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## GHOSTZAPPER TOPS PALM MEADOWS TAB

Horse of the Year **Ghostzapper** (Awesome Again) had his fourth workout of the year at Palm Meadows yesterday, zipping six furlongs in a bullet 1:12.60 under jockey Javier Castellano. Trainer Bobby Frankel was not



**Ghostzapper** *Horsephotos*

on hand for the move, but said from his base at Hollywood Park, "He worked good. Everything's fine." Frankel didn't have any special instructions for Castellano, who regularly rides work on the five-year-old. "I just told the jock to go three-quarters," Frankel said. "He knows what to do." On vacation since

running his 2004 record to a perfect four-for-four in the GI Breeders' Cup Classic at Lone Star Park Oct. 30, Ghostzapper appears to be coming to hand quickly, but is still scheduled to make his seasonal debut in April. "We'll probably go to the Oaklawn H. [GI, Apr.9]," the trainer confirmed.

## LADBROKES TO SPONSOR ST LEGER

Doncaster's G1 St Leger, the world's oldest Classic, will be sponsored for the first time this year by prominent British bookmaking firm Ladbrokes in a three-year deal announced at London's Park Lane Hilton Hotel yesterday. Ladbrokes will also offer a £1-million bonus for any colt able to win the 2000 Guineas, the Derby and St Leger, the traditional English Triple Crown. The last horse to sweep the triple was Nijinsky II in 1970. Ian Penrose, chief executive of Doncaster racecourse operator Arena Leisure, explained, "We are very proud of our close association with the world's leading bookmaker. Their commitment to the St Leger is tremendous and a testament to our investment plans for Doncaster Racecourse. Being the oldest Classic in the world, the St Leger is steeped in turf history. We are determined to build on this and to ensure that, through our partnership with Ladbrokes, this great race is restored to its former glory." The St Leger, to be run Sept. 10, will receive a £50,000 increase in the prize fund to £450,000. Prize money will increase each year, with the 2007 renewal boasting a total purse of £500,000.

**FROM THE DESK OF...**

**Bill Oppenheim**



## SOPHOMORE FORM: EARLY TRENDS

We're not even two months into 2005, so there hasn't been much opportunity for last year's freshman sires to indicate whether they're going to be moving, forward or backward. But the next two months are going to see expectations for a lot of first-crop three-year-old sires realized or disappointed, so any indications in the first two months of the year--which, after all, are likely to be positive indicators, aren't they?--mean a lot to the connections of the sires in question. Sample size is always a bugbear with breeding statistics: too often, 'the market' jumps to conclusions on scanty evidence. On the other hand, with sophomore sires at this time of year, it's all the evidence we have.

So far in 2005, last year's leading North American freshman sires (now including Monashee Mountain, who was number two in Europe in 2004, and Elusive Quality's three-quarter brother Rossini) have pretty much maintained their positions: the 2004 year-end top 10 are still the top 10. The only change is that Precise End (who has left New York for Japan) and Dixie Union have switched places in seventh and eighth. It's an interesting wrinkle that last year's freshman sire 1-2 were grandsons of In Reality and Raja Baba--both great American speed influences.

Valid Appeal, In Reality's best sire son (but for so long Desert Vixen's little brother) and sire of Successful Appeal, ended his career with nearly 40 percent two-year-old winners to foals, a percentage they don't get near today. Raja Baba, a beautifully bred son of Bold Ruler, was champion juvenile sire as a freshman in 1976 and again in 1980, and champion sire in 1980. His son Is It True upset Easy Goer in the 1988 Breeders' Cup Juvenile, so Yes It's True, son of Is It True, also comes by his precocity credentials honestly. **Oppenheim cont. p2**

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Significantly, both Successful Appeal and Yes It's True have looked good again in 2005. Closing Argument, a colt by Successful Appeal, upset High Fly to win the GIII Holy Bull S. over nine furlongs. Yes It's True leads all sophomore sires in our TDN 2005 Progeny PPs, with seven 'unique progeny' already making the paper in 2005. He has had five maiden special winners at 5 1/2 or six furlongs, and two stakes horses, including GII Hutcheson S. winner Proud Accolade.



**Closing Argument** Equi-Photo

Ashford stablemates Fusaichi Pegasus and leading 2004 European freshman sire Giant's Causeway are separated by only around \$42,000 at this point, and both look like very serious sires--as they should be, with their \$150,000 tickets. Giant's Causeway, of course, had top European 2004 two-year-old Shamardal, so he's off to no bad start, but it looks like Real Big News is in the offing for the other guy.

I suppose, in past years, smaller crops have meant that if a sire's promising horses, like Roman Ruler and \$4.5-million two-year-old Fusaichi Samurai, were injured and fell by the wayside, there might not be others waiting in the wings. But even though his 90 named foals, no doubt decimated by MRLS, don't compare with Giant's Causeway's 149 (sired in Ireland), the really noticeable fact is that runners by Fusaichi Pegasus that look like they have class keep emerging. A prime example is the \$500,000 yearling Bandini, who won an allowance on the Holy Bull undercard by daylight and goes for next week's Fountain of Youth.

