

## **THOROUGHBRED** DAILY NEWS<sup>TM</sup>

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### BOYS IN BLUE STRIKE AGAIN AT DEAUVILLE

A colt who has always courted high opinion from his connections, Best of the Bests (Ire) (Machiavellian) had not found the form of his two-year-old days, when trained by Clive Brittain. Yesterday he added to Muhtathir's success in Sunday's Prix Jacques le Marois with a stylish display to take the G2 Prix Guillaume d'Ornano at Deauville. Third in the G2 Dante S. at York May 17 and fourth in the G1 Epsom Derby June 10, the colt was unraced since finishing fourth in the G1 Grand Prix de Paris at Longchamp June 25, but returned yesterday to claim his first success of the year. Ridden with confidence by Frankie Dettori, Best of the Bests was soon in command, tracked by Hesiode (Highest Honor (Fr)) and Kutub (In The Wings (GB)). As Circus Dance (Sadler's Wells), who missed the break, could make no impression, it was left to Kutub and Hesiode to go in pursuit of the Godolphin horse. That was in vain, however, as Dettori had asked him to guicken with guarter of a mile remaining, stretched clear of his rivals in the closing stages and was never in danger of being caught and crossed the line under hands and heels riding only. Dettori was impressed, "This horse is good, and the distance at Epsom was maybe a bit too far, but he's proven that he's a champion again. He'll be a very nice four-year-old next year." Trainer Saeed bin Suroor indicated that the winner will be supplemented to the Sept. 9 G1 Irish Champion S.

### PRIX GUILLAUME D'ORNANO-G2, FF510,000,

Deauville, France, 8-15, 3yo, 1 1/4mT, 2:06.20, gd.

- 1--BEST OF THE BESTS (IRE), 123, c, 3, by Machiavellian 1st Dam: Sueboog (Ire), by Darshaan (GB) 2nd Dam: Nordica (Ire), by Northfields 3rd Dam: Princess Arabella (GB), by Crowned Prince O-Godolphin; B-Gainsborough Stud Management Ltd; T-Saeed bin Suroor; J-Frankie Dettori; FF300,000. Lifetime Record: 7 starts, 2 wins, 5 places, FF1,476,837.
- 2--Kutub (Ire), 128, c, 3, In The Wings (GB)--Minnie Habit (Ire), by Habitat. O-Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid al Maktoum; B-The Exors of E M Burke & Airlie Stud; FF120,000.
- 3--Hesiode (Fr), 123, c, 3, Highest Honor (Fr)--Elite Guest (Ire), by Be My Guest. O-Gary A Tanaka; B-SCEA Haras de Manneville; FF60,000.

Margins: 4, 1HF, 3. Odds: 2.50, 1.50, 5.20.

Also ran: Circus Dance (GB), Sopran Montanelli (Ire).

### WEDNESDAY EVENING SPECIAL

A field of eight two-year-olds is scheduled to line up for the GII Saratoga Special today at Saratoga. The group's only graded stakes winner is City Zip (Carson City). The Linda Rice protege takes a two-race win streak into the Special. He came from just off the pace to win the July 3 GIII Tremont at Belmont and repeated that formula to defeat odds-on favorite Yonaguska in the July 27 GII Sanford S. Scorpion (Seattle Slew) has come up short against City Zip twice. After winning his May 11 debut at Belmont, the colt chased City Zip home to third-place finishes in both the Tremont and Sanford, The D. Wayne Lukas trainee worked a bullet five furlongs over the Saratoga training track Aug. 6 in :59 4/5, though he may need more than today's 6 1/2 furlongs to shine. "I've been high on this colt all along and really think he can run," Lukas said. "He's only going to get better with age. His true colors will come out once these races start to get longer. You're really going to like him this fall." American Century (Pioneering) will look to give his freshman sire a second graded stakes win after the filly Give Praise roared to victory in Sunday's GII Sorrento S. at Del Mar. The chestnut colt ran second in his Belmont debut in June, but rebounded to a 7 1/4-length win at Saratoga July 29 with the addition of Lasix.

Today, Saratoga Race Course, post time: 5:15 p.m. EDT SARATOGA SPECIAL S.-GII, \$150,000, 2vo, 6 1/2f

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	PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER	ODDS
	1	Strait Cat	Forest Wildcat	Stewart	7-2
	2	Zone Judge	Judge T C	Hough	15-1
	3	City Zip	Carson City	Rice	8-5
	4	Standard Speed	Senor Speedy	Russo	20-1
	5	Jacksrbetter	I'll Raise You One	Azpurua	10-1
	6	Scorpion	Seattle Slew	Lukas	3-1
	7	Amercian Century	Pioneering	Pletcher	5-1
	8	Brocco Bob	Brocco	Terranova	15-1

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## Hats off

Congratulations and best of luck to David Shimmon, purchaser of the \$4.2 million Saratoga sales topper.

Bred by Donald Dizney, the colt was consigned by Taylor Made -The #1 Consignor of Sales Toppers in the 90s and once again in 2000.



