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## ☆ TRIPLE THREATS ☆

### Triple Crown Trail Rolls Through Santa Anita:

With the last three Kentucky Derby winners having showcased their talents in the Santa Anita Derby, a talented field of six looks set to contest the \$1 million race Saturday. Neither Charismatic, Real Quiet nor Silver Charm won the event before taking the roses, so a good effort may be all that is necessary to see most of these runners four weeks from now in Louisville. Last year's champ **Anees** (Unbridled) will attempt to buck history and will have only two 2000 starts prior to the Kentucky Derby. "I'm comfortable with only two races for him," commented trainer Alex Hassinger. "He's a natural route horse, who only really runs the last part of his races." The Jenine Sahadi-trained **The Deputy (Ire)** (Petardia {GB}) "worked super" yesterday morning, going five-eighths in a minute flat. As the son of a pure sprinter, The Deputy will have to rely on his stamina-laden bottom side to get a classic distance. "I don't really pay attention to stuff like that [pedigree]," said Sahadi. "He's an easy horse to train. I'm excited to have this horse." Sahadi appears to resist the Derby fever which annually sweeps over many of her colleagues. "It's a long ways away to Kentucky," she noted. "We'll take it one day at a time." Neil Drysdale may be sitting in the catbird seat with two lightly raced, but extremely talented charges in **War Chant** (Danzig) and **Fusaichi Pegasus** (Mr. Prospector). War Chant will go postward Saturday with Jerry Bailey aboard instead of regular pilot Kent Desormeaux. "Mr. Cowan (co-owner of War Chant) wanted the rider to be acquainted with the horse. Jerry was available and had ridden him before when breaking his maiden," Drysdale explained. With both colts at or near the top of most Triple Crown polls, Drysdale remarked on the fact that it has been a long time (21 years) since a favorite has won the Kentucky Derby. "Maybe it's not such an enviable position to be in," he said. Other confirmed starters for the Santa Anita Derby are **Captain Steve** (Fly So Free), **Cocky** (Valiant Nature) and **Surfside** (Seattle Slew).

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### Lukas Duo Works:

Two D. Wayne Lukas stablemates tuned up for their next outings yesterday at Churchill Downs. Florida Derby runner-up **High Yield** (Storm Cat), slated to run in the GI Toyota Blue Grass Apr. 15, came out after the break and worked five panels handily in 1:00, while **Exchange Rate** (Danzig) turned in a handy 1:00 2/5 in preparation for his start in next Saturday's GII Wood Memorial at Aqueduct.

## ☆ PREVIEW ☆

### Wednesday, Saint-Cloud, France, post time: 3:30 p.m.

SC (PP)	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER	JOCKEY
1 (3)	Dansili (GB)	Danehill	Fabre	Peslier
2 (2)	Midnight Foxtrot (GB)	Kingmambo	C Head	Doleuze
3 (1)	Dionello (Fr)	Le Glorieux (GB)	C Barbe	Vion
4 (6)	Double Heart (Fr)	Akarad (Fr)	Dissaux	Guillot
5 (5)	Iridanos (GB)	Sabrehill	Laffon-Parias	Boeuf
6 (4)	Bartex (Fr)	Groom Dancer	Clout	Gillet

All carry 123 pounds except Dansili, 128 pounds.

**Dansili** seems to have found a good opportunity by Andre Fabre to open his account for the season, albeit giving five pounds all round. He was rated 123, equal fourth three-year-old miler, on the International Classifications and finished no worse than fourth in six starts last season. His two wins included the G3 Prix Messidor at Deauville in July and he was also placed in four Group 1 races, the Poule d'Essai des Poulains (French 2000 Guineas), Prix Jean Prat, Prix Jacques le Marois and Prix du Moulin. **Bartex** and **Dionello** have crossed swords on two occasions this term and three times in all, with Bartex holding a three-nil lead. Dionello was a controversial third to Bartex in a conditions event at Saint-Cloud Mar. 1, and is still banned from running in handicaps until May 2. Bartex confirmed his superiority once more when they were first and second in the Listed Prix Altipan at Saint-Cloud Mar. 18.

