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FOREST WILDCAT COLT TOPS KEENELAND

A colt from the first crop of the super popular sire Forest Wildcat brought a final bid of \$825,000 to top yesterday's Keeneland April Two-Year-Olds in Training Sale in Lexington, Kentucky. The bay, out of Tammy Jean (Fabulous Bid), was consigned by Hartley/De Renzo Thoroughbreds, agent and was purchased by Demi O'Byrne. He worked a bullet half mile in :21 at Keeneland during the Apr. 10 preview. "He's a good-looking horse," O'Byrne, acting on behalf of Michael Tabor and John Magnier, commented yesterday. "He'll go to [trainer] Wayne [Lukas]." The underbidder on the sale topper was trainer John Kimmel, bidding for Marty Schwartz. "He was a 'now' horse," Kimmel said of the juvenile. "He's the kind you can start in the WHAS S. [at Churchill May 6]. He's got the things you look for in a two-year-old and he looks like he can really run. Obviously, some other people thought so, too." The top-priced filly at the one-day auction was hip number 119, a daughter of Deputy Minister--Dearly Loved (Raise a Native). The filly, from the consignment of Nick de Meric, agent, was purchased for \$500,000 by John Oxley. Oxley purchased champion mare Beautiful Pleasure at this sale in 1997. "You always hope for a little more favorable price, but when you consider the filly, the sire of the filly and how she worked, the final price is more acceptable," reasoned Oxley. The filly, who worked a furlong in :10 3/4 Apr. 10, will be trained by John Ward. Bidding on hip number 117, a half brother by Danzig to multiple Grade I winner Awad (Caveat), reached \$950,000, but he failed to meet his reserve. "We thought it was a nice, solid sale," W. B. Rogers Beasley, Keeneland's director of sales said of the eighth renewal of the April sale. "Last year we had three horses over \$1 million and this year we had none and to keep the average even and to see the median rise, we think indicates that this was a very solid sale."

KEENELAND APRIL TOP SIX COLTS

Hip #	Sire	Dam	Price
042	Forest Wildcat	Tammy Jean	\$825,000
		(\$230,000 yrl '99 KEESEP)	
	Consigned by Hartley/De Renzo Thoroughbreds, agent Purchased by Demi O'Byrne		
174	Seattle Slew	La Rosa	\$600,000
		(\$360,000 yrl '99 KEEJUL)	
	Consigned by Niall Brennan Stables, agent Purchased by Caesar Kimmel		
239	Hennessy	Remember Midnight	\$600,000
		(\$100,000 yrl '98 KEENOV; \$350,000 yrl '99 KEEJUL)	
	Consigned by Niall Brennan Stables, agent Purchased by Eugene Melnyk		
171	Storm Cat	Lady Godolphin	\$500,000
	Consigned by Nick de Meric, agent Purchased by Arch Bloodstock		
046	Carson City	Tomorrow's Song	\$400,000
	Consigned by Jerry Bailey Sales Agency, agent Purchased by Narvick International		
077	Storm Cat	Bank Key	\$400,000
	Consigned by M.W. Miller III, agent Purchased by BTA Stable		

TOP FIVE FILLIES

Hip #	Sire	Dam	Price
119	Deputy Minister	Dearly Loved	\$500,000
		(\$230,000 wnl '98 KEENOV)	
	Consigned by Nick de Meric, agent Purchased by John Oxley		
167	Two Punch	Kira's Dancer	\$390,000
		(\$65,000 yrl '99 FTKJUL)	
	Consigned by Nick de Meric, agent Purchased by Silky Green, Inc.		
025	Rahy	Sole	\$275,000
	Consigned by Jerry Bailey Sales Agency, Agent for Bailey-Ellenberg Select Purchased by Shadai Farm		
102	Devil's Bag	Come Dancing	\$260,000
	Consigned by Nick de Meric, agent Purchased by Shadai Farm		
003	Dynaformer	Sara Six Pack	\$250,000
		(\$77,000 yrl '99 FTKJUL)	
	Consigned by Niall Brennan Stables, agent Purchased by Wallace Dollase, agent		



KEENELAND APRIL STATISTICS

TUESDAY, APRIL 18, 2000

TOTALS	1999	2000
No. Sold	123	123
Gross	\$18,560,000	\$18,515,000
Average	\$150,894	\$150,528
Median	\$85,000	\$105,000

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☆ NEWS TODAY ☆

TWO-YEAR-OLDS AT TATTERSALLS

Tattersalls 12th Breeze-Up Sales of Two-Year-Olds in Training gets underway at 5:45 p.m. in Newmarket tonight with a strong catalogue offering every chance that the first six-figure breeze-up transaction in Europe will be seen. A U.S. import, Millenium Moonbeam, came within a whisker of achieving that mark when realising 99,000gns a year ago. Multiple champion sire Sadler's Wells is represented in this year's catalogue by a pair of juveniles, including lot 124, who sold for Ir£36,000 at Goffs' October Yearling Sale. Out of Marie de Beaujeu (Fr) (Kenmare {Fr}), the bay colt is a half brother to 1995 G1 Deutsches Derby winner **All My Dreams (Ire)** (Assert). The 19-year-old stallion is also the sire of lot 158, a filly who cost Ir£30,000 last October and is out of a half sister to Europe's champion older horse of 1997 Pilsudski (Ire). Other established sires with two-year-olds on offer include Baratheia (Ire), Danehill, Distant View, Lure, Machiavellian, Mt. Livermore and Thunder Gulch. Stallions represented by their first crops of juveniles include champion European sprinter Anabaa, top miler Charnwood Forest (Ire), French two-year-old champion of 1994 Pennekamp and 1995 Irish 2000 Guineas and Dubai Champion S. winner Spectrum (Ire), who has 10 juveniles catalogued. There are more American-bred youngsters than ever among the 196-lot catalogue. Kip Elser's Kirkwood Stables, which enjoyed a good sale last year, returns with nine lots, and he is joined this year by another American consignor, Penny Jenks, who brings four lots to the sale. Other lots of note include 106, offered early tomorrow evening, a Bluebird colt from Lemberg Stables who cost Ir£75,000 at Goffs last October; lot 44, a Petorius (GB) colt, whose credentials have taken a major boost since the catalogue's publication as his year-older half brother **Kutub (Ire)** (In The Wings {Ire}), won the G2 Prix Noailles at Longchamp and is a leading fancy for the G1 Vodafone Derby; and lot 133, Malcolm Bastard's Ir£42,000 Baratheia (Ire) grandson of the Meon Valley Stud foundation mare Odeon (GB). The sale concludes tomorrow evening with a session beginning at 5:45 p.m.

SURGERY FOR GENERAL CHALLENGE

G1 Santa Anita H. winner **General Challenge** (General Meeting) had surgery Monday to correct a breathing problem detected after a third-place finish in the Apr. 9 GII San Bernardino H., according to *Thoroughbred Times*. The surgery was expected to repair an entrapped epiglottis. The four-year-old gelding could still make the G1 Pimlico Special on May 13.

SILVERBULLETDAY RETURNS TODAY

Last year's champion three-year-old filly and 1998 champion two-year-old filly **Silverbulletday** (Silver Deputy) returns to action today for the first time since a disappointing sixth-place finish in the Nov. 6 GI Breeders' Cup Distaff. The four-year-old will face four rivals in the 1 1/16-miles Doubledogdare S. at Keeneland, including multiple Grade I winner **Keeper Hill** (Deputy Minister). The pair won the 1998 and 1999 GI Kentucky Oaks, respectively.

