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**YES IT'S TRUE COLT TOPS OBS**

by Leslie Deckard  
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A striking bay son of Yes It's True was purchased by Sheikh Mohammed's Darley for \$900,000 to top Tuesday's opening session of the Ocala Breeders' Sales Company's March Selected Two-year-olds in Training sale. For the day, OBS reported 188 horses sold for \$14,985,000, compared with 127 horses bringing \$11,028,000 during the opening session last year. The average price was \$79,707 compared with \$86,835 in 2004, while the median price was \$50,000, compared with \$60,000 a year ago. The buy-back percentage was 23 percent, down from 32 percent in 2004. Fourteen horses sold for more than \$200,000, compared with 11 one year ago. Jimmy Bell, acting on behalf of Sheikh Mohammed, purchased the session-topping colt from the consignment of Barry Eisaman's Eisaman Equine. "What can you say," Bell said after signing the ticket. "This horse says everything for us. He was our pick of the sale. The way he performed both times on the track was impressive. He is the type of horse that can do everything you ask. He looks like he got around two turns very easily." Bred in Florida by Peggy and Dean Johnson's Johnson Hollow Farm, the colt, who was produced from the Pentelicus mare Kit Kat Kitty, worked an eighth in :10.20 Mar. 11 and went a quarter-mile in :21.10 Mar. 19. Eisaman, who consigned the colt on behalf of an undisclosed client, said the colt was purchased privately from his breeders and had been on his farm since mid-July. "I always felt he was an outstanding horse," said Eisaman. "He came here and had the opportunity to prove what a good horse he really was." Trainer Todd Pletcher, bidding on behalf of Green Hill Farm, was the immediate underbidder. "I went about one bid over my budget," Pletcher said. "I liked his work and everything about him." *OBS Coverage cont. p2*



Hip 264 Horsephotos

**OBS MARCH  
TWO-YEAR-OLDS IN TRAINING  
TUESDAY - TOP SEVEN LOTS**

Hip	Sex	Sire	Dam	Price
<u>264</u>	c	<u>Yes It's True</u>	Kit Kat Kitty	\$900,000
Consigned by Eisaman Equine, agent Purchased by Darley				
<u>152</u>	c	<u>Silver Charm</u>	Ensign's Wine	\$360,000
(\$150,000 wnlg '03 KEENOV) Consigned by Hartley/de Renzo Thoroughbreds, agent Purchased by Buzz Chace, agent for West Point TB				
<u>236</u>	f	<u>Siphon (Brz)</u>	Jaded	\$350,000
(\$85,000 yrl '04 KEESEP) Consigned by Wavertree Stables (Ciaran Dunne), Agent XI Purchased by Gary Young				
<u>309</u>	c	<u>Touch Gold</u>	Marked Well	\$350,000
(\$85,000 yrl '04 KEESEP) Consigned by Solitary Oak, Agent III Purchased by D.J. Stable, LLC				
<u>215</u>	f	<u>Siphon (Brz)</u>	Hey Ghaz	\$320,000
(\$17,000 yrl '04 KEESEP) Consigned by Wesfield Sales (Robert & Saronda Smith), agent Purchased by Tom Mc Crocklin, agent for Lawana & Robert Low				
<u>232</u>	f	<u>Cape Town</u>	lonlyhaveeyesforu	\$320,000
(\$67,000 wnlg '03 KEENOV; \$60,000 yrl '04 KEESEP) Consigned by Moonshadow Farm, agent for Norman Casse Purchased by Iron Horse Racing (David M. Clark)				
<u>30</u>	c	<u>Aptitude</u>	Ayrial Delight	\$310,000
(\$75,000 yrl '04 FTKJUL) Consigned by New Episode Training Center, Inc., agent Purchased by B. Wayne Hughes				

**OBS MARCH TWO-YEAR-OLDS IN TRAINING  
TUESDAY, MAR. 22, 2005**

SESSION TOTALS	2005	2004
No. Sold	188	127
% RNA	23%	32%
Gross	\$14,985,000	\$11,028,000
Average (% change)	\$79,707	\$86,835
Median (% change)	\$50,000	\$60,000

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The second-highest price of the day belonged to a gray or roan son of Silver Charm who was purchased for \$360,000 by Buzz Chace, agent for West Point Thoroughbreds, from the consignment of Hartley/DeRenzo Thoroughbreds. Bred in Kentucky by Keith Lancaster and Silver Charm Partners, the colt was produced from the Blue Ensign mare Ensign's Wine and is from the family of stakes winners Kate's Valentine and Talc's Coventry. "It was a pretty fair price," Chace said. "He worked good both times and there was just something about him." The colt worked an eighth in :10.20 Mar. 11 and went a quarter mile in :21.30 Mar. 19. The top-priced filly of the session was a \$350,000 daughter of Siphon purchased by Gary Young from the consignment of Wavertree Stables, Ciaran Dunne, agent. The filly had worked an eighth in :10.60 at the under tack preview. "I was a little stressed, but a good horse will bring good money," Young said. "Her first work just blew my mind and I liked the fact that they didn't breeze her back. She's just a real nice filly and now hopefully she can go out there and prove it." Bred in Kentucky by HIO Stables, the filly, who was originally purchased for \$85,000 by Alexander Thoroughbreds at the 2004 Keeneland September yearling sale, is from the family of grade I winner Urbane and grade III winner Suave. The OBS sale concludes Wednesday, with the session beginning at 11 a.m. **OBS Hip Happenings p3**

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**NEW ARRIVALS** **FOALING NEWS**

**TWOSIES ANSWER**, 18, Two's a Plenty--Lady's Answer, by Northern Answer  
 Foal born Feb. 26, a colt by Vindication.  
 Will be bred back to Vindication.  
 Owned by The Estate of John Franks.  
 Boarded at Hill 'n' Dale Farm, Ky.  
 Accomplishments: MSW of \$192,067. Dam of Answer Lively (Lively One), Ch. 2yo Colt, GISW, \$938,296; Kiss Me Twice (Kissin Kris), SW, \$146,361.

*You can also pick up a copy of the TDN today at the OBS Selected Sale of 2-Year-Olds in Training.*

**2004 OBS Stakes Winners**

Horse	Sire	Price (\$)
Bluesbdancing	Golden Gear <i>(Showtime Deb S.)</i>	65,000
Dance Away Capote	Capote <i>(Irish Sonnet S.)</i>	45,000
Dansetta Light	Colony Light <i>(Tropical Park Oaks; Brave Raj S.; Lindsay Frolic S., Georgia Dbtnte S.)</i>	95,000
Higher World	Peaks and Valleys <i>(GII Mazarine Breeders' Cup S.)</i>	RNA50,000
Lost in the Fog	Lost Soldier <i>(GII Swale S.; Arizona Juvenile S.; SM Ocala Stud Dash S.)</i>	RNA195,000
Megascap	Cape Canaveral <i>(GIII Valley Stream S.; Joseph A. Gimma S.; Ruthless S.)</i>	80,000
Naughty New Yorker	Quiet American <i>(Damon Runyon S.)</i>	145,000
Proud Accolade	Yes It's True <i>(GI Champagne S.; GII Hutcheson S.)</i>	450,000
R Lady Joy	Vicar <i>(Florida Oaks)</i>	72,000
Sweet Talker	Stormin Fever <i>(Caressing H.)</i>	RNA115,000

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☆ HIP HAPPENINGS ☆

**Hip 320, c, Exploit--Meadowlake, by Meadowlake**  
*Consigned by Paul Sharp, agent for Jack and Robert Hopkins*

This fellow showed plenty of gas at the second under tack show when he breezed a quarter in :21 3/5. A Jan. 21 foal, he is out of Meadowlass, a full sister to the stakes-winning Meadowlamb.

