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PEGASUS TO FLY SOUTH?

Kentucky Derby winner **Fusaichi Pegasus** (Mr. Prospector) will likely be shuttling to Coolmore Australia's Hunter Valley base next season, after the Irish-based stud secured the colt in an international bidding frenzy. While a final purchase price has not been disclosed, Coolmore representative Richard Henry did confirm yesterday that it was a world record. The previous record price for a stallion prospect was \$40 million for Shareef Dancer, who was syndicated in 1983. Top-end stallions often stand in Australia for one third of their northern hemisphere fee, which could lead to a rush of U.S. breeders sending their mares down under to visit the prized stallion. Coolmore Australia spokesman James Bester said Fusaichi Pegasus would be one of the most significant to ever shuttle to the southern hemisphere. "He was top-priced yearling and, although I haven't seen him personally, that says a lot about his conformation and his pedigree is absolutely super," Bester told the *Australian Associated Press*. "His Kentucky Derby win was absolutely dominant and I think we can accept his trainer's view that a sloppy track contributed to his Preakness defeat. He's the best three-year-old of his time in the U.S. and these are the horses that make sires." FuPeg's presence would supply Australia with rare access to a son of top sire Mr. Prospector. "Before the shuttle stallion concept, the best went to stud in the U.S. and stayed there and a lot of other sirelines came to Australia, some of which were cast-offs. Of course, with the shuttle phenomenon that has all changed and we are now in a position to access the finest stallion prospects from all parts of the globe--Fusaichi Pegasus being an example."

LADY WINBORNE DEAD

Lady Winborne (Secretariat) was euthanized June 24 because of the infirmities of old age, *The Blood-Horse* reported yesterday. The 24-year-old mare is the dam of graded stakes winners **Al Mamoon** (Believe It), **La Gueriere** (Lord at War {Arg}) and **Lost Soldier** (Danzig). All of her 12 foals to start are winners. Her last foal is an unraced two-year-old by Lord at War. Lady Winborne stood at Wimborne Farm near Paris, Kentucky.

☆ PREVIEW ☆

Wednesday, Chantilly, post time: 3:10 p.m.

PRIX DU LYS-G3, FF364,000, 3yo, 1 5/8mT

SC (PP)	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER
1 (1)	Bourgeois (GB)	Sanglamore	C Head
2 (3)	Stromness	Tremolino	Fabre
3 (2)	Lycitus (Ire)	Lycius	Doumen
4 (4)	Herculano (Fr)	Subotica (Fr)	Bollack-Badel
5 (5)	Epitre (Fr)	Common Grounds (GB)	Fabre

All carry 123 pounds.

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PEDIGREE INSIGHTS
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GRAND PRIX DE PARIS-G1, FF2,040,000, Longchamp, France, 6-25, 3yo, c/f, 1 1/4mT, 2:03.70, gd.

1--#@▲**BEAT HOLLOW (GB)**, 128, c, 3, Sadler's Wells

1st Dam: Wemyss Bight (GB) (G1SW-Ire, MGSW & G1SP-Fr, \$372,916), by Dancing Brave

2nd Dam: Bahamian (Ire), by Mill Reef

3rd Dam: Sorbus (Ire), by Busted (GB)

O-Khalid Abdullah; B-Juddmonte Farms; T-Henry Cecil; J-Richard Quinn; FF1,200,000. Lifetime

Record: 4 starts, 3 wins, 1 place, FF2,611,052.

"Mate the best to the best and hope for the best"

may be one of the simplest theories in the bloodstock world, but it remains one of the most effective, as some of last week's big prizes underlined. The three G1-winning colts at Royal Ascot--Giant's Causeway, Dubai Millennium and Kayf Tara--are all out of mares which won at either G1 or G2 level and some of the weekend's top winners followed a similar pattern. The G1 Grand Prix de Paris went to Beat Hollow, a son of the G1 winner Wemyss Bight, and the CAN-GI Queen's Plate was won by Scatter the Gold, a colt whose dam, Dance Smartly, numbered the Plate among her many major victories.

Two of these winners, Beat Hollow and Kayf Tara, were produced by sending winners of the G1 Irish Oaks to Sadler's Wells, winner of the Irish 2000 Guineas. An earlier mating between Sadler's Wells and Kayf Tara's dam Colorspin resulted in Opera House, a champion older horse in Europe who was responsible for last Sunday's JPN-G1 winner T.M. Opera O.

Coincidentally, it was Colorspin's half sister Bella Colora who provided some of the impetus for sending Beat Hollow's dam, Wemyss Bight, to Sadler's Wells. Bella Colora, who failed by only two short heads to win the 1985 1000 Guineas, was by Bellypha, which made her a granddaughter of Lyphard. Breeders were initially rather hesitant about sending Northern Dancer-line mares to Northern Dancer's son Sadler's Wells, but Bella Colora rewarded her owners, Meon Valley Stud, for their boldness. Her first foal was none other than

Stagecraft, who established himself as Europe's best older 10-furlong horse of 1991 by taking the G2 Prince of Wales's S. and finishing a close second in the G1 Eclipse S. Lyphard's partnership with Sadler's Wells also bore fruit in the shape of the 1992 G1 Prix Lupin winner Johann Quatz, this colt having Lyphard's daughter Lyrism as his second dam.