☆ TRIPLE THREATS ☆

Pletcher's Posse:

Todd Pletcher has never saddled a runner in the Kentucky Derby, but he may go postward this year with as many as four colts. Three of his charges were in action last Saturday: **More Than Ready** (Southern Halo) was a bang-up second in the GI Toyota Blue Grass at Keeneland; **Graeme Hall** (Dehere) wired the field in the GII Arkansas Derby; and **Impeachment** (Deputy Minister) rallied for the show spot behind his stablemate at Oaklawn. "We were pleased with the outcome," Pletcher said of his weekend. "It's kind of a strange and unique situation." Pletcher has only one firm jockey commitment for the Derby thus far--John Velasquez will be aboard **More Than Ready** as he has been in each of the colt's career starts.

Trippi Works:

Pletcher's fourth Derby hopeful, GIII Flamingo S. winner **Trippi** (End Sweep) worked five furlongs Tuesday at Churchill Downs in 1:01 2/5. It was the colt's first work over the Louisville oval. "It was exactly the work that we were hoping that it would be," said Pletcher. "I think your main concern the first time over the track is to see how your horse handles it and he handled it great."

Globalize on Target for Lexington:

The Jerry Hollendorfer-trained **Globalize** (Summer Squall) flew yesterday to Keeneland from his Northern California base. He will be one of the favorites in the GII Coolmore Lexington S. Apr. 22, a race which was Charismatic's springboard to the Kentucky Derby last year. The handsome chestnut, winner of the GII Turfway Spiral S., worked five furlongs in 1:01 at Golden Gate on Sunday and will gallop up to Saturday's race. "He's all set as far as working goes," Hollendorfer remarked.

Favorite On the Grounds:

GII Wood Memorial winner **Fusaichi Pegasus** (Mr. Prospector) arrived at Churchill Monday evening.



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☆ RESULTS ☆

Tuesday, Newmarket, England

LANE'S END GREENHAM S.-G3, £30,000, Newmarket, 4-18, 3yo, c/g, 7fT, 1:26.88, gd/sf.

1--**@BARATHEA GUEST (GB)**, 126, c, 3, by Baratheia (Ire)

1st Dam: Western Heights (GB), by Shirley Heights (GB)

2nd Dam: Western Star (GB), by Alcide (GB)

3rd Dam: Western Air (GB), by Sound Track (GB)

(70,000gns yrl '98 TAOCT). O-John Guest; B-Chippenham Lodge Stud; T-George Margaron; J-Philip Robinson; £18,000. Lifetime Record: SW & G1SP-Fr, 6-4-1-0, £112,107.

2--**Distant Music**, 126, c, 3, Distant View--Musicanti, by Nijinsky. O-Khalid Abdullah; B-Juddmonte Farms; £6,900.

3--**Winning Venture (GB)**, 126, c, 3, Owington (GB)--Push A Button (Ire), by Bold Lad (Ire). O-Dr Frank S B Chao; B-Woodsway Stud and Chao Racing & Bloodstock Ltd; £3,450.

Margins: HD, NK, 3/4. Odds: 13-2, 8-13, 25-1.

Also ran: Scarteen Fox (Ire), Ma Yoram, Safarando, Seven No Trumps (GB).

Despite finishing first under the wire in last year's G1 Grand Criterium, Baratheia Guest was still considered an outsider for the G1 2000 Guineas S. before his performance yesterday. Stepping down to seven furlongs and facing the early 2000 Guineas favourite Distant Music, Baratheia Guest settled in last early as the field was taken along by Seven No Trumps (GB) (Pips Pride {GB}), and was kept there until Distant Music made his move over two furlongs out. He was ridden on the outside of the field and eventually found his gear, and although the race had looked won on the rail inside the final furlong, he picked up really well to catch the runner-up on the line. After a thrilling finish in this first obvious clue to the G1 2000 Guineas, both the first and second finishers will meet again on May 6. William Hill has made Distant Music 9-2 to reverse this form with Baratheia Guest, who sits now at 8-1. After the race, winning trainer George Margaron said, "This fellow was only 90 percent here and he's only done one serious piece of work so far. We will be here for the 2000 Guineas and if he was trained by Henry Cecil he'd be favourite, wouldn't he?"

Tuesday, Newmarket, England

SHADWELL STUD NELL GWYN S.-G3, £35,000, Newmarket, 4-18, 3yo, f, 7fT, 1:25.60, gd/sf.

1--**#@PETRUSHKA (IRE)**, 121, f, 3, by Unfuwain

1st Dam: Ballet Shoes (Ire), by Ela-Mana-Mou (Ire)

2nd Dam: River Dancer (Ire), by Irish River (Fr)

3rd Dam: Dancing Shadow (Ire), Dancer's Image

O-Highclere Thoroughbred Racing Ltd; B-Airlie Stud; T-Sir Michael Stoute; J-Kieren Fallon; £20,300.

Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, £24,085.

2--**Seazun (Ire)**, 124, f, 3, Zieten--Sunset Cafe (Ire), by Red Sunset (Ire). O-John Breslin; B-Lodge Park Stud; £7,700.

3--**Aunty Rose (Ire)**, 121, f, 3, Caerleon--Come On Rosi (GB), by Valiyar (Ire). O-Wafic Said; B-Addison Racing Ltd; £3,850.

Margins: 4, 1HF, HF. Odds: 7-2, 7-1, 6-1.

Also ran: Alhufoof, Croeso Cariad (GB), Halland Park Girl (Ire), Decision Maid, Princess Ellen (GB), Jemima (GB), Misty Miss (GB), Bedazzling (Ire), Silver Colours, Bannanna (GB).

Petrushka had only a maiden win at Leicester to her name before this, but gallop reports this Spring had forced her down to 8-1 for the G1 1000 Guineas S. This all-round confidence was rewarded with an authoritative display here as she threw down the gauntlet for the others engaged in that Classic. Fallon held her up at the back early as Halland Park Girl (Ire) (Primo Dominie {GB}) took them along. She was ridden with confidence to join the leaders with a furlong and a half to run, and when she was let down she put four lengths between her and the chasing group in a few strides, only having to be kept up to her work to trounce a quality field. Trainer Michael Stoute said of her afterwards: "She's a sweet filly with a lovely attitude, and she's done that really well. We wondered in the spring whether she would want further than a mile to be seen at her best but her work indicated that she had enough speed to train for the Guineas, so we're pleased with that. What pleased me most of all was the way she wrapped the race up very quickly." Petrushka is now the clear-cut 2-1 favourite for the G1 1000 Guineas S., and is 5-1 favourite for the G1 Epsom Oaks S.

CURRENCY CONVERSIONS		
	US\$/unit	GB£/unit
British pound	0.633437	1.00
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☆ PREVIEW ☆

Today, Newmarket, England, post time: 2:35 p.m.
WEATHERBYS EARL OF SEFTON S.-G3, £35,000,
 4yo/up, 1 1/8mT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER	WT
1	(4)	Shiva (Jpn)	Hector Protector	Cecil	127
2	(6)	Diamond White (GB)	Robellino	M Ryan	124
3	(2)	Bomb Alaska (GB)	Polar Falcon	G Balding	122
4	(11)	Brancaster	Riverman	Stoute	122
5	(12)	Desaru	Chief's Crown	Nosedata	122
6	(9)	Indian Lodge (Ire)	Grand Lodge	Perrett	122
7	(7)	King Priam (Ire)	Priolo	Polglase	122
8	(5)	Mujahid	Danzig	J Dunlop	122
9	(13)	Pegnitz	Lear Fan	C Brittain	122
10	(1)	Sergeant York (GB)	Be My Chief	Smith	122
11	(3)	Sossus Vlei (GB)	Inchinor (GB)	Wragg	122
12	(10)	Fairy Godmother (GB)	Fairy King	Charlton	119
13	(8)	Hasty Words (Ire)	Polish Patriot	B Hills	119

 **FOALING NEWS**

ROBERTO'S GAL (GB), 11, Roberto--Grafitti Gal
 (*Pronto)
 Foal born 1-23-00, a colt by Belong to Me.
 Will be bred back to Belong to Me.
 Boarded at Lane's End, KY.
 Accomplishments: Dam of Lucky Roberto (Belong to Me), GISW, \$214,684.