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### ☆ PREVIEW ☆

Today, Del Mar, post time 5:00 p.m. PDT
PALOMAR H.-GIII. \$125.000, 3vo/up, f/m, 1 1/16mT

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P	P HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER	WT	
1:	a Sweet Life	Kris S.	J Canani	116	
2	b Caffe Latte (Ire)	Seattle Dancer	Baffert	119	
3	Spanish Fern	El Gran Senor	Frankel	119	
4	Dyna's Club	Dynaformer	Garrison	113	
5	Ta Ta Be True	Truly Met	van Berg	113	
6	Tout Charmant	Slewvescent	McAnally	121	
7	Alexine (Arg)	Runaway Groom	Mandella	116	
8	a Tranquility Lake	Rahy	J Canani	121	
9	Miss of Wales (Chi)	Roy	Dupuis	114	
10	O Evening Promise (GB)	Aragon (GB)	Walsh	115	

Sunday, Arlington International

ARLINGTON MILLION-GI, \$2,000,000, 3yo/up, 1 1/4mT Likely favorite Manndar (Ire) (Doyoun {Ire}) breezed a half mile over the Arlington turf, with the dogs up, Tuesday in :53 3/5. The four-year-old bay won this year's GI Woodford Reserve Turf Classic S. at Churchill and the GI Manhattan at Belmont Park. GII EI Rincon H. winner Falcon Flight (Fr) (Persian Bold {Ire}) was declared from the Million yesterday morning due to a lung infection.

### WEEKEND PEDIGREE PERSPECTIVES

by Alan Porter

**SWORD DANCER INVITATIONAL H.-GI**, \$500,000, SAR, 8-12, 3yo/up, 1 1/2mT, 2:32, sf.

1--AJOHN'S CALL, 114, g, 9, by Lord At War (Arg)
1st Dam: Calling Guest (Ire), by Be My Guest
2nd Dam: Cloverside (Fr), by Sheshoon (GB)
3rd Dam: Covert Side (GB), by Abernant (GB)
(\$4,000 yrl '92 FTKOCT) O-Trillium Stable;
B-Wimborne Farm Inc (KY); T-T H Voss; J-J L Samyn;
\$300,000. Lifetime Record: 32-14-11-2, \$756,420.

Winner of the GI Sword Dancer Invitational H. was John's Call, an ancient warrior who has an appropriately old-fashioned pedigree. By taking this event at the advanced age of nine years, we believe John's Call--who has now won five of his last six starts--has joined another "old John," John Henry, as the oldest horse to have claimed a Grade I contest. A \$4,000 yearling purchase at the Fasig-Tipton Kentucky October Sales way back in 1992, John's Call has a pedigree with prominently European ancestry, and one which is old enough to feature Marcovil, a foal of 1903 in the sixth generation.

John's Call's sire, the deceased Lord At War, was actually foaled in Argentina, but was by General (Fr), a French-raced son of one of greatest of all British racehorses, Brigadier Gerard (GB). A champion miler in Argentina despite making only three starts in that country, Lord At War showed himself to be an extremely talented and somewhat versatile performer when imported to the U.S. In this country he won 10 of 17 starts, including the GI Santa Anita H., GI San Antonio H., Goodwood H. (twice, once GIII), GIII Citation H. and GIII Native Diver H. Breeders may initially have been puzzled as to what to make of his very unfamiliar pedigree, but Lord At War eventually carved a very respectable niche for himself, and at the time of his death his advertised fee was \$20,000 live foal. Lord At War's first crop, foaled in 1987, didn't contain a single stakes winner. Since then, however, he has been responsible for 35 stakes winners from a total of 328 foals in his first 11 crops (to three-year-olds of 2000), putting him over the 10 percent stakes winners-to-foals figure which is often reckoned to be the measure of a top-class sire. In addition to John's Call, the best of Lord At War's offspring include this year's GII Louisiana Derby victor Mighty, the Grade-I winning La Gueriere, War Thief, Added Asset, Lord Joe, Road of War, Patton, Ascutney and Lady of Peace. This year he has eight stakes winners and, with the addition of John's Call's earnings from the weekend, is hovering around the top 10 2000 stallions by earnings.

Calling Guest, the dam of John's Call, is the only foal of her dam, Cloverside. Calling Guest failed to win in three starts, and Cloverside was unraced. However, the pedigree improves in the next generation, as Cloverside was a three-quarters sister to the good French middle-distance horse Cadmus, and a half sister to two other stakes winners. Cloverside represented a mating of extremes, as she was by Sheshoon, winner of the two and a quarter mile Ascot Gold Cup, out of Covert Side, a daughter of the great sprinter Abernant. Covert Side's dam, Cub Hunt, was the first foal of Knight's Daughter, later to gain fame in America as dam of Round Table.

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# FROM THE DESK OF... Bill Oppenheim



### CHANNON'S LUCKY

We're now in the midst of the select yearling sale season--Deauville and Keeneland September next up-and it can be tempting to believe, at this time of year, that Fashion is All. But here's a little cautionary tale for breeders who remember that the best thing you can do for your mare is to breed her to a horse who you have reason to believe can sire a good horse out of her. This is a short tale of two stallions whose first foals are three-year-olds this year, and, as it happens, trainer Mick Channon has had more of the progeny of these two stallions through his hands than any other trainer. The first of them I want to mention, Fraam, so far has improved terrible mares out of all recognition. He's not even a blip on the radar screens of stallion analysis. More of his yearlings have sold for under £2,000 than over. He's a son of the moderate-to-failed stallion Lead On Time, and his highest class win was in Listed company. This is Fraam. In terms of the opportunity he's had to work with, he is very probably one of the best sires in Europe.