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**FROM THE DESK OF...**

**Bill Oppenheim**



**SIRES: NAMES THAT WILL BE IN THE NEWS**

There's a real feeling that the baton is being passed this year, from one generation of stallions to another. Seattle Slew is 26, Pleasant Colony is 22. Of their immediate successors, 1997-98 champion sire Deputy Minister is 21, and even Storm Cat and Broad Brush (surely the world's most consistently dependable stallion) are 17. Danzig, sire of more than 150 stakes winners, is 23. It's been a familiar refrain over the past five years, we've all kept saying it's bound to happen, and now, it is happening.

Without doubt, the best young sire in North America, at least according to my figures, is A.P. Indy, age 11, bless his little cotton socks and may he live to a very ripe old age and get a few top-class runners outside America. And in previous columns I've mentioned the three hottest younger syndicated stallions--Unbridled (13), Red Ransom (13), and Kingmambo (10). Now, with the first quarter of 2000 already in the record books (can you believe it?), let's name names. We're looking for stallions who are about to become more famous than they already are...and therefore, by a process of deduction, quite likely, more valuable.

Perhaps coincidentally, seven of the stallions now standing in North America who look to me like they might be about to get famous are all 13 years old--foals of 1987. They didn't all go to stud the same year, of course, and some of them are good at very different things than others--just like they were as racehorses. Two of the seven--Unbridled (1990 Kentucky Derby winner) and Red Ransom--are really already famous.

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

Here are my other five:

**CARSON CITY:** A small sprinter by Mr. Prospector out of an unraced Blushing Groom daughter of the high-class middle-distance racemare Summertime Promise, by Nijinsky. Sire of 37 SW with his sixth crop of three-year-olds racing in 2000, he ranked 21st on the 1998 General Sire List (10 SW that year), 10th last year (9 SW), and was 13th this year, through the end of last month. He has had good-sized crops--his last three crops of three-year-olds each had 70+ foals, and his first six crops averaged 64 foals--but it is working. He's had 20+ two-year-old winners four times (16 in 1999), and is generally proving a very prolific and consistent sire. I think his profile is about to rise.

**ROYAL ACADEMY:** Won a great Breeders' Cup Mile in 1990 for legends Lester Piggott and Vincent O'Brien. He stood his first five seasons in Ireland (average crop size 80, I think), then stood in Japan in 1996, and came to Kentucky in 1999 after two years back at Coolmore. He's by Nijinsky out of Crimson Saint, and no doubt a big part of the reason he came to Kentucky is that he's a half brother to Terlingua, dam of Storm Cat. He sired plenty of all shapes, sizes, abilities, and distance affinities in Europe, and consequently didn't have a real strong 'brand name,' though people recognized he was doing well. He had a seriously good year in 1999, with no less than 16 SW, taking his total to 46. His 2000 three-year-old crop is in Japan, but, be that as it may, I think Royal Academy has now proven he's a big-league sire.

Though he's a half brother to A.P. Indy, and by the same sire, and bred on the same cross as Storm Cat, 1990 Preakness winner **SUMMER SQUALL** wasn't really considered a successful sire until last year, when Charismatic won the Kentucky Derby and Preakness. Nevertheless, he was one of those stallions whose numbers always looked pretty solid by my reckoning. He's reportedly not the most super-fertile of horses, unfortunately, and Summer Squall's first five crops averaged just at 40 foals per crop. But he was a fast, precocious (4 1/2f 2yo winner at Keeneland in April, 1989) and high-quality racehorse, and I reckon he's making a sire, too.

