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### JUDDMONTE WINS TBA HONORS

Prince Khalid Abdullah's Juddmonte Farms, after a season which included Group 1 successes for **Oasis Dream (GB)** (Green Desert), **Brian Boru (GB)** (Sadler's Wells) and **American Post (GB)** (Bering {GB}), has won the Queen's Silver Cup for leading British-based Flat Breeder of the Year for the second year in succession. The TBA also awarded Juddmonte Farms its Silver Rose



**Oasis Dream** Getty Images

Bowl for Breeder of the Year, in recognition of the worldwide influence of horses bred by the Prince's operation. Gainsborough Stud's Cadeaux Genereux (GB) takes the award for leading British-based stallion on the flat in respect of prize money won, while Darley's Machiavellian, based at Dalham Hall Stud, was leading stallion by number of winners, siring 42 individual flat winners. Dr Fong scooped the Tattersalls' Silver Salver for the title of leading first-season flat sire. Meon Valley Stud's excellent

record with Broodmare of the Year continues with Colorsin (Fr), dam of G1 Prix de l'Opera winner **Zee Zee Top (GB)** (Zafonic) and granddam of **Necklace (GB)** (Darshaan), winner of the G1 Moyglare Stud S. Nancy Ralphs, of Downclose Stud, received a Special Merit Award in recognition of producing 11 individual winners during the 2003 season, including the G2 Challenge S. winner **Just James (GB)** (Spectrum {Ire}). Yvette Dixon won the award for small Flat Breeder of the Year, courtesy **Milk It Mick (GB)** (Millkom {GB})'s win in the G1 Darley Dewhurst S. Prizes will be presented at the TBA Awards' Dinner in London Jan. 6, when the winners of two Special Awards for contributions to the British breeding industry will also be announced. The TBA's Philip Freedman said: "British breeders, large and small, have enjoyed considerable success over the past 12 months. The TBA is proud to offer these awards to reward the efforts of all concerned and hope that their success continues in 2004 and beyond."

### JEANNE VANCE DIES

Jeanne Vance, who campaigned Belmont S. winner Lemon Drop Kid with her late husband Milton "Laddie" Dance, Jr, died Monday at her home in Manalapan, Florida. She was 68. The daughter of a prominent attorney, Vance was raised in Detroit and began showing Saddlebreds as a teenager. She met Fasig-Tipton auctioneer Laddie Dance in 1963 and the couple married two years later. They operated a commercial breeding program under the name Taylor's Purchase Farm in Glencoe, Maryland. Vance and Dance divorced in 1987 and dispersed the farm. They remarried in 1995. Vance owned Thoroughbreds for more than three decades. Her best horse was the 1999 Belmont S. and Travers S. winner Lemon Drop Kid. Purchased for \$200,000 from the 1997 Keeneland September auction, Lemon Drop Kid was named champion older horse of 2000 after winning the GI Whitney H., GII Suburban H., GII Brooklyn H. and GI Woodward S. She also campaigned 2000 GII Peter Pan S. winner Postponed. After Dance successfully battled throat cancer in the 1970s, the couple created the Milton J Dance, Jr Head and Neck Rehabilitation Center in 1980. Vance was also a major contributor to Anna House, a child care facility at Belmont Park.

### FALBRAY'S STUD FEE ANNOUNCED

**Falbrav (Ire)** (Fairy King--Gift of the Night, by Slewpy), who ended his stellar racing career with a dominant win in Sunday's G1 Hong Kong Cup, will stand his first season at stud at Japan's Shadai Farm for ¥4 million (\$37,224). Among his 13 career victories, the five-year-old stallion won this year's G1 Queen Elizabeth II S., G1 Juddmonte International S., G1 Coral-Eclipse S. and G1 Prix d'Ispahan. He was a narrowly beaten third in the GI Breeders' Cup Turf in October.

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## FLU OUTBREAK THREATENS SOUTH AFRICAN RACING

An outbreak of equine influenza in South Africa has caused the cancellation of three races in Western Cape and could threaten the country's most prestigious races, according to the South African *Sporting Post*. Both the G1 Cape Guineas and G1 J&B Met are currently scheduled to be run next month at Kenilworth. To date, the outbreak has been confined to one training center at Milnerton, but horses were shipped to and from the center just prior to the outbreak leading to the cancellation of racing in the Cape Town area at least through Christmas. The last outbreak of horse flu in South Africa occurred in 1986 and shut down racing in the country for three months.

## ☆ RESULTS ☆

**Saturday, Chukyo, Japan**

**CHUNICHI SHIMBUN HAI-G3-JRA**, ¥82,680,000, Chukyo, 12-13, 3yo/up, 1800mT, 1:47.60, fm.

1--**PRECISE MACHINE (JPN)**, 125, c, 4, by **Mayano Top Gun (Jpn)**

1st Dam: **Be Silent (Jpn)**, by **Sunday Silence**

2nd Dam: **Global Dyna (Jpn)**, by **Northern Taste**

3rd Dam: **Glove Turf (Jpn)**, by **Partholon (Ire)**

O-Seiichi Iketani; B-Shiraoi Farm; T-Kiyoshi Hagiwara; J-Hiroki Goto; ¥43,616,000. Lifetime Record: 12-6-1-1, ¥143,573,000.

