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WEEKEND PEDIGREE PERSPECTIVES

by Alan Porter

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LAS VIRGENES S.-GI, \$250,000, SAX, 2-12, 3yo, f, 1m, 1:35 3/5, wf.

1--▲**SHARP LISA**, 119, f, 3, by [Dixieland Band](#)

1st Dam: **Winter's Gone**, by Dynaformer

2nd Dam: **Stark Winter**, by Graustark

3rd Dam: **Winter Wren**, by *Princequillo

(\$50,000 yrl '03 KEESSEP). O-Reddam, Suarez Racing Inc & Schlesinger; B-WinStar Farm, LLC (KY); T-Doug O'Neill; J-C Nakatani; \$150,000. Lifetime Record: 6-3-2-0, \$411,600.

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Sharp Lisa ended 2004 regarded as the third in the West Coast filly class behind a pair of potential superstars in Sweet Catomine and Splendid Blended. At that stage, she hadn't won a stakes, but had been beaten only a head in the GII Darley Alcibiades S. After finishing sixth in the GI Breeders' Juvenile, she returned to chase home Splendid Blended in the GI Hollywood Starlet S. This year, while avoiding Sweet Catomine and Splendid Blended, Sharp Lisa has emerged as a star in her own right. She opened her season with a score in the GII Santa Ynez S. and over the weekend captured her first Grade I with a game win in the Las Virgenes.

Sharp Lisa's sire, Dixieland Band--the last top-class son of Northern Dancer at still at stud in the U.S.--has been on a role lately. He ended 2004 as the Leading Broodmare Sire of 2004, and two days before the end of the year, Dixie Talking became his 100th stakes winner with a tally in the Maryland Juvenile Filly Championship.

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FROM THE DESK OF...

Bill Oppenheim



JOHN GAINES AND THE BREEDERS' CUP

The appearance of Nijinsky II, a three-year-old in 1970 from the great Northern Dancer's second crop, really marked the beginning of a Golden Age, when the North American horse breeding business transformed itself from sport to industry. John Gaines was in the forefront of the stallion business; his Gainesway Farm became the third of a powerful triumvirate of stallion farms, which also consisted of Claiborne and Spendthrift. Fired by the successful forays of Vincent O'Brien, Robert Sangster, Tom Cooper and a young John



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Magnier, the 1970s saw the creation, really, of an international 'commercial market' for Thoroughbreds. Gaines first imported Vaguely Noble, then added Lyphard, Riverman, and Blushing Groom from Europe--all hugely successful sires.

Fueled by inflation, the Thoroughbred market didn't just take off, it shot into the stratosphere. By 1982, the year Gaines thought up the Breeders' Cup, there were warning signs in the form of overproduction. The market spiked in 1983-85, but, by the time Seattle Dancer sold for a record \$13.2-million in 1985, the fundamentals were already plunging. The market crashed in 1986, didn't hit bottom until 1992, and didn't really begin to recover again until 1995. Yes, John Gaines was a great visionary, but his real genius was his understanding of economics: the Breeders' Cup was created, at least partially, to try and create an antidote for overproduction, because Mr. Gaines had seen the writing on the wall even before it was written up there. He was a huge contributor to the business, and the horse breeding business will sorely miss him.

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WHEN IRISH EYES AREN'T SMILING

Imagine you are a breeder in New York, California, Louisiana--three of the many states with incentive programs for breeders and/or racehorse and stallion owners--and the federal government suggests they're going to take your state breeders' organization to court, because your state's incentive scheme constitutes unfair competition to breeders in other states (if any) without such programs: Revolution! Yet that is possibly what is going to happen in Europe, where the European Union's competition commission has suggested that Ireland's Stallion Tax Incentive Scheme, set up under Charles Haughey in 1969, constitutes 'unfair state aid.' There are an awfully lot of good things about Europe as an economic (if not political) entity, but this is not one of them. It's not just the European Union, either: Britain has an Office of Fair Trading (a competition commission) which did its best to prevent the central British racing authority (the BHB) from having central control of racing dates. Then, British bookmakers went to the European Court of Justice and succeeded in preventing the BHB from implementing its plan to finance the industry by selling "data which costs £4 million to collect and expect to get £10 million for it," as one bookmakers' representative told me. The £110 million was prizemoney in Britain in 2004. My reply was, British racing needs to find a way for that figure to be £220 million--even though the £110 million itself represents a big jump in the last few years. As the British and Irish yearling sales demonstrated last year, even the augmented purse structure was not enough to attract new yearling buyers in sufficient numbers to soak up the number of even quite decent yearlings being produced. That doesn't mean purse money should soak up the overproduction of bad horses, but there does need to be enough to attract buyers who should have some hope of making enough back through purses that they aren't forced to sell their horses to recover their investment, or resign themselves to being 'sportsmen' and 'sportswomen.'

