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NO IDLE THREAT IN THE VERY ONE

An overflow field of 12 fillies and mares and six also eligibles were entered for today's GIII The Very One H. at Gulfstream. **Idle Rich** (Sky Classic) was off four months after winning the GIII Glens Falls H. at Saratoga and returned with a bang-up second to **Coretta** (Ire) in the Dec. 26 GII La Prevoyante H. last time out. Irish invader **Lisieux Rose** (Ire) (Generous {Ire}), winner of the 1998 G2 Blandford S., makes her first American start off a third-place effort in the 1999 edition of the race last September. Trained in Ireland by Dermot Weld, the five-year-old chestnut has joined the American barn of Christophe Clement. **Crystal Symphony** (Red Ransom) won the Dec. 4 GIII My Charmer H. at Calder before running a troubled sixth in the La Prevoyante.

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

THE VERY ONE-GIII, \$75,000, 3yo/up, f/m, 1 3/8mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER	WT
1	Blink	Dynaformer	Soyer	112
2	Manoa	Seeking the Gold	McGaughey	112
3	Moments of Magic	Danzig	Arnold	114
4	Idle Rich	Sky Classic	Mott	115
5	Pico Teneriffe	Red Ransom	Pletcher	115
6	Crystal Symphony	Red Ransom	Calascibetta	115
7	I'm Indy Mood	A.P. Indy	Toner	113
8	Sangam	Majestic Light	Silvera	113
9	Lisieux Rose (Ire)	Generous (Ire)	Clement	114
10	Makethemostofit	Easy Goer	Toner	113
11	Circus Charmer	Manila	Plesa	113
12	Luna Craft	Crafty Prospector	Garcia	112
Also Eligible				
13	Bridal Glow	Runaway Groom	Sciacca	112
14f	Champagne Royal	Jebbar	Scanlan	112
15f	Flirt With Danger	Digamist	Palmer	112
16f	My Sweet Westly	West by West	Romans	111
17f	Dyna Might	Dynaformer	Sims	111
18f	Queen of Oz	Silver Buck	Poulos	110

NEVER SO BOLD DEAD *Never So Bold* (Ire) (Bold Lad {Ire}), European champion sprinter of 1985, died yesterday morning of an apparent heart attack at Wood Farm Stud in Shropshire, England. The 20-year-old stallion is one of only five horses to have swept the Group 1 triple of the Kings Stand at Royal Ascot, the Norcros July S. at Newmarket and the William Hill Sprint Championship (Nunthorpe S.) at York in 1985. *Never So Bold* sired graded stakes winners *Character* (GB), *Venture Capitalist* (GB) and stakes winners *Eaton Lad* (GB) and *Bold Jessie* (GB). He has recently been represented as the broodmare sire of graded stakes winners *Abou Zouz*, *Easycall* (GB), *Circle of Gold* (Ire) and *Nadwah*.

☆ RESULTS ☆

Thursday, Ohi, Japan

TCK JO-OH HAI-G3-Jpn, Ohi, Japan, 2-3, 4yo/up, f/m, 10f, 2:06.9, gd.

1--@YAMANO REAL (JPN), 117, f, 4, Real Shadai--Yuwa Mayumi, by Maruzensky. O-Yoshihiro Yamaizumi; B-Hamamoto Farm; T-Minoru Goto; J-Hakashi Harita; ¥40,000,000. Lifetime Record: 10-9-1-0, ¥122,950,000.

2--Magic Ribbon (Jpn), 119, m, 7, Markofdistinction (GB)--Hori Ribbon (Jpn), by My Swallow (GB). O-Shigeo Yoshida; B-Yoshida Farm.

3--Clockwork (Jpn), 117, f, 4, Real Shadai--Keiwan Marion (Jpn), by Gay Mecene. O/B-Tohoku Farm. Margins: 1, 1/2, 1. Odds: 4.40, 4.10, 5.60.

