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## CALL HIM AGENT STEVENS

Gary Stevens, the Hall of Fame jockey who announced his retirement on Dec. 26, opening day at Santa Anita, has become a jockeys' agent. Stevens confirmed that he will immediately begin booking mounts for two riders--Luis Jauregui and Royston Ffrench--at Santa Anita. Jauregui, 30, has come from Emerald Downs to try to crack the tough Southern California circuit. Ffrench, 24, is an English rider who has wintered the last four years at Santa Anita. After 29 mounts, Jauregui scored his first win of the meet on Sunday at Santa Anita. He won 52 races from 497 mounts last year. "I'm watching riders all the time, and I think these two have the potential to do some good," Stevens said. "I like what I see in Luis. He has a good work ethic, he's got a good personality, which always helps, and he's very professional." Stevens has gone in several directions since his retirement. He's going to do some commentary work on races carried by ESPN, starting with the Hutcheson S. telecast from Gulfstream Park on Saturday, and he's continuing in the employ of the Thoroughbred Corp., the racing outfit that hired him to an exclusive riding contract last year. "I'm been doing some work for them at the farm," Stevens said. "I've been helping them prepare some horses that are coming back in (to the track)." Stevens said that the door isn't closed on his return to riding, although he's picked up about 10 pounds in the last month. "I still harbor the hope that I might be able to return," he said. "I'm continuing with rehab, and still looking into things that might reduce the pain in my knees. Maybe it's only a dream, but I haven't given up." Stevens got off the line of the night at the Eclipse Awards dinner last week, when he presented some of the winners with their bronzes. "I ought to get an Eclipse just for fitting into this tuxedo," he said.

## INGLIS SALE ENDS ON HIGH NOTE

Buyers reacted positively to the Inglis Classic Yearling Sale being held three weeks later than previously and focused on good types rather than pedigree, with the two-day sale concluding on an all-time high. The average was A\$26,753 and the gross was A\$10,515,000 for 385 yearlings sold from 497 catalogued. Youngsters who looked like they would be ready to line up in next year's A\$610,000 Classic race--open only to graduates of this sale--were sought after, while less mature types, even with appetizing pedigrees, languished at the lower end of the market. The John Morrissey-trained Pembleton (Aus) won Saturday's Inglis Classic race in a fashion that suggests there's plenty more in store and was immediately installed 6-1 co-favourite for the nation's premier two-year-old event, the A\$2.5 million Golden Slipper at Rosehill on April 15. Pembleton's win whet buyers appetites sufficiently to push the sale average up by 44 percent on last year, with a clearance rate of 84 percent. Inglis managing director Reg Inglis said, "There are a large number of first-time buyers and it is very pleasing to see them starting out at this sale. Type sells in the yearling ring now, and if they are slashing types they often well and truly outsell their pedigree."

## TOP FOUR YEARLINGS

Lot #	Sex	Sire	Dam	Price
137	c	Kenmare (Fr)	Mistilite (Aus)	A\$145,000
Consigned by Bhima Pty, Ltd. Purchased by K. Robinson				
453	f	Canny Lad (Aus)	Countess Pedrille (Aus)	A\$110,000
Purchased by N. McBurney				
152	c	Brief Truce	Nawadder (Aus)	A\$102,500
Consigned by Emirates Park Purchased by P. Payne				
155	f	Flying Spur (Aus)	New England (Aus)	A\$100,000
Consigned by Woodlands Stud Purchased by G. Rogerson				

## CURRENCY CONVERSIONS

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Monday, Wellington, New Zealand

**ARMSTRONG JONES TELEGRAPH HANDICAP-G1**, NZ\$150,000, Trentham, 1-24, 6fT, 1:07.63, fm.

1--▲**FRITZ (NZ)**, 119, g, 5, by Kreisler (Fr)

1st Dam: **Brighten Up (GB)**, by Sharpo (GB)

2nd Dam: **Starbright (GB)**, by Petingo (GB)

3rd Dam: **Guiding Light (Fr)**, by Crepello (GB)

O/B-J E & E U Austin and G F & R E Ritchie (NZ); T-Neil Coulbeck; J-Noel Harris.