The merit of Europe's threat to the Irish Stallion Tax Exemption is debatable. One line of argument for the defense is that the whole issue is not something that is within the realm of the competition commission anyway. It sounds a lot like a taxation issue, on which Europe cannot dictate to member states in the first place. Moreover, Europe's biggest subsidy program of all is the Common Agricultural Policy, which is possibly the biggest morass of bureaucracy ever invented, and which does subsidize farmers for not growing things.

Some of the Irish defenders of the exemption scheme--which, let's face it, transformed Ireland from having virtually no stallion base to being Europe's runaway leader in that department--argue that the whole issue belongs under CAP, not under Competition theory. There, they argue, they can demonstrate that this Exemption has created a major industry that requires no subsidy and creates very significant employment in rural communities, promoting the viable sustenance of rural occupations in Europe--all without a penny of Europe's money. Surely, they argue, it is madness to scrap a program which is a great triumph, and fulfills the very objectives Europe's agricultural policy is intended to promote!

Sadly, logic and rationality are no longer very relevant as regards this issue. Europe's entry into the argument is almost a red herring, because it's looking increasingly like Ireland's own domestic politics are going to force the Fianna Fail government's hand into scrapping the incentive. A letter to Monday's *Irish Times* is typical, I am told: the poor fellow's recently widowed mother couldn't get help from a rural heating scheme because it had been scrapped after three years, whereas, he contended, the Government continues to subsidize rich racehorse owners like John Magnier through not collecting tax on revenues from stallion ownership. Never mind that an independent economic survey group concluded the loss to the Irish Exchequer is only €3 million a year, which is probably earned back 10 times over by the rural employment created by the scheme (and compares to €45 million in subsidies in France).

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That is, I must tell you, the single most effective scheme for creating and sustaining a horse industry I have ever seen or heard of. But that's in danger of becoming irrelevant: if mass hysteria takes over, no amount of reason or logic is now likely to save the exemption. It's become a big-time political football, and if defending it is going to be a sure vote-loser for Fianna Fail, you can't like its chances of survival. Fortunately, there may now be a glimmer of hope, a little backlash as industry leaders like the ITBA are able to get their case before the public. Ireland is a small country, and it's still got a good appreciation of rural life. A few good cases made on popular talk shows could still make a difference, to the population and the politicians alike.

Still, the likelihood is that Ireland itself will get Europe off the hook on which jurisdiction the stallion tax exemption scheme falls under, but it also opens another whole can of worms: the French subsidies to Owners and Breeders for French-breds. It's not the only program of its type in Europe, far from it. But it's the most prominent. A French-bred and -owned winner of the Prix du Jockey Club (we used to call that the French Derby, but I think, just to be difficult, I'm going to start calling it the New Prix Lupin, because the Grand Prix de Paris is really the New French Derby--but that's another issue) would now be paid an extra 85 percent, between Owners' and Breeders' premiums, on top of the stated prize money (though my sources in France emphasized the average, across all races, is 28 percent). Some bright British or Irish MEP (Member of European Parliament) is going to go to the Competition Commission and claim this represents unfair state aid.

