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SUNSHINE MILLIONS ATTRACTS 93

The third edition of the Sunshine Millions, a series of eight races scheduled to be contested at Gulfstream Park in Florida and Santa Anita Park in California Saturday, has attracted 93 entrants, including GI Forego H. hero **Midas Eyes** (Touch Gold). The five-year-old, who is currently the 3-1 morning-line choice for the Classic, is expected to face 11 others, including last year's GIII Holy Bull S. winner and GII Fountain of Youth S. runner-up **Second of June** (Louis Quatorze), who is listed at 6-1. Also slated to run in Gulfstream's nine-furlong event are **Limehouse** (Grand Slam), trained by Eclipse winner Todd Pletcher; and graded stakes winners **Supah Blitz** (Mecke) and **Zakocity** (Precocity). During the series' short history, no horse has won twice, but that could all change this year with **Mooji Moo** (Jeblar), who will try to repeat in the F/M Sprint at Gulfstream. A 37-1 longshot victress in last year's edition at Santa Anita, **Mooji Moo** will once again face **Bear Fan** (Pine Bluff), who finished third in 2004, but who has been installed the 6-5 choice to make amends. NBC Sports will televise all eight events beginning at 4:00 p.m. EST. Visit for complete entries www.gulfstreampark.com.



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FROM THE DESK OF...

Bill Oppenheim



YOUNG GUNS

It's been another big week for 2004 third-crop sires (first foals 2000, now five-year-olds of 2005). Horse of the Year: Ghostzapper, by 'F2000' Awesome Again. Runner-up and champion three-year-old: Smarty Jones, by 'F2000' and leading sire of 2004 Elusive Quality. New Kentucky import from this class: Northern Afleet, sire of GI Palos Verdes H. winner Saint Afleet; and Indian Charlie, with two more major stakes winners over the weekend. Those last two made the recommendation lists even before the new APEX numbers (through the end of 2004) were out. Now, not only do those look good, they've both come out in the first month of the new year like they really mean business.

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TOP 20 SIRES ON 'A' INDEX WITH FIRST FOALS 1997-2000

(100+ YR-STARTERS)

SIRE	1st	ST	Rnrs	A's	Index	ABC	Index
UNUSUAL HEAT	1999	CA	114	12	5.26	28	3.07
SERVICE STRIPE	1998	KY	116	10	4.31	16	1.72
<u>DISTORTED HUMOR</u>	2000	KY	235	20	4.26	45	2.39
BOLD N' FLASHY	1997	ON	179	15	4.19	32	2.23
UNBRIDLED'S SONG	1998	KY	497	37	3.72	86	2.16
<u>SMART STRIKE</u>	1998	KY	453	33	3.64	102	2.81
MONSUN	1997	GE	385	28	3.64	58	1.88
PIVOTAL	1998	GB	324	23	3.55	63	2.43
NORTHERN AFLEET	2000	KY	123	8	3.25	23	2.34
AWESOME AGAIN	2000	KY	222	14	3.15	46	2.59
COMPADRE	1998	ON	117	7	2.99	11	1.18
SINGSPIEL	1999	GB	237	14	2.95	44	2.32
<u>HERNANDO</u>	1997	GB	367	21	2.86	52	1.77
TETHRA	1998	ON	201	11	2.74	34	2.11
LANDO	1997	FR	259	14	2.7	35	1.69
WILD RUSH	2000	JP	261	14	2.68	38	1.82
ALPHABET SOUP	1999	KY	431	23	2.67	75	2.18
JULES	1999	dead	286	15	2.62	33	1.44
<u>VALID EXPECTATIONS</u>	1999	TX	383	20	2.61	65	2.12
TEJANO RUN	1999	KY	158	8	2.53	21	1.66

2005 SUNSHINE MILLIONS

Race	Track	Conditions	Time (EST)
\$250,000 Oaks	SA	3yo, f, 6f	3:50 p.m.
\$250,000 Dash	GP	3yo, 6f	4:15 p.m.
\$300,000 Sprint	SA	4+, 6f	4:25 p.m.
\$300,000 F/M Sprint	GP	4+, f/m, 6f	4:45 p.m.
\$500,000 Turf	SA	4+, 9fT	4:55 p.m.
\$500,000 F/M Turf	GP	4+, f/m, 9fT	5:15 p.m.
\$500,000 Distaff	SA	4+, f/m, 8.5f	5:25 p.m.
\$1,000,000 Classic	GP	4+, 9f	5:45 p.m.

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But there is more to talk about than third-crop sires. Surely there is I hear you saying almost out loud. And surely there is. In fact, dropping the 'runner' requirement from 200 year-starters 1998-2004 to 100 (thus including the likes of Northern Afleet), there are 344 sires who have APEX ratings whose first foals were born in the four-year period 1997-2000 and who have had 100+ year-starters. I've excluded sires with first foals 2001 from this particular survey, as their ratings tend to be too volatile to really be comparable with older sires. But once they've had three crops to race, fair enough--let's see how they compare with the big boys.

(Oppenheim cont.)

Though nothing has cracked the near-impregnable 1998-2004 Top Five (Storm Cat, A.P. Indy, Danzig, Sadler's Wells, and Nureyev), Distorted Humor, whose 4.26 A Runner Index was sixth, was one of 14 stallions from these four sire classes who rated among the Top 42 (Top 40 plus ties) sires, based on A Runner Index. So these sire classes account for a third of the current Top 40 Sires. Another six sires with 100-200 runners feature among this list of Top 20 Sires, also based on A Runner Index, but just of sires whose first foals arrived in 1997-2000.