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THE MOST UNDERRATED SIRE ON THE PLANET

As always, I've enjoyed having the opportunity to offer my opinion on a few sires that have maybe been a bit overlooked, especially as racehorse sires or sire prospects, in my columns the last couple of weeks. I'd like to wrap this series up by talking a little bit today about a stallion I consider right now to be the most underrated sire on the planet. Maybe you've heard of him. His name is Danzig.

I don't mention this because I think anybody is going to rush out and buy a season to the venerable 23-year-old: they're surely completely unavailable now at any price. I mention it because, as we move from the Mr. Prospector Era to the Storm Cat Era, there's just a little risk that it slips our minds just how important a sire Danzig has been. That shouldn't happen.

A table in the Jan. 29 *Blood-Horse* (p. 734) reminds us that Danzig is the leading active sire with a 4.97 cumulative average-earnings index. He has sired 150 SW (18.5 percent of foals), 84 Graded SW, and 41 Grade 1 winners in 16 crops to date. In terms of the analysis that I use myself, he's sired 120 individual 'A Runners' since 1983 (second only to Mr. Prospector's 125), and is currently the second leading sire on 1993-99 A Runner Index, which is a similar standard of measurement to the average-earnings index. Here are a few comparative numbers with his own sire, Northern Dancer--the greatest sire of the last fifty years; Northern Dancer's other three greatest sons, Nijinsky, Nureyev, and Sadler's Wells; and their greatest contemporary, Mr. Prospector:

- Northern Dancer - 146 SW (23.0 percent of 635 foals), 5.14 cumulative AEI
- Nijinsky - 155 SW (18.2 percent of 850 foals), 4.76 AEI
- Danzig - 150 SW (18.5 percent of 810 foals), 4.97 AEI
- Nureyev - 111 SW (16.6 percent of 667 foals), 4.10 AEI
- Sadler's Wells - 133 SW (17.0 percent of 779 foals), 4.21 AEI
- Mr. Prospector- 163 SW (16.1 percent of 1015 foals), 4.35 AEI

Because I have this list handy, can I just run through, to refresh your memory, some of the 120 individual 'A Runners' sired by Danzig. For each crop, his number of individual A Runners is in parentheses, followed by the names of his most prominent of sons, nearly all of whom have gone to stud (with varying success), including a few who were never A Runners or SW--which, I'm sure you remember, Danzig himself was not.

- 1982 (7) - Chief's Crown, Stephan's Odyssey (died), Ziggy's Boy
- 1983 (9) - Danzig Connection, Green Desert
- 1984 (4) - Polish Navy, Ascot Knight
- 1985 (5) - Always Fair
- 1986 (13) - Danehill, Polish Precedent, Shaadi, Roi Danzig, Emarati
- 1987 (10) - Adjudicating, Dayjur, Slavic, Polish Numbers
- 1988 (9) - Polish Patriot, Honor Grades, Deerhound, Perugino
- 1989 (11) - Lure, Pine Bluff, Belong to Me, Hamas
- 1990 (13) - Boundary, Zieten
- 1991 (6) - Dumaani, Eagle Eyed, Foxhound
- 1992 (8) - Anabaa, Langfuhr
- 1993 (4)
- 1994 (10) - Elnadim, Partner's Hero, Military
- 1995 (7) - Agnes World, Bianconi
- 1996 (3) - Mujahid, Golden Snake
- 1997 (2) - Mull of Kintyre, Brahms, War Chant

I guess it just bugs me a little bit that in this 'Rush to Storm Cat' (gotta have one, everybody's gotta have one)--79 SW to date (14.8 percent of 532 foals), 4.11 AEI, an incredible 24 SW in 1999, 15 Graded, and seven Grade 1 winners--there is just a little bit of a loss of perspective. He's a terrific sire, Storm Cat, hands-down, not-open-to-debate, no-doubt-about it. But one of the ways we can assess his stature is by comparing him to some of his best recent contemporaries--nearly all of whom are relatives of some description. So, just before we all move on to the next Great Sire, let's concede a tip of the hat and a last little bit of recognition to Danzig--the most underrated sire on the planet.

