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WEEKEND PEDIGREE PERSPECTIVES *by Alan Porter*

Saturday, Hollywood Park

HOLLYWOOD FUTURITY-GI, \$345,690, HOL, 12-16,
2yo, 1 1/16m, 1:42 1/5, ft.

1--▲POINT GIVEN, 121, c, 2, by Thunder Gulch
1st Dam: Turko's Turn (SW, \$117,850), by Turkoman
2nd Dam: Turbo Launch, by Relaunch
3rd Dam: David's Tobin, by *Tobin Bronze
O/B-The Thoroughbred Corporation (KY); T-Bob
Baffert; J-G L Stevens; \$204,300. Lifetime Record:
6-3-3-0, \$618,500.

The most recent Kentucky Derby winner to sire a Kentucky Derby winner is Unbridled. He achieved that feat when Grindstone, a member of his first crop, captured the "Run for the Roses" in 1996. One year earlier, the GI Kentucky Derby had been won by Thunder Gulch, and it now looks as if he has a legitimate shot at siring a Derby winner in the shape of Point Given, a member of his second crop.


A fast-closing second in the GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile, Point Given earned a first Grade I victory in Saturday's Hollywood Futurity. We may not see too much of Point Given between now and the first Saturday in May, as it possible he may go into the Derby off only two more starts. What we can see is that he owns a pedigree which gives him far more chance of lasting 10 furlongs than most good North American two-year-olds. His sire, Thunder Gulch, not only took the Kentucky Derby and GI Travers S. over 1 1/4 miles, but also the GI Belmont S. over 1 1/2 miles. Thunder Gulch's sire, Gulch carried off the champion sprinter title at four, but had also finished third, albeit a somewhat distant third, in the Belmont at three. Thunder Gulch's dam, the Storm Bird mare, Line of Thunder, raced in England. She produced her most notable effort when finishing second in the six furlong G1 Cheveley Park S. at two. However, her dam, champion three-year-old filly Shoot a Line (GB), was a Group 2 winner over an extended 1 3/4 miles, and was second in the 2 1/2-mile G1 Ascot Gold Cup.

Point Given's dam, Turko's Turn, is a minor stakes winner by Turkoman, another horse who brings both speed and stamina to the pedigree. Twice a Grade I winner over 1 1/4 miles during his season as champion older horse, Turkoman, in the same year, captured the six-furlong Tallahassee H. in a very fast time. The second dam of Point Given, Turbo Launch is another minor stakes winner, and is by the increasingly influential Relaunch, a horse who won the Gill La Jolla Mile, but also ran an excellent second to John Henry in the 1 1/2-mile GI San Luis Rey S. A three-quarters sister to the GI Illinois Derby winner Dignitas (by Relaunch's sire, In Reality), Turbo Launch is out of David's Tobin, a daughter of the imported Australian star, *Tobin Bronze. As a matter of curiosity, it is interesting to note that the tail-female line goes back to a mare called Eugenique. She is a sister to Teddy, who won a version of the French St. Leger during World War I, and later exerted a tremendous influence on the breed in North America, particularly through his sons *Bull Dog, *Sir Gallahad III and Case Ace, and daughter *La Troienne (all of whom appear in the pedigree of Point Given).

Point Given's pedigree has relatively little inbreeding or linebreeding, but he does have Raise a Native 4x4 through Mr. Prospector (sire of Gulch) and Alydar (sire of Turkoman). Very similarly bred on paper, but very different in terms of aptitude and physique, Mr. Prospector and Alydar are beginning to appear together with increasing frequency in the pedigrees of good runners. In fact, Thunder Gulch's own first stakes winner, Class, was out of an Alydar mare, and other examples of the Mr. Prospector/Alydar combination include champion two-year-old Anees, GI Jockey Club Gold Cup victor Wagon Limit, Group 1 winning English filly Teggiano (Ire), Boone's Mill and Forty One Carats.

TDN TODAY
International 2 pages

REMINDER:
Due to the Christmas holiday, the TDN office will be closed Sunday, December 24 and Monday, December 25. **There will be no newsletter for Monday, December 25 or Tuesday, December 26.**
All news and results from Dec. 24 and 25 will appear in the Wednesday, December 27 issue.
Have a wonderful holiday season!