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TOP 20 SIRES BY NUMBER OF 'A' RUNNERS

(FIRST FOALS 1997-2000)

SIRE	1st	ST	Rnrs	A's	Index	ABC	Index
UNBRIDLED'S SONG	1998	KY	497	37	3.72	86	2.16
SMART STRIKE	1998	KY	453	33	3.64	102	2.81
NOT FOR LOVE	1997	MD	655	31	2.37	111	2.12
MR. GREELEY	1997	KY	783	29	1.85	86	1.37
TABASCO CAT	1997	Jpn	652	28	2.15	83	1.59
MONSUN	1997	Ger	385	28	3.64	58	1.88
FRENCH DEPUTY	1997	Jpn	606	27	2.23	89	1.84
THUNDER GULCH	1997	KY	774	27	1.74	70	1.13
ALPHABET SOUP	1999	KY	431	23	2.67	75	2.18
PIVOTAL	1998	GB	324	23	3.55	63	2.43
CHEROKEE RUN	1997	KY	661	21	1.59	75	1.42
HERNANDO	1997	GB	367	21	2.86	52	1.77
SMOKE GLACKEN	1999	KY	403	20	2.48	78	2.42
DANCE IN THE DARK	1998	JP	838	20	1.19	73	1.09
LANGFUHR	1999	KY	490	20	2.04	68	1.73
VALID EXPECTATIONS	1999	TX	383	20	2.61	65	2.12
DISTORTED HUMOR	2000	KY	235	20	4.26	45	2.39
FOREST WILDCAT	1998	KY	583	19	1.63	73	1.57
DISTANT VIEW	1997	KY	515	19	1.84	55	1.33
HENNESSY	1998	KY	676	18	1.33	60	1.11

TOP 20 SIRES ON 'ABC' INDEX

(FIRST FOALS 1997-2000)

SIRE	1st	ST	Rnrs	A's	Index	ABC	Index
UNUSUAL HEAT	1999	CA	114	12	5.26	28	3.07
SMART STRIKE	1998	KY	453	33	3.64	102	2.81
AWESOME AGAIN	2000	KY	222	14	3.15	46	2.59
PIVOTAL	1998	GB	324	23	3.55	63	2.43
SMOKE GLACKEN	1999	KY	403	20	2.48	78	2.42
WHISKEY WISDOM	1999	ON	207	8	1.93	40	2.42
DISTORTED HUMOR	2000	KY	235	20	4.26	45	2.39
NORTHERN AFLEET	2000	KY	123	8	3.25	23	2.34
SINGSPIEL	1999	GB	237	14	2.95	44	2.32
BOLD N' FLASHY	1997	ON	179	15	4.19	32	2.23
INDIAN CHARLIE	2000	KY	219	9	2.05	39	2.23
ALPHABET SOUP	1999	KY	431	23	2.67	75	2.18
UNBRIDLED'S SONG	1998	KY	497	37	3.72	86	2.16
GRAND SLAM	2000	KY	372	17	2.28	64	2.15
PULPIT	1999	KY	291	13	2.23	50	2.15
NOT FOR LOVE	1997	MD	655	31	2.37	111	2.12
VALID EXPECTATIONS	1999	TX	383	20	2.61	65	2.12
TETHRA	1998	ON	201	11	2.74	34	2.11
ORMSBY	1999	NY	114	2	0.88	19	2.08
TALE OF THE CAT	2000	KY	377	15	1.99	60	1.99

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Sires with lower numbers dominate the upper reaches of this Top 20 list. Only Distorted Humor, among the four sires with A Runner indices of 4.00+, even has as many as 200 year-starters. Unusual Heat, a son of Nureyev, plies his trade in California; Service Stripe, a son of Deputy Minister, first made his name with Michigan-breds; and Bold N' Flashy, a son of perennial leading Canadian sire Bold Ruckus (same branch of Bold Ruler as Seattle Slew), benefits from the 'Canadian earnings equivalency' factor, which may have been inflating Canadian sires' ratings by as much as a third. Nonetheless, they are \$5,000 stallions, and their inclusion in tables such as these gives regional breeders, or those on mid-four-figure budgets, some interesting options.

TOP 20 SIRES BY NUMBER OF 'ABC' RUNNERS

(FIRST FOALS 1997-2000)

SIRE	1st	ST	Rnrs	A's	Index	ABC	Index
NOT FOR LOVE	1997	MD	655	31	2.37	111	2.12
SMART STRIKE	1998	KY	453	33	3.64	102	2.81
FRENCH DEPUTY	1997	Jpn	606	27	2.23	89	1.84
UNBRIDLED'S SONG	1998	KY	497	37	3.72	86	2.16
MR. GREELEY	1997	KY	783	29	1.85	86	1.37
TABASCO CAT	1997	Jpn	652	28	2.15	83	1.59
SMOKE GLACKEN	1999	KY	403	20	2.48	78	2.42
DEVIL HIS DUE	1997	KY	799	16	1	78	1.22
ALPHABET SOUP	1999	KY	431	23	2.67	75	2.18
CHEROKEE RUN	1997	KY	661	21	1.59	75	1.42
DANCE IN THE DARK	1998	Jpn	838	20	1.19	73	1.09
FOREST WILDCAT	1998	KY	583	19	1.63	73	1.57
THUNDER GULCH	1997	KY	774	27	1.74	70	1.13
LANGFUHR	1999	KY	490	20	2.04	68	1.73
ROAR	1998	CA	441	17	1.93	66	1.87
VALID EXPECTATIONS	1999	TX	383	20	2.61	65	2.12
GRAND SLAM	2000	KY	372	17	2.28	64	2.15
PIVOTAL	1998	GB	324	23	3.55	63	2.43
NUMEROUS	1997	FR	647	11	0.85	63	1.22
UNACCOUNTED FOR	1997	U-	452	14	1.55	61	1.69