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- DREAMY MAIDEN** (Likely Exchange S. [1st Div] at Turfway Park), plus
- Luftikus** (2nd in the Strub S.-G2 at Santa Anita) and
- Peninsula** (3rd in the Lecomte H. at Fair Grounds)



WEEKEND PEDIGREE PERSPECTIVES

by Alan Porter

SAN ANTONIO H.-GII, \$300,000, SAX, 2-6, 4yo/up,
1 1/8m, 1:48 3/5, ft.

1--**BUDROYALE**, 121, h, 7, by **Cee's Tizzy**

1st Dam: **Cee's Song**, by **Seattle Song**

2nd Dam: **Lonely Dancer**, by **Nice Dancer**

3rd Dam: **Sleep Lonely**, by **Pia Star**

O-Sengara Jeffrey; B-Cecilia Straub Revocable Trust
(CA); T-Ted H West; J-G K Gomez; \$180,000.

Lifetime Record: MGISP, 46-18-11-2, \$2,649,810.

The weekend was a good one for the burgeoning Relaunch sire line. Not only did Cee's Tizzy take the GII San Antonio S., but Bertrando (by Relaunch's son, Skywalker) was also represented by Scholars Studio and Smooth Player the first and second home in the GII La Canada S. and the Pro or Con H. winner Here's To You. Add to this the fact that Relaunch's young son Slew Gin Fizz has made a terrific start in Argentina, and that Waquoit has been a very serviceable regional sire in Maryland, it is clear that the Relaunch sons have made the most of their opportunities. This also bodes well for his best supported son Honour and Glory, who has his first runners this year.

Cee's Tizzy is certainly an overachiever. Winner of a maiden event at Hollywood Park, and a pair of allowance contests at Del Mar, he also placed third in the GI Super Derby from just six starts. From 97 foals in his first four crops, he has sired four stakes winners, including not only Budroyale, but also the GI Milady Breeders' Cup victress, Gourmet Girl.

Budroyale's ability may stem from an accumulation of genetic relatives by Mahmoud, a horse who has a very significant influence in Relaunch's pedigree. Cee's Tizzy is out of a mare by Lyphard (which, incidentally, means he is bred on similar lines to Honour and Glory, who is out of a mare by a son of Lyphard). This brings together The Axe II (broodmare sire of Relaunch) and Almahmoud (granddam of Lyphard's sire, Northern Dancer). The Axe II and Almahmoud have very similar backgrounds, since both are by Mahmoud out of mares strongly featuring Chicle, Broomstick and Peter Pan.

Budroyale's dam Cee's Song is out of Lonely Dancer, who is by a son of Northern Dancer (Almahmoud again). Her dam Sleep Lonely is by Pia Star, and his dam Inquisitive is a Mahmoud daughter who has strong pedigree links to both The Axe II and Almahmoud.

PEDIGREE SHORTS

Note another one for the pattern of inbreeding to the broodmare sire of a sire. Winner of the Bucharest S. at Sam Houston on Saturday was **No Limit Soldier** (c, 3, **War Deputy--Foxy Canadian**, by **Golden Reserve**). His sire is out of a mare by Sir Ivor and the dam is by a son of Sir Ivor, giving No Limit Soldier a 3x3 cross of Sir Ivor. Another first time stakes winner inbred to the broodmare sire of the sire was Profit Option, who took the Fair Grounds Breeders' Cup H. He is by Alleged, who is out of a Prince John mare, and he has Prince John 3x5. Note that the second dam is by Halo, whose own broodmare sire Cosmic Bomb is a half brother to the dam of Prince John.

Archer City Slew (c, 3, **Slew City Slew--I'm Yours Joe**, by **Miswaki**), who arrived on the three-year-old scene with a win in the GII San Vicente S., is another multiple *La Troienne triumph. His sire is a son of Seattle Slew (dam inbred to the sisters Striking and Busher) and his dam has Buckpasser (out of Busanda, a three-quarters sister to Striking and Busher) 3x3. This is also another score for the very successful Seattle Slew/Mr. Prospector cross.