The French authorities will respond that this is not the case, because it is the Industry, rather than the State, that finances the incentives. Enter, once again, the British Bookmakers. They have had a case working its way through the European labyrinth already which claims that France's Tote monopoly actually constitutes unfair state aid (by not letting bookmakers ply their trade in France). You could then argue that the whole French incentive program, being financed by an illegal Tote monopoly, therefore does constitute, de facto, unfair state aid. I'm no great fan of British bookmakers: as far as I'm concerned, they have almost singlehandedly prevented the development of a proper method for funding purses in British racing. But they have, without doubt, the most politically savvy organizations I have ever seen in this industry. Do not bet against them to win any fight they contest.

In theoretical terms, the problem is really that Europe's (including Britain's) definitions of competition are not truly relevant to an industry as international as Thoroughbred horse breeding. Part of the problem is that, in no case, has the Breeding and Sales Sector of the Industry successfully stood up and argued its case to the public--partially because we hardly even identify ourselves to ourselves. Because we have allowed ourselves to be subsumed by the Racing Sector, these taxation, and other political and economic issues which need to be addressed by our sector, don't get brought into public consciousness. The exception is where issues like 'favors to rich racehorse owners' become political footballs.

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BRILLIANT ON TURF
 GSW at 6f. and 7f. as a juvenile.
 Won **Grand Criterium-Gr.1** defeating **INTERCONTINENTAL**.
 Won **Railway Stakes-Gr.3** defeating **NEWFOUNDLAND**.

DEADLY ON DIRT
 Placed on his dirt debut in the **Breeders' Cup Juvenile-Gr.1**.
 Runner-up to Horse Of The Year **MINESHAFT** in the **Woodward Stakes-Gr.1**. (left)

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Since there is no prospect of an effective international trade organization representing the Thoroughbred horse breeding and sales sector even coming into existence anytime soon, horse breeders, horse traders, and all those ancillary businesses (like bloodstock agents and pedigree consultants, for example) would be well advised to take an active role in their domestic breeders' organizations. We need to help all of them get better understanding of how our business actually works, and we need to tell our story to the politicians and public, who otherwise will be prey to the same misinformation and mass hysteria which later this week is due to result in the outlawing of hunting in Britain.

THE NEXT BIG THINGS

The first time you can really compare up-and-coming young sires to the World Top 10 is at the end of the year their first four-year-olds have raced (and when they were called 'third-crop' sires). In 2004, that was the 'vintage' 2000 crop headed by, in APEX terms, Distorted Humor (4.26) and Awesome Again (3.15); and, in money terms, by Elusive Quality. But two years ago, at the end of 2002, two then-third-crop sires rattled up in the World Top 10--Unbridled's Song and Pivotal--and they've hardly been out of the top 10 since. Actually, Pivotal dropped to 13th at the end of 2004, with a 3.55 APEX 'A Runner' Index, but, as I think you'll see from some other figures I'm going to cite, that is almost certainly a mere transitional blip. They've got to the stallion World Top 10 through very different routes: Unbridled's Song was always a star--a million-dollar-plus two-year-old, kicked back to his consignor; winner of the Breeders' Cup Juvenile; and a high-profile stallion retirement to Taylor Made in 1997. Pivotal, by contrast, was a Cheveley Park homebred, from the first crop of the journeyman stallion Polar Falcon, and retired to stud after just six career starts, for a 1997 fee of just £6,000. They did have two things in common, though: both were Grade I winners (Pivotal won the Nunthorpe S. over five furlongs at York on his final career start); and both are quite big.

Pivotal, a chestnut, is listed at 16.2 1/2 hands in this year's Weatherby's Stallion Book, while the giant, grey Unbridled's Song measures out at 17.0 hands, according to the Blood-Horse Stallion Register. Both now stand, 'as near as dammit,' as they used to say, for \$125,000: Unbridled's Song stands for exactly that amount, and Pivotal is up to £65,000, which converts out to much the same. In 2004, they both had their fifth crops racing, and their oldest foals were six-year-olds. In 2004 alone, Unbridled's Song had 13 individual A Runners (eight of them graded stakes winners), and 32 individual 'ABC' Runners (meaning they were in the top 8 percent of earners). Pivotal, who has yet to have a runner sired for a five-figure stud fee, had six individual A Runners, and 26 ABCs. He was the number three ranking sire in Britain/Ireland in total progeny earnings, behind only Sadler's Wells and Danehill. He was number two on the British/Irish two-year-old sire list, to Danehill; and he was the leading British/Irish sire in percentage of winners to runners (57 percent). In my view, to achieve those kind of rankings off the pedigrees he was working with is truly astonishing, and guarantees that, now that he is getting top mares, he is sure to confirm himself a World Top 10 sire.