Unusual Heat tops both the 'A Runner Index' and 'ABC Runner Index' tables, but, in the ABC Index table, after him at the top, there is a pretty impressive list of younger sires lined up with ABC indices of 2.15+ -- that's 17 percent ABC Runners from year-starters. Allowing for an Ontario discount in the cases of Whiskey Wisdom and, again, Bold N' Flashy (though not too much of one--they're obviously very useful sires where they're working), we still see Smart Strike, Awesome Again, Pivotal, Smoke Glacken, Distorted Humor, Singpiel, Indian Charlie, Alphabet Soup, Unbridled's Song, Grand Slam, and Pulpit among that Top 20.

When you look at lists based on the number of A Runners and ABC Runners, naturally the two older sire groups--first foals 1997 and 1998--are going to figure much more prominently than the two younger groups. Though they have had considerably fewer runners, two sires with first foals 1998, Unbridled's Song (37) and Smart Strike (33), have the highest number of A Runners. The leader among 1997 sires is actually Maryland's Not For Love, with 31. The best of the first foals 1999 sires (five-year-olds of 2004) was Alphabet Soup (23), though Smoke Glacken, Langfuhr, and Texas' Valid Expectations each has 20. Distorted Humor also had 20, leading second-crop sires. In number of ABC Runners, Maryland's Not For Love (111) and Smart Strike (102) were well clear. Among third-crop sires, Smoke Glacken (78) led Alphabet Soup (75); Langfuhr (68) and Valid Expectations (65) also featured. Among second-crop sires, Grand Slam (64) was the leader in number of ABC Runners. To review the entire table click [here](#).

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by Alan Porter

Sunday, Santa Anita

PALOS VERDES H.-GII, \$150,000, SAX, 1-23, 4yo/up, 6f, 1:09, ft.

1--@**SAINT AFLEET**, 117, c, 4, by Northern Afleet

1st Dam: **Saintly Silk**, by Saint Ballado

2nd Dam: **Creole Lady**, by Fluorescent Light

3rd Dam: **Mighty Kitty**, by Mito

O/B-Ronald C Waranch (FL); T-Jeff Mullins;

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We have written before that Florida has established itself as an excellent proving ground for young sires starting off at a modest stud fee. The point was recently underlined with the success of three very promising young horses. Successful Appeal and Yes It's True ranked first and second on the leading freshman sire list. They are joined by third-crop sire Northern Afleet, who made the move to Kentucky for the 2005 season.

Northern Afleet, who was represented by this weekend's GII Palos Verdes H. winner Saint Afleet, heads to Taylor Made Farm as a Taylor Made/WinStar venture. This gives him an interesting historical precedent for success, as both farms have previously had home runs with horses who started at modest fees in Florida. Taylor Made scored with Saint Ballado--whose daughter Ashado was crowned champion three-year-old filly on Monday night--while WinStar (Prestonwood, at the time of the transfer) enjoyed great success with Kris S.

Both Saint Ballado and Kris S. progressed to six-figure stud fees, and while Northern Afleet has some way to go to join that club, his efforts from his first three crops--sired at a fee of \$5,000--indicate the potential for a similar upward course. He kicked off with a remarkable first crop, which produced 38 foals, of which 34 have started and 33 have won. Six of these horses--G P Fleet, winner of the GIII River City H.; Northern Air, Native Hawk, Teak Totem, Megans Molly and Unforgettable Max--are stakes winners, and another five are stakes placed. That's 16 percent stakes winners and 29 percent stakes horses from foals. Saint Afleet, the Grade I-placed Ice Wynnd Fire and stakes placed Cold Wynnter are members of Northern Afleet's second crop. His third crop, two-year-olds of 2004, has produced his best runner yet in Afleet Alex, winner of the GII Sanford S. and GI Hopeful S., and runner-up in the GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile (after not getting the best of runs) and GI Champagne S.

Truth be told, Northern Afleet did look like standout value at \$5,000 when he retired to stud. A winner and placed second in the GIII Balboa S. at two, he won an allowance race at Hollywood Park at three as well as finishing second in the Jim Neuman S. and third in the GI Malibu S. However, he really bloomed at four. At that age he took the GII San Carlos H. at seven furlongs, the GIII San Diego H. at 8 1/2 furlongs and the GII San Fernando Breeders' Cup S. at nine furlongs. He also gained thirds in the GI Metropolitan H., GII Del Mar Breeders' Cup H. and GII Potrero Grande Breeders' Cup H. Had he retired then, Northern Afleet would have been quite a hot item, but instead he remained in training at five, running off the board in his only two starts. When he did commence his stud career at age six, some of the shine had been lost.

