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NH SEASON BOOK FOR REDOUTE'S CHOICE

Arrowfield Stud's **Redoute's Choice** (Aus) (Danehill--Shantha's Choice {Aus}), by Canny Lad {Aus}, Australia's champion first-crop sire in 2003-04 and champion second-crop sire in 2004-05, will serve a limited book of mares on Northern Hemisphere time next year, it was announced yesterday. "While it is difficult to say what demand there would be, his NH book will only be a maximum of, say, 25



Redoute's Choice *stallions.com.au*

mares, as we want to give him a decent rest before next season," Arrowfield's John Messara said. "Perhaps the produce of his NH bookings will open up new vistas for this great horse." The champion three-year-old miler in Australia in 1999-2000, Redoute's Choice posted five wins from his 10 career starts, four of them in Group 1 company. The nine-year-old stallion has sired 19 stakes winners to date, including champion Fashions Afield (Aus) and Group 1 winners Lotteria (Aus), Stratum (Aus), God's Own (Aus) and Undoubtedly (Aus). His 2005 stud fee was A\$220,000, but a fee for his NH book has not been announced.

STEVIE WONDERBOY GEARING UP

Stevie Wonderboy (Stephen Got Even) breezed five furlongs in 1:02.40 at Hollywood Wednesday in preparation for a tilt in the GII San Rafael S. at Santa Anita Jan. 14. "He was just cruising," trainer Doug O'Neill told *Daily Racing Form*. "He finished really strong. I don't work him in a racing fashion. I say this so much, but it was an accelerated gallop." The San Rafael will be the first time the GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile winner tries two turns. "I think two more works is the game plan," O'Neill added. "His gallops are where he makes his fitness."



Stevie Wonderboy
Sherackatthetrack

BANDINI RETURNS TO THE WORKTAB

Michael Tabor and Derrick Smith's **Bandini** (Fusaichi Pegasus), who underwent surgery to have a chip removed from an ankle following his 19th-place finish in the GI Kentucky Derby, got back to work yesterday at Palm Meadows Training Center in Florida. The GI Blue Grass S. hero rejoined trainer Todd Pletcher's barn about a month ago and put forward his first official breeze Thursday, going an easy three furlongs in :39 4/5. "He went well and came out of it fine," said Pletcher, who had a 45-day suspension upheld by the New York State Racing and Wagering Board yesterday [see p1 ATW]. "He's filled out since his surgery; he's bigger and stronger." Pletcher said the colt wouldn't be rushed to make the GI Donn H. at Gulfstream Feb. 4, but said he could possibly be aimed toward stakes races later in the Hallandale oval's spring meet. Bandini stamped himself as one of the favorites for the Derby off an eye-catching six-length romp in the Blue Grass, but emerged from a rough trip in the Run for the Roses with a chip to his right front ankle. To date, Bandini has won three of six starts and earned \$564,180.



**Bandini before the
Kentucky Derby**
Horsephotos

☆ PREVIEW ☆

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☆ LETTERS TO THE EDITOR ☆

From Lyn Cowan

Just a note to say a resounding YES to Bill Finley's article on the "fragility" of modern racehorses. I've been playing this game for nearly 50 years (!) and can tell you that horses are *not flowers*, as many trainers today think. There will not be much of a breed left within 20 years if the current patterns continues: breeding for precocious speed rather than stamina, and racing so lightly that horses never do become real athletes and the sport has no stars. If you put undertrained horses on the track and then whip them all the way down the stretch, you have a spectacle of incompetence and abuse which drives away not only newcomers to the sport, but old players like myself, who find a day at the track increasingly unpleasant and frustrating. Sometimes I think I'll choke on my own nostalgia for the old days, when, as Bill Finley said, horses ran often, ran sound, and ran a distance of ground. Keep the good thinking coming, Bill.

From Graeme Beaton

Loved Bill's column about durability. I recall a couple of years ago the winner of the two-mile Melbourne Cup had a one-and-a-half mile prep race four or five days before. Things are done differently in my native Australia. Horses don't leave their best work on the training track. If they are sound, they race every week. It would be interesting to see the start stats Australia vs. the U.S. My guess is the average Aussie Thoroughbred has twice as many starts as his counterpart in the U.S. per year and in their racing lifetime. U.S. horses are mollycoddled to early retirement and worse, death. Another factor in this U.S. regime is the drug equation. Horses on race-day medication take longer to recover and therefore they need more time between races. For example, Lasix, given its diuretic effects, must take a lot out of a horse in more ways than one, and these legal drugs are used to cover up illegal substances. Banning race-day medication as they do in many countries overseas would also help the breed.

