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MACK-NIFICENT KEENELAND

Mackie (Summer Squall--Glowing Tribute, by Graustark), carrying a foal from the last crop of Mr. Prospector, brought a final bid of \$5 million to top yesterday's second session of the Keeneland January Sale in Lexington, Kentucky. The hefty price tag was a sale's record, besting the \$3.25 million brought by Breeders' Cup Distaff champion Escena at last year's auction. The seven-year-old Mackie was consigned by Eaton Sales, agent and was purchased by Britton House Stud, Ltd., which is owned by the Roger Baines Group based in England. Stud advisor Dick Fowlston represented the group at the sale and David Minton signed the sales slip. The seven-figure price didn't surprise Fowlston. "She is a world-class mare with a world-class pedigree," he explained. "When you put those things together, you expect to pay a lot." Mackie, a graded stakes winner on the track, is already the dam of a two-year-old filly by Gone West and a yearling colt by Red Ransom. A new entity on the sale's front, Britton House Stud has now purchased six horses, including three at last year's Keeneland November Breeding Stock Sale. "Ultimately, we plan on breeding to race," Fowlston said. "Right now, we plan on selling the (Mackie) foal. But that's not for certain. A lot depends on what happens. If it is a nice looking, attractive filly, then we may be tempted to keep it." The dam of Escena, **Claxton's Slew** (Seattle Slew--Nutmeg Native, by Raise a Native) was purchased for \$3.3 million by Coolmore Stud's John Magnier from the consignment of Lane's End Farm, agent for Brookside Farms. The 16-year-old mare is in foal to Storm Cat. "You never know what is going to happen in an auction, but it is a fair price," said Magnier. "We have the Theatrical (Ire) yearling out of her. We bought him in July for \$2 million. Plus, she's in foal to Storm Cat. Do you need any more to it?" **Solar Slew** (Seattle Slew--Gold Sun {Arg}, by Solazo), the dam of two-time Horse of the Year **Cigar** (Palace Music), was the third-highest priced mare. Consigned by Lane's End, agent for Brookside Farms, she was purchased, in foal to Deputy Minister, for \$2.8 million by Lewis Lakin.

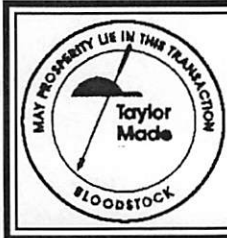
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KEENELAND TUESDAY-TOP 10 BROODMARES

Hip #	Name	Covering Sire	Price
471	Mackie	Mr. Prospector	\$5,000,000
<i>(7, Summer Squall--Glowing Tribute, by Graustark)</i>			
Consigned by Eaton Sales, agent			
Purchased by Britton House Stud Ltd.			
730	Claxton's Slew	Storm Cat	\$3,300,000
<i>(16, Seattle Slew--Nutmeg Native, by Raise a Native)</i>			
Consigned by Lane's End, agent for Brookside Farms			
Purchased by John Magnier			
603	Solar Slew	Deputy Minister	\$2,800,000
<i>(18, Seattle Slew--Gold Sun {Arg}, by Solazo)</i>			
Consigned by Lane's End, agent for Brookside Farms			
Purchased by Lakland LLC			
629	Tacha	Seattle Slew	\$2,200,000
<i>(8, Mr. Prospector--Savannah Dancer, by Northern Dancer)</i>			
Consigned by Lane's End, agent for Brookside Farms			
Purchased by Troutt-Casner			
743	Countess Diana	b'mare prospect	\$1,800,000
<i>(5, Deerhound--T.V. Countess, by T.V. Commercial)</i>			
Consigned by Eaton Sales, agent			
Purchased by Troutt-Casner			
738	Confidently	Mr. Prospector	\$1,000,000
<i>(4, Storm Cat--Key Phrase, by Flying Paster)</i>			
Consigned by Lakland LLC, agent			
Purchased by Chester Broman			
437	I Certainly Am	Kingmambo	\$900,000
<i>(10, Affirmed--Imaflash, by Reviewer)</i>			
Consigned by Fred Seitz/Brookdale Farm,			
Agent for William Sorren and Brookdale Farm			
Purchased by Live Oak Stud			
641	Tipperary Melody	Nureyev	\$800,000
<i>(5, Rahy--Saratoga Sizzle, by Saratoga Six)</i>			
Consigned by Eaton Sales, agent			
Purchased by Adena Springs			
454	Ascutney	Wild Again	\$775,000
<i>(6, Lord At War {Arg}--Right Word, by Verbatim)</i>			
Consigned by Longfield Farm, agent			
Purchased by Stonerside Stables, LLC			
459	Lily O'Gold	Coronado's Quest	\$550,000
<i>(5, Slew o' Gold--Voodoo Lily, Baldski)</i>			
Consigned by Eaton Sales, agent			
Purchased by Narvick International			