2--**Cheiron (NZ)**, 119, g, 4, Centaine (Aus)--**Splash Of Beauty (Aus)** by Lusk Star (Aus). O-JKV Holdings Ltd; T- Bruce Marsh.

3--**Star Of Gold (NZ)**, 118, g, 5, Famous Star (GB)--**Goldtaine (NZ)** by Centaine (Aus). O-J N Gates, T J McKee, P W Norrie & J A Voyle; T-Stephen & Trevor McKee.

Margins: 3/4, SNK, SNK.

Odds: 17-1, 17-1, 8-1

Also Ran: **Golden Butterfly (NZ)**, Cullen (Aus), **Country Rose (NZ)**, **Joe Hero (NZ)**, **Buster Brookfield (NZ)**, **Bawalaksana (NZ)**, **Agent Scully (NZ)**, **Kohinoor (NZ)**, **Mendacity (NZ)**, **Crooked Stick (NZ)**, **After Eight (NZ)**  
 Scratched: **Centre Crest (NZ)**, **Like The Look (NZ)**.

New Zealand has two main islands--simply named the North and the South. The North Island has the majority of the people and holds most of the major racing. So it was sweet for South Island trainer Neil Coulbeck to come up to Wellington, which is at the bottom of the North Island, and take one of New Zealand's 21 Group One races home to the South Island with his sprinter Fritz. The win was made even sweeter for Coulbeck as it was his first victory at Group One level. Fritz sat close to the pace set by Kohinoor, who led into the long Trentham straight. Once on the run home, the favorite Cullen took over. Cullen looked to have the race won when he put a couple of lengths on the field, but was swamped late and finished fifth. Fritz came with a strong burst and, under a lovely ride from Noel Harris, got home by just under a length. Cherion, who was last turning for home, and Star Of Gold came flying home late to fill the minor placings.

All horses in the International TDN were bred in North America unless otherwise indicated.

Saturday, Kenilworth, South Africa  
**CAPE FLYING CHAMPIONSHIP-G1**, R.250,000, Kenilworth, 1-22, 3yo/up, 5fT, 58.07, gd.

1--**JET MASTER (SAf)**, 128, h, 5, by Rakeen  
 1st dam: **Jet Lightning (SAf)**, by Rollins  
 2nd dam: **Jolly Laughter (SAf)**, by Jolly Drummer (SAf)  
 3rd dam: **Let's Laugh (SAf)**, by Joy (GB)

O-Henry & Pat Devine; B-A H Jonsson; T-Geoff Woodruff; J-Anton Marcus; R.156,250.

2--**Cordocelli (SAf)**, 128, g, 7, Cordoba--**Saucy Elly (SAf)**, by Elliodor (Fr). O-R J Bloomberg, B C Lutrin, J M Gruft & S Barr; B-C N Karsten; R.50,000

3--**Ghostly Galleon (SAf)**, 128, g, 5, Argosy--**Jungle Light (SAf)**, by Jungle Cove (USA). O-M H Hutzler; B-G D E Kahan; T-G S Kotzen; J-G Basson; R.25,000.

Margins: 5, SHD, 1. Odds: 7-10, 6-1, 14-1.  
 Also ran: **Eli's Game (SAf)**, **Sun Of Heaven (SAf)**, **Flashy Star (SAf)**, **Dominion Ruler (SAf)**, **Tipperary Tim (SAf)**, **Just A Gigolo (SAf)**.