*From Joseph Di Rienzi, Ph.D.
Professor of Physics*

College of Notre Dame of Maryland

I could not agree more with Bill Finley's article in the Dec. 15 edition of the *Thoroughbred Daily News*. I have for a long time rejected the argument that today's Thoroughbreds are more fragile than those of 40 years ago. There are no genetic, medical or physical reasons for a change in the breed. The real reason superior racehorses are racing less is the economic calculus of the sport, which has put the emphasis on breeding rather than racing. America is now more aligned with our European counterparts with the idea that once a horse has established his/her top market value as a reproductive animal, the time is at hand for that horse to be retired. It is then that the horse's owner(s) can look forward to reaping the financial rewards of a breeding career. Look at the number of horses that will be first-year stallions next year in the United States in 2006. There must be a record number of new retirees. I see this condition as an unbalance in the economic equilibrium of the sport. The greatest payoff should be those who take the greatest risks which would involve putting horses in training and in racing them. However, stallion owners and syndicates have approximately a four-year window before a stallion's value changes. As long as the stud stays healthy and is fertile these stallion owners can receive a fairly risk-free return on their investment. But there should be a reckoning sometime in the future. These are performance animals, and if they are not racing much, then why are we breeding them? Eventually an over-supply will occur, and there will be a fall-off in stud fees and auction sales prices of the progeny of these stallions. Until this unbalance is corrected, I do not foresee a shift in the trend to under race quality horses as Mr. Finley so strongly points out.

TDN TODAY

Headline News 3 pages

Redoute's Choice "The Wonder From Down Under"
BY SIRE OF SIRES DANEHILL

FACT 2

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From Reta A. Underwood

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As a Thoroughbred owner of many years who has had 'cheap' horses in comparison to Afleet Alex, Lost in the Fog, etc., it's really hard for me to believe that the big-time owners and trainers or industry specialists think this way. If The Jockey Club would extrapolate the statistics on horses who made it to the race track and race, we would see that there are in fact many horses who have careers that span more than the 10 or 15 races you reference. Another reason that many horses don't run as often is that race tracks don't write races for the horses they house on their backstretch. It'd be great if someone would take the time to develop a racetrack backstretch software program where trainers could input data for the racing secretary so that at a moment's notice, one could calculate what horses were available to race, what level they race at, etc. Making a 'true race card' option for the track and betting public. It's not rocket science, I know, but as an owner who has experienced so many times horses waiting for a race (which contributes to less lifetime races) it can be very frustrating. From my point of view, it's the pricey horses that are pampered by racing less and not the ones who have to hit the board in order to pay the bills!

From Bayne Welker, Jr.

I am a bit taken that a publication with the quality and knowledge of the *TDN* would publish such a deplorable article as the one written by Bill Finley. As he conceded that he knows nothing of training the equine athlete, it is further obvious he has little insight into the breed in general. I will agree that we have and continue to diminish the positive traits of the modern Thoroughbred but it has nothing to do with today's modern trainer. We are in an era where a breeder's emphasis is the public marketplace, and that contributing factor has driven the breed to what it is today. As breeders we are compelled to breed our mares to stallions that will have appeal in the market, and forego the fact that we continue to perpetuate the fragile characteristics found in today's racing stock. As a note to Bill Finley, today's owners want results yesterday, and it is a credit to the trainers who are able to keep their horses sound enough to compete. You can bet it is not by choice that these horses make as few starts as they do every year. As long as the demand stays strong for sons of certain sire lines, breeders will continue to supply it.

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NEW YORK ALTERS RACE-DAY MEDICATION REGULATIONS

By Tom Precious, courtesy of www.bloodhorse.com

New York regulators have altered the state's equine medication rules to bring them more in compliance with other states, but they have refused to join states that permit administration of more race-day drugs.

