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WEEKEND PEDIGREE PERSPECTIVES by Alan Porter

Saturday, San Isidro, Argentina
**GRAN PREMIO INTERNACIONAL CARLOS PELLEGRINI-
G1**, P\$20,000 (\$172,930), San Isidro, 12-10, 3yo/up,
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1--▲**STORM MAYOR (ARG)**, 119, c, 3, by [Bernstein](#)

1st Dam: Maya Toss (Arg) (SW & GSP-Arg),
by Egg Toss

2nd Dam: Mayora (Arg), by Moundrago (Arg)

3rd Dam: Ayora (Arg), by Cipol (Arg)

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Early in his racing career, Bernstein had the reputation
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Bernstein

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purchase, he was sent to Ireland to be trained by Aidan O'Brien, and captured his first two starts--a maiden event and the G3 Railway S., both over six furlongs--in effortless fashion. At that stage, the superlatives were flying freely: he was compared fa-

vorably with King of Kings, O'Brien's champion two-year-old and G1 2000 Guineas winner of a couple of years earlier, and O'Brien called him "very special," mentioning that "it's a big problem to get horses to lead him even cantering." Michael Tabor, joint-owner of both Bernstein and Fasliyev--who ultimately reigned as that season's undefeated champion juvenile--was unhesitating in saying that he preferred Bernstein as his G1 2000 Guineas prospect.

Bernstein was to start only one more time that year. For the one-mile G1 National S., he was sent off as 4-11 favorite, but on very soft ground could do no better than finish a tired fifth behind Sinndar.

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FROM THE DESK OF...

Bill Oppenheim



'QUARTER TO 'HALF: 49 CANDIDATES

The announcement that pro-tem three-year-old champion (and possible Horse Of The Year) Afleet Alex will be standing for \$40,000 at Gainesway turns the spotlight once again on a key group of 49 Kentucky stallions who will be standing for stud fees of \$25,000 to \$50,000 in 2006. Following on the heels of Rock Hard Ten's retirement to Lane's End at \$50,000 (they had already landed Breeders' Cup Classic winner--and possible Horse Of The Year--Saint Liam at the same number), it invites comparison with the more established stallions standing in the same price range.



Afleet Alex Coady Photography

There are, we think, 23 sires scheduled to stand for more than \$50,000 in Kentucky in 2006, including '04 (and possible '05) Horse Of The Year Ghostzapper, who is maybe the first horse ever to retire to stud for \$200,000. But today's subject is the next tier down, and it's a group chock full of attractive candidates for breeders' better mares. Let's look at them in order of the age groupings in the accompanying table (p6-7).

TWENTYSOMETHINGS: A trio of rising 26-year-olds are surely nearing the end of their distinguished careers, but as long as their fertility is still OK, they deserve a look: Diesis is the sire of 82 stakes winners (SW), 44 of them graded/group SW (GSW); Dixieland Band is the sire of 106 SW, was the leading broodmare sire in North America in 2004 and is runner-up in 2005; and Cozzene has sired 69 SW, a highly respectable 9 percent of foals by previous standards. Theatrical will be 24 next year; he's the sire of 72 SW, 19 of them Grade I or Group 1 winners. In their early twenties are Gulch, sire of 58 SW, 28 of them GSW; and Silver Deputy, sire of 61 SW and ranked in the Top 20 in 2005 on both the General Sire List and Two-Year-Old Sire List in North America. Oppenheim cont. p4

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Perhaps the hard race, which came 10 weeks after his previous start, left its mark mentally or physically on Bernstein, for he never attained the level of performance that he had once seemed capable of achieving. He debuted at three in the G1 2000 Guineas, but beat only one home behind winner King's Best.

Off the course for more than two months after that test, Bernstein returned to capture a six-furlong condition race at Ascot by a neck, but, brought back to five furlongs and equipped for the first time with a visor, he was off the board in the G1 Nunthorpe S. Bernstein did return to winning form in the G3 Concorde S., finishing well to get home a head to the good of four-year-old Cobourg Lodge. After that effort, his connections considered a run in the G1 Breeders' Cup Mile, but when he did appear stateside, it was in the GIII River City H., where he finished fifth to another ex-European runner, Brahms.

That ended Bernstein's racing career, and for 2001 he retired to stand at Doug Arnold's Buck Pond Farm in Versailles, Kentucky, at a fee of \$10,000. If Bernstein was an underachiever, relative to his potential, on the racetrack, the opposite might said of his career at stud so far. This is not totally surprising, as he has a classic profile for a horse who overachieves at stud--raw talent which was never fulfilled, combined with a high-class pedigree.

In Bernstein's case, a high-class pedigree equates to being a son of Storm Cat out of La Affirmed, thus making him a full brother to graded-stakes winners Caress (also the dam of the Grade I-winning Sky Mesa) and Country Cat; and a half brother to the Classic-placed group winner Della Francesca. Another of Bernstein's half-sisters, Emmaus, produced the two-time graded-stakes winner Wiseman's Ferry, to Storm Cat's son Hennessy. Bernstein's dam La Affirmed is an Affirmed mare who is a three-parts sister to champion two-year-old filly Outstandingly, and his third dam is a half-sister to Buckpasser.