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Keeneland January Sale



HALF-SISTER TO THE DAM OF ECLIPSE NOMINEE BEHRENS by SOUTHERN HALO

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HIP #1459

Thursday, January 13



Keeneland story cont. from p. 1

"We think we've got a great mare," said Lakin, who purchased Solar Slew with his wife Brenda. "We hope that she has something nice and we can race the offspring. That's our hope anyway."

Champion Brings \$1.8 Million...

Late in the session, champion two-year-old filly **Countess Diana** (Deerhound--T.V. Countess, by T.V. Commercial) went through the sale's ring where she brought a final bid of \$1.8 million from Bill Casner and Kenny Troutt, a potent duo at the sale. The five-year-old broodmare prospect was consigned by Eaton Sales, agent. In addition to the 1997 GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies, Countess Diana won the GI Spinaway S., GII Walmac International Alcibiades and the GII Schuylerville S. "We hit a home run here," Troutt said after the purchase. Casner added, "She is a champion, but she is not in foal and her first dam (T.V. Countess) is not as strong as you might want and I think that held the price down some. We're happy with her, though. We've got some plans, but we need to do some more thinking before we make a final decision."

The Top Yearling...

Hip number 599, a colt by Deputy Minister--Slew Boyera, by Seattle Slew, became the highest-priced yearling of the session when he was purchased for \$500,000--the third highest in sale's history. The dark bay was consigned by Taylor Made Sales Agency, agent, and purchased by J B K Inventure.

By the Numbers...

During Tuesday's session, Keeneland sold six seven-figure horses. A total of 245 horses sold for a record aggregate of \$37,017,200--the highest gross ever for a January session. The previous high for a January sale session was on Jan. 13, 1998 when 245 horses sold for \$34,881,500. The sale continues through Friday.

KEENELAND JANUARY STATISTICS		
TUESDAY, JANUARY 11, 2000		
	SESSION	CUMULATIVE
No. Sold	245	486
Gross	\$37,017,200	\$47,912,800
Average	\$151,091	\$98,586
Median	\$50,000	\$35,000

KEENELAND TUESDAY -- TOP 5 YEARLINGS

Hip #	Sex	Sire	Dam	Price
599	colt	Deputy Minister	Slew Boyera	\$500,000
Consigned by Taylor Made Sales Agency, Agent LXXXII Purchased by J B K Inventure				
572	filly	Boston Harbor	Rutledge Place	\$350,000
Consigned by Lakland LLC, agent Purchased by Aaron & Marie Jones				
560	colt	Danzig	Retrospective	\$325,000
Consigned by Taylor Made Sales Agency, Agent LXXXVII Purchased by Horton Stables, Inc.				
578	colt	Spinning World	Secret Truth	\$230,000
Consigned by Eaton Sales, agent Purchased by Owl Hollow Farm				
466	filly	Pulpit	Lotta Dancing	\$200,000
Consigned by Eaton Sales, agent Purchased by Northwest Farm				

☆ NEWS TODAY ☆

MAGIC MILLIONS SALE CONCLUDES

Queensland hero **Brave Warrior (Aus)** (Cossack Warrior {Aus}) dominated the fourth and final session of the Magic Millions sale with an AUS\$80,000 sale-topping colt at the Gold Coast Monday. Brave Warrior has been ably represented this season by promising two-year-old filly **Fetes Galantes (Aus)** who will target the G1 Golden Slipper after a raceday scratching from the Magic Millions with minor soreness. Brave Warrior is a grandson of champion stallion **Blethingly (Aus)** out of the Nijinsky II mare **Nothing To Do**. A multiple stakes winner with five Group 1 placings, Brave Warrior had five sell for an average \$52,300 at a sale where the average for 167 sold was \$16,740. The aggregate was \$2,795,500 with a clearance rate of 80.2 per cent. The sale-topper, from Semipalatinsk mare **Alpala**, was offered by Eureka Stud and knocked down to Queensland buyer **L V Morton**.