"This is a real advance in modernizing the rules and making them more consistent regionally and nationally," New York State Racing and Wagering Board chairwoman Cheryl Buley said. "[The rules] are tough but fair." Buley said New York held its ground by declining to permit drugs other than the bleeder medication Salix on race day. Kentucky and most states in the Mid-Atlantic region also allow use of adjunct bleeder medications on race day. The board changed the minimum levels of Salix that can be given to horses on race day from a minimum of 5 milliliters to 3 milliliters. Previously, the rule permitted between 5 milliliters and 10 milliliters to be administered. Officials said the new rule better takes into account the variation in weight of horses. "The horsemen need to have the ability to administer less than 3 CCs of [Salix] when necessary," board commissioner Michael Hoblock said of higher levels that have proven dangerous to some horses. [Click here](#) for the complete story.

NEW YORK UPHOLDS 45-DAY SUSPENSION FOR PLETCHER

By Tom Precious, courtesy of www.bloodhorse.com

Trainer Todd Pletcher, who recently set a single-season record for earnings, was suspended for 45 days by New York regulators Dec. 15 for a banned substance found in one of his horses that raced a year ago at Saratoga. The suspension, as well as a \$3,000 fine, had been on appeal by Pletcher. But his appeal was rejected by a hearing officer, and the New York State Racing and Wagering Board upheld the suspension. "It came down to fact versus a presentation of hypotheticals," said racing board commissioner Michael Hoblock. The horse, Tales of Glory, was found to have mepivacaine, a local anesthetic, in his system after the third race at Saratoga Aug. 14, 2004. "It's a powerful substance that can block a nerve," racing board chairwoman Cheryl Buley said. "We have to take that very seriously." [Click here](#) for the complete story.

★ **NEW YORK** ★

Yesterday's Results:

RIDE SALLY S., \$66,750, AQU, 12-15, (R), 3yo, f, a1m70yd, 1:43 2/5, ft.

1--**#SPUN SILK, 116, f, 3, A.P. Indy--Spunoutacontrol (SW)**, by Wild Again. O-Darley Stable; B-Jayeff "B" Stables (KY); T-Kiaran P McLaughlin; J-P Fragoso; \$40,050. Lifetime Record: 5-2-0-0, \$56,150.

2--**Victory Pool, 116, f, 3, Victory Gallop--Talesin**, by Talinum. (\$70,000 2yo 2004 OBSMAR). O-New Farm. \$13,350.

3--**Pleasant Laughter, 116, f, 3, Coronado's Quest--Pleasant Reign**, by Pleasant Colony. (\$95,000 yrl '03 KEESEP). O-Hilly Fields Stable & Thomas Moran. \$6,675.

Margins: 4, 1HF, NK. Odds: 26.25, 5.40, 4.40.

Ride Sally S. result cont. p2

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Ride Sally S. result cont.

Spun Silk spun some green for those who took a chance on her at 26-1. The three-year-old was a well-beaten fifth on debut at Saratoga in late July and was beaten 8 3/4 lengths in a Belmont maiden Sept. 17. She began to show signs of life two back, pressing the pace before faltering to be seventh at Belmont Oct. 9, then put it all together last time in her route bow, streaking home a 13 1/2-length winner after shipping down to Philly Park Nov. 1. The longest shot on the board at 26-1, she belied those odds by jumping out to set sensible fractions before shaking loose of the pack in deep stretch. [Video, sponsored by Taylor Made.](#)

7th-AQU, \$46,000, Alw, Opt. Clm. (\$75,000), NW1X, 2yo, a1m70yd, 1:43 2/5, ft.

EXTRA BEND (g, 2, Twining--Talega, by Devil's Bag) managed only a second in four special weight contests to begin his career, but found the winner's circle when dropped in for a \$75,000 tag in a 2 1/2-length romp on the grass at Belmont Oct. 6. He was third over a soft Big A lawn Nov. 24, his most recent, and was given a 6-1 chance trying the dirt for the first time since June. The \$18,000 KEESEP yearling rallied from a stalking perch and opened up a one-length advantage in upper stretch, rebuffed a bid from Two Deals Pending (City Zip) a furlong out and drew off to prevail by 3 1/2 lengths. Two Deals Pending was clearly second best. Lifetime Record: 7-2-1-1, \$65,930. [Video, sponsored by Taylor Made.](#)

O-Markpoint Stable. B-J Kinerk Burton (KY). T-Steven M Asmussen.

6th-AQU, \$43,000, Alw, NW1X, (S), 3yo/up, 6f, 1:11 2/5, ft.

