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RUNNING STAG RETURNS IN WORLD CUP

PREP Running Stag (Cozzene), unraced since a runner-up finish behind Jim and Tonic (Fr) in the G1 Hong Kong International Cup Dec. 12, has been entered in a 7 1/2-furlong conditions event at Nad al Sheba Sunday evening, a prep for the Dubai World Cup Mar. 25. "Running Stag is a definite runner for the World Cup," trainer Philip Mitchell said last night. A non-threatening seventh in last year's World Cup, Mitchell attributed that performance to a lack of preparation, something he will try to remedy this time around. "Last year we didn't realize that the heat would be so extreme. This opportunity came up to run under race conditions under the lights, so we shipped him out Monday night," the conditioner added. He is under the supervision of assistant trainer Roger Teal while in the desert. Mitchell is optimistic about his chances Sunday night, as well as for the near future. "This guy is 20 percent better than he was last year. He is bigger and even stronger," Mitchell said. "Hopefully we can run well Sunday night and put a scare into Sheikh Mohammed for the World Cup." The globetrotter, winner of the GII Brooklyn H. and the GII Saratoga Breeders' Cup H. last season, is likely to return to the U.S. after Dubai to contest the GI Pimlico Special May 13. That race could be followed with a start in either the GI Met Mile or the GII Mass Cap, followed later in the summer by the GI Arlington Million. The Breeders' Cup Classic is the ultimate goal for the six-year-old. In other World Cup news, trainer Elliott Walden reported that **Ecton Park** (Forty Niner), third in Sunday's GIII New Orleans H., will be heading for Dubai on Saturday, provided all goes well this week.

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☆ TRIPLE THREATS ☆

More Than Ready Works:

More Than Ready (Southern Halo) drilled five furlongs in 1:00 3/5 Monday morning at Hialeah, his final major move before Sunday's GII Louisiana Derby. "Ultimately, we decided on the Louisiana Derby [instead of the Florida Derby] because it's 1 1/16 miles, not 1 1/8 miles," commented trainer Todd Pletcher. "It's a more gradual progression from his first race (the seven-furlong Hutcheson), not jumping a quarter mile further." When asked if he was concerned about the long stretch at Fair Grounds, Pletcher said, "1 1/16 miles is 1 1/16 miles. He handles turns well; we'll be careful not to move too soon." As for tentative plans following the Louisiana Derby, either the Apr. 15 GI Toyota Blue Grass or the Apr. 15 GII Wood Memorial are both under consideration. More Than Ready was scheduled to leave Florida by plane at 9 a.m. this morning.

Florida Derby Notes:

Winstar Farm's **Elite Mercedes** (Mercedes Won) completed his preparations for Saturday's GI Florida Derby at Gulfstream with a five-panel move in 1:04 4/5 at Payson Park. "Things have gone extremely well since we bought him in November," said trainer W. Elliott Walden of the third-place finisher in the GI Fountain of Youth. "He's as talented as Menifee or Victory Gallop, he's just got to put it all together."...GIII Holy Bull winner **Hal's Hope** (Jolie's Halo) breezed a half in :48 3/5 at Calder on Saturday. Jockey Roger Velez, aboard for each of the colt's seven starts, will have the mount in the Florida Derby. "Nobody knows the horse as well," noted owner/breeder/trainer Harold Rose. "Why would I want to have some name rider just getting to know the horse the day of the race?"

The Deputy Drills:

The Deputy (Ire) (Petardia {GB}), prepping for the Mar. 19 GII San Felipe S., worked seven furlongs at Santa Anita yesterday in 1:25. Jockey Chris McCarron was up for the work. "The track was sluggish from the recent rains and he'll get a lot out of this work," said trainer Jenine Sahadi. "He finished like a freight train, with Chris just sitting on him." The Deputy won the GII Santa Catalina S. in his main-track debut last time out.

Spanning the Globe...

Our graduates **EISHIN PRESTON-G1** (JPN) won the **Arlington Cup-G3** (JPN), **ADONIS-G2** was second to Behrens in the **Gulfstream Park H.-G1** and **COMEONMOM-G2** was third in the **Maktoum Racing Challenge Round III**.

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**WEEKEND PEDIGREE
PERSPECTIVES**
by Alan Porter

SAN CARLOS H.-GII, \$161,550, SAX, 3-4, 4yo/up, 7f, 1:22, gd.