☆ PREVIEW ☆

Today, Gulfstream Park, post time: 4:45 p.m. EST

FIRST LADY H.-GIII, \$75,000, 3yo/up, f/m, 6f

PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER	WT
1	Vegas Prospector	Crafty Prospector	Howard	114
2	Hurricane Bertie	Storm Boot	Flint	118
3	Cassidy	Jolie's Halo	Estevez	113
4	Lucky Again	Wild Again	Lukas	112
5	Marley Vale	Forty Niner	Pletcher	118
6	Extended Applause	Exbourne	Scanlan	114
7	Gold Princess	Prospector's Halo	Sciacca	116

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WEEKEND PEDIGREE PERSPECTIVES

by Alan Porter

COUNT FLEET S., \$81,675, AQU, 1-8, 3yo, a1m70yd, 1:41 3/5, ft.

1--#**COUNTRY ONLY, 114, c, 3, Carson City--Only Maisie, by Stalwart.** (\$400,000 2yo '99 OBSFEB; \$55,000 yrl '98 KESEP). O-Morton Binn; B-Dreabon Copeland (KY); T-John C Kimmel; J-H Castillo Jr; \$49,005. Lifetime Record: 6-2-1-1, \$89,625.

One never knows when a stallion whose influence has seemed on the wane might become significant again. Take the case of Fleet Nasrullah, for example. Fleet Nasrullah was a talented and versatile racehorse. Campaigned for four seasons, he won stakes at two, four and five; his victories including five black-type events, the most prestigious of which came in the Californian S. He demonstrated both speed and versatility, setting track records for six furlongs at Hollywood Park and Santa Anita, and a new American record for nine furlongs at Santa Anita. At stud, Fleet Nasrullah was a good if not great stallion, getting 46 stakes winners from 581 foals, including Convenience, Coursing, Gummo and his sister Spearfish, Don B. and Fleet Wahine. Despite this, with the exception of a principally Californian male line descending through Gummo, Fleet Nasrullah might have been expected to quietly fade from pedigrees of major stakes winners.

Instead, he has become a very useful influence, particularly with Mr. Prospector. What makes Fleet Nasrullah particularly interesting in this connection is his pedigree. He is by Nasrullah out of Happy Go Fleet, by Count Fleet out of Draeh, by Bull Dog. Those with an interest in pedigrees might have already spotted that this is a very similar pattern to that of Mr. Prospector's dam, Gold Digger, who is by a son of Nasrullah, out of Sequence, by Count Fleet out of Miss Dogwood, by Bull Dog.

Given that Fleet Nasrullah is not a name found in a tremendously high percentage of the population, and that his influence has tended to be concentrated on the West Coast, it is interesting to note that there have been at least 30 unrestricted stakes winners with Mr. Prospector and Fleet Nasrullah combined in the first four generations of their pedigrees.

CURRENCY CONVERSIONS

	US\$/unit	GB£/unit
Australian dollar	.654500	0.399939

What is particularly telling is that the combination seems to have helped upgrade some fairly plebeian pedigrees. For example, Bet Twice, a disappointing stallion by any reckoning has the cross in three of his seven unrestricted stakes winners, including the Grade II winner Mynameispanama. Canadian graded stakes winners Smoky Cinder (by Incinderator) and Bobbin For Stars (by Morning Bob), who have both Fleet Nasrullah and Mr. Prospector, are respectively the only graded stakes winners of any description and the only Northern Hemisphere graded stakes winner for their sires. From the Mr. Prospector line, we can note the GI Milady H. victress Andestine (the best runner for Native Prospector) and the excellent Australian runner Bellzevir (Aus), a Group 1 winner by the generally disappointing Bellotto.