AT THE HALF, 9, Seeking the Gold--Knitted Gloves,
 (*White Gloves II)
 Foal born 1-28-00, a colt by A.P. Indy.
 Will be bred back to A.P. Indy.
 Boarded at Lane's End, KY.
 Accomplishments: GSW, \$338,393. Dam of Lu Ravi (A.P. Indy), MGSW & MGISP, \$822,580.

GOOD 'N SMART, 12, Smarten--Smiling Cece (*Forli)
 Foal born 1-28-00, a colt by Belong to Me.
 Will be bred back to Old Trieste.
 Boarded at Lane's End, KY.
 Accomplishments: Dam of Really Polish (Polish Numbers), GSW & GISP, \$354,489.

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WEEKEND PEDIGREE PERSPECTIVES

by Alan Porter

GOLDEN SLIPPER S.-G1, A\$2,500,000, Rosehill (Sydney), 4-15, 6fT, 2yo, 1:09.51, gd.

1--**BELLE DU JOUR (AUS), 116, f, 2, by Dehere**
 1st Dam: **Delightful Belle (NZ), by Balmerino (NZ)**
 2nd Dam: **Kashmir Belle (NZ), by Pakistan II (GB)**
 3rd Dam: **Phar Belle (NZ), by Pharamond (Fr)**
 O-Strawberry Hill Stud Synd, G A & Mrs H M Rose, R J L Hawke & Ms B d'Alpuget; B-Segenhoe/Advance Breeding Venture; T-Clarry Conners; J-L Beasley; A\$1,500,000.

ARKANSAS DERBY-GII, \$500,000, OPX, 4-15, 3yo, 1 1/8m, 1:49, ft.

1--**#@GRAEME HALL, 118, c, 3, by Dehere**
 1st Dam: **Win Crafty Lady (GSW, \$303,844), by Crafty Prospector**
 2nd Dam: **Honeytab, by Al Hattab**
 3rd Dam: **Get Up Honey, by Buckaneer**
 (\$200,000 yrl '98 KEESEP). O-Eugene & Laura Melnyk; B-Sabine Stables (KY); T-Todd A Pletcher; J-R J Albarado; \$300,000. Lifetime Record: 8-3-3-1, \$471,518.

In yesterday's *TDN* my colleague, Andrew Caulfield, noted End Sweep and Dehere as two horses which were exported while still in the very early stages of their stud careers. This pair finished first and second on the 1998 Leading Freshman Sires list, End Sweep exceeding expectations while Dehere, who was generally expected to carry off the crown, wound up in the runner-up spot. Actually, although he didn't gain the title, Dehere's first season was far from bad. He ended the year in ninth on the overall Leading Sires of Two-Year-Olds list, and the general perception of his first year could have been very different if his stakes-winning colt Millions had not been narrowly defeated in the GII Remsen S. and the stakes-winning filly Arrested Dreams had not been edged by Oh What A Windfall in the G1 Matron S. Millions and Arrested Dreams have both been dogged by injury since their two-year-old days, but another of Dehere's first crop, the filly Her She Kisses, has turned into a very smart performer. Meanwhile, Dehere's second crop includes Millencolin, winner last year of the GIII Kentucky Cup



Juvenile S; Ifitstobeitsuptome, a stakes winner this year and also a very close third to Exchange Rate and Mighty in the Risen Star S.; the stakes-winning fillies Maddies Promise and Miss Seffens; and Graeme Hall, who entered the Kentucky Derby picture at the weekend with a front-running victory in the GII Arkansas Derby.

Dehere appears to be working with mares from a wide variety of backgrounds. This comes as no surprise when we consider his pedigree. His sire Deputy Minister is an outcross for most commercial mares (the Northern Dancer portion of his pedigree apart) and we have written before that we believe he throws right back to intense accumulations of the mare Queen Mary. With Dehere--who fits the Queen Mary profile--the situation is compounded by the fact that his broodmare sire is Secretariat, himself a very outcrossed horse and a stallion who was not prepotent (his subsequent success as a broodmare sire and now broodmare sire of sires notwithstanding).

Out of a mare by Crafty Prospector, Graeme Hall is bred on Deputy Minister/Mr. Prospector cross. This combination, although not disastrous, has not had the success which one might have anticipated and of the four unrestricted stakes winners sired by Deputy Minister himself out of Mr. Prospector-line mares, only one, Yarrow Brae, has captured a graded stakes. Three of Deputy Minister's sons--Silver Deputy (himself out of a Mr. Prospector mare), Salt Lake and now Dehere--have sired stakes winners out of Mr. Prospector-line mares.

Graeme Hall's dam Win Crafty Lady was a talented performer who numbered the GIII Interborough Breeders' Cup H. among her three stakes triumphs. Win Crafty Lady is the possessor of a very clever pedigree since she is 4x4 to the sisters My Dear Girl (champion two-year-old filly) and Treasure Chest (track-record breaking stakes winner). This pair are linebred to Queen Mary's granddaughter Bonnie Gal--in both cases through individuals which are themselves inbred to Queen Mary, so perhaps the Queen Mary influence has had an effect here too.

Win Crafty Lady is also inbred to *Nasrullah (in Dehere through his grandson Secretariat), as well as

having *Mahmoud, a three-quarters brother to Nasrullah's dam Mumtaz Begum. This pattern is also apparent in the dam of Belle du Jour, who made the weekend a memorable one for Dehere with a dramatic win in Australia's premier two-year-old contest, the G1 Golden Slipper S.

In fact, the background of Nasrullah is very strong here. Dehere carries *My Babu, whose dam Perfume II is very closely related to Nasrullah and is by Badruddin, an extremely close relative to Mahmoud and Mumtaz Begum. Belle du Jour's granddam is inbred to Fair Trial, who is of a half sister to Mumtaz Begum, and since Fair Trial is by Fairway (a brother to Pharos, the sire of Nasrullah), Belle du Jour has several similar "clusters" through Nasrullah (three times), Perfume II and Fair Trial.

FOALING NEWS:

RUNUP THE COLORS, 6, A.P. Indy--Up the Flagpole (Hoist the Flag)

Foal born 1-30-00, a colt by Belong to Me. Will be bred back to Deputy Minister. Boarded at Lane's End, KY. Accomplishments: GISW, \$555,024.

PURE SPEED, 10, Gulch--Table the Rumor (Round Table)

Foal born 2-1-00, a colt by Belong to Me. Will be bred back to Silver Deputy. Boarded at Lane's End, KY. Accomplishments: Dam of Make Haste (Cure the Blues), GSW, \$209,967; Quick Lap (Nicholas), MSW & MGSP, \$282,858.