2--**Camphor Best (Jpn)**, 125, c, 4, **Amber Shadai (Jpn)**--

Katarina Rabbit (Jpn), by **Shinzan (Jpn)**. O-K Okumura; B-Kataoka Bokujo; ¥17,176,000.

3--**Star Eleven (Jpn)**, 119, g, 3, **Tokai Teio (Jpn)**--

Karnak River (Jpn), by **Baby Turk**. O-Takao Yoshino; B-Kataoka Bokujo; ¥11,088,000.

Margins: NK, 3/4, NK. Odds: 7.30, 3.00, 6.70.

Unbeaten in five starts as a three-year-old in provincial racing, **Precise Machine** was transferred to the JRA tracks this season. After four disappointing runs, the bay collected his first JRA win in the **Koremasa Tokubetsu** at Tokyo in May and added four wins in six starts since, including the listed **Cassiopeia S.** at Kyoto Nov. 8 last time out. Trying group company for the first time, **Precise Machine** settled in third before running on bravely in the stretch and holding favored **Camphor Best** off late to win by a neck.

## WEEKEND PEDIGREE PERSPECTIVES

by Alan Porter

**Sunday, Sha Tin, Hong Kong**

**HONG KONG VASE-G1**, HK\$14,000,000, Sha Tin, 12-14, 3yo/up, 2400mT, 2:28.2, gd/fm.

1--**▲ VALLEE ENCHANTEE (IRE)**, 117, f, 3, by **Peintre Celebre**

1st Dam: **Verveine (Hwt. Older Mare-Fr at 7-9.5f, GSW & MG1SP-Fr, GSP-HK, \$424,182)**, by **Lear Fan**

2nd Dam: **Venise**, by **Nureyev**

3rd Dam: **Virunga (Fr)**, by **Sodium (GB)**

O-Ecurie Wildenstein; B-Dayton Investments Ltd; T-Elie Lellouche; J-Dominique Boeuf; HK\$8,000,000. Lifetime Record: MGSW-Fr, 10-5-0-2, HK\$9,314,310. \*1/2 to **Victory Cry (Ire)** (Caerleon), GSW-Fr; and **Volga (Ire)** (Caerleon), GSW-Fr, GISW-NA, \$1,021,628.

Click for the [brisnet.com](http://brisnet.com) catalogue-style pedigree.

Yesterday, my colleague Andrew Caulfield examined the pedigrees of several of the major winners in Hong Kong over the weekend. He did, however, very kindly leave unexamined the background of the G1 Hong Kong Vase heroine **Vallee Enchantee**, who owns what was surely the day's most intriguing pedigree pattern.

**Vallee Enchantee** is only three and she's not very big, either. But she's obviously very tough, and the Vase marked her second straight win over older males, as she'd taken the G2 **Prix du Conseil de Paris** on her previous outing. **Vallee Enchantee** is bred by the Wildenstein family's **Dayton Investments**. Those who follow international racing and breeding will know that the Wildensteins are not afraid to experiment with close inbreeding, even if it means using stallions which are generally regarded as disappointing. For example, by sending the **Alysheba** mare **Bright Moon** to European champion sprinter **Wolfhound**, a son of **Nureyev** whose stud career can only be described as a disaster, they bred the 2002 G1 **Prix de Diane** victress **Bright Sky**, the only Group/Graded winner by her sire.

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*(Pedigree Perspectives cont. from p. 2)*

Vallee Enchantee's sire Peintre Celebre, who carried the Wildenstein colors to triumphs in the G1 Prix du Jockey-Club and G1 Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe, is also a son of Nureyev, but happily his stud career appears to be heading in the opposite direction to Wolfhound's. Vallee Enchantee is a member of Peintre Celebre's first Northern Hemisphere crop, and that group of three-year-olds also includes the G1 Deutsches Derby winner, Dai Jin; Super Celebre, winner of the G2 Prix Noailles and runner-up in the G1 Prix du Jockey-Club; listed scorer Salydora; and the G1 Secretariat S. second Joe Bear. His second crop already features the Pearl of Love, winner of the G1 Gran Criterium and G2 Futurity S.; and Castledale, who took the GIII Generous S. at Hollywood Park. Incidentally, we should mention here that Peintre Celebre appears to be spearheading something of a revival for Nureyev as a sire of sires, as Nureyev's other sons, [Fasliyev](#) and [Stravinsky](#), are the current leading freshman sires in Europe and North America, respectively.

Earlier in the article we mentioned that the Wildensteins had bred the classic-winning Bright Sky by Nureyev's otherwise disappointing son, Wolfhound. It's our guess that one of the key reasons which led to Wolfhound being chosen as a mate for Bright Sky's dam Bright Moon, a daughter of Alysheba, was that it gave inbreeding to Nureyev's family, that of the mighty matriarch Rough Shod II. Nureyev's granddam, Thong (a daughter of Rough Shod II), is a sister to Lt. Stevens, the broodmare sire of Alysheba, so the Wolfhound--Bright Moon mating gave the sister and brother 4x4.