Of course Carson City, the sire of Country Only, doesn't fall into the category of a horse who requires special assistance from his mates. On the contrary, he has become something of an overachiever, siring at least 34 stakes winners with his first six crops, and becoming of our most reliable agencies for speed and precocity. Still, the Fleet Nasrullah strain obviously doesn't hurt him as, in addition to Country Only (whose third dam is by Fleet Nasrullah), Carson City has sired one of his best daughters, Lucky Lavender Gal, out of a mare by King's Bishop (dam by Fleet Nasrullah) and dual stakes winner Balanced Budget (tracing to a mare by Fleet Nasrullah).

There are still plenty of mares with Fleet Nasrullah relatively close up in their pedigrees for those who wish to experiment with sires carrying Mr. Prospector. Stallions carrying Fleet Nasrullah and who might work with mares carrying Mr. Prospector include (in alphabetical order), Danzatore, Demons Begone, Flying Continental, Flying Victor, Golden Act, Gold Spring (Arg), Incinderator, Langfuhr, Major Impact, Matty G, Mister Jolie, Momsfurrari and Star of the Crop.

CORRECTION...A list of the top two-year-old sires in Japan run in the Jan. 9 TDN inadvertently misidentified the third top sire. That sire is **Star of Cozzene** (Cozzene).

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The top-priced yearling – \$190,000 – at Keeneland on Monday was a daughter of

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FROM THE DESK OF...

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JANUARY BOOK 1...CHICKEN AND FEATHERS

The January catalogue, as most January catalogues do, contained a sprinkling of standouts among a lot of ordinary pedigrees. The significant point about yesterday's results (this is written from results through hip 737, 33 horses from the end) is the value of the really good stuff. The top of the market threatened to go into orbit all last year, and this year, this decade, etc., has certainly started out with the proverbial bang.

At last year's January sale, three mares made \$1 million plus, headed by Escena at \$3,250,000, and the top four mares brought an aggregate of just over \$7 million. Yesterday, four mares made over \$2 million, and among them they sold for \$13.3 million--a 90-percent increase. Of course, the top four this year were probably better than the top four last year, but even so...

However you cut it up, the growth right now at the top is so dramatic that it threatens to skew our perception of something we call 'the auction market.' The top stud fees are up 18 percent in a year when middle-market (so-called 'commercial' stud fees, say around the \$15,000 range) are actually down.

Now four broodmares make \$2 million-plus in the Tuesday session of the January sale--hey, what is this, November? No, it's not November, of course. On Monday 335 horses went through the ring, and 46 percent of them either didn't sell (28 percent), or sold for under \$10,000 (18 percent). No, this is January, all right.

In reality, as we all know, this market is really made up of several different strata, or price sectors. Taking the view that the Keeneland January sale is really the last major sale of the 1999-2000 sales season, the fact is this sale demonstrates more pointedly than probably any other how the market is becoming stratified now in a very pronounced manner. The top is in

orbit, that's just what's happening, and there's no other way to describe it. And there is significant depth, down to a certain level. But at some point--and it's not necessarily as far down the scale as one might wish--demand falters. Fueled by overproduction, the fact is there are plenty of pedigrees, and dodgy individuals with OK pedigrees, that no one wants. Nothing wrong with discriminating buyers showing little interest in horses and pedigrees with little shot at success. The problem is, there are too many of those around, as the January sale demonstrates: success breeds overproduction. It's ironic that there is significant weakness right now in the \$10,000-\$15,000 stud fee range, because that's the very price range that was strongest in the early nineties, and in fact laid the groundwork for today's big scores.

As yesterday's session demonstrates beyond any doubt, real star quality is virtually priceless in today's market. As Mackie's \$5 million price tag shows, when you bring a Group winner with a fabulous pedigree carrying a foal from the last crop of Mr. Prospector, Price No Object. So few truly top pedigrees come on the market, for a variety of reasons, that when a breeder with a genuine pearl decides to sell--well, let's just say it's hard to imagine a stronger "seller's market" for those kind than we're seeing right now.