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**WEEKEND PEDIGREE  
PERSPECTIVES**

*by Alan Porter*

**SANTA YNEZ S.-GII**, \$106,000, SAX, 1-23, 3yo, f, 7f, 1:23 1/5, ft.

1--#@PENNY BLUES, 118, f, 3, by Pentelicus

1st Dam: Milagro Blue, by Cure the Blues

2nd Dam: She's In Tune, by Tunerup

3rd Dam: Creme Chantilly, by Creme Dela Creme

O-Buffalo Wallet; B-James Gammon & Nancy Gammon (FL); T-Edwin Gregson; J-E Delahoussaye; \$63,600. Lifetime Record: 6-3-1-1, \$123,600.

Regular readers of this column will know that we are great fans of the combination of Rough 'n Tumble through his best son Dr. Fager and his best daughter My Dear Girl, the dam of In Reality. In fact, Dr. Fager and In Reality are found within four generations in the pedigrees of more than 40 unrestricted stakes winners. The most recent of these is Penny Blues, who can stake a claim to being the most important stakes winner for her sire after defeating a field which included GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies heroine Cash Run, and the highly-regarded duo of Classic Olympio and Mean Imogene in the GII Santa Ynez S.

Appropriately for one who may become the best of her sire's offspring, Penny Blues might just have the most fascinating pedigree of any of his runners. Pentelicus himself is a product of the Dr. Fager/In Reality cross, since he is by Fappiano (dam by Dr. Fager) out of Charedi (by In Reality). The combination of Fappiano with Charedi's daughter Gana Facil produced champion and GI Kentucky Derby winner Unbridled and GI Wood Memorial S. victor Cahill Road, and although Pentelicus wasn't quite in the class of that pair, he was a very useful sprinter, capturing six-furlong stakes at two, five and six years, and also being disqualified to second after winning the GIII Count Fleet Sprint H.

Since Penny Blues' broodmare sire Cure the Blues is, like Fappiano, out of a Dr. Fager mare, Penny Blues has Dr. Fager 4x4. She also has Rough 'n Tumble 5x5x5. What makes Penny Blues' pedigree unique--at least in our experience--is that her fifth dam is a mare called Rumped, who just happens to be the one and only full sister to Rough 'n Tumble (which gives Penny Blues the siblings 5x5x5x5!). To back up the Rough 'n Tumble, Penny Blues also has Dr. Fager's dam Aspidistra (also third dam of Pentelicus) 5x4x5.

There is a second notable element to this pedigree: the reinforcement of the background of Buckpasser, the sire of Pentelicus' second dam. Buckpasser is by Tom Fool out of Busanda. Cure the Blues carries a daughter of Tom Fool, and also Better Self, a close genetic relative to Busanda (Better Self is by a son of La Troienne out of a War Admiral mare; Busanda is by War Admiral out of daughter of La Troienne). It may not be a coincidence that there are already six stakes winners--five graded--by stallions carrying Buckpasser out of Cure the Blues mares. Incidentally, Better Self is not only in this pedigree three times through his daughter Aspidistra, but also an extra time through Penny Blues' dam, so there are five Busanda/Better Self crosses, giving a major accumulation of La Troienne through genetic relatives.

**PEDIGREE SHORTS**

The Fred Capossela S. at Aqueduct was taken by a potential up-and-comer in the shape of **Max's Pal (c, 3, Marquetry--Singin Up A Storm, by Storm Cat)**, who was winning for the fourth time in six starts. The pedigree of Max's Pal drew to our attention a rather interesting similarity between the backgrounds of Regent's Walk (dam of Max's Pal's sire Marquetry) and Max's Pal's broodmare sire Storm Cat. Regent's Walk is by a son of Northern Dancer, and her dam is by a son of Nasrullah out of a mare by Spy Song. Storm Cat is by a son of Northern Dancer, and his dam is by a grandson of Nasrullah out of a mare by a son of Spy Song. Perhaps Marquetry/Storm Cat is going to be a cross to watch.

First-time stakes winner **Full Moon Madness (g, 5, Half a Year--Soft Charm, by Secretariat)**, who sprinted to victory in the Bay Meadows Express H., has a very clever pedigree. Firstly, he has Nasrullah/Princequillo crosses through his paternal grandsire Riverman and maternal grandsire Secretariat (this pair are found together in at least 14 other stakes winners, 11 of them graded). In addition, Full Moon Madness also has duplications of the very notable mares Almahmoud (in his tail-female line) and Banish Fear.