1--**SON OF A PISTOL**, 117, g, 8, by Big Pistol

1st Dam: Mood Swing, by J. O. Tobin

2nd Dam: Montagues Lament, by T. V. Lark

3rd Dam: Juliet's Aria, by Hasty Road

(\$4,000 yrl '93 KEEJAN; \$23,000 yrl '93 KEESEP).

O-Asistio B B C Stables & Davenport; B-McMillin Brothers & James Devaney (KY); T-Bruce Headley; J-G K Gomez; \$96,930. Lifetime Record: 24-11-5-4, \$818,879.

The GII San Carlos H. was fought out by two tough old stable companions, Son of a Pistol and Kona Gold. The pair share more than a barn and a taste for a battle as both are the products of unfashionable pedigrees, which are also clever matings.

Eight-year-old Son of a Pistol is by Big Pistol, a tough and durable runner who won 14 of 32 starts for earnings of \$558,521, his most prestigious victory coming in the 1984 GI Haskell Invitational H. Big Pistol wasn't exactly a sensation at stud, but in addition to Son of a Pistol he is also responsible for the graded stakes-winning fillies Laura's Pistolette and Maggies Pistol.

Unlike Big Pistol, J. O. Tobin, the broodmare sire of Son of a Pistol, was once the height of fashion. Champion of his generation in England at two, conqueror of Seattle Slew in the GI Swaps S. at three, and champion sprinter at four, J. O. Tobin was a sales sensation with his first crop, but eventually proved to be a real disappointment as a stallion. This "fallen from favor" motif could also be applied to Son of a Pistol's immediate family. The third dam Juliet's Aria is a full sister to the tough stakes winner Run for Nurse and a half sister to Vosburgh H. victor Gallant Romeo and the talented filly Wozzem. This branch of the family proved less fruitful at stud, Juliet's Aria and Montagues Lament (the granddam of Son of a Pistol) producing just one minor stakes winner apiece. Mood Swing, the dam of Son of a Pistol, never ran and Son of a Pistol is the only runner of note among her four foals.

Perhaps the key to Son of a Pistol's ability lies in his unusual pedigree. Montagues Lament is a daughter of turf champion T. V. Lark. Son of a Pistol's sire Big Pistol is by Romeo, a son of T. V. Lark, giving T. V. Lark 3x3 at the top and bottom of the pedigree. For good measure, Son of a Pistol also has the important mare Traffic Court 5x5 through her sons Traffic Judge and Hasty Road. Just to underline that this may be no coincidence, we can also note that Son of a Pistol's second highest-earning colt, Big Courage, has T. V. Lark 3x3 and Traffic Judge 4x4.



FOALING NEWS

STORM SONG, 6, Summer Squall--Hum Along (Fappiano)

Foal born 2-3-00, a colt by Coronado's Quest. Will be bred back to Kingmambo.

Owned by Jaime S. Carrion, trustee. Boarded at Crestfield Farm, LLC, KY.

Accomplishments: Ch. 2yo Filly, MGISW, \$1,020,050.

BEAL STREET BLUES, 10, Dixieland Band--Windmill Gal (Gallant Romeo)

Foal born 2-9-00, a filly by Gone West. Will be bred back to Pulpit.

Owned by/boarded at Lazy Lane Farms, VA. Accomplishments: GSW & GISP, \$232,900.

TRICKY GAME, 12, Majestic Light--Con Game (Buckpasser)

Foal born 2-12-00, a colt by Hennessy. Will be bred back to Unbridled.

Owned by Dinwiddie Farm.

Boarded at Crystal Springs Farm, KY.

Accomplishments: Dam of King Cugat (Kingmambo), SW & MGSP, \$196,640.

METER MAID, 6, Geiger Counter--Hausman (Greinton {GB})

Foal born 2-17-00, a filly by Deputy Minister. Will be bred back to Deputy Minister.

Owned by Jaime S. Carrion, trustee.

Boarded at Crestfield Farm, LLC, KY.

Accomplishments: GSW, \$557,698

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☆ AMERICAN EDITION ☆

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STAR DE NASKRA PENSIONED Star de Naskra (Naskra), champion sprinter of 1979, has been retired from stallion duties at the age of 25. "Star de Naskra's health is remarkably good for his age, but he is not functioning reproductively," explained John Phillips of Darby Dan, where Star de Naskra stood. "He has been a wonderful stallion for us and we have been honored to stand him. He will live out the rest of his years at Darby Dan in comfort." Star de Naskra sired graded stakes winners Sewickley, Dance Floor, Carr de Naskra, Storm and Sunshine, Pampered Star, Star de Lady Ann, Tenacious Tiffany and Chart the Stars. From 18 crops to race, the stallion produced 42 stakes winners and the earners of nearly \$28 million.