Another son of Seattle Slew, Seattle Sleet, is turning into a very useful inexpensive sire. He was represented by his fourth stakes winner when **Silver Stockings** (f, 3, **Seattle Sleet--Parmilla**, by **Silver Deputy**) ran off with the Gasparilla S. at Tampa at the weekend. This is a filly with a very clever pedigree. Seattle Sleet's dam Snow Blossom is by The Minstrel and is inbred 3x2 to The Minstrel's broodmare sire, Victoria Park. Silver Stocking's dam is by a grandson of Vice Regent (by Northern Dancer, sire of The Minstrel, out of a half sister to Victoria Park). Looks like it is worth getting Vice Regent and The Minstrel together whenever possible.

The weekend was a good one for Gilded Time, who seems to be on something of a roll at the moment. His daughter **Di's Time** (m, 5, **Gilded Time--Yallah Miss**, by **Yallah Native**) took the Correction H. at Aqueduct, and his son **Gilty Moment** (c, 3, **Gilded Time--Doris's Secret**, by **Nikoli {Ire}**) captured the Turf Paradise Derby. Gilty Moment has an unusual pedigree. We don't imagine that we will see Gilded Time crossed with many mares from the male line of Honeyway--grandsire of Gilty Time's dam Doris's Secret--but it does make for a clever mating. Gilded Time's granddam is by Luquillo (by Princequillo out of a mare by a son of Fairway). Honeyway is by Fairway, and his dam is three-parts related to the dam of Princequillo.



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FOREST WILDCAT FILLY TOPS OBS SALE A filly by Forest Wildcat out of the Deputy Minister mare Epistolary brought a final bid of \$550,000 to top yesterday's Ocala Breeders' Sales Company's Selected Two-Year-Olds in Training Sale at Calder Racecourse. The bay two-year-old, sold as hip 167, was consigned by Ocala Stud Farms and C. T. Grether, Inc. made the sale-topping bid. A multiple graded stakes winner, Forest Wildcat's first foals are two-year-olds of 2000. Epistolary is the dam of graded stakes placed Texturizer (On to Glory). The sale average rose 6.8 percent from the 1999 average.

JURY FINDS CALUMET DUO GUILTY A federal jury in Houston, Texas has found J. T. Lundy and Gary Matthews guilty of bank fraud, conspiracy and bribery, according to *The Blood Horse*. The panel of 12 took under three hours to return the guilty verdict against the former Calumet Farm officers. Dan Cogdell, Matthews's attorney, said the verdict would be appealed. "I don't lose cases where the evidence was clear I should have won," Matthews commented. "If I was less politically correct, I would say you never put your trust in 12 people who are not smart enough to get off jury duty." Lead federal prosecutor Julia Tomala said that the government will continue to investigate practices which led to the Calumet Farm bankruptcy, including the November 1990 death of leading sire Alydar. Lundy and Matthews will be sentenced on Apr. 27 and are facing up to 30 years in prison.

STAKES CLOSINGS

TODAY, WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 9:

02-19 \$125,000 *Davona Dale-III, FG, 3yo, f, 8.5f, (100)*

02-20 \$125,000a *Las Flores H.-III, SA, 4yo/up, f/m, 6f, (100)*

02-20 \$100,000 *Davona Dale-II, GP, 3yo, f, 8f 70y, (100)*

02-21 \$200,000 *Fountain of Youth-I, GP, 3yo, 8.5f, (250)*

02-21 \$200,000 *San Luis Obispo H.-II, SA, 4yo/up, 12ft, (200)*

TOMORROW, THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 10:

02-20 \$125,000 *Risen Star, FG, 3yo, 8.5f, (100)*



OBS SALES RESULTS

TOP FIVE COLTS

HIP#	SIRE	DAM	PRICE
173	Concern	Fair Davina (Ire)	\$400,000
(\$55,000 yrl '99 FTKJUL)			
Consigned by Hartley/De Renzo Thoroughbreds, agent Purchased by Heatherway Inc., agent			
009	Forest Wildcat	Penniless Heiress	\$300,000
Consigned by Hartley/De Renzo Thoroughbreds, agent Purchased by Michael Mollica, agent			
160	Tactical Advantage	Donna's Dolly	\$300,000
Consigned by Gold Crest Farm, Agent II Purchased by Narvick International			
242	Notebook	Mighty Intimate	\$300,000
Consigned by Ocala Stud Farms Purchased by Ackerley Brothers			
238	Skip Trial	May Day Ninety	\$260,000
(\$60,000 yrl '99 KEESEP)			
Consigned by Bay Grove Farm, agent Purchased by Narvick International			

TOP FIVE FILLIES

HIP#	SIRE	DAM	PRICE
167	Forest Wildcat	Epistolary	\$550,000
Consigned by Ocala Stud Farms Purchased by C T Grether, Inc.			
180	French Deputy	Flag Country	\$300,000
(\$80,000 yrl '99 FTKJUL)			
Consigned by Jockey Club Farm, agent Purchased by David Hulkewicz			
118	Dehere	Bellewood	\$270,000
Consigned by Kirkwood Stables, agent Purchased by John C. Oxley			
114	Forest Wildcat	Baby Jinx	\$260,000
(\$55,000 yrl '99 KEESEP)			
Consigned by Ricky Leppala, Agent I Purchased by Anstu Stables			
202	Mecke	Hold the Dream	\$260,000
(\$48,000 yrl '99 OBSAUG)			
Consigned by Eisaman Equine, agent Purchased by B Oxenberg & D Melin			



OBS 2YOs in Training Sale
Tuesday, February 8, 2000

SESSION TOTALS	2000	1999
No. Sold	142	160
Gross	\$15,599,000	\$16,454,000
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☆ MIDWEST ☆

Keeneland Purchases Kentucky Horse Center:

Keeneland has entered into an agreement with Churchill Downs to purchase Kentucky Horse Center, a Thoroughbred training and boarding facility in Lexington. The sale's price is \$5 million. Churchill acquired the property when it purchased Ellis Park in 1998. The 245-acre Kentucky Horse Center has two training tracks and stabling for 1,100 horses. The facility has accommodations for meetings and larger special events, including a 920-seat auditorium.

Kasters Purchase Half of Wafare Farm:

Richard and Nancy Kaster have purchased a 50-percent interest in Wafare Farm, Inc. near Midway, Kentucky from Nathan and Shelley Fox. The two couples have raced horses in partnership, including multiple graded stakes winner **Richter Scale** (*Habitony). The Kasters previously campaigned champion **Countess Diana** (Deerhound). Wafare Farm currently stands 12 stallions, and will be joined for the 2000 breeding season by **Deerhound** (Danzig), who previously stood at Brookdale Farm. Nathan Fox, president of Wafare Farm, stated, "My wife and I have been good friends with the Kasters for years and have had a good deal of success racing horses in partnership with them. Rick (Kaster) and I think a lot alike when it comes to the horse business, and I know that their involvement in Wafare Farm will help strengthen the operation and carry it on another level of success."

☆ EAST ☆

Yesterday's Results:

7th-PHA, \$16,000, Msw, 3yo, f, 6 1/2f, 1:19 1/5, ft. **TOPANGA'S MAGIC** (f, 3, **Magic Prospect--Silk Brocade**, by **The Minstrel**), a 1/2 to **Semoran** (Phone Trick), MGSW, \$860,035., was narrowly beaten in both career starts, including a three-quarter-length loss at Philadelphia Jan. 9. Adding Lasix for this outing, the 4-5 chalk swept to the lead on the turn and drew off for a three-length tally. She was a \$52,000 KEESEP yearling. Lifetime Record: 3-1-2-0, \$16,000. O-Rhodyo Stable. B-Keswick Stables (VA). T-Anthony Correnti.

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☆ INDUSTRY INFO ☆

No NYRA for TRN:

The Racing Network has been informed that it will no longer be able to carry live races from the New York Racing Association tracks because of NYRA's alliance with Television Games Network, the *Harness Tracks of America* newsletter reported. Philadelphia Park, which operates TRN, handled more than \$50 million on NYRA racing last year.