Crescent City Derby winner **Doctor Mike (c, 3, Autocracy--Run Prissy Run, by Bayou Hebert)** is the only unrestricted stakes winner for his sire, a son of Alydar. It should come as no surprise, then, to find that he has a clever pedigree. His sire is out of a mare by Lt. Stevens (by Nantallah out of Rough Shod II) and his broodmare sire is a grandson of the good stakes winner Nosey Nan (by Nantallah out of a granddaughter of Rough Shod II). There's no doubt that inbreeding to relatives from the Rough Shod II family is becoming one of the most important factors in current pedigrees.

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#### A FEW SIRES TO CONSIDER

If you're still mulling over matings for a mare or two--and you know you probably can't still get into the most fashionable and expensive sires --here are a few to consider who you may (or may not) still be able to get into. These fall into four categories: three Ribot-line stallions (all ranked in the 30s on the 1999 General Sire List) who may not be that fashionable but might sire you a racehorse; five Kentucky-based freshman sires of 1999, all ranked among the top 10 freshman sires but all, I think, still pretty good value; my two absolute favorites among a strong group of sires whose first foals are due in 2000; and six stallions going to stud this year.

Pleasant Colony, unfortunately, does not really look like he's reviving the Ribot sire line as a sire of sires -- though, like many of the Ribots, there's still plenty of hope for survival on the broodmare sire side. But two of Pleasant Colony's sons look interesting: the disappointing St. Jovite's older brother, **Lac Ouimet** (\$4,000, Payson), a five-time 9-10 furlong Grade II winner, has sired 20 stakes winners in his first five crops and ranked 35th on the 1999 North American General Sire List (let's abbreviate that NA-GSL); and the versatile **Pleasant Tap** (\$12,500, Lane's End), who's recovered well from a slow start, and ranked 39th on the GSL, with seven 1999 SW. **Lost Code** (\$7,500, Vinery), by Arts and Letters' son **Codex**, won nine Graded stakes at three and four, and has now sired 40 stakes winners. It's also worth keeping an eye on Pleasant Tap's three-quarter brother, the 1994 Derby winner **Go For Gin** (\$15,000, Claiborne)--they are out of the same mare and both by sons of His Majesty). He was only 39th on the 1999 freshman sire list, but they do figure to improve with age, like Pleasant Tap's have.

Speaking of freshman sires, I like this crop. My crystal ball (75% right over the years) tells me plenty of these will go on to make sires, and this group has maybe shown enough to suggest their current fees could end up looking pretty fair value. As I've said before, I like **Cherokee Run** (\$20,000, Jonabell) to go on and make a sire, even if he is by **Runaway Groom** (good sire) out of

a Silver Saber mare. Cherokee was a runner himself--won the Gil Dwyer, second in the Preakness at three, won the Breeders' Cup Sprint at four--and his 1998 yearlings wowed the judges. I also like the other four Kentucky stallions among the top eight--**Thunder Gulch** (4th, 13 winners, \$25,000, Ashford); **Tabasco Cat** (5th, 10 winners, \$35,000, Overbrook); **Distant View** (7th, 12 winners including the Dewhurst winner just \$15,000 at Juddmonte); and **Unaccounted For** (8th, 9 winners, \$10,000, Lane's End), himself a high-class 9-10 furlong horse, and winner of the Jim Dandy and the Whitney at Saratoga, by Private Account).

Among what looks like a strong group whose first foals are due this year, two who I think could look really cheap in years to come are **King of Kings** (\$30,000, Ashford), the 1998 English 2000 Guineas winner, by Sadler's Wells out of a Habitat mare from a very fast family, and maybe the best 2-year-old Aidan O'Brien has yet had; and **Labeeb** (virtually given away for \$7,500 at Gainsborough), a very good-looking and very good 8-9 furlong turf horse for Neil Drysdale by Lear Fan.