Bernstein's first crop--three-year-olds of 2005--numbered only 37 foals, with 28 starters, 20 winners and five stakes winners. They are headed by GIII Astarita S. victress Toll Taker, GIII Providencia S. winner Berbatim and Rugula, a stakes winner who also ran second in the GII Fantasy S. Bernstein's early success led to his move to Castleton Lyons in Lexington, Kentucky, for the 2005 breeding season, and he will stand at that nursery for a fee of \$25,000 in 2006. (Incidentally, Bernstein's close relative Wiseman's Ferry has recently moved from New York to stand alongside Bernstein).

While Bernstein has made an excellent start with his Northern Hemisphere crop, he has become a sensation in Argentina with his first Southern Hemisphere crop. His first crop are current three-year-olds and, to date, he has had seven stakes winners. Three of these have taken Group 1 events, and the most recent came over the weekend, when Storm Mayor captured South America's most important event, the G1 Gran Premio Internacional Carlos Pellegrini. Storm Mayor, who caught Forty Licks in the final strides of the 2400-meter (approximately 12 furlongs) contest, was making only his second start beyond seven furlongs.

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STORM MAYOR (ARG), c, 2002

Bernstein	Storm Cat	Storm Bird	Northern Dancer	
		Terlingua	South Ocean	
	La Affirmed	Affirmed	Secretariat	
		La Mesa	Crimson Saint	
Maya Toss (Arg) SW & MGSP-Arg, 10-2-1-4, \$26,424 4FIs, 1GSW	Egg Toss	Buckpasser	Exclusive Native	
		Eggy	Won't Tell You	
	Mayora (Arg) Unraced 8FIs, 1SW	Moundrago (Arg)	Tom Fool	Round Table
			Ayora (Arg) 9FIs, 1SW	Finance
		Sheet Anchor	Atbara (Arg)	
			Cipol (Arg)	
Valencia (Arg)				

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Storm Mayor's first try at a route came in the G1 Argentine Derby on his previous outing, where he finished third. That effort boosted Bernstein to fifth in the overall sires standings, and he also leads the freshman sires and the overall two-year-old sires in all categories.

Storm Mayor is out of Maya Toss, a stakes winner who was third in the G2 Premio Juan Shaw and G2 Premio Abril. Storm Mayor's broodmare sire is Egg Toss, a son of Buckpasser and the stakes-winning Delta Judge mare Eggy. Egg Toss never won a stakes, but was second in the Cabrillo H. at five and third in the GII Del Mar Invitational H. at six. Exported to Argentina, he has been a very successful sire and broodmare sire in that country. Storm Mayor's granddam, Mayora, is by Mountdrago, a Carlos Pellegrini runner-up who was by Sheet Anchor, a U.S.-raced son of Ambiorix. Mayora is a half-sister to Argentine stakes winner Fray Ayote.

Storm Mayor's pedigree is almost a complete outcross at five generations, but since his broodmare sire, Egg Toss, is a son of Buckpasser, and Bernstein's third dam, Finance, is a half-sister to that horse, Storm Mayor has Buckpasser's dam Busanda 5x4. A granddaughter of La Troienne, Busanda was a top-class runner who won the Alabama S. at three and defeated colts in the Suburban H. and Saratoga Cup at four. At stud she produced not only Buckpasser, but also Futurity S. victor Bupers and Dwyer S. victor Bereaucracy. With these credentials, Busanda looks well worth duplicating, and Northern Hemisphere breeders might well find it worthwhile breeding Bernstein to mares carrying Buckpasser, especially if combined with other horses bred on the same War Admiral/La Troienne combination as Busanda.

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FIRST FOALS 1997-1999: Cherokee Run ran second in the Preakness, then came back at four to be champion sprinter. He had five Grade I/Grade II winners in his first four crops and is now going to be having bigger crops out of better mares. Mr. Greeley had 70 yearlings this year average over \$195,000; he's completely sold out, no doubt, at a bargain \$35,000. Thunder Gulch has finally recovered from the after-effects of his 'gap year' in Japan (1999, for foals of 2000): he is 37th on the General Sire List (GSL) and 11th on the 2005 Two-Year-Old Sire List.

Three in this price range hail from the strong 1998 sire crop (sires with first foals 1998), headed by Smart Strike, eighth on the GSL this year after finishing sixth in 2004. He's finally being taken seriously, both at the sales and in the breeding shed. Both Forest Wildcat (28th GSL, 18th 2yo's) and Maria's Mon (22nd GSL, 31st 2yo's) are very much holding their own in the strongest possible company. Two sires with first foals of 1999 fall in this price range: Alphabet Soup (31st GSL), a son of Cozzene who is great value at \$25,000; and Smoke Glacken (42nd GSL), who has overcome not only being champion sprinter, but also being by a sire (Two Punch) who stands in Maryland. That used to play just fine when Northern Dancer stood in Maryland, but that was a special case.

FIRST FOALS 2000-2001: The vaunted 'sire crop' of 2000 boasts Distorted Humor, Awesome Again and Elusive Quality above this level, and there are four more in this price band. The Ashford pair of Grand Slam (24th GSL, 21st 2yo's) and Tale of the Cat (18th GSL, 15th 2yo's) have had consistently parallel careers: they were 10th and 12th, respectively, on the 2004 GSL, and are both comfortably in the top 25 again this year. Indian Charlie, the best son of top California sire In Excess, has 12 SW this year and is another proving consistently popular, both on the racetrack and at the sales. Touch Gold has three different sons entering stud in Kentucky this year: bad for his likely 2006 GSL ranking, but very good as an indicator of the kind of class he can sire.