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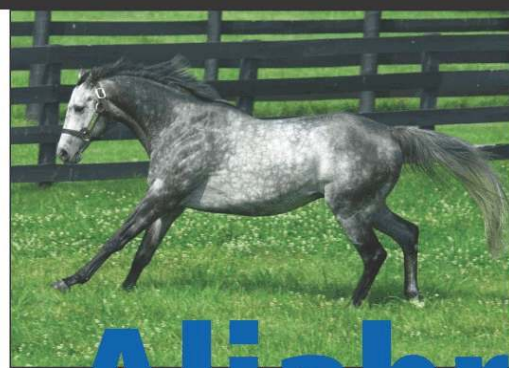
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Northern Afleet is a Mr. Prospector grandson, but not by one of that horse's more familiar stallion sons. His sire Afleet, a Canadian-bred, was voted that country's champion three-year-old and Horse of the Year after a season in which he won the GI Jerome H., GIII Pennsylvania Derby, Queenston S., Plate Trial S. and Friar Rock S. He also stretched out to the 10 furlongs of the Canadian classic Queen's Plate, a race in which he finished second. At four, however, he was primarily campaigned as a sprinter/miler, winning the GIII Toboggan H. and taking seconds in the GI Metropolitan H. and the GI Carter H. and a third in the GI Breeders' Cup Sprint. Afleet started his stud career in the U.S., but was exported to Japan in 1994 when his first crop were only four. That move proved to be very premature, as from 312 foals in five U.S. crops, Afleet sired 41 stakes winners (13 percent). In addition to Northern Afleet, his main performers include Canadian champion older horse A Fleets Dancer; Italian champion two-year-old colt and GI Withers S. winner Blu Tsunami; Grade I winners Flat Fleet Feet and Twist Afleet; and graded stakes winners Top Secret, Zuno Star, Cat Be Nimble, Mysteriously, Brock Street, Mr. Shawklit, Rizzi, Pacific Fleet, Sea Ditty, Afleetafair and Shrike. In one season after his departure, Afleet was represented by 18 individual stakes winners, leading all sires in that category. He's continued to do well in Japan, where he's been represented by top performers Primo Ordine, Sterling Rose and Big Wolf.

Northern Afleet's dam is the extremely well-bred Nureyette, a daughter of Nureyev and the GIII Barbara Fritchie H. heroine Stellarette. Nureyette is also the dam of the Grade I-winning Tap to Music. This is the great family tracing to Windfields foundation mare Nangela. That daughter of Nearctic also had his 3/4-sister Sybil's Sister as her fourth dam.

(Porter cont.)

Interestingly, the combination of Mr. Prospector with this female line is found in two other promising young sires: Cape Town (sire of champion Bird Town in his first crop and six stakes winners, including graded winners Capeside Lady and Susan's Angel, in his second); and Cape Canaveral (sire of four 2004 first-crop two-year-old stakes winners, including the graded stakes winning Megascaple).

Turning to Saint Afleet, the first thing we note is, by dint of strange coincidence, his dam Sainly Silk is by Saint Ballado, who we mentioned as preceding Northern Afleet is making the transition from Florida to Kentucky. Sainly Silk never ran, and she is one of only two foals produced by her dam, the unraced Fluorescent Light mare Creole Lady. Saint Afleet's third dam, the Mito mare Mighty Kitty, was a minor winner. Though she never produced a stakes winner, she is the granddam of two minor stakes winners. The first stakes producer in the direct female line is the fourth dam Kitty Balou. She won the Colorado Breeders' S. Trials and produced the Old Hickory S. winner Kitty Balou as well as the Tyros S. winner Grey Poupon.

Since Saint Ballado is a grandson of Hail to Reason, Saint Afleet is bred on a faintly similar cross to Afleet Alex and Unforgettable Max, full brothers who are out of a mare by Hawkster (a great-grandson of Hail to Reason). Saint Afleet is also linebred to Northern Dancer's granddam Almahmoud, a daughter of Mahmoud, and to Mahmoud's good son Cohoes.

THIS WEEKEND'S MAJOR NORTH AMERICAN STAKES

<u>Date</u>	<u>Race</u>	<u>Track</u>
Jan. 30	GI Santa Monica H.	Santa Anita
	GIII Aqueduct H.	Aqueduct
	GIII MacDiarmida H.	Gulfstream



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NYRA Shuts Down Six Additional Simulcast Outlets:

The New York Racing Association Inc. announced Tuesday that it has notified six additional simulcast outlets that it is terminating their simulcast contracts, effective Jan. 31, 2005. This follows last week's crack down on four outlets, who were allegedly connected with illegal practices. Having taken on global implications, the outlets are located in the United States (New Hampshire and Idaho), St. Kitts, Australia (Canberra and Darwin), and Aruba. "The Indictments announced last week by the federal government further reinforced the propriety and urgency of steps that were already being set in motion at NYRA to take a hard look at the entities we are doing business with," said Charles Hayward, NYRA's president and CEO. "Working in cooperation with our federal monitor, NYRA has made great strides in improving the transparency of our operations and ensuring that we employ best practices at all times," he said, adding, "We feel that those who wish to do business with us should be held on the same high standards." NYRA plans to revise its simulcast contracts which will require a new set of disclosures, background information and information sharing by the outlets wishing to receive and accept wagers on the NYRA signal. "The message NYRA is delivering is one we hope the entire racing industry will follow, we must choose integrity over revenue," said William Nader, NYRA senior vice president.