**Hip 338, c, Delaware Township--Miss Gumbo, by Private Terms**  
*Consigned by Mesa Verde Bloodstock (Brett Brinkman), Agent I*

Delaware Township was very well represented during the OBS February Sale and returns here with hip 338, a chestnut who shared the bullet with two others when he dashed out a quarter in :21 1/5 at the second preview. His stakes-winning second dam, Bishop's Delight (Sawbones), was good enough to finish third in the GI Shuvee S. while earning over \$300,000.

**Hip 349, c, Silver Charm--Miswili, by Miswaki**  
*Consigned by Eisaman Equine, agent*

A gray like his father, Kentucky Derby winner Silver Charm, this Feb. 10 colt nailed the quarter-mile move in :21 1/5 Mar. 20. Dam Miswili is a half sister to no fewer than four stakes winners and has produced three stakes horses, including SW Revolutionary Act (Boston Harbor). Yesterday, hip 152, another colt by Silver Charm, sold for \$360,000 on the bid of agent Buzz Chace.

**Hip 420, c, Siphon (Brz)--Poopsie, by Cherokee Colony**  
*Consigned by Robert Scanlon*

Hip 420, a Florida-bred who had a calendar birthday Mar. 8, looked good breezing a quarter in :21 1/5 Mar. 20 and has the pedigree to back it up. The colt is out of MSW Poopsie, herself a daughter of GSP Famous Speech (Electrocutionist) and a half sister to three other stakes performers. A pair of Siphons sold exceptionally well yesterday, with hip 236 bringing \$350,000 and hip 215 eliciting a bid of \$320,000.

**OBS WEATHER FORECAST**

**Wednesday:** Thunderstorms. Highs in the mid 70s and lows in the mid 50s.

**Hip 421, c, Trippi--Precise Storm, by Storm Creek**  
*Consigned by Nick de Meric, Agent XI*

A May 5 foal, he is from the first crop of Trippi (End Sweep), a five-time graded stakes winner who counted the GI Vosburgh H. among his victories. Dam Precise Storm is a half sister to Precise End (End Sweep), a GSW who got off to a great start at stud last year before being sold to Japanese interests, making hip 421 a very close genetic relative. He blazed a bullet eighth in :10 1/5 during the Mar. 20 preview.

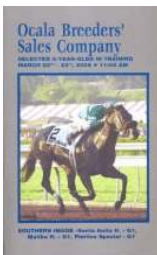
**Hip 507, c, Allen's Prospect--Silent Turn, by Silent Cal**  
*Consigned by Terry Oliver, Agent IV*

Silent Turn was a rock-solid and fleet racehorse, registering two graded stakes wins, placing in a trio of Grade I events and banking over a half-million. This Mar. 13 foal showed he had some of his mom's speed when he breezed a bullet quarter in :21 3/5 during the Mar. 12 preview.

**Hip 566, f, Langfuhr--Three in the Kind, by Carson City**  
*Consigned by Crupi's New Castle Farm*

A registered Illinois-bred, the bay was the quickest horse of the afternoon during the second preview Mar. 12, stopping the clock in a sharp :10 1/5 for the full-long work. The filly, born on Valentine's Day, is out of the winning Carson City mare Three of a Kind, a half to a pair of stakes horses, Genki (Vigors) and Curley's Axe (Hatchet Man).

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**OBS MARCH OUTS**  
**Wednesday, Mar. 23**

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# DUBAI WORLD CUP

## Nad Al Sheba

Mar. 26, 2005

### Team Frankel Arrives in Dubai

A pair of Bobby Frankel trainees arrived a day later than planned for their intended engagements in Saturday's Dubai World Cup series, but are no worse for wear, according to assistant trainer Jose Cuevas Tuesday. **Lundy's Liability (Brz)** (Candy Stripes), set for the G1 World Cup and G2 UAE Derby contender **Marenostrum (Brz)** (Royal Academy), were scheduled to arrive Monday, but a delay in Amsterdam pushed the schedule back a day. "They just got here, but they look great," said Cuevas. The horses, who had their final preparatory moves in the United States, will remain until in quarantine until Thursday. Lundy's Liability, a graded stakes winner in the U.S., has already tasted victory over Nad al Sheba, having won the UAE Derby last year.

### Roses in May Heads Dubai Work tab

**Roses in May** (Devil His Due), one of the early favorites for Saturday's World Cup, was given a final breeze Monday night at Nad al Sheba racecourse. The five-year-old, accompanied by Dale Roman's assistant Liz Gray, covered a 1000 meters in a leisurely 1:01.95. "That was perfect," said Romans. "He got to see everything under the lights and he looked pretty happy." Romans added, "That was slow for him. he can go :58 if he wants to." The Ken and Sarah Ramsey-owned horse finished second to Saint Liam in the GI Donn H. Feb. 5. Also working for the World Cup, Japanese representative **Adjudi Mitsuo (Jpn)** (Adjudicating) worked 1000 meters Tuesday morning. The four-year-old, winner of the G1-Jpn Tokyo Daishoten last December, was clocked in :49.41 for 800 meters before rounding out the drill in :23.35 for the final quarter mile. "He looks and is working even better than he did before the JBC Classic [G1-Jpn] [when he finished second to Admire Don] and the Tokyo Daishoten."

### Saturday, Nad al Sheba

**DUBAI WORLD CUP-G1**, \$6,000,000, 4yo/up, 2000m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY
1	Adjudi Mitsuo (Jpn)	Adjudicating	Uchida
2	Chiquitin (Arg)	Fitzcarraldo (Arg)	Kinane
3	Choctaw Nation	Louis Quatorze	Espinoza
4	Congrats	A.P. Indy	T Baze
5	Dynever	Dynaformer	Santos
6	Elmustanser (GB)	Machiavellian	Hills
7	Grand Hombre	Grand Slam	Dettori
8	Jack Sullivan	Belong to Me	Holland
9	King's Boy (Ger)	Platini (Ger)	Gryder
10	Lundy's Liability (Brz)	Candy Stripes	Valenzuela
11	Roses in May	Devil His Due	Velazquez
12	Ruler's Court	Doneraile Court	McEvoy
13	Yard-Arm (SAf)	Western Winter	Marwing

All carry 126 pounds.

### Saturday, Nad al Sheba

**DUBAI SHEEMA CLASSIC-G1**, \$2,000,000, 4yo/up, 2400mT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY
1	7	Cherry Mix (Fr)	Linamix (Fr)	Dettori
2	3	Collier Hill (GB)	Dr Devious (Ire)	McKeown
3	9	Fight Your Corner (GB)	Muhtarram	Kinane
4	10	Greys Inn	Zabeel (NZ)	Marwing
5	8	Maraahel (Ire)	Alzao	Hills
6	6	Omikron (Ire)	Germany	Solis
7	11	Phoenix Reach (Ire)	Alhaarth (Ire)	Dwyer
8	1	Powerscourt (GB)	Sadler's Wells	Fallon
9	5	Prince Arch	Arch	Blanc
10	2	Razkalla	Caerleon	McEvoy
11	4	Tycoon (GB)	Sadler's Wells	Durcan

All carry 123 pounds.