CYMBALA (FR), 7, Assert (Ire)--Cymbaline (Fr) (Lyphard)

Foal born 2-2-00, a filly by Deputy Minister. Will be bred back to Kingmambo. Boarded at Lane's End, KY. Accomplishments: GSW, \$180,834.

CHARMING LASSIE, 13, Seattle Slew--Lassie Dear (Buckpasser)

Foal born 2-5-00, a colt by Storm Cat. Will be bred back to Storm Cat. Boarded at Lane's End, KY. Accomplishments: Dam of Lemon Drop Kid (Kingmambo), MGISW, \$1,607,469; Brulay (Rubiano), GSW, \$190,714; Sovereign Sage (Sovereign Dancer), SP, \$174,438.



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THREE-YEAR-OLD FORM CRYSTALLIZING ...

At this writing, the favorites for two Classics have emerged. In America, the consensus is that this is a good bunch of three-year-old colts, and the form horse going into last weekend, Fusaichi Pegasus, won the GII Wood Memorial impressively. The time was good, and he ran the fastest Beyer number (111) of his generation.

The Deputy (Ire), previously defeated by the Derby favorite in the GII San Felipe, had run a Beyer 110 when he won the GI Santa Anita Derby, and both the GI Blue Grass and GII Arkansas Derby winners ran Beyer 106's--a battery of good numbers going into the Kentucky Derby.

If Fusaichi Pegasus can handle the occasion, then it's just a question of whether he gets the trip. One thing about the Kentucky Derby--nine-furlong horses don't win it. Year after year they go into the race as favorites, because of course they have the best Derby prep form, which is at nine furlongs. That last furlong finds them out.

This year, the favorite's got to be a question mark. His sire was best at six furlongs and his dam was injured in her second career start and never ran beyond six furlongs. However, Angel Fever was a sister to Pine Bluff, who won the 9.5-furlong Preakness, and a half sister to Demons Begone, who won the nine-furlong Arkansas Derby. So it's not like nothing from the family went two turns. But will this colt get that 10th furlong? I'd say it's quite likely: he's a worthy favorite, anyhow.

At Newmarket yesterday, one of Harry Herbert's Highclere syndicates rang the bell when the Unfuwain filly Petrushka impressively won the G3 Nell Gwyn S. (7f) and immediately became the clear 2-1 favorite for the 1000 Guineas. Another Unfuwain filly, Lahan, was the beaten favorite in last weekend's Fred Darling (Dubai Duty Free); so it looks like a pretty good year for Unfuwain. In a way, he's a bit like Summer Squall is to A.P. Indy--the lesser-rated half brother who's not a better sire than the higher-profile one, but who is turning out to be a very useful sire himself.

One Classic that didn't get resolved is the 2000 Guineas, as previously unbeaten Distant Music was upset by Barathea Guest. We'll know more on that front after Thursday's Craven.

On the first-crop sires of three-year-old's front, it looks as if it's Hernando time. Maybe you remember, a couple of years ago his first yearlings sold very well and occasioned a lot of comment. Yesterday, Hernando had three runners from his first crop, three winners, at 12 furlong, 12 furlongs, and 10 furlongs--the last, the colt Bien Entendu at Newmarket, in what looked a pretty good maiden race. Another first crop sire who's made the news is the Japanese sire Fuji Kiseki, one of the first sons of Sunday Silence to go to stud. He had the favorite in last weekend's Japanese 2000 Guineas, though of course the colt got beat--by a Sunday Silence colt.

European Freshman Sires...the very fast horse Mind Games already has three winners. He was a speedball by Thatching's son Puissance, going back to Hyperion through Forli. The once-great Hyperion line now only really survives by a few threads, including speed branches tracing to Forli and Sing Sing now resident in Europe. And a first winner for a seriously good horse in Celtic Swing. He won the Racing Post Trophy by a devastating 12 lengths as a two-year-old, ran second to Pennekamp in the 2000 Guineas (maybe the best renewal of that race in the past few years), and won the French Derby in 1995. Those two--Pennekamp and Celtic Swing--were probably really outstanding race-horses, and it wouldn't surprise me a bit if they both made sires.

Another interesting development has been the emergence, in the last two years, of consecutive very promising young stallions in Germany in Lomitas and now Monsun. There was a little flurry a few years ago of more mainstream countries importing German pedigrees--mostly fillies and mares--but it hasn't yet had much impact in the wider world. It may be time to see about mining that vein again. Although, interestingly, in a lot of 'second-tier' countries which have produced top sires--Southern Halo in Argentina, for example, and Zabeel and Danehill in Australasia--a good number of the top horses by these sires seem to be coming from mainstream North American families. To be continued, when we know more...

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SIBILLE WINS NUMBER 4,000 Veteran rider Ray Sibille earned the 4,000th victory of his career in yesterday's fifth race at Sportsman's Park. He was the 34th jockey to reach that plateau. "It was a long-time in coming," said the 47-year-old native of Sunset, Louisiana. "It seemed like these last five [wins] took the longest. This one was pretty exciting. I feel good and I hope I can ride a while longer before I retire." Sibille, who captured the 1988 Breeders' Cup Turf aboard Great Communicator, began his riding career in 1969 at Evangeline Downs.

☆ FOREIGN ☆

AMERICAN-BRED WINNER IN BRITAIN:

May Contessa, f, 3, Bahri--Copper Creek (Ire), by Habitat. Newmarket, 4-18, Stetchworth Maiden S., 3yo, 6fT, \$8,004 to winner. O-Dgh Partnership; B-Airlie Stud; T-David Elsworth. *1/2 to Wathik (Ogygian), MSW-UAE; Copper Play (Fast Play), MSP, \$159,697; Tippy Creek (Dayjur), MGSW-GB, \$159,274. **\$192,591 yrl '98 GOOC1.

☆ EAST ☆

Yesterday's Results:

10th-PHA, \$18,482, Msw, 3yo, f, 1m70yds, 1:44, sy.
HOLY BELE (f, 3, Holy Bull--Spring Flight, by Miswaki), a \$270,000 FTFFEB two-year-old, had the best finish of her career when second trying a mile for the first time over this track Apr. 1. With an extra 70 yards to work with, the filly found the slop to her liking with a wire-to-wire 12 1/4-length decimation. The 3-5 favorite is a half sister to Dr Fong (Kris S., G1SW-Eng, GSW-Fr & MGSP-US, \$757,134). Lifetime Record: 6-1-1-1, \$15,340. O-Fox Hill Farms Inc. B-Prestonwood Farm Inc. (Ky). T-John Servis.

8th-GPX, \$17,000, Msw, 3yo, a1mT, 1:42 2/5, yl.
+ IRISH WAYS (IRE) (c, 3, Sadler's Wells--Final Farewell, by Proud Truth), purchased for the equivalent of \$458,822 as a yearling at the Goffs Orby Sale, rallied to take his debut. Rating off the pace, the 4-1 shot swung wide in the straight and edged The Conqueror (Lord of the Sea) by a neck. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$10,200.

O-Surfside Thoroughbred Farm Inc. B-Orpendale, Samac & Sweetenham Stud (IRE). T-Luis Olivares.

STAKES CLOSINGS

TODAY, WEDNESDAY, APRIL 19:

08-19 \$2,000,000 *Arlington Million-I, AP, 3yo/up, 10fT, (2000)*

08-19 \$500,000 *Beverly D.-I, AP, 3yo/up, f/m, 9.5f, (1000)*

04-30 \$250/50,000a *San Francisco Breeders' Cup Mile-II, GG, 3yo/up, 8fT, (250)*



BREEDERS' EDITION

ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

7th-DEL, \$36,300, Opt. Clm. (\$35-30,000), 3yo/up, 6f, 1:12, sy.