As Wemyss Bight is by the brilliant Dancing Brave, she too is a granddaughter of Lyphard and Beat Hollow is therefore inbred 2x4 to Northern Dancer. So too is Daring Miss, another of Juddmonte's current Group winners by Sadler's Wells, but this winner of the G2 Prix de Chantilly owes her second line to Nijinsky II, not Lyphard. Circus Dance, the Sadler's Wells colt who recently took third place in the G1 Prix du Jockey-Club, is inbred 2x3 to Northern Dancer, and Royal Court, winner of the G3 Ormonde S. in 1997, was another inbred 2x3.

Dream Well, winner of the G1 Prix du Jockey-Club and G1 Irish Derby in 1998, also ranks among the Sadler's Wells' Group winners which are inbred 2x4 to Northern Dancer and it is worth pointing out that Nijinsky's son Caerleon sired the Japanese Derby winner Fusaichi Concorde from a Sadler's Wells mare.

Another incentive for sending Wemyss Bight to Sadler's Wells was the fact that her dam, the Lingfield Oaks Trial winner Bahamian, is by Mill Reef, who ranks as the broodmare sire of numerous talented performers by Sadler's Wells.

However, the mating had more to offer than an attractive cross, because Wemyss Bight and Sadler's Wells complement each other physically in several areas. As Wemyss Bight's photograph in Racehorses of 1993 shows, she is almost back at the knee, unlike the very sound Sadler's Wells, and her pasterns are a better length than his. Sadler's Wells also had the attraction of combining classic speed over a mile with the ability to get 1 1/2 miles, so had the potential to get a very good middle-distance performer from a mare who won Group races from 1 5/16 to 1 1/2 miles. That is exactly what the combination has produced in Beat Hollow, who will eventually be suited by 1 1/2 miles, judging by the stamina shown by Bahamian's Sadler's Wells fillies Spanish Wells, Coraline, New Abbey and Trellis Bay.

Look out for 10 yearlings at the Keeneland July Sale.

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SUPERSTARS AND RECORDS

Godolphin didn't have a great week at Ascot--20 runners for 2-2-3, 10 percent wins and 35 percent in the money, well below their usual averages for the meet. But, as Sheikh Mohammed implied, all that kind of fades when one of the two winners is the best horse he's seen in 20 years. Dubai Millennium, by Seeking the Gold out of G2 winner Colorado Dancer, by Shareef Dancer and one of EIGHT Group SW out of Fall Aspen, has now achieved legendary status, and is rightfully mentioned in the same breath as Secretariat, the best horse seen in America in the last 30 years. He's a particularly interesting study from the prospective stallion point of view. Most of the really great horses in the last 30 years or so have turned out to be staying sires--*Sea-Bird, Nijinsky II, Secretariat, and Dancing Brave, for example. And don't forget one Peintre Celebre, whose first yearlings come to the market this year and who should not be underestimated for one second, considering he's the second best horse seen in Europe in the last 10 years. Dubai Millennium strikes me as more likely to be a Bold Ruler type as a sire. He's got the speed, and wins his races by blasting champions like Sendawar off the map. The other four mentioned above each had a great turn of foot, but turned out to still need speed from the mares.

Coolmore Goes Shopping...

If only someone could have said to John Magnier at the time, "If you don't go on now, you'll have to add a zero plus more than 50 percent," it's a good bet he'd have gone that \$6 million to buy Fusaichi Pegasus as a yearling. He was unlikely to get beat a second time. Of course it's a silly price--between \$60-70 million, we are told--but that's not the point, is it? There were evidently eight bidders in over the \$40-million mark, so the price was never going to be 'sensible.' So they'll stand him, as was suggested on *The Blood-Horse* internet site, for something like \$200,000, plus A\$100,000, which

would generate something like \$26 million a year if he sires 100 foals in each hemisphere. It's starting to add up. Oh, and there is a line forming for seasons already.

You wouldn't much fancy the third choice if both make it to their ultimate objective, the Breeders' Cup Classic at Churchill Downs. Could FP beat DB? In breeding terms, would it matter? So what's this all make Dubai Millennium worth, anyway?

As for the 'old stallions can't do it' premise, how about Fusaichi Pegasus and the Queen's Plate winner, sired by Mr. Prospector at the age of 26? I still maintain he did fall off (from 6.00 to 4.50) in his last years, but that's about frequency of siring top horses, not about the class of the ones he has sired.

Freshman Firestorm...