RACING ON TV:



WEDNESDAY, MARCH 8:
Thoroughbred Classics-Florida Derby,
6:30-7 p.m., ESPN Classics

STAKES CLOSINGS

TODAY, WEDNESDAY, MARCH 8:

- 03-16 \$200,000 *Bonnie Miss-II, GP, 3yo, f, 8.5f, (250)*
- 03-18 \$250,000 *San Luis Rey-II, SA, 4yo/up, 12f, (250)*
- 03-18 \$125,000 *Victoria Lass, FG, 4yo/up, f/m, 6f, (100)*
- 03-19 \$250,000 *San Felipe-II, SA, 3yo, 8.5f, (250)*



TOMORROW, THURSDAY, MARCH 9:

- 03-19 \$100/100,000a *Oaklawn Breeders' Cup H.-III, OP, 3yo/up, f/m, 8.5f, (0)*
- 03-19 \$150,000a *Palleteri Breeders' Cup H., FG, 4yo/up, 6f, (50)*

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☆ MIDWEST ☆

Yesterday's Results:

MARDI GRAS H., \$75,000, FGX, 3-7, 4yo/up, a7 1/2fT, 1:29 1/5, fm.

1--#**NORTHCOTE ROAD, 121, h, 5, Conquistador Cielo--Border, by Spectacular Bid.** (\$42,000 yrl '96 KEESEP). O-Charles P Duncker; B-Spendthrift Farm (KY); T-William G Huffman; J-L Melancon; \$45,000. Lifetime Record: 33-8-8-7, \$336,320.

2--**Conserve, 115, c, 4, Boundary--Slew and Easy, by Slew o' Gold.** \$15,000.

3--**Inkatha (Fr), 113, h, 6, Double Bed (Fr)--Majuba (Fr), by Mendez (Fr).** \$8,250.

Margins: HF, 3 3/4, 1HF. Odds: 3.00, 5.50, 4.90.

Northcote Road, second by a head in the 1999 Mardi Gras H., went one better this year in collecting his first stakes victory. The bay returned from a two-month freshening Jan. 14 and showcased his front-running abilities with a five-length score over this course, then defeated Conserve in a money allowance Feb. 4. Breaking alertly from post seven, the second choice stalked the pacesetters to the far turn. Hitting the front at the head of lane, he outfinished Conserve by a half-length after a stretch-long duel in new course-record time and remained unbeaten in three 2000 starts. Favored Phi Beta Doc (Doc's Leader) finished fourth.

3rd-FGX, \$32,000, Msw, 3yo, 1m, 1:38 4/5, ft. **SILVER TYCOON (c, 3, Silver Deputy--With Style, by Smarten),** a \$77,000 KEENOV weanling and a \$750,000 FTSAUG yearling purchase, improved to second in his 2000 bow after a pair of unplaced efforts at two, but stumbled badly at the start and fell in a Fair Grounds maiden Feb. 21. Sent off at 4-1, the bay colt broke smartly from his rail post, set the pace and proved best by 4 1/2 lengths. Lifetime Record: 5-1-1-0, \$27,580.

O-Padua Stable & Anne Sanan. B-Patrick Ballentine Estate (ONT). T-D Wayne Lukas.

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Midwest Report cont.

6th-FGX, \$32,000, Msw, 3yo, 1m, 1:38 2/5, ft.
TUKIK (c, 3, Red Ransom--Ada Prospect {Ch. 2yo Filly-Can, \$124,710}, by New Prospect) made his debut in the Clarendon S. at Woodbine last July, but never got untracked and wound up sixth. Getting Lasix for his return to the races, the 6-1 shot raced under a hold early, angled out to challenge in the stretch and outkicked Cajun Cliff (Slew o' Gold) by a half-length. The winner is a 1/2 to Celmis (Bold Ruckus), MSW, \$194,740; and Tethra (Cure the Blues), MSW & GSP, \$261,306. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$19,200. O-Thor E Eaton. B-Eaton Hall Farm (ONT). T-Josie Carroll.