ARCADIA STREET (c, 4, Rubiano--Winterthur, by Ogygian) Lifetime Record: 10-4-0-2, 74,880. O-Bethlehem Stables. B-Santa Escolastica Inc. (Ky). T-Steven Brown.

6th-DEL, \$32,000, 3yo/up, f/m, a1m70yd, 1:45 4/5, sy.

LILLY AND ICE (m, 5, Eskimo--Honest Lilly, by Honest Pleasure) Lifetime Record: 18-2-3-3, \$63,200. O-Ed Roth. B-Galaviz Ruben (FL). T-Gaston D Sandoval. *1/2 to Honest Venture (Majestic Venture), MSP, \$237,934.

6th-SPT, \$30,000, (S), 3yo/up, 1m, 1:39 2/5, ft.

SPANISH TOP (c, 4, Spanish Drummer--Top Broad, by Holme On Top) Lifetime Record: 19-3-7-4, \$118,929. O/B-Mary M Zimmerman (IL). T-Rick Lindsay.

8th-SPT, \$28,000, (S), 3yo/up, 1m, 1:39, ft.

DELANEYIMOUTAHERE (c, 4, Bello--Mugsey Molly, by Mugassas) Lifetime Record: 8-2-1-1, \$39,964. O-Joseph A & Hugh D Scates. B-David L Dortch (IL). T-D Kelly Ackerman.

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FOREST WILDCAT SALES TOPPER #6

Hip 42 sold for \$825,000 at Keeneland 2YO Sale yesterday

Allowance results cont.

9th-PHA, \$22,082, 3yo, a1m70yd, 1:45 4/5, sy.
TIGER SAUCE (c, 3, Foligno--Scarlet Alliance {SP}, by T. V. Alliance) Lifetime Record: 10-2-0-3, \$38,568. O/B-Maui Meadow Farm & Joseph Holman Jr (PA). T-Guadalupe Preciado. *1/2 to Red Hot Iron (Iron), MSW, \$344,289.

10th-GPX, \$21,900, Opt. Clm. (\$150,000), 3yo, 6 1/2f, 1:19, ft.

UNCLE ROCCO (c, 3, Robyn Dancer--Maniweta, by Cherokee Fellow) Lifetime Record: 9-2-4-0, \$51,830. O-Michael J Campanile. B-Mike Campanile (FL). T-Joseph Calascibetta.

MAIDEN WINNERS:

Holy Belle, f, 3, Holy Bull--Spring Flight (SW, \$141,920), by Miswaki. PHA, 4-18, a1m70yd, 1:44. B-Prestonwood Farm, Inc (Ky). *\$270,000 2yo 1999 FTFFEB. **1/2 to Dr Fong (Kris S.), G1SW-Eng, GSW-Fr & MGSP-US, \$757,134.

Easter Song, f, 3, Rubiano--Moonlight Serenade (Fr), by Dictus (Fr). TAM, 4-18, a1mT, 1:40. B-Gallagher's Stud (NY). *\$30,000 yrl '98 FTKOCT. **1/2 to Corviglia (Cresta Rider), GSW-Fr, \$111,503; River Rhythm (Riverman), SW-Fr & GISP-US, \$551,202.

+ Irish Ways (Ire), c, 3, Sadler's Wells--Final Farewell, by Proud Truth. GPX, 4-18, a1mT, 1:42 2/5. B-Orpendale, Samac & Sweetenham Stud (Ire). *\$458,822 yrl '98 GOFOCT.

Iron Prince, c, 4, Kris S.--Indio Rose, by Alydar. DEL, 4-18, 1 1/16m, 1:47 3/5. B-Iron County Farms Inc (Ky). *\$155,000 2yo 1998 BESMAR; \$23,000 HRA 1999 KEENOV.

Smilin' Slew, c, 4, Sky Classic--Bunny Slew, by Slewpy. SPT, 4-18, 1 1/16m, 1:46 1/5. B-Michael Paul & Sharon Brickman (Ill).

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FOALING NEWS

TOMISUE'S INDY, 6, A.P. Indy--Chimes of Freedom (Private Account)

Foal born 3-16-00, a filly by Belong to Me. Will be bred back to Parade Ground. Boarded at Lane's End, KY. Accomplishments: SW, \$199,703.

A DREAM ABOVE, 14, Great Above--Riverstream (Riva Ridge)

Foal born 3-27-00, a colt by Lucky Lionel. Will be bred back to Awesome Again. Owned by/boarded at Adena Springs, FL. Accomplishments: SW of \$159,841; dam of Nite Dreamer (El Prado {Ire}), GSW, \$914,755.

TADWIN (GB), Never So Bold (Ire)--Songs Jest (GB) (Song {GB})

Foal born 3-27-00, a filly by Shadeed. Will be bred back to Sahm. Owned by/boarded at Shadwell Farm LLC, KY. Accomplishments: SW & MGSP-GB. Dam of Nadwah (Shadeed), GSW-GB.

ALGHUZAYLAH (IRE), 19, Habitat--Asian Princess (GB) (Native Prince)

Foal born 3-28-00, a filly by Pulpit. Will be bred back to Old Trieste. Owned by/boarded at Shadwell Farm LLC, KY. Accomplishments: Dam of Zaahi (Slew o' Gold), GSW & G1SP-GB, GSP-Fr, G1SP-Ger, SP-US, \$267,623.

SARAYIR, 6, Mr. Prospector--Height of Fashion (Fr) (Bustino {GB})

Foal born 3-28-00, a filly by A.P. Indy. Will be bred back to Storm Cat. Owned by/boarded at Shadwell Farm LLC, KY. Accomplishments: MSW-GB.

CASA EIRE, 9, Compliance--Casarette (Ire) (Upper Case)

Foal born 3-29-00, a colt by Demaloot Demashoot. Will be bred back to Lucky Lionel. Owned by/boarded at Adena Springs, FL. Accomplishments: MGSW, \$264,777.

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CLASSIC SHAKE-UP AT HEADQUARTERS

Yesterday's Craven meeting opener at Newmarket provided a few answers to the questions that have been raging in the ante-post market recently, as many of the predominant horses in the Classic picture either enhanced or deflated their tall home reputations. Fairytale story of the day was the victory of George Margaron's **Barathea Guest (GB)** (Barathea {Ire}), who, available at 50-1 for the G1 2000 Guineas S. two weeks ago, is now 8-1 with William Hill for the Classic, having ended **Distant Music (USA)** (Distant View {USA})'s unbeaten run in the G3 Greenham S. That horse is now 9-2 second favourite behind new market leader **Giant's Causeway (USA)** (Storm Cat {USA}), his jockey Michael Hills proclaiming that 'that was the battle, not the war'. Another horse with a host of gossip and rumour behind him was Sir Michael Stoute's **Misraah (Ire)** (Lure {USA}), who won, albeit very narrowly, in the btsme Conditions S., but did not do enough to further shorten his price for the 2000 Guineas. In fact, he is now 8-1 with Hills to follow up there. Misraah's trainer had earlier enjoyed watching his **Petrushka (Ire)** (Unfuwain {USA}) make light work of what was a major step in class in the G3 Shadwell Stud Nell Gwyn S. She is now hot property as 2-1 favourite for the 1000 Guineas, and 5-1 for the G1 Epsom Oaks. Another Newmarket trainer claiming a double was Henry Cecil, the first part of which, **Wellbeing (GB)** (Sadler's Wells {USA}), was his first winner of the 2000 flat season. That horse is now 25-1 with Hills for the G1 Epsom Derby, but it was the debutante **Bien Entendu (GB)** (Hernando {Fr}), who, in taking the Museum Maiden S., a race which has provided good fortune for his trainer in introducing some of his 'darker' types, made a striking impression, and is now 20-1 ante-post for the race. The infection for Cecil's Derby hopes must have been catching, as their stablemate, **TDN darkhorse Beat Hollow (GB)** (Sadler's Wells {USA}), was again trimmed to 8-1 with Hills for the Blue Riband at Epsom. Cecil also spoke to *Channel 4 Racing* of his G1 1000 Guineas S. and G1 Epsom Oaks second favourite **High Walden (USA)** (El Gran Senor {USA}), who had to miss the G3 Nell Gwyn S. "I'm thrilled with her, but I won't run her unless the ground is good, as she hates soft ground. She's slightly in season at the moment, but if the ground is perfect at Kempton (for the Listed Masaka S. Apr. 22) she'll run, otherwise she'll run first time in the 1000 Guineas."

