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SEATTLE SLEW STARTS BREEDING SEASON

Triple Crown winner **Seattle Slew** (Bold Reasoning) bred his first mare of the year yesterday at Three Chimneys in Midway, Kentucky. There were concerns that the 26-year-old stallion would be forced to miss all or part of the breeding with a neurological deficit. Three Chimneys owner Robert Clay commented, "Although we are cautiously optimistic, we are mindful of Seattle Slew's age and will not hesitate to reduce his book if necessary. Our first consideration will always be Seattle Slew."

REAL QUIET RETIRED Champion **Real Quiet** (Quiet American--Really Blue, by Believe It) has been officially retired from racing and will stand the current breeding season at Vinery Kentucky for a fee of \$25,000 live foal, payable Nov. 1. The five-year-old stallion won the 1997 GI Hollywood Futurity, the 1998 Kentucky Derby and Preakness and the 1999 GI Hollywood Gold Cup and GI Preakness Special. Saying that his protégé was retiring sound, trainer Bob Baffert added, "The breed lacks the classic-type horse and Real Quiet is exactly what a classic horse is supposed to look like. That's why (owner) Mike (Pegram) retained an ownership position. If you want a classic horse, you've got to breed to Real Quiet." Real Quiet is expected to begin covering mares as early as Feb. 18.

GENUINE RISK PENSIONED **Genuine Risk** (Exclusive Native), winner of the 1980 Kentucky Derby, has been pensioned by owners Bert and Diana Firestone, according to *Thoroughbred Times*. During her racing career, the 23-year-old mare was on the board in all 15 of her starts. The GI Ruffian S. and GII Demoiselle S. were among her 10 victories and she was named champion three-year-old filly of 1980. She was retired in 1981 and after 12 years of heartache, Genuine Risk produced her first foal, a colt by Rahy, in 1993. In 1996, she produced a second colt by Chief Honcho. Neither colts have raced, but the four-year-old Count Our Blessing is in training with Jimmy Murphy in Maryland. "She won the Derby, she finished second in the Preakness and she finished second in the Belmont," Bert Firestone told the *Times*. "It takes a pretty good horse to do that. Some racemares make great producers, some don't. Unfortunately, it worked out (the latter) way for her." Barren the last three years, Genuine Risk has been pensioned to the Firestone's Newstead Farm near Upperville, Virginia.

☆ RESULTS ☆

Saturday, Waikato, New Zealand

WAIKATO DRAUGHT SPRINT-G1, NZ\$100,000, Te Rapa, 2-12, 3yo/up, 7fT, 1:21.79, fm.

1--**TALL POPPY (NZ)**, 123, m, 5, by Kaapstad (NZ)

1st Dam: Fun On The Run (NZ) (Hwt. Older Mare-NZ at 1200-2000m, MGSW & MG1SP-NZ), by Racing Is Fun

2nd Dam: Frenichie (Ire), by Jim French

3rd Dam: Bete a Bon Dieu (Fr), by Herbager (Fr)

O-Arthur, Gerald & Rex Fell; B-Fairdale Stud Ltd; T-Noel Eales; J-Jim Walker; NZ\$62,500. Lifetime Record: 19-8-1-3, \$248,825.

2--**Bareall (NZ)**, 126.5, g, 5, Victory Dance (Ire)--

Starkers (NZ), by Star Way (GB). O-Peter Walker; B-Craig Ivil; NZ\$20,000.

3--**Hero (NZ)**, 126.5, g, 6, Deputy Governor--Domino

(NZ), by Grosvenor (NZ). O/B-Jim Campin; NZ\$10,000.

Margins: SNK, SNK, HF. Odds: 6-1, 12-1, 1-1.

Hero went out a short-priced favorite based on his 10 wins from 13 starts over this distance. He led into the straight and was still full of running but he had a couple of challengers breathing down his neck. Tall Poppy came with an irresistible run to win, with Bareall flashing home for second. A game Hero held on for third. Tall Poppy is trained by Noel Eales at Awapuni. Eales also trained Tall Poppy's dam Fun On The Run (NZ) who was a dual Group 1 winner in New Zealand in the early 1990s. Tall Poppy is the seventh Group 1 winner for her sire Kaapstad (NZ). Her next big goal is the A\$2.5 million AJC San Miguel Doncaster H. in Sydney Apr. 22. Breeding is on her side going into that race--Kaapstad has sired two of the past four winners, Catalan Opening (NZ) in 1998 and Sprint By (NZ) in 1996, of the Doncaster.

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WHAKANUI STUD INTERNATIONAL S.-G1,
 NZ\$100,000, Te Rapa, 2-12, 3yo/up, 1 1/4mT,
 2:01.99, fm.