Pivotal
Cheveley Park photo



Unbridled's Song
Taylor Made photo

As sires, there is one very definite way in which Pivotal and Unbridled's Song have quite different profiles: Pivotal is far more consistent. Just look at the comparison in the accompanying table (*see p.5*). At the moment, Unbridled's Song (3.72) is ahead of Pivotal (3.55) in A Index, but Pivotal leads in B Index (2.31 to 1.91) and C Index (1.93 to 1.51), and therefore in ABC Index (2.43 to 2.16). But the big difference is in their age profiles. Pivotal is basically consistent: 2.77 for two-year-olds, 2.21 at three and 2.25 at four, then jumping back up to 3.77 for his two crops of five-year-olds-plus. Unbridled's Song's runners, perhaps surprisingly, appear best as two-year-olds: they have a 3.16 two-year-old index, then 2.08 at three, 1.86 at four, and just 1.39, so far, as five-year-olds-plus. **Cont. p5**

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That doesn't really correspond with Unbridled's Song's immediate pedigree, does it? Say to somebody, here's this top-class sire, by Unbridled out of a Caro mare, and you'd expect the reverse age profile. Then again, he did have an impressive nine three-year-old A Runners last year, and if they go on this year, that age profile might look a little different by the end of 2005. One thing I would say about Unbridled's Song's sire profile: because he's by Unbridled and a grandson of Fappiano, very few have come to Europe: he had only seven starters in Europe through the end of last year. Pivotal, at least, has had 13 year-starters in America--of course, just the proven or most promising ones come over--but his five A Runners translates to a North American A Runner Index of 19.23. I say the major European operations who breed or buy in America are making a big mistake by not at least giving Unbridled's Song a test drive in Europe.

SIRE	A Index	B Index	C Index	ABC Index	2yo ABC	3yo ABC	4yo ABC	5yo+ ABC
PIVOTAL	3.55	2.31	1.93	2.43	2.77	2.21	2.25	3.77
UNBRIDLED'S SONG	3.72	1.91	1.51	2.16	3.16	2.08	1.86	1.39

★ ON THE WORKTAB ★

FAIR GROUNDS

Bwana Charlie (Indian Charlie), 4f, :51.20, 30/42
Shadow Cast (Smart Strike), 4f, :54.20, 42/42
Yessirgeneralsir (Patton), 3f, :35.45, 2/5

GULFSTREAM PARK

Art Variety (Brz) (Pleasant Variety), 5f, 1:01.40, 7/13
Prince Arch (Arch), 5f, 1:00.40, 2/13
Salute (Unbridled), 4f, :50.60, 12/15

HOLLYWOOD PARK

Chattahoochee War (War Chant), 5f, 1:01.20, 28/66
Declan's Moon (Malibu Moon), 7f, 1:26.00, 1/3
Giacomo (Holy Bull), 5f, 1:02.00, 50/66
Megahertz (GB) (Pivotal {GB}), 5f, 1:01.20, 28/66
Singletary (Sultry Song), 6f, 1:11.20, 1/24
Splendid Blended (Unbridled's Song), 4f, :50.60, 53/66
Wilko (Awesome Again), 5f, 1:00.20, 6/66

OAKLAWN PARK

Runway Model (Petionville), 4f, :50.80, 10/21
La Reason (Labeeb {GB}), 5f, 1:03.40, 9/17

PALM MEADOWS

Contante (Arg) (Interprete {Arg}), 6f, 1:12.80, 1/5
Feline Story (Tale of the Cat), 4f, :49.20, 14/31
Kela (Numerous), 4f, :49.60, 16/31

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The distance of the Las Virgenes is a flat mile, but Sharp Lisa's pedigree shows the potential to tackle much longer distances. Dixieland Band is often an influence for speed, but several of his better runners have stayed well, notably Drum Taps, winner in England of the G1 Ascot Gold Cup at 2 1/4 miles; the G1 Prix de Diane heroine Egyptband; and Menhoubah, who took last year's G1 Oaks d'Italia. In the U.S. Dixie Union and Bowman's Band are both graded stakes winners at nine furlongs, with Bowman's Band also have good form at further.