**COMIC STRIP**

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I want to mention two other horses, **SKY CLASSIC** (another son of Nijinsky, would you believe) and **PLEASANT TAP**, not because they are sire sensations--they stand for \$15,000 and \$12,500 respectively--but precisely because they're not. It's been dawning on a few of us lately that there's plenty of prize money out there for older, sound two-turn horses; no, these aren't the ones selling for big money at the yearling and two-year-old sales, and these aren't the ones you're going to syndicate for big bucks at the end of their racing careers. You have to be patient--both sires' runners typically improve a lot after their two-year-old years, but if you have the patience and the luck of the draw deals you a sound horse who can run a little bit, there's big money to be made with these sorts of sires--and I can even imagine them coming back into favor at the sales a little bit. Not dramatically, maybe, but this type of sire has been fairly dramatically undervalued for a long time--at least to the extent they are proven successes at siring durable, quality two-turn (especially dirt) runners. Start that list now, if you like, with Sky Classic and Pleasant Tap.

<u>SIRE</u>	<u>FARM</u>	<u>STUD FEE</u>
<b>CARSON CITY</b> <i>(Mr. Prospector--Blushing Promise, by Blushing Groom)</i>	<b>Overbrook (Ky)</b>	<b>\$35,000</b>
<b>ROYAL ACADEMY</b> <i>(Nijinsky II--Crimson Saint, by Crimson Satan)</i>	<b>Ashford (Ky)</b>	<b>\$35,000</b>
<b>SUMMER SQUALL</b> <i>(Storm Bird--Weekend Surprise, by Secretariat)</i>	<b>Lane's End (Ky)</b>	<b>\$25,000</b>
<b>SKY CLASSIC</b> <i>(Nijinsky II--No Class, by Nodouble)</i>	<b>Pin Oak (Ky)</b>	<b>\$15,000</b>
<b>PLEASANT TAP</b> <i>(Pleasant Colony--Never Knock, by Stage Door Johnny)</i>	<b>Lane's End (Ky)</b>	<b>\$12,500</b>

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 Bill Oppenheim

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## FOALING NEWS

**NIJINSKY'S BEST**, 17, Nijinsky II--Best in Show (Traffic Judge)  
 Foal born 3-21-00, a colt by Deputy Minister.  
 Will be bred back to Theatrical (Ire).  
 Owned by Allen E. Paulson.  
 Boarded at Brookside Farms, KY.  
 Accomplishments: Dam of Yagli (Jade Hunter), MGISW, \$1,667,070.

**LA AFFIRMED**, 17, Affirmed--La Mesa (Round Table)  
 Foal born 3-27-00, a colt by Storm Cat.  
 Will be bred back to Storm Cat.  
 Owned by Brushwood Stable.  
 Boarded at Eaton Farms, KY.  
 Accomplishments: Dam of Caress (Storm Cat), MGSW, \$666,076; Country Cat (Storm Cat), GSW & MGISP, \$564,113; Unify (Farma Way), GSP; Bernstein (Storm Cat), GSW-Ire.

**ESTRAPADE**, 20, \*Vaguely Noble--Klepto (No Robbery)  
 Foal born 3-29-00, a colt by Holy Bull.  
 Will be bred back to Hennessy.  
 Owned by Allen E. Paulson.  
 Boarded at Brookside Farms, KY.  
 Accomplishments: Ch. Turf Mare-US, MGISW-US, GSW & G1SP-Fr, \$1,928,515. Dam of Rice (Blushing John), SW & GSP, \$231,292.

**GREASE (IRE)**, 21, Filiberto--Greedy of Gain (GB) (Habitat)  
 Foal born 3-29-00, a filly by Wild Again.  
 Owned by/boarded at Pin Oak Stud, KY.  
 Accomplishments: Ch. 2yo Filly-Ity, G1SW-Ity, MGSW & MG1SP-Fr, GSP-GB, \$151,006. Dam of Susurraton (Erins Isle {Ire}), Hwt. Older Mare 7-9 1/2f-GB, MSW & MGSP-GB, GSW-Fr, GSP-Ity, \$151,056.