As an aside, we should note that here we have one of those strange paradoxes which we meet in the world of breeding: Lt. Stevens, a good stakes winner, but not a top-class horse, and Thong, who was multiple stakes-placed without winning a black-type event, are siblings to the vastly superior champion racehorses Ridan and Moccasin, but it's the lesser runners which proved far more important in extending Rough Shod II's influence, both singularly and in combination.

The logic which caused the breeding of Bright Moon to Wolfhound is also found in the pedigree of Vallee Enchantee's dam Verveine. The highweighted older mare in France in 1993, Verveine is a daughter of Lear Fan, who in turn is by Roberto out of a sister to the dam of Alysheba. Since Verveine's dam Venise is by Nureyev, Verveine has Lt. Stevens/Thong 3x4. The mating of Lear Fan with Nureyev mares appears to be one of those marriages made in heaven as it's produced four other stakes winners in addition to Verveine, three of them group or graded, including champion French two-year-old colt Loup Solitaire and MGSW Fantastic Fellow. Lear Fan has also sired the G1 Del Mar Oaks heroine Dublino out of a mare by Nureyev's son Theatrical.

Of course, Vallee Enchantee's pedigree really intensifies things, as she's by a son of Nureyev, out of a Lear Fan mare, with a second dam by Nureyev. So she has Nureyev 2x3 and Thong/Lt. Stevens 4x4x5. This is not the first time something similar has worked for this family, either. In 1999, the year in which Vallee Enchantee was conceived, the G3 Prix Penelope was taken by Swiss Miss. A daughter of Barathea (by Nureyev's 3/4-brother Sadler's Wells), Swiss Miss was out of Vanishing Prairie, an Alysheba mare who is a 3/4-sister to the dam of Vallee Enchantee, and has Sadler's Wells/Nureyev 2x3 and Thong/Lt. Stevens 5x4x5.

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**U.S. Debut** LA TOUR wins 5th consecutive race in Hollywood allowance on 12/13

**G1 Classic** 3YO ANICK placed in Chile's Clasico Las Oaks-G1 on 12/12

**Another Stakes Horse** HORTENSE runner-up by a nose in Santana S. on 12/12

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## FROM THE DESK OF...

Bill Oppenheim



### CLASS OF '99

The year they ran 1-2-3 in the French Derby, future top sires Darshaan, [Sadler's Wells](#), and Rainbow Quest were rated 133, 132, and 131, respectively, in Timeform's Racehorses of 1984. Rainbow Quest was the only one of the three to race on at four, and he improved his rating to 134. Though we didn't know it at the time, the 1984 French Derby was a seminal race in determining future top pedigrees in Europe for what's about to be the next 20 years.

By the same token, four horses who achieved comparable Beyer ratings in handicap company in North America in 1997-98 all retired to stud in 1999, had their first foals in 2000, and their first three-year-olds this year. Formal Gold, [Skip Away](#), [Gentlemen](#), and Will's Way all registered Beyer figures over 120--most of them more than once--which conservatively (+12 points) equates to a Timeform 132. So being able to run over 130 Timeform is no guarantee of sire success. None of those four are among the top 10 North American second-crop sires (2002-03 earnings) this year.

Usually when you see a cluster of horses at top-class level, it suggests the form is suspect. None of them are good enough to break away from the pack. But occasionally, as with the 1984 French Derby (proven by subsequent breeding influence) and the 1997 American two-turn handicappers (proven by speed figures), there is a cluster of top-class horses who are, in fact, even better than the usual top-class horse. You get kind of caught up in superlatives: exceptional, star, superstar, pick your own. My view is that there were three European milers foaled in 1999 who fit the description: Rock of Gibraltar, Hawk Wing, and Dubai Destination. Rock of Gibraltar, of course, went to stud this year; Hawk Wing and Dubai Destination kick off in 2004, along with the fourth-best miler of his generation, Where or When. He goes to stud at Cheveley Park for only £6,000, and if I'm right that the three in front of him were superstars, he must be a worthwhile gamble at that price.

### The Form Lines...

Rock of Gibraltar was only ever beaten three times in 13 career starts, and among his 10 wins he won seven consecutive Group 1 races over two seasons, breaking the great Mill Reef's record. In Racehorses of 2002, Timeform engaged in a discussion of the misapplication of the word 'great,' and they rated Rock of Gibraltar 133, whereas Mill Reef--a true great--was rated 141. Fair enough, and relevant, also, that Mill Reef was a truly influential sire, an accolade that is as difficult to earn as 'true great' is for a racehorse. But, at 133, Rock of Gibraltar is plenty good enough (Darshaan 133, Sadler's Wells 132, Rock of Gibraltar's own sire, [Danehill](#), 126) and so are his two contemporaries.

Though he raced for only two seasons instead of the others' three, Rock of Gibraltar was arguably the soundest, and certainly the most consistent, of the three, and he's the one, not surprisingly, that ties the form lines together. Having been bought privately from breeders Aidan O'Brien and his father-in-law, Joe Crowley, and racing in the colors of Sue Magnier, Rock of Gibraltar broke his maiden over five furlongs in April at the Curragh, and went straight to Royal Ascot for the Coventry, but encountered loads of trouble in the race and finished sixth, three lengths behind stablemate Landseer. When he ran back less than 12 days later at the Curragh, he went off at 1-2, with stable jockey Mick Kinane up, and won the G3 Railway S. by two lengths from stablemate Hawk Wing. That colt, who won his debut over seven furlongs at Tipperary in May, was dropping back in distance and went off at 12-1.