☆ FOREIGN ☆

AMERICAN-BRED WINNER IN ITALY:

Reed Skye, c, 4, **Thorn Dance--Our Sweet Heaven**, by **Search For Gold**. Naples, 2-8, **Premio Orzowei** (Cond.), 4yo/up, 7fT, \$5,411 to winner. O-R Nardi; B-T M Clark; T-V Zito. *1/2 to **Looking For Heaven** (Encino), MSW & GSP, \$202,584. **\$19,000 yrl '97 KEESEP.

BREEDERS' EDITION

MAIDEN WINNERS:

Topanga's Magic, f, 3, **Magic Prospect--Silk Brocade**, by **The Minstrel**. PHA, 2-8, 6 1/2f, 1:19 1/5. B-Keswick Stables (Va). *\$52,000 yrl '98 KEESEP. **1/2 to **Semoran** (Phone Trick), MGSW, \$860,035.
Star Prediction, m, 5, **Big Stanley--First Prediction** (MSW & GSP, \$312,804), by **On to Glory**. TAM, 2-8, 5f, :59 3/5. B-Janet Del Castillo (Fl).

 **FOALING NEWS**

LAKE MUSIC, 5, **Salt Lake--Quimper** (Palace Music) Foal born 1-23-00, a colt by **Gold Case**. Owned by/boarded at Adena Springs, Can. Accomplishments: Stakes Winner.

MARY MARGARET, 7, **Mane Minister--A Queen's World** (Transworld) Foal born 1-23-00, a filly by **Demaloot Demashoot**. Owned by/boarded at Adena Springs, Fl. Accomplishments: MSW of \$207,400.

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GROSSER PREIS SPONSORSHIP IN DOUBT

Everything was looking so well after the company FLOW-TEX agreed to sponsor the Group 1 Grosser Preis von Baden, the most prestigious prize in German racing. Currently, though, things are looking fairly insecure as the company's managing directors Manfred Schmieder and Klaus Kleiser have been arrested by police, accused of tax evasion as well as forgery of documents. The financial damage is said to amount to hundreds of million Deutschmarks. FLOW-TEX announced last week that they had taken over sponsorship of the race from Mercedes-Benz and announced that the value of the race would be more than tripled. A spokesman for the International Club, which conducts racing at Baden-Baden told the *Racing Post*, "We aren't sure how the race will be affected, but we're hoping that any charges prove unfounded."

★ BRITAIN ★

YOUNG KENNY HEADS GRAND NATIONAL WEIGHTS

Trainer Peter Beaumont's two star steeplechasers **Young Kenny (GB)** (Ardross {Ire}), with 168 pounds, and **Bobby Grant (GB)** (Gunner B {GB}), with 166 pounds, head this year's list of weights, along with dual runner-up **Suny Bay (Ire)** (Roselier {Fr}) on 166 pounds, for the £500,000 G3 Martell Grand National at Aintree Apr. 8, which were announced in London yesterday. Other notable weights allotted were 160 pounds for last year's Irish-trained winner **Bobbyjo (Ire)** (Bustinetto {GB}) and 153 pounds for the 1997 winner **Lord Gyllene (NZ)** (Ring The Bell {NZ}). Of the 99 qualified entries, 66 have been given weights within the handicap proper (140 pounds and above) which bodes well for a possible maximum field of 40 which was last seen when Party Politics won in 1992. Champion trainer Martin Pipe has a typically strong entry numbering twelve of which the highest weighted is **Tresor De Mai (Fr)** (Grand Tresor {Fr}) with 165 pounds. The majority of trainers with runners seemed satisfied with the BHB handicapper Phil Smith's calculations but Nicky Henderson was one trainer who was not. With regard to his mare **Fiddling The Facts (Ire)** (Orchestra {GB}) being asked to shoulder 158 pounds, fifteen pounds more than when favorite for last year's race. He said, "It's bad luck that she's gone up a stone since last year when nothing happened in the meantime except a third (placing) in the (G3) Hennessy (Gold Cup)."