In Australia (not that we like to mix them in with Northern Hemisphere statistics), he's already had a Group 3 winner. He just could be a seriously good sire.

Another with a Group 3 two-year-old winner in Australia is sixth-ranked More Than Ready, who has had two U.S. stakes winners already in 2005, and four overall, the same number as each of the second-through sixth-ranked sires.

When we talk about 'sire crops,' which, as you know, I like to do, the group with their first foals in 1994 included notables like A.P. Indy, El Prado, Saint Ballado and In Excess. Both Saint Ballado and A.P. Indy have a couple of sons who have already shown promise in 2005. Saint Ballado's son Sweetsouthern saint has notched five stakes horses, moving up to the 11th spot, while Met Mile winner Yankee Victor, who had GI Hollywood Starlet third Northern Mischief, is also in the top 15, with progeny earnings now over \$600,000. In the past couple of weeks, he's had longshot GIII Risen Star S. second Real Dandy and impressive seven-furlong Gulfstream allowance winner Miracle Man.

The two A.P. Indy sons Golden Missile and Stephen Got Even are also beginning to move up the ladder. The colt Going Wild, by Golden Missile, scored his second stakes win at Santa Anita in the nine-furlong Sham S. earlier this month, while his filly, In the Gold, ran second in the GII Davona Dale S., also over nine furlongs, at Gulfstream.

Meanwhile, Don't Get Mad, by Stephen Got Even, who won his first two starts in Kentucky, was moved to the barn of trainer Ron Ellis (who also trains Declan's Moon), for the seven-furlong GII San Vicente S., in which he finished a promising second.

Finally, the latest Maryland Miracle from Northview Farm, the people who brought you Two Punch, Polish Numbers and Not For Love: this is Lion Hearted, a spectacularly bred son of Storm Cat, out of Cadillacing. He never won a stakes (hence Maryland), but, in what look like unbelievably significant form lines now, he was second to Yes It's True in the seven-furlong GII Riva Ridge S. at Belmont Park and second to Successful Appeal in the six-furlong GIII Amsterdam S. at Saratoga as a three-year-old in 1999.

Last year, he had a five-furlong Belmont stakes winner in June (Chocolate Queen, who won the Fashion S.), and another filly, Hear Us Roar, who won the Maryland Million Lassie and the Selima. This year he has had Maddy's Lion, a stakes winner at Aqueduct in January, and the strangely named filly Cream Donut Keith, who pulverized an allowance field at Santa Anita and is headed for graded-stakes company next.