Sharp Lisa is the second foal of her dam Winter's Gone, a daughter of the stamina influence Dynaformer. Winter's Gone never ran, but she is half-sister to three stakes winners, including Bien Bien, a four-time Grade I winner going long on the turf; and multiple graded stakes winner Dr Schwartzman. Her granddam Stark Winter--a daughter of Graustark--was a minor stakes winner. She is half-sister Silver in Flight, a stakes winner who is also granddam of the GIII Lawrence Realization S. and GIII Lexington S. winner Sharp Performance (by Kris S., like Dynaformer, a son of Roberto). Sharp Lisa's fourth dam Flight Bird is also granddam of the champion two-year-old filly Forward Gal.

Sharp Lisa owns an intriguing pedigree pattern. Any combination of Dixieland Band and Dynaformer's sire Roberto brings together the three-parts genetic relatives Beautillion (dam of Dixieland Band's broodmare sire Delta Judge) and Bramalea (dam of Roberto). The Dixieland Band/Roberto cross has produced five other stakes winners, and the reverse cross is responsible for graded scorers Adonis, Brass Hat and Queen of Wilshire. Dynaformer is a particularly good avenue for Roberto with Dixieland Band since mares from the same family as, and closely related to, the dam of Dynaformer have produced graded stakes winner Devoted Brass, stakes winner Rampart Road and the dam of GI Kentucky Derby winner Monarchos when bred to Dixieland Band.

Dynaformer's dam is by His Majesty, and Sharp Lisa's dam has the brothers His Majesty and Graustark 3x2. This also works well with Dixieland Band: Flower Bowl, the dam of Graustark and His Majesty, is by Alibhai with a second dam by Mahmoud; Dixieland Band has Determine, a Kentucky Derby winner who is by Alibhai out of a mare by Mahmoud.

FOALING NEWS

PLENTY OF GRACE, 18, Roberto--Wings of Grace, by Key to the Mint
 Foal born Feb. 5, a colt by Aldebaran.
 Will be bred back to Rahy.
 Owned by Mark Spitzer.
 Boarded at Darby Dan Farms, Ky.
 Accomplishments: GISW of \$744,499.

DESIDERA (IRE), 13, Shaadi--Diasprina (Ger), by Aspros (Ger)
 Foal born Feb. 6, colt by Singspiel (Ire).
 Will be bred back to Intikhab.
 Owned by and boarded at Gestut Roettgen, Germany.
 Accomplishments: Hwt. 2yo Filly-Ger, GSW-Ger, \$220,711. Dam of Desirao (GB) (Acatenango {Ger}), GSP-Ity.

FIRE THE GROOM, 18, Blushing Groom (Fr)--Prospector's Fire, by Mr. Prospector
 Foal born Feb. 7, a filly by A.P. Indy.
 Will be bred back to A.P. Indy.
 Owned by R D Hubbard.
 Boarded at Crystal Springs Farm, Ky.
 Accomplishments: GISW of \$785,698. Dam of Stravinsky (Nureyev), Hwt. 3yo-Eng & Ire at 5-7f, MG1SW-Eng, \$360,071; Moscow Ballet (Ire) (Sadler's Wells), SW & GSP-Eng, GISP-US, \$163,644.

SPEEDING STAR (ARG), 10, Fitzcarraldo (Arg)--Gemini (Arg), by Tough Critic
 Foal born Feb. 7, a colt by Aldebaran.
 Will be bred back to Gone West.
 Owned by and boarded at Cobra Farm, Ky.
 Accomplishments: G1SW-Arg.