**CRAFTY EXAMPLE**, 13, Crafty Prospector--Zienelle (Danzig)  
 Foal born 3-31-00, a filly by Red Ransom.  
 Will be bred back to Swain (Ire).  
 Owned by/boarded at Shadwell Farm LLC, KY.  
 Accomplishments: Dam of Intikhab (Red Ransom), Hwt. Older Horse 7-9 1/2f-GB, MGSW-GB, \$249,916.

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## WEEKEND PEDIGREE PERSPECTIVES

*by Alan Porter*

**CICADA S.-GIII, \$108,500, AQU, 4-1, 3yo, f, 7f, 1:23, ft.**

**1--FINDER'S FEE, 118, f, 3, by Storm Cat**

**1st Dam: Fantastic Find (GISW, \$335,410), by Mr.**

**Prospector**

**2nd Dam: Blitey, by Riva Ridge**

**3rd Dam: Lady Pitt, by Sword Dancer**

O-Phipps Ogden; B-Phipps Stable (KY); T-Claude

McGaughey III; J-J D Bailey; \$65,100. Lifetime

Record: GISW, 10-4-2-0, \$319,134. \*1/2 to Treasure Island (Danzig), GSP.

The latest weekend was a quiet one for North American racing, with the most prestigious contest being the GIII Cicada S. That race did, however, result in both an exciting battle and an interesting result, with Finder's Fee running down longtime pacesetters Apollo Cat and Southern Sandra in the closing strides. From the perspective of pedigree, the most intriguing aspect of the race was that both the first and second finishers are by Storm Cat out of Mr. Prospector mares.

Given the prominence of this pair over the last few years it is no surprise to find them together in pedigrees, and Storm Cat has already sired at least nine stakes winners out of mares by Mr. Prospector and his sons, including, in addition to Finder's Fee, High Yield, Sea of Secrets, Tale of the Cat, Seeking the Sky, Storm Creek, and Saturday's runner-up Apollo Cat. Another bred on the Storm Cat/Mr. Prospector cross, Storm Boot, didn't win a stakes, but has become a very promising young sire. Summer Squall, bred on the same Storm Bird/Secretariat cross as Storm Cat, has sired three stakes winners out of Mr. Prospector-line mares, including champion two-year-old Filly Storm Song, but oddly enough there has never been an unrestricted stakes winner by Storm Bird himself out of a Mr. Prospector-line mare.

Mr. Prospector mares don't come with much better credentials than Finder's Fee's dam Fantastic Find. Winner of the GI Hempstead H., Fantastic Find is a half sister to Grade I winners Furlough and Dancing Spree and Grade II winner Dancing All Night. There are some similarities between the pedigrees of this trio and of Finder's Fee and Fantastic Find. Furlough is by Easy Goer, a son of Mr. Prospector's close relative Alydar. Dancing Spree and Dancing All Night are both by Nijinsky II, a very close relative to Storm Cat's sire Storm Bird. What is particularly interesting is that when another Nijinsky II half sister to Fantastic Find, the unraced Oh What A Dance, was bred to Mr. Prospector's son Seeking the Gold, the mating produced champion Heavenly Prize and Grade I winner Oh What A Windfall. Given the presence of Mr. Prospector, Storm Bird/Nijinsky II and the shared granddam Blitey, it's clear that Finder's Fee, Heavenly Prize and Oh What A Windfall are very closely related.

Finder's Fee, Heavenly Prize and Oh What A Windfall are all fillies, and this family seems to be particularly notable for its distaffers. As mentioned, Finder's Fee's dam Fantastic Find was a Grade I winner. Her dam Blitey was a multiple graded stakes winner, and was out of Lady Pitt, a champion three-year-old filly whose victories included the Coaching Club American Oaks and Mother Goose S. Lady Pitt is by Sword Dancer, a grandson of Sun Again (also in Storm Bird) and so Finder's Fee is one of the large band of Storm Cat stakes winners with linebreeding to Sun Again or Sun Again and his close relative Bourtai.