His first yearlings made **\$570,000, \$500,000, \$400,000, \$385,000, \$275,000, \$260,000, \$250,000, \$240,000, \$210,000, \$200,000, \$190,000, \$190,000, \$185,000, \$185,000, \$175,000, \$170,000, \$170,000, \$160,000, \$150,000, \$150,000, \$140,000, \$130,000, \$125,000, \$125,000, \$120,000, \$120,000, \$120,000, \$112,000, \$110,000, \$105,000, \$100,000** etc

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The 2001 sire crop is a more problematical group: Forestry (\$100,000) is the big gun, but Malibu Moon is this group's only representative this year in this price band. He exploded out of Maryland with Perfect Moon and 2004 two-year-old champion, Declan's Moon. Tremendously popular, he now stands in Kentucky at Castleton Lyons.

FIRST FOALS 2002: This is a sire crop with the potential to rival that of 2000. The crop is headed by Ashford's Giant's Causeway and Fusaichi Pegasus, but it's starting to look pretty deep behind them, too. The next four on the 2005 Sophomore Sire List figure in this price band. Number three, after Giant's Causeway and Fusaichi Pegasus, is Stephen Got Even, sire of pro-tem two-year-old champion Stevie Wonderboy, which is why he also ranks number four on the overall Two-Year-Old Sire List. Fourth is Yes It's True, who has marched right on with a very strong 2005 after finishing runner-up on the 2004 Freshman Sire List; he ranks 26th on the two-year-old list this year. More Than Ready is 13th on the two-year-old list, and ranks fifth overall among sophomore sires in 2005 earnings. He's been really consistently successful, and popular. Number six among 2005 sophomore sires is Dixie Union, who is also 10th on the two-year-old list.

Including Lemon Drop Kid (27th), also from this price band, there are as many sophomore sires among the top 30 sires of two-year-olds as there are freshman sires (nine each). I reckon that's fairly unusual, and reinforces the view that this is a strong group of sires.

Also in this price band are three horses with astronomical APEX ratings, based on early returns, but not necessarily that high in the 2005 rankings. Golden Missile (3.03 mid-year 2005 APEX) is 13th among 2005 sophomore sires. Successful Appeal (5.45) didn't have big foal crops in Florida, but is clearly a top-class son of Valid Appeal. Bernstein (6.82) might have had even smaller foal crops, but he also went to Argentina, and his first crop there, which includes the Carlos Pellegrini winner, is racking up incredible numbers, just like here.

FRESHMAN SIRES (1ST 2YOS) OF 2005: This group's leaders all look quite reasonably priced. The top three freshman sires, all of whom currently have progeny earnings over \$1 million, also rank 3-5-7 on the overall two-year-old list, so it's quite a strong showing. Tiznow, sire of pro-tem two-year-old filly champion Folklore, is still Leading Freshman Sire, by about a \$100,000 margin over El Corredor, with a similar margin back to Florida import Songandaprayer in third. Airdrie's Forest Camp, a good two-year-old himself, and by Deputy Minister, had the 1-3 in last month's GIII Hollywood Prevue S., and is showing all the right signs. Point Given won five Grade I races as a three-year-old, so next year will be his year.

FRESHMAN SIRES OF 2006 (1ST YEARLINGS 2005): This group has been dominated commercially by four stallions, but one of them, Orientate, has been dropped from \$25,000 to \$20,000 for 2006, so that knocks him out of this price band, and this discussion. The other three are also live contenders to make sires.

Came Home is by a proven sire of sires, was a crack two-year-old, and trained on to win six graded races at three, including two Grade I events. He has great credentials. Johannesburg was the undisputed world champion two-year-old of 2001: he won the G3 Norfolk S. over five furlongs at Royal Ascot, then four months later used the six-furlong G1 Middle Park S. as a springboard to winning the GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile. Who cares if he didn't train on: neither did Raise a Native.

Street Cry was first or second in 11 of his 12 starts, including wins in the G1 Dubai World Cup (the second winner of the race by his sire, Machiavellian) and the GI Stephen Foster H. at four; he was also third in the 2000 GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile.

FIRST FOALS 2005: In a group which includes Mineshaft, Empire Maker and Vindication, there are only two sires in this price band. Aldebaran, North America's champion sprinter of 2003, is about Mr. Prospector's last major son to go to stud. It looks like he's being given a major shot at Darby Dan, and seemed well accepted by the market in November. Ditto Sky Mesa, the second highest-rated two-year-old of 2002, behind only Vindication.

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FIRST FOALS 2006: Naturally, sires who have covered their first mares are very popular at the sales each year. Pleasantly Perfect was a triple Grade I winner of the Breeders' Cup Classic, Dubai World Cup and Pacific Classic in 2003-04, and was actually the leading covering sire on average, but it was really only because one mare (Contrive, the dam of Folklore) sold for \$3 million in foal to him at Fasig-Tipton. The moral winner was surely Speightstown, the 2004 champion sprinter, whose mares in foal averaged even more than Smarty Jones's. Medaglia d'Oro is by the very good sire El Prado, and won or placed in 13 Grade I/Grade II races in 17 career starts...he was some racehorse. To return to Tale of the Cat and Grand Slam, each had a \$30,000 first-year son in 2005. Tale of the Cat has Lion Heart, a Grade I winner at two and three and Kentucky Derby second; and Grand Slam has Strong Hope, a drop-dead, good-looking \$1.7-million yearling who won the GII Dwyer S. and GII Jim Dandy S. in New York at three, and placed in the GI Carter H. and GI Met Mile at four.