### Like Sands Through an Hour Glass...

Trained by the late Alex Scott, and subsequently by his successor at Gainsborough Stables, Ed Dunlop, Fraam had rather a troubled childhood. He never ran at all until pretty late in his three-year-old year, and then he only ran twice before injuring himself again. He kept injuring himself for three years after, though he managed 20 more starts, mostly in high-class handicap, Listed, and minor Group company, during those three years, in which his Timeform ratings, respectively, were 109-114-112. He retired after breaking down for the umpteenth time, and went to stud for £1,200 in a deal brokered by Jill Richardson of Blood-Horse International. His first three crops consisted of 23, 14, and nine foals (yearlings of 2000). The 'comparable index' for the dams of his registered foals so far is a measly 0.70-believe me, that's a long way down the scale.

Here's what he's done. He's got at least 11 winners from 14 starters in his first crop, three-year-olds this year. I say 'at least' because the Equine Line only finds stakes horses from some of the weird and wonderful places where Fraam has runners: he has a three-year-old filly in Sweden, for example, who's won three races, and is quite useful. Three of these three-year-olds have Timeform ratings around 85, and two of those three-the 14-furlong winner Box Builder (out of a three-mile hurdler) and Pedro Pete (10 furlong, three wins this year)--are trained by Mick Channon, about whom, more in a minute. But first, let me mention Fraam's best three-year-old, the German-trained colt Chagall, rated 109 by Timeform and second to five-year-old Arcadian Hero in the G3 Van Geest Criterion S. (7f) at Newmarket, Chagall was sold twice as a yearling, once for 750 guineas, then for 550. His earnings have now reached the equivalent of \$127,000.

### The Channon Connection...

Mick Channon, who in the last two years has emerged as a top 10 trainer in Britain, has had a few from Fraam's first two crops, and has seen a few others. He trains two of Fraam's three two-year-old winners, Dayglow Dancer (rated about 85), and Lady Lahar (97), third in the G2 Cherry Hinton S. In fact, from a crop of 14 two-year-olds, Fraam had two runners in the Cherry Hinton, Lady Lahar and the fifth, Goodie Twosues (R. Hannon, 92).

Channon says, of the ones he has, "they're bombproof, a trainer's dream. They have a great attitude, go any trip, and on any ground. He's produced groupplaced horses out of the dams of thousand-pound yearlings. Given decent mares, I have no doubt whatsoever that this horse is capable of siring Classic winners."

To some extent, Channon has ended up with some Fraams because Jill Richardson, who manages the horse, is Channon's principal yearling-buying agent. But Channon's luck with 'less expensive' F97 (first foals '97) stallions doesn't end there, because he also has quite a few by Piccolo to train. He trained Piccolo--an 18,000 guineas yearling himself, Channon recalls--to win the G1 Nunthorpe (at three) and the G2 King's Stand (at four), and he was also second in two other Group 1s, the Haydock Park Sprint Cup (at three), and the July Cup (at four). *Cont. p. 4* 

## And now, it's on to Keeneland September . . .

Hip 518 - A.P. INDY filly out of classic winner TWO ALTAZANO

Hip 528 - Brother to '97 \$1.4 million Saratoga sales topper

Hip 560 - Brother to G2W PARADE GROUND

Hip 589 - Half-sister to champion ESCENA

Hip 590 - A.P. INDY colt out of G1W CLEAR MANDATE

Hip 611 - STORM CAT half-brother to champion ELIZA

Hip 632 - STORM CAT filly out of champion EAST OF THE MOON

Hip 637 - THEATRICAL colt out of champion ELIZA

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### Bill Oppenheim cont. from p. 3

"I've been lucky with Piccolo, too," says Channon.
"He was owned by a partnership of four people, most of whom breed, and I've been fortunate that I've been sent quite a few to train."

### The Piccolo Picture...

A son of Warning out of a mare by the now-obscure Gold Bridge-line speed influence Whistling Wind, Channon says the Piccolos, like the Fraams, are "bomb proof as well--good, tough horses, again with a great attitude." They do have preferences, though, says Channon, "best up to a mile, and they need fast ground. They don't like soft at all. But, given the right conditions, he is absolutely capable of siring a Guineas winner, I'm sure of that."

Channon only has one three-year-old by Piccolo still in his yard and that is Hunting Lion, one of at least 18 winners from his sire's first crop. He was second to Bachir in the G2 Richmond S. last year at two, and this year was third to Observatory in the G3 Jersey S. at Royal Ascot. Hunting Lion's Official Jockey Club Rating is a hefty 108.

Piccolo has nine two-year-old winners already this year, and Mick Channon trains four of them. Three of the four have official ratings between 79-81, which wins races, but the best of them is Pan Jammer, winner of the G3 Anglesley S. at The Curragh, and placed in the G3 Norfolk at Royal Ascot. So he had two horses place at Royal Ascot this year, one from each crop. Cannot be bad.

We've already seen a lot of zeroes at the yearling sales so far this year, and no doubt we're going to see a lot more in the next few weeks. You may run across a few Piccolos at the lesser sales, but it doesn't look like there are many Fraams. But it will be a great shame if the quality, and quantity, of mares bred to both stallions, does not improve exponentially in 2001. And yes, Mick Channon is willing to train them. Now, off you go--to the fireworks!