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★ BRITAIN ★

Yesterday's Results:

NGK SPARK PLUGS ABERNANT S.-Listed, £23,640, Newmarket, 4-18, 3yo/up, 6fT, 1:13.30, gd/sf.

1--**CRETAN GIFT (GB)**, 129, g, 9, **Cadeaux Genereux (GB)**--Caro's Niece (USA), by Caro (Ire). O-T Clarke; B-Hesmonds Stud Ltd; T-Nick Littmoden; J-Tom McLaughlin; £13,711. Lifetime Record: GSW-GB, GSP-Ger, 106-15-20-7, £202,158.

2--**Warningford (GB)**, 135, h, 6, **Warning (GB)**--Barford Lady (Ire), by Stanford (Ire). £5,201.

3--**Gorse (GB)**, 135, h, 5, **Sharpo (GB)**--Pervenche (GB), by Latest Model (GB). £2,600.

Margins: 1HF, HF, NK. Odds: 14-1, 8-1, 6-1.

Also ran: **Arkadian Hero (USA)**, **Teapot Row (Ire)**, **Deep Space (Ire)**, **Tedburrow (GB)**, **Halmahera (Ire)**, **Superior Premium (GB)**, **Andreyev (Ire)**, **Bon Ami (Ire)**, **Blue Ace (NZ)**. Scratched: **Cubism (USA)**.

At nine years of age Cretan Gift is no spring chicken, but he clearly thrives on racing, bouncing back here having finished a well-beaten fifth only on Friday. He is reliable and versatile, and added this Listed success, in which he had been runner-up in 1998 and 1999, to his range of wins over five and six furlongs, on firm to soft ground on turf, and the all-weather. He was kept in behind early before being ridden to take closer order past halfway, and when he found a gap with over a furlong remaining he ran on well to grab the lead and win going away. At 14-1 he was the longest-priced winner in the history of the Abernant S.

2.05 Newmarket, Alphameric - Red Onion Maiden S. (Class D), £7,440, 3yo, 1 1/2mT, 2:40.03, gd/sf.

WELLBEING (GB) (c, 3, **Sadler's Wells (USA)**--**Charming Life (NZ)**, by **Sir Tristram (Ire)**), a G1 Epsom Derby entry, started 7-2 second choice in a race won last year by stablemate and star filly **Ramruma (USA)**, and was positioned at the front to dispute the lead with **Chater Flair (GB)** (Efisio {GB}). The 1/2 to **Kingfisher Mill (USA)** (Riverman {USA}, MGSW-GB, \$210,328) went into the outright lead approaching the three-furlong marker, held a two-length lead at the quarter pole and kept on well to hold the late flourish of **Solitary (GB)** (Sanglamore {USA}) by three parts of a length. It was trainer Henry Cecil's sixth consecutive winner of the race. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-1, £5,800.

O-Exors Of The Late Lord Howard de Walden; B-Lord Howard de Walden; T-Henry Cecil; J-Richard Quinn.



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**British Report cont.**

4.15 Newmarket, btsme Conditions S. (Class C),
£11,910, 3yo, 7fT, 1:26.60, gd/sf.

MISRAAH (IRE) (c, 3, Lure {USA}--Dwell {USA} {SP-GB}), by Habitat {USA}), (TDN dark horse) the 6-1 third favourite for the G1 2000 Guineas S., was sent off the 11-8 on favourite to win this en route. A 1/2 brother to Quick Action (Ire) (Alzao {USA}, Ch. Sprinter-HK, MSW-HK); and King Leon (Ire) (Caerleon {USA}, Ch. Stayer-Ata, MSW-Ata), he was steadied at the back of the field, travelling well, as Areydha (GB) (Cadeaux Genereux {GB}) took the field along early. As Richard Hills started his run, the colt showed a good attitude to get down to work, and within a few strides he had joined the leaders. When he got to the front a furlong out he looked to have it won, but the persistent challenge of Free Rider (GB) (Inchinar {GB}) nearly proved his undoing, as he had to fight to hold on by a short head. This was nevertheless a good performance and he wasn't subjected to the hardest of rides. Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-0, £10,636.

O-Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid al Maktoum; B-Mrs A Grim and Jamison Bloodstock; T-Sir Michael Stoute; J-Richard Hills.

4.45 Newmarket, Stetchworth Maiden S. (Class D),
£7,800, 3yo, 6fT, 1:13.35, gd/sf.

MAY CONTESSA (USA) (f, 3, Bahri {USA}--Copper Creek {Ire}), by Habitat {USA}), bandaged behind, was sent off at 12-1. Settled at the rear of the main pack taken along early by Almashrouk (Ire) (Common Grounds {GB}), Neil Pollard took closer order behind the favourite San Salvador (USA) (Dayjur {USA}) on the outside with two furlongs remaining, and she picked up well to go past that horse and win going away by one-and-a-half lengths. The winner is a 1/2 to Wathik (USA) (Ogygian {USA}), MSW-UAE; Copper Play (USA) (Fast Play {USA}), MSP-US, \$159,697; and Topsy Creek (USA) (Dayjur {USA}), MGSW-GB, \$159,274, and realized 117,391gns as a GOOC1 yearling. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-1, £5,662.

O-Dgh Partnership; B-Airlie Stud; T-David Elsworth; J-Neil Pollard.

5.20 Newmarket, Museum Maiden S. (Class D),
£8,080, 3yo, 1 1/4mT, 2:09.62, gd/sf.

+ BIEN ENTENDU (GB) (c, 3, Hernando {Fr}--Entente Cordiale {USA}), by Affirmed {USA}), a G1 Epsom Derby entry, was the 2-1 favourite, which was no surprise considering that he hailed from Henry Cecil's stable, who won this race four times in the 90's, most notably in 1993 with subsequent G1 Epsom Derby winner Commander In Chief (GB). He lived up to a tall home reputation by winning this easily, having been prominent throughout before delivering a decisive turn of foot inside the final two furlongs to go clear and take this by three lengths. The winner was a 130,000gns TAOCT yearling purchase. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, £5,252.

O-Niarchos Family; B-Kirsten Rausing; T-Henry Cecil; J-Richard Quinn.