Four freshman sires notched up stakes wins or placings at Ascot last week, and not surprisingly they all figure among the top 10 European freshman sires to date, according to statistics compiled by Hyperion Promotions for the table printed on page four. Romantic Myth, one of eight winners so far for her sire, won the five-furlong Queen Mary, to sustain speedball Mind Games's position at the top of the list. Bram Stoker, one of seven winners by second-placed General Monash (a half brother to King of Kings, by the way), finished a brave second in the six-furlong Coventry. Then, the finish of the seven-furlong Chesham (restricted to the produce of sires who won at 10f+) saw Celtic Swing's son, Celtic Silence, hold off Baarid, from Halling's first crop. I'm quite impressed with both those sires, so far. I also think both Spectrum (four winners, including a SW) and Charnwood Forest (six winners) are looking quite promising. Charnwood Forest is one of three sons of Warning in the top 10.

Though we haven't run a North American list, there are some very promising results there, too. Afternoon Deelites, the best West Virginia-bred to enter stud in recent times, has five winners, including a SW. The well-bred Smart Strike had a fast SW filly in Canada, and a first SW has also been registered for Kentucky sire Wild Zone (by Wild Again) and Washington's Jumron, the 1995 Kentucky Derby fourth, by Sharpen Up's son, Sharpo. Vinery's Lord Carson, by Carson City, already has two SP.

NEW STAKES WINNERS FOR LANE'S END STALLIONS:

**SMART STRIKE
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(\$116,200 My Dear to become his first stakes winner)

**UNACCOUNTED FOR
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(\$200,000 Leonard Richards S. to take over MATCH Series lead)

**PLEASANT TAP
MASADA**

(\$100,000 Ontario Matron H., his 5th SW this year)

**RUBIANO
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(\$75,000 White Oak H. at Arlington, his 8th stakes horse this year)

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Odds and Ends...

From Ascot and other European racing in the last week...F97 Distant View had his second European GSW when Observatory scored a good win in Wednesday's opener, the seven-furlong G3 Jersey S. ... A filly by Mind Games may have won the Queen Mary, but the name of Danehill was pretty prominent, too. He's the damsire of the winner, and the sire of the second and third; plus his two-year-old crop includes Darwin, Ballydoyle's most impressive two-year-old winner of the season thus far. If this is his best crop yet of European two-year-olds, it could be that Danehill is about to ascend that last, top rung...In Sunday's Prix de la Porte Maillot, the 1-2 were half brother and sister Josr

Algharoud (4yo, c, Darshaan) and Cap Coz (3yo, f, Indian Ridge). The dam is the Try My Best mare, Pont-Aven, and she had previously produced speedball Sainte Marine (Kenmare). This is one good producer of sprinters... Gone West's Group 2-winning full brother Lion Cavern (first foals '95) was looking decidedly average until this year, and was posted by Darley from Dalham Hall to Wimbledon in Kentucky, at a \$10,000 fee. The magic worked: he's had his best year yet by a long ways, culminating in a Royal Ascot double on Friday, when dual Guineas winner Crimplene impressively won the G1 Coronation S., followed 40 minutes later by Harmonic Way's emphatic win in the valuable six-furlong Wokingham H.

LEADING 1st CROP SIRE IN EUROPE IN 2000
(IN ORDER OF PRIZE MONEY WON IN EUROPE through JUNE 25)

	SIRE	Rnrs	Wnrs	Wins	Prize (£)	Black Type:	Wnr	PI
1	MIND GAMES (England) (by Puissance, 1992)	20	8	14	90,480		1	1
2	GENERAL MONASH (Ireland) (by Thorn Dance, 1992)	26	7	10	72,169		0	1
3	SO FACTUAL (England) (by Known Fact, 1990)	15	2	4	64,045		0	0
4	BISHOP OF CASHEL (England) (by Warning, 1992)	11	4	5	62,078		0	0
5	SPECTRUM (Ireland) (by Rainbow Quest, 1992)	11	4	5	43,740		1	0
6	CELTIC SWING (France) (by Damister, 1992)	4	2	3	36,231		1	0
7	CHARWOOD FOREST (Ireland) (by Warning, 1992)	14	6	6	30,248		0	0
8	INZAR (Ireland) (by Warning, 1992)	19	5	5	30,223		0	0
9	HALLING (England) (by Diesis, 1991)	5	3	3	29,328		0	1
10	DEFINITE ARTICLE (Ireland) (by Indian Ridge, 1992)	15	2	2	20,458		0	0
11	ASHKALANI (Ireland) (by Soviet Star, 1993)	4	2	2	19,491		0	1
12	FLYING SPUR (Ireland) (by Danehill, 1992)	11	3	3	16,959		0	0
13	TAGULA (Ireland) (by Taufan, 1993)	10	2	3	15,487		0	0
14	LIT DE JUSTICE (USA) (by El Gran Senor, 1990)	2	1	2	14,351		0	0
15	KING'S THEATRE (Ireland) (by Sadler's Wells, 1991)	7	2	2	13,912		0	0
16	FUMO DI LONDRA (Ireland) (by Indian Ridge, 1991)	7	1	1	11,669		0	1
17	PIVOTAL (England) (by Polar Falcon, 1993)	11	2	2	11,385		0	0
18	CLOSE CONFLICT (Italy) (by High Estate, 1991)	3	1	2	11,033		0	0
19	VALANOUR (France) (by Lomond, 1992)	3	1	1	9,372		0	0
20	ANABAA (France) (by Danzig, 1992)	2	1	1	9,214		0	0

This table includes European runners only for American based stallions. Statistics by Hyperion Promotions Ltd.