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### Pedigree Perspectives cont. from p. 2

From a pedigree pattern angle, John's Call is interesting for having a set of complex genetic relatives. Lord At War has three crosses of Fair Trial, and one of his three-quarters sister, Riot. Fair Trial was by Fairway out of Lady Juror, by Son-in-Law, and Riot by Fairway's three-parts genetic relative, Colorado out of Lady Juror. In the third generation of the pedigree of John's Call's dam, we find Tudor Minstrel and Abernant. Tudor Minstrel carries Pharos, a brother to Fairway (sire of Fair Trial), and is out of a half sister to Fair Trial. Abernant has Pharos, Son-in-Law (broodmare sire of Fair Trial) and his granddam is half sister to Lady Juror. Incidentally, both Tudor Minstrel and Abernant are by sons of Hyperion, which makes them closely related to Aristophanes, who is in Lord At War's pedigree, and is by Hyperion out of a daughter of Fair Trial's threequarters sister Riot.

Fair Trial, Tudor Minstrel and Abernant all had racing careers that were characterized by demonstrations of brilliant speed at distances up to a mile. Oddly enough, combining them further back in a pedigree has resulted in John's Call, a horse who has recorded his biggest triumph with a runaway win over a mile and a half.

#### PEDIGREE SHORTS

For bettors, Stormy Pick (f, 2, Storm Creek--Program Pick, by Peterhof), might have been a great hunch bet for the GIII Sorority S. at a very wet Monmouth Park. The filly, who won by a length and a quarter, is also a very smart pedigree pick. She is from the first crop of promising Florida sire Storm Creek, a son of Storm Cat, and is out of a daughter of Peterhof, who is by The Minstrel, a close genetic relative to Storm Bird (sire of Storm Cat).

Minardi (c, 2, Boundary--Yarn, by Mr. Prospector), who credited his sire with a first Group/Grade I victory when capturing the G1 Independent Heinz 57 Phoenix S. at Leopardstown on Sunday, is a horse with an interesting pedigree. His fourth dam Monarchy is a stakes-winning sister to Round Table, who also appears in the pedigree of Boundary as the sire of his second dam. There is a high-level precedent for this, as the mating of Yarn's sister Preach to A.P. Indy, another horse carrying Round Table, resulted in the talented colt Pulpit. On the basis of that evidence, it looks as if it could be well worth mating mares carrying Round Table to Minardi's half brother Tale of the Cat.

In 2000: sire of SQUIRTLE SQUIRT, the leading 2YO on the West Coast; MAX'S PAL, among the leading 3YO sprinters on the East Coast; and MASS MARKET, 4-length winner of Saturday's \$300,000 West Virginia Derby.







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### **☆ AMERICAN EDITION ☆**

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### BERTRANDO COLT TOPS CTBA OPENER

Leading California sire Bertrando sired three of the top five lots at the opening night of the Del Mar Yearling Sale on Monday. Leading the way at \$175,000 was Hip 70, a Bertrando colt from the stakes-winning mare St. Helens Shadow (Septieme Ciel). The top price of \$70,000 for a filly was shared by a pair of yearlings. Hip 14, a gray filly by Bertrando, was produced by the stakes-winning mare Monterey Gold (Strike Gold), while Hip 17, a chestnut filly from the first crop of Vaudeville, has multiple stakes winner and \$491,430-earner Native Mommy (Qui Native) as her dam. Overall, 52 yearlings grossed \$1,753,000 and averaged \$33,712. The median price was \$26,500. "It is great to see the marketplace support quality California-bred horses," said CTBA general manager Doug Burge. The sale was scheduled to conclude Tuesday evening and complete results will appear in tomorrow's TDN.

### **CTBA YEARLING SALE - MONDAY**

Hip# Sex		<u>Dam</u>	Price
79 c	Bertrando	St. Helens Shadow	\$175,000
Co	nsigned by Ri	ver Edge Farm Inc., a	gent
	Purchased	by Rudy Delguivice	

Sierra Ridge \$125,000 70 Bertrando Consigned by Woodbridge Farm, agent Purchased by Tom Bunn, agent

**Monterey Gold** \$70,000 14 Bertrando Consigned by River Edge Farm Inc., agent Purchased by John Spholer

**Native Mommy** \$70,000 Vaudeville 17 Consigned by Future Farms, agent Purchased by Don Wollas

Super Slewp \$60,000 82 **Twining** C Consigned by Yearsley Bloodstock, agent Purchased by C. T. Grether

### STAKES CLOSINGS

TODAY, WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 16:

08-19 \$400,000 Secretariat-I, AP, 3yo, 10fT, (18000s)

08-26 \$1,000,000 Pacific Classic-I, Dmr, 3yo/up, 10f, (250)

08-26 \$150,000 Rancho Bernardo H.-III, Dmr, 3yo/up,

09-03 \$200/100,000a Niagara Breeders' Cup-II, Wo, 3yo/up, 12fT, (300)

f/m, 6.5f, (150) 08-27 \$250,000 Del Mar Oaks-I, Dmr, 3yo, f, 9fT, (250)

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#### EAST ☆ ☆

Yesterday's Results:

EXPLOSIVE RED S., \$26,400, FEX, 8-15, 2yo, f, a7fT, 1:28 4/5, fm.