SPIN FACTOR (c, 3, Indian Charlie--Moonvain {MSP}, by High Brite), a \$23,000 OBSAUG yearling who blossomed into a \$310,000 OBSMAR juvenile, hit the board in each of his first five efforts this summer and fall before finally finding the win column in his latest, a wire-to-wire tally going a furlong longer at this track Nov. 25. Wasting no time in making a return trip to the winner's circle, the New York-bred, the tepid 2-1 pick, kept within striking distance of pacesetter Cat's Lad (Lil's Lad) and overhauled that rival to win by a widening 3 1/4-length margin. Lifetime Record: 7-2-3-2, \$85,000.

O-Anstu Stables Inc. B-Sez Who Thoroughbreds (NY). T-Todd A Pletcher.

4th-AQU, \$42,000, Msw, (S), 2yo, a1m70yd, 1:45 4/5, ft.

INDIAN HAWKE (c, 2, Indian Charlie--Georgialina, by Affirmed), a \$140,000 FTNAUG yearling, failed to land a blow in his debut sprinting at the Big A Nov. 23, trailing home eighth at 7-2 odds. Let go at 8-1 on the stretch out here, the gray was sent to the head of affairs and clicked off :24, :49 1/5, and 1:15 2/5 splits. Given the green light under Jose Santos entering the lane, he lengthened clear and leveled out nicely en route to a 2 1/4-length tally. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$25,364. [Video, sponsored by Taylor Made.](#)

O-Donald F Flanagan. B-Joseph & Theresa Mangine (NY). T-George Weaver.

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

★ GULFSTREAM ★

Bailey Gulfstream Bound:

Hall of Fame jockey Jerry Bailey is expected to ride, at least for the first part of the meeting, at Gulfstream Park next year, according to *Daily Racing Form*. "I'm going to start riding at Gulfstream," Bailey told the *Form*. "I don't know how long it's going to last."

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Quick Action to Martin Stables South:

Overbrook Farm homebred **Quick Action** (Carson City--Indian Sunset, by Storm Bird), winner of Aqueduct's Fred Capossela S. and second-place finisher in Keeneland's Gill Lafayette S., will enter stud in 2006 at Martin Stables South in Florida. He will stand for \$3,500. "Quick Action fits the profile of the horses who have excelled in Florida," owner Eddie Martin commented. "He was a precocious two-year-old who was loaded with speed. He's the only stallion in Florida by emerging sire of sires Carson City and he's from the family of the greatest stallion standing in America, Storm Cat. We think he can't miss."

Weather Forces Cancellations:

Another bout of wintry weather forced more cancellations yesterday. West Virginia's Charles Town and Beulah Park, in Grove City, Ohio, both called off their

Thursday cards as a storm rolled through region. Charles Town is slated to resume tonight at 7:15. Beulah Park has a first post of 12:44 this afternoon. Meanwhile, officials at Laurel were happy to have staged the entirety of their nine-race card. The first race on the afternoon



Braving the Elements at Laurel Park
Jim McCue

kicked off in the midst of a driving snow storm, but by the second race the snow had changed to a light freezing rain and both horses and jockeys persevered. "We were mindful of our fans and the owners and trainers who have a vested interest in this business," said Lou Raffetto, chief operating officer of the Maryland Jockey Club. "We thought it was important to give it a chance [yesterday]. The jocks were willing and it turned out to be the right decision."

Yesterday's Results:

8th-LRL, \$33,000, Alw, Opt. Clm. (\$32,000-\$28,000), NW3X, 3yo/up, f/m, 1m, 1:41 4/5, slow.

DYNAMIC DEPUTY (f, 3, Deputy Minister--Dynamic Star {MSW & MGISP, \$237,755}, by Silent Screen) won at first asking sprinting at Pimlico in mid-August and made it two straight going a mile at Laurel a month later. A move to the turf yielding another win at Laurel Sept. 30, but she had to settle for place honors in a NW3X at that track Oct. 19. Fifth, beaten seven lengths, in her stakes debut in the Ann Arundel S. over course and distance Nov. 19, it was back to winning ways here as the 6-5 choice. The bay raced along in third through the half before launching her bid and running away to the 6 3/4-length victory. The winner is a full to Star Minister, GSW, \$458,650; and a half to Dynamic Brush (Broad Brush), GSP, \$235,002; and Stellar Brush (Broad Brush), GSW, \$626,830. Lifetime Record: 6-4-1-0, \$76,620.