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**Saturday, Nad al Sheba**

**DUBAI GOLDEN SHAHEEN-G1**, \$2,000,000, 4yo/up, 1200m

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY
1	5	Botanical	Seeking the Gold	Dettori
2	9	Conroy	Gone West	Marwing
3	10	Estimraar	Holy Bull	Mullen
4	6	Medal of Honor (Arg)	El Compinche (Arg)	Gryder
5	4	My Cousin Matt	Matty G	Valenzuela
6	1	National Icon (SAf)	National Emblem (SAf)	Bekker
7	3	Pico Central (Brz)	Spend a Buck	Solis
8	2	Saratoga County	Valid Expectations	Castellano
9	11	Sushi-Bar (Brz)	Jato d'Agua (Brz)	Pereira
10	8	Tropical Star (Ire)	Machiavellian	Ffrench
11	7	Bear Fan	Pine Bluff	Velazquez

All carry 126 pounds except Bear Fan, 121.

**Saturday, Nad al Sheba**

**DUBAI DUTY FREE-G1**, \$2,000,000, 4yo/up, 1777mT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY
1	9	Alkaadhem (GB)	Green Desert	Hills
2	14	Elvstroem (Aus)	Danehill	Rawiller
3	4	Key of Destiny (SAf)	Qui Danzig	Shea
4	10	Majors Cast (Ire)	Victory Note	Kinane
5	3	Prince Kirk (Fr)	Selkirk	Monteriso
6	1	Right Approach (GB)	Machiavellian	Marwing
7	13	Seihali (Ire)	Alzao	Smullen
8	11	Shakis (Ire)	Machiavellian	Supple
9	6	Sights on Gold (Ire)	Indian Ridge (Ire)	Dettori
10	12	Whilly (Ire)	Sri Pekan	Martinez
11	8	Wolf Whistle (SAf)	Badger Land	McEvoy
12	7	Alexander Goldrun (Ire)	Gold Away (Ire)	Manning
13	2	Moon Dazzle	Kingmambo	Geroudis
14	5	Ribella (Ire)	Revoque (Ire)	Karatas

All carry 126 pounds except Alexander Goldrun, Moon Dazzle & Ribella, 121.

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# A FRESH STAKES WINNER...

Chinese Dragon became the 4th Stakes-winning colt from his sire's current 3-y-o crop when winning the Pasadena Stakes at Santa Anita on Saturday by 2<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> lengths.

# AND MORE IN THE PIPELINE...

"I'm a big fan of **Stravinsky**. He gets tough, sound, very straightforward horses with bags of ability. As well as **Balmont**, who will be aimed at all the big sprints in Europe this year, I've also got **Soldier's Tale**, who should develop into a stakes horse, and a very nice juvenile colt who has done everything right so far."

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**UAE DERBY-G2, \$2,000,000, NH/SH 3yo, 1800m**

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	WT
1	7	Candidato Roy (Arg)	Roy	Geroudis	130
2	5	Duque de Enghien (Per)	Spend One Dollar	Gryder	130
3	8	Durban Thunder (Brz)	Royal Academy	Velazquez	130
4	4	Kalibanos (Brz)	Dark Brown (Brz)	Pereira	130
5	2	Marenostrum (Brz)	Royal Academy	Valenzuela	130
6	10	Ned Kelly (SAf)	Goldkeeper	Bekker	130
7	3	Becrux (Ity)	Glen Jordan (GB)	Marwing	121
8	1	Blues and Royals	Honour and Glory	McEvoy	121
9	12	Gypsy Johnny (GB)	Bachir (Ire)	Mullen	121
10	6	Jaa Yez (KSA)	Frequent (GB)	Noriega	121
11	9	Parole Board	Dynaformer	Durcan	121
12	11	Shamardal	Giant's Causeway	Dettori	121

Saturday, Nad al Sheba

**GODOLPHIN MILE-G2, \$1,000,000, 4yo/up, 1600m**

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY
1	10	Athinaois (GB)	Second Empire (Ire)	Bariamoglou
2	5	Burnt Ember	Smoke Glacken	Gryder
3	12	Cherry Pickings	Miner's Mark	Mullen
4	3	Grand Emporium (SAf)	National Assembly	Marwing
5	11	Kaneko (Tur)	Pivotal (GB)	Karatas
6	4	Keltos (Fr)	Kendor (Fr)	Peslier
7	9	Little Jim (Arg)	Roar	Durcan
8	7	Martillo (Ger)	Anabaa	Kinane
9	8	Opportunist (Ire)	Machiavellian	Supple
10	2	Qais	Seeking the Gold	Dettori
11	1	Tsigane (Fr)	Anabaa	Valenzuela
12	6	Emerald Beauty (Arg)	Equalize	Shea

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☆ RESULTS ☆

Monday, Kochi, Japan

**PRIX KUROFUNE-G3-NAR (Listed), Kochi, 3-21, 4yo/up, 1400m, 1:28.40, ft.**

- 1--**MEINER SELECT (JPN), 130, h, 6, by Forty Niner**  
 1st Dam: Umeno Ascot (Jpn), by Lucky Sovereign  
 2nd Dam: Hagino Top Lady (Jpn), by Nijinsky II  
 3rd Dam: Itto (Jpn), by Venture VII (GB)  
 O-Thoroughbred Club Ruffian; B-Kano Farm; T-Hitoshi Nakamura; J-Yutaka Take; ¥30,000,000. Lifetime Record: 17-10-3-1.
- 2--**Nobo True, 130, h, 9, Broad Brush--Nastique, by Naskra.** (\$110,000 yrl '97 KEESEP; \$200,000 2yo '98 FTFFEB). O-Ikebata Inc; B-Mr & Mrs J Moss.
- 3--**Rocky Appeal, 125, h, 7, Valid Appeal--Dame's Rocket, by Timeless Native.** (\$100,000 2yo '00 OBSFEB). O-Makoto Kaneko; B-Mockingbird Farm Inc. Margins: 2, NO, NK. Odds: 3.10, 26.50, 83.50.

UPCOMING MAJOR NORTH AMERICAN STAKES

Date	Race	Track	
Mar. 26	GII Lane's End S.	Turfway	
	GII Distaff BC H.	Aqueduct	
	GII Rampart H.	Gulfstream	
	GIII Palm Beach S.	Gulfstream	
Mar. 27	GII San Luis Rey H.	Santa Anita	
	Apr. 2	GI Florida Derby	Gulfstream
Apr. 2	GII Orchid H.	Gulfstream	
	GII Pan American H.	Gulfstream	
	GIII Excelsior BC H.	Aqueduct	
	GIII Skip Away H.	Gulfstream	
	GIII Tokyo City H.	Santa Anita	
	Apr. 3	GIII Potrero Grande H.	Santa Anita
	Apr. 8	GIII Transylvania S.	Keeneland
	Apr. 9	GI Santa Anita Derby	Santa Anita
		GI Wood Memorial	Aqueduct
		GI Ashland S.	Keeneland
GI Apple Blossom H.		Oaklawn	
GI Carter H.	Aqueduct		
GII Illinois Derby	Hawthorne		
GII Oaklawn H.	Oaklawn		
GII Arcadia H.	Santa Anita		
GIII Bay Shore S.	Aqueduct		
GIII Providencia S.	Santa Anita		



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## WEEKEND PEDIGREE PERSPECTIVES

*by Alan Porter*

**Saturday, Santa Anita**

**SAN FELIPE S.-GII**, \$250,000, SAX, 3-19, 3yo, 1 1/16m, 1:40 (NSR), wf.

1--**CONSOLIDATOR**, 116, c, 3, by [Storm Cat](#)

1st Dam: **Good Example (Fr)** (GSW-Fr & SW-US, \$156,093), by **Crystal Glitters**

2nd Dam: **Divona**, by **Nodouble**

3rd Dam: **Nancy Jr.**, by **Tim Tam**

(\$1,250,000 yrl '03 KEESEP). O-Robert B & Beverly J Lewis; B-Pacelco SA (KY); T-D Wayne Lukas; J-R Bejarano; \$150,000. Lifetime Record: GISW, 9-3-1-1, \$639,260. \*Full to Mycatcandance, SW & GSP, \$121,607.