RETIRING IN 2006: As already mentioned, Ghostzapper tops everybody, maybe ever, retiring at \$200,000, but there are seven retiring who are in this price band. Afleet Alex looks a great buy at \$40,000: he was a top-class two-year-old and trained on to win two Classics, running the equivalent of a Timeform 130 to inhale his field in the Preakness, in spite of nearly falling down. Saint Liam got closest to Ghostzapper, won the GI Breeders' Cup Classic easily, and is the probable favorite for Horse Of The Year. Rock Hard Ten was unbeaten this year and looks a serious successor to his sire, the great Kris S. Leroidesanimaux proved an absolutely top-class miler, a winner of eight straight going into the Breeders' Cup. North Light is by Danehill and won the 2004 Epsom Derby. Kitten's Joy is another by El Prado who competed in the top U.S. turf events for the past two years; and Roman Ruler, from the first crop by Fusaichi Pegasus, won one Grade I race and three Grade IIs, and placed in another three Grade I or Grade II races, in just 10 career starts. So he didn't duck the issue.

IN OTHER NEWS...

The Irish breeding industry has been resigned for a while now to the announcement by the Irish government that they are phasing out the Stallion Tax Exemption, which kick-started the breeding industry there 30 years ago. The prevailing feeling seems to be that, as long as there is an equitable regime that allows deductions for expenses, and if profits will be taxed at favorable corporation rates, they will be able to live with it. I was surprised to learn, when this issue first came up a couple of years ago--and there has been some shameful, class warfare-like politicking over this issue in Ireland--that, even though they didn't have to pay tax on stallion earnings, farms also could not claim any expenses. In some ways, accepting a tax liability while being able to deduct expenses would be fine. This is where the industry now needs to focus, to ensure that the new regime is still business-friendly.

California owner J. Paul Reddam, who has had plenty of success with the likes of Swept Overboard, Ten Most Wanted and Wilko, has come up with a unique plan to attract mares to his Nureyev horse, Momentum, who stands at Vessels Stallion Farm in California for \$5,000. In August, 2008, the farm has guaranteed to buy from any breeder a Momentum yearling resulting from a 2006 mating for \$15,000--three times Momentum's 2006 stud fee.



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"Sight unseen, no questions asked," says the press release. It's a bold move, isn't it, and shows an amazing amount of confidence in his horse. They say the offer only applies to the first 100 bookings; if nothing else, it should certainly ensure he gets 100 mares. Momentum won four times as a three-year-old, including the GIII Native Diver H., and ran second in two Grade Is and a Grade II at four, finishing behind Came Home and Pleasantly Perfect, who both figure in the discussions above.

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								GSL	2YO
AGE 20+									
Diesis	1980	Sharpen Up	1985	KY	Mill Ridge	30000	1.94	---	---
Dixieland Band	1980	Northern Dancer	1986	KY	Lane's End	50000	1.89	50	---
Cozzene	1980	Caro	1987	KY	Gainesway	40000	2.38	85	---
Theatrical	1982	Nureyev	1989	KY	Hill 'N' Dale	40000	2.87	---	---
Gulch	1984	Mr. Prospector	1990	KY	Lane's End	40000	2.25	74	78
Silver Deputy	1985	Deputy Minister	1990	KY	Brookdale	30000	2.26	20	16

1st Foals 1997-1999

Cherokee Run	1990	Runaway Groom	1997	KY	Jonabell	40000	1.53	76	---
Mr. Greeley	1992	Gone West	1997	KY	Spendthrift	35000	1.69	55	52
Thunder Gulch	1992	Gulch	1997	KY	Ashford	25000	1.51	37	11
Forest Wildcat	1991	Storm Cat	1998	KY	Brookdale	35000	1.58	28	18
Maria's Mon	1993	Wavering Monarch	1998	KY	Pin Oak	25000	1.23	22	31
Smart Strike	1992	Mr. Prospector	1998	KY	Lane's End	50000	3.96	8	---
Alphabet Soup	1991	Cozzene	1999	KY	Adena Springs	25000	2.4	31	---
Smoke Glacken	1994	Two Punch	1999	KY	Gainesway	30000	2.41	42	84

1st Foals 2000-2001

Grand Slam	1995	Gone West	2000	KY	Ashford	50000	1.69	24	21
Indian Charlie	1995	In Excess	2000	KY	Airdrie	25000	2.1	41	---
Tale of the Cat	1994	Storm Cat	2000	KY	Ashford	50000	1.6	18	15
Touch Gold	1994	Deputy Minister	2000	KY	Adena Springs	40000	2.07	43	74
Malibu Moon	1997	A.P. Indy	2001	KY	Castleton Lyons	30000	1.79	94	---

