (13th, 3.55) among fifth-crop sires (first foals 1998); and top German sire Monsun among sires who first crop were born in 1997 (= 9th, 3.64).

I assume by now that most TDN readers know what the APEX stallion ratings are, but, just for those who may not be familiar with them (or might have, understandably, forgotten the parameters), there are three main things you need to know about them.

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TOP 40 SIRES, APEX A RUNNER INDEX, 1998 - 2004
(200+ Year-Starters)

Rnk	Sire	1st Fls	St	Rnrs	A's	A Index
1	Storm Cat	1989	Ky	968	109	5.63
2	A.P. Indy	1994	Ky	933	96	5.14
3	Danzig	1982	Ret	621	62	4.99
4	Sadler's Wells	1986	Ire	1461	137	4.69
5	Nureyev	1982	Dead	573	52	4.54
6	Distorted Humor	2000	Ky	235	20	4.26
7	Danehill	1991	Dead	1389	117	4.21
8	Unbridled's Song	1998	Ky	497	37	3.72
9	Smart Strike	1998	Ky	453	33	3.64
=	Monsun	1997	Ger	385	28	3.64
=	Seeking the Gold	1991	Ky	825	60	3.64
12	Sunday Silence	1992	Dead	2555	185	3.62
13	Pivotal	1998	GB	324	23	3.55
14	Broad Brush	1989	Ret	840	59	3.51
15	Kingmambo	1995	Ky	863	59	3.42
16	Rainbow Quest	1987	GB	704	48	3.41
17	In Excess	1994	Ca	635	40	3.15
=	Awesome Again	2000	Ky	222	14	3.15
19	Unbridled	1993	Dead	752	47	3.13
20	Machiavellian	1992	Dead	776	47	3.03
21	In the Wings	1992	Dead	487	29	2.98
22	Summer Squall	1993	Ret	639	38	2.97
23	Singspiel	1999	GB	237	14	2.95
24	Montbrook	1996	Fl	554	32	2.89
25	Theatrical	1989	Ky	889	51	2.87
26	Hernando	1997	GB	367	21	2.86
27	Darshaan	1986	Dead	710	39	2.75
28	Tehtra	1998	On	201	11	2.74
=	Wild Again	1987	Ret	966	53	2.74
30	Selkirk	1994	GB	696	38	2.73
31	Deputy Minister	1985	Dead	850	46	2.71
32	Lando	1997	Fr	259	14	2.7
33	Wild Rush	2000	Jpn	261	14	2.68
34	Alphabet Soup	1999	Ky	431	23	2.67
=	Pleasant Tap	1994	Ky	618	33	2.67
36	Kris S.	1983	Dead	901	48	2.66
37	El Prado	1994	Ky	1086	57	2.62
=	Jules	1999	Dead	286	15	2.62
39	Valid Expectations	1999	Tx	383	20	2.61
40	Rahy	1991	Ky	926	48	2.59
=	Cozzene	1987	Ky	793	41	2.59
=	Linamix	1992	Fr	754	39	2.59

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First, they cross continents: the indices are calculated in five (which will be six from this year, when Canadian dollars finally are converted instead of taken at par) different racing jurisdictions, then added together. These are: U.S./Canada (North America); Great Britain/Ireland (collected together), France, Germany (constituting 'Europe'); and Japan. In each place, the top two percent of earners from all runners are identified each year, and these are called 'A Runners;' the next two percent are 'B Runners,' the next four percent 'C Runners,' and therefore the top eight percent are combined as 'ABC Runners.' Second, the calculations and analyses are restricted to the last seven years, in this case 1998-2004. We do that because we don't want to let once-great stallions live entirely on past glories--they have to have done something at least somewhat recently. Third, because of a practical quirk in the parameters (only rating sires who had at least 10 three-year-olds of the last season included, in this case 2004), we kick out the bottom fifth of runners by hopeless stallions, and it results in a 1.00 rating really equating to an average stallion. With the average-earnings index, which the APEX (Annual Progeny Earnings Index) figures resemble in many ways, there is a natural inflation caused by including all runners by all stallions, so that 1.00 stallions on average-earnings index tables are actually below average. The APEX ratings are not as mathematically 'pure,' I guess, as the average-earnings index. But I believe, practically, they are more useful.

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The World Top Five...

Only seven sires this year registered 1998-2004 APEX 'A' Runner indices above 4.00. Number six is the top third-crop sire by this calculation, Distorted Humor (4.26). Younger stallions naturally have fewer runners. As their numbers pile up, their 'A' Runner indices tend to drop, as more of their 'moderate' (non-ABC Runners) get to the races and find weaker earning opportunities. So it will be another year or two before we know whether Distorted Humor is really going to ascend into the World Top Five, but one thing you can say about him: he could hardly have made a better start. Ranking seventh is Danehill (4.21), who would definitely have succeeded Nureyev, for example, in the World Top Five had he lived. He made relentless progress up the ladder after he returned from his 1996 'gap year' in Japan, and, of the six older sires with 4.00+ 'A' Runner indices at the end of 2004, only he and Storm Cat actually had a higher index at the end of 2004 than they had at the end of 1998.

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**TOP 12 SIRE'S WITH FIRST 3YO'S 2004 (2 crops)
 (50+ Year-Starters)**

Rnk	Stallion	First Foals	St	Rnrs	A's	A Index
1	Forestry	2001	Ky	87	9	5.17
2	Archer's Bay	2001	Dead	78	6	3.85
3	Cape Cross	2001	Ire	138	10	3.62
4	Verglas	2001	Ire	60	4	3.33
5	Menifee	2001	Ky	77	5	3.25
6	Victory Gallop	2001	Ky	135	8	2.96
7	Military	2001	Ky	51	3	2.94
8	Intikhab	2001	Ire	92	4	2.17
9	Doneraile Court	2001	Ky	111	4	1.8
10	Gold Away	2001	Fr	84	3	1.79
11	Old Trieste	2001	Dead	90	3	1.67
12	Malibu Moon	2001	Ky	91	3	1.65