### BY THE NUMBERS

#### Dubai Destination (Kingmambo--Mysterial, by Alleged)

2001: 3-2-1-0, \$98,039. Timeform Rating: 119p.

2002: 1-0-1-0, \$11,240. Timeform Rating: 119.

2003: 4-2-0-0, \$271,080. Timeform Rating: \*127.

#### Hawk Wing (Woodman--La Lorgnette, by Val de l'Orne {Fr})

2001: 4-3-1-0, \$272,310. Timeform Rating: 116p.

2002: 6-1-4-0, \$1,143,720. Timeform Rating: 127.

2003: 2-1-0-0, \$194,574. Timeform Rating: \*136.

#### Rock of Gibraltar (Danehill--Offshore Boom, by Be My Guest)

2001: 7-5-1-0, \$534,127. Timeform Rating: 118.

2002: 6-5-1-0, \$1,353,921. Timeform Rating: 133.

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Neither ran back for another seven weeks. Rock of Gibraltar next ran in the G2 Gimcrack S. at York, now with Sir Alex Ferguson as co-owner. He uncorked a devastating turn of foot and won easily by three lengths. Hawk Wing, meanwhile, easily beat stablemate Sholokhov in the G2 Futurity S. at the Curragh three days later.

Rock of Gibraltar headed for the seven-furlong G2 Champagne S. at Doncaster, where he went off a short-priced favorite against Dubai Destination, trained as a two-year-old by David Loder. The [Kingmambo](#) colt had been upset at 1-2 in a six-furlong maiden at Newbury in June, but had come back to win a seven-furlong maiden at Newmarket in July which has a history of being won by good horses. Dubai Destination appeared to win the Champagne fair and square by a length. He looked the better horse that day, but it wasn't until he won the G1 Queen Anne S. at Royal Ascot, 21 months later and in only his third start since, that Dubai Destination won a Group 1 race. Rock of Gibraltar had won seven consecutive Group 1s, broken Mill Reef's record, and retired to stud in the meantime.

In fact, two days after the Champagne, Hawk Wing defeated Dubai Destination's stablemate Naheef in the G1 National S. at the Curragh, at odds of nearly 1-2, and at that point Rock of Gibraltar looked like Aidan O'Brien's third-best two-year-old, behind Hawk Wing and a certain Johannesburg. Hawk Wing didn't run again that year; Rock of Gibraltar went to France and won the G1 Grand Criterium on Arc day (now run at seven furlongs), and came back 13 days later to become the first horse to win the Grand Criterium-Dewhurst double, leading home an O'Brien 1-2-3 in the Dewhurst over Landseer and Tendulkar. The first English-trained horse home was fourth-placed Where or When. Johannesburg, of course, won the G1 Middle Park, then went to America and won the Breeders' Cup Juvenile for what was to be his last career win. But he was rated 127 by Timeform in Racehorses of 2001, and was deservedly declared world champion two-year-old. Dubai Destination was rated 119p, Rock of Gibraltar 118, and Hawk Wing 116p.

### Three-Year-Olds: One Stayed at a Mile, One Went Further, One Was Injured

Johannesburg and Rock of Gibraltar each ran seven times at two, Hawk Wing four, Dubai Destination three. On that critical first weekend in May of their three-year-old campaigns, Hawk Wing and Rock of Gibraltar made their seasonal debuts in the 2000 Guineas at Newmarket, while Johannesburg, who had been beaten first time out in Ireland, went for the Kentucky Derby. Stable jockey Kinane, who was suspended, was on none of them, but he would surely have been on Hawk Wing, who went off 6-4 favorite for the Guineas, with Rock of Gibraltar at 9-1. Hawk Wing finished five lengths clear on the stands side, but four of the first five home were on the far side, including Rock of Gibraltar, who won by a neck over Hawk Wing. There were plenty of people who felt that Hawk Wing would surely have won had he also been on the far side, but the debate was never settled on the racecourse. They never met again. Rock of Gibraltar ran five more times, all at one mile. Hawk Wing stepped up to 12 furlongs for the Derby, for which Kinane chose him over stablemate High Chaparral. Two furlongs out Hawk Wing was the winner, but he didn't get the trip, and finished a valiant second. He then dropped back to 10 furlongs, winning a substandard Eclipse easily over stablemate Sholokhov, then going down by a nose to Grandera in the Irish Champion S. When he was beaten by Where or When in the Queen Elizabeth S. at one mile at Royal Ascot in September as the 1-2 favorite, the knockers started calling Hawk Wing's name. By the time he finished down the track in the Breeders' Cup Classic, they didn't want to know. Winner of one race in six starts as a three-year-old, four times second; not a popular record for a pro-tem superstar. **Cont. p. 6**

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Rock of Gibraltar, meanwhile, won four more in a row, each one maybe easier than the one before: the Irish 2000; the St. James's Palace S. over stablemate Landseer, Kinane barely letting out a notch; the Sussex; and the Moulin. He went off at 4-5 for the Breeders' Cup Mile, but broke slowly and suffered severe interference when his stablemate Landseer broke down in front of him. Domedriver got there first under an inspired Thierry Thulliez ride, but The Rock lost no caste in defeat. Off to Coolmore for €90,000, he stayed in the news, first because Danehill died and he ended up covering an even better first book than anyone could have imagined, then because a spat between Sir Alex and John Magnier over ownership got very public. But, you know what, so what? How good was the horse, that's all we care about.