### PEDIGREE SHORTS

In yesterday's Pedigree Insights, Andrew Caulfield posed the question of how many strains of Northern Dancer's family could be combined safely in a pedigree. Well, the weekend did provide one example of stretching the envelope in the shape of Corbetta (f, 3, Polar Falcon--Kiska, by Bering {GB}), who won the Premio Seregno in Milan on Sunday. Corbetta has Northern Dancer 3x5x5 through Nureyev, Lyphard and Nijinsky II. This gives three crosses of Northern Dancer's granddam Almahmoud, and there is a fourth strain of Almahmoud, as she is also the granddam of Arctic Tern (sire of Corbetta's broodmare sire Bering). Corbetta's granddam Hortensia (Fr) is by Luthier (Fr), and he is a very good horse to use with Corbetta's sire Polar Falcon. Luthier's dam is by Cranach (Fr) out of Montagnana (Fr), while Polar Falcon's broodmare sire is out of a Cranach mare (who is bred on a reverse cross to Luthier) and he also carries the sire Ocarina (Fr) (out of Montagnana), a half brother to Luthier's dam.

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## BREEDERS' EDITION

### ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

**8th-SPT, \$28,000, 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:12 1/5, ft.**  
**LUV THAT SECURITY** (f, 4, Lac Ouimet--Security Hawk, by Security Council) Lifetime Record: 6-2-0-0, \$35,640. O-Jerrold Schwartz. B-Bernadette M Radke (IL). T-Frank J Kirby.

**10th-PHA, \$22,884, 4yo/up, 7f, 1:22 2/5, gd.**  
**ORDINARY TIME** (c, 4, Opening Verse--Dormir {MSP}, by Halo) Lifetime Record: 15-3-1-1, \$58,535. O/B-Bernard J Daney (PA). T-Robert W Camac. \*1/2 to Dirce (Mogambo), SW-Ity.

**9th-GPX, \$21,900, Opt. Clm. (\$150,000), 3yo, 6f, 1:10 3/5, ft.**  
**KHATEER** (c, 3, Hazaam--La Reine Rouge {SW}, by King's Bishop) Lifetime Record: 9-2-3-2, \$42,345. O-Milltown Road Assoc. B-Meg & Jimmy Miranda (FL). T-Charles R Harvatt. \*1/2 to Green Alligator (Gate Dancer), GSW, \$278,276; Lucky Lavender Gal (Carson City), MSW & GISP, \$237,939; La Ville Rouge (Carson City), GSP, \$151,775.

**5th-FLX, \$20,800, (S), 3yo/up, f/m, 4 1/2f, :53, sy.**  
**RONNIE'S DOUBLE** (m, 6, Double Negative--Roman Numeral, by Greatest Roman) Lifetime Record: 41-9-9-10, \$96,242. O-Lee Armstrong Mary. B-F Ortolano Michael (NY). T-Bryan R Armstrong.

**8th-FLX, \$20,800, (S), 3yo/up, 4 1/2f, :52 2/5, sy.**  
**MOM'S LITTLE GUY** (h, 6, El Prado {Ire}--Cove Hill Miss, by Fit to Fight) Lifetime Record: MSW, 45-9-7-12, \$159,613. O-Paula C Tompkins & Myreen Loveless. B-C Nolan Howard (NY). T-L Craig Cox. \*1/2 to End of the Hill (Ends Well), MSP, \$200,480.

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### MAIDEN WINNERS:

+ **Pagemy Doctor**, f, 2, Dr. Adagio--Ms Panageota, by Fight Over. GPX, 4-4, (C), a2.5f, :28 4/5. B-Hart Farm, Inc (Fl).