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For all his long-standing status as North America's

preeminent sire, Storm Cat has had a distinctly limited success in North America's greatest race, the GI Kentucky Derby. In part, we suspect that this is because many of Storm Cat's offspring are at their best at up to around 8 1/2 to nine furlongs, and it's long been our contention, that at least under North American conditions, there is a



**Storm Cat**  
*Tony Leonard*

gap between nine furlongs and 10 furlongs than there is between eight furlongs and nine furlongs.

The two best staying sons of Storm Cat--Tabasco Cat and Cat Thief--did tackle the Derby, but Tabasco Cat could do no better than sixth to Go for Gin, after getting bumped at the start, in the soggy 1994 renewal. Cat Thief finished third to the Storm Bird grandson Charismatic and the Storm Cat grandson Menifee in 1999.

This year, however, Storm Cat might have at least two really live hopes of improving his Derby record, in the filly Sweet Catomine and Consolidator, who was a dominant winner over a strong field in this weekend's San Felipe. Sweet Catomine, who is out of a mare by the stamina influence Kris S., looks sure to last the trip should she earn her way into the Derby with a good display against the colts in the GI Santa Derby, but from a pedigree viewpoint, Consolidator--who like Tabasco Cat and Cat Thief, is trained by D. Wayne Lukas--presents a more complex case.

Consolidator is a full brother to the filly Mycatcandance, who showed all her best form sprinting at two, winning the Indian Summer S. at Keeneland over six furlongs and placing third in the GIII Sorority S. and Pontalba S. over the same trip. Consolidator's dam Good Example was a high-class filly in France, where she was a group winner at a mile and a listed winner at 10 1/2 furlongs. She subsequently took the Barrington Hills S. over 8 1/2 furlongs at Arlington Park. Good Example's sire is the French-raced Blushing Groom horse Crystal Glitters. He won two renewals of the G1 Prix d'Ispahan, the second of which was run over 9 1/2 furlongs. Consolidator's second dam Divona never ran, but has a background which suggests plenty of stamina. She is by the champion handicap horse Nodouble, winner of several important events at 10 furlongs and runner-up in the two-mile Jockey Club Gold Cup. Her dam Nancy Jr., who won the Kentucky Oaks, is by the Kentucky Derby and Preakness winner Tim Tam.

*Porter cont. p8*

<b>Storm Cat</b>	Storm Bird	Northern Dancer	Nearctic
		Dam 3	Natalma
	Terlingua	Secretariat	Sire 6
		Crimson Saint	Dam 6
<b>Good Example (Fr)</b> GSW-Fr, SW-US 15-5-1-0, \$166,480 9Fls, 1GSW, 2SW	Crystal Glitters	Blushing Groom (Fr)	Red God
		Tales to Tell	Runaway Bride (GB)
	Divona 7-0-2-0, \$2,684 11Fls, 1GSW	Nodouble	Donut King
		Nancy Jr. 14Fls, 2GSW	Fleeting Doll
			*Noholme II
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**AWESOME, AGAIN**  
3yo filly **ROUND POND** followed up her 8 length Mdn Sp Wt victory with an impressive 5 3/4 length triumph in the **Honeybee Stakes** at Oaklawn Sunday.  
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Porter cont.



**Consolidator**  
Horsephotos

Consolidator is a product of the Storm Cat/Blushing Groom cross, which has produced seven stakes winners for Storm Cat. These range in aptitude from the German champion sprinter Munaaji to the Group 1-winning milers Aljabr and Sophisticat to Giant's Causeway, who was top-class from eight to 10 1/2 furlongs. In his only dirt start, Giant's Causeway was beaten inches by Tiznow in the GI Breeders' Cup Classic, showing a level of form which would have made him a formidable opponent for Fusaichi Pegasus in that year's GI Kentucky Derby.

The Storm Cat/Blushing Groom cross is quite a outcross one, but Storm Cat's fourth dam, First Rose, is a three-parts genetic relative to Spring Run, the dam of Blushing Groom's sire Red God. This represents a cross of Menow with one of the brothers Sir Gallahad III or Bull Dog. Here it's reinforced by Tim Tam, who is a by Tom Fool (a Menow/Bull Dog cross), and out of a mare by a son of Bull Dog, so doubling that cross.

Overall, and his precocious sister's sprinting tendencies notwithstanding, this is a reasonably stout distaff pedigree by U.S. standards, and we'd give Consolidator a good chance of getting the Derby trip, especially if he finds a wet/fast track as he did on Saturday.

### KENTUCKY DERBY WINNING BEYER SPEED FIGURES

Horse	Beyer	Time	Yr
Smarty Jones (Elusive Quality)	107	2:04.06	'04
Funny Cide (Distorted Humor)	109	2:01.19	'03
War Emblem (Our Emblem)	114	2:01.13	'02
Monarchos (Maria's Mon)	116	1:59.97	'01
Fusaichi Pegasus (Mr. Prospector)	108	2:01.12	'00
Charismatic (Summer Squall)	108	2:03.29	'99
Real Quiet (Quiet American)	107	2:02.38	'98
Silver Charm (Silver Buck)	115	2:02.44	'97
Grindstone (Unbridled)	112	2:01.06	'96
Thunder Gulch (Gulch)	108	2:01.27	'95

## ☆ NEWS TODAY ☆

**ZENNO ROB ROY ON THE GO** Japanese Horse of the Year **Zenno Rob Roy (Jpn)** will venture out of Japan for the first time and race aboard in 2005, according to trainer Kazuo Fujisawa yesterday. The winner of last year's G1 Japan Cup is expected to make his next start in the G1-Jpn Takarazuka Kinen at Hanshin June 26 before departing for England in July to prepare for a tilt at the G1 International S. at York Aug. 16. American rider Kent Desormeaux, who was aboard for the five-year-old's victory in the 2003 G2-Jpn Kobe Shimbun Hai, will take the reins at Hanshin, while famed Japanese jockey Yutaka Take gets the call in the International. Zenno Rob Roy, who is currently enjoying some down time at a farm near Miho, is expected to ship to the Fantast Club in Monbetsu, Hokkaido, to begin preparations for the upcoming season. According to Fujisawa, the dark bay will once again target Tokyo's G1-Jpn Tenno Sho at Tokyo Oct. 30 and Nov. 27 Japan Cup before taking aim at the Arima Kinen at Nakayama Dec. 25.

**ROMANCE STRAIGHT TO GUINEAS** G1 Cheveley Park S. winner **Magical Romance (Ire)** (Barathea {Ire}) will point straight to this season's G1 1000 Guineas at Newmarket May 1 without the benefit of a prep run, according to *Racing Post*. "I've been pleased with her over the winter and she'll not require a prep," trainer Brian Meehan told the trade daily, adding, "She hasn't grown too much, but she's big enough. I was disappointed she didn't get the recognition she deserved [for winning the Cheveley Park], but then again I suppose it's best to let the horses do the talking. She's bred for a mile plus, so it underlined her class when winning over six furlongs. Jimmy [Fortune] will have the first choice on the vast majority of my runners this season."

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

**PEDIGREE TRENDS**

Ultimately, today, I want to talk about inbreeding to Northern Dancer; but this isn't one of those straight roads, like you get so often on the American grid, where you get on an Interstate, turn left once after about 500 miles, and end up about eight states away. There will be a stop or two along the way.