But come back today, and tomorrow. No one pretends that this demand is across the board, nor that it should be. And, though getting carried away is almost synonymous with being involved in the Thoroughbred auction market, there has been a raft of evidence in the last six months that going into orbit is still a rarefied experience, and crashing to earth is still a regular feature of the marketplace. It didn't happen with every other horse through the ring yesterday, it's true--but it just about did on Monday.

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FESTIVAL FOCAL POINT OF NEW ARLINGTON


Buoyed by the Arlington International Festival of Racing, Arlington Racecourse unveiled its 2000 stakes schedule yesterday. It will be the Illinois track's first season of Thoroughbred racing since 1997. The Festival, held on Aug. 19, features the return of the \$400,000 GI Secretariat S. for three-year-olds going 1 1/4 miles, the \$500,000 GI Beverly D. for fillies and mares racing 1 3/16 miles and the \$2 million GI Arlington Million for older horses at 1 1/4 miles. All three races are on the turf. "We feel doubling the purse of the Million, America's first million-dollar horse race, is an appropriate move for the year 2000," said Arlington Chief Executive Officer Scott Mordell. "It ensures the Million's premier status in the industry and confirms the optimism all of us in Illinois have about the future of racing here." The Million is part of the Emirates World Series Racing Championship. Among the 17 graded races on tap are the July 1 \$150,000 GII Arlington Classic, the July 22 \$250,000 GII Washington Park H., the July 23 \$200,000 GII American Derby and the Sept. 23 \$150,000 GII Arlington-Washington Futurity. Also yesterday, it was announced that John Dooley will call the races at both Arlington and Sportsman's Park. Arlington's 2000 season will run from May 14 through Sept. 30.

☆ S O. CALIFORNIA ☆

Santa Catalina Next For Captain Steve:
Captain Steve (Fly So Free), winner of the GI Hollywood Futurity, is likely to begin his march to the Triple Crown in Santa Anita's GIII Santa Catalina S. (8.5f) on Jan. 30, according to published reports. Captain Steve was originally expected to ship to Fair Grounds for the Risen Star S. Trainer Bob Baffert would not rule out a start in the Mar. 12 GII Louisiana Derby (8.5f).

STAKES CLOSINGS

TODAY, WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 12:
 01-22 \$200,000 *Santa Monica H.-I, SA, 4yo/up, f/m, 7f, (200)*
 01-22 \$150,000a *San Marcos H.-II, SA, 4yo/up, 10fT, (150)*



☆ FOREIGN ☆

AMERICAN-BRED WINNERS IN ENGLAND:
Skimming, c, 4, **Nureyev--Skimble** (MGSW & MGISW, \$777,680), by Lyphard. Wolverhampton, 1-11, Cowes Maiden S., 4yo/up, 8f 100yds (AWT), \$4,609 to winner. O-K Abdullah; B-Juddmonte Farms; T-Barry Hills.
Java Shrine, g, 9, **Java Gold--Ivory Idol**, by Alydar. Wolverhampton, 1-11, Yarmouth Claiming S., 4yo/up, 1 1/2m (AWT), \$3,500 to winner. O-Plough Twenty (Ashton Keynes); B-Paul Mellon; T-D J Wintle. *1/2 to Anees (Unbridled), GISW, \$609,200.

☆ INDUSTRY INFO ☆

Breeders' Cup Winning Breeders to be Honored:
 Breeders' Cup Ltd. and the Thoroughbred Club of America will honor the breeders of 1999 Breeders' Cup race winners at its annual dinner on Jan. 15 at Keeneland Race Course in Lexington, Kentucky. Each winning breeder will receive a 1999 Breeders' Cup trophy. For more information, contact the TCA at (606) 254-4282.

BRISnet.com Members Sweep Handicapping Contest:
 Bloodstock Research Information Services (BRISnet.com) members claimed the top three spots in racing's first DRF/NTRA National Handicapping Championship, held in Las Vegas last weekend. Champion Steve Walker, runner-up Maury Wolff and third-place finisher Steve Terelak, along with other BRISnet.com members, took home over \$150,000 of the \$200,000 in prize money. Over all, BRISnet.com members claimed seven of the top 15 spots in the handicapping championship. "We were extremely proud to learn that our members finished one, two, three," said BRISnet.com Marketing Director Rich Nilsen.