**Wild Side**, c, 3, Valley Crossing--Storm Berry, by Storm Bird. PHA, 4-4, (C), 6f, 1:12 2/5. B-William E Diefenderfer (Pa). \*\$14,000 wlng '97 FTMDEC; \$19,000 yrl '98 FTMOCT.

**Angels Playboy**, c, 4, Play Fellow--Angel Steam, by Halo. PHA, 4-4, 6 1/2f, 1:18 2/5. B-Jeri Mooneyham (Pa).

**Mr. Royal Spy**, h, 5, Spy Signal--Royal Miss Deb, by Royal Roberto. SPT, 4-4, (S), 6f, 1:12 4/5. B-Jeffery Jones (Ill).

### FOALING NEWS:

**CENTER BOX**, 16, Run the Gantlet--Middle Stage (Stage Door Johnny)

Foal born 3-5-00, a filly by Kingmambo.

Will be bred back to Unbridled's Song.

Owned by Edward P. Evans.

Boarded at Taylor Made Farm, KY.

Accomplishments: MSW, \$113,704. Dam of Palace Line (Palace Music), SW & MGSP, \$256,240; and Feather Box (Cherokee Colony), GSP, \$110,596.

**OH HOW WE DANCED**, 16, Sir Jinsky--Deirdre Baby (Nehoc's Brother)

Foal born 3-5-00, a filly by Grand Slam.

Will be bred back to Grand Slam.

Owned by Dr. Russell S. Cohen, D.V.M.

Boarded at Wimbledon Farm, KY.

Accomplishments: Dam of Double Dee's (Double Negative), GSW, \$293,052.

### STAKES CLOSINGS

#### TODAY, WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5:

04-14 \$150,000a **Maker's Mark Mile-II, Kee**, 4yo/up, 8fT, (150)

04-15 \$100,000a **Las Cienegas H.-III, SA**, 4yo/up, a6.5fT, (100)

04-16 \$100/100,000a **Commonwealth Breeders' Cup H.-II, Kee**, 3yo/up, 7f, (100)

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**PENNEKAMP BACK AT KILDANGAN** Pennekamp (USA) (Bering {GB}), who underwent surgery for colic last month in Ireland, was returned to his stall at Kildangan Stud Monday, *Thoroughbred Times* reports. The European classic winner, who had surgery Mar. 21, is recovering well according to Kildangan managing director Joe Osborne, but will not cover any mares "for at least another month," Osborne told *Thoroughbred Times*.

### ★ FRANCE ★

#### Yesterday's Results:

**PRIX COR DE CHASSE**-Listed, FF260,000, Maisons-Laffitte, 4-4, 3yo/up, 5 1/2fT, 1:09.20, hy.

1--#**DANANEYEV (FR)**, 131, c, 4, Goldneyev (USA)--Danagroom (USA) (GSP-Fr), by Groom Dancer (USA). O/B-Wertheimer et Frere; T-Carlos Laffon-Parias; J-Dominique Boeuf; FF140,000. Lifetime Record: 11 starts, 4 wins, 5 places, FF513,172.

2--**Halmahera (Ire)**, 136, h, 5, Petardia (GB)--Champagne Girl (GB), by Robellino (USA). FF48,000.

3--**Terroir (Ire)**, 131, h, 5, Fairy King (USA)--Terracotta Hut (Ire), by Habitat (USA). FF36,000.

Margins: HF, 1HF, HF. Odds: 13.90, 2.30, 6.80.

Also ran: Diableneyev (USA), Radhwa (Fr), Prinz Oskar (USA), Walnut Lady (GB), Hakiki (Ire), Antinnaz (Ire), Primoon (Ire), Pacific Storm (Ger).