Dubai Destination, for his part, was on the shelf for most of his three-year-old year. He ran once, finishing second in the 11-furlong Predominate S. at Goodwood in a last-gasp Derby prep. That was it; he didn't run again until this June.

Hawk Wing came over for the G1 Lockinge S. at Newbury in May in his first start this year, and buried Where or When by 11 lengths. Rock of Gibraltar had never recorded a Postmark of higher than 128 (though he hardly came off the bridle at three), but Hawk Wing ran a Postmark 134 in the Lockinge, and Timeform rates him 136 in the final 'black book.' Dubai Destination came back in a four-runner conditions race over one mile at Nottingham, which he duly won by six lengths at odds of 2-5. That set up a great match up in the G1 Queen Anne S. at Royal Ascot; Hawk Wing went off at 8-13, with Dubai Destination at 9-2. Dubai Destination ran a great race, winning decisively in a Postmark 126; Hawk Wing trailed in sixth and was

subsequently retired. Dubai Destination ran twice more, both times badly, and was retired. Both left with whippers, not bangs.

Having been rated 127 by Timeform as a three-year-old, Hawk Wing is liable to end up with something over 130 with a question mark in Racehorses of 2003. Rock of Gibraltar was rated 133 by Timeform as a three-year-old. Dubai Destination is likely to be rated around 127 (his final black book rating), but his one-length defeat of Rock of Gibraltar (who gave him four pounds) at two reads rather better than that. Dubai Destination was 119p as a two-year-old, and was rated above him inspite of getting weight. In my view, the form of his win over Rock of Gibraltar reads more like about 132. I don't quite buy that, at his best, he was six pounds behind The Rock and Hawk Wing.

Rock of Gibraltar broke Mill Reef's record for consecutive Group 1 wins and will stand his second season at Coolmore for €65,000. Hawk Wing was surely in the same class, but he is by [Woodman](#), who has never sired a really successful sire, and has been knocked for inconsistency. He goes to Coolmore for €25,000, which I would say is a serious bargain for a horse as good as he was. Dubai Destination is by Kingmambo, about whose prospects as a sire of sires we'll know a lot more shortly, as both [Lemon Drop Kid](#) and King's Best will have their first two-year-olds next year. He's going to Dalham Hall for £25,000, and I'd say that's plenty reasonable for a horse as good as he was. When you throw in Johannesburg (\$30,000 at Ashford, in Kentucky), and Where or When at £6,000, well, it's a pretty interesting group of 1999 foals who are now all at stud. The Rock and Johannesburg have their first foals next year, the other three are now going to stud. I think they were a seriously good group.

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**GRIFFINITE TO NEW YORK** Graded stakes winner **Griffinite** (Unbridled's Song--Copious, by In Reality) will begin his stud career in 2004 at Paraneck Stable's Center Brook Farm in Climax, NY. The five-year-old will stand for \$4,000 live foal, with the first 25 bookings offered at a special introductory half-priced fee. Purchased as a two-year-old for \$250,000 at the 2000 Fasig-Tipton Calder sale, Griffinite's dam is a half sister to multiple Grade I winner Devil His Due. The Paraneck colorbearer captured the 2001 GIII Lafayette S. and was second in that year's GII Coolmore Lexington S. Last season, the bay was third in the GII Brooklyn H. On the board in 11 of 28 starts, Griffinite retires with five wins and earnings of \$344,267.

★ **GULFSTREAM** ★

**Luxury Box for Gulfstream Park:**

Gulfstream Park has created a brand new facility to provide customers and corporate partners luxurious and private accommodations. The Finish Line Sky Suite, sponsored by Beringer Blass Wine Estates, will be available for the 2004 season, which begins Jan. 3, and can be rented on a daily basis. The climate-controlled, glass-enclosed suite offers a view of the racetrack and will feature a wet bar, refrigerator, large flat-screen televisions, seating for up to 15 people, self-serve betting machines, a full assortment of food service from snacks to full-course meals, admission to the Turf Club and concierge service. The suite can be rented for \$500 a day from Monday through Friday, \$750 a day Saturday and Sunday and \$1,500 a day on Florida Derby, Sunshine Millions, Fountain of Youth and Donn H. days.