- 1--#STORMY WAY, 119, f, 2, Storm Creek--Sabal Way, by Proud Appeal. (\$100,000 2yo 2000 OBSAPR). O-Mockingbird Farm Inc; B-Mockingbird Farm Inc (FL); T-Mark Casse; J-M K Walls; \$16,500. Lifetime Record: 4-2-1-1, \$55,300. \*Second stakes winner for freshman sire (by Storm Cat).
- 2--Libretto, 114, f, 2, Birdonthewire--Daybydaybyday, by Shananie. \$5,500.
- 3--Storm's Advance, 119, f, 2, Storm Creek--Iron's Advance, by Iron Constitution. \$2,750.

Margins: 1 1/4, 7 1/4, 1. Odds: 0.20AC, 3.45, 0.20AC. Stormy Way, running on the turf for the first time, led every step to become the second stakes winner for her freshman sire (by Storm Cat). After breaking her maiden by 3 1/2 lengths in her second start, the bay filly finished third behind Queen Carson in the Colleen S. at Monmouth July 23. With six fillies scratching out of this race, the crowd's choice quickly showed the way and staved off a challenge from Libretto down the lane for the score.

9th-CRC, \$26,000, Alw, 2yo, f, 6 1/2f, 1:19 3/5, ft. BLONDAWAY (f, 2, Skip Trial--Mandalay Queen, by Real Courage) won at first asking for a \$20,000 tag in June, but was no threat in her first start against winners when fourth in a Calder allowance July 16. Forwardly placed from post two, the 21-1 shot rallied in the stretch for a 3/4-length score over Pleasant Deed (Alydeed). Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-0, \$25,050.

O-International Turf & Sports Llc. B-Glory Days Breeding Inc (FL). T-Manuel J Azpurua.

#### FOREIGN 松 ☆

#### AMERICAN-BRED WINNER IN FRANCE:

Iron Mask, c, 2, Danzig--Raise A Beauty, by Alydar. Deauville, 8-15, Prix de la Vallee d'Auge-Listed, 2yo, 5fT, \$19,371 to winner. O/B-Wertheimer et Frere; T-Criquette Head.

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### **ALLOWANCE RESULTS:**

4th-DEL, \$36,860, Opt. Clm. (\$50-45,000), 3yo/up, 1m (off turf), 1:37 3/5, ft.

DO I EVER (h, 5, Proud Birdie--Pyrotechnic, by Star de Naskra) Lifetime Record: 49-6-4-7, \$190,817. O-John Morella. B-Marablue Farm (FL). T-Bessie S Gruwell. \*1/2 to Danish Dynamite (Tactical Advantage), SW, \$106,197.

4th-CRC, \$21,000, 3yo/up, 1 1/8mT, 1:51 1/5, gd. GENERAL GRANT (c, 3, Distant View--Nifty Fifty, by Honey Jay) Lifetime Record: 24-4-7-2, \$100,335. O-S M Lariva. B-George A Smith & Dr W E Johnston (OH). T-Manuel J Azpurua. \*1/2 to Classic Intuition (Country Pine), MSW, \$184,921.

9th-PHA, \$18,792, 3yo/up, 7f, 1:24 2/5, ft. ALARMING LEADER (g, 6, Darn That Alarm--Zuppa Inglesa, by Iron Ruler) Lifetime Record: 56-10-7-7, \$78,799. O-Plumstead Stables. B-Big C Farm (FL). T-Robert J Seeger. \*1/2 to Virgil Cain (My Gallant), MSW, \$109,430; Full to Crystal Pistol (Darn That Alarm), SW, \$109,480.

3rd-FEX, \$18,600, 3yo/up, f/m, 6 1/2f, 1:19 4/5, ft. ORIENTALSPRINGHOPE (f, 4, Raj Waki--April Snow, by Victorian Prince) Lifetime Record: 11-2-4-1, \$34,519. O/B-Marilynn Cook (ON). T-Jeanne Ryan.

## U.S. THOROUGHBRED RACING LEADERS (through August 13, 2000)

Jockey	Starts/Wins	<u>Earnings</u>
Pat Day	802/170	\$10,810,497
*Corey Nakatani	632/144	\$9,921,077
*Kent Desormeaux	585/116	\$9,446,623
Jerry Bailey	591/165	\$8,794,414
*Jorge Chavez	950/183	\$8,613,975
*Shane Sellers	734/119	\$8,201,279
Edgar Prado	1045/158	\$7,883,753
Victor Espinoza	780/145	\$7,025,314
Robby Albarado	925/182	\$6,999,230
Alex Solis	584/100	\$6,802,771

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

### **MAIDEN WINNERS:**

Key Laurel, c, 2, Fortunate Prospect--Ah Rose, by Naskra. CRC, 8-15, (C), 6 1/2f, 1:21 3/5. B-Farnsworth Farms & Jerome Wolfson (FI). \*\$18,000 2yo 2000 OBSAPR.

Clearly Irish, c, 2, Irish Open--Exclusive Mistress, by With Caution. DEL, 8-15, (C), 5 1/2f, 1:06 3/5. B-Colvin Walker (Tx). \*\$6,000 yrl '99 HERJAN.

Precious Karly, f, 2, Regal Search--Precious Metal, by Hawkin's Special. CRC, 8-15,(C), 5f, 1:00 3/5. B-John Sessa (FI).