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Horse (yob, sire)	FIs	Rnrs	Wnrs	Wins	Purses	GSW	SW	SP	Stands
Successful Appeal (1996, Valid Appeal)	45	25	17	34	\$1,919,963	2	6	3	KY
Yes It's True (1996, Is It True)	75	48	25	37	\$1,767,759	2	4	1	KY
Fusaichi Pegasus (1997, Mr. Prospector)	90	41	18	27	\$1,253,563	1	4	2	KY
Giant's Causeway (1997, Storm Cat)	149	70	22	30	\$1,211,771	3	4	1	KY
Cape Canaveral (1996, Mr. Prospector)	60	35	15	27	\$1,093,127	1	4	4	KY
More Than Ready (1997, Southern Halo)	62	36	20	32	\$1,012,539	0	4	1	KY
Precise End (1997, End Sweep)	57	31	14	22	\$851,971	0	2	2	JAP
Dixie Union (1997, Dixieland Band)	53	28	13	19	\$814,341	0	3	2	KY
Monashee Mountain (1997, Danzig)	93	48	16	29	\$759,814	1	3	1	KY
Rossini (1997, Miswaki)	97	63	19	30	\$674,133	2	2	1	KY
Sweetsouthernsaint (1995, Saint Ballado)	53	29	16	28	\$667,024	0	2	3	FL
Running Stag (1994, Cozzene)	83	40	15	20	\$623,420	0	1	0	FL
Old Topper (1995, Gilded Time)	41	23	14	19	\$614,025	0	2	1	CA
Yankee Victor (1996, Saint Ballado)	81	31	16	23	\$601,590	0	0	2	KY
Lion Hearted (1996, Storm Cat)	52	18	12	18	\$568,362	0	3	1	MD
Tiger Ridge (1996, Storm Cat)	71	30	13	15	\$566,454	0	1	1	FL
Catienus (1994, Storm Cat)	46	35	24	32	\$566,359	0	1	2	NY
Bernstein (1997, Storm Cat)	39	20	13	19	\$555,135	1	2	3	KY
Golden Missile (1995, A.P. Indy)	70	25	8	12	\$553,161	1	2	1	KY
Straight Man (1996, Saint Ballado)	78	39	15	19	\$494,262	0	0	2	FL
War Chant (1997, Danzig)	53	21	14	16	\$486,444	0	3	0	KY
High Yield (1997, Storm Cat)	90	32	13	19	\$485,506	0	1	2	KY
Slew Gin Fizz (1991, Relaunch)	81	41	23	31	\$454,193	0	1	0	FL*
Western Expression (1996, Gone West)	50	25	8	9	\$448,468	0	0	2	NY
Stephen Got Even (1996, A.P. Indy)	59	26	10	12	\$431,203	0	0	2	KY
Dance Master (1997, Gone West)	21	10	6	12	\$425,990	0	1	0	FL
Lemon Drop Kid (1996, Kingmambo)	61	30	9	11	\$423,528	0	1	1	KY
Vicar (1996, Wild Again)	65	34	13	15	\$416,739	0	0	1	KY
Chester House (1995, Mr. Prospector)	62	30	11	14	\$411,815	0	1	1	Dead
Chief Seattle (1997, Seattle Slew)	66	26	12	14	\$362,527	0	0	1	KY
Cat Thief (1996, Storm Cat)	59	21	9	10	\$350,998	0	0	2	KY
Untuttable (1996, Unbridled)	26	16	9	16	\$350,378	0	1	0	FL
Anees (1997, Unbridled)	44	24	7	8	\$349,911	0	1	0	Dead
Magic Cat (1995, Storm Cat)	52	29	14	17	\$330,515	0	1	1	TX
Intidab (1993, Phone Trick)	8	6	4	7	\$320,210	1	1	1	NY
Littlebitlively (1994, Lively One)	47	27	11	13	\$304,367	0	0	2	LA
Richter Scale (1994, Habitony)	44	16	7	7	\$228,085	0	1	0	KY
Wised Up (1995, Dixieland Band)	31	17	8	10	\$226,288	0	0	1	FL
Greenwood Lake (1997, Meadowlake)	45	16	9	11	\$223,511	0	0	1	KY
Royal Anthem (1995, Theatrical {IRE})	80	33	7	9	\$205,943	0	0	1	KY

\*Slew Gin Fizz's first crop was foaled in Argentina in 1996; these statistics represent his first North American crop. Stats, courtesy of TJCIS, are produced from racing in the US, Canada, Puerto Rico, UK, Ireland, France, Italy & Germany.

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## WEEKEND PEDIGREE PERSPECTIVES

*by Alan Porter*

**SHIRLEY JONES H.-GII**, \$150,000, GPX, 2-19, 3yo/up, f/m, 7f, 1:22 (NTR), ft.

1--**MADCAP ESCAPADE**, 118, f, 4, by [Hennessy](#)

1st Dam: **Sassy Pants (MSW, \$239,262)**, by **Saratoga Six**

2nd Dam: **Special Portion**, by **Czaravich**

3rd Dam: **Generous Portion**, by **California Kid**

(\$160,000 yrl '02 KEESEP). O-Bruce Lunsford;

B-Needham/Betz Thoroughbreds & James Blackburn

(KY); T-Frank L Brothers; J-J D Bailey; \$90,000.

Lifetime Record: GISW, 6-5-0-1, \$626,400.

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**CHIPPING NORTON S.-G1**, A\$250,000, Warwick Farm (Sydney), 2-19, 1mT, 3yo/up, 1:35.45, gd.

1--**GRAND ARMEE (AUS)**, 128, g, 6, by [Hennessy](#)

1st Dam: **Tambour (Aus) (G1SP-Aus)**, by **Marauding (NZ)**

2nd Dam: **Voltage (Aus)**, by **Whiskey Road**

3rd Dam: **Electric Belle (NZ)**, by **Sovereign Edition (Ire)**

O-A R Bell; B-Newhaven Park Stud Ltd; T-Gai

Waterhouse; J-Danny Beasley; A\$162,500.

The weekend was a major one for Ashford Stud's Hennessy. At Gulfstream Park, his Grade I-winning daughter Madcap Escapade reappeared after a near 10-month break in the Shirley Jones. Despite the long absence and losing five lengths at the start, Madcap Escapade was in charge by the end of the first quarter and finished up winning by two lengths in a new track-record time.



**Madcap Escapade** Equi-Photo

Just a few hours earlier, on the other side of the world, the six-year-old Hennessy gelding Grand Armeé recorded a game triumph in the Chipping Norton at Warwick Farm in Australia. This was the fourth Group 1 triumph for Grand Armeé, who now has earnings of well over A\$4,000,000.

Madcap Escapade and Grand Armeé are two of the five Grade/Group 1 winners sired by Hennessy, the others being the international champion two-year-old Johannesburg, G1 Ballerina H. heroine Harmony Lodge and G1 Queensland Derby victor Half Hennessy. Overall, Hennessy has sired 38 stakes winners, 26 of them group or graded.