We've been collecting APEX figures and data for over twenty years now, going back to 1983. During that period there have been 24,280 individual 'A Runners,' and I have classified them into what has evolved into about 45 sire lines and branches of sire lines (and therefore as damsire lines and branches, too). Nasrullah was the first of the Phalaris lines to have several branches, but these days, you will not be surprised to hear, Northern Dancer actually has more (nine, of which one is actually 'Other Nearctic,' like Icecapade and Exploident, and another is 'Miscellaneous'). The seven main branches are Nijinsky II, Lyphard, Danzig, Nureyev, Sadler's Wells, Vice Regent/Deputy Minister, and Storm Bird/Storm Cat. The line itself would more accurately be called 'Nearctic/Northern Dancer,' but I'm not going to be the fool to suggest that one.

With 20 years of data, and nearly 25,000 individual cases, there should be detectable trends within the population, and indeed there are. I must hasten to add, though, that for the purposes of this discussion, my analysis is limited to the 'population' of these 24,000-plus 'A Runners,' not the entire population of Thoroughbreds in the countries covered. I discovered very early on that I was never going to be able to afford to analyze the entire population--the costs are just too great for a small, private individual or company--and at first I worried about this hole in the system's logic (opportunity--'how many times has it been tried?'). Over time I have come to believe it's irrelevant anyway because even the greatest performances ever recorded cannot yield over 10 percent Grade I winners, and 20 percent graded/group winners, to foals (or foals bought,

or put into training), measuring the ratio of success against opportunity yields statistics that sound better in theory than they actually work in fact. Basically, there are too many failures to count. Virtually all my analysis now covers what has succeeded, not what has been tried.

***The Decline of Non-Phalaris Lines...***

Sometimes, when I hear breeders and commentators bleating about the decline of 'outcrossing,' I think they sound like they're 'Anti-Phalaris,' or would be if they looked up all the lines which trace back to him: how about Nasrullah, Northern Dancer, Native Dancer, and Hail to Reason (Halo and Roberto), to start with? Nasrullah, Northern Dancer, and Hail to Reason trace back to Phalaris, a foal of 1913, through Nearco and back to Phalaris' son Pharos (a brother to Fairway, sire of Fair Trial); Native Dancer goes back through Sickle (full brother to Pharamond II, ancestor of Buckpasser, and half brother to Hyperion!). All this lot, by the way, were out of Chaucer mares. Because all of this is sort of pre-history to me, I consulted my colleague Tony Morris, who I consider a proper historian of the breed. Given that Phalaris is the most influential sire between his ancestor Eclipse and his descendant Northern Dancer, I asked Tony just how good a racehorse Phalaris was himself. Pretty good, says Tony.

"Phalaris was a very good racehorse," Tony reminded me. "In fact, when John Randall and I back-tracked through the century in an effort to define the merits of all the best horses in Timeform-type terms, we came to the conclusion that he was worth a rating of 132 as both a four- and five-year-old, and we named him champion sprinter and champion older horse in those seasons, 1917 and 1918.

"He won two out of three races as a two-year-old, when he was officially rated nine pounds below the best," he continued. "At three he won three out of seven, including one race at 10 furlongs. At four he was beaten into second on his debut, attempting to give 22 pounds to the winner, then won seven in a row--including sprints in which he once gave his runner-up 40 pounds, and in another carried 142 pounds--before finishing unplaced in the Cambridgeshire. At five he won four of five races, carrying 141 pounds and 147 pounds in two of those victories, and also won at a mile."

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*(Bill Oppenheim cont.)*

Morris and Randall named him Sire of the Century--pretty good for a horse who was not a top-class two-year-old, didn't win a Classic at three, and peaked as a four-year-old-plus carrying big weights. You could not have predicted he would become Sire of the Century, just as no one who saw them both run would have dared predict Northern Dancer would be the greatest sire of the second half of the century, and Secretariat would not survive, virtually at all, in tail-male, just 35 years after his birth. But that is exactly what has happened.

When we tally it all up, there were 10,839 'A Runners' foaled before 1990. Of their sires, 65.7 percent traced to Phalaris in tail-male, 34.3 percent did not. Their damsires were almost evenly divided: 49.7 percent of the dams of 'A Runners' foaled before 1990 were Phalaris-line, 50.3 percent were not.

So far, there were 11,408 'A Runners' foaled in the 1990s: 83.1 percent of them were by Phalaris-line sires, just 16.9 percent--less than half the percentage of the previous decade--were not. As damsires, the Phalaris line went from 49.7 percent before 1990, to 70.2 percent; non-Phalaris dropped from 50.3 percent to 29.8 percent--a 20-percent shift in a decade.

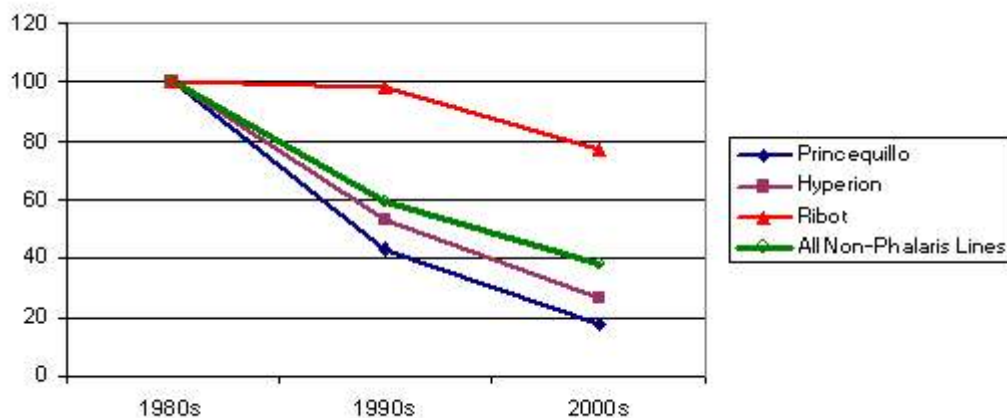
Of the 2,033 'A Runners' foaled thus far in this decade (beginning in 2000), 90.2 percent are by Phalaris-line sires, and just 9.8 percent are not. Of their damsires, 81 percent are Phalaris, 19 percent are not--a further 10-percent drop. You can see this represented in the accompanying graph--which represents damsires of 'A Runners,' by the way, not sires. But the trend is unmistakable. In another 20 years, Eclipse won't be the name virtually everything traces back to: Phalaris will be.

***The Rise of Northern Dancer...***

The survival of a sire line, we see now, is a far more tenuous proposition than we might have imagined 30 years ago. Now we understand it can stand or fall on one horse. Meadowlake is probably just about the end of the Princequillo sire line, basically because Stage Door Johnny was neither a top sire, nor a top broodmare sire. On the other hand, Bold Ruler and Nasrullah might just about survive, through Seattle Slew, and his son A.P. Indy. But if A.P. Indy does not prove a sire of sires, it might not.

***Oppenheim cont. p11***

**DECREASE OF NON-PHALARIS LINES IN THE POPULATION OF 'A RUNNERS'**



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**Bill Oppenheim cont.**

The rise of the Northern Dancer line would take more like a book than a paragraph to document and explore, but what it all comes down to is that he was the greatest sire of sires, of my lifetime, certainly. The real definition of a sire of sires is one whose sons consistently do better at stud than they did on the racetrack; just siring a successful sire son does not make a horse, by this definition, a 'sire of sires.' From Danzig to Unfuwain, Northern Dancer's sons consistently upheld or outperformed their racetrack class at stud.