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BARRETT'S TO SPLIT OCTOBER SALE Barretts Equine Limited will separate its 2000 Fall Yearling Sale from its Fall Mixed Sale. "It appears certain that we'll catalog enough yearlings for a stand alone event," commented Barretts President Jerry McMahon. "Our goal has always been to provide the state's commercial breeders with a reliable Fall Yearling Sale, highlighted by a selected section. When we looked at the commercial yearling population and the likelihood of an increased number of mixed sale entries, we decided to go ahead and make the change this year." The Fall Yearling Sale will be held on Oct. 10 and the Fall Mixed Sale will be on Oct. 30 and/or Oct. 31. Entries for both sales close July 31. Entry forms will be available in early July.

☆ EAST ☆

Eastover Court Filly Tops Yearling Show:

Hall of Fame trainer Bobby Frankel selected a chestnut filly by Eastover Court--Beware of the Ace (Caveat) as the grand champion of the Maryland Horse Breeders Association's 2000 Yearling Show. The filly was bred by Ryehill Farm and is owned in part by Melissa Ann Tokarz. "We bought this filly at the Fasig-Tipton Midlantic December Sale planning to race her, with the Maryland Million in her future, we hope," said partner Joe Ludford. The filly bested 108 Maryland-bred yearlings that were shown in six classes Sunday at the Maryland State Fairgrounds. Robert Manfuso's filly by Gold Case--Golden Ode (Opening Verse) was the reserve champion.

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STAKES CLOSINGS

TODAY, WEDNESDAY, JUNE 28:

07-08 \$100,000a Landaluce-III, Hol, 2yo, f, 6f, (100)

07-09 \$200,000 A Gleam H.-II, Hol, 3yo/up, f/m, 7f, (200)

TOMORROW, THURSDAY, JUNE 29:

07-01 \$150,000 Arlington Classic-II, AP, 3yo, 9ft, (6000s)



☆ FOREIGN ☆

AMERICAN-BRED WINNER IN BRITAIN:

Swinging Trio, c, 3, Woodman--Las Meninas (Ire) (G1SW-GB, SW & MG1SP-Ire, GSP-US, \$285,942), by Glenstal. Lingfield, 6-27, Harry Streeter Maiden S., 3yo/up, 1 1/2m (AWT), \$4,184 to winner. O/T-Terry Mills; B-Swettenham Stud & Orpendale. *113,043gns yrl '98 GOOC1.

BREEDERS' EDITION

ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

7th-DEL, \$43,600, Opt. Clm. (\$100-80,000), 3yo/up, 1mT, 1:36 3/5, ft.

BATTLE ON (h, 5, El Prado {Ire}--Proud Title {MSP}, by Fifth Marine) Lifetime Record: 22-3-4-2, \$79,173.

O-Frederick Kirby. B-Irish Entities Inc (FI). T-Frank Kirby.

4th-DEL, \$33,800, 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16mT, 1:45 3/5, fm.

WOLLAPALOOZA (f, 4, Wollaston--Perfect Game, by Dancing Champ) Lifetime Record: 22-4-1-2, \$77,049. O-Jilerlane Stable. B-Jilerlane Stables & Milton Jiler (MD). T-Richard K Trimmer. *Full to Wollastina, MSP, \$177,454; 1/2 to My Sister Juliet (Don's Choice), SP, \$196,294.

6th-DEL, \$32,900, 3yo, a1m70yd, 1:44, ft.

RAJYA SABHA (c, 3, Concern--Calipha {GSW, \$378,988}, by Two Punch) Lifetime Record: 9-2-2-1, \$53,150. O/B-Mrs James A Bayard (MD). T-Grover G Delp.

9th-PHA, \$22,520, 3yo/up, a1m70ydT, 1:40 4/5, fm. (DH)--VALAY PASS (h, 6, Carnivalay--Winged Passage, by Assault Landing) Lifetime Record: SP, 42-4-10-10, \$154,042. O/B-Aire Stud Farms (PA). T-Andrea Morris. (DH)--SPECIAL DANCER (c, 4, Hermitage--Say Punch {SW, \$128,522}, by Devil's Punch Bowl) Lifetime Record: 42-4-10-10, \$152,062. O-Gloria Stables. B-Mr & Mrs Felty J Yoder (KY). T-Flint W Stites.

Vinery-sold **SQUIRTLE SQUIRT**, 6-length winner of Sunday's \$84,000

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8th-PHA, \$18,888, 3yo/up, f/m, 1m, 1:39 2/5, ft.
ZENITH (f, 3, Roy--Sequins, by Northern Fashion)
 Lifetime Record: SP, 13-3-3-2, \$70,340. O-Fox Hill Farms Inc. B-Keswick Stables (VA). T-John C Servis. *1/2 to I'm Out First (Allen's Prospect), MSW & GSP, \$438,628.