CORRECTION...Monday's *TDN* incorrectly identified the grade of last year's Sanford S. The race, won by **More than Ready** (Southern Halo), was a Grade II. We regret the error.

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ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

9th-PHA, \$18,000, 4/up, f/m, 1 1/16m, 1:46 3/5, my.
ANGELLIC (m, 5, Iroquois Park--Pou R Monsieur, by
 Monsieur Champlain) Lifetime Record: 17-4-2-2,
 \$74,589. O-Meg & David Wimer. B-William Vest (KY).
 T-John C Servis.

MAIDEN WINNERS:

Hialeah Dream, f, 3, Norquestor--Hialeah Cindy, by
 Buckaroo. PHA, 1-11, (C), 6 1/2f, 1:19. B-Donald P
 Saville (WV).
 Rose of Gallapiat, f, 4, Gallapiat--Truffulla Rose, by Kris
 S.. TAM, 1-11, 6f, 1:11 3/5. B-Starview Farm (FI).

**U.S. THOROUGHBRED RACING LEADERS
 (through Jan. 9, 2000)**

<u>Jockey</u>	<u>Starts/Wins</u>	<u>Earnings</u>
Michael Luzzi	42/8	\$319,976
Chris McCarron	24/5	\$315,870
Mike Smith	51/10	\$310,650
Shaun Bridgmohan	46/10	\$298,044
Eibar Coa	54/10	\$294,885
Pat Day	34/6	\$279,125
Aaron Gryder	45/8	\$274,156
Eddie Delahoussaye	25/4	\$263,981
Jorge Chavez	62/7	\$257,075
Alex Solis	36/4	\$252,668

<u>Trainer</u>	<u>Starts/Wins</u>	<u>Earnings</u>
Bob Baffert	32/6	\$218,838
Ronald McAnally	10/4	\$211,115
Bernard Flint	30/6	\$172,872
Kenneth McPeck	8/6	\$145,835
Ted West	8/3	\$145,060
John Kimmel	13/3	\$132,780
Robert Frankel	14/2	\$127,919
Jerry Hollendorfer	26/3	\$127,532
D. Wayne Lukas	19/2	\$121,420
Joseph Orseno	14/3	\$113,435

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<u>BROODMARE SIRE</u>	<u>SWs</u>
Mr. Prospector (Raise a Native)	18
Nijinsky II (Northern Dancer)	16
Shirley Heights (GB) (Mill Reef)	16
Blushing Groom (Fr) (Red God)	14
Nureyev (Northern Dancer)	14
Seattle Slew (Bold Reasoning)	14
Alydar (Raise a Native)	13
Green Dancer (Nijinsky II)	13
Sadler's Wells (Northern Dancer)	13
The Minstrel (Northern Dancer)	13
Danzig (Northern Dancer)	12
Lyphard (Northern Dancer)	12
Riverman (Never Bend)	12
Be My Guest (Northern Dancer)	11
Habitat (Sir Gaylord)	11
Irish River (Fr) (Riverman)	11
Raise a Native (Native Dancer)	11
Affirmed (Exclusive Native)	9
Conquistador Cielo (Mr. Prospector)	9
Deputy Minister (Vice Regent)	9
Halo (Hail to Reason)	9
Kris (GB) (Sharpen Up {GB})	9
Northfields (Northern Dancer)	9
Private Account (Damascus)	9
Roberto (Hail To Reason)	9

*(Based on winners of unrestricted stakes with purses of \$25,000 or more in North America and winners of European stakes that qualify for "black-type" by North American catalogue standards and graded SWs in Japan.)
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KEENELAND JANUARY CATALOGUE UPDATE

HIP 1438 ♦ AILSA ♦ Selling Thursday

Her 1997 filly **SILK SALES**, by Ocean Crest, is a **Stakes Winner** since the catalogue!
 Ailsa is currently in foal to Ocean Crest, carrying a full sibling to **SILK SALES**.



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TBA HOLDS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The annual general meeting of the Thoroughbred Breeders' Association was held last evening in London, during which the TBA made public their plans for the future.