- 1--▲#@BLUEBIRD THE WORD (AUS), 128, g, 5, by Bluebird
 1st Dam: Antelliere (Aus), by Salieri
 2nd Dam: Anntelle (Aus), by Loosen Up
 3rd Dam: Soft Quest (Aus), by Robber Prince (GB)
 O-Butch Glover & Tony Van Den Brink; B-J Griffin;
 T-Frank & Craig Ritchie; J-M Coleman; NZ\$62,500.
 Lifetime Record: 29-6-4-3, NZ\$317,216. *1/2 to
 Porto Roca (Aus) (Barathea {Ire}), MSP-Aus.
- 2--Integrate (Aus), 124, m, 6, Integra (Aus)--Vitscay
 (Aus), by Vite Cheval (NZ). O-David Ellis & Tauranga
 Charitable House; B-Taksan Park Stud; NZ\$20,000.
- 3--Aerosmith (NZ), 128, g, 7, Indian Ore--Luna Di Miele
 (NZ), by Barcus. O-A B & D G Smith; B-R N Waddell;
 NZ\$10,000
- Margins: NO, HF, SHD. Odds: 24-1, 10-1, 3-1.

Glendara (NZ) (Gold and Ivory) led the field early and then Integrate took over under Lance O'Sullivan. She had the field moving along quickly. Bluebird The Word moved up to challenge as the field rounded the bend and the pair went head for head down the Te Rapa straight. The result was unclear, even to the winning rider Michael Coleman on Bluebird The Word who got home first by a nose. Aerosmith and Melora (NZ) (Sir Tristram) had a similar battle for third after both had been held up for runs. Bluebird The Word is trained at Takanini by Frank Ritchie and his son Craig. They took over the gelding's training last August from John Wheeler in New Plymouth when his owners, Butch Glover and Tony Van Den Brink, decided they'd get to see a bit more of their horse if he was based closer to Auckland. Under Wheeler's guidance, the gelding won five times, earned NZ\$250,000 and ran second to Zonda (NZ) in the 1997 New Zealand Derby. Frank and Craig are likely to take Bluebird The Word to Australia for the Adelaide Cup. The five-year-old may also line up in the WFA Australian Cup Mar. 13.

A @ will indicate first-time graded stakes winners, a ▲ will denote a first-time Grade/Group 1 winner.

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**WEEKEND PEDIGREE
 PERSPECTIVES**
by Alan Porter

LAS VIRGENES S.-GI, \$196,000, SAX, 2-12, 3yo, f,
 1m, 1:37, my.

- 1--SURFSIDE, 122, f, 3, by Seattle Slew
 1st Dam: Flanders (Ch. 2yo Filly, MGISW,
 \$805,000), by Seeking the Gold
 2nd Dam: Starlet Storm, by Storm Bird
 3rd Dam: Cinegita, by Secretariat
 O/B-Overbrook Farm (KY); T-D Wayne Lukas; J-P Day;
 \$120,000. Lifetime Record: 8-6-1-1, \$860,230.

The GI Las Virgenes S. offered us a case of "deja vu all over again." Last year the Las Virgenes was won by Excellent Meeting, a Seattle Slew-line filly who finished second in the GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies, ended her two-year-old campaign with a win in the GI Hollywood Starlet S., and who was using the Las Virgenes as a stepping stone towards a clash with the colts in the GI Kentucky Derby.

This year's Las Virgenes was captured by Surfside, a Seattle Slew daughter who ended her two-year-old campaign in an identical fashion to Excellent Meeting, and who is being talked about as a possible contender for this year's Kentucky Derby.

Surfside certainly has the pedigree for the job. Not only is she by the 1977 Triple Crown hero, but she is also the first foal of Flanders, who was voted champion two-year-old filly of 1994 after concluding her career with a win in the GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies, a race in which she suffered a career-ending injury. Flanders's sire Seeking the Gold didn't place in the classics, but he did win the GI Super Derby over 1 1/4 miles as well as capturing the GI Dwyer S., GI Peter Pan S. and Swale S.

In addition to its outstanding intrinsic merit, this is also a pedigree with an excellent pattern. Seattle Slew and Mr. Prospector (the sire of Seeking the Gold) combine extremely well, and there are at least 33 unrestricted stakes winners by Seattle Slew-line stallions out of Mr. Prospector-line mares, including other GI winners Agincourt, Capote Belle, Golden Opinion and Tomisue's Delight. That Seattle Slew and Mr. Prospector should combine well is not surprising. It's well known that the pair both trace back to the famous mare Myrtlewood, fifth dam of Seattle Slew and fourth dam of Mr. Prospector. What's not always realized is that Seattle Slew has a second and possibly even more important connection, with regard to Mr. Prospector at least, to Myrtlewood. Seattle Slew's granddam Fair Chatter has

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 TIMBER COUNTRY (USA), UNBRIDLED'S SONG (USA).