★ **EAST** ★

**Yesterday's Results:**

**8th-PHA, \$21,600, Alw, NW1X, 2yo, 6 1/2f, 1:15 2/5, ft.**

**END OF AN ERA** (c, 2, Malibu Moon--Gala Runaway, by Runaway Groom) broke his maiden by 8 3/4 lengths over this course Oct. 26 and was made the 3-5 choice off that effort. The \$26,000 FTKNOV weanling purchase rated early, took the lead at the top of the stretch and came home 1 1/2 lengths to the good of 7-1 chance Isle Of Mirth (Roanoke). Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-1, \$25,490.

O-Fox Hill Farms Inc. B-Country Life Farm & Flag Rock LLP (MD). T-John C Servis.

**6th-PHA, \$21,356, Msw, 3yo/up, 6 1/2f, 1:16 2/5, gd.**

**UNCANNY** (c, 3, Unbridled--Jah {SW, \$119,585}, by Relaunch) was shelved for six months after finishing third in his June 15 debut, a race that saw his chances compromised by a slow start and a rough trip. Bet down to 3-5 favoritism to get his picture taken here, the \$27,000 KEESEP yearling rallied from a stalking position and drew clear by 2 3/4 lengths. 5-1 chance Insanity Defense (De Niro) rounded out the exacta. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-1, \$13,490.

O-D J Stable LLC. B-Shadwell Farm, LLC (KY). T-John C Servis.

**STAKES CLOSINGS**

**TODAY, WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 17:**

01-01 \$100,000 **Tropical Park Derby-III, Crc, 3yo, 9fT (100)**

01-01 \$100,000 **Tropical Park Oaks, Crc, 3yo, f, 8.5fT (100)**

**TOMORROW, THURSDAY, DECEMBER 18:**

12-20 \$200,000e **Hollywood Futurity-I, Hol, 2yo, 8.5f (20000s)**

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**Monday Night's Results:**

**9th-MNR, \$41,600, Alw, 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:14 1/5, ft. FEATHER MARAINE (f, 3, Take Me Out--Cane Run, by Perfect Parade)** tossed in a dismal fifth at Churchill Nov. 28, but rebounded here to chalk up her fifth win over the Mountaineer main oval. Sent off at 3-1, the gray filly bobbled slightly after the start, recovered to dictate the pace and remained 4 1/2 lengths clear of Just Michel (Pacific Waves) at the wire. Lifetime Record: 9-6-0-0, \$105,702. O/B-Margie Plarr (KY). T-Arthur M Antrim.

## ★ CENTRAL ★

**Ballado Chieftan To Spendthrift:**

**Ballado Chieftan** (Saint Ballado--Flaming Mirage, by Woodman) will enter stud at Spendthrift Farm for the 2004 season. The three-year-old, who is owned by Leonard Riggio and Joseph Cornaccia's My Meadow Farm, will stand for a fee of \$3,500. A 6 1/2-length maiden winner at Belmont in September, the chestnut finished second in his final career start, the Perryville S. at Keeneland Oct. 9. Out of a half sister to stakes winning and graded stakes performing Dancing Mirage, Ballado Chieftan's granddam, Flaming Leaves (by Olden Times), is a three quarters sister to champion juvenile Roving Boy.

**\$59,000 Raised for Grand Prairie Charities:**

The 24th Mistletoe Ball, an annual holiday fundraiser put on by The Lone Star Park Charitable Foundation for Grand Prairie, proved an unqualified success as more than \$59,000 was raised for Grand Prairie charities. The Ball, held at The Ruth Jackson Center in Grand Prairie, Texas, was attended by approximately 260 people. A live and silent auction and a raffle helped fuel the fundraising effort, proceeds of which will be distributed to Grand Prairie non-profit charities through grant applications at year's end. "In our first year of operation, we were pleased to distribute \$60,000 to Grand Prairie charities," said Lone Star Park President Corey Johnson. "Through a lot of hard work and the generosity of many people, we are going to substantially exceed that level in 2003."

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## ★ WEST ★

**Yesterday's Results:**

**5th-SUN, \$19,005, Msw, 3,4,5yo, 1m, 1:38 1/5, ft. FORMIDABLE GOLD (c, 3, Formal Gold--Violet Lady, by Seattle Slew),** a \$120,000 KEESEP yearling acquisition, ran ninth over the Churchill lawn Nov. 22 and was backed at 2-1 for his dirt debut. He settled early, swung out for the stretch drive and got up to win by a nose over 4-5 chalk Pleasant Bend (Pleasant Tap). Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$11,460. O-Winchell Thoroughbred LLC. B-Formal Gold Partnership LLC (KY). T-Steven M Asmussen.

## ★ INDUSTRY INFO ★

**Jockey Club, Equibase to Convert Canadian Dollars:**

The Jockey Club and Equibase Company LLC have unveiled a plan to convert Canadian dollars to U.S. funds in their U.S. displays by Jan. 1, 2005. "We have closely examined the Canadian conversion issue for several years and, while it would have been preferable to have industry consensus on the matter before moving forward, we realize that is not an achievable goal," explained Alan Marzelli, president of The Jockey Club and the chairman of Equibase Company. "Providing a consistent method of conversion for all monetary values is undoubtedly the best way to serve the industry. This is the right way to go." Currently, Canadian and U.S. dollars are treated as equal.