Another good group has retired to stud this year, and a few you could maybe even still get to who could be worth getting to are: **Old Trieste** (\$25,000, Jonabell), by A.P. Indy out of tough-as-teak Lovlier Linda, by Grey Dawn's son Vigors--he ran a Beyer 118 once this year and was a cracking miler; **Lil's Lad** (\$10,000, Lane's End), by another underrated stallion in Pine Bluff, and maybe a very good 7 furlong-miler himself; **Expelled** (\$6,500, Wimbledon), a full-brother to the late, lamented Exbourne who won a Group 3 over 5 furlongs in France at two, and the 9-furlong Eddie Read at five in his own right; and, rounding out the Kentucky contingent here, the 1994 Epsom Derby winner **Erhaab** (\$5,000, Shadwell), sold back to Shadwell after evidently failing to ring the chimes with his first two crops in Japan. He was a class horse with a pedigree and no obvious reason to fail, and Japanese racing is decidedly different: he's got to get a look at that price. And two from outside Kentucky: California's **Free House** (\$15,000, Vessels), winner of eight Grade I and II races including 9 to 10-furlong Grade I wins at three, four, and five--he's another out of a Vigors mare; and--my final nomination--the obscure **Incurable Optimist** (\$2,500 Highcliff, NY), maybe the best two-year-old in America in 1998, and by a successful minor sire of sires in Cure the Blues. You heard it here first.

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**STORM SHUTS DOWN RACING** The winter storm which dumped as much as a foot of snow on the East Coast yesterday caused the cancellation of both live racing and simulcasting at the Meadowlands in New Jersey and Philadelphia Park in Pennsylvania. Philadelphia Park has now been forced to cancel three times this year due to weather conditions. The Meadowlands expected to resume both simulcasting and live racing tonight. However, snow continued to fall throughout Tuesday.

**ENJOYING RETIREMENT** Multiple graded stakes winner **Enjoy the Moment** (Slew's Royalty) has been retired from racing and will be bred to second-year sire Coronado's Quest. Winner of over \$538,000 in her 16-9-1-1 career, **Enjoy the Moment** closed out this chapter with a third in last Saturday's GI Santa Monica H. In 1999, the Cal-bred captured the GII A Gleam H. and the GIII Rancho Bernardo H.

☆ EAST ☆

**Florida HBPA Election Results:**

The Florida Horsemen's Benevolent & Protective Association conducted its annual board of directors election on January 15, 2000. Elected to the board were owners Michael Sherman and Robert Bakerman and trainers Buddy Edwards, Manny Tortora and Manny Estevez. The owners alternate was Solomon Garazi and the trainers alternate was Heidi Root. FHBPA President Scott Savin commented, "With all the five incumbents being reelected from 13 candidates comprising both owners and trainers, it signifies a confirmation of the outstanding work being done by the board of the FHBPA." The board is equally composed of owners and trainers.

**STAKES CLOSINGS**

**TODAY, WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 26:**


02-02 \$100,000 *Shirley Jones H.-III, GP, 3yo/up, f/m, 7f, (100)*

02-05 \$500,000 *Donn H.-I, GP, 3yo/up, 9f, (500)*

02-05 \$150,000 *San Vicente-II, SA, 3yo, 7f, (150)*

02-06 \$300,000 *San Antonio H.-II, SA, 4yo/up, 9f, (300)*

02-06 \$200,000 *La Cañada-II, SA, 4yo/up, f/m, 9f, (200)*



**PAIR OF MARES TOPS DAY ONE AT BARRETT'S**

Two broodmares brought bids of \$50,000 on Monday night to top the first day of Barretts Winter Mixed Sale in Pomona, California. **Fight All Night** (Fit to Fight), an eight-year-old unraced mare in foal to leading California sire In Excess (Ire), was purchased by Bill Tollett as agent. She is from the family of millionaire and leading sire Lost Code. **Quiet M. D.** (Quiet American), a half sister to graded stakes winner With Flair, brought a bid of \$50,000 from Jesus Ochoa. Overall, 200 horses sold of the 289 catalogued on the first day of the sale, with gross sales of \$1,023,500. There were 56 Outs, and 33 were unsold. Median price was \$3,600, and the average was \$6,804. The two-day auction concluded last night with 225 yearlings and two-year-olds catalogued.