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Myrtlewood's dam Friseur 5x4 in her pedigree. The second occurrence is as the third dam of the sire Jet Pilot, who is out of a three-parts genetic relative to Miss Dogwood, the third dam of Mr. Prospector.

The combination of Seattle Slew with Seeking the Gold has been working particularly well. Surfside was preceded by Lu Ravi as a graded stakes winner from the Seattle Slew male line out of a Seeking the Gold mare, and Seeking the Gold has sired Grade I winners Seeking the Pearl and Cape Town, and stakes winner Mutakddim out of Seattle Slew mares, and stakes winner Sneaky Quiet out of a mare by Seattle Slew's son Slew o' Gold.

That there should be a particular affinity between Seattle Slew and Seeking the Gold is not surprising. Seattle Slew's dam has the sisters Striking and Busher 3x3 in her pedigree, and Seeking the Gold is out of a mare by Buckpasser, a horse whose dam Busanda is a three-quarters sister to Striking and Busher. Seattle Slew-line stallions have sired at least 37 unrestricted stakes winners out of mares carrying Buckpasser, other Grade I winners including A. P. Indy, Dramatic Gold, Hail Atlantis, Sleep Easy and Surfing Home.

Surfside's granddam Starlet Storm is a full sister to Storm Star, winner in England of the G3 Cherry Hinton S. She is bred on the same Storm Bird/Secretariat cross which produced Storm Cat and Summer Squall. Since Surfside is owned and bred by Overbrook Farm, who also own Storm Cat, we can hope we may one day see Surfside bred to Storm Cat or one of his sons to give us another truly intriguing pedigree.

PEDIGREE SHORTS

Given the impact of Mr. Prospector on modern day North American pedigrees, it is not surprising that we are seeing him combine successfully with a variety of genetic relatives. There were two examples this week-end in the shape of **S W Clarence (g, 6, Iron--Babalinka, by Stonewalk)**, who took the Harrison E. Johnson Memorial S., and **Miami Blase (c, 3, Latin American--Me and Myun, by Relaunch)**, winner of the Presidents S. at Turfway Park. S W Clarence is by a son of Mr. Prospector, and his dam carries Nasrullah, Johnstown and Blue Larkspur, who are all very close at hand in the pedigree of Mr. Prospector's dam. Latin American, the sire of Miami Blase, is out of a Mr. Prospector mare. Miami Blase's granddam is by a son of Raise a Native (sire of Mr. Prospector) and is out of a mare by Fleet Nasrullah, a close genetic relative to the dam of Mr. Prospector.

The last couple of days have seen a pair of stakes winners with a double of the mare Gaga, via her Horse of the Year son Tom Fool and her champion two-year-old filly Aunt Jinny. First of these was **Perfectly Clear (m, 5, Woodman--Crystal Cream, by Secretariat)**, winner of the Glendale H. at Turf Paradise. The second was **Mr. Livingston (c, 3, El Prado {Ire}--Vienna Knickers, by Noble Saint)** winner of the GIII Palm Beach S. at Gulfstream Park Monday



FOALING NEWS

TERSA, 14, Mr. Prospector--Peacefully (Jacinto)
 Foal born 2-4-00, a colt by Kris S.
 Owned by Madeleine A. Paulson
 Boarded at Brookside Farms in Kentucky
 Accomplishments: Ch. 2yo Filly-Fr, G1SW-Fr,
 \$115,550.

ANNOCONNOR, 16, Nureyev--My Nord (Vent du Nord)
 Foal born 1-31-00, a colt by Grand Slam.
 Will be bred back to Silver Deputy.
 Owned by Foxfield.
 Boarded at Trackside Farm in Versailles, Kentucky.
 Accomplishments: MGISW of \$1,002,420.

CLABBER GIRL, 17, Alydar--Jedina (What A Pleasure)
 Foal born 2-3-00, a colt by A.P. Jet
 Will be bred back to Swain (Ire)
 Owned by John A. Nerud
 Boarded at Sugar Maple Farm, NY
 Accomplishments: GISW, \$1,006,261.