In the 1980s, 6.9 percent of the dams of 'A Runners' were Nearctic/Northern Dancer-line mares. In the 1990s, the percentage tripled. For the entire decade, 22.1 percent of 'A Runners' were out of Nearctic/Northern Dancer-line mares, but from 1997 forward, the percentage has actually broken the 25-percent mark--now, one out of every four 'A Runners' is out of a Northern Dancer-line mare.

If the general population of Thoroughbreds was static in respect of sire lines, we could then test whether inbreeding 'top and bottom' (sire on damsire) to Northern Dancer was proving successful. If 25 percent of all dams of 'A Runners' are Northern Dancer-line, then 25 percent of the 'A Runners' out of those mares should be by Northern Dancer-line stallions. Unfortunately, it ain't that simple. As the decline of non-Phalaris dams of

'A Runners' suggests, the percentage of certain lines is declining fairly rapidly in the general broodmare population, and the percentage of other lines--Northern Dancer and Mr. Prospector especially--is increasing rapidly.

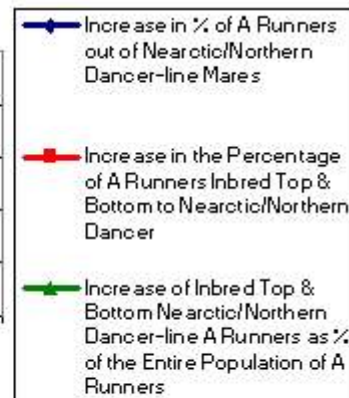
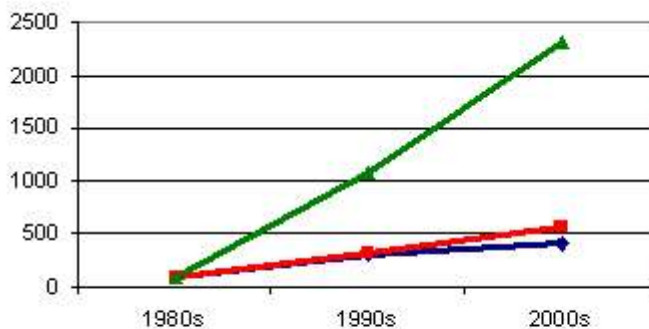
The second graph shows the rate of increase in the influence of Northern Dancer in 'A Runner' sires and damsires. Even as the percentage of 'dams of 'A Runners' (the blue line ◆) is increasing at a steep diagonal, the percentage of those who are inbred to Northern Dancer 'top and bottom' (the red line ■), and the percentage of those in the population of all dams of A Runners (the green line ▲), are increasing at even greater diagonals. Though the green line shows the most dramatic growth, the truly important relationship on this chart is that the red line (percentage of inbred-to-Northern Dancer 'A Runners') is increasing even faster than the blue line (percentage of 'A Runners' out of Northern Dancer-line mares). That relationship right there is what tells me inbreeding to Northern Dancer is a policy to be embraced, not one to be avoided.

In our discussions on the subject, Tony commented: "But exactly what conclusions do you draw from this trend? Phalaris no longer matters in pedigrees, because he is in them all, or virtually all. Northern Dancer is on the way to becoming an irrelevance--perhaps within a dozen years--for the same reason."

Yes and no. **Cont. p12**

**INCREASE of NORTHERN DANCER\* and 'INBRED NORTHERN DANCER'\*\* IN THE POPULATION OF 'A RUNNERS'**

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Tony is absolutely right to the extent that we are talking about the influence of the remote name on the individual in front of us, whoever it is. It's real importance--the decline of non-Phalaris, the rise of influence of inbreeding to Northern Dancer--has more to do with how we identify the horses we're working with. But, in the end, I'll bet Tony and I agree on the effect.

Think about Nijinsky II--he's the perfect example of what we both mean. He was Northern Dancer's first great son, yet he resembles Northern Dancer not at all. He didn't look like him, he didn't throw like him (and when he did throw one that looked like Northern Dancer, it didn't work so well, as Upper Nile demonstrated at stud), and he didn't act like him as a sire or damsire, at least in the specific terms of what he threw physically. Yet when you look at the career statistics for Northern Dancer's four greatest sons--Nijinsky, Danzig, Nureyev, and Sadler's Wells--the first three all had career stakes winners to foals of between 17.5-18.5 percent. Sadler's Wells is only 15 percent, but because he had 60 percent more foals (1,609 to date) than his nearest competitor among the other three (Danzig, 994 to date), and has had 247 stakes winners, I think we can excuse him the drop in percentage.

In varying degrees, the other three sure looked a lot more like Northern Dancer than did Nijinsky. (I've always thought he looked and threw much more like a Bull Lea, his damsire line). Yet they all achieved similar class percentages, given the general time frame (and therefore average crop size) in which they were operating. And there is the operative word: 'class.' Of all the things that impact upon performance, this might be the one most important element. And it's intangible. I've never yet met anyone who could measure it, much less bottle it. At best, we can maybe point to it, identify it: 'there you are, that's class.' No wonder there's no formula to manufacture top racehorses.

**Postscript: Mr. Prospector...**

Given that the last five winners of the Kentucky Derby have been by Raise a Native-line sires (four of them Mr. Prospector-line), many American breeders no doubt wonder what all the fuss over Northern Dancer is about. That's a whole other subject, but it is certainly true that Mr. Prospector is the second-biggest sire line, behind only Northern Dancer, and is arguably more dominant in American racing, especially American dirt racing. And it is also true that Mr. Prospector got a later start in the potential 'inbreeding top and bottom' stakes than did Northern Dancer. Mr. Prospector's first foals arrived in 1976, his first 'A Runner' as a broodmare sire was a foal of 1982, and by 1990 his line had produced just 76 'A Runners' as damsires, compared to Northern Dancer's 748. So no doubt the issue of inbreeding to Mr. Prospector is very much still evolving.

Still, up until now it has not been markedly successful. I divided Native Dancer into just three sections to look at this, and the other two are markedly older than Mr. Prospector (they are: 'Native Dancer Without Raise A Native,' which is mainly Sharpen Up and Sea-Bird, and 'Raise A Native Without Mr. Prospector,' which includes Alydar, Exclusive Native, etc.). Maybe it truly is a matter of time (let's keep checking back on this). But, whereas mares from the other two lines have produced inbred 'A Runners' ('top and bottom' only again) at a 10-percent rate, Mr. Prospector mares have produced inbred 'A Runners' at only a five-percent rate--though it does look like it's increasing to about seven percent currently. That's using all three Native Dancer lines, but Mr. Prospector is siring about 75 percent of Native Dancer-sire line 'A Runners' at the moment. If it proves to be the case that Mr. Prospector is not as successful at 'inbreeding top and bottom,' relatively speaking, as is Northern Dancer, I wonder if it could be that, with the exception of Fappiano, Mr. Prospector hasn't really 'branched out' nearly as much as Northern Dancer: whereas we now talk about such things as 'Danzig over Nijinsky' as being a hot new cross, the Mr. Prospectors don't seem to have deviated as much from the standard--and maybe, somewhat strangely, that's not such a good thing. But that's a subject for another day.

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**PROUD ACCOLADE READY FOR RETURN** Proud Accolade (Yes It's True)'s sophomore season got off to a flying start with a 4 1/2-length win in the Feb. 5 GII Hutcheson S., but the colt was sidelined by illness and missed a scheduled start in the Mar. 12 GII Louisiana



**Proud Accolade**  
*Horsephotos*

Derby. After working five furlongs at Palm Meadows Sunday in 1:00.0, last year's GI Champagne S. winner is back on track, according to trainer Todd Pletcher and will likely be favored in his return in Saturday's Rushaway S. at Turfway Park. "We missed some time with him when he was

sick, so I am pleased how he is coming into the race," Pletcher said. "Obviously our long-term goal does not just include the Rushaway S., so hopefully we can use this as a stepping stone for some big races down the road."