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## FRESHMAN FOCUS

**First-crop progeny to watch: Wednesday, December 17**

*Sire (Sire's Sire), Farm, 2000 Fee, #2yos/Winners/SW*

*Race #-track, race type, distance, runner, odds (if available)*

**ARTAX** (Marquetry), Taylor Made, \$15K, 68/3/0

5-AQU, Alw, 1 1/16m, Artaxes At Work, \$62K KEE APR 2yo, 8-1

**EVENT OF THE YEAR** (Seattle Slew), Golden Eagle, \$10K, 72/3/0

5-HOL, Msw, 1 1/16m, Excellent Event, \$8K BAR MAY 2yo

**OLD TRIESTE** (A.P. Indy), Dead, \$, 44/8/0

5-HOL, Msw, 1 1/16m, Trieste's Honor, \$85K KEE SEP yrl

**SILVER CHARM** (Silver Buck), 3 Chimneys, \$25K, 75/14/0

5-HOL, Msw, 1 1/16m, Preachinatthebar

**STORMIN FEVER** (Storm Cat), Airdrie, \$15K, 71/17/1

5-AQU, Alw, 1 1/16m, Storm Forward, 10-1

**STRAVINSKY** (Nureyev), Ashford, \$18K, 115/25/2

6-CRC, Msw, 1 1/16m, Ruslanova, \$52K KEE SEP yrl, 10-1

**TACTICAL CAT** (Storm Cat), Overbrook, \$10K, 68/11/1

5-AQU, Alw, 1 1/16m, Tactical Gold, \$90K KEE SEP yrl, 9-5

5-AQU, Alw, 1 1/16m, Parthenon, \$75K KEE SEP yrl, 4-1



## SOPHOMORE SPOTLIGHT

**First-time starters/stakes runners: Wednesday, Dec. 17**

*Sire (Sire's Sire), Farm, 1999 Fee, #foals of racing age/Winners/SW*

*Race #-track, race type, distance, runner, odds (if available)*

**ELUSIVE QUALITY** (Gone West), Gainsborough, \$10K, 165/64/13

8-AQU, Stk, 1 1/16m, Speedjama, \$100K SAR AUG yrl, 6-1

**GENTLEMEN (ARG)** (Robin des Bois), Walmac, \$30K, 126/26/1

8-AQU, Stk, 1 1/16m, Gentleman Player, \$37K BAR MAY 2yo, 6-1

**RODEO** (Gone West), Contemporary, \$3K, 114/26/1

8-AQU, Stk, 1 1/16m, Gates Avenue, 10-1

**SWAIN (IRE)** (Nashwan), Shadwell, \$35K, 122/30/3

8-AQU, Stk, 1 1/16m, Unbuckle, \$55K FTS AUG yrl, 10-1

**TOMORROWS CAT** (Storm Cat), Questroyal, \$10K, 149/31/3

8-AQU, Stk, 1 1/16m, West Virginia, 8-5

**WILD RUSH** (Wild Again), Adena, \$15K, 175/59/6 5-HOL,

Msw, 1 1/16m, +Quintons Gold Rush, \$60K OBS MAR 2yo

## ★ AMERICAN-BRED WINNERS ★

**IN HONG KONG:**

**Classa Win**, g, 5, **Trempolino**--Amy Ride (Ire) (SP-Fr), by

Salt Dome. Happy Valley, 12-10, Hcp., 1650mT.

B-Shoreham Park Pty Ltd.

**IN ITALY:**

**Polimex**, c, 2, **Sir Cat See** "European Breeders' Edition"

## BREEDERS' EDITION AMERICA

**ALLOWANCE RESULTS:**

**8th-MNR**, \$25,000, 12-15, NW1X, 3yo/up, f/m, a1m70yd, 1:51 4/5, ft.

**JEANIE SUE** (f, 4, **Level Sands**--Valid Proclamation, by **Valid Appeal**) Lifetime Record: 32-5-3-6, \$116,553.

O-Wade M Wacker. B-Jimmy Witherspoon (KY). T-J Michael Baird. \*\$8,500 wlng '99 KEENOV.

**7th-MNR**, \$25,000, 12-15, NW2L, 3yo, 1 1/16m, 1:53 1/5, ft.

**SOUTHERN PIONEER** (c, 3, **Pioneering**--Jeannie's

**Dreamer**, by **Metfield**) Lifetime Record: 8-2-0-1,

\$31,257. O-Warren & Mike McIntyre. B-Keith Jacobs & Martin Northern (KY). T-Mike J Morrison. \*\$15,000

wlng '00 KEENOV.

**7th-PHA**, \$24,800, NW1X, 3/up, 8.5f, 1:45 1/5, ft.

**DOUCEUR** (g, 3, **Concern**--**Doucette**, by **Overskate**)

Lifetime Record: 9-2-2-1, \$37,892. O/B-Iris A Coggins

(PA). T-Edward T Allard. \*\$8,500 yrl '01 FTMOCT.

**10th-PHA**, \$21,600, NW1X, 3yo/up, 7f, 1:22 2/5, ft.

**ORATION** (h, 6, **Deputy Minister**--**Existentialist**, by

**Relaunch**) Lifetime Record: 12-2-1-1, \$60,080. O-Wild

Horse Stable. B-Jamm, Ltd & W Lazy T, Ltd (KY).