MAIDEN RESULTS:

Shirl the Twirl, f, 2, Carr de Naskra--Dame Cecilia, by *Vaguely Noble. CRC, 6-27, 5f, 1:00 2/5. B-Lucayan Stud (Fl). *\$25,000 yrl '99 OBSAUG; \$7,500 yrl '99 OBSJAN.

A. P. Topper, c, 2, Dispersal--Out 'till Midnight (SW, \$249,931), by Nice Catch. DEL, 6-27, 5 1/2f, 1:06 4/5. B-Anthony J Perry Jr (Fl).

Our Barrette, f, 3, Boundary--Croquetallie, by Alydar. DEL, 6-27, (C), 5 1/2f, 1:06 1/5. B-Jayeff "B" Stables (Ky).

Scarlet D'Or, f, 3, Unite--Isle D'Or, by Medaille D'Or. CRC, 6-27, 1 1/16m (off turf), 1:50 1/5. B-Everett Huff Jr (Fl).

Wild Jade, f, 3, Wild Catch--Anoush, by Tom Cat. FEX, 6-27, 6f, 1:13 4/5. B-University of Florida Foundation (Fl). *\$19,000 yrl '98 OBSAUG. **Full to Golden Wildcat, MSP, \$267,152.

Halo Connection, c, 4, Prospector's Halo--Curry, by Vigors. CRC, 6-27, 1 1/16m (off turf), 1:47 3/5. B-Bar Lyn Farm (Fl).

A + will denote winners who are first-time starters, an (S) will be used for state-bred races, a (C) will be used for maiden-claiming races and an (R) will be used for other restricted races.

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U.S. THOROUGHBRED RACING LEADERS (through June 18, 2000)

Jockey	Starts/Wins	Earnings
*Corey Nakatani	518/118	\$7,976,179
Pat Day	608/123	\$7,752,027
*Kent Desormeaux	440/93	\$7,682,012
*Shane Sellers	567/91	\$6,483,526
Jerry Bailey	430/116	\$6,374,450
*Jorge Chavez	715/136	\$6,309,754
Robby Albarado	796/158	\$5,773,229
Edgar Prado	784/131	\$5,137,503
John Velazquez	604/96	\$4,678,022
Chris McCarron	264/54	\$4,587,793

Trainer	Starts/Wins	Earnings
D. Wayne Lukas	355/61	\$4,800,277
Bob Baffert	323/68	\$4,343,693
*Bobby Frankel	164/42	\$4,073,107
*Saeed bin Suroor	9/1	\$3,618,470
Neil Drysdale	81/24	\$3,564,849
Joe Orseno	130/31	\$3,437,858

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First-crop progeny to watch: Wednesday, June 28

AFTERNOON DEELITES (Private Terms)
 1st-LRL, \$26,000, Msw, 6f - Twilite Tryst

A.P JET (Fappiano)
 2nd-BEL, \$41,000, Msw, (S), 5f - Bella Rouge

MARIA'S MON (Wavering Monarch)
 1st-LRL, \$26,000, Msw, 6f - Lil Punkindo

SEA SALUTE (Danzig)
 2nd-BEL, \$41,000, Msw, (S), 5f - My Fair Lexy

SIGNAL TAP (Fappiano)
 2nd-BEL, \$41,000, Msw, (S), 5f - Bensonhurst's Best

WAYNE COUNTY (Ire) (Sadler's Wells)
 1st-DEL, \$26,000, Msw, 6f - Legal System

Amongst the mares from **UNBRIDLED'S SONG's** outstanding 2000 book are:

- **BALTIC SEA**, dam of Graded Stakes Winners **PROSPECT BAY** and **CALLER ONE**
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- **LEXA**, Multiple Grade 2 Winner in the U.S. and France
- **LAKEWAY**, Multiple Grade I Winner and earner of over \$950,000

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★ CLASSIC CORNER ★

\$1 MILLION ON THE LINE AT THE CURRAGH

With the news yesterday that **Holding Court (GB)** (Hernando {Fr}) had been supplemented at a cost of £85,000 for Sunday's G1 Budweiser Irish Derby at The Curragh, the match with **Sinndar (Ire)** (Grand Lodge {USA}) for the \$1 million bonus is on. The bonus would be awarded if the winner of either the G1 Vodafone Derby or the G1 Emirates Airline Prix du Jockey-Club captured the Irish Classic, provided at least eight runners start. The Michael Jarvis-trained colt, impressive all-the-way winner of the G1 Prix du Jockey-Club at Chantilly June 4, is reported in good order for the contest. Speaking yesterday, Jarvis explained the decision, "We felt that the horse deserved the opportunity to go the race. He seems well in himself, he looks well, and he's been training as his usual self--he saves it for the racecourse. Obviously he's been very effective on soft ground, but in the [G3] Prix La Force [Longchamp, May 18] it was on the fast side, so he's a horse that can go on it." Jason Morris, racecourse manager at The Curragh, was enthused about the clash of Derby heroes. "The supplementing of Holding Court was just what we wanted, and with **King's Best (USA)** (Kingmambo {USA}) there, it is the true championship event it has always been," he said. "The prospect of a locally-trained Derby double winner (in Sinndar) has created a tremendous amount of local interest, and given the whole area a huge lift. It's wonderful--just what we've been striving for. The \$1 million bonus on offer by Budweiser is a special commemoration of the start of a five-year deal, ending in 2004, and has had the desired effect of making sure some of the best horses come. It is what we wanted--the best race for three-year-olds in Europe." Also among the 12 colts under consideration at this time are Aidan O'Brien's quartet of **Ciro (USA)** (Woodman {USA}), **Glyndebourne (Ire)** (Sadler's Wells {USA}), **Shakespeare (GB)** (Rainbow Quest {USA}) and **Shoal Creek (Ire)** (Fairy King {USA}).