1st Foals 2002

										1st/2nd CROP
Bernstein	1997	Storm Cat	2002	KY	Castleton Lyons	25000	6.82	---	---	28
Dixie Union	1997	Dixieland Band	2002	KY	Lane's End	40000	2.08	---	10	6
Golden Missile	1995	A.P. Indy	2002	KY	Adena Springs	25000	3.03	---	---	13
Lemon Drop Kid	1996	Kingmambo	2002	KY	Lane's End	30000	0.7	---	27	12
More than Ready	1997	Southern Halo	2002	KY	Vinery	30000	3.09	---	13	5
Stephen Got Even	1996	A.P. Indy	2002	KY	Lane's End	25000	1.52	69	4	3
Successful Appeal	1996	Valid Appeal	2002	KY	Walmac	25000	5.45	---	---	15
Yes It's True	1996	Is It True	2002	KY	Three Chimneys	35000	4.37	83	26	4

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SIRE	YEAR	HIS SIRE	1ST	ST	FARM	2006	2005 Sire Lists		
							GSL	2YO	1st/2nd CROP
1st 2yo's 2005									
El Corredor	1997	Mr. Greeley	2003	KY	Hill 'N' Dale	30000	---	5	2
Forest Camp	1997	Deputy Minister	2003	KY	Airdrie	25000	---	25	8
Point Given	1998	Thunder Gulch	2003	KY	Three Chimneys	50000	---	---	36
Songandaprayer	1998	Unbridled's Song	2003	KY	Walmac	35000	---	7	3
Tiznow	1997	Cee's Tizzy	2003	KY	WinStar	35000	---	3	1

1st Yearlings 2005

Came Home	1999	Gone West	2004	KY	Lane's End	40000
Johannesburg	1999	Hennessy	2004	KY	Ashford	25000
Street Cry	1998	Machiavellian	2004	KY	Jonabell	30000

1st Foals 2005

Aldebaran	1998	Mr. Prospector	2005	KY	Darby Dan	40000
Sky Mesa	2000	Pulpit	2005	KY	Three Chimneys	30000

1st Foals 2006

Lion Heart	2001	Tale of the Cat	2006	KY	Ashford	30000
Medaglia d'Oro	1999	El Prado	2006	KY	Stonewall	40000
Pleasantly Perfect	1998	Pleasant Colony	2006	KY	Lane's End	40000
Speightstown	1998	Gone West	2006	KY	WinStar	40000
Strong Hope	2000	Grand Slam	2006	KY	Claiborne	30000

1st Season 2006

Afleet Alex	2002	Northern Afleet	2007	KY	Gainesway	40000
Kitten's Joy	2001	El Prado	2007	KY	Ramsey	25000
Leroidesanimaux	2000	Candy Stripes	2007	KY	Stonewall	30000
North Light	2001	Danehill	2007	KY	Adena Springs	50000
Rock Hard Ten	2001	Kris S.	2007	KY	Lane's End	50000
Roman Ruler	2002	Fusaichi Pegasus	2007	KY	Hill 'N' Dale	30000
Saint Liam	2001	Saint Ballado	2007	KY	Lane's End	50000

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INDY GROOVE DQ'D FROM GRADE III WIN The Illinois Racing Board has disqualified **Indy Groove** (A.P. Indy) from her win in the Gill Arlington Matron H. Sept. 3 after the five-year-old mare tested positive for naproxen, a Class IV anti-inflammatory medication that is prohibited on race day in Illinois. Her trainer, Tom Proctor has been fined \$1,000. Pari-mutuel results will not be affected, but the stewards have ruled runner-up **Quick Temper** (A.P. Indy--Halo America, by Waquoit) the new winner. The new second-place finisher is **Diavla** (Bahri--Change My Heart, by El Gran Senor) and the third-place finisher is **For Gillian** (Gold Fever--Lady Jazzi, by Classic Go Go).

FRIENDS OF NY RACING ISSUES YEAR-END REPORT Friends of New York Racing yesterday issued a report entitled "The Way Forward," outlining changes it believes must be made to sustain the Thoroughbred racing industry in the state. Recommendations include enacting new racing legislation in 2006 aimed at boosting industry economics and at restructuring the New York Racing Association and the OTB network. To that end, the "Racing Reform Act of 2006," a joint project of the Racing and Wagering Law Program of the Government Law Center of Albany Law School and FNYR legislative counsel, is in development. It will be the subject of an industry focus group in January and is expected to be completed and submitted to the state legislature by March. FNYR also calls for improved lobbying and communications and for the authorization of video lottery terminals at Belmont Park. For the complete report, go to www.friendsofnyr.com/report_final.html.

★ **NEW YORK** ★

Wednesday, Aqueduct, post time: 3:44 p.m. EST

RANDAROO S., \$65,000, 2yo, 6f

PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER	WT
1	Jet Set Broad	Artax	Servis	118
2	Successful Romance	Successful Appeal	Pletcher	118
3	Oprah Winney	Royal Academy	Dutrow Jr.	118
4	Livermore Valley	Mt. Livermore	Ryerson	122
5	Enjoy the Music	Concerto	Pregman Jr.	118
6	Silvestris	Forest Wildcat	Albertrani	118
7	Carryanun	Straight Man	Perkins Jr.	118
8	Casablanca Babe	Horse Chestnut (SAf)	Ryan	120
9	Gently	Storm Cat	Lukas	118

Maryland Winter Dates Approved:

At its monthly meeting, the Maryland Racing Commission approved the 2006 winter schedule at Laurel Park. Live racing will be conducted for 75 days between Jan. 1 and Apr. 15. There will be a stakes schedule consisting of 19 races worth nearly \$2 million. Purses for the meet's highlights, the Feb. 18 Gill Barbara Fritchie H. and the Feb. 20 Gill General George H., have been increased from \$200,000 to \$300,000. The Breeders' Cup Fund will contribute \$75,000 to each of those events. The Maryland Jockey Club, Maryland Thoroughbred Horsemen's Association and Maryland Horse Breeders Association have agreed on a 180-day schedule for 2006, but the exact dates will be announced at a later time.