T-Donald S Reeder. \*1/2 to Youbetterbelieveit (Kris S.),

SW, \$138,551; Governor Hickel (Gulch), MGSP,

\$116,670.

**9th-PHA**, \$20,000, NW1X, 3yo/up, f/m, a1m70yd, 1:43, ft.

**LA CHEETAH** (f, 3, **Waquoit**--**Ample**, by **Dahar**) Lifetime

Record: 10-2-2-2, \$36,650. O-Two C Stables & Labet

Inc. B-James B Steele Jr (MD). T-Anthony Correnti.

\*\$8,200 yrl '01 FTMOCT. \*\*1/2 to Twample (Two

Punch), SP, \$337,334.

**ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:**

+ **Icy Lane**, f, 2, **Devon Lane**--Icy Morn (MSW,

\$380,602), by Crowned Jewel. SUN, 12-16, (S), 6f,

1:11 2/5. B-D M Cattle Co, Inc & Mack Weston (NM).

\*Won by 11 1/2 lengths.

**Dual Doppler**, f, 2, **Frisk Me Now**--Aunt Iva (MSW,

\$169,576), by Captain Courageous. MNR, 12-15,

1 1/8m, 2:05 4/5. B-Jim H Plemmons (KY).

\*\$20,000 yrl '02 FTKOCT. \*\*Fourth winner for

freshman sire (by Mister Frisky).



## BREEDERS' EDITION EUROPE

### CONDITIONS RESULTS:

**ITALY, Naples, 5.10, 12-16, €13,005, 2yo, 5fT, time:** n/a, sf.

**DAY HEARTBEAT (GB) (c, 2, Compton Place {GB}--Coleford, by Secreto)** Lifetime Record: 9 starts, 3 wins, 0 places, €25,415. O-Francesco Cantone; B-Joseph H Johnston; T-Luigi di Dio.

**ITALY, Naples, 4.30, 12-16, €11,475, 2yo, 1 1/8mT, time:** n/a, sf.

**POLIMEX (c, 2, Sir Cat--Dramatrix, by Forty Niner)** Lifetime Record: 14 starts, 2 wins, 6 places, €34,425. O-Razza Dell'Olmo; B-Gainesway Thoroughbreds Ltd; T-Riccardo Menichetti.

**ITALY, Naples, 5.50, 12-16, €9,180, 3yo/up, 5fT, time:** n/a, sf.

**GOLDEN JADE (GB) (c, 3, Averti {Ire}--Jadebelle {GB}, by Beldale Flutter)** Lifetime Record: 16 starts, 3 wins, 6 places, €77,071. O-Scuderia Golden Horse; B-W G M Turner & Trickledown Stud; T-Marco & Giuliano Fratini.

## ★ EUROPEAN-BRED WINNERS ★

### IN HONG KONG:

**Shanghai Friend (Ire), g, 4, Danehill--Butter Knife (Ire),** by Sure Blade. Happy Valley, 12-10, Hcp., 1800mT. B-Norelands Bloodstock & Orpendale. \*52,000gns wnlg '99 TATDEC.

**My Chief (Ire), g, 7, Perugino--Far From Home (GB),** by Habitat. Happy Valley, 12-10, Hcp., 1650mT. B-Mrs B A Headon. \*1/2 to Poker-B (Ire) (Shalford {Ire}), SW & GSP-Ire. \*\*Ir31,000gns yrl '97 GOFOCT.

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| <a href="#">Sadler's Wells</a> (Northern Dancer) | Ire  | 15  |
| Linamix (Mendez)                                 | Fr   | 10  |
| Singspiel (In the Wings)                         | Eng  | 9   |
| Alhaarth (Unfuwain)                              | Eng  | 8   |
| Anabaa (Danzig)                                  | Fr   | 8   |
| Barathea (Sadler's Wells)                        | Ire  | 8   |
| Cadeaux Genereux (Young Generation)              | Eng  | 8   |
| Pivotal (Polar Falcon)                           | Eng  | 8   |
| Darshaan (Shirley Heights)                       | dead | 7   |
| <a href="#">Fasliyev</a> (Nureyev)               | Ire  | 7   |
| Halling (Diesis)                                 | Eng  | 6   |
| <a href="#">Hernando</a> (Niniski)               | Eng  | 6   |
| Machiavellian (Mr. Prospector)                   | Eng  | 6   |
| Royal Applause (Waajib)                          | Eng  | 6   |
| <a href="#">Selkirk</a> (Sharpen Up)             | Eng  | 6   |

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| Dec. 20 | GI Hollywood Futurity  | Hollywood   |
|         | GII Dahlia H.          | Hollywood   |
|         | GIII Ladies H.         | Aqueduct    |
| Dec. 21 | GIII Gravesend H.      | Aqueduct    |
| Dec. 26 | GI Malibu S.           | Santa Anita |
| Dec. 27 | GI La Brea S.          | Santa Anita |
|         | GII W L McKnight H.    | Calder      |
|         | GII La Prevoyante H.   | Calder      |
|         | GIII Fred W. Hooper H. | Calder      |
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