Madcap Escapade is out of the stakes-winning Saratoga Six mare Sassy Pants, and it's worth noting that Hennessy has sired three other stakes winners out of mares by Saratoga Six's sire Alydar. Two of the others are the graded winners Sunray Spirit and Blazonry. Sassy Pants is 3/4-sister to the Dare and Go stakes winner Delicatessa (both are by sons of Alydar), and a half sister to the stakes-winning and graded-stakes placed Apalachee Special. The third dam Generous Portion won three stakes on the West Coast, and was also the runner-up in the GII Santa Monica H. and the GIII Monrovia H. The fourth dam Piece of Pie is ancestress of numerous stakes winners, the most notable of which is the four-time Grade I winner Marlin.

Grand Armeé's dam Tambour is a daughter of Marauding, an Australian champion two-year-old by Sir Tristram. Tambour never won a stakes event, but was second in the G1 Castlemaine Classic. She is a sister to the G1 Oakleigh Plate victor Drum and a 3/4-sister to Australian group winner Genius and Evil.

Although they were conceived on opposite sides of the world, Madcap Escapade and Grand Armeé have one important pedigree factor in common: both have second dams by sons of Nijinsky II--Czaravich for Madcap Escapade and Whiskey Road for Grand Armeé. The presence of Nijinsky II is key here because of that horse's relationship to Storm Bird, the grandsire of Hennessy. Nijinsky II and Storm Bird are both by Northern Dancer, and while Nijinsky II is out of a mare by Bull Page, Storm Bird is out of a mare by a son of Bull Page. Nijinsky II's third dam is by Omaha, and Storm Bird's second dam is by a son of Omaha's brother Flares, giving them a very similar genetic background.

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The combination of Storm Bird and Nijinsky II appear in the first four generations of more than 60 stakes winners, 20 of them graded and nine Grade/Group 1. Hennessy has been one of the chief beneficiaries of this combination, which also appears in his graded-stakes winning full siblings Silver Tree and Orchard Park.

☆ RESULTS ☆

Sunday, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

**GRANDE PREMIO ESTADO DO RIO DE JANEIRO-G1**, R101,941, Gavea, 2-20, 3yo, 1mT, 1:34, fm.

1--#**@sNEW EXPORT (BRZ)**, 123, c, 3, by Exile King

1st Dam: Important Daisy (Brz), by Ghadeer (Fr)

2nd Dam: Daisy Buck, by Spend a Buck

3rd Dam: Oopsie Daisy, by Dewan

O-Stud Chico City II; B-Agropecuária e Haras Roll Ltda (BRZ); T-M Ferreira; J-R Salgado; R43,719.

Lifetime Record: 7 starts, 2 wins, 2 places. \*1/2 to Makenji (Brz) (Patio de Naranjos {Brz}), MGSP-Brz.

2--**Murtinho (Brz)**, 123, c, 3, Punk (Arg)--Fatiga (Arg), by Laramie Trail. O-Rodolpho M Neto.

3--**Pototo (Brz)**, 123, c, 3, Roi Normand--Jaffna (Brz), by Youth. O-Stud Cajado.

Margins: 3HF, HF, 3/4.

**CORRECTION:** Yesterday's *Pedigree Insights* mistakenly listed Hit The Roof (NZ) as in-bred to Danzig. Hit The Roof is out of Good News (NZ) (Don't Forget Me), and not the American-bred Good News (Devil's Bag), who is out of a Danzig mare. We regret the error. Note: Flying Pegasus (Aus) (Fusaichi Pegasus), out of a Danehill mare, joined the list of group winners sporting Danzig in-breeding with an impressive score in Sydney Saturday.

☆ BREEDING NEWS ☆

**ELLE SEULE DIES** *Elle Seule* (Exclusive Native--Fall Aspen, by Pretense), the dam of Group 1 winners Mehthaaf (Nureyev) and Elnadim (Danzig), died Monday at Shadwell Farm near

Lexington, Kentucky. The 22-year-old mare suffered a ruptured aneurysm. One of nine stakes winners to represent the extraordinary broodmare Fall Aspen, Elle Seule was second in the G2 Prix du Bois at two and earned her lone success at group level in the G2 Prix d'Astarte in 1986.



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Repatriated at the end of that year, she made just one start in this country, an eighth in the G1 Hollywood Derby. Her rise to prominence at stud began in 1991 with the birth of Mehthaaf, the first foal she produced for Sheikh Hamdan, who bought the mare in foal for \$1.5 million at the 1990 Keeneland November Breeding Stock Sale. Mehthaaf went on to be named highweight three-year-old in Ireland in 1994 off her victory in the G1 Irish 1000 Guineas. Elle' Seule's foal of 1994, Elnadim was twice named champion and scored his most important victory in the G1 Darley July Cup. Her other offspring include MSW & GSP Ashraakat (Danzig), and Khulood (Storm Cat), a stakes winner and twice placed in group competition. Barren for 2003, Elle Seule produced a colt by Aljabr in 2004. She was not in foal at the time of her death.