8th-FGX, \$38,000, 4yo/up, 6f, 1:10, ft.
VINCENT VEGA (h, 5, Dixieland Band--Fashion Delight {SW & GSP, \$122,950}, by Fappiano) Lifetime Record: 22-4-2-3, \$106,890. O-Ackerley Brothers Farm. B-W S Farish & James Elkins (KY). T-Steven M Asmussen.

2nd-FGX, \$34,000, (S), 3yo, a7 1/2fT, 1:31 2/5, fm.
NEXT MILLENNIUM (c, 3, Hunting Horn--Beths Way, by Wavering Monarch) Lifetime Record: MSP, 12-2-5-1, \$73,015. O-Thomas R Foreman. B-Neal McFadden (LA). T-Thomas Foreman.

2nd-SPT, \$28,000, (S), 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:12 1/5, ft.
OLYANA (f, 4, Olympio--Jamie Kiss {SP, \$133,376}, by Chidester) Lifetime Record: 7-2-1-0, \$37,600. O-Lauren M Smith. B-Lauren Smith (IL). T-Jere R Smith Sr.

6th-SPT, \$28,000, 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:13 1/5, ft.
DIABLO'S HEIRESS (f, 4, Diablo--Imperial Heir, by Imperial Falcon) Lifetime Record: 15-4-1-3, \$63,851. O-Robert D Irwin Racing Stable Ltd. B-Harry T Mangurian Jr (FL). T-Robert D Irwin.

MAIDEN WINNERS:

Fresh Believer, f, 3, I Can't Believe--Fresh Air (SP, \$244,343), by Doonesbury. PHA, 3-7, 7f, 1:24 4/5. B-Colebrook Farms (On). *1/2 to Air Cool (Cool Groom), MSW & GSP, \$336,380.

Tukik, c, 3, Red Ransom--Ada Prospect (Ch. 2yo Filly-Can, \$124,710), by New Prospect. FGX, 3-7, 1m, 1:38 2/5. B-Eaton Hall Farm (Ont). *1/2 to Celmis (Bold Ruckus), MSW, \$194,740; and Tethra (Cure the Blues), MSW & GSP, \$261,306.

Silver Tycoon, c, 3, Silver Deputy--With Style, by Smarten. FGX, 3-7, 1m, 1:38 4/5. B-Patrick Ballentine Estate (On). *\$77,000 wing '97 KEENOV; \$750,000 yrl '98 FTSAUG.

FOALING NEWS:

BEL'S STARLET, 13, Bel Bolide--Vigor's Star (Vigors) Foal born 2-14-00, a filly by Danzig. Will be bred back to Forestry. Owned by Lewis Lakin & James Kintz. Boarded at Lakland LLC Farm, Ky. Accomplishments: MSW, \$863,802.

HASTY PASTY, 15, Flying Paster--Revered (In Reality) Foal born 2-14-00, a colt by Kissin Kris. Will be bred back to Kissin Kris. Owned by John Franks. Boarded at Franks Farm, Ocala, FL. Accomplishments: GSW, \$563,591. Dam of Hasty Kris (Kissin Kris), GSP.

☆ FOREIGN ☆

AMERICAN-BRED WINNER IN FRANCE:

Igman, c, 3, Mt. Livermore--Tidal Treasure, by Crafty Prospector. Maisons-Laffitte, 3-7, Prix Magister (Cond.), 3yo, c/g, 7fT, \$13,113 to winner. O-Haras D'Etreham; B-Nursery Place & Robert Drinkwater; T-Andre Fabre. *\$170,000 wnl 97 KEENOV; \$157,768 yrl '98 AFAUG.

BREEDERS' EDITION

STAKES RESULTS:

TEXAS DERBY, \$27,625, SUN, 3-5, 3yo, 1m, 1:39 1/5, ft.

1--#EAGLE TIME, 116, c, 3, Light of Morn--Telina, by El Gran Senor. (\$4,000 2yo '99 FTMMAY). O-Loy Kempthorne; B-Clare Silva (FI); T-Rick G Jordan; J-N Summers; \$16,575. Lifetime Record: 6-2-1-3, \$27,300.

2--The Hoedown Kid, 118, c, 3, Hoedown's Day--Bella's Habitony, by *Habitony. \$6,078.

3--Weather Mania, 120, c, 3, Mister Slippers--Video Mania, by Pac Mania. (\$5,200 yrl '98 RUIAUG). \$2,762.