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But perhaps the most amazing statistic I can cite about this year's Top 40 table is that the world's top five sires have essentially held the same position for the last seven years. At five placings a year times seven years, this year's Top Five have occupied 34 of the 35 available Top Five slots, going back to 1998. That's an incredible testimony to the outstanding class of these five sires. In fact, the top three have also been the top three for all seven years, dating from 1998, when A.P. Indy's oldest crop were four-year-olds. He topped the table for that and the next three years, and has been second twice, and third once in the last three years. He would be totally unbeatable if he had a better record in Europe. In 2002, Danzig was the leader. He finished second to A.P. Indy in all four years A.P. Indy topped the table. He was second to Storm Cat in 2003, and third in 2004. Storm Cat, meanwhile, was third in all four of A.P. Indy's years, he was third again when Danzig topped the table in 2002, and he has topped the table himself the last two years. Last year, Storm Cat's seven-year 'A' Runner index was 5.63 (meaning, simply, that 11.26 percent of Storm Cat's runners from 1998-2004 were 'A' Runners--you multiply the index times two to find the percentage).

Also impressive is that Sadler's Wells and his three-quarter brother Nureyev have ranked fourth and fifth all but once in those seven years. In 2002, Sadler's Wells dropped from fifth to sixth, edged out for fifth by Pivotal, the year his first crop were four-year-olds (Pivotal's 3.55 'A' Runner Index ranks him 13th, but considering those foals were all sired on stud fees of less than £10,000, he is most definitely Europe's top-sire-in-waiting). I know success begets success, but the fact that these five sires account for 34 of the 35 Top Five placings for the last seven years just underlines how exceptionally good these sires really are. Can anyone really hope to succeed them?

The three other tables accompanying this article, the current Top 12 for each of the last three crops rated (first three-, four-, and five-year-olds of 2004) gives us some clues as to who the future top sires are going to be. No fourth-crop sires with 160+ 'runners' (year-starters, meaning they are counted as a runner each year they race) sport 3.00+ 'A' Runner indices, which would rank them in the World Top 20, but seven of them--Singspiel in Britain; Alphabet Soup, Smoke Glacken, Pulpit, and Langfuhr in Kentucky; Texas's top sire Valid Expectations; and Jules, who is dead--qualify as very useful, at least, with ratings over 2.00. Throw in Tale of the Cat (1.99) and Elusive Quality (1.97), and 11 third-crop sires of 2004 hit the 'very useful' list.

TOP 12 SIRES WITH FIRST 5YO'S 2004 (4 crops)
(160+ Year-Starters)

Rnk	Stallion	First Foals	St	Rnrs	A's	A Index
1	Singspiel	1999	GB	237	14	2.95
2	Alphabet Soup	1999	Ky	431	23	2.67
3	Jules	1999	Dead	286	15	2.62
4	Valid Expectations	1999	Tx	383	20	2.61
5	Smoke Glacken	1999	Ky	403	20	2.48
6	Pulpit	1999	Ky	291	13	2.23
7	Langfuhr	1999	Ky	490	20	2.04
8	Suave Prospect	1999	Fl	255	10	1.96
9	Whiskey Wisdom	1999	On	207	8	1.93
10	Matty G.	1999	Ky	160	6	1.88
11	Key Of Luck	1999	Ire	162	6	1.85
12	Alhaarth	1999	Ire	272	10	1.84

TOP 12 SIRES WITH FIRST 4YO'S 2004 (3 crops)
(120+ Year-Starters)

Rnk	Stallion	First Foals	St	Rnrs	A's	A Index
1	Distorted Humor	2000	Ky	235	20	4.26
2	Northern Fleet	2000	Ky	123	8	3.25
3	Awesome Again	2000	Ky	222	14	3.15
4	Wild Rush	2000	Jpn	261	14	2.68
5	Grand Slam	2000	Ky	372	17	2.28
6	Touch Gold	2000	Ky	255	11	2.16
7	Indian Charlie	2000	Ky	219	9	2.05
8	Peintre Celebre	2000	Ire	221	9	2.04
9	Benchmark	2000	Ca	149	6	2.01
10	Tale of the Cat	2000	Ky	377	15	1.99
11	Elusive Quality	2000	Ky	279	11	1.97
12	Concerto	2000	Fl	129	5	1.94

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Interesting, isn't it, that Elusive Quality topped the 2004 General Sire List (thanks to Smarty's \$5-million bonus), but he only ranks 11th among his peer group in frequency of siring 'A Runners.' But look at the number of runners these horses have: Tale of the Cat 377, Grand Slam 372, Elusive Quality 279. When you're working with averages and indices, those numbers are actually a lot to overcome.

Experience has taught me not to rave on too much about the big index numbers you often see second-crop sires ring up the first time they are rated. Of last year's second-crop sires, we can kind of discount Archer's Bay, who stood in Canada and therefore benefited from the inflation the Canadian dollar has enjoyed, plus (even worse for him) he has died. But Forestry has always been one of his crop's most highly touted prospects, and these numbers say he is delivering. Besides a 5.17 'A' Runner Index, he also sports a 'B' Runner Index over 4.00. This means he is siring class, and that's the object of the exercise. He and Cape Cross (3.62) look Top 20 sires in waiting. **Bill Oppenheim may be contacted at bopp@erb.com. Please cc TDN management at suefinley@thoroughbreddailynews.com.**

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Sunday, Nakayama, Japan

GARNET S.-G3-JRA, (Listed), ¥75,460,000, Nakayama, 1-9, 4yo/up, 1200m, 1:10.2, st.

1--**MEISHO BOWLER (JPN)**, 123, c, 4, by Taiki Shuttle

1st Dam: Nice Raise, by Storm Cat

2nd Dam: Nice Tradition (Arg), by Search Tradition

3rd Dam: Nice Dancing, by Kazan (Fr)

O-Yoshio Matsumoto; B-Hinode Bokujo; T-Toshiaki Shirai; J-Yuichi Fukunaga; ¥39,602,000. Lifetime Record: 13-5-2-3.

2--**Engel Grosse (Jpn)**, 121, h, 8, Proud Debonair--Engel Riesen (Jpn), by Windsor Knot (Jpn). O-Takeshi Mishima; B-Matsuken Nojo; ¥16,172,000.