AVASAND, 15, Avatar--Sandy Blue (Windy Sands)
 Foal born 2-8-00, a colt by Dixieland Band
 Will be bred back to Theatrical (Ire)
 Owned by Blue Vista Inc.
 Boarded at Ashleigh Stud, Paris, Ky
 Accomplishments: Dam of Possibly Perfect (Northern Baby), Ch. Turf Mare, MGISW, \$1,377,273

NOBLE TIMES (NZ), 16, Drums of Time--Juvel (NZ)
 (Noble Bijou)
 Foal born 2-12-00, a colt by Geri
 Owned by Allen E. Paulson
 Boarded at Brookside Farms, Versailles, KY
 Accomplishments: Ch. 2yo Filly-NZ, GSW-NZ; dam of Duda (Theatrical {Ire}), GISW, \$657,968.

*Sunday's Suwannee River Handicap (G3) winner **PICO TENERIFFE**
 is now 4 for 5 at Gulfstream!*

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FROM THE DESK OF...

Bill Oppenheim



CHANGING THE PROGRAM ... EUROPEAN 3YOs

Earlier this month, French racing supremo Louis Romanet created a stir when he proposed co-ordinating the English, French, and Irish Derbies. His suggestion is to space them three weeks apart, ending in mid-July, and delaying the three-year-olds' showdowns with the 'olders.' Part of the rationale for his proposals is the growing internationalism of racing for older horses, a development over the last 10 years which has itself met with nearly universal approval.

Certainly there is plenty of merit in Romanet's suggestions and his line of thinking. One of the great things about horse racing and breeding is that it transcends national boundaries in the style of an important international business. But I'd like to propose an amendment to Romanet's ideas: co-ordinate the Classic races, right enough--but the Guineas, not the Derbies. Restructure the European spring to begin with three Guineas races, space those two-three weeks apart, follow them with upgraded 10-furlong races like the Dante (in Britain) and the Lupin (in France), and culminate the Classic series with ONE Derby--and maybe one which rotates among the three major countries, like the Breeders' Cup does in America.

The sad fact is we don't need three European Derbies here in the 21st century, certainly not from the point of view of producing top stallion prospects. In 60 Derbies run in Britain, Ireland, and France in the last 20 years (1980-99), there have been exactly five successful stallions who have won either the Epsom, French, or Irish Derbies--and two of the five, El Gran Senor (1984 Irish Derby) and Nashwan (1989 Epsom Derby) had already won the English 2000 Guineas. True enough, the 1984 French Derby saw Darshaan, Sadler's Wells (a Guineas, but not a Derby, winner, by the way), and Rainbow Quest run 1-2-3, but aside from Darshaan, the only other two non-Guineas winning Derby winners of the last 20 years to have become important sires in Europe or North America were 1983 French winner

Caerleon, and 1986 French winner Bering.

Note also, that the most recent horse just mentioned won the 1989 Epsom Derby. Not a single major European Derby winner of the 1990s has yet made an important sire in Europe or North America, though 1993 Epsom and Irish Derby winner Commander in Chief looks on his way to being among the top five sires in Japan.

In fact, all five Epsom Derby winners between 1991 and 1995 either started out or have finished up in Japan: Generous, Dr. Devious (now back in Ireland), Commander in Chief, Erhaab (now back in Kentucky), and Lammtarra. The 1996 Epsom winner, Shaamit, is now at stud in Northern Ireland. Fair enough, it was in the first half of the 'Nineties, while Europe and America were in recession, that the Japanese burst upon the world stallion scene in a big way--not to mention 1989 Kentucky Derby winner Sunday Silence--but the truth is, and Sunday Silence (nondescript female family) is an example of it, there just isn't that much demand for Derby winners as stallions these days. And I don't agree that raising the profile of the races would restore them to their former glory: I think it's a matter of distance. Twelve-furlong horses may be getting paid a lot of money to continue racing these days, and more power to them--because, unless they were also Guineas winners, they're not that likely to turn into big-time sires. I can definitely name you two Guineas winners for every Derby winner who's become an important sire in the last 20 years.

Mind you, the same could be said of Kentucky Derby winners as well--since Pleasant Colony in 1981, the only really big-time sires to have won the Kentucky Derby are 1989 winner Sunday Silence (in Japan) and 1990 winner Unbridled. The other eight winners between 1982 and 1993 who went to stud (excluding the filly Winning Colors and Swale, who died) were Gato del Sol, Sunny's Halo, Spend a Buck, Ferdinand, Alysheba, Strike the Gold, Lil E. Tee, and Sea Hero. They ended up in Germany, Texas, Louisiana, Japan, Saudi Arabia, Turkey, Kentucky (for \$5,000), and Turkey, respectively. So, yes, if a major objective of the top classic races is to produce breed-makers, let's reconsider the program, for sure.