Gone Out Front, f, 3, All Gone--Slide Out Front (MSW & GISP, \$185,851), by Silent Review. CRC, 8-15, 6f, 1:13 4/5. B-John Franks (FI). \*1/2 to Silent Eskimo (Eskimo), MGSW, \$919,485.

Let's Go Again, c, 3, Devil's Bag--Impassion (MSP), by Shadeed. DEL, 8-15, (C), 6f, 1:11 3/5. B-Al Carpenito (Ky).

Relic's Image, f, 3, Relic Relic Relic-Image of Su, by Flashy Image. MNR, 8-14, 5f, 1:00 4/5. B-J Scott (FI).

Burn, c, 3, Wavering Monarch--Charming Helen, by Charming Turn. PHA, 8-15, a1m70yd, 1:45 1/5. B-Ashdown Farms (Ky). \*\$9,000 2vo '99 FTMMAY.

Ashley At the Gate, f, 4, Mt. Livermore--At the Gate, by Hero's Honor. PHA, 8-15, 1m, 1:42. B-Courtney & Clinkinbeard (Ky). \*\$25,000 yrl '97 KEESEP; \$87,000 2yo 1998 FTMMAY.



## FRESHMAN FOCUS

First-crop progeny to watch: Wednesday, August 16

FOREST WILDCAT (Storm Cat) 9th-SAR, \$150,000, GII, 6 1/2f - Strait Cat

HONOUR AND GLORY (Relaunch) 6th-SAR, \$41,000, Msw, 7f - Logan's Girl

JUDGE T C (Judge Smells) 9th-SAR, \$150,000, GII, 6 1/2f - Zone Judge

MARIA'S MON (Wavering Monarch) 6th-SAR, \$41,000, Msw, 7f - Ilusoria

PIONEERING (Mr. Prospector) 9th-SAR, \$150,000, GII, 6 1/2f - American Century

SEA SALUTE (Danzig)
3rd-SAR, \$41,000, Msw, (S), 5 1/2f - My Fair Lexy

UNBRIDLED'S SONG (Unbridled) 6th-SAR, \$41,000, Msw, 7f - Current Rage

## From a Small First Crop Two Maiden Special Weight Winners and One Second from Three Starters

SOAR broke his maiden at Woodbine Aug. 11 with an impressive 6 3/4-length wire-to-wire win. TRUSTEES GRAY, first time starter, won by 3 1/2 lengths at Pimlico.



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**★ EUROPEAN EDITION ★** 

Wednesday, August 16, 2000

### **NEW RACE FOR ASCOT**

The Ascot Festival will be stretched to three days next year with the announcement yesterday of a new fixture, incorporating a new race. The £250,000 Thoroughbred Breeders' Association Sales Race, for two-year-old fillies over six-and-a-half furlongs, will take place for the first time in 2001 on Friday, September 28, becoming the 25th raceday in the Ascot calendar. This new move comes as a result of the British Horseracing Board granting its permission for Blue Square Shergar Cup Day to become a self-funding fixture from next year, therefore allowing the transfer of Levy Board support to a new day. Douglas Erskine-Crum, Chief Executive of Ascot Racecourse, said, "We had already announced the new TBA race earlier in the year and it will make the perfect centrepiece for our new Festival Friday. It should prove to be a very popular day and further vindicates our decision to buy the rights to the Blue Square Shergar Cup, which proved such a popular occasion on Saturday. Two of our biggest goals for next year will be to improve the Shergar Cup format so that we attract strong fields and gain greater credibility for the team concept, and to establish the Festival Friday fixture as a major new raceday. It is going to be a challenging year for us."

## **★ FRANCE ★**

### Yesterday's Results:

PRIX DE LA VALLEE D'AUGE-Listed, FF260,000, Deauville, France, 8-15, 2yo, 5fT, 57.50, gd.

- 1--#IRON MASK (USA), 123, c, 2, by Danzig (USA)
  1st Dam: Raise A Beauty (USA), by Alydar (USA)
  2nd Dam: Stick to Beauty (USA), by Illustrious (USA)
  3rd Dam: Hail to Beauty (USA), by Hail to Reason (USA)
  O/B-Wertheimer et Frere; T-Criquette Head; J-Olivier
  Doleuze; FF140,000. Lifetime Record: MGSP-Fr,
  5 starts, 2 wins, 3 places, FF498,000.
- 2--Tender Morn (USA), 120, f, 2, Dayjur (USA)--La Pitie (USA), by Devil's Bag (USA). FF48,000.
- 3--Never Loser (Fr), 123, c, 2, Neverneyev (USA)--Milsiba (Fr), by Mille Balles (Fr). FF36,000. Margins: 2, 1HF, 1HF. Odds: 0.40, 7.70, 14.20.

Also ran: Neyev (Fr), Fleur Charmante (Fr), Yasou (Fr).

Prix de la Vallee L'Auge cont.

Iron Mask was fully entitled to take this drop in class in his stride, having run Rolly Polly (Ire) to a length when second last time in the G2 Prix Robert Papin at Maisons-Laffitte July 29. Previously he had been runner-up twice, being beaten a neck by Ozone Layer (GB) in the G3 Prix du Bois Chantilly July 4, and a short neck by Noverre (USA) in the Listed Prix la Fleche at Maisons-Laffitte June 14. Here he produced an almost effortless display to claim his first stakes success. Breaking well, he was taken to the rail by Doleuze to share the early lead with Never Loser, travelling well. Past halfway, he began to take command as that horse came under pressure, shrugging off his challenge with a furlong to race, before being pushed clear for a comfortable success. Tender Morn, who appeared outpaced as the tempo quickened in the second half of the race, finished well to pass Never Loser and claim second, providing her owner and trainer with a one-two finish.