OBS Winter Mixed Catalogue Now Available:

Catalogues for the Ocala Breeders' Sales Company's 2006 Winter Mixed Sale are now available on the web at www.obssales.com. A total of 1,290 horses will be offered during the four-day sale, set for Jan. 17-20. Three Consignor Preferred sessions will be followed by an Open session on the final day. Catalogues will be mailed later this month.

C & R Horse Farm Adds Two to Roster:

GISW Flying Pidgeon (Upper Case--Miss Minnesota, by Minnesota Mac) and **MGISW Fastness (Ire)** (Rousillon--City Fortress {GB}, by Troy {GB}) have joined the stallion roster at C & R Horse Farm in Milmay, New Jersey. Flying Pidgeon moves from Maui Meadow Farm, while Fastness was acquired from Godstone Farm, both in Pennsylvania. The 15-year-old Fastness, twice a winner of the GI Eddie Read H. and runner-up in the 1995 GI Breeders' Cup Mile, has sired three stakes winners from six crops to race, including Canadian champion Le Cinq Essai. He will stand for a fee of \$3,000, live foal. Flying Pidgeon, 24, won 12 of his 55 careers starts, including the GI Hollywood Invitational H., and earned \$1,154,337. His 11 stakes runners are headed by GSW Dancing Rhythm. A stud fee was not announced.

APPOINTMENTS...

- Ken Wilkins has been named director of stallion operations at Audrey Haisfield's Stonewall Farm in Versailles, Kentucky. Wilkins, who spent 14 years as broodmare manager of Trackside Farm and stallion manager at Margaux Stud, most recently served five years as Vinery Stud's stallion administrator.



Eastern Report cont.

Yesterday's Results:

6th-PHA, \$23,520, Msw, 2yo, 5 1/2f, 1:04 2/5, ft.
 + **SMART ALLIANCE** (c, 2, **Smart Strike**--**Blind River**, by **Irish River {Fr}**), sent off the 2-1 second choice, settled a half length behind 8-1 shot **Glittermeporridge** (**Glitterman**) through early splits of :22 2/5 and :45 4/5. The bay, a \$57,000 **KEENOV** weanling, \$50,000 **FTKJUL** yearling and \$95,000 **OBSFEB** juvenile purchase, took over from his stubborn foe at the top of the stretch and inched clear late to win by 1 1/2 lengths. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$15,120. O-Houyhnhnm Stable. B-E & D Enterprises & W S Farish (PA). T-John C Servis.

★ **CENTRAL** ★

Keeneland Donations Top \$1 Million:

The Keeneland Foundation's contributions to charities, research and community support exceeded \$1 million in 2005, officials announced during their annual holiday luncheon yesterday. More than 90 charitable organizations received donations, including Midway Home Place, which was given \$50,000 for the construction of a 23-bed nursing home facility; the Kentucky Historical Society (the final of five \$50,000 installments used to build the Keeneland Changing Exhibits gallery); Midway College (the first of three \$50,000 installments for the expansion of their equine studies program); and Mission Lexington (\$10,000 for the construction of a downtown dental clinic for low-income adults in Fayette County). The Foundation is also in partnership with Maker's Mark Distillery in the Maker's Mark Secretariat Center, a retraining and adoption program for retired Thoroughbreds located in the Kentucky Horse Park, and made its final \$200,000 contribution--part of a \$500,000 commitment--to that program earlier this year.

Buck Pond Adds Surachai, Stage Colony:

Versailles, Kentucky nursery Buck Pond Farm has added **MSW Surachai** (Sleppy--Corvettin, by Don B.) and **MGSW Stage Colony** (Pleasant Colony--Meteor Stage, by Stage Door Johnny) to its roster for 2006. Both stallions are owned by Edmond and Sharon Hudon and previously stood at Ballena Vista Farm in California. Stud fees will be announced by Buck Pond at a later date. Ballena Vista Farm had previously announced that **Surachai** and **Stage Colony** would stand for fees of \$2,000 and \$1,000, respectively, for the upcoming breeding season.

★ **SO. CALIFORNIA** ★

A "Momentous" Offer:

Vessels Stallion Farm yesterday announced a "Triple Fee Buyback Guarantee" for yearlings resulting from a 2006 mating to their second-year stallion **Momentum** (Nureyev--Imprudent Love, by Foolish Pleasure). In August of 2008, Vessels will buy back from the breeder, sight unseen, any live **Momentum** yearling for \$15,000, triple the eight-year-old's stud fee. "What makes this offer so attractive is that it provides an almost risk free way to breed a mare



Momentum
Vessel Stallions photo

with a stallion with Kentucky class, bloodlines and conformation," said Vessels' Rich Decker. "The result? A breeder will have three ways to win with a **Momentum** foal. It can be raced, it could be sold at auction or it could be sold back to Vessels for \$15,000." The offer will be limited to the first 100 bookings to the stallion. For more information, go to www.vesselsstallionfarm.com.