3--**Sammy Miracle (Jpn)**, 121, h, 5, Afleet--Lucir Cedar (Jpn), by Crystal Glitters. O-Seiichiro Suzuki; B-Masumoto Bokujo; ¥9,886,000.

Margins: 3, NK, 1/2. Odds: 3.80, 436.10, 2.60.

Meisho Bowler, making his first start on the dirt, stalked the pacesetter before bursting to the lead in upper stretch and powering clear for an easy win. "I was worried about it being his first time on the dirt, but it was a perfect performance," said winning jockey Yuichi Fukunaga. "It opens up a lot of possibilities on dirt and I think he has the potential to become a Group 1 sprint winner." Winless since taking the G2 Daily Hai Nisai S. in October 2003, Meisho Bowler was second in the 2003 G1 Asahi Hai Futurity S. and third in the G1 Satsuki Sho and G1 NHK Mile Cup. He was third in the G2 Swan S. last October.

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Monday, Kyoto, Japan

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1--**PEER GYNT (JPN)**, 126, c, 3, by Sunday Silence

1st Dam: Twinkle Bride (Jpn) (SP-Jpn, \$654,253), by Lyphard

2nd Dam: Devil's Bride, by Caro (Ire)

3rd Dam: Satan's Pride, by Crimson Satan

O-Sunday Racing Co Ltd; B-Northern Farm; T-Kojiro Hashiguchi; J-Yutaka Take; ¥40,525,000. Lifetime Record: 6-3-1-2. * 1/2 to Felicitar (Jpn) (Tony Bin {Ire}), SP-Jpn, \$1,226,623.

2--**Meiner Hearty (Jpn)**, 123, c, 3, Meiner Love--Sybil

Sweet (GB), by Symboli Rudolf (Jpn). O-K Thoroughbred Club Ruffian; B-Ichikawa Bokujo; ¥16,150,000.

3--**Maruka Sieg (Jpn)**, 123, c, 3, Sunday Silence--

Eternal Beat, by Pentelicus. O-Kawacho Sangyo; B-Oiwake Farm; ¥10,075,000.

Margins: NO, 2 1/2, NK. Odds: 1.50, 8.30, 14.90.

Peer Gynt, looking for his second Japanese group win, rated under jockey Yutaka Take. He accelerated sharply from the outside with three furlongs to run and held off the late challenge of Meiner Hearty for a narrow score. Take, winning his fourth straight Shinzan Kinen, said, "He was pulling me in the early stages, but was running smoothly at the end. He is a very nice horse." After running third in his debut race in July, Peer Gynt won the G2 Daily Hai Nisai S. in October before a runner-up effort in the G3 Tokyo Sports Hai Nisai S. in November. He finished third in the G1 Asahi Hai Futurity S. He will now be pointed towards the Mar. 20 G2 Spring S.

**WEEKEND PEDIGREE
PERSPECTIVES**
by Alan Porter

Saturday, Gulfstream Park

HAL'S HOPE H.-GIII, \$100,000, GPX, 1-8, 3yo/up, 1 1/8m, 1:48 2/5, ft.

1--**BADGE OF SILVER**, 115, h, 5, by Silver Deputy

1st Dam: Silveroo, by Silver Hawk


2nd Dam: Hey Mama, by High Tribute

3rd Dam: Pat's Mama, by Hospitality


(\$85,000 yrl '01 KEESEP). O-Kenneth L & Sarah K Ramsey; B-Liberation Farm, Oratis Thoroughbreds & Trackside Farm (KY); T-Robert J Frankel; J-J D Bailey; \$60,000. Lifetime Record: GISP, 9-5-2-0, \$329,725.

The Hal's Hope H. is named after a tough Florida-bred who made 33 starts in four seasons, earning over \$1 million while winning such events as the GI Florida Derby and GI Gulfstream Park H. By way of contrast, this year's Hal's Hope victor, Badge of Silver--in his fourth year at the races--has faced the starter just nine times. In fact, his whole career has been a tale of spectacular efforts interspersed with long absences.

Early to come to hand, Badge of Silver broke his maiden by nine lengths going 4 1/2 furlongs in April at two. That, however, proved to be his only outing as a juvenile. When he did return at Fair Grounds in January, he quickly demonstrated that the break had not taken the edge off his speed when he stormed home seven lengths clear in a six-furlong allowance race. In the GIII Risen Star S., he produced an even more eye-catching effort to score by 10 lengths. At that point, Badge of Silver was one of the leading contenders for the GI Kentucky Derby, but the wheels fell off that particular bandwagon after a disappointing fifth--to Peace Rules, Kafwain and Funny Cide--in the GI Louisiana Derby. After the race, Badge of Silver was found to have flipped his palate and underwent corrective surgery for that problem, but then suffered a cannon bone fracture in his right fore. *Alan Porter cont. p10*




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Away from the races until last January, Badge of Silver once more returned in style, winning a six-furlong Fair Grounds optional claiming allowance in 1:08.4. But he was beaten into fifth as favorite in the GII General George H. the next month and once again pulled one of his disappearing acts. Out of action for eight months, Badge of Silver was moved from the barn of trainer Ronny Werner to Bobby Frankel during his absence. In his first out for Frankel the bay came up a length short in an Aqueduct allowance contested in 1:08.4. Badge of Silver's only other start prior to the Hal's Hope was the GI Cigar Mile, where he turned in a big effort to take second to Lion Tamer.

Although Badge of Silver has often shown brilliant speed, he clearly also gets nine furlongs--the distance of the Hal's Hope, and also the furthest distance he has attempted--without any problem. It's likely that a good deal of the credit for his stamina comes from the distaff side of his pedigree. His dam Silveroo, who scored her only win over 8 1/2 furlongs as a two-year-old, was very stoutly bred. Though her sire Silver Hawk never won beyond a mile, he was second in G1 Irish Derby and third in the G1 English Derby, and sired numerous horses who stayed well, including Mutafaweq and Red Bishop, who both captured Group/Grade 1 events over 12 furlongs or further. Silveroo's sister Formidable Lady won stakes at 8 1/2 and nine furlongs, and was placed in several graded events, including the GII Chula Vista H., GIII Golden Poppy H. and GIII Honeymoon H. Silveroo's half-sister Scatillac (by Groovy) never ran, but is the granddam of another recent high-class performer in Romanceishope, winner of the 2001 renewal of the GII Del Mar Derby.