MARI'S SHEBA, 13, Mari's Book--Sheba Little (GB), by Known Fact
 Foal born Feb. 10, a colt by Awesome Again.
 Will be bred back to Unbridled's Song.
 Owned by Janice & Robert McNair.
 Boarded at Stonerside Stable, Ky.
 Accomplishments: GISP, \$131,431. Dam of Congaree (Arazi), MIGSW, \$3,267,490.

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Speightstown Back in Business:

Champion sprinter **Speightstown** (Gone West) has recovered from colic surgery and began covering mares at WinStar Farm on Valentine's Day, according to *The Blood-Horse*. The six-year-old reportedly suffered intestinal troubles in December and underwent surgery at Hagyard Equine Medical Institute near Lexington, Kentucky. "They corrected a torsion without a re-section," WinStar president Doug Cauthen told *The Blood-Horse*. "They did not remove any intestine. He's completely recovered." The seven-year-old capped his career with a victory in the GI Breeders' Cup Sprint at Lone Star Oct. 30. He stands for \$40,000 live foal.



Adam Coglianese photo

Fortunate Prospect Pensioned:

Farnsworth Farms 24-year-old stallion **Fortunate Prospect** (Northern Prospect--Fortunate Bid, by Lucky Debonair) has been pensioned from stud duties, according to published reports. He had stood last year at an advertised fee of \$5,000. A stakes winner at two, three, four and five, the Florida-bred's biggest win came in the GIII San Vicente S. in 1984. He retired with a record of 39-13-5-3 and earnings of \$439,875. At stud, the dark bay was a prolific sire of two-year-old winners. He has been represented by at least 27 stakes winners to date, including multiple graded stakes winner Suave Prospect and five other graded stakes winners. His runners have earned nearly \$37 million thus far. Fortunate Prospect is also the broodmare sire of 2004 leading freshman sire Successful Appeal.

Over \$120,000 Raised for Noah Fund:

A Laurel Park fundraiser for Noah Grove, the son of Bowie-based trainer Chris Grove whose leg was amputated last February, raised more than \$120,000 Sunday night. Noah, now five, was diagnosed with bone cancer last year and to save his life underwent a through-the-knee amputation. A week ago Noah received his first prosthesis. Until he stops growing, Noah could need as many as two prostheses each year. "What a tremendous success," said former Pimlico General Manager Chick Lang, who spearheaded the Noah Fund Charity with Fran Raffetto. "To see Noah get up on the podium and thank everyone for coming to his party was priceless." Cash donations from owners, trainers and jockeys from around the country totaled \$50,000, while the 125 items auctioned brought in over \$70,000. A prize package to the 130th Preakness S. elicited the highest bid of the event at \$2,700. The bit Smarty Jones used in winning the Kentucky Derby and Preakness brought \$2,500 from the bid of Skeedattle Associates' Willie White, who promptly gave the bit to Noah.

STAKES CLOSINGS

TODAY, WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 16:

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- 03-26 \$2,000,000 **Dubai Duty Free-G1, Nad, 3yo/up, 1777mT (2000s)**
- 03-26 \$2,000,000 **Dubai Golden Shaheen-G1, Nad, 3yo/up, 1200m (2000s)**
- 03-26 \$2,000,000 **UAE Derby-G2, Nad, 3yo, 1800m (2000s)**
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Yesterday's Results:

8th-PHA, \$27,899, Alw, NW2X, 4yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:10 2/5, gd.

FAST LANER (f, 4, Mutakddim--Lois Laner, by Cutlass Reality), claimed for \$25,000 from a five-length win at Aqueduct Dec. 31, returned to take a Jan. 16 allowance at this track by 1 3/4 lengths last time out. An even-money favorite to win three in a row, the dark bay filly angled to the outside for the drive and drew clear to a 2 3/4-length victory. Fast Laner was a \$13,000 KEESEP yearling. Lifetime Record: 10-5-1-1, \$89,530. O-Gumpster Stable LLC. B-E & D Enterprises (PA). T-Patricia Farro.

9th-PHA, \$22,000, Alw, NW1X, 3yo, a1m70yd, 1:41 2/5, gd.