★ **INDUSTRY INFO** ★

Goodrich Resigns From President's Post at Arlington:

Churchill Downs Inc. has announced that Clifford C. Goodrich will resign from his position as president of Arlington Park effective Jan. 6. The industry veteran will pursue other professional and personal interests. Goodrich began his tenure at Arlington in 2002 as the track's executive vice president before assuming his current role as track president and senior vice president in charge of CDI's Illinois operations. He had previously served as chief executive officer of the California Thoroughbred Horsemen's Foundation and, prior to that, as president and chief operating officer of Santa Anita Park. "I have greatly enjoyed my time at Arlington Park and will miss working with the fantastic team of employees here," said Goodrich. "I have, though, reached a point in my professional life where I am ready to focus my energies on other priorities, including my family and our first grandchild. Consequently, the time is right for me to return to my West Coast roots. Arlington Park has a very capable management team in place that will continue to guide America's premier showplace for Thoroughbred racing towards future success. My absolute confidence in their ability has made it easier to turn the page and begin the next chapter of my professional and personal life."

STAKES CLOSINGS

TOMORROW, THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15:

12-26 \$250,000 **Malibu-I, SA, 3yo, 7f (250)**

www.stakesdigestweekly.com



The **brisnet.com** 'Race of the Day' is the 8th Race, **Randaroo S.** at Aqueduct.

For pps and a complete race analysis, click [here](#).



FRESHMAN FOCUS



First-crop progeny to watch: Wednesday, Dec. 14

*Sire (Sire's Sire), Farm, 2002 Fee, #2yos/Winners/SW
Race #-track, race type, distance, runner, odds (if available)*

- APTITUDE** (A.P. Indy), Juddmonte, \$25K, 96/9/0
8-CT, Alw, 6 1/2f, Explosive Thunder, \$75K FTF FEB 2yo, 3-1
- CITY ZIP** (Carson City), Lane's End, \$8K, 66/20/2
4-AQU, Msw, 6f, City Princess, \$45K EAS MAY 2yo
- EL CORREDOR** (Mr. Greeley), Hill 'N' Dale, \$20K, 81/16/2
4-AQU, Msw, 6f, Sweet Corredor, \$72K OBS MAR 2yo
- FIVE STAR DAY** (Carson City), Wintergreen, \$10K, 62/10/1
8-CT, Alw, 6 1/2f, Two Star Day, \$16K OBS MAR 2yo, 15-1
- PRIME TIMBER** (Sultry Song), Sez Who, \$5K, 62/11/1
4-AQU, Msw, 6f, +Shining Wood, \$19K OBS JUN 2yo

SOPHOMORE SPOTLIGHT

Stakes/First-time Starters to Watch: Wed., Dec. 14

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

- BEHRENS** (Pleasant Colony), Darby Dan, \$10K, 74/16/0
6-LRL, Msw, 5 1/2f, +Red Behreness, \$25K KEE NOV wnl, 10-1
- CAT COUNTRY** (Storm Cat), Elberton, \$2K, 11/2/0
6-LRL, Msw, 5 1/2f, +Doha, 10-1
- FUSAICHI PEGASUS** (Mr. Prospector), Ashford, \$85K, 199/65/10
8-CRC, Stk, 1 1/16mT, Scalator, \$20K KEE SEP yrl, 8-1
- GIANT'S CAUSEWAY** (Storm Cat), Ashford, \$75K, 310/84/12
8-CRC, Stk, 1 1/16mT, Zurich (Ire), \$166K TAT OCT yrl, 3-1
- MALIBU WESLEY** (Storm Cat), Liberty, \$100, 34/8/0
4-AQU, Msw, 6f, +Karakorum Dreamin', \$9K FTK OCT yrl
- RICHTER SCALE** (Habitony), Wafare, \$10K, 93/17/2
9-LRL, Msw, 5 1/2f, +Quiet Heiress, \$49K EAS MAY 2yo, 5-1
- STRAIGHT MAN** (Saint Ballado), Dunhill, \$5K, 157/54/0
8-AQU, Stk, 6f, Carryanun, \$110K EAS MAY 2yo
- SUCCESSFUL APPEAL** (Valid Appeal), Walmac, \$5K, 81/34/8
8-AQU, Stk, 6f, Successful Romance
- SWEETSOUTHERNSAINT** (Saint Ballado), Ocala, \$3.5K, 95/29/4
8-CRC, Stk, 1 1/16mT, Sir Jackie, \$5K OBS AUG yrl, 15-1
- UNTUTTABLE** (Unbridled), Stonehedge, \$3K, 34/16/2
8-CRC, Stk, 8.5fT, Dream On Dream On, \$50K OBS MAR 2yo, 5-2
- VICAR** (Wild Again), Darby Dan, \$10K, 129/48/2
4-AQU, Msw, 6f, +Vicaracci, \$14K EAS SUM 2yo

VOLPONI TO KOREA GI Breeders' Cup Classic winner **Volponi** (Cryptoclearance--Prom Knight, by Sir Harry Lewis) has been purchased by the Korean Racing Association and will head to that country to stand at Jeju Stud and Training Farm in 2006. Narvick International brokered the deal. Now seven, Volponi won seven of his 31 career starts, taking the Classic by 6 1/2 lengths and also scoring in the GI Pegasus H. on the dirt as well as the GIII Pilgrim S. and GIII Poker H. on the grass. He bankrolled \$3,187,232. The bay went to stud at Hopewell Farm in Kentucky in 2004, and his first foals arrived this year. "We're sorry to see Volponi leave, but sometimes it is in the syndicate's best interest to accept a significant offer," Hopewell's Rick Trontz said. "We're very pleased with his first crop of foals--they have great bone and strong bodies."