O-Fitzhugh LLC. B-Robert E Meyerhoff (MD). T-Richard W Small.

7th-CRC, \$22,000, Alw, Opt. Clm. (\$25,000), NW2X, 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16mT, 1:42 1/5, fm.

CHOREOGRAPH (f, 3, Dynaformer--Dance for Vanny {GISP, \$167,716}, by Sovereign Dancer) began her career with a victory on Pimlico's lawn in June and notched her first allowance win three starts later at Delaware Sept. 11. Entering this off a fifth at Laurel Oct. 30, the 9-1 outsider was fanned widest of all turning for home, but got up in the waning strides to hand Seanachai (El Prado {Ire}) the half-length defeat. The 3-2 pick Vous (Wild Rush) was third. Lifetime Record: 6-3-0-0, \$54,720.

O-Ramona Bass. B-John L Wieczorek (KY). T-Michael R Matz.

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★ CENTRAL ★

Greely Appointed at Arlington Park:

Kevin Greely, formerly with the Emirates Racing Association and Dubai Racing Club, has been appointed Vice President of Racing and Racing Secretary of Arlington Park. "We are extremely pleased to have such an experienced racing official direct our racing department at this important time for Arlington Park and Illinois racing," said Arlington Park Chairman Richard Duchossois. "Not only is Kevin recognized nationally for his tenure at some of the country's most prestigious racetracks, but he is known throughout the world for his contributions to the Emirates Racing Association and Dubai Racing Club." The secretary to the ERA and racing secretary previously, Greely also held positions at the Fair Grounds, Churchill Downs, Keeneland, Turfway Park and Arlington Park, where served as the track's assistant racing secretary in 1986 and a placing and patrol judge, as well as a claims clerk in 1984-85. Arlington Park will run a 94-day meet in 2006, beginning May 5 and continuing through Sept. 12.

Wednesday Night's Results:

6th-TPX, \$23,110, Msw, 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16m, 1:48 4/5, ft.

GENEROSITY (f, 3, Unbridled's Song--Rewarding, by Storm Bird) was left some 14 lengths behind at the break in her unveiling over the Churchill slop Nov. 6, but showed some interest late and closed to be fifth. She took another step forward next out, running a solid third in her first test around two turns over this track Nov. 30, and was adding Lasix here as the public's 2-1 choice. As in her debut, she was off to an inauspicious start after being slammed shortly after the break, but recovered well and was soon in mid-pack just a few lengths off the leaders. Jockey Eddie Martin, Jr. put her to a drive as they turned for home and the Peter Blum homebred got up after a sustained run to deny Post Haste (Mr. Greeley) by 3/4 lengths. It was another 7 1/4 lengths back to third. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-1, \$17,905.

O/B-Peter E Blum (KY). T-Derek Galvin.

★ SO. CALIFORNIA ★

Declan's Moon Still Needs More Time:

Last year's two-year-old champion **Declan's Moon** (Malibu Moon), off since notching the GII Santa Catalina S. Mar. 5 in his only start this season, is headed to a lay-up farm in Hemet, Ca. for a month of training, according to *Daily Racing Form*. The unbeaten gelding continues to move forward from a cannon bone injury, but still needs more time before resuming serious training. "He came out well on the nuclear scan, but the X-rays showed he has a little way to go," trainer Ron Ellis told *DRF*. "He needs exercise to get everything moving. He needs stimulation and circulation. That will give him some exercise without putting any weight on him."

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Arapahoe Park Joins NTRA:

Arapahoe Park, Colorado's sole racing facility, has joined the National Thoroughbred Association. This will mark the first time that the Aurora-area track will participate in the national organization. "This is just another example of how they intend to move forward in this state with the focus on racing," said Sean Beirne, vice president of racing and simulcast at Arapahoe Park. It is a great opportunity for a smaller racing facility like Arapahoe Park to take advantage of the recourses extended to us by the national organization. Our plan is to also work diligently with the NTRA to involve our horsemen in the organization as well."