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★ IRELAND ★

BUDWEISER IRISH DERBY SUPPORTING CAST

Apart from the G1 Budweiser Irish Derby, the other races this weekend at The Curragh are taking shape. On Sunday, the G2 Budweiser International S. includes last year's G1 Irish 2000 Guineas winner **Saffron Walden (Fr)** (Sadler's Wells {USA}), representing the Aidan O'Brien stable, and Sir Mark Prescott's **Sarafan (USA)** (Lear Fan {USA}), fifth in last Tuesday's G1 St James' Palace S. at Royal Ascot. The G3 Railway S. once again has a strong Ballydoyle contingent, with nine still entered in the two-year-old contest, including impressive Gowran Park maiden winner **Honours List (Ire)** (Danehill {USA}). Saturday's card sees the G2 Pretty Polly S. at the centre of the afternoon's action, and Michael Grassick has left in last year's G1 Moyglare Stud S. winner **Preseli (Ire)** (Caerleon {USA}), while The Queen may be represented by **Spinning Top (GB)** (Alzao {USA}), who found only G1 Epsom Oaks winner **Love Divine (GB)** (Diesis {GB}) too good in the Listed Lupe S. at Goodwood May 24.

Today, Leopardstown, post time: 7.15. p.m.

SILVER FLASH S.-Listed, Ir£25,000, 2yo, f, 6fT

SC (PP)	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER
1 (5)	Dream (Ire)	Sadler's Wells (USA)	A O'Brien
2 (2)	Freshwater Pearl (Ire)	Alzao (USA)	A O'Brien
3 (3)	La Vida Loca (Ire)	Caerleon (USA)	A O'Brien
4 (7)	Marseille Express (USA)	Caerleon (USA)	Grassick
5 (6)	Millenium Love (Ire)	Great Commotion (USA)	Lynam
6 (4)	Mood Indigo (Ire)	Indian Ridge (Ire)	Bolger
7 (1)	Ventura (Ire)	Spectrum (Ire)	C O'Brien

All carry 122 pounds.

★ BRITAIN ★

Today, Kempton, post time: 7.35. p.m.

MOWLEM GALA S.-Listed, £21,000, 3yo/up, 1 1/4mT

SC (PP)	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER	WT
1 (2)	Zindabad (Fr)	Shirley Heights (GB)	Hanbury	137
2 (1)	Island House (Ire)	Grand Lodge (USA)	Wragg	134
3 (3)	Amalia (Ire)	Danehill (USA)	Harris	126
4 (4)	Hataab (USA)	Woodman (USA)	E Dunlop	122



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★ FRANCE ★

Today, Chantilly, post time: 4:15 p.m.
PRIX DE SAINT-PATRICK-Listed, FF260,000, 3yo, c/g, 1mT

SC (PP)	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER
1 (8)	Zaragoza (Ire)	Zafonic (USA)	Fabre
2 (1)	Ring Gold (Fr)	Bering (GB)	C Head
3 (9)	Langostino (Fr)	Jeune Homme (USA)	E Lellouche
4 (2)	Loyal Tartare (Fr)	Astair (Fr)	E Lellouche
5 (7)	Chief Baron (Ire)	Wolfhound (USA)	de Royer-Dupre
6 (4)	Encore Bien (USA)	Woodman (USA)	Bary
7 (5)	Russian Tune (Fr)	Green Tune (USA)	Pease
8 (6)	Special Ring (USA)	Nureyev (USA)	C Head
9 (3)	Cheshire (GB)	Warning (GB)	Hammond

All carry 128 pounds.

Today, Marseille Borely, post time: 4:00 p.m.
PRIX GEORGES TRABAUD-Listed, FF240,000, 3yo, 1 5/16mT

SC (PP)	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER	WT
1 (8)	Jo And River (Fr)	Johann Quatz (Fr)	Rouget	128
2 (2)	Now Take Care (Fr)	Exit To Nowhere (USA)	Khozian	128
3 (6)	Suave Native (Fr)	Suave Dancer (USA)	Khozian	128
4 (5)	Iggy Pous (Fr)	Kaid Pous (Fr)	Larriviere	128
5 (9)	Prince Du Sud (Fr)	Sky Lawyer (Fr)	Napoli	128
6 (1)	Theos Quercus (Fr)	Johann Quatz (Fr)	Rouget	128
7 (7)	La Matelote (Fr)	River Mist (USA)	Foresi	125
8 (4)	Minoa (Ire)	Mujtahid (USA)	Pantall	125
9 (3)	Joha (Fr)	Johann Quatz (Fr)	D Boulard	125

★ ITALY ★

Monday's Late Results:
9.20 Milan, Premio Luras (Cond.), L34,425,000, 3yo, 1 3/8mT, 2:23.10, gd.