Today, Deauville, post time: 2.55 p.m.

PRIX MICHEL HOUYVET-Listed, FF260,000, 3yo, 1 7/8mT

SC	(PP)	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER
1	(1)	Bourgeois (GB)	Sanglamore (USA)	C Head
2	(3)	Stromness (USA)	Trempolino (USA)	Fabre
3	(2)	Shuwaib (GB)	Polish Precedent (USA)	Channon
4	(4)	Oro Reve (Fr)	Warrshan (USA)	M Boutin

## **★** BRITAIN ★

Today, Salisbury, England, post time: 3.10 p.m. EUROPEAN BREEDERS FUND UPAVON FILLIES S.-Listed, £25,000, 3yo/up, f/m, 9f 198ydsT

SC	(PP)	HORSE	SIRE	<b>TRAINER</b>	WT
1	(9)	Balladonia (GB)	Primo Dominie (GB)	Herries	126
2	(5)	Dashiba (GB)	Dashing Blade (GB)	Elsworth	126
3	(3)	First Fantasy (GB)	Be My Chief (USA)	Fanshawe	126
4	(8)	Armenia (Ire)	Arazi (USA)	Newcombe	118
5	(10)	Blusienka (Ire)	Blues Traveller (Ire)	Butler	118
6	(6)	Dream Quest (GB)	Rainbow Quest (USA)	J Dunlop	118
7	(2)	Miss Riviera Golf (GB)	Hernando (Fr)	Wragg	118
8	(1)	Purple Heather (USA)	Rahy (USA)	Hannon	118
9	(7)	Secret Destiny (USA)	Cozzene (USA)	Gosden	118
10	(4)	Twin Logic (USA)	Diesis (GB)	Gosden	118



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### YORK PREPARING THE 'BEST' OF BRITISH

The Tote-Ebor Festival at York comes up Tuesday Aug. 22 to Thursday Aug. 24, and offers total prize money at a record of approximately £1.75 million. The meeting opens with the Listed Breckenbrough Racing Acomb S., taken last year by subsequent G1 2,000 Guineas winner King's Best (USA), and continues with the G3 Weatherbys Insurance Lonsdale S. over two miles, York's longest race of the season, and officially the highest-rated Group 3 contest according to the European Pattern Group. Tuesday's main event is the G1 £450,000 Juddmonte International S., York's most valuable race of the season. Giant's Causeway (USA) (Storm Cat {USA}), already a dual Group 1 winner this season looms the likely favourite. Later in the afternoon, the G2 Great Voltigeur S. should offer clues aplenty for the G1 Rothmans Royals St Leger S. at Doncaster Sept. 9. The race now boasts record prize money of £150,000, due to the contribution made by Mr. & Mrs. Magnier and Mr. & Mrs. Tabor earlier in the season, in celebration of their successes here in 1999.

Wednesday's program is highlighted by the G1 Aston Upthorpe Yorkshire Oaks, which will be contested by impressive G1 Irish Oaks winner Petrushka (Ire) (Unfuwain {USA}), and possibly G1 Epsom Oaks winner Love Divine (GB) (Diesis {GB}), as well as last year's winner Ramruma (USA) (Diesis {GB}), and The Queen's Interlude (GB) (Sadler's Wells {USA}). With a total prize fund of £175,000, the Tote-Ebor H., Europe's richest handicap event, will see seasoned handicappers taking on less exposed horses attempting to steal the prize. Juveniles will have their chance in the G2 Scottish Equitable Gimcrack S. and also in the Listed Costcutter Roses S. and the Moorestyle Convivial Maiden S., won two years ago by Stravinsky (USA), subsequent winner of the G1 Nunthorpe S. over five furlongs. This year's Nunthorpe, sponsored by Victor Chandler, is headed by the probable favourite Nuclear Debate (USA) (Geiger Counter {USA}), winner of the G2 King's Stand S. at Royal Ascot June 20.

As well as the G2 Peugeot Lowther S. for juvenile fillies, the Thursday card offers the Listed European Breeders' Fund Galtres S., which has also received extra funding by Mr. & Mrs. Magnier and Mr. & Mrs. Tabor. The meeting concludes with the Listed McArthurGlen Designer Outlet City of York S. All justification for York's belief that this meeting is the best that British racing can offer. Clerk of the course John Smith said, "It's always a very exciting time of year and it looks as though Giant's Causeway is coming over for the Juddmonte International which is good--he must be a very tough horse."