 **FRESHMAN FOCUS**

First-crop progeny to watch: Friday, Dec. 16

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

- COASTAL STORM** (Storm Cat), Pin Oak Lane, \$3K, 37/2/0
6-MNR, Alw, 6f, All Show No Go, 3-1
- CONSCIENCE CLEAR** (Relaunch), Martin, \$1000, 12/2/0
1-MNR, Msw, 6f, Rememberinjonathon, \$47K TEX MAR 2yo, 30-1
- FIVE STAR DAY** (Carson City), Wintergreen, \$10K, 62/10/1
5-HOL, Msw, 1 1/16m, Ironstar, \$60K KEE NOV wnl
- KING CUGAT** (Kingmambo), Lane's End, \$10K, 45/5/2
1-MNR, Msw, 6f, R Lil King, \$2K KEE SEP yrl, 10-1
- MADRAAR** (Mr. Prospector), Hideaway, \$4K, 36/1/0
4-GG, Msw, 1 1/16mT, Source of Life

 **SOPHOMORE SPOTLIGHT**

Stakes/First-time Starters to Watch: Friday, Dec. 16

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

- VICAR** (Wild Again), Darby Dan, \$10K, 129/48/2
1-MNR, Msw, 6f, +Cortona's Quest, 2-1

GOLDRUN TO REMAIN IN TRAINING Alexander Goldrun (Ire) (Gold Away {Ire}), a disappointing eighth in defense of her title in the G1 Hong Kong Cup last Sunday, is likely to remain in training for 2006, trainer



Alexander Goldrun
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Jim Bolger told *Racing Post*. The recipient of a rail trip in the 2000-meter event, the four-year-old filly was asked to kick through a narrow opening at midstretch, but was stymied and lost all chance. Bolger originally indicated that the filly's future was uncertain, but changed his tune yesterday. "That's not right," he told

the publication. "She has come out of the race well and she is likely to race again next year." The bay had a very busy schedule in 2005, traveling to Dubai (sixth in the G1 Sheema Classic) and Singapore (third in the G1 Singapore Airlines Cup) before her Hong Kong venture. Her two victories came in the G1 Pretty Polly S. in June and the G1 Nassau S. the following month. Alexander Goldrun has eight wins from her 21 career starts and earnings of \$1,277,844.

★ BRITAIN ★

PINSON TO GODOLPHIN

Baron Guy de Rothschild has sold the promising sophomore **Pinson (Ire)** (Halling) to Godolphin, the *Racing Post* revealed yesterday. Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid al Maktoum's operation swooped for the G3 Prix Daphnis and G2 Prix Guillaume d'Ornano scorer, last seen when only 10th in the G1 Champion S. at Newmarket. Racing Manager Simon Crisford told the *Post*, "There are no racing plans for him at the moment." Pinson is the latest Godolphin high-profile acquisition over the past three months, including the G1 Irish Oaks heroine Shawanda (Ire) and G1 Prix d'Ispahan and G1 Queen Anne S. winner Valixir (Ire) from His Highness the Aga Khan.

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British Report cont.

TRAINER BANNED FOR THREE YEARS

Shaun Keightley has been “warned off” by the Jockey Club after a disciplinary hearing on Wednesday, making him the latest high-profile victim of the wide-spread crackdown on corruption in racing. The trainer was also told that he could not re-apply for a licence for another two years after that period after the committee found him guilty of offences linked to the running of subsequent G3 Chester Vase winner Red Lancer (GB) in a Wolverhampton seller in October 2003. After the horse was laid on betfair, it eventually finished ninth, having missed the break under Pat McCabe, who was suspended for 28 days under the “non-triers” rule. In its conclusion, the committee revealed that Keightley had “aided and abetted” the now infamous London tailor Chris Coleman “to commit a corrupt practice” regarding the horse’s running in that race. His link to Coleman, who formed part of a betting ring including the jockey Gary Carter, both warned off in October this year, was uncovered by mobile phone records. He is planning an appeal and had no comment to make.

★ EUROPEAN-BRED WINNERS ★

Ampelio (Ire), c, 3, **Grand Lodge**--Bordighera, by Alysheba. Nad al Sheba, 12-15, Mdn., 1600m, 1:38.74. B-Lael Stables. *Full to Grandera (Ire), Ch. Older Horse-Eur, Hwt. Older Horse-Eng & Ire at 9.5-11f, G1SW-Eng, Ire & Mal, GSW-UAE, G1SP-Fr & Aus, \$2,873,271; and George Washington (Ire) (Danehill), MG1SW-Ire, \$557,071. **800,000gns yrl '03 TATHOU. ***See *Dubai Report*.