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**ROCKPORT IMPROVING, TO WORK FRIDAY**

Fox Hill Farm's **Rockport Harbor** (Unbridled's Song), perfect in four career starts, has made steady improvement from a bruised left front foot and could work as soon as Friday. "When they pulled him out of his stall [yesterday] morning, he was so full of himself and



**Rockport Harbor**  
Adam Coglianese photo

confident on his feet that [trainer] John [Servis] took him to the track and jogged him," owner Rick Porter told *Blood-Horse*. "He is hitting the ground perfectly. John plans on galloping him [today] and working him Friday, weather permitting. It looks like we dodged a bullet this time." Since the ailment was discovered on Sunday, Rockport Harbor has been treated with Epsom sales and hot water in addition to an ichthanol salve and responded nearly immediately. The

grey colt, winner in his most recent start of the Gill Remsen S. in November, is tentatively scheduled to make his three-year-old bow in the Gill Rebel S. Mar. 19, where he could face GI Hopeful S. hero **Afleet Alex** (Northern Afleet) and Southwest S. victor **Greater Good** (Intidab).

**KHRA Moves Toward Adopting New Medication Rules:**

The Kentucky Horse Racing Authority voted yesterday to adopt the race-day medication rules laid out by the national Racing and Medication Consortium, the *Blood-Horse* reports. Under current rules, Thoroughbreds racing in Kentucky can be treated with multiple therapeutic medications on race day. Under the new policy, only the bleeder medication Salix and one "adjunct bleeder medication" would be allowed on race day, with trainers given the choice of one of three anti-inflammatory drugs to be administered 24 hours before a race. Approximately 30 horsemen attended the meeting, with many voicing their disapproval of the KHRA's decision. "To change for change's sake will do more harm to the industry than a shot of Bute on race day will ever do," trainer Bob DeSensi told the *Blood-Horse*. But trainer John Ward countered, "Our industry needs to become unified and increase integrity." If it is pushed through as an emergency measure, the new rules could be in place in a couple of months.

**Kentucky Bill Bolsters Breeding Funds:**

A bill that passed the House of Representatives in Kentucky by a vote of 96-4 will divert the taxes paid on stud fees from the state budget to breeding funds. The bill, which has the support of Governor Ernie Fletcher, is expected to pass the Senate as well. No less than \$14 million in stud fee taxes were collected last year. The Thoroughbred breeders would get 80 percent of the funds, with 13 percent going to standardbred breeders and 7 percent to other breeders.

**STAKES CLOSINGS**

**TODAY, WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 23:**

- 03-05 \$300,000 *Gulfstream Park H.-II, GP, 3yo/up, 9.5f (300)*
- 03-05 \$300,000 *Fountain of Youth-II, GP, 3yo, 9f (300)*
- 03-05 \$150,000 *Swale-II, GP, 3yo, 7f (150)*
- 03-05 \$150,000 *Bonnie Miss-II, GP, 3yo, f, 9f (150)*
- 03-05 \$150,000 *Stonerside Forward Gal-II, GP, 3yo, f, 7f (150)*
- 03-26 \$500,000 *Lane's End-II, TP, 3yo, 9f (300)*
- 04-09 \$500,000a *Ashland-I, Kee, 3yo, f, 8.5f (250)*
- 04-16 \$750,000 *Toyota Blue Grass-I, Kee, 3yo, 9f (300)*



**TOMORROW, THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 24:**

- 03-05 \$200,000 *Santa Catalina-II, SA, 3yo, 8.5f (200)*

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★ **SO. CALIFORNIA** ★

**Smokester Dies in California:**

California-based stallion **Smokester** (Never Tabled--Small World, by Transworld) died Monday during a breeding session at Cardiff Stud Farms. He was 17. A winner in two of his four career starts, the dark bay went to stud at Cardiff in 1993. His stud fee had been set at \$5,000 since 2003. From his nine crops to race, he has produced nine stakes winners, including MGISW and multi-millionaire Free House and MGSW Bagshot. His runners have earned more than \$13.6 million.

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(So. Cal. cont.)