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Pedigree Perspectives cont.
PEDIGREE SHORTS

Grade I Hollywood Starlet S. winner **I Believe In You** (f, 2, **Pleasant Tap--I'll Get There, by Copelan**) owns a rather clever pedigree. Pleasant Tap is, of course, a son of Pleasant Colony. That horse's dam, Sun Colony, is by Sunrise Flight (Princequillo--Grey Flight) out of a mare by a son of Nasrullah. That powerful Princequillo/Grey Flight/Nasrullah combination is repeated in I Believe In You's granddam, the talented I'm A Pleasure, who is by What a Pleasure (by a son of Nasrullah out of a Grey Flight mare) and who is out of a mare by a son of Princequillo.

The first stakes winner for freshman sire Judge T C, **One Special Judge (c, 2, Judge T C--One Special Lady, by Gulch)**, has an unusual pedigree. The winner of the Inaugural S. at Tampa Bay, One Special Judge has the three-parts related Bold Reason and Mr. Leader 4x4. Bold Reason and Mr. Leader are both by Hail to Reason out of mares by Djeddah, and Bold Reason appears through the second dam of One Special Judge's sire, while Mr. Leader appears through the second dam of One Special Judge's dam.

Freshman sire A. P Jet has already sired one two-year-old stakes winner (Crispy Jet) with inbreeding to his own maternal grandsire, In Reality. On Sunday he added a second to that list when **Bluesbreaker (c, 2, A. P Jet--Prematurely Gray, by Relaunch)** captured the Damon Runyon S. at Aqueduct. Out of a mare by In Reality's son, Relaunch, Prematurely Gray has In Reality 3x3.

☆ **RESULTS** ☆

Saturday, Santiago, Chile

PREMIO ST. LEGER S.-G1, \$105,400, Hipodromo Chile, 12-16, 3yo, c/f, 1 3/8m, 2:18 3/5, ft.

1--**LIDO PALACE (CHI)**, 123, c, 3, by Rich Man's Gold

1st Dam: Soñada (Chi), by Quick Decision

2nd Dam: Siempre Arriba (Chi), by Scelto (Arg)

3rd Dam: Siempre Linda (Chi), by Sertorius (Fr)

O-Stud Amerman Racing; B-Haras Figurón; T-Alfredo Bagú; J-R Castillo; \$72,700. *1/2 to Cremecaramel (Chi) (Roy), MG1SW-Chi; Molto Vivace (Chi) (Roy), MG1SP-Chi.

2--**Penemacor (Chi)**, 123, c, 3, Hussonet--Rana (Chi), by Northern Disciple. O-Stud Guha; B-Haras de Pirque; \$18,100.

3--**Puanguini (Chi)**, 123, c, 3, Barkerville--Jactancia (Chi), by Northair. O-Stud Legena; B-Luis Eugenio Gana; \$9,090.

Margins: HF, 6HF. Winner's Odds: 2.70.

☆ **NEWS TODAY** ☆

CECIL FINED FOR DRUG POSITIVE California-based conditioner Ben Cecil was fined HK\$50,000 by Hong Kong Jockey Club stewards for a drug positive which resulted in the scratch of **Falcon Flight (Fr)** (Persian Bold {Ire}) from this past Sunday's G1 Hong Kong Cup at Sha Tin Racecourse. During his testimony before the stewards, Cecil admitted that Falcon Flight had been treated with Methylprednisolone in late November, which would have resulted in a positive urine test upon the horse's arrival in Hong Kong. The trainer testified that he had not been aware that the treatment had taken place and that had he been advised of the treatment, that he would not have declared the horse a starter.