Margins: 4 1/4, 3 1/4, 2 1/4. Odds: 2.90, 3.00, 3.00.

ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

7th-FGX, \$39,000, (S), 4yo/up, 6f, 1:10 1/5, ft.

DON'T BE LONG Z (c, 4, Zuppardo's Prince--Portrait Lady, by Northjet {Ire}) Lifetime Record: MSW, 21-6-1-4, \$170,299. O-White Gary & Tina & Richards Beverly. B-A L Zuppardo (LA). T-Corale A Richards.

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CITY ON A HILL INJURED, OUT OF GUINEAS

One of Godolphin's top threats for the English 2000 Guineas, **City On A Hill (USA)** (Rahy {USA}) has suffered a splint injury and has been ruled out of contention for the first English classic of 2000 at Newmarket May 6. It is hoped that he will be able to race again by mid-June. Trained in his juvenile season by David Loder at Godolphin's French base in Evry, the chestnut colt won the Prix La Fleche at Chantilly in his second career start and bested Mull Of Kintyre (USA) by 1 1/4 lengths in a swiftly-run rendition of the G3 July S. at Newmarket July 7. Despite a disappointing seventh-place finish behind Fasliyev in the G1 Prix Morny Aug. 22, he was rated fourth on the year end International Classifications.

THE GLOBALIZATION OF RACING While stars of the international turf were participating in the Singapore Cup over the past weekend, British Horseracing Board Chairman Peter Savill was addressing an international audience of racing administrators at the Asian Racing Conference in Singapore, *Racing Post* reports. Savill called for the creation of a "world championship" of horse racing to take place once every two years on different continents and over a variety of distances, both turf and dirt. "We are currently the only sport which does not have a world championship. I find it hard to believe that there would be anything other than massive worldwide interest," Savill said. The chairman also suggested an annual world racing summit and development by each leading country of its "premier racing product."

TALKING PICTURE DIES America's Champion two-year-old filly of 1973 and producer of numerous European black-type performers, Moyglare Stud Farms' **Talking Picture (USA)** (Speak John {USA}) was put to sleep at the end of last year due to the infirmities of old age. Bred and raced by Elmendorf Farm, Talking Picture was the winner of the G1 Matron and G1 Spinaway as a juvenile. Retired to stud in 1975, she was the dam of 1985 G1 Irish 1000 Guineas winner **Trusted Partner (USA)** (Affirmed {USA}) and **Low Key Affair (USA)** (Affirmed {USA}), a graded stakes winner in the U.S. and multiple listed winner in Europe. Additionally, Talking Picture is the granddam of **Lisieux Rose (Ire)** (Generous {Ire}), winner last weekend of the GII Orchid H. at Gulfstream Park in her American debut. Boarded since 1978 at Eaton Farms and in retirement since her final foal in 1995, she was buried at the farm.

★ FRANCE ★

Yesterday's Results:

3.20 Maisons-Laffitte, Prix Bridaine (Class B) (Cond.), FF180,000, 3yo, f, 7fT, 1:33.10, hy.
HIGHEST COOL (FR) (f, 3, Highest Honor {Fr})--**Strictly Cool (USA)**, by **Bering (GB)** was taken back early in the field led by Golden Symbol (GB) (Wolfhound {USA}). Despite the lack of a strong pace, she settled well for her rider and gradually crept forward on the outside of Alabala (Fr) (Neverneyev {USA}) with two furlongs remaining. As the two drew clear of the rest, the characteristic Bonilla drive got the winner in front shortly after and kept it there to the line to score by a head at odds of 6-4. Lifetime record: 4 starts, 1 win, 3 places, FF185,000.

O/B-Wertheimer & Frere; T-Freddie Head; J-D Bonilla.

4.25 Maisons-Laffitte, Prix Magister (Class B) (Cond.), FF180,000, 3yo, c/g, 7fT, 1:31.50, hy.
IGMAN (USA) (c, 3, Mt. Livermore {USA})--**Tidal Treasure (USA)**, by **Crafty Prospector (USA)**, wearing a tongue-strap, showed the benefit of his one run last year by sweeping from the rear of the pack in the middle part of the race to pose a threat to early leader **Castlebar (GB)** (Formidable {USA}). As that one dropped tamely away, the \$170,000 Keeneland November weanling and 96,200gns AFAUG yearling purchase forged ahead under hands and heels riding from the chasing **Contexte (USA)** (Septieme Ciel {USA}) to score at odds of 47-5. Lifetime record: 2 starts, 1 win, 1 place, FF108,000.