**Deanna Manfredi Wins American Dream Derby:**

Deanna Manfredi, a marketing consultant from Philadelphia, beat out 11 other contestants to win the American Dream Derby, a reality show televised on the Game Show Network. The show featured a number of contests for the participants, including a handicapping competition as well as performing various barn tasks. The 36-year-old Manfredi had been eliminated during the series, but was voted back in as a longshot for the finale, which took place live at Santa Anita Monday. With the fourth pick among the contestants, Manfredi selected the maiden Howard Zucker-trainee **Avenueofknowledge** (Avenue of Flags) to represent her in the \$36,200 American Dream Derby, a one-mile contest. The six-year-old California-bred promptly earned his first career victory, and made Manfredi a winner of \$250,000 and a stable of eight racehorses. "I was shocked at that performance," said Manfredi, the daughter of a trainer. "He pretty much slaughtered that field out there and I wasn't expecting that. My first thought when he crossed the finish line was 'Oh my God...I have this barn with no horses in it and now I am so excited to bringing these horses home.'" Avenueofknowledge will remain with Zucker, but the other seven horses will ship East.

★ **INDUSTRY INFO** ★

**Reeves Celebrates Belmont Park's 100:**

Featuring the work of equine artist Richard Stone Reeves, *Belmont Park: A Century of Champions*, which celebrates Belmont Park's 100th anniversary, will be released in May. In addition to 70 portraits of champion racehorses, the book will include a story about each horse, written by Turf historian Edward L. Bowen. The book will be offered in two editions: a signed and numbered limited edition and a collector's-quality regular hardcover edition.

★ **AMERICAN-BRED WINNERS** ★

**IN BRITAIN:**

**Chantaco**, c, 3, **Bahri**--Dominant Dancer (GB), by Primo Dominie (GB). Lingfield, 2-22, Hcp, 3yo, 7f (AWT). B-London Thoroughbred Services. \*5,000gns yrl '03 TATOCT; 12,000gns 2yo '04 TATAPR.

 **SOPHOMORE SPOTLIGHT**

**Progeny to Watch: Wednesday, February 23**

- ADCAT** (Storm Cat), Farnsworth, \$5K, 73/6/0  
10-GP, Msw, 1mT, Planter, \$22K OBS APR 2yo, 20-1
- DIXIE UNION** (Dixieland Band), Lane's End, \$30K, 126/15/3  
10-GP, Msw, 1mT, Carson's Band, \$90K KEE SEP yrl, 8-1
- FUSAICHI PEGASUS** (Mr. Prospector), Ashford, \$85K, 197/20/4  
10-GP, Msw, 1mT, Scalator, \$20K KEE SEP yrl, 10-1
- GIANT'S CAUSEWAY** (Storm Cat), Ashford, \$75K, 308/23/4  
10-GP, Msw, 1mT, Zurich (IRE), \$166K TAT OCT yrl, 5-2
- MORE THAN READY** (Southern Halo), Vinery, \$15K, 161/21/4  
10-GP, Msw, 1mT, Argento, \$250K KEE SEP yrl, 5-1
- RICHTER SCALE** (Habitony), Wafare, \$10K, 93/7/1  
10-GP, Msw, 1mT, Indestructible, \$35K FTK JUL yrl, 12-1
- VICAR** (Wild Again), Darby Dan, \$10K, 129/14/0  
3-SA, Msw, 1m, Vicar's Belle, \$30K BAR SUM 2yo
- YES IT'S TRUE** (Is It True), Padua, \$10K, 149/25/4  
5-GP, Alw, 1m, Right Daddy, \$100K OBS FEB 2yo, 4-5

★  **EUROPE** ★

**IRISH GROUP 1 ATTRACTS NEW SPONSOR** This year's €300,000 G1 National S. at The Curragh Sept. 18 will be sponsored by Laing O'Rourke and the construction firm also has an option to extend its one-year deal. The seven-furlong juvenile contest, won last year by current G1 Epsom Derby favorite **Dubawi (Ire)** (Dubai Millennium {GB}), includes subsequent Classic winners El Gran Senor, Roberto, Sir Ivor and Refuse To Bend (Ire) on its roll of honor. Laing O'Rourke will also sponsor the supporting the Listed Solonaway S. and the Blenheim S. on the same Sept. 18 card.

★ **BRITAIN** ★

**Yesterday's Result:**

**Lingfield, 2.10, Mdn, £6,255, 3yo, 6f (AWT), 1:13.33, strn. + BOBSKI (IRE) (c, 3, Victory Note--Vivid Impression {Ire} {SP-Ire}, by Cure The Blues)** was reserved off the pace in fifth until coaxed along just after halfway. Back on the bridle at the top of the stretch, the 11-2 shot quickened to challenge at the eighth pole and was pushed clear late to easily account for Kempsey (GB) (Wolfhound) by three lengths. Bobski was a €7,500 TATIRE yearling and a 20,000gns DONAPR two-year-old. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, £4,066. O-Robert Thomson; B-Patrick Kennedy; T-Geoff Huffer.