**TOP THREE MARES-MONDAY**

Hip #	Name	Covering Sire	Price
7	<b>Fight All Night</b> <i>(8, Fit to Fight--Stay the Night, by Ack Ack)</i>	In Excess (Ire)	\$50,000
	Consigned by Hal Oliver, agent Purchased by Bill Tollett, agent		
106	<b>Quiet M. D.</b> <i>(7, Quiet American--French Farce, by L'Enjoleur)</i>	Langfuhr	\$50,000
	Consigned by Mary Knight, agent Purchased by Jesus M. Ochoa		
59	<b>Madam</b> <i>(4, Lord Avie--Magic Sister, by Mr. Redoy)</i>	Smokester	\$40,000
	Consigned by Berkey Bloodstock Services, Inc., agent Purchased by Mrs. Patricia Thompson		

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**AMERICAN-BRED WINNER IN BRITAIN:**

**Internal Affair**, g, 5, Nicholas--Gdynia, by Sir Ivor. Wolverhampton, England, 1-25, Dog Cart Claiming S., 4yo/up, 8f 100yds(AWT), \$3,588 to winner. O-Stephen Woodall; B-Calumet Farm; T-David Barron. \*1/2 to Danzig Connection (Danzig), MGISW, \$1,002,620; Roi Danzig (Danzig), GSW, \$325,386.

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## NO APPEAL BY CBA

The Curragh Bloodstock Agency yesterday decided not to appeal against the decision of a British court which on November 12 found agent Paul Webber, now a trainer as well, and trainer Oliver Sherwood guilty of collusive bidding. A statement said: "To forestall a lengthy and costly appeal, a compromise agreement has been reached between the CBA and Exterior Profiles Ltd. In reaching the settlement, the parties acknowledge that the judge's conclusions were predominantly inference from fact and that different inferences could have been drawn from those facts. EPL has made it plain that it makes no challenge of the CBA's professionalism of integrity. Both the CBA and EPL consider the matter closed. This is the final statement of both parties on the matter." Gary Heywood of EPL brought the civil court case and succeeded in having his company awarded £51,460 in damages plus costs and interest against the CBA which at the time of the purchase, at Doncaster Sales in 1995, employed Webber. The agent bought Heywood for 28,000gns a four-year-old gelding later called Pru's Profiles (Ire) (Tale Quale {GB}). Judge William Crawford ruled Heywood was unaware that Webber had bought the horse in Ireland a year earlier for 8,000Irgns on behalf of a client, Jan Steinman, who was the seller at Doncaster. The judge said at the time: "I infer from the evidence that, from 14,000 guineas onwards, there was collusive bidding. Mr Webber and Mr Sherwood were pushing Mr Heywood up to his limit." The CBA, Webber and Sherwood have strongly proclaimed their innocence.

## ★ ITALY ★

### Yesterday's Results:

**2.00 Rome, Premio Nelcius (Con d.),** L15,300,000, 1-25, 3yo, 1m (dirt), time: n/a.

**EL REY DEL MUNDO (GB) (c, 3, Mon Tresor {GB}--Total Sales {GB}, by Salse {USA}).** Lifetime Record: 4 starts, 2 wins, 2 places, L27,540,000. O-General Horse; B-Total Bloodstock Ltd; T-F Brogi; J-D Vargiu.