ELWES REMAINS CRITICAL OF LEVY BOARD

Nigel Elwes, the chairman of the Thoroughbred Breeders' Association, yesterday described the prize money situation as still scandalous, with the racing industry seriously underfunded. Speaking at his organisation's annual general meeting, Elwes seriously criticised the Levy negotiations which he said left the bookmakers giving back a derisory percentage of their profits to racing. "At the end of the day, all that racing needs is a fair price for the sale of its product," said Elwes.

Breeders Doing Their Share

He was at pains to point out that breeders are one of the biggest sponsors of racing in this country, having set up the British European Breeders Fund, which currently contributes some £825,000 a year in prize money and breeders' prizes. He also praised the Levy Board breeders' prizes which are an important source of income for his members, set to deliver £1,623,000 in 2000, but continued that the disastrous Levy negotiations have meant that a 'material' increase has had to be deferred.

Despite Legislative Assistance, Conflict Still Looms

Elwes was more upbeat about the recent announcement from the government to set up an independent review body to look at gambling laws. However, he warned of many battles ahead, not least with the bookmakers. The chairman said there was a serious shortage of commercial stallions in the UK, with the result that more and more mares are going to overseas-based stallions, mainly in Ireland, with this continuing until fiscal incentives are introduced to bring Britain in line with France and reduce the disparity with Ireland. The TBA has proposed to the Inland Revenue that the write-off period for stallions for tax should be reduced to a maximum of five years.

PRITCHARD-GORDON CHIMES IN

Gavin Pritchard-Gordon, executive director of the Thoroughbred Breeders' Association, used the meeting as a platform to outline just how the TBA is transforming itself into an efficient modern organisation. "We have sometimes been accused of taking a while to adjust from the 19th to the 20th Century. A little unjust, perhaps, but I can assure you that our transition into the 21st Century will definitely be meteoric in comparison," said Pritchard-Gordon. Effective marketing is seen as being an essential ingredient in this new modern approach and a two-year marketing plan will be published shortly. British-bred successes will be advertised as well as a new £100,000 race for two-year old British-bred fillies over six-and-a-half furlongs created.

Leading Breeders Back Idea of Restricted Races

Leading breeders Chris Harper and Lady Tavistock also called for the introduction of races exclusively for British bred to try to boost to the domestic breeding industry. Harper suggested that one race on each card should be reserved for British-breds and Lady Tavistock said that Britain must follow the example of other countries. She declared: "If we don't get such races there won't be any British-based stallions."

Intensified Marketing Seen as Key to Success

A new corporate identity was launched yesterday, with a new-style format annual report and an Internet site is about to be commissioned. Pritchard-Gordon was also keen to emphasise the professionalism of the TBA Council. He said: "The TBA Council is not an elitist gaggle of toffs who swill gin and tonic from pint pots at Council meetings in Park Lane. Nothing can be further from the truth. My council members are conscientious, hands-on, dedicated, caring professionals with straw in their hair and fire in their bellies, as I can confirm from experience."

HUGHES DEFENDS LEVY BOARD

Levy Board chairman Rob Hughes, the guest speaker at the TBA annual awards dinner, said he was disappointed that only 50 percent of British breeders are members of the TBA and admitted that he wanted to make breeders' prizes conditional on membership. However, non members have to pay a £75 administration fee which means there is no financial advantage in not joining. He defended the levy settlement of last October, criticised in many quarters, saying it was the biggest on record, but he admitted the process could have been better, with the all the participants on a sharp learning curve.

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PARKER TO JOIN LEVY BOARD

Sir Eric Parker is to join the Horserace Betting Levy Board, taking over from British Horseracing Board chairman Peter Savill who resigned in November to fight for the abolition of the funding body. The BHB director and president of the Racehorse Owners Association is one of three racing representatives on the Levy Board. The 66-year-old said: "I look forward to working with my colleagues on the Levy Board at an important time for the industry. There is much to be done for the overall benefit of racing and I hope to be able to make a contribution." ROA membership is currently growing strongly, with the 6,000 member just recruited compared to 5,000 in April and 4,000 the year before.