Yesterday's Results:

3.10 Wolverhampton, Bet Direct "Today's Best Bets" Conditions S. (Class C), £9,850, 3yo/up, 9f 79yds (AWT), 2:02.70, std.

ADELPHI BOY (IRE) (g, 4, **Ballad Rock {Ire}**--**Toda {GB}**, by **Absalom {GB}**). Lifetime Record: 27-4-3-4, £24,793. O-Barry Brown; B-Miss Jane Bradbury; T-Michael Chapman; J-Ross Studholme.

1.40 Wolverhampton, Bet Direct From Littlewoods Classified S. (Class F), £3,345, 4yo/up, 1m 100yds (AWT), 1:49.10, std.

FRENCH SPICE (GB) (f, 4, **Cadeaux Genereux {GB}**--**Hot Spice {GB}**, by **Hotfoot {GB}**). Lifetime Record: 8-5-0-0, £10,874. O-J Morley; B-Chieveley Manor Stud; T-Sir Mark Prescott; J-Fergus Sweeney. *1/2 to **Sesame (GB)** (Derrylin {GB}), Hwt. Older Mare-Ire at 11-14f, MGSW-GB, SW-Fr, \$300,374-GB & Fr; **Celeric (GB)** (Mtoto {GB}), MGSW-GB, G1SP-Fr, \$735,601.

★ ITALY ★

Yesterday's Results:

4.15 Naples, Premio Oricos (Cond.), L22,950,000, 3yo, 11f 55ydsT, time: n/a, gd.

COSTINTINO (ITY) (c, 3, **Sikeston {USA}**--**King Nova {Ire}**, by **Kings Lake {USA}**). Lifetime Record: 6 starts, 1 win, 4 places, L35,190,000. O-Ascagnano; B-Razza Ascagnano; T-R Biondi; J-M Pasquale.

3.15 Naples, Premio Orzowei (Cond.), L19,125,000, 4yo/up, 7fT, time: n/a, gd.

REED SKYE (USA) (c, 4, **Thorn Dance {USA}**--**Our Sweet Heaven {USA}**, by **Search For Gold {USA}**). Lifetime Record: 21 starts, 7 wins, 7 places, L143,990,000. O-R Nardi; B-T M Clark; T-V Zito; J-M Monteriso. *1/2 to **Looking For Heaven (USA)** (Encino {USA}), MSW & GSP-US, \$202,584. **\$19,000 yrl '97 KEESEP.

2.50 Siracusa, Premio Zarmello (Cond.), L7,650,000, 3yo, 7fT, time: n/a, gd.

MISS DAMAK (IRE) (f, 3, **Mukaddamah {USA}**--**Folly Vision {Ire}**, by **Vision {USA}**). Lifetime Record: 11 starts, 4 wins, 2 places, L44,557,000. O-S Bonfante; B-Rathasker Stud; T-C Impelluso; J-O Bonfante.



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Italian Report cont.

3.20 Siracusa, Premio Zebra (Cond.), L7,650,000, 4yo/up, 5½fT, time: n/a, gd.

HIDDEN THING (ITY) (f, 4, Secret Thing {USA}--Hiccup {Ity}, by Stradavinsky {Ire}). Lifetime Record: 25 starts, 7 wins, 9 places, L36,822,000. O-M Mangiafico; B-All. La Dogana; T-C Impelluso; J-A Mazzarella.

★ **U.S. PREMIERES** ★

Today's Debuts:

9th-Gulfstream Park, The Very One H.-Gill, \$75,000, 3yo/up, f/m, 11fT.