4 DAYS IN FEBRUARY

A.P. INDY – Stephen Got Even – 1st Donn H.-G1

Golden Missile – 2nd Donn H.-G1

I'm Indy Mood – 2nd The Very One H.-G3

FIT TO FIGHT – Guinevere – 1st Brown Bess H.-G3

GULCH – Eagle Cafe – 1st Kyodo News Service Hai Yonsai S.-G3

Dake – 3rd Paseana S.-L

SUMMER SQUALL – Globalize – 1st Golden State Mile-L

RUBIANO – Classy Lady M – 1st Likely Exchange S.

PLEASANT COLONY – Behrens – 3rd Donn H.-G1

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QUEEN'S PLATE WORTH \$1 MILLION The 141th edition of the Queen's Plate will be worth C\$1 million, the Ontario Jockey Club announced yesterday. The 2000 Plate, scheduled for June 25 at Woodbine, was worth \$500,000 last year. "The \$1 million purse clearly reflects the Plate's status as one of Canada's premier sports events," said David Willmot, OJC president and chief executive officer. "We are particularly excited that with the North America Cup on June 24, Woodbine will now be offering two \$1 million races on its Festival of Racing weekend.

☆ MIDWEST ☆

Little Missouri to Illinois:

Paradise Investments has acquired Grade I stakes winner **Little Missouri** (Cox's Ridge--Win Nona, by Jacinto) to stand at Double D Farm in Illinois. The sire of champion three-year-old colt Prairie Bayou, Little Missouri will stand at private treaty to approved mares. Special consideration will be given to mares from the Royal Charger and *Nasrullah sire lines. Little Missouri joins another Paradise Investment stallion, the Silver Deputy horse Gold Knuckles, at the Woodstock, Illinois nursery.

☆ FOREIGN ☆

AMERICAN-BRED WINNER IN BRITAIN:

Internal Affair, g, 5, Nicholas--Gdynia, by Danzig. Wolverhampton, 2-15, Bet Direct On Racing Channel Text Page 372 H. (Class E), 4yo/up, 1m 100ydsT, \$4,222 to winner. O-Stephen Woodall; B-Calumet Farm; T-David Barron. *3/4 to Danzig Connection (Danzig), GISW, \$1,002,620; Roi Danzig (Danzig), GSW, \$325,386.

STAKES CLOSINGS

TODAY, WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 16:

02-26 \$350,000 **Gulfstream Park H.-I, GP**, 3yo/up, 10f, (350)

02-26 \$150,000 **Buena Vista H.-II, SA**, 4yo/up, f/m, 8fT, (150)

02-27 \$200,000 **Rampart H.-II, GP**, 3yo/up, f/m, 8.5f, (250)

02-27 \$100,000a **Baldwin-III, SA**, 3yo, a6.5fT, (100)



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MYSTERY DREAM TOPS FASIG-TIPTON SALE Bloodstock agent Buzz Chace purchased the five-year-old mare **Mystery Dream (Ire)** (Caerleon) for a sale-topping \$160,000 at Monday's Fasig-Tipton Kentucky February Mixed Sale in Lexington. In foal to Woodman, the bay was consigned by Bluewater Sales LLC, agent. The second highest price of the sale was the \$90,000 brought by **Stormy Texan Girl** (Storm Cat) and her 2000 West by West filly. She was purchased by Gregory Garofalo, agent, from the consignment of Charlton (Mr. and Mrs. Rick Abbott), agent.

FASIG-TIPTON TOP FOUR MARES

Hip#	Name	Covering Stallion	Price
159	Mystery Dream (Ire)	Woodman	\$160,000
	<i>(5, Caerleon--Passamaquoddy, by Drone)</i>		
	Consigned by Bluewater Sales LLC, agent		
	Purchased by Buzz Chace, agent		
142	Stormy Texan Girl	not yet bred	\$90,000
	<i>(7, Storm Cat--Texas Cowgirl Nite, by Mr. Redoy)</i>		
	Consigned by Charlton, agent		
	Purchased by Gregory Garofalo, agent		
284	Nikita Moon	b'mare prospect	\$85,000
	<i>(4, Secret Hello--Gulls Cry, by Sea-Bird)</i>		
	Consigned by David & Ginger Mullins, agent		
	Purchased by Green Willow Farms		
201	Little Seattle	b'mare prospect	\$80,000
	<i>(4, Seattle Slew--Compacto, by Fappiano)</i>		
	Consigned by David & Ginger Mullins, agent		
	Purchased by Fairlight Farms, agent		



FASIG-TIPTON KENTUCKY FEBRUARY MIXED STATISTICS MONDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2000

SESSION TOTALS	2000	1999
No. Sold	268	285
Gross	\$2,726,2000	\$3,429,5000
Average	\$10,172	\$12,033

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BREEDERS' EDITION

ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

10th-PHA, \$22,082, 3yo, 1m, 1:40 2/5, my.
UNEASY (c, 3, Concern--Hey Janie, by Seattle Slew)
 Lifetime Record: 9-2-1-1, \$33,016. O-Gumpster Stable.
 B-Robert E Meyerhoff (PA). T-Allen Iwinski.