 <p>IRISH NATIONAL STUD EST. 1946</p>	<p><b>Touch Of The Blues</b> (Cadeaux Genereux - Silabteni by Nureyev) Fee 2005: €6,000 (approx £4,200)</p>	<p>Gr.1 Mile Winner 5 time Gr.1 mile placed Gr.2 Winner as a 2YO in France</p>	<p>Record breaker, winner of over €1.5m Dam three parts sister to INDIAN SKIMMER</p>
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## AUSTRALASIA



### RECORD COLT AT MM ADELAIDE OPENER

Coolmore stallion Encosta de Lago (Aus)'s sale-ring dominance continued at an otherwise steady Magic Millions Adelaide sale when a son of the hot sire sold for A\$300,000, a record price for the auction. Selling as lot 126 from the draft of Trevenson Park Stud, the half brother to G1 Salinger S. winner Notoire (Aus) was knocked down to Coolmore Australia chief Michael Kirwan, acting on behalf of trainer Paul Perry. "He's a beautiful colt; he's big and strong and he has an impressive pedigree to back up his good looks," said Kirwan. Perry trained Notoire to win eight races and more than A\$800,000 in prize money. Kirwan added, "Encosta de Lago is the best stallion in the country right now, and with what he is doing on the racetrack, people want his yearlings, and these horses are selling off a A\$16,500 nomination fee, which is great for the breeders who supported him when he was in Victoria." Southern State vendors dominated the upper end of the session. Southern State buyers were also prominent, with syndicators Rob and Corinne Slade topping all buyers with nine yearlings for a total of A\$555,000.

#### TUESDAY - TOP THREE LOTS

Hip	Sex	Sire	Dam	Price (A\$)
<b>126</b>	c	<b>Encosta de Lago (Aus)</b>	<b>Lady Violet (Aus)</b>	<b>\$300,000</b>
Consigned by Trevenson Park Stud Purchased by Paul Perry				
<b>195</b>	c	<b>Gilded Time</b>	<b>My Madonna (Aus)</b>	<b>\$230,000</b>
Consigned by Mill Park Purchased by Leon McDonald				
<b>038</b>	c	<b>Encosta de Lago (Aus)</b>	<b>Fair Contessa (Aus)</b>	<b>\$210,000</b>
Consigned by Rangal Park Stud Purchased by Colm Santry Bloodstock				



#### MAGIC MILLIONS ADELAIDE SALE Tuesday, February 22, 2005

SESSION TOTALS	2005	2004
Offered	220	193
RNAs	56	49
%RNA	25%	25%
Sold	164	144
Aggregate	\$6,800,000	\$5,486,500
Average (% change)	\$41,463 (+8.8%)	\$38,101

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### KINDERGARTEN BOLSTERS EASTER SALE

Officials at William Inglis and Son Ltd. were pleased with the results of last weekend's G3 Kindergarten S., as all three placegetters are represented by close relations at the upcoming Easter Yearling Sale Mar. 29-31 in Sydney. **Flying Pegasus (Aus)** (Fusaichi Pegasus), who defeated G1 Golden Slipper favorite **Mnemosyne (Aus)** (Encosta de Lago {Aus}) by a length in the 1100-meter event, has a Galileo (Ire) half sister catalogued as hip **387**. She is being prepared for the sale by Princess Farm, agent, which was also responsible for Flying Pegasus when he made A\$250,000 at Easter last year. Hip **81** is a colt by Redoute's Choice out of Perfect Draw (Aus) (Whiskey Road), who is the second dam of Mnemosyne. The bay is being consigned by Broadwater Farm as agent. **Assertive Choice (Aus)**, an A\$1.3 million son of Redoute's Choice who was third in the Kindergarten, has a half brother in the catalogue by Lane's End and Widden Stud stallion King Cugat. Hip **340**, also a half brother to G1 Australian Guineas hero Reset (Aus), is consigned by Twin Palms Stud.



## ASIA



### ★ JAPAN ★

### HIGH SCHOOLERS GRADUATE AT TOKYO

When **Yume Roman (Jpn)** (Generous {Ire}) won his maiden at first asking in Tokyo Feb. 13, he had the entire population of the Hokkaido Shinuzai Agriculture High School cheering for him. The Hokkaido-bred colt became the first horse on record bred by a group of high schoolers to win a JRA-sponsored race. "I can't believe he's won. He's filled out and looks like a real racehorse now," said Yuta Taneda, an alumnus of the high school who accepted the breeders' prize of ¥590,000 (about \$5,670). Sent off the 6-1 fourth choice, the colt had four lengths to make up turning into the stretch, but rallied on the outside to win by a half-length. Although several college groups have been involved in breeding racehorses before, this was the first to be bred by a high school. Yume Roman is the third Thoroughbred to be bred by the school, but the first to make it to the racetrack. The colt, cared exclusively by the club members, sold as a yearling for ¥2.62 million (about \$25,200) at the Hokkaido Summer Sale in Shinuzai in 2003.