MAC RIVER (IRE) (c, 3, Tenby {GB}--Direct Link {USA}, by Super Concorde {USA}). Lifetime Record: MSP-Ity, 13 starts, 4 wins, 7 place, L123,760,000. O-A Gianfaldoni; B-P Farrell; T-C Cocca; J-S Landi.

11.30 Milan, Premio Camaiole (Cond.), L34,425,000, 4yo/up, 7fT, 1:25.80, gd.

ONICE NERO (GB) (c, 4, Primo Dominie {GB}--Nord's Lucy {Ire} {MSW-Ity}, by Nordico {USA}). Lifetime Record: SW & MGSP-Ity, 25 starts, 5 wins, 15 places, L252,535,000. O/B-Scuderia Blueberry S R L; T-Bruno Grizzetti; J-G Bietolini.

★ GERMANY ★

Today, Hamburg, post time: 7.35. p.m.
PREIS DER R + V VERSICHERUNGSGRUPPE - VTV-CUP-Listed, DM100,000, 3yo/up, 1mT

SC (PP)	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER	WT
1 (2)	Bernardon (Ger)	Suave Dancer (USA)	Schiergen	132
2 (1)	Accento (GB)	Midyan (USA)	Suter	128
3 (5)	El Divino (Ger)	Platini (Ger)	Hofer	128
4 (7)	Up And Away (Ger)	Le Glorieux (GB)	Mader	128
5 (3)	Elle Danzig (Ger)	Roi Danzig (USA)	Schutz	123
6 (6)	Djibouti (Ger)	Dashing Blade (GB)	Trybuhl	120
7 (4)	Rough Arrogance (Ger)	Perceive Arrogance (Ger)	Bauernmeister	120
8 (8)	Sweet Brief (Ger)	Brief Truce (USA)	Hofer	120

Yesterday's Results:

GROSSER TENOVIS-PREIS - "132ND LANGER HAMBURGER"-Listed, Hamburg, 6-27, DM80,000, 4yo/up, 2mT, 3:34.32, gd/sf.

1--**#MONTALBAN (GB), 121, c, 4, Mondrian (Ger)--Majestic Image (GB), by Niniski (USA)**. O-Stall Hanse; B-Lord Huntingdon; T-Andreas Lowe; J-Pascal van De Keere; DM43,000. Lifetime Record: MGSP-Ger, 15-3-3-1, DM207,500.

2--**Wins Fiction (Ger), 130, g, 5, Platini (Ger)--Win Hands Down (Ire), by Ela-Mana-Mou (Ire)**. DM18,000.

3--**Damiano (Ger), 128, c, 4, Acatenango (Ger)--Daisy Dear (Ger), by Windwurf (Ger)**. DM10,000.

Margins: 3/4, 3/4, 10. Odds: 12.20, 3.50, 5.50. Also ran: Laveron (GB), Vishnu (Ger), Evening Storm (Ire), Satini (Ger).

★ AUSTRALASIA ★

INGLIS SALE CONCLUDES

The Inglis June Weanling & Thoroughbred Sale concluded Tuesday, with a total of 524 sold from 728 catalogued. The gross was A\$4,043,650 and the overall average was A\$7,716. A pair of fillies topped the final day with a bid of A\$80,000, with Moore Bloodstock signing the ticket for **Royal Snip (Aus)** (Royal Academy {USA}) and Inglis, as agent, purchasing **Andra (Aus)** (Zeditave {Aus}). "The final day results followed the trend of the first two days with better quality lots selling beyond expectation," said Inglis associated director Peter Heagney. The next sale to be held at Oaklands Junction will be the August Thoroughbred Sale on 25th August.