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Dixieland Band Colt Tops Barretts January Mixed:

Lutyens (Dixieland Band), a well-bred four-year-old colt out of Hidden Garden (Mr. Prospector), brought the high price of \$45,000 to lead Monday's opening session of Barretts January Mixed Sale, held at Fairplex Park in Pomona. In his sole start to date, the chestnut ran third in a maiden special at Santa Anita Oct. 29. Consigned by Eoin Harty Racing, [hip 42](#) was purchased by David W. and Holly F. Wilson. Hailing from the family of 2003 Horse of the Year Mineshaft, the Kentucky-bred is a full brother to MGSW Jazz Club and a half to SP Garden Spot (Danzig). Leading the juveniles was [hip 92](#), a filly by sprinter High Brite out of the Mr. Leader mare Burning Desire. Purchased for \$40,000 by Lisa Erickson, agent, acting for Shimamura Racing Stable, the dark bay, who is a half sister to GII Sheepshead Bay H. winner Moscow Burning, was consigned by Mary Knight, agent for Miraleste Inc. During the first day, a total of 253 horses grossed \$1,684,500, while averaging \$6,658. The session median was \$4,000. For complete results visit www.barretts.com.



SOPHOMORE SPOTLIGHT

Progeny to Watch: Wednesday, Jan. 26

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

CHIEF SEATTLE (Seattle Slew), Spendthrift, \$10K, 106/10/0
7-TP, Alw, 1m, Beacon of Hope, \$30K KEE SEP yrl

COMMENDABLE (Gone West), Mill Ridge, \$10K, 79/7/0
7-TP, Alw, 1m, Moneybackguarantee, \$18K KEE SEP yrl

TIGER RIDGE (Storm Cat), Walmac, \$5K, 119/13/1

3-AQU, Msw, 1 1/16m, Ms. Tiger Beat, \$42K OBS APR 2yo

VICAR (Wild Again), Darby Dan, \$10K, 129/11/0

3-AQU, Msw, 1 1/16m, Lofgren, \$100K KEE APR 2yo

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RMTC Board Hears Updates, Set Priorities for 2005:

The Board of Directors of Racing Medication and Testing Consortium reviewed the progress on the adoption of the RMTC recommended uniform medication rules, discussed research projects for 2005 and set priorities on uniform penalties and backstretch security programs during an eight-hour meeting Monday at the Regent Beverly Wilshire Hotel in Beverly Hills. According to Dr. Scott Waterman, RMTC executive director, the formal adoption of the recommended medication rules by seven more racing states is an example of the consortium's progress. "Having states like California, and now the mid-Atlantic region and Ohio, on board is a huge step forward for us. We all know how difficult it has been through the years to get uniform medication in the 43 racing states." Included among discussed topics: recommended pre- and post-race testing protocols and threshold levels for alkaloid 'packing' or 'milk-shaking,' recommendations on uniform penalties for medication rule violations and an examination of the report delivered by the security committee on a three-stage plan to help improve barn area security. The next RMTC board meeting is tentatively scheduled for Apr. 12. For more information, contact Dr. Scot Waterman, (859) 422-2675 or Dan Fick (859) 224-2708.

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★ ON THE WORKTAB ★

FAIR GROUNDS

Molto Vita (Carson City), 3f, :36.20, 2/9
Warleigh (Lord At War {Arg}), 6f, 1:11.60, 1/1

GULFSTREAM

Defer (Danzig), 5f, 1:00.00, 4/18
Gulch Approval (Gulch), 5f, 1:01.40, 7/18
Royal Assault (Kris S.), 5f, 1:01.80, 8/18
Survivalist (Danzig), 4f, :51.60, 10/14

HOLLYWOOD

A.P. Adventure (A.P. Indy), 4f, :52.60, 23/23
Pico Central (Brz) (Spend a Buck), 5f, 1:02.20, 16/19

PALM MEADOWS

Arvada (GB) (Hernando {Fr}), 4f, :51.00, 38/38
Closing Argument (Successful Appeal), 5f, 1:03.00, 31/37
Master David (Grand Slam), 4f, :50.00, 27/38
Mobil (Langfuhr), 5f, 1:00.40, 4/37
Park Avenue Ball (Citidancer), 6f, 1:12.80, 1/4
Savedbythelight (Saint Ballado), 4f, :48.00, 4/38

PAYSON PARK

Fast Cookie (Deputy Minister), 4f, :50.00, 3/35

SANTA ANITA

Chekhov (Pulpit), 6f, 1:13.00, 5/27
Elusive Diva (Elusive Quality), 5f, :59.00, 1/35
Imperialism (Langfuhr), 4f, :50.60, 50/54
Minister Eric (Old Trieste), 3f, :36.80, 14/22
Scipion (A.P. Indy), 6f, 1:12.40, 3/27
Siphonizer (Siphon {Brz}), 4f, :47.60, 12/54

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Danehill	238	147	44 67	63	28 48	39	134 190	19 29
Sadler's Wells	181	104	28 33	51	16 20	32	89 111	7 11
A.P. Indy	168	87	21 29	37	11 12	24	80 120	6 6
Storm Cat	158	72	18 29	31	10 14	21	66 106	6 9
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PHOENIX FOR SHEEMA CLASSIC

Christine Kiernan's GI Canadian International and G1 Hong Kong Vase winner **Phoenix Reach (Ire)** (Alhaarth {Ire}) is being aimed at the G1 Dubai Sheema Classic at Nad Al Sheba Mar. 26. The five-year-old was reported by conditioner Andrew Balding to have "freshened up well" since his exploits at Sha Tin in December, where he will return to contest the G1 Queen Elizabeth II Cup Apr. 24 after Dubai.