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## BREEDERS' EDITION AMERICA

**ALLOWANCE RESULTS:**

**8th-MNR, \$32,400, 2-21, NW2X, 3yo/up, 5 1/2f, 1:06 1/5, gd.**

**FIRST MONEY (c, 4, Lil's Lad--Tricki Mae, by Phone Trick)** Lifetime Record: MGSP, 10-3-3-3, \$143,889. O/B-Dreabon Copeland (KY). T-B Flint. \*1/2 to Lakeside Cup (Salt Lake), SW & MGSP, \$181,550; and Angel Trumpet (Cape Canaveral), SW & GSP, \$147,956.

**8th-CTX, \$29,000, 2-21, NW1X, 4yo/up, 4 1/2f, :52 3/5, ft.**

**LAUGHING ACADEMY (h, 5, Distorted Humor--Famous Colony {GSP}, by Pleasant Colony)** Lifetime Record: 24-7-5-1, \$81,930. O-Glen M Orrison. B-Mike Brown (KY). T-Ron E Santmyer. \*1/2 to Powerful Nation (Turkoman), GSP, \$176,245; and Buffalo Bird Woman (Slew City Slew), MSP, \$162,013.

**10th-PHA, \$23,000, NW2X, 4yo/up, 7f, 1:22 3/5, ft.**  
**JULY CHILD (h, 5, Distorted Humor--Polish Symphony, by Polish Navy)** Lifetime Record: 32-8-6-3, \$205,895. O-E & G Stables. B-Philip A Gleaves & Alex Bezjian (KY). T-Jayne Vaders.

**8th-PHA, \$23,000, NW2X, 4/up, f/m, 5 1/2f, 1:05, ft.**  
**PORTLY PRINCESS (m, 5, Two Punch--Dream Regally, by Vice Regent)** Lifetime Record: 30-3-5-7, \$81,700. O-Rabbit's Foot Stable. B-Lucas Racing, Inc (NM). T-Lynda Knee. \*\$15,000 wlng '00 KEENOV; \$26,000 yrl '01 FTMOCT; \$20,000 yrl '01 KEEJAN; \$35,000 2yo 2002 FTMMAY. \*\*1/2 to Lacie Girl (Editor's Note), MSW & GSP, \$314,390.

★ ON THE WORKTAB ★

CALDER

**Second of June** (Louis Quatorze), 1m, 1:39.80, 1/3

FAIR GROUNDS

**Bwana Charlie** (Indian Charlie), 5f, 1:02.20, 10/13

PALM MEADOWS

**Feline Story** (Tale of the Cat), 5f, 1:01, 9/25

**Ghostzapper** (Awesome Again), 6f, 1:12.60, 1/3

**Mr. Light** (Arg) (Numerous), 3f, :37.20, 1/4

**ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:**

+ **I'm the Bear**, g, 3, **Cartwright**--Seldom Danced, by Danzatore. MNR, 2-21, 5 1/2f, 1:06 1/5. B-Danny R Bird (Il).  
**Maga's Smile**, c, 3, **Mazel Trick**--Mama Cat, by Storm Cat. CTX, 2-21, 4 1/2f, :54 3/5. B-Brereton C Jones (Ky). \*\$75,000 wlng '02 KEENOV; \$28,000 yrl '03 KEESEP; \$30,000 2yo 2004 OBSFEB.  
**Annies Prospect**, m, 5, **Prosper Fager**--Anytime Antrim, by King Celebrity. MNR, 2-21, 5 1/2f, 1:08. B-Denise M Smylie (NY).

**SO. HEMISPHERE WINNERS BY EURO STALLIONS:**

**Carlino (Aus)**, g, 5, **Puissance (GB)**--Best Regards (Ire), by Lomond. Eagle Farm (Brisbane), 2-19, 3yo/up, Hcp, 6fT. B-Osprey Thoroughbreds.  
**Celtic Trial (Aus)**, g, 6, **Celtic Swing (GB)**--Te Akau (NZ), by Jugah. Eagle Farm (Brisbane), 2-19, 3yo/up, Hcp, 1 5/16mT. B-R A Zito & B P Vanston.

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

**But I'm Serious (Aus)**, f, 3, **Bianconi**--All Angels (Aus), by Al Hareb. Warwick Farm (Sydney), 2-19, 3yo/up, Hcp, 1mT. B-R J Haire & J Paillas.  
**Purrfection (NZ)**, f, 4, **Tale of the Cat**--Nothing Less (NZ), by Star Way (GB). Trentham (Wellington), 2-19, 3yo/up, Hcp, 1mT. B-Mrs U L Ancell & The B M Taylor Family Trust.

## BREEDERS' EDITION EUROPE

**ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:**

**Garnett (Ire)**, g, 4, **Desert Story (Ire)**--In Behind (Ire), by Entitled (Ire). Lingfield, Britain, 2-22, Mdn, 4-6yo, 1 5/8m (AWT). B-James Reardon. \*12,500gns 2yo '03 DONAPR; €8,500 yrl '02 GOFHIT.

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