TBA ANNOUNCES AWARD WINNERS

Wafic Said attended last night's TBA annual awards dinner in the Churchill Hotel, London, accepting the H. J. Joel Silver Salver for the season's leading British-based broodmare for **Come On Rosi (GB) (Valiyar {GB})**. Three of her progeny **Generous Rosi (GB) (Generous {Ire})**, **Aunty Rose (Ire) (Caerleon {USA})** and **Generous Libra (GB) (Generous {Ire})** earned black type and **Bin Rosie (GB) (Distant Relative {Ire})** won twice in the U.S. He said: "This is a very happy occasion and a wonderful way to start the new millennium."

TBA Breeders' Awards Winners

Queen's Silver Cup (Leading British-based breeder of the Year)	Shadwell Stud
BBA Silver Cigar Box (Leading stallion prize money)	Green Desert
Barleythorpe Cup (Leading stallion of most individual winners)	Green Desert
Tattersalls' Silver Salver (Leading British-based first season sire)	Piccolo
H.J. Joel Silver Salver (Leading British-based broodmare)	Come On Rosi
TBA Silver Rose Bowl	Anthony Oppenheimer
Langham Cup for Small Breeder/Special Merit	Dr. Anne Gillespie
Queen Mother's Silver Cup	Colin Smith of Ford Farm Bloodstock

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★ **TODAY AT KEENELAND** ★

KEEJAN CONTINUES

The Keeneland January Sale of Broodmares, Yearlings and Horses of Racing Age presses on this morning at Lexington, Kentucky. Here is a smattering of offerings of European interest:

Hip 960 SAMYA'S FLAME (IRE) (m, 15, Artaius {USA}--Welsh Flame {USA} {Welsh Pageant (USA)}).

A full sister to **MGSW Flame of Tara (Ire)**, dam of **Salsabil (Ire)**, highweight three-year-old filly in Ireland and **MG1SW** in England and France, as well as **G1SW Marju (Ire) (Last Tycoon {Ire})**. She is also a half sister to **Welsh Love (USA) (Ela-Mana-Mou {Ire})**, dam of multiple champion **Second Empire (Ire) (Fairy King {USA})**. **Samya's Flame** is also kin to **Fruition (USA) (Rheingold {USA})**, the dam of 1995 Breeders' Cup Turf winner **Northern Spur (Ire)**. **Samya's Flame** is the dam of 11 foals of racing age, 10 of which have raced, nine of those winners.

Hip 897 OUT TOO LATE (USA) (f, 3, Future Storm {USA}--Morning Has Broken {USA} {Prince John (USA)}).

A half sister to **Its In The Air (USA) (Mr. Prospector {USA})**, the 1978 U.S. Champion two-year-old filly and five-time Grade I winner in the States, **Out Too Late** is the dam of **Morning Devotion (USA) (Affirmed)**, who is in turn the dam of **Balanchine (USA)**, Ireland's highweight three-year-old filly in 1994, and **MGSW Romanov (Ire) (Nureyev {USA})**. **Out Too Late**, a Florida-bred, is unraced to date.

Hip 841 JUST KRIS (USA) (m, 5, Kris S. {USA}--Justicara {Ire} {Rusticaro (USA)}).

Herself a multiple stakes-placed performer and five-time winner in the U.S., her dam won the Listed **Prix de Bagatelle** and was twice Group placed in France before moving to the States, where she twice won the **Gill Hillsborough H.** and placed second in the **GI Ramona H.** The dark bay sells as a broodmare prospect.

Hip 907 Yearling filly by Dayjur (USA)--Neefer (USA) (Gold Crest {USA}).

By the 1990 English Horse of the Year, this filly is out of a half sister to **Condessa (Ire)**, second highweight filly at three in England and winner of the **G1 Yorkshire Oaks** in 1981. Third dam **Silken Princess (GB) (*Arctic Prince {USA})** is a half sister to **Silken Glider (GB) (Airborne {GB})**, champion three-year-old filly in Ireland.

★ **MAIDEN WINNER** ★

Skimming (USA), c, 4, Nureyev (USA)--Skimble (USA) (MGSW & MGISW, \$777,680), by Lyphard (USA). Wolverhampton, England, **Cowes Maiden S. (Class D), 1-11, 4yo/up, 8f 100yds (AWT), £2,795 to winner.** B-Juddmonte Farms.