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<b>84</b>	c	<b>Awesome Again</b>	<b>Powerful Nation</b>	<b>\$420,000</b>
Consigned by Adena Springs Purchased by John C. Kimmel, agent for Lee Einsidler				
<b>22</b>	c	<b>Wild Rush</b>	<b>Dark Hours</b>	<b>\$250,000</b>
Consigned by Adena Springs Purchased by Michael Machowsky, agent				
<b>60</b>	c	<b>Awesome Again</b>	<b>Little Miss Fast</b>	<b>\$200,000</b>
Consigned by Adena Springs Purchased by Brophy Stable				

**STAKES CLOSINGS**

**TODAY, WEDNESDAY, MARCH 23:**

- 04-02 \$1,000,000 **Florida Derby-I, GP, 3yo, 9f (3000)**
- 04-02 \$150,000 **Pan American H.-II, GP, 3yo/up, 12fT (150)**
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★ CENTRAL ★

**Texcess Gets Blinkers for Lane's End:**

Trainer Paul Aquirre has decided to equip **Texcess** (In Excess {Ire}), winner of December's \$1 million Delta Jackpot, with blinkers for his tilt at Saturday's GII Lane's End S. at Turfway Park. "He has a tendency to pull himself up when he makes the lead," explained Aquirre. "This will help him relax." The three-year-old came out of his Jackpot victory to run third, beaten 1 3/4 lengths, to Spanish Chestnut in the Jan. 15 GII San Raphael S. at Santa Anita, then was runner-up as the odds-on pick in the Feb. 12 San Mateo Mile at Bay Meadows. Aquirre believes the Lane's End is a good spot to get his charge back on track. "I wanted to run him in the [GII] Louisiana Derby, but he wasn't ready," he said. "This is another race with a lot of money and it fits our schedule."

**Sam Houston to Hold Silent Auction for Jockey Fund:**

Sam Houston Race Park will host a silent auction to benefit the Jockey Crisis Fund on Saturday, Apr. 9. The fund was established to assist injured riders and their families in times of need. "The members of the Sam Houston Race Park jockey colony are essential to the success of our live racing program," said Racing Secretary Eric Johnston. "Trainers, owners and racing fans have expressed an interest in helping injured riders and their families. We are hopeful that the silent auction is successful in raising funds to assist our jockeys in their times of need." For more information, contact Chaplain John Shumaker at (281) 807-7236.

**Yesterday's Results:**

**6th-HAW, \$27,160, Alw, Opt. Clm.** (\$35,000-\$30,000), NW1X, 3yo, a1m70yd, 1:47 1/5, ft.  
**CLASSIC PLAY (g, 3, Mystery Storm--Lady in Power, by Defensive Play)** was sidelined seven months after a 3 1/2-length debut win at Prairie Meadows last August and was a non-threatening sixth in his return to competition sprinting over this track Mar. 7. An 8-5 second choice in the short field of four, the dark bay gelding challenged for the lead through pedestrian fractions and drew clear under urging to score by 3 1/2 lengths. The winner was a \$7,100 WIMJUL weanling and a \$2,500 KEESEP yearling. Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-0, \$25,800. O-Norman & Pam Crossley & Paul Tonderum. B-Wimborne Farm, Inc (KY). T-David D McShane.

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★ INDUSTRY INFO ★

**Fan Interest Up Again:**

The number of people in the United States who said they are interested in Thoroughbred racing increased for the fifth consecutive year, according to results of an ESPN Sports Poll. Fan interest grew by 5.1 percent to 37.4 percent of the U.S. population age 18 and over, for a total fan base of 78.5 million. The climb makes Thoroughbred racing the ninth leading U.S. sport in terms of fan interest. From 1999 to 2004, interest in Thoroughbred racing has risen 19.1 percent. "The upward trend of Thoroughbred racing is one that is unseen in the sports industry," said Tracy Schoenadel, vice president, ESPN Sports Poll. "Particularly noteworthy is that month-over-month comparisons between 2003 and 2004 showed fan interest gains in 11 of 12 months last year." The ESPN Sports Poll conducts monthly telephone surveys to track interest in major sports. Respondents who say they are either "a little bit interested," "somewhat interested," or "very interested" are included in the fan base.

**NetJets Renews Marketing Agreement With NTRA/BC:**

The National Thoroughbred Racing Association (NTRA), Breeders' Cup Limited and NetJets announced yesterday that the New Jersey-based private aviation company has renewed its marketing partnership with NTRA and the Breeders' Cup. As part of the agreement, NetJets will continue to sponsor the \$1.5-million GI NetJets Breeders' Cup Mile, as well as the NetJets Mile division. "NetJets is very proud to renew our agreement with the NTRA," said NetJets Chairman and CEO Richard Santulli. "We have been very satisfied with the relationship and it has generated significant international business for us." This year's Breeders' Cup will be held at Belmont Park, New York.

**SOPHOMORE SPOTLIGHT**

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

*Sire (Sire's Sire), Farm, 2001 Fee, #foals of racing age/Winners/SW Race #-track, race type, distance, runner, odds (if available)*  
**CHULLO (ARG)** (Equalize), Applebite, \$4K, 23/1/0  
 1-SA, Msw, 2f, +Chulla Isabella, \$45K BAR OCT yrl  
**CINNAMON CREEK** (Darn That Alarm), Henson, \$500, 44/0/0  
 10-OP, Msw, 1m, Queen Sandra, 20-1  
**MALEK (CHI)** (Mocito Guapo), Pepper Oaks Farm, \$5K, 52/2/0  
 4-SA, Msw, 1mT, Cut Trail, \$21K BAR OCY yrl  
**MUQTARIB** (Gone West), Valley Creek, \$4K, 46/6/1  
 1-SA, Msw, 2f, +Cool Valley Brew  
**YES IT'S TRUE** (Is It True), Padua, \$10K, 149/26/4  
 3-AQU, Msw, 1 1/8m, Miss Beekman Place, \$160K OBS FEB 2yo

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★ FRANCE ★

**KINANE HAS THE MOTIVATION** Newmarket-based conditioner Michael Bell has confirmed Michael Kinane is first choice jockey to ride G1 Racing Post Trophy winner **Motivator (GB)** (Montjeu {Ire}) this term. Bell also issued an upbeat bulletin on his Fitzroy Stable star. "Motivator's just cantering away and is in very good form. His first run will almost certainly be in the [G1 2000] Guineas [at Newmarket Apr. 30]," the trainer explained. "He is definitely a high-class horse and we'll hopefully see a high-class horse when he appears. He looks a picture at the moment and I'm really pleased with him. Quite a few people are keen to ride him, we've approached Mick Kinane and we've just got to see how the dice sort out after the [Newmarket] Craven meeting [Apr. 12-14]. In an ideal world he has been approached to ride him and he'll ride him. He'll be coming over [to Newmarket] fairly regularly to ride out for Sir Michael Stoute, so he'll get plenty of chances to get a feel of the horse."

**MEEHAN NAMES GUINEAS PREP FOR REBUTTAL** Trainer Brian Meehan indicated G1 Middle Park S. second **Rebuttal** (Mr. Greeley) will point to the Listed International Trial S. at Lingfield Apr. 9 as a prep for the G1 2000 Guineas at Newmarket Apr. 30, according to *Racing Post* yesterday. "Lingfield is the sensible option because it gives us that much more time before the 2000 Guineas," he said. "He's a big horse who has done well over the winter and is right on schedule. I'd be very strong on him. I'd have no doubt [he'll stay a mile] whatsoever. Another plus is that he can handle all sorts of ground."