DONCASTER DECLARE NEW SELLING STYLE

Doncaster Bloodstock Sales will adopt permanently the new selling style utilised with such success at their recent record-breaking Breeze-Up Sales, by the Auctioneer not disclosing when the vendor's reserve has been passed. They will also halve the commission payable on lots which are 'bought in' by vendors to 2.5 percent in line with other auctioneers with effect from the Summer Sales July 4. DBS Managing Director Henry Beeby said, "Our new selling style received an unqualified thumbs up from every sector of the Industry and I am delighted to be announcing it will become a permanent feature of all DBS Sales following the trial at our Breeze-Up Sales. We are delighted to take the lead on this important issue but equally happy to be following our peers at Goffs and Tattersalls on the but back rate of commission."

SALISBURY UPS PRIZEMONEY

Salisbury racecourse today announced that its prizemoney for the 2000 season will be almost £600,000, an increase of over 10 percent compared with 1999, as well as two more race days. Michael Wates, the racecourse chairman, said, "With the additional Sunday meeting on June 18 and the successful Soir de France evening meeting brought forward to July 7, Salisbury is hoping to better last season's record attendance."

★ FRANCE ★

Yesterday's Results:

2.55 Saint-Cloud, Prix Crudite (Class C) (Cond.),
FF160,000, 3yo, French-bred c/g, 1mT, 1:52.50, vsf.
+ BERISKAIO (IRE) (c, 3, Bering {GB}--Boubskaia {GB} {SP-Fr}), by Niniski {USA}), a 5-2 chance, raced in fifth as the slow starting Stakhanoviste (Fr) (Sicyos {USA}) led to the home turn. A 1/2 to Daneskaya (GB) (Danehill {USA}), GSW-Fr, \$106,332; and Mumtaz (Fr) (Kaldoun {Fr}), SW-US, GSP-Fr, \$160,877, he was ridden to challenge at the distance, hooked up for a battle with the 7-5 favourite Cayoke (Fr) (Always Fair {USA}) from the furlong marker and asserted by three parts of a length inside the final 100 yards for a battling debut success. The winner was a 96,000gns AFAUG yearling purchase. Lifetime Record: 1 start, 1 win, FF80,000.
O-Philip S H Lau; B-M3 Elevage & Albany Farm; T-Andre Fabre; J-Olivier Peslier.

3.25 Saint-Cloud, Prix Albarelle (Class C) (Cond.),
FF160,000, 3yo, French-bred f, 1mT, 1:49.90, vsf.
+ ENGLAND'S LEGEND (FR) (f, 3, Lure {USA}--Mystery Tune {Ire}), by Commanche Run {GB}), a 2-1 debutant, raced close up in a share of second as La Marimorena (Fr) (Green Tune {USA}) led, but grabbed the lead as the field swung into the straight. She was challenged briefly by Lady Glitters (Fr) (Homme De Loi {Ire}) at the quarter-mile marker, was ridden into a healthy at advantage approaching the final furlong and drew clear thereafter for an easy six-length win. Lifetime Record: 1 start, 1 win, FF80,000.

O-Baron Edouard de Rothschild; B-SC Ecurie de Meautry; T-Andre Fabre; J-Christophe Soumillon.



French Report cont.

4.55 Saint-Cloud, Prix Cendrillon (Class D) (Cond.), FF140,000, 3yo, f, 1 ½mT, 2:52.10, vsf.

PLAYACT (IRE) (f, 3, Hernando {Fr}--Play Or Pay {USA} {SP-Fr}, by Play Fellow {USA}) was settled in rear initially, as Luna Way (Fr) (Kadrou {Fr}) led, but made stealthy progress into midfield at halfway. She challenged Baume Au Coeur (Ire) (Common Grounds {GB}) for the lead at the two-furlong marker, was ridden at the distance but quickened impressively inside the final furlong for a pleasing 2 ½-length victory as the 6-5 favourite. Lifetime Record: 2 starts, 1 win, 1 place, FF78,000.

O/B-Ecurie Skymarc Farm; T-Nicolas Clement; J-Gerald Mosse.

5.25 Saint-Cloud, Prix Cadet Roussel (Class D) (Cond.), FF140,000, 3yo, c/g, 1 ½mT, 2:50.20, vsf.

LE DIABOLIQUE (FR) (c, 3, Kahyasi {Ire}--Indesha {Fr}, by Top Ville {Ire}), a 14,910gns AFOCT yearling, was reserved in sixth place as Vic Toto (Fr) (Kaid Pous {Fr}) led but made smooth progress into third as the field raced to the final quarter mile. He was ridden to challenge for the lead approaching the final furlong and kept on best of all to beat the persistent Tiger Groom (GB) (Arazi {USA}) by a safe three parts of a length at odds of nearly 3-1. Lifetime Record: 6 starts, 1 win, 3 places, FF142,000.

O-J Gonzalez; B-Haras de Reuilly; T-Carlos Laffon-Parias; J-Dominique Boeuf.

★ PREVIEW ★

Today, Newmarket, post time: 3.45. p.m.

VICTOR CHANDLER EUROPEAN FREE HANDICAP S.-

Listed, £30,000, 3yo, 7fT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER	WT
1	(3)	Trouble Mountain (USA)	Mt. Livermore (USA)	B Hills	133
2	(4)	Valentino (GB)	Nureyev (USA)	Gosden	133
3	(6)	Eurolink Raindance (Ire)	Alzao (USA)	J Dunlop	132
4	(8)	Hunting Lion (Ire)	Piccolo (GB)	Channon	131
5	(2)	Trinculo (Ire)	Anita's Prince (GB)	Littmoden	131
6	(1)	Cape Town (Ire)	Desert Style (Ire)	Hannon	128
7	(9)	Catchy Word (GB)	Cadeaux Genereux (GB)	E Dunlop	128
8	(5)	Full Flow (USA)	Eagle Eyed (USA)	B Hills	127
9	(7)	Royal Highlander (Ire)	Foxhound (USA)	J Hills	127

Royal Highlander makes his much awaited seasonal debut for new owner Team Valor and will bid to stake a legitimate claim for a G1 2000 Guineas berth. He was mightily impressive on his only start to date when winning a back end Doncaster maiden with consummate ease. He is expected to go close. **Cape Town** is another sure to go well and he was a fine second to stablemate Umistim in the G3 Horris Hill S. at Newbury last October. **Trouble Mountain**, a half-brother to Demaloot Demashoot, is another worthy of consideration based on a good second to subsequent G1 Middle Park S. winner Primo Valentino in the G2 Mill Reef S. last September.

★ UNITED STATES ★

EUROPEAN-BRED WINNER:

+ **Irish Ways (Ire)**, c, 3, **Sadler's Wells--Final Farewell**, by Proud Truth. GPX, 4-18, a1mT, 1:42 2/5, \$10,200 to winner. B-Orpendale, Samac & Sweetenham Stud (Ire). *\$458,822 yrl '98 GOOC1.

Today at Keeneland:

6th Race, \$54,000, Allowance, 6f

FORANTE (USA) (f, 4, Forty Niner {USA}--Danzante {USA}, by Danzig {USA}) broke her maiden at first asking for trainer Roger Charlton at Nottingham almost two years ago before splitting the field when eighth of 15 to Bint Allyl in the G3 Queen Mary S. that season. The chestnut homebred is unraced since Sept. 17, 1998, when she finished fifth in a Yarmouth conditions event. She makes her American debut having trained forwardly for Juddmonte's west coast conditioner Bobby Frankel and adds Lasix for her first try over the main track. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-0, \$6,412.

O/B-Juddmonte Farms. T-Bobby Frankel.