Machynleth (GB), g, 5, **Machiavellian**--Tanami (GB) (G1SP-Eng), by Green Desert. Nad al Sheba, 12-15, Hcp., 1100m, 1:04.58. B-Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum. *1/2 to Cairns (UAE) (Cadeaux Genereux {GB}), GSW-Eng.

Janadel (Ire), h, 6, **Machiavellian**--Insijaam (MSW-Fr), by Secretariat. Nad al Sheba, 12-15, Hcp., 1600m, 1:37.72. B-Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum. *1/2 to Pictavia (Ire) (Sinndar {Ire}), G1SP-Eng & Ire, \$243,056.

Secret Plot (GB), g, 7, **Machiavellian**--La Confederation (GB) (GSW-Eng, \$117,045), by Nureyev. Nad al Sheba, 12-15, Hcp., 1600m, 1:37.87. B-Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum.

IN HONG KONG:

Best Choice (Ire), g, 4, **Spectrum (Ire)**--Desert Venus (GB), by Green Desert. Sha Tin, 12-14, Hcp., 2200mT. B-Jack Roman & Des Vere Hunt Farm Co. *€30,000 yrl '02 GOFECT.



MIDDLE EAST



★ DUBAI ★

GRANDERA BROTHER BREAKS MAIDEN

Ampelio (Ire) (Grand Lodge), a full brother to European champion Grandera (Ire), won his maiden in last night’s opening race for Thoroughbreds at Nad Al Sheba Racecourse. Unplaced in two starts on the grass for Sir Michael Stoute in 2004, the chestnut colt was switched to the barn of Mazin al Kurdi this fall and turned in a pair of promising efforts on the sand, finishing a nose second in a Nov. 17 maiden prior to a close third in an open handicap Dec. 1. Ridden to victory by Ted Durcan last night, the 800,000gns Tattersalls



Ampelio Andrew Watkins

Houghton yearling travelled nicely throughout, edged to the front with 400 meters to race and pulled away to score by five lengths. It was the first success for trainer Rod Simpson, who has taken over for the now suspended Al Kurdi at Millennium Stables. “Millennium Stables in a well-oiled machine and it is great to be part of the team,” Simpson commented. “I am still finding my feet and everyone is being really helpful.” Bred in Ireland by Roy and Gretchen Jackson’s Lael Stables, the winner is owned by Elsadig Elhar.



AUSTRALASIA



INGLIS CELEBRATES HKIR RESULTS The William Inglis Co. had ample reason to celebrate the results of Sunday’s Hong Kong International Races, as the company will consign relations to three prominent horses from that meeting during their Australian Easter Yearling Sale April 18-20. Darley Australia’s first-ever Easter draft of locally bred horses will include an Elusive Quality half sister to G1 Hong Kong Cup and World Series Champion **Vengeance of Rain (NZ)** (Zabeel {NZ}). Sheikh Mohammed’s operation acquired the horses’ dam, the G1 Blue Diamond S. winner Danelagh (Aus) (Danehill), following the victory of Dizelle (Aus), a full sister to Vengeance of Rain, in the G1 AJC Australian Oaks earlier this year. Darley also races his three-year-old half-brother Hachiman (Aus) (Fusaichi Pegasus), now back in training after finishing last of six in his Flemington debut last July. Danelagh is bound for her new home at Darley at Jonabell in 2006 and has a return date in the shed with Elusive Quality. **Cont. p7**



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Arrowfield Stud is responsible for a half brother to G1 Hong Kong Mile hero **Hat Trick (Jpn)** (Sunday Silence) at the Easter sale. The colt is by French Deputy, who stood at the stud this past sprint, and, "has plenty of scope and looks like he will get to the races early," said Inglis Director Jonathan D'Arcy. Australian-bred horses filled the first four places in the G1 Hong Kong Sprint and a Galileo (Ire) half brother to runner-up **Planet Ruler (Aus)** (Danehill) is catalogued for the sale. The latter, a six-time winner in Hong Kong of \$1.9 million, posted a victory over subsequent Sprint winner Natural Blitz (Aus) in the International Sprint Trial Nov. 20.

BREEDERS' EDITION AMERICA

ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

9th-CTX, \$31,000, 12-14, NW16MX, 3yo/up, f/m, 6 1/2f, 1:21 4/5, ft.