TOUCHED BY MADNESS (g, 3, Sword Dance {Ire}--Marilyn's Madness {SW}, by Shananie), a maiden winner at Pimlico three back on Dec. 30, was a well-beaten runner-up last time out over this track and trip Jan. 29. The bay gelding pressed the pace, took over in upper stretch and flew clear to score by 6 3/4 lengths at 13-1. The winner is a half brother to Unreal Madness (Unreal Zeal, MSW, \$701,932) and Sejm's Madness (Sejm, MSW, \$459,995) and full to Magical Madness (MSW, \$295,914) and Coco's Madness (GSP, \$116,400). Lifetime Record: 5-2-1-0, \$32,030. O/B-Gilbert G Campbell (FL). T-Edward T Allard.

★ AMERICAN-BRED WINNERS ★

IN BRITAIN:

Iftikhar, g, 6, Storm Cat--Muhbubh (GSW-GB), by Blushing Groom (Fr). Wolverhampton, 2-14, Hcp, 4yo/up, 9f 103yds (AWT). B-Shadwell Farm LLC. * 1/2 to Kayrawan (Mr. Prospector), GSW, \$171,353.

	GOFFS FEBRUARY MIXED SALE	
	TUESDAY, FEB. 15, 2005	
SESSION TOTALS	2005	
No. Offered	233	
No. Sold	145	
RNAs	88	
% RNA	37.8%	
Gross	€1,028,200	
Average	€7,091	
Median	€3,500	



ROYAL APPLAUSE COLT TOPS GOFFS DAY 1 At the end of a solid opening day's trade at yesterday's Goffs' February Mixed Sale, it was a precociously bred weanling colt by Royal Applause (GB) who stole the headlines with a final bid of €70,000. [Hip 278](#), out of Rappide (Ire), a sister to the smart juvenile Speedy James (Ire) and a half to the stakes-winning sprinter Double Quick (Ire), from the draft of Ballyphilip Stud, was knocked down to Dennis Sheehy. Earlier in the afternoon, Bobby O'Ryan and Frances Crowley paid €40,000 for two jumps prospects, with the former securing a three-year-old colt from the draft of His Highness the Aga Khan's Studs. Comparisons to the 2004 figures will have to wait until the conclusion of the sale, which has been cut to three days. Full results can be found on www.goffs.com.

★ FRANCE ★

Yesterday's Results:

Cagnes sur Mer, 2.20, Cond, €21,000, 3yo, 7½fT, 1:35.20, gd.

PAPIER MACHE (IRE) (f, 3, Desert Prince {Ire}--Truly a Gift {Ire}, by Arazi) got off the mark at Le Croise-Laroche last time Feb. 3. The 9-2 chance was settled in mid-division early, was ridden to challenge Namban (GB) (Anabaa) inside the final quarter and got on top approaching the eighth peg before asserting for a half-length success. Lifetime Record: 10 starts, 2 wins, 1 place, €24,650.

O/T-Robert Collet; B-Stone Ridge Farm.

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HONG KONG CHAMP HAYES TO AUSTRALIA

Two-time champion Hong Kong trainer David Hayes will take the helm at the Lindsay Park breeding and racing empire established in South Australia by his father Colin Hayes, ending 10 years training in Hong Kong. Hayes, 42, will take the helm again Sept. 1, saying he had achieved goals he set for himself in Hong Kong and looked forward to raising his four children in Australia with wife Prue. He added that current Lindsay Park trainer Tony McEvoy would continue to play a key role. "Prue and I will be moving home in July, and as of Sept. 1, 2005, I will be assuming the role of head trainer at Lindsay Park," Hayes said in a statement. "At the same time, I will also be able to dedicate more time to my roles as a proprietor of Lindsay Park Stud and director of Collingrove Stud. A lot has changed in Australian racing over the last 10 years, and during that time, my understanding of training and business has also developed," Hayes said. Hayes suggested the job of head trainer at Lindsay Park would see him divide much of his time between Melbourne, where his family will be based, and the Angaston property. Hayes father died in May 1999 and his brother Peter was killed in a plane crash in March 2001. Hayes won the Melbourne Cup in 1994 with Jeune (GB). In Hong Kong, he prepared topline, including Elegant Fashion (Aus), All Thrulls Too (Aus), and Helene Vitality (Aus).