**TDN CRITERIA**

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- Maiden Special Weight Races** - purses of \$18,000/up
- Maiden Claiming Races** - purses of \$18,000/up and a minimum claiming price of \$40,000

**Yesterday's Results:**

**Maisons-Laffitte, 2.20, Cond, €20,000, 3yo, c/g, 1 5/16mT, 2:23.90, vsf.**

**SPECIAL HONOR (FR) (c, 3, Highest Honor {Fr})--Secret Wells, by Sadler's Wells** remained a maiden after three juvenile starts, including a last-out fourth at Le Croise-Laroche in November, and started this sophomore debut as a 33-5 chance. Sent to the fore after the opening exchanges, the homebred maintained control until pushed along when pressed at the quarter-mile marker and was driven out inside the final furlong to hold **Al Tiger (Fr)** (Tiger Hill {Ire}) by a short neck. Lifetime Record: 4 starts, 1 win, 1 place, €11,900. O/B-Wertheimer & Frere; T-Carlos Laffon-Parias.



**SILVER TOPPING, 21, Damascus--Silvery Honey, by Silver Series**

Foal born Feb. 24, a filly by Pine Bluff. Will be bred back to Brahms. Owned by Cypress Creek, LLC and Equine Farm Management, Inc. Boarded at Golden Age Farm, Ky. Accomplishments: MSW of \$150,540.

**GOLDEN COURT, 14, Slew o' Gold--Left Court, by Valdez**

Foal born Feb. 25, a colt by Distorted Humor. Will be bred back to High Yield. Owned by Robert S Evans. Boarded at Taylor Made Farm, Ky. Accomplishments: Dam of Carnival Court (Carnivalay), SW, \$133,500.

**SILKEN MAGIC, 11, Naevus--Sylvester Sunrise, by Doc Sylvester**

Foal born Feb. 25, a colt by Forest Camp. Will be bred back to Kafwain. Owned by Gulf Coast Farms Bloodstock. Boarded at Taylor Made Farm, Ky. Accomplishments: SW & GSP, \$100,550. Dam of Last Commander (Tabasco Cat), SW-Tur.



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## BREEDERS' EDITION AMERICA

**ALLOWANCE RESULTS:**

**1st-HAW, \$43,656**, Opt. Clm. (\$50,000-\$40,000), NW4X, 4yo/up, 1 1/16m, 1:46 2/5, ft.

**GARESCHE (g, 6, Pembroke--Marie Helene, by Naskra)** Lifetime Record: SP, 34-5-8-8, \$249,552. O-George Johnson & Crown's Way Farm R Dicitilia. B-Crown's Way Farm (IL). T-Andrew M Hansen. \*1/2 to Rose Marie Di (What a Gent), SW, \$209,037.

**9th-MNR, \$36,500**, 3-21, NW4L, 3yo/up, f/m, a1m70yd, 1:46 4/5, ft.

**SUPAH SENSATION (f, 4, Awesome Again--Supah Gem {GISW, \$444,237}, by Gold Meridian)** Lifetime Record: 7-3-0-1, \$72,031. O-Stronach Stables. B-Adena Springs (KY). T-Justin J Nixon.

**9th-HAW, \$28,000**, NW1X, (S), 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16m, 1:49 2/5, ft.

**THE LAST SPY (f, 4, Spy Signal--Perpetual, by Timeless Moment)** Lifetime Record: 11-2-2-1, \$51,810. O-Wild Ride Stable LLC & Hondo Racing Ltd. B-Ranch Hondo (IL). T-Frank J Kirby.

**9th-PHA, \$23,759**, NW2X, 4yo/up, f/m, a1m70yd, 1:43 3/5, ft.

**NONOUR (m, 5, West Acre--Nonie's Girl, by Our Native)** Lifetime Record: 34-11-4-2, \$177,574. O-Mat Stables. B-Casey Seaman (FL). T-Patricia Farro.

**ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:**

**Carlson's Queen**, f, 3, **Lord Carson--Frozen Dough**, by It's Freezing. TAM, 3-22, 1 1/8m (off turf), 1:54 4/5. B-Mr & Mrs S Rogers Jr (Fl). \*\$62,000 yrl '03 FTMSEP.

**We Can Do**, f, 4, **Scatmandu--Top Gunner**, by Salutely. TAM, 3-22, 5f, :57 1/5. B-Lori Fackler (Fl). \*\$15,000 yrl '02 OBSAUG; \$55,000 2yo 2003 OBSMAR.

### ★ ON THE WORKTAB ★ CALDER

**Silver Train** (Old Trieste), 3f, :38.00, 6/6

#### FAIR GROUNDS

**Alumni Hall** (A.P. Indy), 4f, :50.00, 16/26

**Punch Appeal** (Successful Appeal), 5f, 1:00/80, 4/15

**Shadow Cast** (Smart Strike), 5f, 1:00.00, 1/15

#### GULFSTREAM

**Spite the Devil** (Devil His Due), 7f, 1:27.20, 1/1

#### PALM MEADOWS

**Eurosilver** (Unbridled's Song), 5f, 1:00.20, 1/16

#### SANTA ANITA

**Bluesthestandard** (American Standard), 5f (training track), :59.60, 1/1

**Elusive Diva** (Elusive Quality), 4f, :47.20, 4/41

## BREEDERS' EDITION EUROPE

**CONDITIONS RESULTS:**

**FRANCE, Angers, 4.00**, 3-21, €21,000, 3yo, 1 7/16mT, 2:29.69, sf.

**PEINTRE BLEU (FR) (c, 3, Spectrum {Ire}--Pacy, by Manila)** Lifetime Record: 6 starts, 2 wins, 4 places, €32,400. O-Mme C Guitton; B-Star Pastures Management & Haras des Capucines; T-Henri-Alex Pantall. \*€31,000 wnlg '02 DEADEC; €61,000 yrl '03 DEAAUG.

**ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:**

+ **Tirtoff (Fr)**, f, 3, **Anabaa--Singita (Fr)**, by Highest Honor (Fr). Angers, France, 3-21, Mdn, unraced 3yo, 1mT. B-Jean-Pierre Bervoets.

**Homme du Bourg (Fr)**, g, 6, **Homme de Loi (Ire)--Duchesse du Bourg (Fr)**, by Pampabird (Ire). Maisons-Laffitte, France, 3-22, Cond, 4yo/up, 1 7/8mT. B-Ecurie Bader. \*SW-Fr.



## FOALING NEWS

**SLEW OF COMFORT**, 11, Seattle Slew--Close Comfort, by Far North

Foal born Feb. 25, a colt by Grand Slam.

Will be bred back to Dixie Union.

Owned by Diamond A Racing Corp.

Boarded at Diamond A Farms, Ky.

Accomplishments: Dam of Sujimoto (Woodman), SW-Fr.

**FORDYCE**, 11, Cox's Ridge--Foresta, by Alydar

Foal born Feb. 26, a filly by Victory Gallop.

Will be bred back to A.P. Indy.

Owned by Diamond A Racing Corp.

Boarded at Diamond A Farms, Ky.

Accomplishments: Dam of Victory U.S.A. (Victory Gallop), GSW & MGISP, \$615,829.

**GARIMPEIRO**, 18, Mr. Prospector--Far Flying, by Far North

Foal born Feb. 26, a colt by Vindication.

Will be bred back to Giant's Causeway.

Owned by The Allen Paulson Living Trust.

Boarded at Hill 'n' Dale Farm, Ky.

Accomplishments: Dam of Geri (Theatrical {Ire}), GISW, \$1,707,980; Clure (Theatrical {Ire}), SW, \$361,349.

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