CAMMY'S JET (m, 5, A. P Jet--Camaland, by Badger Land) Lifetime Record: 16-7-4-0, \$136,140. O-Daniel M Ryan & Susan M Schreiber. B-Camaland Partnership (MD). T-Ronney W Brown. *\$17,000 HRA '04 FTMDEC.

6th-CTX, \$31,000, 12-14, NW16MX, 3yo/up, 6 1/2f, 1:19 4/5, ft.

EARTH POWER (h, 5, Feel the Power--Ani Ashby, by Shelter Half) Lifetime Record: MSW, 19-8-4-4, \$248,909. O/B-O'Sullivan Farms (WV). T-George G Yetsook.

8th-HAW, \$30,000, NW2X, (S), 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16m, 1:45, ft.

PROVEN CAT (f, 4, Peruvian--Pretentious Cat, by The Flips Comin) Lifetime Record: 21-5-9-0, \$108,170. O-James B Cristel. B-Karen A Narta (IL). T-Mark J Cristel. *\$3,500 yrl '02 FTKOCT.

★ ON THE WORKTAB ★

BELMONT

Carminooch (Tomorrows Cat), 4f, :52.10, 35/42

CALDER

In Summation (Put it Back), 4f, :52.00, 16/22

CHURCHILL DOWNS

G P Fleet (Northern Afleet), 5f, :1:00.60, 1/5

HOLLYWOOD PARK

Giacomo (Holy Bull), 4f, :53.00, 13/13

Texcess (In Excess {Ire}), 4f, :49.00, 2/13

Badge of Silver (Silver Deputy), 5f, 1:02.20, 17/26

PALM MEADOWS

Bandini (Fusaichi Pegasus), 3f, :39.80, 19/20

SANTA ANITA

Sort it Out (Out of Place), 6f, 1:12.60, 3/23

8th-CTX, \$26,000, 12-14, NW3L, 2yo, 6 1/2f, 1:21 4/5, ft.

OUR PEAK (g, 2, Peaks and Valleys--Our Saydee {MSP}, by Oh Say) Lifetime Record: 5-2-2-0, \$38,600. O-Twin Oaks Stable. B-Dean Donald (MD). T-Harry W Hamilton.

9th-TPX, \$25,195, 12-14, NW1\$X, 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16m, 1:48 1/5, ft.

CASUARINA (f, 4, Menifee--Erzulie Freda, by Fappiano) Lifetime Record: 9-2-2-1, \$72,160. O-Michael Cavey. B-Respite Farm Inc (KY). T-Gregory Fox. *1/2 to Fancy Freda (Known Fact), GSW, \$202,087; and Gracie's Dancer (Mt. Livermore), MSP, \$204,130.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Honeeluv Drop, f, 2, **Lemon Drop Kid**--Indy Ama, by A.P. Indy. HOL, 12-15, (C), 1 1/16m, 1:48. B-Rutledge Farm (Ky). *\$8,000 yrl '04 KEESEP.

Key of Solomon (Ire), g, 3, **Machiavellian**--Minerva (Ire), by Caerleon. GGX, 12-14, 1 1/16mT, 1:43 4/5. B-Ballygallon Stud (Ire).

BREEDERS' EDITION EUROPE

CONDITIONS RESULTS:

ITALY, Naples, 6.15, €10,800, 3yo/up, 5fT, 1:00.80, hy.

KATHY LIVIUS (IRE) (f, 4, Titus Livius {Fr}--Christoph's Girl {GB} {SW-Belg}, by Efisio {GB}) Lifetime Record: SP-Ity, 29 starts, 15 wins, 6 places, €109,327. O-Allevamento Pian di Neve; B-Rathasker Stud; T-Antonio Peraino. *€26,000 yrl '02 GOF OCT.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Blu Ontario (Ity), c, 2, **Orpen**--Madda'sblueyes (GB), by Selkirk. Naples, Britain, 12-15, Mdn, 2yo, 7 1/2f. B-Azienda Agricola Luciano Loreto.

Xpres Boy (Ire), g, 2, **Tagula (Ire)**--Highly Motivated (GB), by Midyan. Southwell, Britain, 12-15, Mdn, 2yo, 7f (AWT). B-Gerard Phelan.

Blue Opal (GB), f, 3, **Bold Edge (GB)**--Second Affair (Ire), by Pursuit of Love (GB). Southwell, Britain, 12-15, Mdn, 3yo/up, 1 3/8m (AWT). B-Miss S E Hall.

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