## **★ AUSTRALIA ★**

#### TRISTRAM'S RECORD IN JEOPARDY

Sir Tristram's world record tally of 44 individual Group 1 winners looks set to be broken in the near future. Europe's champion sire Sadler's Wells hit 43 when Greek Dance won the Grosser Dallmayr-Preis in Germany. Sir Patrick Hogan, who stood Sir Tristram at Cambridge Stud, was surprised Sadler's Wells, who stands at Coolmore Stud in Ireland, was so close to equalling the record. "I thought he was still in the 30s," he told NZPA. "But it wouldn't disappoint me too much if Sadler's Wells passed Sir Tristram, as records are made to be broken. If Sadler's Wells broke the record it wouldn't degrade Sir Tristram at all." Ironically one of the horses that could help him is Wellbeing, who is out of a Sir Tristram mare. Wellbeing ran a good fifth in the Epsom Derby earlier this year and is being set for the Group 1 St Leger next month. "I seem to be helping Coolmore sires out-a lot of good horses by Danehill have been by Sir Tristram-line mares," Hogan said. Sir Tristram, who died in 1998, has fewer chances to extend his record as his last crop have just turned three. The horse that gives him his best chance of getting another Group 1 winner could well be the three-year-old filly Diamond Cashel, rated as a potential superstar by her trainer Paul O'Sullivan. Another sire with potential to pass Sir Tristram in the longer term could be the dual hemisphere sire Danehill. He has a total of 28 Group 1 winners, 22 of which were conceived in Australia. "What's really remarkable about the records of Sir Tristram and Sadler's Wells is that they achieved their tallies of Group 1 winners while only serving in one hemisphere," Hogan said.

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### GERMANY

Sunday, Berlin, Germany EUROPACHAMPIONAT-G2, DM200,000, Hoppegarten, 8-13, 3yo, 1 1/2mT, 2:32.10, gd. 1--WILD SIDE (GER), 123, f, 3, by Sternkonig (Ire) 1st Dam: Wild Romance (Ger) (Hwt. 2yo Filly-Ger, SW & GSP-Ger), by Alkalde (Ger) 2nd Dam: Win Hands Down (Ire), by Ela-Mana-Mou (Ire) 3rd Dam: Waitotara (GB), by Habitat O/B-Gestut Rottgen; T-Peter Rau; J-Torsten Mundry; DM120,000. Lifetime Record: 5 starts, 4 wins, 1 place, DM181,500. \*1/2 to Win For Us (Ger) (Surumu {Ger}), GSW-Ger, GSP-Fr, Itv & US.

When Gestut Rottgen's homebred Sternkonig filly Wild Side made all to comfortably take the G2 BMW Europa-Championat over twelve furlongs at Hoppegarten last Sunday, she became the second individual Pattern winner for her sire. Sternkonig, a Group 1 winner over twelve furlongs himself, is also the sire of this year's G1 Derby Italiano hero Kallisto, who finished fourth in the German Derby, as well as four individual Listed winners. He is also the sire of stakes placed Stella Di Re and Bonvivant from his first crop, the latter of which finished third to Wild Side in the Europa-Championat.

Sternkonig has made a most promising start to his stud career. Via his sire Kalaglow, he represents the Grey Sovereign branch of the Nasrullah sire line, which has always worked well with stoutly bred German dam lines. Sternkonig's dam Sternwappen is a big, strong mare by the smart German G1 winner Wauthi. Combining the best Rottgen bloodlines in her pedigree, she is a granddaughter of the Sterna (Neckar), whose progeny includes the outstanding racehorse Star Appeal who is especially prolific as a damsire. Sterna's daughter Sterntau (Tamerlane) is the dam of the leading National Hunt sire Strong Gale.

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Wild Side is the second foal bred from the Listed winning and Group placed Wild Romance. Her first foal is 1999 G2 Deutsches St Leger winner Win For Us (Surumu), who was exported to the United States towards the end of last season and managed to finish second in the GII Long Island H. on turf. Wild Romance is by the Classic winning champion miler Alkalde, himself one of the best sons of the influential sire Konigsstuhl, Interestingly, Sternkonig seems to work very well with Konigsstuhl, whose sire is by the abovementioned Tamerlane. While Wild Side was bred out of a mare by a son of Konigsstuhl, the aforementioned Kallisto and the Listed winner Basalios are out of mares by Konigsstuhl himself.

The Classic winning milers Dschingis Khan and Alkalde are speedy elements close up in Wild Side's pedigree, while second dam Win Hands Down is by the staying influence Ela-Mana-Mou (Ire). The next dam Waitotara is by the speedy Habitat and she is closely related to G1 Prix Saint-Alary winner Saraca, the dam of G1 Yorkshire Oaks winner Busaca (Busted {GB}).

Sternkonig is a contemporary of Germany's new stallion star Monsun who is by Konigsstuhl out of a mare by Surumu. Sternkonig's pedigree is entirely free of Northern Dancer and Birkhahn blood and it will be interesting to see whether he will work well with Monsun in a few years time, a theory which looks rather hopeful at this stage.

### **★MAIDEN WINNERS★**

Arameen (Ire), f, 2, Halling (USA)--Asmara (USA), by Lear Fan (USA). Dundalk, Ireland, Blackrock European Breeders Fund Maiden, 2yo, 7f 166ydsT, Ir£5,865 to winner. B-H H The Aga Khan's Studs S C. \*Sixth winner for freshman sire (by Diesis {GB}).

Baileys Cream (GB), f, 2, Mister Baileys (GB)--Exclusive Life (USA), by Exclusive Native (USA). Ayr, Britain, Bellisle Median Auction Maiden S. (Class E), 2vo, 7fT, £3,087 to winner. B-G R Bailey Ltd and Ben P Walden Jr. \*26,000gns wnlg '98 TADEF.

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