Silveroo's dam Hey Mama won three minor stakes at Louisiana Downs, scoring at up to 8 1/2 furlongs. She was by the Prince John horse High Tribute, who won Belmont's Jerome H. at a mile and ran third in the 1 1/4-miles Arcadia H. Badge of Silver's unraced third dam Pat's Mama was by Hospitality, a relatively obscure son of Hail to Reason who ran only at two, when he captured a division of the National Stallion S. However, although her sire is unknown, Pat's Mama's dam is Momamamu, who gained fame as second dam of New York Filly Triple Crown heroine Mom's Command. She is also the granddam of the Wood Memorial S. hero Good Behaving, and is the third dam of GI Hollywood Starlet S. and GI Selima S. heroine I'm Splendid. This is a famous Whitney family which goes back to Momamamu's third dam Schwester, a sister to Equipoise.

If Badge of Silver is comparatively lightly raced, at least he's already outdone his sire Silver Deputy by some way on the score of starts. A son of Deputy Minister, Silver Deputy ran just twice, winning a maiden special weight and the Swynford S., both at six furlongs. Starting very inexpensively in Canada, Silver Deputy soon earned his ticket to Kentucky with a first crop which contained 17 winners and five stakes winners from 21 foals. Since then, Silver Deputy--now 20--has been one of our most reliable sires, getting a total of 58 stakes winners from 657 named foals. His best progeny, in addition to Badge of Silver, include champion two and three-year-old filly Silverbulletday; Canadian champions Scotzanna, Deputy Inxs, Archers Bay, Poetically and Larkwhistle; as well as other graded scorers Crown Attorney, Posse, Statesmanship, Iron Deputy, Bare Necessities, Mr. Jester, Silver Tick, Cowboy Cop and Etbauer.

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Silver Deputy's influence has primarily been for speed, but when mated to mares with stamina in the their background, he has sired several horses who were effective over a distance of ground: Silverbulletday won the GI Alabama S. at 10 furlongs; Crown Attorney was a graded stakes winner at 11 furlongs; Archers Bay won the 10-furlong Queen's Plate; while Iron Deputy, Bare Necessities and Statesmanship all won graded stakes at nine furlongs.

The cross which produced Badge of Silver is something of an anomaly. There are only six unrestricted stakes winners bred on the Deputy Minister/Roberto cross, and three of them, including Badge of Silver--the only graded stakes winner for the cross--are by Silver Deputy out of mares by Silver Hawk. One would have to think that much of the key is that Silver Deputy is out of a mare by Mr. Prospector, whose dam is a close genetic relative to the dam of Roberto. In addition, Silver Deputy's second dam is by Road a Sea, who was by a son of Nasrullah out of a mare by Turn-to. This complements Roberto, who was by a son of Turn-to out of a mare by a son of Nasrullah.



WRITERS UP

DARLEY FLYING START -- PART TWO MEET THE STUDENTS

by *Jessica Martini*

Kevin Sommerville's introduction to the horse racing industry may have come a little late, but the 24-year-old South African native is more than making up for lost time in the intensive two-year Darley Flying Start program.

"Three years ago, I had never handled a horse before," Sommerville explained. "I was living in a big city in South Africa and was thinking about my studies--which were in zoology."

But a four-month trip to Dublin soon changed Sommerville's plans.

"I came over to Dublin to visit a friend," he said. "I worked in Dublin for four months and I had every afternoon off, so I began watching racing. So after Dublin, I decided that this was an extremely interesting business and I wanted to find out more."

Sommerville's new interest in racing led him to Ballylinch Stud. He began work as a groom at the Kilkenny, Ireland stud in February of 2003 and it was there that he learned about the Darley Flying Start program. But before applying to the program in the winter of 2004, he attended the Irish National Stud Course, from which he graduated with distinction.

"The Irish National Course was interesting, but I knew that there was so much more to learn in this business, as I started so late," Sommerville commented. "Flying Start just seemed perfect for me to get to know the business and appreciate the horse."

The Flying Start class of 2006 began its studies at Kildangan Stud in Kildare, Ireland in mid-August. The 12 students transferred to Dalham Stud in Newmarket in late October. With four months of the two-year course in the history books, Sommerville has already gained valuable experience from the Flying Start program. *Cont.*

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Flying Start cont.

"I knew that I had to understand this industry and in that way the course has been brilliant," Sommerville said. "It has allowed somebody like myself to begin to understand and try to fit into this closed circle. It has been a pleasure having lectures by some of the most important people in the industry."

Sommerville does see a potential downside to the program, however.

"The positives outweigh the negatives, though at times I do think we are living in a fantasy world, as everything is supplied for us," he admitted. "It is going to be difficult come 2006 when reality kicks in. That might be the course's biggest flaw, but we shall see when the first course ends next year."

The Flying Start Program has already helped Sommerville redefine his goals in the horse racing industry.

"When I first started, I wanted to be a trainer, though that has quickly changed and bloodstock agency and breeding--pedigrees fascinate me--are where I want to go," he explained. "Being an agent is a far-off goal, but I will work hard to get there."

After a winter break, the Flying Start students regrouped for a six-month stint in Lexington Jan. 4 and Sommerville has high hopes for his first trip to America.

"It is a big goal of mine to make as many contacts as possible when I am in America and hopefully that will pave the way for work when I am finished with the course," Sommerville said.

Another relative newcomer to the Thoroughbred industry is Brianne Stanley. A veterinary technician at Hagyard-Davidson & McGee, the 24-year-old heard about the Flying Start program through a friend, Amy Oberhauser, a member of the program's inaugural class.

"I remember thinking that it sounded like such an amazing opportunity," the Texan said. "I went on the web site and learned more about it and decided I would be so stupid if I did not try to get on."