AVERAGE UP AT DONNY

The Doncaster Bloodstock Sales Company ended its two-day January Sale yesterday, with a near seven-percent increase in average over 2003. This year's slimmed-down sale saw 141 horses gross 493,600 guineas, an average of 3,500 guineas. Last year, 166 lots earned 544,210 guineas for an average of 3,278 guineas. With the second day's emphasis on jumping prospects, it was Bobby O'Ryan who secured the top lot when purchasing hip 220, Meadowview Stables' five-year-old gelding **Cooldine Lad (Ire)** (Flemensfirth) for 50,000 guineas. For complete results, visit www.dbsauctions.com.

★ IRELAND ★

SAFFRON WALDEN RETURNS

Classic winner **Saffron Walden (Fr)** (Sadler's Wells) will continue his stud career at Rossenarra Stud, Co. Kilkenny, according to the *Racing Post*. Successful in the 1999 G1 Irish 2000 Guineas at The Curragh for Susan Magnier, the nine-year-old is returning from Japan, where he had been standing under the management of the JS Company in Hokkaido. Saffron Walden, who is a half brother to established sire Dolphin Street (Fr) and GI E. P. Taylor S. heroine Insight (Fr), joins resident stallions Fayruz (GB) and Raise a Grand (GB) for a fee of €5,000.

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CONDITIONS RESULTS:

FRANCE, Pau, 2.05, Cond, 1-25, €19,000, 3yo, 1 3/16m (AWT), 2:04.11, st.

FAST TYCOON (IRE) (g, 3, [Fasliyev](#)--Prickly Pearl {Ire}, by Lahib) Lifetime Record: 4 starts, 2 wins, 1 place, €20,150. O-Cuadra Eva; B-Razza Pallorsi SNC; T-A Sarabia Gomez. *€190,000 yrl '03 DEAAUG.

FRANCE, Pau, 4.05, Cond, 1-25, €20,000, 4yo/up, 6½f (AWT), 1:20.33, st.

ALWAYS KING (IRE) (c, 4, Desert King {Ire}--Always on Time {GB} {SP-Fr}, by Lead on Time) Lifetime Record: SW & GSP-Fr, 15 starts, 7 wins, 8 places, €93,650. O-J F Gribomont; B-SCEA Haras du Bois Carrouges and Mme P Menard; T-Jean-Claude Rouget. *€24,000 yrl '02 DEAAUG.

SO. HEMISPHERE WINNERS BY EURO SIRE:

Richter Pass (NZ), f, 4, Entrepreneur (GB)--Karafiya (Ire), by Doyoun (Ire). Trentham (Wellington), 1-24, Hcp, 3yo/up, 1 3/8mT. B-G P Hansen.

Single Sun (NZ), g, 6, Desert Sun (GB)--Single Edition (NZ), by Ring The Bell (NZ). Avondale (New Zealand), 1-22, Hcp, 3yo/up, 7fT. B-R C Murphy.

LEADING 2004 EUROPEAN FRESHMAN SIRE

Stallion	Sire	Winners
King's Best	Kingmambo	24
Lujain	Seeking the Gold	22
Montjeu	Sadler's Wells	20
Dansili	Danehill	19
Giant's Causeway	Storm Cat	19
Rossini	Miswaki	17
Xaar	Zafonic	17
Monashee Mountain	Danzig	16
Diktat	Warning	15
Almutawakel	Machiavellian	13
Trans Island	Selkirk	12
Bachir	Desert Style	11
Dubai Millennium	Seeking the Gold	11
Josr Algarhoud	Darshaan	11

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WRITERS UP

SIRE IN THE SUN--A LOOK AT THE ECLIPSE AWARDS *by Matt O'Neil*

Last January, the Eclipse Awards ceremony was dominated by the offspring of stallions like Unbridled, Sadler's Wells and Mr. Prospector, all of whom had previously sired Eclipse Award winners. In 2004, it was quite a different story.

Storm Cat did not sire an Eclipse champion in his first 11 crops, but with two winners in the past three years, he's the veteran of this year's Awards. His Sweet Catomine earned 2004 Eclipse champion juvenile filly honors on Monday night, joining Storm Flag Flying, who earned the same honors for her sire in 2002. Storm Cat is the only 2004 Eclipse sire (of flat runners) to have previously sired a different Eclipse Award winner.

Storm Cat is now one of nine active stallions who have sired multiple American champions. The Kentucky-based Mt. Livermore has sired three Eclipse champions in his long and solid career, as has the great European stallion Sadler's Wells. A.P. Indy, Seeking the Gold, Woodman, Marquetry, Cee's Tizzy and Phone Trick have all sired a pair of Eclipse champions.

Prior to Monday evening, Gone West had been in much the same boat as Storm Cat. He is one of the world's top stallions, with a few foreign champions in addition to several sons performing admirably at stud. The only thing missing was an American champion. That situation was rectified by the Eclipse voters Monday night with the naming of his son Speightstown as Eclipse champion sprinter of 2004. Speightstown is a member of his sire's 10th crop and, rather ironically, out of daughter of Storm Cat.

Storm Cat's son Hennessy actually beat his sire to the Eclipse punch with 2001 champion juvenile male Johannseburg, while Gone West gets his first Eclipse winner the same year as his son Elusive Quality.

They are the first sire and son to have Eclipse winners the same season since Mr. Prospector (Queena) and Miswaki (Black Tie Affair) in 1991.

Jade Hunter's only Eclipse winner, Azeri, earned her third consecutive distaff championship and fourth overall title. That total puts her in some rarified company. Forego, who earned a total of eight Eclipse Awards; John Henry (7); Affirmed (5); Secretariat (5); Cigar (4); Seattle Slew (4); Spectacular Bid (4); and Skip Away (4) are the only other runners to been awarded at least four Eclipse titles.