The winner of two of four starts last season and sporting the second colours of his owner, Dananeyev overcame trouble in running to grab the lead in the closing stages for his first stakes win. Making his seasonal debut, Dananeyev was restrained in midfield with Terroir as Prinz Oskar (USA) (Dayjur {USA}) burst from the gate to lead from Halmahera and Hakiki (Ire) (Ballad Rock {Ire}). Halmahera took over inside the final quarter mile as Prinz Oskar faded whilst Terroir looked ominous on the wide outside, travelling well. It was at this point Dananeyev was blocked in his run as a number of gaps closed. Eventually seeing daylight at the distance, Dananeyev kept on enthusiastically to wrest the advantage from the courageous Halmahera inside the last fifty yards and won with more in hand than the official margin would suggest. Terroir threatened momentarily on the outside with a furlong to run but could only stay on at the one pace for third.

**2.10 Maisons-Laffitte, Prix de Gagny (Class B) (Cond.)**, FF180,000, 2yo, 5fT, 1:03.50, vsf.

**SNATAKA (FR)** (f, 2, Take Risks {Fr}--Snadraca {Fr} {GSW-Ity}, by Crowned Music {USA}), a near 5-1 chance, broke well to seize the initiative from the outset ahead of the even-money favourite Kengold (Fr) (Kendor {Fr}). She was urged to maintain her advantage as Corne D'Auroch (Fr) (Snurge {Ire}) challenged approaching the final furlong and was ridden out sympathetically for a comfortable 1 1/2-length win. Lifetime Record: 2 starts, 2 wins, FF122,000.

O/B-Jean-Jacques Boutin; T-Mathieu Boutin; J-Olivier Peslier.

**2.40 Maisons-Laffitte, Prix Hippolyte (Class C) (Cond.)**, FF160,000, 3yo, c/g, 1 1/2mT, 2:47.20, vsf.

**HERCULANO (FR)** (c, 3, Subotica {Fr}--Hokey Pokey {Fr}, by Lead On Time {USA}), the 8-5 favourite, disputed the lead with Karado (Fr) (Akarad {Fr}) at an easy pace for much of the race and still travelled well as the field turned for home. He was ridden to take a definite lead at the distance and was encouraged strongly throughout the final furlong to hold the fast finish of Pontiac River (Ire) (Exit To Nowhere {USA}) by a neck. Lifetime Record: 5 starts, 2 wins, 3 places, FF187,600. O-Cecil Motschmann; B-Michael & Cecil Motschmann; T-Myriam Bollack-Badel; J-Alain Badel.

**3.10 Maisons-Laffitte, Prix Aricie (Class C) (Cond.)**, FF160,000, 3yo, f, 1 1/2mT, 2:52.40, vsf.

**PONTE BROLLA (FR)** (f, 3, Highest Honor {Fr}--Pupsi {Fr}, by Matahawk {Ire}) was settled towards the front, in third, as Violet Heroine (Fr) (Cadoudal {Fr}) and Bilboa (Fr) (Phantom Breeze {Ire}) alternated on the lead but moved into second on the final turn. She challenged for the lead at the quarter-mile marker, quickened two lengths clear at the distance and ran on in good style for a safe 2 1/2-length win from Miss Gloriette (Fr) (Le Glorieux {GB}) and Pagoda (Fr) (Sadler's Wells {USA}) at odds of just over 4-1. Lifetime Record: 2 starts, 2 wins, FF108,000.

O-Erika Hilger; B-Paul Hilger; T-Yves de Nicolay; J-Thierry Jarnet.

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**4.45 Maisons-Laffitte, Prix Roger de la Vaissiere** (Cond.), FF110,000, 4yo/up, 1mT, 1:48.90, hy. **MARRAST (FR)** (h, 7, Groom Dancer {USA}--Mary Linoa {USA} {G1SW-Fr, \$166,593}, by L'Emigrant {USA}), the punters' 3-1 choice, raced in second as Opera Sereux (Jpn) (Opera House {GB}) led. He was eased to the lead at the two-furlong pole, but had to be ridden strongly all the way to the line to hold the powerful finish of Her Gold (Fr) (Goldneyev {USA}) by a fast diminishing short neck. Lifetime Record: SW & GSP-Fr, 42 starts, 8 wins, 23 places, FF1,722,000. O-Ecurie du Club Galop; B-Haras d'Etream; T-David Smaga; J-Rodolphe Brisset.