APTITUDE BACK ON TRACK Kentucky Derby and Belmont runner-up **Aptitude** (A.P. Indy) returned to the track Tuesday for the first time since undergoing throat surgery three weeks ago, according to *Daily Racing Form*. Trainer Bobby Frankel sent the three-year-old colt out for a light jog at Hollywood Park on Tuesday and he hopes to have his charge ready for a tilt at the G1 Dubai World Cup next March. "He should be ready to run by mid-February," Frankel told the *Form*. "I want to get one race into him, then go to Dubai." After finishing second in the Belmont in June, Aptitude was off until winning a Churchill allowance in October. In his next start, the dark bay ran eighth in the Nov. 24 GII Clark H., after which he was diagnosed with an ulcer in his throat and an entrapped epiglottis. To date, Aptitude has won two of nine starts with five placings and earnings of \$555,410.

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

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U.S. dollar	1.00	0.677807
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☆ AMERICAN EDITION ☆

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☆ NEW YORK ☆

NYRA To Offer Dark-Day Simulcasts:

The New York State Racing and Wagering Board has approved dark-day simulcasting at Aqueduct coinciding with the opening of the Gulfstream 2001 meet Wednesday, January 3. Aqueduct is dark that Wednesday since it will race on New Year's Day. "This will give people a chance to take full advantage of Aqueduct as a fan-friendly place to bet on races in other jurisdictions," said New York Racing Association Senior Vice President Bill Nader.

Yesterday's Results:

7th-AQU, \$46,000, Alw, (S), 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16m, 1:43 3/5, ft.

BEDSIDE MANNER (f, 3, Dr. Blum--Distinctive Manner, by Distinctive Pro) had dusted state-bred rivals in her first two starts, breaking her maiden by 8 1/4 lengths and romping by 12 1/4 lengths over the Aqueduct main Nov. 30. Hammered down to 1-5 in her two-turn bow, the chestnut set the pace and turned back a challenge from Katie's Cure (Cure the Blues) to prevail by a nose. The pair finished 10 1/4 lengths clear of the field. Lifetime Record: 3-3-0-0, \$78,000.

O-Sugar Maple Farm & Rappaport H Lewis. B-Howard Kaskel (NY). T-Michael E Hushion.

4th-AQU, \$45,590, Alw, 2yo, f, 6f, 1:11 1/5, ft.

HENNIE'S HONOR (f, 2, Honour and Glory--Rexonette, by Rexson), a 1/2 to Splendid Sprinter (Valid Appeal), MSW & MGSP, \$328,538, made it three in a row with this game score. The bay filly had returned from a six-month layoff to take the Holly S. at The Meadowlands Nov. 11. The 3-2 second choice was shuffled back at the start, but challenged for the lead after a half and outbattled Outstanding Info (Tactical Advantage) by a neck. Lifetime Record: SW, 4-3-0-0, \$74,430.

O-P & M Cohen & Steve B Klesaris. B-John Franks (FL). T-Steve Klesaris.

STAKES CLOSINGS

TODAY, THURSDAY, DECEMBER 21:

12-30 \$200,000 *La Brea-I, SA, 3yo, f, 7f, (200)*

01-01 \$150,000 *San Gabriel H.-II, SA, 4yo/up, 9fT, (150)*



☆ EAST ☆

Suffolk Cancels Live Racing:

Live racing at Suffolk Downs was suspended following yesterday's fifth race due to unsafe track conditions. "The jockeys felt the track was inconsistent and unsafe and management agreed with their decision," said Lou Raffeto, Jr., Suffolk vice president of racing. The next regularly scheduled racing program is set for Saturday afternoon.

Yesterday's Results:

6th-LRL, \$30,000, Alw, Opt. Clm. (\$50-45,000), 2yo, 7f, 1:25, ft.

WHAT'S YOUR WISH (c, 2, Metfield--Debutante's Wish, by Raised Socially) remained perfect at sprint distances in this off-the-pace effort. Ninth in the Gill Pilgrim over nine panels on the grass Oct. 22, the bay colt switched back to seven-eighths on the main track and came away with a 3 3/4-length tally in the Pennsylvania Futurity Nov. 18. Sent off at 4-5 here, the 1/2 to Debutante's Dream (Twilight Agenda), SW, \$181,708, rallied four wide nearing the stretch and kicked away by two lengths. Lifetime Record: SW, 5-3-0-1, \$80,796. O/B-Hidden Lane Farms Inc (PA). T-Guadalupe Preciado.