MAIDEN WINNERS:

Celebrate Away, c, 3, Winter Halo--Celebrate Now, by Celebrating II. FGX, 2-14, (C), (S), 5 1/2f, 1:06 2/5.
 B-Linda P Sebastien (La).
Tour Hostess, f, 4, Tour D'Or--Counsel's Gal, by High Counsel. TAM, 2-15, 7f, 1:26 3/5. B-J D Scott (Fl).

FOALING NEWS:

ASHRAAKAT, 5, Danzig--Elle Seule (Exclusive Native)
 Foal born 1-21-00, a filly by Darshaan (GB).
 Will be bred back to Red Ransom.
 Owned by/boarded at Shadwell Farm LLC, KY.
 Accomplishments: MSW & GSP-GB.

ALPHABULOUS, 11, Alhabatim--Hawaiian Joss (*Hawaii)
 Foal born 1-23-00, a colt by Concern.
 Will be bred back to Concern
 Owned by Robert Meyerhoff.
 Boarded at Taylor Made Farm, Nicholasville, KY.
 Accomplishments: GSW, \$262,939.

MELROSE WINE, 9, Desert Wine--Melrose Nugget (Viking Spirit)
 Foal born 1-25-00, a colt by Mt. Livermore.
 Will be bred back to Tactical Cat.
 Owned by Dr. Jacqueline Smith.
 Boarded at Taylor Made Farm, Nicholasville, KY.
 Accomplishments: MSW, \$193,574.

PAGOFIRE, 9, Island Whirl--Horsafire (Hold Your Peace)
 Foal born 1-27-00, a filly by Lit de Justice.
 Will be bred back to Awesome Again.
 Owned by Adena Springs.
 Boarded at Adena Springs Canada, ONT.
 Accomplishments: MSW.

FRENCH BUSTER, 6, Housebuster--French Muff (Roberto)
 Foal born 1-28-00, a filly by Carson City.
 Will be bred back to Seattle Slew.
 Owned by Dennis Drazin.
 Boarded at Denali Stud in Paris, Kentucky.
 Accomplishments: SW of \$139,460.

QUEENS N VAGABONDS, 7, Black Tie Affair (Ire)--Tobriand (Mr. Leader)
 Foal born 1-28-00, a filly by Hennessy.
 Will be bred back to Saint Ballado.
 Owned by Heiligbrodt Racing Stable.
 Boarded at Denali Stud in Paris, Kentucky.
 Accomplishments: MSW of \$141,509.

CHANGE A BABE, 13, Time for a Change--Beelzebabe (Crimson Satan)
 Foal born 1-29-00, a filly by Lit de Justice.
 Will be bred back to Awesome Again.
 Owned by Adena Springs.
 Boarded at Adena Springs Canada, ONT.
 Accomplishments: SW, \$268,080.

GRAVINA, 9, Sir Ivor--Nordic Joy (Northern Jove)
 Foal born 1-29-00, a filly by Polish Numbers.
 Will be bred back to King of Kings (Ire).
 Owned by F. W. LePorin, III & Mark Hayden.
 Boarded at Dark Hollow Farm in Upperco, Md.
 Accomplishments: Dam of Potomac Bend (Polish Numbers), GSW, \$128,825.

SIMPLY DELICIOUS, 8, Simply Majestic--Analisa (High Echelon)
 Foal born 1-29-00, a colt by Confide.
 Boarded at Walmac Farm in Lexington, Kentucky.
 Accomplishments: Dam of Noble Ruler (Academy Award), SW.

AVIES COVERGIRL, 9, Avies Copy--Table Policy (Mr. Pow Wow)
 Foal born 1-29-00, a colt by Lucky Lionel.
 Will be bred back to Lit de Justice.
 Owned by Adena Springs.
 Boarded at Adena Springs South, FL.
 Accomplishments: SW, \$137,842.

ALL ABORD, 23, Irish Ruler--Jivey (Mr. Music)
 Foal born 1-30-00, a filly by Boundary.
 Will be bred back to El Amante.
 Owned by Guy & Diane Snowden
 Boarded at Denali Stud in Paris, Ky.
 Accomplishments: Dam of Departing Locks (Baldski), SP; Departing Cloud (Talc), MSW, \$260,530.