The late Saint Ballado is another veteran stallion who broke through with his first Eclipse winner on Monday night. The 2004 champion three-year-old filly Ashado is her sire's fifth Grade I winner and his very first Eclipse champion. Saint Ballado left behind 10 foal crops, the last of which are juveniles of 2005. Ashado is a member of her sire's eighth crop.

El Prado also sired his first Eclipse winner in 2004, champion turf male Kitten's Joy. The son of Sadler's Wells hails from same sire class (first runners in 1996) as both Saint Ballado and A.P. Indy. Those three sires have combined to sire four Eclipse champions, with A. P. Indy contributing last year's champion older male and Horse of the Year Mineshaft and 2002 champion juvenile filly Tempera.

Those figures help put into perspective what the sire class of 2002 has already accomplished in terms of Eclipse Award winners. Ghostzapper and Smarty Jones are the first Eclipse Award winners for 2004 third-crop stallions Awesome Again and Elusive Quality. In 2003, Cape Town was represented by champion three-year-old filly Bird Town, and Distorted Humor's Funny Cide was awarded champion three-year-old male laurels. So that's four Eclipse Award winners from four different sires whose first foals hadn't even run at this time three years ago.

The sire class of 2003 also sired a pair of 2004 Eclipse Award winners. The Irish-based Cape Cross is the sire of Eclipse champion female turf runner Oujia Board, while Kentucky-based Malibu Moon has his first champ in juvenile male Declan's Moon.



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Ouija Board is the second Eclipse Award winner out of daughter of Welsh Paegant. She joins 2001 Distaff champion Gourmet Girl, who is out of the Welsh Paegant mare Rhondaling. Relaunch (Ghostzapper), Smile (Smarty Jones), Kris S. (Sweet Catomine), Lear Fan (Kitten's Joy), Storm Cat (Speightstown), Norquestor (Declan's Moon), and Mari's Book (Ashado) are all first-time broodmare sires of Eclipse winners. Nijinsky II holds the record for most Eclipse Award-producing daughters with six. Mares by Northern Dancer, Seattle Slew and Round Table each produced four American champions.

Nijinsky is also one of three stallions to sire an Eclipse Award winner the same year that one of his daughters produced one. In 1992, his son Sky Classic was named champion turf male while Rubiano (champion sprinter) and Flawlessly (champion turf female) were out of two of his daughters. The prior year, Blushing Groom was the sire of champion juvenile male Arazi and the broodmare sire of champion distaff runner Queena. The first sire with such a double was Bold Ruler in 1972. His great son Secretariat was named champion juvenile male and Horse of the Year, while his daughter King's Story was the dam of champion older male Autobiography. Of course, in 2004, Storm Cat was the sire of champion juvenile filly Sweet Catomine, and his daughter, Silken Cat, produced champion sprinter Speightstown.

LET'S GO TO THE VIDEOTAPE...

Ghostzapper's GI Breeders' Cup Classic:

For the race replay, click [here](#).

Ashado's GI Breeders' Cup Distaff:

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Speightstown's GI Breeders' Cup Sprint:

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Ouija Board's GI Breeders' Cup F/M Turf:

For the race replay, click [here](#).

Sweet Catomine's GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies:

For the race replay, click [here](#).

Smarty Jones' GI Preakness:

For the race replay, click [here](#).

Kitten's Joy's GI Joe Hirsch Turf Classic:

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Azeri's GI Go for Wand H.:

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The video links to the Breeders' Cup races in Tuesday's Eclipse Awards section were unreadable and have been corrected. If you are still unable to view the clips when your video player opens, click on the box lower left where it says 'connecting' and select 'play in default player.'

☆ LETTERS TO THE EDITOR ☆

A Tribute to Sally Judd by Anthony Penfold

The bloodstock world lost one of its finest and best-loved members on Thursday when Sally Judd passed away after a brief illness. A funeral service will take place on Friday Feb. 4 at 2:00 p.m. at Stewkley Church, and afterwards at Stewkley Village Hall. Donations to Florence Nightingale House, Stoke Mandeville Hospital, Aylesbury, Bucks. HP21 8AL.

On leaving school in the early 1960s, Sally worked initially for the late bloodstock agent George Forbes. She gained invaluable experience, particularly at the sales, with one of the finest judges of his day. Forbes's Veterinary Bloodstock Agency exported horses throughout the world and Sally was quick to volunteer her services as a flying groom.

When her mother died in 1972, following the earlier death of her father, Sally returned to the family home, Stewkley Grange, in Buckinghamshire, to run the dairy farm. This arrangement was ideal to satisfy her lifelong passion for hunting with the Whaddon, but Sally's other passion, for breeding, raising and selling of Thoroughbreds, was being starved.

So, in 1980, Sally went to America to work for Mrs. Allaire Dupont at her beautiful Woodstock Farm in Maryland. Mrs. Dupont will be remembered in Turf history as the owner/breeder of five-time Horse of the Year Kelso. When Sally left Maryland for Kentucky, it was not goodbye, just "au revoir," as she was to remain firm friends with her employer. For almost 20 years Sally accepted an annual invitation to return as Mrs. Dupont's guest for a week at Woodstock.

Sally's next move was to Hermitage Farm, in Goshen, Kentucky. Developed over the previous 40 years by Warner L. Jones, Jr., Hermitage was then one of the leading commercial stud farms in Kentucky. A first meeting with Warner would have been an intimidating experience for this nice, well-spoken English girl from Buckinghamshire. His gruff manner, a face hewn from rock and a gravel voice must have combined to put the fear of God into Sally. She need not have worried, though, as this "Kentucky Hardboot" and his wife turned out to be the kindest of hosts, treating Sally as if she had been their own daughter, even taking her as their guest to the Kentucky Derby.