LISIEUX ROSE (IRE) (m, 5, Generous {Ire}--Epicure's Garden {USA}, by Affirmed {USA}) broke her maiden at the first time of asking and was good enough to be a 7-1 winner of the 1998 G3 Blandford S. in her first stakes attempt. Winless in five starts in 1999 for trainer Dermot Weld, the chestnut was a distant third to Insatiable in the 1999 edition of the Blandford in her last start Sept. 19. The homebred, who adds Lasix, is now managed by Christophe Clement, who sent out a U.S. debut winner Monday. Stable jockey Jose Santos is aloft. Lifetime Record: GSW, 9-3-0-3, \$86,682. O/B-Moyglare Stud Farm Ltd. (Ire). T-C Clement.

★ **GERMANY** ★

TIGER HILL AGAIN "HORSE OF THE YEAR"

Baron Georg von Ullmann's champion racehorse **Tiger Hill (Ire)** (Danehill) was again voted "German Horse of the Year" in 1999, after already gaining this title in 1998. 43.2 percent of the racing public voted for last year's dual Group 1 scorer, with Derby hero **Belenus (Ger)** (Lomitas {GB}) (39.1 percent) and **Ungaro (Ger)** (Goofalik) (17.7) being the other contenders. The winner of the Group 1 Preis von Baden and Bayerisches Zuchtrennen is now taking up stud duties at Haras du Val Henry in France.

BMW QUILTS SPONSORSHIP

The Group II Europa-Championat for three-year-olds at Hoppegarten is to lose its sponsor BMW this season. The leading car manufacturer, based in Munich, did not prolong the contract after eight years. The 2400m event is scheduled for August 13 with a total purse of DM 400,000. If no new sponsor can be found, the total prize money might have to be reduced due to circumstances.

★ **NEW ZEALAND** ★

HAAYIL FILLY TOPS FESTIVAL SALE OPENER

A filly by first-crop yearling sire Haayil (Aus) out of Irish Mate (Bletchencore) brought a final bid of NZ\$37,000 to top New Zealand Bloodstock's Festival Sale yesterday at Karaka, New Zealand. The September foal, consigned to the sale by Hallmark Stud, was purchased by Mr. R. Heweston of Waikato. He was also responsible for the second-highest lot of the session, a colt by Haayil--Ruakiwi Princess (NZ) (Mussgorsky). Earlier in the day, the Festival Select Sale concluded with 80 lots on offer. Hip 593, a colt by Carolingian (Aus)--Last Roundup (Sovereign Dynasty) topped the Tuesday action when knocked down for \$38,000 to Aquanita Racing Pty. Ltd. of Victoria from the consignment of Little Avondale Stud.

TOP FOUR LOTS--FESTIVAL SALE

Hip#	Sex	Sire	Dam	Price (NZ\$)
781	filly	Haayil (Aus)	Irish Mate (NZ)	37,000
		Consigned by Hallmark Stud Purchased by Mr. R. Heweston		
656	colt	Haayil (Aus)	Ruakiwi Princess (NZ)	32,000
		Consigned by Hallmark Stud Purchased by Mr. R. Heweston		
701	colt	Woodborough (USA)	Abrasion (NZ)	32,000
		Consigned by Birchwood Purchased by New Zealand Bloodstock		
736	colt	Dance Floor (USA)	Chic Belle (NZ)	32,000
		Consigned by Paramount Lodge Purchased by New Zealand Bloodstock		

★ **MAIDEN WINNERS** ★

Costantino (Ity), c, 3, Sikeston (USA)--King Nova (Ire), by Kings Lake (USA). Naples, Italy, 2-8, Premio Oricos (Cond.), 3yo, 11f 55ydsT, L12,750,000 to winner. B-Razza Ascagnano.

Chameleon (GB), f, 4, Green Desert (USA)--Old Domesday Book (GB) (MSP-GB), by High Top (Ire). Wolverhampton, England, Bet Direct On 0800 211 222 Maiden S. (Class D), 2-8, 4yo/up, 7f (AWT), £2,589 to winner. B-Gestut Brummerhof. *1/2 to Owington (GB) (Green Desert {USA}), Hwt. 2yo Colt-Ger, Hwt. 3yo-GB at 5-7f, G1SW-GB, GSW-Ger, \$332,784-GB. **85,000gns wnl '96 TADEF; 297,029gns yrl '97 GOOC1.

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