MENDED HEART, 15, Le Fabuleux--Tamara Alain (Judge Kilday)
 Foal born 1-30-00, a filly by Saint Ballado.
 Will be bred back to Forestry.
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THATCHING MARE LEADS GOFFS DAY TWO

Through hip 490 of 528, ten-year-old Centella (Ire) (Thatching {Ire}) was hammered down for a final bid of Ir£40,000 to top the second and final session of Ireland's first auction of the year, the Goffs February Mixed Sale in County Kildare, Ireland. Consigned to the sale by Abbeville and Meadow Court Studs, the winning bidder for the half sister to multiple Hong Kong stakes winner Almante (Ire) (Ahoonora {GB}) was Peter Doyle Bloodstock. The chestnut mare, in foal to Night Shift (USA) is also from the immediate family of successful U.S. sire El Prado (Ire). The second highest lot of the session was hip 377, seven-year-old Saninka (Ire) (Doyoun {Ire}), who sold for Ir£31,000 again to the bid of Peter Doyle, this time acting as agent for other clients. From the consignment of Brittas House Stud, the mare sold in foal to Entrepreneur (GB). Of horses of racing age, hip 382, a yet-to-be broken half brother to multiple graded stakes winners Fourstardave (USA) (Compliance {USA}) and Fourstars Allstar (USA) (Compliance {USA}), was taken for a mere Ir£28,000 by John Bourke from the consignment of Brittas House Stud. Final statistics will be published in tomorrow's *TDN Euro*.

TOP FOUR MARES--GOFFS TUESDAY

Hip #	Name	Covering Sire	Price (Ir£)
413	Centella (Ire)	Night Shift (USA)	40,000
<i>(10, Thatching {Ire}--All Ashore {Ire}, by Nureyev {USA})</i>			
Consigned by Abbeville & Meadow Court Studs, agent			
Purchased by Peter Doyle Bloodstock			
377	Saninka (Ire)	Entrepreneur (GB)	31,000
<i>(7, Doyoun {Ire}--Sanamia {Ire}, by Top Ville {Ire})</i>			
Consigned by Brittas House Stud, agent			
Purchased by Peter Doyle, agent			
352	Touch of Magic (Ire)	Entrepreneur (GB)	29,000
<i>(4, Brief Truce {USA}--Flamme d'Amour {Ire}, by Gift Card {Fr})</i>			
Consigned by Brittas House Stud, agent			
Purchased for Cash			
457	Vasilopoula (GB)	Desert King (Ire)	27,000
<i>(5, Kenmare {Fr}--Mamaluna {USA}, by Roberto {USA})</i>			
Consigned by Clonmore Stud			
Purchased by Pipe View Stud			

★ BRITAIN ★

ASCOT TO STAGE FIRST WEBCAST

Ascot Racecourse will stage Europe's first-ever live webcast Saturday when it broadcasts the first three races across www.ascot.co.uk, which is operated by Britain's leading sports website, sportinglife.com. The initiative will provide bettors from all over the world the opportunity to watch and wager on racing from their home computers. The BBC has been instrumental in making the broadcast possible and will also televise the event over its BBC2 channel and while it is expected that the quality of the broadcast will be below that of conventional television, Saturday's web event "will push back the technological boundaries of internet broadcasting" in England and will provide a guideline for what further advances need to be made. Douglas Erskine-Crum, Ascot's chief executive, commented, "The potential impact of the internet on our sport has been much discussed in recent months and Ascot is delighted to be leading the way thanks to its joint initiative with sportinglife.com and the BBC. Saturday's webcast could prove to be an important step for racing in this country as we start to embrace a new and exciting future for worldwide broadcasting and betting." The broadcast kicks off Saturday at 1:30 p.m.

BOOKMAKERS TO LOBBY FOR TAX CUT

Bookmakers are due to meet Treasury Minister Stephen Timms MP to lobby for a cut to three percent from 6.75 percent in the betting tax. Warwick Bartlett, chairman of the bookmakers' committee of the Horse-race Betting Levy Board, told online sources, "This is a major opportunity for the UK government. We have commissioned independent research which demonstrates that as much as £10 billion of additional betting turnover could be generated by attracting overseas gamblers. The UK has a well established and lightly regulated industry which offers odds on a huge range of domestic and overseas sporting events." Bookmakers are also concerned on a second front, as Bartlett described. "We will also be urging the minister to take this opportunity to protect UK-based betting from the rapid growth of offshore telephone and internet betting. At 6.75 percent, the UK industry is simply not competitive when other jurisdictions offer far lower rates of duty."

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British Report cont.