★ AUSTRALIA ★

TROA LAUNCHES RETIREMENT SERVICE

The Thoroughbred Racehorse Owners' Association has launched a racehorse re-homing service where owners can find suitable new homes for retired racehorses. Horses can be advertised on the website www.troa.com.au and new owners are required to sign a contract that allows the original owner to inspect the horse at any time and prevents commercial on-selling of Thoroughbreds. The TROA will also provide advice to owners about the best option for their horses.

BREEDERS' EDITION AMERICA

ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

8th-MNR, \$36,500, 2-14, NW4L, 3yo/up, 1m, 1:43 3/5, sy.

SOLO CAT (g, 5, **Tabasco Cat--Remote**, by **Seattle Slew**) Lifetime Record: 18-3-4-1, \$91,981. O-James J Bruner. B-G Watts Humphrey (KY). T-Byron G Hughes.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Sea Dove, f, 3, **Dove Hunt**--Erin Go, by Go and Go (Ire). MNR, 2-14, 1m, 1:43 4/5. B-Meadowbrook Farms, Inc (FI). *\$1,000 yrl '03 OBSAUG.

Ztag Uzauruz, c, 4, **Elk's Uz**--Boucheron, by Spread the Rumor. SUN, 2-15, (S), 6 1/2f, 1:18 3/5. B-Veva Grace Cunningham (NM). *Full to Bounzuz, SW.



SOPHOMORE SPOTLIGHT

Progeny to Watch: Wednesday, February 16

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

- ADCAT** (Storm Cat), Farnsworth, \$5K, 73/6/0
- 6-GP, Alw, 6f, Swift Mercedes, \$50K OBS APR 2yo, 15-1
- CAT THIEF** (Storm Cat), Overbrook, \$35K, 137/11/0
- 8-GP, Msw, 7f, Passionate Dancer, \$100K KEE SEP yrl, 3-1
- 4-SA, Alw, 1 1/16m, Cat Robber, \$275K KEE SEP yrl
- 8-GP, Msw, 7f, Debit Or Credit, 15-1
- LITTLEBITLIVELY** (Lively One), Franks, \$4K, 87/9/0
- 8-GP, Msw, 7f, Littlebitastuff, 8-1
- MAGIC CAT** (Storm Cat), Valor, \$3K, 73/13/1
- 9-OP, Alw, 6f, Rhome Magic, \$1,000 TEX DEC wnl, 8-1
- TIGER RIDGE** (Storm Cat), Walmac, \$5K, 119/13/1
- 3-AQU, Str, 6f, Tiger Rose, \$42K OBS AUG yrl
- VICAR** (Wild Again), Darby Dan, \$10K, 129/11/0
- 6-AQU, Msw, 1 1/16m, Prolly, \$32K KEE SEP yrl
- WESTERN EXPRESSION** (Gone West), Highcliff, \$10K, 113/7/0
- 4-AQU, Msw, 6f, Honeytakesthemoney
- 4-AQU, Msw, 6f, Royal Expression
- YANKEE VICTOR** (Saint Ballado), Airdrie, \$15K, 137/18/0
- 6-GP, Alw, 6f, Miracle Man, 8-1
- 9-OP, Alw, 6f, Swede, \$65K KEE SEP yrl, 15-1

BREEDERS' EDITION EUROPE

CONDITIONS RESULTS:

ITALY, Naples, 4.30, 2-14, €13,005, 3yo, 5fT, time: n/a, hy.

LADY MOODY (IRE) (f, 3, **Orpen**--Speranza {Ire}, by **Sri Pekan**) Lifetime Record: 9 starts, 6 wins, 2 places, €56,984. O-Scuderia Lady Fashion; B-Kenneth McLoughlin; T-A Tortorella. *€3,000 wnlg '02 GOFNOV.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Golden Inter (Ire), c, 3, **Shinko Forest (Ire)**--Doviri, by Irish River (Fr). Naples, Italy, 2-14, Mdn, 3yo, 7 1/2fT. B-Mike Nolan. *€11,000 wnlg '02 GOFNOV; €12,000 yrl '03 GOFNOV.

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