After speaking to members of the 2005 class, Stanley knew the program would be challenging, but in the end very rewarding.

"I knew it would be hard at times and it is," she said. "It can be very stressful with the assignments, presentations and living so close to 11 others. Being far away from home can get hard when times are a bit rough, but the people on this year's course are incredible. They are all way better than I could have ever expected. Together you form a close group and you can have a lot of fun."

The two-year program has also provided Stanley with practical experience.

"The course has allowed me to have opportunities to meet some of the most influential people in the industry," Stanley confirmed.

Asked about her favorite part of the course so far, Stanley mentions her time in Ireland and England.

"I enjoyed my time breaking the yearlings at Kildangan Stud," Stanley commented. "I really loved being able to ride out at Seven Springs in Newmarket."

The course is helping Stanley identify what areas of the industry interest her the most.

"I started the program not sure exactly what part of the industry I wanted to be involved in," she explained. "As the course progresses, I learn more and more about different jobs. I'm now leaning towards bloodstock and sales. I have been able to work with some wonderful people at the sales and I find it thrilling."

And the fun is just beginning.

"We are all looking forward to our time in Lexington," she said. "I can't wait to show everyone around and I know we will have a great time. I am very, very excited about Australia and Dubai."

For Stanley, the Flying Start Program has been the chance of a lifetime.

"I have really enjoyed my time on the course," she said. "How could you not? Two years of learning, traveling around the world, making great contacts and developing life-long friendships. I am learning so much about pedigrees and racing--it's just amazing."

In contrast to Sommerville and Stanley, 25-year-old Ajay Anne was a relative racing veteran when he joined the Flying Start program last summer.

"I come from an army background and have been exposed to horses all my life," Anne explained. "I was into show jumping before getting into racing six years back after graduating from my college. And I represented my country in show jumping."

After graduating from the Racing Academy of India, Anne worked as a handicapper with the Hyderabad Race Club in his native India. He was working at Kildangan Stud when he learned about the Flying Start Program.

"It was one fine evening when I was on the Internet going through some horse sites and I came across this out-of-world course called the Darley Flying Start," he recalled. "Next in line was the application sent to the Darley office with my fingers crossed. Things did work out in my favor and I am here in this course, which is giving me the best possible opportunity to explore the industry to its fullest."

During the first months of the course, Anne has already gained valuable experience.

"We have been taken to the best stud farms to see their infrastructure and also their stallions and this experience has certainly been my favorite aspect so far," he said. "And we also got to work in the pre-training yard of Darley in Newmarket--and it certainly gave me great pleasure to be back in the saddle. This course gives an opportunity to meet the best possible professionals all over the world and also gives a chance to experience the best racing in the world with the best infrastructure."

As for the differences between racing in India and what he has now experienced in England and Ireland, Anne sees many similarities. **Cont. p13**



“Having been a part of Indian racing for a while, I can only say that it certainly is the same concept as the English racing, but on a smaller scale,” Anne said.

But he thinks India is slowly catching up.

“There is a lot of improvement every year, but [Indian racing] has a far way to go to make an impression on the international scene.”

Asked about his future goals in the industry, Anne is keeping an open mind.

“When I joined the course, the racing section of the industry was certainly my strength because of my four years experience as a racing official in the Indian turf authorities,” he said. “But for now, my options are open. I joined the course with an open mind and want to see all the aspects in the field and decide my future soon.”

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Ajay Anne ... The 25-year-old native of Hyderabad, India, graduated from the University of Madras with a degree in Business Administration and he has a post graduate diploma in Horse Racing Control from the Racing Academy of India. Ajay worked as handicapper and assistant stipendiary steward with Hyderabad Race Club before joining Kildangan in 2003, where he worked as a yard assistant until July 2004.



Andrew Fuller ... The 22-year-old from Nottinghamshire, England, graduated from Writtle College in 2003 with a First Class degree in Equine Studies with Business Management and won awards for the best student and for best dissertation in the year. He completed the English National Stud Diploma with Distinction in 2004. Andrew gained practical experience by completing the “Introduction to Racing” course at the British Racing School and working for trainers Mark Tompkins and Shaun Keightley in Newmarket.



Ben Haslam ... Before joining Darley Flying Start, the 19-year-old from Yorkshire, England, completed his A levels at Shrewsbury Public School. He worked for Doncaster and Tattersalls Bloodstock Sales. Ben also served as assistant trainer to his father, Patrick Haslam, and for Joey Ramsden in South Africa. He has ridden in flat and National Hunt races with five winners to his credit.



Brianne Stanley ... The 24-year-old Texan has a BS in Equine Science and Business from Sul Ross State University and completed the Kentucky Equine Management Internship (KEMI) in 2002. Before joining Darley Flying Start, Brianne was a veterinary technician at Hagyard-Davidson & McGee and farm manager of Athens Wood Foxhunters. She has worked with Hill n’ Dale Farm, Four Star Sales, Eaton Sales, Trackside Farm, James Keogh Sales and Jamie Railton Sales.



Brent Wilson ... The Indiana native graduated fifth in his class at the six-month Irish National Stud Management course last summer, where he won an award for his pedigree project. The 22-year-old has worked as a barn foreman at Pin Oak Stud, Kentucky and as a groom at Lucky “M” racing stables, Indiana.

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Eoin Kelly ... A recent graduate of University College Dublin with a degree in Veterinary Medicine, the 24-year-old from Northern Ireland gained work experience with Anglesey Lodge Veterinary Clinic, Mark Johnston Racing, Sean Graham Bookmakers and West Sussex Equine Hospital (Arundel).



Kevin Sommerville ... The 24-year-old from Pretoria, South Africa, just completed the Irish National Stud Course with Distinction, finishing fourth in his class and winning an award for his portfolio work. He has a degree in Zoology from the University of Pretoria and has worked for Ballylinch Stud in Ireland and Ted Voute sales in England.



Gary Hadden ... Gary, who calls County Wicklow home, has an Equine Science degree from Writtle Agricultural College in England. Before joining Darley Flying Start, the 24-year-old assisted in the management of Coolruss Stud and did bloodstock research for Bill Oppenheim. He worked for Rachel Bennet and Castlehyde Stud as

yard assistant and for James Delahooke and John O'Byrne at sales in England and Ireland.