O-Haras D'Etreham; B-Nursery Place & Robert Drinkwater; T-Andre Fabre; J-Olivier Peslier.

4.55 Maisons-Laffitte, Prix Touchstone (Cond.), FF160,000, 4yo/up, 1 1/4mT, 2:21.10, hy.
TI FOR TOO (IRE) (f, 4, Exit to Nowhere {USA})--**Mysterious Plans (Ire)**, by **Last Tycoon (Ire)** raced in last early, following a sedate pace made by Mawasko (Fr) (Lesotho {USA}). Having given the leader enough rope for the first six furlongs, Pasquier angled his horse, at the generous odds of 37-2, for a decisive burst which put him in the clear fully two furlongs out. From there on it was a case of the rest trailing in his wake by an easy five lengths. Lifetime record: 25 starts, 3 wins, 10 places, FF576,500.

O-P Vidal; B-Proud Corporation; T-Robert Collet; J-Stephane Pasquier.



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**French Report cont.
VION BANNED**

Jockey Vincent Vion has been handed a fifteen-day ban from March 12 to 26 inclusive by the stewards of France Galop following an inquiry at the organisation's headquarters in Paris. The Boulogne officials were not satisfied with Vion's explanation of the ride given to Dionello (Fr) (Le Glorieux {GB}) in the Prix Vollandry, a conditions event for older horses, at Saint-Cloud's first meeting of the year March 1. Dionello had finished third to Bartex (Fr) (Groom Dancer {USA}), beaten a short head and a head, but would have won had Vion given his mount a more enterprising ride. Dionello, a five-year-old gelding owned and trained by Corine Barbe, has also been banned from running in handicaps from March 4 to May 2 inclusive.

★ BRITAIN ★

PARADE AT WINTER DERBY

At the Bet Direct Winter Derby meeting Saturday, Mar. 18 at Lingfield Park, there will be a parade of retired racehorses in aid of Thoroughbred Rehabilitation and the local Moorcroft Rescue Centre. The parade will take place during the afternoon's racing which is to be televised by Channel 4 and features a card of jumping as well as Britain's first Listed race of the year, the £55,000 Arena Leisure Winter Derby. There is over £100,000 in prizemoney on offer for the seven race card which will also include the £20,000 Gold Cup Handicap Hurdle. Horses on show will include Grand National winner Rough Quest and other former top National Hunt runners Morley Street, Forest Sun, Katabatic, Moorcroft Boy, Deep Sensation and Mandy's Mantino. Andrew Parker-Bowles, a director of the racecourse's owner Arena Leisure, said, "It's a very apt occasion to come and meet these horses, especially now that the BHB are supporting this scheme to ensure these heroes have a life after racing."

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★ ITALY ★

Yesterday's Results:

3.20 Rome, Premio Phaeton (Mdn.), L26,775,000, 3yo, 1mT, 1:38.10, gd.

CHANDAS (GB) (c, 3, Polar Falcon {USA}--Cubbing {GB}, by Damister {USA}). Lifetime Record: 6 starts, 1 win, 2 places, L27,030,000. O/T-C Ferrari; B-Brinkley Stud SRL; J-A Corniani. *3,601gns yrl '98 ANOCT.

4.10 Rome, Premio Dancceur (Mdn.), L26,775,000, 3yo, f, 1mT, 1:39.00, gd.

SLIPHIN (GB) (f, 3, Slip Anchor {GB}--Matahina {GB}, by Moorestyle {GB}). Lifetime Record: 6 starts, 1 win, 3 places, L29,495,000. O-A Boesso-Villa Dosia; B-Scuderia Curtasse; T-L Camici; J-G Temperini. *1/2 to Madler (Ire) (Saddlers' Hall {Ire}), SW & GSP-Ity; Juhina (Ire) (Marju {Ire}), MSW & GSP-Ity, \$381,559. **27,832gns yrl '98 ANSEP.