**2.25 Rome, Premio King's Company (Cond.),** L15,300,000, 1-25, 4yo/up, 7f (dirt), time: n/a.

**GOLDEN COLLINS (IRE) (m, 5, Bluebird {USA}--Luis La Paz {Ire}, by Runnett {GB}).** Lifetime Record: 33 starts, 4 wins, 13 places, L119,425,000. O-Scuderia Fraban; B-Scuderia Golden Horse SRL; T-S Fancera; J-M Vargiu.

## ★ BRITAIN ★

### OPENING VERSE JOINS STALLION PARADE

Egerton Stud's new arrival **Opening Verse (USA)** (The Minstrel {Can}) has been added to the list of stallions due to parade at Tattersalls next Thursday, Feb. 3. The first winner of the Breeders' Cup Mile to stand at stud in Britain, Opening Verse joins 11 other stallions in the parade, which has been organised by The National Stud and which caters mainly to horses which are shuttling between the Northern and Southern Hemispheres. The other 11 on show are **Air Express (Ire)** (Salse {USA}), **Bahamian Bounty (GB)** (Cadeaux Genereux {GB}), **Bijou D'Inde (GB)** (Cadeaux Genereux {GB}), **Bin Ajwaad (Ire)** (Rainbow Quest {USA}), **Danzero (Aus)** (Danhill {USA}), **Dracula (Aus)** (Quest For Fame {GB}), **Golden Snake (USA)** (Danzig {USA}), **Great Dane (Ire)** (Danhill {USA}), **Hector Protector (USA)** (Woodman {USA}), **Kirkwall (GB)** (Selkirk {USA}) and **Silver Patriarch (Ire)** (Saddlers' Hall {Ire}).

### FIRST FOAL FOR COMPTON PLACE

The first foal by the 1997 G1 July Cup winner **Compton Place (GB)** was born at Whitsbury Manor Stud yesterday. She is a chestnut filly out of Gunner's Belle (GB), the dam of G1 Prix Morny winner Hoh Magic (GB) (Cadeaux Genereux {GB}).

### DARK HORSES FOR 2000

by Sean Cronin

**MISRAAH (IRE)**, c, 3, Lure (USA)--Dwell (USA), by Habitat (USA).

Trainer: Sir Michael Stoute. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, £4,251.

Misraah, a tall and attractive individual, was not suited by the good to soft going when finishing fourth on his first start in a seven-furlong Newbury maiden won by the useful Scarteen Fox (Ire) (Foxhound {USA}). He more than made up for his debut defeat when scooting to a 10-length success on his only subsequent start over seven furlongs at Leicester in mid-October. If progressing along the right lines, this well-bred son of Lure may well prove to be a 2000 Guineas contender.

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**PETRUSHKA (IRE)**, f, 3, Unfuwain (USA)--Ballet Shoes (Ire), by Ela-Mana-Mou (Ire).

Trainer: Sir Michael Stoute. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, £3,785.

Petrushka took some time to realize what was required of her when making her only start over seven furlongs at Leicester in October. Once getting the hang of things, and despite going a bit in her coat, she readily answered Kieren Fallon's urgings to win in pleasing style and has a lot to look forward to. She comes from a family that has excelled at distances around 10 furlongs and there is no reason to suggest she will not carry on that tradition.

**ZAFONIUM (USA)**, c, 3, Zafonic (USA)--Bint Pasha (USA), by Affirmed (USA).

Trainer: Paul Cole. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-1, £8,204.

A good-looking well-bred sort, Zafonium finished third, one place ahead of Misraah, when the pair made their debuts at Newbury in September. He showed the benefit of that run when leading from the three-furlong marker and running on well to take a mile maiden at York the following month. Although a son of Zafonic, Zafonium is bred to stay and a tilt at the Derby is certainly not out of the question.