Matthew Coleman ... Formerly employed as commercial executive at the British Horseracing Board, the 26-year-old from Surrey has a degree in International Management and Modern Languages from Bath University and completed the BHB Graduate Development Programme. He has worked with Price Waterhouse Coopers and *The Racing Post* newspaper.



Gillian Martin-Smith ... From Co. Kildare, the 23-year-old recently completed a degree in Natural Science at Trinity College, Dublin. She has work experience with Stonebrook Stud, Goffs Bloodstock Sales and Peter Doyle Bloodstock.



Victoria Tremlett ... From West Sussex, the 24-year-old graduated from Exeter University with a BA in Sociology. She was pupil assistant trainer to Henrietta Knight for two years before joining Darley Flying Start and has worked with Martin Pipe, David Nicholson, Aidan Kennedy and Woods Edge Farm.



Katherine McMahon ... The 25-year-old, from Saratoga Springs, New York, most recently assisted in the management of McMahon of Saratoga Thoroughbreds stud farm. She has a BS in Applied Economics and Management from Cornell University and has worked for Eaton Sales, Hartwell Farm, Four-Star Sales agency, Brookdale

Farm, Seskin Stud and E & J Gallo Winery.

Story compiled by Jessica Martini and Christina Bossinakis

KEENELAND JANUARY 2004: TOP FIVE BROODMARES

Name	Sire	Covering Sire	Price
Beckys Shirt	Cure the Blues	Woodman	\$850,000
La Galerie (Arg)	Southern Halo	War Chant	\$800,000
Luna Wells (Ire)	Sadler's Wells	Storm Cat	\$800,000
Spring Meadow	Meadowlake	rac./b'mare pros.	\$800,000
Dreamscape	Mt. Livermore	Mr. Greeley	\$635,000

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Danehill	111	84	25 36	37	14 25	21	72 91	12 16
Tale Of The Cat	85	59	9 10	17	5 6	7	55 67	3 3
Sadler's Wells	83	62	11 13	34	5 6	23	41 49	4 5
Unbridled's Song	81	55	8 11	18	4 6	10	47 64	2 2
A.P. Indy	75	49	9 10	24	3 4	14	39 52	3 3
Storm Cat	74	46	13 18	26	7 9	16	34 45	5 7
Distorted Humor	64	40	8 9	15	2 2	4	37 50	1 1
Carson City	58	38	7 12	16	3 4	5	31 40	1 1
Not for Love	58	31	6 9	13	3 3	4	28 44	1 1
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Fusaichi Pegasus	27	18	5 8	7	1 2	3	18 22	1 2
King's Best	27	24	2 2	3	1 1	1	23 25	0 0
Yes It's True	26	15	4 5	5	2 2	2	14 19	1 1
Giant's Causeway	25	18	3 5	4	3 5	3	18 21	2 3
Successful Appeal	25	10	4 7	6	0 0	1	10 18	0 0
Montjeu (Ire)	24	17	3 3	8	1 1	4	16 19	1 1
More Than Ready	24	14	2 3	4	0 0	2	13 18	0 0
Dixie Union	23	12	2 3	4	0 0	1	11 15	0 0
Cape Canaveral	21	10	3 5	7	1 1	2	7 13	0 0
Monashee Mountain	17	8	3 3	4	0 0	1	8 15	0 0



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Stravinsky	54	36	10 10	15	4 4	9	34 42	0 0
Cape Cross (Ire)	42	27	5 7	11	3 4	5	22 31	1 2
Meniffee	36	22	4 4	9	0 0	2	18 27	0 0
Victory Gallop	36	23	6 6	10	0 0	2	21 27	0 0
Fasliyev	35	27	1 1	8	1 1	2	21 25	0 0
Forestry	35	23	8 10	12	2 2	5	21 29	1 1
Exploit	31	19	2 3	8	0 0	0	16 24	0 0
Malibu Moon	30	17	4 7	7	1 3	1	15 25	1 2
Charismatic	24	16	0 0	4	0 0	2	14 16	0 0
Dr Fong	24	14	5 5	6	1 1	2	14 19	1 1

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Sire	Total Listings	Unique Progeny	SWnrs SWins	Stakes Horses	GSWnrs GSWins	Graded Stakes Horses	Winners Wins	G1-G2SWnrs G1-G2SWins
Tale Of The Cat	85	59	9 10	17	5 6	7	55 67	3 3
Distorted Humor	64	40	8 9	15	2 2	4	37 50	1 1
Wild Rush	52	27	7 9	11	3 3	4	26 39	2 2
Skip Away	49	34	6 9	10	1 1	1	33 40	0 0
Grand Slam	46	34	6 6	9	1 1	4	32 39	0 0
Indian Charlie	46	28	5 5	9	1 1	2	25 35	1 1
Stormy Atlantic	46	27	2 3	6	0 0	3	25 37	0 0
Awesome Again	43	25	4 8	7	3 5	3	25 35	2 3
Touch Gold	41	28	5 7	7	2 2	3	28 35	1 1
Arch	37	24	5 5	7	2 2	2	24 33	1 1



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★ CENTRAL ★

Rodeo Relocated to Louisiana:

Rodeo (Gone West--Wewarrenju, by Damascus) has been relocated from Contemporary Stallions in New York to Elite Thoroughbreds in Folsom, Louisiana. The 10-year-old's fee will remain at \$3,000. Rodeo has 56 individual winners in three crops to race, including a pair of stakes winners. Rodeo's dam is a half sister to Roy (Fappiano), the successful South American sire who died last week.