QUINN GRANTED FREELANCE LICENSE

In the latest twist of an ongoing saga, Jimmy Quinn has been granted a freelance licence by the Hong Kong Jockey Club which allows him to ride in the former British colony up to March 31. Quinn was sacked last week by trainer Brian Kan who was unhappy with the ride Quinn afforded Kan's former Mick Channon-trained Master Fay (Ire) (Fayruz {GB}) on February 7. The Irish jockey refused to accept a mutual termination of his contract, insisting he had done no wrong whereas Kan was adamant he would not have Quinn as his contracted jockey. The impasse meant the Hong Kong Jockey Club Licensing Committee were obliged to intervene and their decision was to allow Quinn to continue to ride.

DBS TO IMPLEMENT NEW SALES POLICY

In a move supported by the National Trainers Federation, the Racehorse Owners Association and Thoroughbred Breeders Association, among others, Doncaster Bloodstock Sales will no longer announce during the course of a sale the point at which a horse reaches its reserve. It is hoped that this step will encourage buyers to bid immediately on horses they are interested in instead of waiting until the horse "comes on the market", a phrase which indicates that the reserve has been attained. DBS Managing Director Henry Beeby commented, "We feel this can only be a positive move as it simplifies the process of buying and selling at our auctions and mirrors a style that is universally accepted at a wide range of auctions around the world." The policy will be in place for the first time during the upcoming Dunstall Park Breeze-Up Sale Mar. 21 and will continue at the Doncaster sale Mar. 23 and 24.

★ ITALY ★

Yesterday's Results:

3.50 Naples, Premio Player (Cond.), L22,950,000, 3yo, 7½fT, time: n/a, gd.

FOLK RIVIERA (IRE) (f, 3, Shareef Dancer {USA}--Folkboat {GB}, by Kalaglow {Ire}). Lifetime Record: 9 starts, 1 win, 3 places, L21,675,000. O/B-Francesco Magliari; T-A Peraino; J-C Fiocchi. *18,000gns yrl '98 TAOCT.

4.50 Naples, Premio Potion (Cond.), L19,125,000, 4yo/up, 11f 55ydsT, 2:20.00, gd.

RE PELLINORE (GB) (h, 6, Sikeston {USA}--Elsa Morante {Ire}, by Rusticaro {Fr}). Lifetime Record: 51 starts, 11 wins, 25 places, L222,190,000. O-Ascagnano; B-Castello di Ascagnano S A S; T-R Biondi; J-M Pasquale.

★ AUSTRALASIA ★

TOP NEW ZEALAND SOPH DIES

New Zealand three-year-old **Buzz Lightyear (NZ)** (Gold Brose {Aus}) died Tuesday after an operation for a twisted bowel. The dual G1 winner was in Melbourne for the Australian Triple Crown Series and ran fourth to Pins in last Thursday night's G2 Alister Clark S. at Moonee Valley. "He was in a bit of discomfort on Sunday but everyone thought he had mild colic," said The Oaks' Stud manager Terry Jarvis, who owned Buzz Lightyear. "He was still immature and winning purely on natural ability. He could easily have won a couple more G1 races."

BEADMAN'S RISING STAR

Comeback jockey Darren Beadman needed an emerging star to carry him back to the top and he's found one, declaring he's never been on a faster horse than Saturday's G2 Challenge S. (1100m) winner **Easy Rocking (Aus)** (Barathea {Ire}). "He just oozes brilliance," said Beadman of the three-year-old who is likely to skip the mile classics such as the G1 Doncaster H. in favour of the \$1 million Galaxy (1100m) at Randwick on April 22. "That was my easiest stakes win ever," Beadman said. "I don't know if I've ridden a faster horse. He has such great character and presence. There's an air about him that others don't have." The win was Easy Rocking's third stakes victory after claiming the G3 Kindergarten S. as a green two-year-old and the G2 Roman Consul S. Out of Twiglet (Aus) (Twig Moss {Fr}), Easy Rocking is an \$A80,000 half-brother to well-performed Hong Kong sprinter Fairy King Prawn (Aus) (Danehill {USA}), winner of the Listed Sprint during the international carnival in the territory in December.

★ MAIDEN WINNERS ★

Folk Riviera (Ire), f, 3, Shareef Dancer (USA)--Folkboat (GB), by Kalaglow (Ire). Naples, Italy, 2-15, Premio Player (Cond.), 3yo, 7½fT, L12,750,000 to winner. B-Francesco Magliari. *18,000gns yrl '98 TAOCT.

High Policy (Ire), g, 4, Machiavellian (USA)--Road To The Top (GB), by Shirley Heights (GB). Wolverhampton, England, Bet Direct On ITV Text Page 368 Maiden S. (Class D), 2-15, 4yo/up, 1½m (AWT), £2,614 to winner. B-Ballymacoll Stud Farm Ltd. *1/2 to Painter's Row (Ire) (Royal Academy {USA}), GSW-GB.



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