Wherever she went, Sally adapted to her surroundings and made new friends. Once Sally Judd had made friends, it was for life--no fair-weather friend, she! During her time at Hermitage, Sally was involved in preparing several yearlings for the sales which went on to achieve fame at the highest level, including champions Northern Trick (French Oaks) and Rousillon (Sussex S.).

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Tribute to Sally Judd cont.

Sally and I worked together for the first time when I asked her to assist me at the 1992 Keeneland November Sales. In those early days of mobile telephones, the reception was not good in the area behind the sales ring, so Sally would be in position on the bank behind the pavilion, armed with my mobile, relaying the bidding to Prince Fahd in Saudi Arabia, whilst I stood in the area behind the auctioneer's rostrum to bid. When the bidding on a short-listed mare closed in on our pre-agreed limit Sally was to be seen bounding down the bank and into the back of the pavilion, telephone still firmly clasped to her ear, hat askew and slightly flushed of cheek, armed with new instructions. These were loudly and firmly relayed to me, before she retreated with breathless haste to high ground and renewed contact with a by-now somewhat bemused Prince in Riyadh.

Never one for modern technology (Sally was one of only two people I know to still refer to the radio as "the wireless"! she seemed convinced that the longer the distance of the telephone call the louder it was necessary to shout. Despite the unsophisticated nature of communications, we succeeded in buying five mares at that November sale. Sally was to take a quiet pride in following the achievements of their progeny over the years, particularly as two of them, Victoria Cross and Island Jamboree, went on to breed champions: European sprinter Mozart and Fiji, who earned an Eclipse Award as champion grass filly.

For a short spell in the mid-1980s, Sally was manager of James Delahooke's Adstock Manor Stud, when resident stallion High Line was in his prime. More recently she stepped in to replace Ted Voute as temporary manager of the Barnett family's Fair Winter Stud, before handing over to Will Edmeades in 2002.

Sally loved attending bloodstock sales as much as she enjoyed life on the Stud Farm, and she was a popular figure at both Park Paddocks and Keeneland. Her slightly formal demeanour, impeccable manners and the crystal-clear tones of her voice set her apart from most of the 'lookers' who ply their trade around the barns of Keeneland and the hills of Park Paddocks. Sally could always be spotted from afar by her straight back but a slightly rolling gait, the legacy of a childhood injury. Anyone who ever showed Sally a mare or a yearling will testify to her courtesy--at the very least it was always "Thank you so much" and to the consignor, when she had seen the last horse on her list, "They look absolutely marvellous."

Sally had a few special clients who treasured her advice and knew they could rely not only on her judgement, but also on her total integrity and honesty. Apart from the aforementioned Allaire du Pont, Sally advised Richard Golden of Northview Stallion Station in Maryland, Lord (Gordie) White, Lady Clague and Richard Duchossois, whilst in recent years she had helped John Warren at the yearling sales, during a time when his purchases included the current Derby favourite, Motivator.

Sally's unfailing enthusiasm, her cheerful disposition and her loyalty are all qualities which will live long in the memory of her many friends, but perhaps her finest quality was her compassion. Nothing was ever too much trouble for Sally when anybody was in need of help. She gave her time willingly and freely, always putting the needs of others before her own. I can testify to this as only last summer, when I had to endure 10 days in the High Court. Sally, already unwell and suffering greatly from the cancer which was to take her life, travelled from her home in Buckinghamshire to attend for two full days, seated on the visitors' benches. "I simply had to be there to support you," she insisted. Like many others in the bloodstock world whose lives she touched, I feel privileged indeed to have been able to call Sally Judd my friend.

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ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

8th-PHA, \$23,320, NW1X, 4yo/up, 7f, 1:22 1/5, ft. FITTING TRIBUTE (g, 4, Carson City--Silky Oaks {SW, \$264,776}, by Regal Intention) Lifetime Record: 13-3-2-4, \$54,630. O-Theodore W Hoover. B-Rowland & Eleanor Miller (KY). T-Harold Wyner.

9th-PHA, \$23,000, NW2X, 4yo/up, a1m70yd, 1:40 3/5, ft.

STALWART BULL (g, 6, Holy Bull--Ms. Stalwart, by Stalwart) Lifetime Record: 15-5-1-1, \$84,017. O/B-Edwin H Wachtel (KY). T-Allen Iwinski. *1/2 to Stalwart Member (Claramount), MGSW & GISP, \$783,806; Mount Intrepid (Claramount), SW, \$371,605.

SO. HEMISPHERE WINNER BY U.S. SIRE:

Dickiedooda (NZ), g, 4, Prized--Irish Flirt (NZ), by McGinty (NZ). Trentham (Wellington), 1-24, Hcp, 3yo/up, 1mT. B-Mrs B H & R W Ladd.

**LEADING BROODMARE SIREs OF 2004
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<u>Sire</u>	<u>Winners</u>
Rainbow Quest (Blushing Groom)	5
Sadler's Wells (Northern Dancer)	4
Blushing Groom (Red God)	3
Danzig (Northern Dancer)	3
Darshaan (Shirley Heights)	3
Deputy Minister (Northern Dancer)	3
Relaunch (In Reality)	3
Seeking the Gold (Mr. Prospector)	3
Silver Hawk (Roberto)	3

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