★ INDUSTRY INFO ★

Peb Prints of Regal Sanction to Sell for Charity:

Renowned equine artist Pierre "Peb" Bellocq has created a cartoon of New York stallion **Regal Sanction** (Regal Classic--Northern Sanction, by Affirmed) for charity, and will donate the proceeds from the prints and posters to equine organizations. The charities set to benefit from Peb's generosity include the Thoroughbred Retirement Fund, Thoroughbred Charities of America, Old Friends and Equine Advocates. A limited edition of signed prints and posters will be available for sale on Peb's website: www.pebsite.com. John and Susan Moore, who own Regal Sanction, announced last week that the GII Pegasus H. winner will stand at Metropolitan Stud and that his stud fees, after expenses, would be donated to charity. The Moores will allow breeders to specify which charity they'd like to donations to go to, including the TRF, TCA, New York Horse Rescue and the Moore Foundation. The advertised fee (donation) for Regal Sanction will be \$3,000, although Metropolitan Stud may reduce the amount as it sees fit in order to suit the financial circumstances of each breeder. For more information, visit www.metropolitanstud.com.



Progeny to Watch: Thursday, Oct. 21

*Sire (Sire's Sire), Farm, 2001 Fee, #foals of racing age/Winners/SW
Race #-track, race type, distance, runner, odds (if available)*

VICAR (Wild Again), Darby Dan, \$10K, 129/10/0
5-FG, Msw, 5 1/2f, Excommunicate, \$15K KEE JAN yrl, 12-1

★ AMERICAN-BRED WINNERS ★

IN JAPAN:

Dragon Arrow, c, 3, **Gentlemen (Arg)**--Arrived Yesterday, by Red Ransom. Kyoto, 1-8, Novice Race, 7f. Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, \$75,000. O-Yasue Yoshida; B-T/C Stable & Walmac Farm; T-Shoichi Matsumoto. * \$17,000 yrl '03 KEEJAN; \$20,000 yrl '03 KEESEP; \$230,000 2yo '04 BESMAR. **Went wire-to-wire and drew clear late to score by 2 1/2 lengths.

STAKES CLOSINGS

TODAY, WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 12:

DUBAI WORLD CUP

03-26 \$6,000,000 **Dubai World Cup-G1, Nad, 3yo/up, 2000m (0)**

03-26 \$2,000,000 **Dubai Sheema Classic-G1, 3yo/up, 2400mT (0)**

03-26 \$2,000,000 **Dubai Duty Free-G1, Nad, 3yo/up, 1777mT (0)**

03-26 \$2,000,000 **Dubai Golden Shaheen-G1, Nad, 3yo/up, 1200m (0)**

03-26 \$2,000,000 **UAE Derby-G2, Nad, 3yo, 1800m, (0)**

03-26 \$1,000,000 **Godolphin Mile-G2, Nad, 3yo/up, 1600m (0)**

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★ ON THE WORKTAB ★

BELMONT PARK

Galloping Grocer (A. P Jet), 3f, :35.43, 4/28

FAIR GROUNDS

Lady Tak (Mutakddim), 5f, 1:01.40, 1/21

Punch Appeal (Successful Appeal), 4f, :50.48, 13/23

PALM MEADOWS

Closing Argument (Successful Appeal), 5f, 1:02, 15/33

Feline Story (Tale of the Cat), 5f, 1:02, 15/33

Millennium Dragon (GB) (Mark of Esteem {Ire}), 5f, 1:01.60, 11/33

Mustanfar (Unbridled), 5f, 1:03, 25/33

Tiger Hunt (Kris S.), 5f, 1:00.30, 15/33

Roses in May (Devil His Due), 1m, 1:38, 1/1

The **brisnet.com** 'Race of the Day' is the
7th Race, \$52,000 Alw, at Santa Anita.

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★  EUROPE ★

TBA HONORS WATT, CHRISTOPHER The Thoroughbred Breeders' Association honored Michael Watt and Derek Christopher during its annual Awards Dinner at the Churchill Hotel in London last night. Watt, the former Tattersalls chairman, received the prestigious Duke of Devonshire Award. He has been associated with Tattersalls for more than 50 years and became the company's chairman in 1982. He held that position until 1993 and still serves as a consultant to the company. Christopher was presented with the Dominion Award. He has given a huge amount of time to the TBA, not least in helping to oversee the British Stud and Staff Training Scheme. He is also a member of the Federation of Bloodstock Agents and serves as a consultant to a number of breeders. Last night's dinner also honored previously announced award winners: breeder Juddmonte Farms, stallions Pivotal (GB) and Dubai Millennium (GB) and broodmare Alouette (GB).

★ BRITAIN ★

FREEDMAN SLAMS CUTS

Thoroughbred Breeders' Association Chairman Philip Freedman yesterday warned that the suspension of payments to the owners' premium scheme by the British Horseracing Board would undermine British breeding. Responding to the recent range of cuts by the BHB, Freedman told the audience gathered for the TBA's annual general meeting of the potential damage of losing the incentive. "The suspension of the owners' premium scheme in 2005 threatens to undermine all that has been achieved in encouraging owners, trainers and agents to support British-bred produce at the sales and the real impact which has been made in getting British breeders to support stallions standing in this country," he commented. "Without its rapid reinstatement for the 2005 season, even in a partial form and at a reduced cost, breeders and buyers alike will inevitably lose confidence in the scheme and assume it will be vulnerable whenever the BHB's income comes under threat. If neither believe in its longevity, it cannot achieve its objective of influencing long-term investment decisions, and its impact will be negligible." He added that the BHB's action, which followed from the recent judgement against them by the European court of justice, would create an environment whereby initiatives were seen to be "turned on and off as funds permit."

★ EUROPEAN-BRED WINNERS ★

IN JAPAN:

Kongo Rikishio (Ire), c, 3, **Stravinsky**--Principium, by Hansel. Kyoto, 1-8, Novice Race, 10fT. Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, \$75,000. O-Hisao Kaneoka; B-Pacelco S A & A Swersky & Associates; T-Kenji Yamauchi. *Won by 2 1/2 lengths. **34,000gns 2yo '04 TATAPR; €50,000 yrl '03 GOFORB.