**MARKET MOVE FOR HIGHLANDER**

**Royal Highlander (Ire)** (Foxhound {USA}), currently under John Hills' tutelage, has been backed for the G1 2000 Guineas S. on May 6, with William Hill cutting him from 50-1 to 33s. The betting for the first British colt's Classic is starting to warm up now, following the real confidence in Sir Michael Stoute's Misraah (Ire), who was cut last week to 7-1 from 14s after some good displays on the Heath. In another move, Western Summer (USA) (Summer Squall {USA}), trained by his long-time adversary, Henry Cecil, was cut to 33-1 from 50s for the same Classic.

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**APPRENTICE SERIES TO CONTINUE**

Pontefract racecourse has announced details of its popular and successful apprentice series which will again be a feature of its 16-day season, starting with Round One on a seven race card next Tuesday, Apr. 11. The competition consists of five races held exclusively at Pontefract for apprentice jockeys, who at the start of the season had not ridden more than ten winners. Now in its 14th year, the Pontefract Apprentice Series is based on a points system, with the leading rider at the end of the competition in October receiving a prize of a fortnight's working holiday at Gulfstream Park, Miami next winter with a top United States trainer. Last year's winner, Stan Finnamore, was based in Florida during January with trainer Carl Nafzger. The opening day's card also includes the High-Rise Classified S. over ten furlongs, a race which High-Rise (Ire) (High Estate {Ire}) won two years ago, prior to winning the G1 Vodafone Derby at Epsom. The season's highlight will once again be the £20,000 Listed Tote Silver Tankard, a mile race for two-year-olds Oct. 16.

**NOTTINGHAM FALLS FOUL OF WEATHER**

The only flat turf meeting in England yesterday, due to be staged at Nottingham, was abandoned after a morning inspection as the course was waterlogged. Charlie Moore, clerk of the course, said, "We had a further 8mm (of rain) overnight and it would not have been safe as there were areas of standing water."

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 **FOALING NEWS**

**PERFECT SISTER (USA)**, 13, Perrault (GB)--Franca (Ity) (Viceregal {Can})  
 Foal born 2-2-00, a filly by Desert Prince (GB).  
 Will be bred back to Peintre Celebre (USA).  
 Owned by Eric Puerari & Pegase France S.A.  
 Boarded at Haras des Capucines, France.  
 Accomplishments: Sibling Rival (USA) (Quest for Fame {GB}), SW & MGSP-Fr, \$127,855.

**THRILLING DAY (GB)**, 7, Groom Dancer {USA}--Pushoff {USA} (Sauce Boat {USA})  
 Foal born 3-22-00, a filly by Diesis (GB).  
 Will be bred back to Horse Chestnut (SAf).  
 Owned by Bloomsbury Stud, England.  
 Boarded at Winter Quarter Farm, KY.  
 Accomplishments: GSW-US & GB, \$190,346.

**CHILD'S PLAY (USA)**, 11, Sharpen Up (GB)--Picnicing (GB) (Good Times {Ity})  
 Foal born 3-26-00, a filly by Anabaa (USA).  
 Will be bred back to Groom Dancer (USA).  
 Boarded at Bloomsbury Stud, England.  
 Accomplishments: Dam of Sharp Play (GB) (Robellino {USA}), SW-Swi & SP-Ire.

**KRAJINA (FR)**, 8, Holst (USA)--Turkeina (Fr) (Kautokeino {Fr})  
 Foal born 3-28-00, a filly by Sadler's Wells (USA).  
 Will be bred back to Sadler's Wells (USA).  
 Owned by E. Puerari & Oceanic Bloodstock Inc.  
 Boarded at Haras des Capucines, France.  
 Accomplishments: SW-Fr.



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