BREEDERS' EDITION EUROPE

CONDITIONS RESULTS:

ITALY, Varese, 5.00, 12-12, €9,000, 3yo, 9f 165yds (AWT), time: n/a, stn.
TATO LORENZO (ITY) (g, 3, So Factual--Trig Point {GB}, by Rudimentary) Lifetime Record: 17 starts, 5 wins, 3 places, €22,610. O-Scuderia Ludovica; B-Azienda Agricola S Uberto; T-Bruno Grizzetti.

LEADING EUROPEAN SIRES OF 2005 GRADE/GROUP 1 WINNERS (thru Dec. 5)

Sire	Location	Winners
Danehill (Danzig)	dead	9
Linamix (Mendez)	Fr	3
<u>Montjeu</u> (Sadler's Wells)	Ire	3
Pivotal (GB) (Polar Falcon)	Eng	3
<u>Sadler's Wells</u> (Northern Dancer)	Ire	3
Singspiel (In the Wings)	Eng	3
<u>Alzao</u> (Lyphard)	Ire	2
Bahamian Bounty (Cadeaux Genereux)	Eng	2
Dr Devious (Ahonoora)	Ire	2
Inchinor (Ahonoora)	dead	2
King's Best (Kingmambo)	Ire	2
Polish Precedent (Danzig)	Eng	2
Unfuwain (Northern Dancer)	dead	2

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BREEDERS' EDITION AMERICA

ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

5th-SUN, \$26,500, NW2L, (S), 2yo, f, 5 1/2f, 1:04 3/5, ft.

ACUTE ANGLE (f, 2, Chimes Band--Unbridled Set {MSW}, by Unbridled) Lifetime Record: SP, 6-2-2-0, \$47,752. O-Margaret O Dupont & Margaret V Bloss. (NM). T-J Owen Bringhurst.

9th-PHA, \$23,364, NW1X, 2yo, f, 7f, 1:25 3/5, ft.
TAZALIYA (f, 2, Wagon Limit--Truly Amanda, by Imperial Falcon) Lifetime Record: 7-2-0-2, \$32,160. O-Silver Rod Stables Inc. B-Nicole Zitani & Ramon Rangel (KY). T-Edward Lehman.

3rd-SUN, \$23,000, NW2L, 2yo, 5 1/2f, 1:03 1/5, ft.
CATONIGHT (c, 2, Katowice--Knightress Oxide {SW}, by Tough Knight) Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-0, \$41,415. O-Ocean Front Property & Keith Asmussen. B-David & Elaine Parks (WA). T-Steven M Asmussen. *\$20,000 yrl '04 WASSEP; \$26,000 2yo 2005 BESMAY.

8th-PHA, \$22,000, NW1X, 3yo/up, 7f, 1:22 4/5, ft.
TWO SPARKS (g, 5, Smoke Glacken--Bronze Spark, by Assert {Ire}) Lifetime Record: 27-5-5-3, \$105,980. O-Victory Thoroughbreds LLC. B-Mr & Mrs Troy Reed (KY). T-Ramon Preciado. *\$32,000 yrl '01 KEESEP. ** 1/2 to Blu Tagasaste (Sunshine Forever), Hwt 3yo-lty at 14f+.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Excessive Talker, g, 3, In Excessive Bull--Julie's Trick, by Phone Trick. SUN, 12-13, (S), 6f, 1:10 4/5. B-Davis Moore (NM).

★ ON THE WORKTAB ★

BELMONT

Sinister G (Matty G), 4f (tr), :50.61, 14/32
Salic Law (Deputy Commander), 5f (tr), 1:03.07, 2/7
Wing Man (A.P. Jet), 6f (tr), 1:16.02, 1/2

HOLLYWOOD PARK

Terroplane (Fr) (Verglas {Ire}), 4f, :53.80, 24/24
Sex Machine (Aus) (Shagny), 5f, 1:00.80, 7/33
Bushwacker (Outflanker), 7f, 1:26.20, 1/6

SANTA ANITA

Tsigane (Fr) (Anabaa), 3f, :35.20, 3/11
Preachinatthebar (Silver Charm), 4f, :49.00, 18/33
Buckland Manor (Bien Bien), 6f, 1:14.40, 6/12

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3yo, turf, route (Closing date in bold)

NATIONAL:

01-14 250 Duncan F Kenner BC H., **FG**, 4/up, 6f (TBA), **12-31**
 01-21 150g Palos Verdes H-II, **SA**, 4/up, 6f (150), **01-12**
01-28 300 Sunshine Millions Sprint, **GP**, 6f (100), **12-08**
 02-18 150 San Carlos H.-II, **SA**, 4/up, 7f (150), **2-09**
 02-20 225 General George H-II, Lrl, 7f (50), **02-09**
 03-04 200 Richter Scale BC Sprint H.-II, **GP**, 7f (200), **02-22**
 03-25 2000 Dubai Golden Shaheen-G1, **Nad**, 1200m (0), **TBA**

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