 AUSTRALASIA ★

AMBITIOUS PLAN FOR BRADBURY'S LUCK

Magic Millions Classic winner **Bradbury's Luck (Aus)** (Redoute's Choice {Aus}) could be set for an ambitious treble, with trainer Graeme Rogerson leaning toward a tilt at the A\$1-million G1 Blue Diamond S. at Caulfield on Feb. 26 ahead of the A\$3-million G1 Golden Slipper on Mar. 19 in Sydney. **Dance Hero (Aus)** (Danzero {Aus}) became the first horse ever to capture the Magic Millions-Slipper double in 2004, but no horse has managed the two-year-old treble. Rogerson believes the task is achievable with only three weeks between the Blue Diamond and the Slipper due to an early Easter. "He's a good horse and, although it's never been done, this year the chance is there," Rogerson asserted. Meanwhile, stablemate **Savabeel (Aus)** (Zabeel {NZ}), winner of the G1 Cox Plate, will trial on Jan. 21. The G1 C.F. Orr S. on Feb. 12 in Melbourne will likely be the three-year-old's first-up appearance for autumn. "I'd love him to race on as a four-year-old and tackle another Cox Plate and then go to Hong Kong with him," said Rogerson. "I haven't changed my mind about him. He's the best horse I've ever trained."



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IGLESIA COLT TOPS MM DAY FIVE At Tuesday's fifth session of the Conrad Jupiters Magic Millions Yearling Sale, buyers unable to secure horses in the first four select sessions made merry. The young sire Iglesia (Aus) (Last Tycoon {Ire}) dominated, with Charles Roy Bloodstock giving A\$110,000 for [Lot 815](#), a colt out of Subtle Siesta (Aus) (Seattle Siesta). Iglesia, who stood at an initial fee of A\$6,000, was represented by three in the Select sessions and averaged A\$140,000, with a top price of A\$210,000. Based at Neville Stewart's Oaklands Stud, Iglesia also had lots sell for A\$70,000, A\$60,000 and A\$50,000 yesterday during a session where Australian sires Catbird (Aus), Magic Albert (Aus) and Lion Hunter (Aus) were also popular. An indication of the increasing quality of Magic Millions' traditional "second" sessions is the fact that several buyers who attended the first four sessions stayed on for the fifth session, with leading trainers such as Lee Freedman and Gerald Ryan purchasing, along with buyers who found the Select sessions too strong. Korean Yoo Jae-Hyung was one such purchaser, spending A\$100,500 on seven horses. A new fifth-session record was set when 152 yearlings sold for an average of A\$26,355--up almost A\$2,000 from last year's record figure. "Today's market was very strong," said Magic Millions managing director David Chester. "There were a number of good individuals who were exceptionally presented and the vendors were rewarded with a strong interest." The final session in the open portion of the sale will be held today.

BREEDERS' EDITION AMERICA

MAIDEN WINNER:

Rudbeckia, f, 3, **Anees**--Miss Vogue, by Homebuilder. PHA, 1-11, a1m70yd, 1:45 4/5. B-Robert T Manfuso (Md). *\$21,000 2yo '04 FTMMAY.

UPCOMING MAJOR NORTH AMERICAN STAKES		
Date	Race	Track
Jan. 15	GII San Rafael S.	Santa Anita
	GII San Fernando BC S.	Santa Anita
	GIII Lecomte S.	Fair Grounds
Jan. 16	GII El Encino S.	Santa Anita
Jan. 17	GII Santa Ynez S.	Santa Anita

BREEDERS' EDITION EUROPE

CONDITIONS RESULTS:

ITALY, Naples, 5.35, €13,005, 1-10, 3yo, 5fT, :59.04, gd.

MISTER PENNEKAMP (IRE) (c, 3, **Pennekamp--My-O-My {Ire} {SW-Eng & SP-Ire}**, by **Waaajib {Ire}**) Lifetime Record: 8 starts, 2 wins, 6 places, €33,617. O/B-Gaetano Drago; T-G Colella. *1/2 to Lord Merlin (Ire) (Turtle Island {Ire}), GSP-Eng.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Kingvati (Fr), c, 3, **Alamo Bay**--Vatipan (Fr), by Trepan (Fr). Deauville, France, 1-11, Mdn, 3yo, 6 1/2 f (AWT). B-G Amsaleg.

Pink Tea Rose (Ire), f, 3, **Sri Pekan**--Quima (Ity), by Masad (Ire). Naples, Italy, 1-10, Cond, 3yo, f, 1 1/4mT. B-Roberto Brogi.

SO. HEMISPHERE WINNERS BY EUROPEAN SIRES:

Noble Lie (Aus), f, 4, **Red Ransom**--Adagio, by Monteverdi (Ire). Eagle Farm (Brisbane), 1-3, Hcp, 3yo/up, f/m, 6fT. B-Swettenham Stud.

High Shakira (NZ), f, 4, **Soviet Star**--The Perfume Garden (NZ), by Tights. Moonee Valley (Melbourne), 1-6, Hcp, 3yo/up, f/m, 10f 45ydsT. B-Mrs M E Webb.

Havana Wind (Aus), g, 4, **Spinning World**--Hiavanna (Aus), by Mister C. Rosehill (Sydney), 1-8, Hcp, 3yo/up, 1 1/4mT. B-Dr J Freestone, Austramore Pty Ltd & Codd's Flat Bloodstock Pty Ltd.

Stanford (Aus), g, 5, **Danehill**--Rossignol (Aus), by Bluebird. Warwick Farm (Sydney), 1-3, Hcp, 4yo/up, 7fT. B-Swettenham Stud.

Tiger Connected (Aus), m, 5, **Danzig Connection**--Ivy's Model (Aus), by Movie Maker (Aus). Moonee Valley (Melbourne), 1-6, Hcp, 4yo/up, f/m, 5fT. B-Mr G Oakley.

Diamond Sun (NZ), g, 6, **Desert Sun (GB)**--Persephone (NZ), by Epidaurus. Rosehill (Sydney), 1-8, Hcp, 3yo/up, 6 1/2 fT. B-Mrs J B & Mr N J Morgan.

Domineer Prince (Aus), g, 6, **Prince of Birds**--Little Domineer (Aus), by Lord Avalon (Aus). Moonee Valley (Melbourne), 1-6, Hcp, 4yo/up, 1 7/8mT. B-Mr W Rykers & Mr J McCabe.

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