DARK HORSES FOR 2000--PART ONE

by Giorgio Barsotti

The Italian season really gets into swing on March 19 when the last remaining major track, Milan, opens its gates for the first time this year. The major Italian races have been a source of steady income for many foreign-trained horses over the past few years and more recently German-trained horses have made a greater impact. Last season the Hano Blume trained filly **Nagoya (USA)** (Goofalik {USA}) took the G1 Oaks d'Italia and **Ungaro (Ger)** (Goofalik {USA}) followed up his win in the 1998 G1 Gran Premio di Milano with a second place in the same race for the Herr Blume. In total, German-trained horses bagged seven of Italy's 25 group races which compares favourably with the home team's total of only eight. Italian-trained horses will once again do their utmost to keep as many prizes at home and the list that follows is a team of dark horses which will probably include some of their best defence.

CALUKI (GB), c, 3, Kris (GB)--Chevisaunce (GB), by Fabulous Dancer (USA). O-Scuderia L3C; B-Az Agr Rosati Colarieti; T-Luigi Camici.

Originally trained at Chilivani in Sardegna by Gianaurio Muroni, Caluki easily won his three starts against weak local opposition. He was then switched to Rome under the tutelage of Luigi Camici and the handsome son of Kris impressed onlookers when easily accounting for the Premio Fiuggi. He is unbeaten in four starts and looks one of Italy's best prospects for the G2 Premio Prioli (Italian 2000 Guineas).



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DAVIDE UMBRO (ITY), c, 3, In The Wings (GB)--Afreeta (Ity), by Afleet (Can). O-Scuderia Colle Papa; B-Razza Ascagnano; T-Emanuele Russo.

He was one of the highest priced yearlings at the ANAC sales in 1998 and broke his maiden at Rome's Derby meeting last May. Trained in Rome by the young Emanuele Russo, he did not show much on his next two starts and still looked green. Fitted with blinkers for a 1 1/16 mile conditions race in Rome, he defeated eight rivals in promising style. He will prove a different proposition this year and will do well if campaigned over middle distances.

INDIAN MARY (IRE), f, 3, Indian Ridge (Ire)--Mary Guard (Ire), by Home Guard (USA). O-Scuderia Briantea; B-Az Agr delle Groane; T-Mario Ciciarelli.

This fast filly showed plenty of guile in the early part of last season and broke her maiden over five furlongs at Rome, on her second start having finished second on her first racecourse appearance. She won her second race in October but suffered defeat on her last two starts albeit on soft ground. Her trainer is renowned for his gentle handling of his horses and he will have made sure we have yet to see the best of this attractive filly.

IRON EAGLE (IRE), c, 3, Mukaddamah (USA)--Kembla (GB), by Known Fact (USA). O-Scuderia Rencati; B-Az Agr La Vigna SRL; T-Luciano d'Auria.

He started his career with a claiming win for trainer Bruno Grizzetti but was claimed by Milan-based Luciano d'Auria. That proved to be a shrewd move as Iron Eafle went on to win a good conditions race at Merano and ended his freshman season with a second place finish to the useful Caluki in Rome. By Mukaddamah, a more than useful sire in Italy, out of the ultra tough mare Kembla, he is from a winning Juddmonte Farms family and is expected to do well at distances around a mile.

JASSIX (FR), c, 3, Linamix (Fr)--Jasm (USA), by Secretariat (USA). O-Mr R Casieri; B-SNC Lagardere Elevage; T-Bruno Grizzetti.

He ran only twice last season and followed up his debut third by breaking his maiden on very soft going at Milan in September. As a son of Linamix he showed an ability to handle mud and in his maiden win, showed aptitude for a battle. Considerable improvement is expected for this season and distances beyond a mile will see him at his best.

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Igman (USA), c, 3, **Mt. Livermore (USA)**--Tidal Treasure (USA), by Crafty Prospector (USA). Maisons-Laffitte, France, 3-7, Prix Magister (Class B) (Cond.), 3yo, c, 7fT, FF90,000 to winner. B-Nursery Place & Robert Drinkwater. *\$170,000 wnl 97 KEENOV; 96,200gns yrl '98 AFAUG.

Chandas (GB), c, 3, **Polar Falcon (USA)**--Cubbing (GB), by Damister (USA). Rome, Italy, 3-7, Premio Phaeton (Mdn.), 3yo, 1mT, L14,875,000 to winner. B-Brinkley Stud SRL. *3,601gns yrl '98 ANOCT.

Slipin (GB), f, 3, **Slip Anchor (GB)**--Matahina (GB), by Moorestyle (GB). Rome, Italy, 3-7, Premio Danceur (Mdn.), 3yo, f, 1mT, L14,875,000 to winner. B-Scuderia Curtasse. *27,832gns yrl '98 ANSEP.

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