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★ MAIDEN WINNERS ★

- Mistic Sun (GB)**, f, 2, **Dashing Blade (GB)**--Malatesta (Ire) (MSP-Ger), by Persian Heights (GB). Hamburg, 6-27, Holsten Alkoholfrei Premium-Rennen (Mdn.), 2yo, f, 6fT, DM10,000 to winner. B-Gunter Merkel. *13,048gns yrl '99 BBAGS.
- Tayari (Ire)**, c, 2, **Mujtahid (USA)**--Taysha (Ire), by Habitat (USA). Milan, Italy, 6-27, Premio Maiella (Cond.), 2yo, 7fT, L14,875,000 to winner. B-Razza Pallorsi.
- Sadhya (Fr)**, f, 2, **Prince Sabo (GB)**--Swell Time (Ire), by Sadler's Wells (USA). Milan, Italy, 6-27, Premio dei Colli (Cond.), 2yo, f, 7fT, L14,875,000 to winner. B-S A S Brinkley Stud. *1/2 to Sumati (GB) (Warning {GB}), G1SW-Ity, \$141,573.
- Valgano (Ger)**, c, 3, **Acatenango (Ger)**--Valbonne (GB), by Master Willie (GB). Hamburg, 6-27, Preis de Hamburger SV (Mdn.), 3yo, 1 1/8mT, DM9,000 to winner. B-Gestut Auenquelle.
- Adamas (Ire)**, f, 3, **Fairy King (USA)**--Corynida (USA), by Alleged (USA). Beverley, NSPCC Maiden S. (Class D), 3yo, 1m 100ydsT, £3,850 to winner. B-D P & Mrs J O'Brien. *95,652gns yrl '98 GOOC1.
- Swinging Trio (USA)**, c, 3, **Woodman (USA)**--Las Meninas (Ire) (G1SW-GB, SW & MG1SP-Ire, GSP-US, \$285,942), by Glenstal (USA). Lingfield, Harry Streeter Maiden S. (Class D), 3yo/up, 1 1/2m(AWT), £2,782 to winner. B-Swettenham Stud & Orpendale. *113,043gns yrl '98 GOOC1.

LEADING 2YO SIRES IN EUROPE (Through June 18)

SIRE	RUNNERS	WINNERS	WINS
Mujadil (Storm Bird)	22	9	10
+ Mind Games (GB) (Puissance {GB})	19	8	13
+ General Monash (Thorn Dance)	24	7	10
Common Grounds (GB) (Kris {GB})	21	6	7
Kornaite (Nureyev)	12	6	7
Piccolo (GB) (Warning {GB})	16	6	7
+ Charnwood Forest (Ire) (Warning {GB})	11	5	5
Distinctly North (Minshaanshu Amad)	21	5	5
Namaqualand (Mr. Prospector)	20	5	7
Barathea (Ire) (Sadler's Wells)	13	4	4
+ Bishop Of Cashel (GB) (Warning {GB})	11	4	4
Danehill (Danzig)	11	4	4
Distant Relative (Ire) (Habitat)	6	4	5
Eagle Eyed (Danzig)	24	4	5
+ Inzar (Warning {GB})	18	4	4

+ Denotes First-Year Sire
 Statistics by Hyperion Promotions Ltd.

 **WRITERS UP**

by Christa Reibel

Gestut Erlenhof's three-year-old filly Moonlady (Ger) won Saturday's G3 Deutscher Herold-Preis-Hamburger Stutenpreis in only her fourth start. The Platini (Ger) filly finished a promising second first time out before proving her fighting qualities when breaking her maiden next out. Moonlady then ended a fast finishing third in a Listed Oaks trial at Mulheim, having made all her starts at this track prior to winning at Hamburg.

Moonlady was bred by Dr H Stilger and acquired by Gestut Erlenhof as a foal. She went through the ring at the Spatlese Yearling Sale, but failed to reach the reserve. Her sire Platini is one of Surumu's best sons, having scored at the highest level in the G1 Gran Premio di Milano and the G1 Preis der Privatbankiers Merck, Finck & Co. over 2400m, as well as being awarded the G2 German 2000 Guineas over a mile. Moonlady marks Platini's third Group winner, following El Divino over the mile last autumn and Wins Fiction over 3200m at Baden Baden earlier this season.

She is the third foal bred from the unraced Sure Blade (USA) mare Midnight Fever (Ire). Her second foal is the winning colt My Tango (Ger), whose sire Acatenango (Ger) is by Surumu as well. Sure Blade is by the Sharpen Up (GB) horse Kris (GB). Sharpman (GB), another son of Sharpen Up, is the damsire of Acatenango's best son Lando (Ger), who took the G1 Japan Cup at highest international level. Surumu and Kris are both out of mares by Reliance (Fr), which gives Moonlady a 4x5 inbreeding to this outstanding racehorse and sire.

The recent G2 Oppenheim-Colonia-Union-Rennen victor Network (Ger) also carries an inbreeding to Reliance. His sire Monsun (Ger) was bred from a mare by Surumu, while his dam Note (Ger) is by Reliance. Moonlady's second dam is the dual Classic winning champion mare Majoritat (Ger), who is closely related to the above mentioned Monsun on the dam side besides sharing Konigsstuhl (Ger) as a sire. Majoritat's other progeny include the Listed winning Alzao (USA) colt Masterplayer (Ger), who placed third in the 1995 German Derby as well as Midnight Fever's own brother Master Blade (Ger), who placed in Listed company. Majoritat is also the dam of the winning Shareef Dancer (USA) mare Maji (GB), who produced the smart stakes-winning Minacchia (Ger) to a mating with Moonlady's sire Platini, while Majoritat's Green Desert (USA) half-sister Monavera (Ger) is the dam of the Acatenango colt Mister Tango (Ger), winner of the Listed Ittlingen-Pokal at Hamburg in 1999.



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