★ AUSTRALIA ★

HORSE OF THE YEAR BEAU ZAM DIES

Beau Zam (NZ) (Zamazaan {NZ}), Australia's Horse of the Year for the 1987-88 season, died of an apparent heart attack at Brighthill Farm near Hamilton, New Zealand April 16, *Thoroughbred Times Online* reports. A Group 3 winner as a juvenile, the 16-year-old won no fewer than four Group 1 events during his sophomore campaign, but was injured and plans to ship overseas to run in the Arc de Triomphe and possibly the Breeders' Cup were abandoned. Sold to Japan in 1991, Beau Zam sired 87 winners from five crops before being purchased by New Zealand interests in 1996 to stand at Brighthill Stud.

Tattersalls Sales Abbreviations

- TAAPR....Breeze Up
- TAAU1....Autumn Horses in Training
- TAAU2....Autumn Yearlings
- TADEF....December Foals
- TADEM...December Mixed
- TADEY....December Yearlings
- TAHOU....Houghton Yearlings
- TAJUL.....July
- TAOCT....October Yearlings
- TASEP.....September Mixed
- TIDEC.....Ireland December Mixed
- TIFEB.....Ireland February Mixed
- TIJUN.....Ireland Derby
- TISEP....Ireland September Yearlings



WRITERS UP

BARATHEA GUEST IN GOOD HANDS

by Tom Frary

In Newmarket, the mornings have been filled with a buzz created by a horse who last year took to the highest quality of racing like a duck to water and his name is Baratheia Guest (GB) (Baratheia {Ire}). He's not trained by messrs Cecil or Stoute, yet it was only the Longchamp stewards that denied him a Group One title to his name after the Grand Criterium. When he steps out in the cool morning here he comes not from Bedford House or Abington Place, but from Graham Lodge, the yard of George Margaron. Margaron has trained since 1995, and success has come quickly. Speedfit Too (Ire) (Scenic {Ire}) gained him the Listed Heron S. in 1998, and just last year the aforementioned Baratheia Guest took a Listed race in Deauville before that day in France in October.

Margaron's secret is not a complex one, and mostly it is a result of self-teaching. Having worked for Mick Ryan for 15 years, he also spent time with Geoff Toft, who initially trained the 1978 G1 Eclipse S. winner Gunner B (GB). He says of this period of learning, "Mick Ryan is a very, very clever man, whose training is fantastic, and he has a great eye for detail. Geoff Toft was the Jack Berry of his day, and I had some cracking days with him. I learnt a lot from them, but I've learned so much since I started training, and I'm still learning. That's the key to the game- you have to find what you're doing right and keep doing it, and if you're doing something wrong put it right."

The horse in question is certainly not doing much wrong at the moment, showing his mettle by his homework with a particular galloping companion. Margaron explains, "I have this horse at home who hasn't ran for two years, and he's rated 45- he wouldn't even win a selling plater. But he's a brilliant workhouse, and there are only two horses who could get past him; Speedfit Too and Baratheia Guest." When asked how the two stable stars, past and present, compare, he is euphoric, "This one's a different class to Speedfit Too, but they would have the same sort of aggression. He's a real fighter and grabs hold of the bit- he wants to do it. He's relaxed in behind horses but as soon as you show him daylight he just wants to go for it." The question everybody wants to ask is how to train a horse like this. Margaron has the answer: "I learnt a lesson a long while ago, when I was working with Geoff Toft, and we had Gunner B; we used to give him a lot of work with Sea Pigeon and Night Nurse (the Champion Hurdle heroes) in Malton. We took him to Sandown for a race and Geoff Lewis got up on him and said, 'you've been galloping this horse, haven't you?', and we said yes, and then he said, 'you're overdoing him just because he's a good horse'. When they have an engine it's always revving. You just have to keep them sweet."

★ MAIDEN WINNERS ★

- May Contessa (USA)**, f, 3, **Bahri (USA)**--Copper Creek (Ire), by Habitat (USA). Newmarket, England, Stetchworth Maiden S. (Class D), 3yo, 6fT, £5,070 to winner. B-Airlie Stud. *1/2 to Wathik (USA) (Ogygian {USA}), MSW-UAE; Copper Play (USA) (Fast Play {USA}), MSP-US, \$159,697; Topsy Creek (USA) (Dayjur {USA}), MGSW-GB, \$159,274. **117,391gns yrl '98 GOOC1.
- + **Beriskaio (Ire)**, c, 3, **Bering (GB)**--Boubskaia (GB) (SP-Fr), by Niniski (USA). Saint-Cloud, France, Prix Crudite (Class C) (Cond.), 3yo, French-bred c/g, 1mT, FF80,000 to winner. B-M3 Elevage & Albany Farm. *1/2 to Daneskaya (GB) (Danehill {USA}), GSW-Fr, \$106,332; Mumtaz (Fr) (Kaldoun {Fr}), SW-US, GSP-Fr, \$160,877. **96,000gns yrl '98 AFAUG.
- Tap (GB)**, c, 3, **Emarati (USA)**--Pubby (GB), by Doctor Wall (GB). Folkestone, England, 'Privy Councillor' Maiden S. (Class D) (Div 1), 3yo/up, 7fT, £2,646 to winner. B-Fonthill Stud & Philip Wroughton.
- + **Bien Entendu (GB)**, c, 3, **Hernando (Fr)**--Entente Cordiale (USA), by Affirmed (USA). Newmarket, England, Museum Maiden S. (Class D), 3yo, 1 1/4mT, £5,252 to winner. B-Kirsten Rausing. *130,000gns yrl '98 TAOCT.
- Playact (Ire)**, f, 3, **Hernando (Fr)**--Play Or Pay (USA), by Play Fellow (USA). Saint-Cloud, France, Prix Cendrillon (Class D) (Cond.), 3yo, f, 1 1/2mT, FF70,000 to winner. B-Ecurie Skymarc Farm.
- Skimra (GB)**, f, 3, **Hernando (Fr)**--Skuld (GB), by Kris (GB). Folkestone, England, Dartford Maiden Fillies' S. (Class D), 3yo/up, 1 1/2mT, £2,758 to winner. B-Kirsten Rausing.
- Le Diabolique (Fr)**, c, 3, **Kahyasi (Ire)**--Indesha (Fr), by Top Ville (Ire). Saint-Cloud, France, Prix Cendrillon (Class D) (Cond.), 3yo, c/g, 1 1/2mT, FF70,000 to winner. B-Haras du Reuilly. *14,910gns yrl '98 AFOCT.
- + **England's Legend (Fr)**, f, 3, **Lure (USA)**--Mystery Tune (Ire), by Commanche Run (GB). Saint-Cloud, France, Prix Albarelle (Class C) (Cond.), 3yo, French-bred f, 1mT, FF80,000 to winner. B-SC Ecurie de Meautry.
- Moon Solitaire (Ire)**, c, 3, **Night Shift (USA)**--Gay Fantastic (GB), by Ela-Mana-Mou (Ire). Folkestone, England, 'Privy Councillor' Maiden S. (Class D) (Div 2), 3yo/up, 7fT, £2,632 to winner. B-C E S Racing Ltd. *120,000gns yrl '98 TAHOU.
- Wellbeing (GB)**, c, 3, **Sadler's Wells (USA)**--Charming Life (NZ), by Sir Tristram (Ire). Newmarket, England, Alphameric - Red Onion Maiden S. (Class D), 3yo, 1 1/2mT, £4,836 to winner. B-Lord Howard de Walden. *1/2 to Kingfisher Mill (USA) (Riverman {USA}), MGSW-GB, \$210,328.