**SALE SEASON GETS UNDERWAY AT DONCASTER**

The 2000 European sale season made a quiet start at Doncaster yesterday on the first day of the January Sales. The seven-year-old Gracious Gretclo (GB) (Common Grounds), in foal to Compton Place (GB), realised the sole 10-figure bid of the day when bought for 10,000gns by Jimmy Byrne, acting for Gay O'Callaghan's Yeomanstown Stud. She is a full-sister to Rich Ground (GB), who won the G3 July S. at Newmarket. Paula Sylvester, whose purchases are used to advertise Blue Chip Horse Feeds, had earlier paid 6,000gns for Me Cherokee (GB) (Persian Bold), offered from Guy Reed's Copgrove Hall Stud near Harrogate, and in foal to Primo Dominie (GB). A date with Atraf (GB), one of 33 stallions to parade before the sale, awaits Misty Silks (GB) (Scottish Reel) after her purchase for 5,000gns by David Redvers on behalf of Peter and Ann Onslow. The couple were re-investing some of the 37,000gns they received for an Atraf foal at Tattersalls last month.

**DONCASTER SALES STATISTICS**

	<u>2000</u>	<u>1999</u>
Offered	85	70
Sold	42	50
Gross	95,150	187,150
Average	2,024	3,743
Median	1,000	2,800

**TUESDAY'S TOP 3 LOTS**

Hip #	Name	Covering Sire	Price
111	Gracious Gretclo (GB)	Compton Place (GB)	10,000gns
<i>(7, Common Grounds {GB}--Gratclo {GB}, by Belfort {Fr})</i>			
Consigned by West Penhill Stud			
Purchased by Jimmy Byrne Bloodstock			
114	Cape Merino (GB)	Sheikh Albadou (GB) or Paris House (GB)	6,200gns
<i>(9, Clantime {GB}--Laena {GB}, by Roman Warrior {Ire})</i>			
Consigned by Melbourne Hall Stud			
Purchased for cash			
80	Me Cherokee (GB)	Primo Dominie (GB)	6,000gns
<i>(8, Persian Bold {Ire}--Siouan {GB}, by So Blessed {GB})</i>			
Consigned by Copgrove Hall Stud			
Purchased by Paula Sylvester			

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**FIRST FOAL FOR OXALAGU**

A filly born Jan. 22 at Gestut Rietberg in Germany became the first foal for the German champion Oxalagu (Ger) (Lagunas {GB}). The bay was out of the six-time winner Gretna Green (Ger) (Noblequest {Fr}).

★ MAIDEN WINNERS ★

Soller Bay (GB), g, 3, Contract Law (USA)--Bichette (GB), by Lidhame (GB). Wolverhampton, England, Sulky Maiden S. (Class D), 1-25, 3yo, 9f 79yds(AWT), £2,782 to winner. B-Ken Higson.

**IRISH GROUP 2 & 3 RACES IN 2000**

DATE	RACE	TRACK
4-9	Gladness S.-G3	Curragh
5-1	Tetrarch S.-G3	Curragh
5-14	Derrinstown Derby Trial-G3	Leopardstown
5-27	Greenlands S.-G3	Curragh
6-5	Ballyogan S.-G3	Leopardstown
6-10	Gallinule S.-G3	Curragh
6-14	Ballycorus S.-G3	Leopardstown
7-1	Curragh Cup-G3	Curragh
7-1	Pretty Polly S.-G2	Curragh
7-2	Railway S.-G3	Curragh
7-2	International S.-G2	Curragh
7-16	Minstrel S.-G3	Curragh
7-16	Anglesey S.-G3	Curragh
7-29	Meld S.-G3	Curragh
8-13	Phoenix Sprint-G3	Leopardstown
8-20	Royal Whip S.-G2	Curragh
8-20	Desmond S.-G3	Curragh
8-26	Futurity S.-G3	Curragh
9-3	Matron S.-G3	Curragh
9-16	Mcdonagh Boland S.-G3	Curragh
9-17	Blandford S.-G2	Curragh
9-30	Park S.-G3	Curragh
10-1	Concorde S.-G3	Tipperary
10-9	Flying Five S.-G3	Leopardstown
10-15	Beresford S.-G3	Curragh
10-30	Killavllan S.-G3	Leopardstown