☆ MIDWEST ☆

Snowed Out at Hawthorne:

The final two races at Hawthorne Race Course in Stickney, Illinois, were canceled yesterday afternoon as steady snowfall rendered the track unsafe. Racing is scheduled to resume this afternoon at 1:10 p.m. CST.

Burbank Retired:

Seven-year-old Burbank (Wild Again--Cagey Exuberance, by Exuberant) has been retired from racing and will stand the 2001 breeding season at the Champion Horse Park near Oklahoma City for a fee of \$1,500. A seven-time stakes winner in his five years on the race-track, the dark bay was a multiple winner of the Remington Green H. and scored his most valuable victory in the 1997 Dallas Turf Cup at Lone Star Park. Owned by the Burbank Stables and trained by Donnie K Von Hemel, Burbank retires with 14 wins from 46 career starts and earnings of \$746,126.

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Bush Named WinStar Farm Manager:

WinStar Farm, the Versailles, the Kentucky-based operation of Bill Casner and Kenny Troutt, has announced the appointment of Gary Bush as farm manager. A native of Central Kentucky, Bush comes to WinStar following a 15-year tenure at nearby Three Chimneys Farm, where he was the broodmare manager. WinStar President Rich Decker commented, "WinStar has committed itself to building a world-class broodmare band and stallion roster, so we feel lucky to have hired a proven and professional horseman like Gary."

☆ **S. O. CALIFORNIA** ☆

Yesterday's Results:

2nd-HOL, \$37,555, Msw, 2yo, 5 1/2ft, 1:03, fm. **RUSTY SPUR** (c, 2, West By West--Goodbye Heart, by Tsunami Slew), a \$120,000 KEESEP yearling purchase, tired to ninth after an eventful trip in his Nov. 24 career opener at Churchill. The 1/2 to Commitisize (Exploident), MGSW, \$777,577; Perfect Six (Saratoga Six), MSW & GISP, \$278,255; and Explode n' Win (Time to Explode), SP, \$214,290, was sent off as the 9-5 chalk in his first turf foray and proved up to the task, controlling the pace throughout en route to a one-length success over Sound Affects (Gone West). Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$22,200.

O-Michael E Pegram. B-Gentry Brothers (KY). T-Bob Baffert.

☆ **INDUSTRY INFO** ☆

TVG to Televis NZ Derby:

The Television Games Network will provide live coverage of the G1 New Zealand Derby on Christmas Day from 9:30-10:30 p.m. EST, the first-ever live coverage of the event in the U.S. Contested over the turf at a distance of 2400 meters, leading contenders for this year's race include **Tit For Taat (NZ)** (Faltaat), winner of the G1 New Zealand 2000 Guineas and G1 Bayer Classic and G2 Avondale Guineas hero **Danamite (NZ)** (danasinga {Aus}). TVG customers will not be able to place wagers on the race.

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American **3 pages**

Media Eclipse Awards Announced:

The National Thoroughbred Racing Association announced the winners of the Media Eclipse Awards, which recognize outstanding journalistic contributions to Thoroughbred racing. Daily Racing Form columnist Jay Hovdey was awarded the Eclipse in the "Writing-News Commentary" category for his piece entitled "Racing Loses A Man of Taste," which appeared in the June 7, 2000 edition and chronicled the untimely death of California trainer Eddie Gregson. The "Writing-News Features" award went to Mary Simon for her piece "Racing Through the Century" which appeared in Thoroughbred Times over a period of several months from December 1999 to November 2000. ABC Sports received Eclipse Awards for a feature on jockey Marlon St. Julien as well as for its coverage of the 2000 Kentucky Derby, which was produced by Curt Gowdy Jr. The local television Eclipse went to WMAR-TV which aired the telecast "The Preakness: An American Classic" July 15, 2000, a show produced by the Maryland Jockey Club. Premiere Radio received recognition for its radio coverage of this year's Breeders' Cup while photographer Dave Landry won for a picture of Strike Smartly in the Queen's Plate souvenir magazine.



FRESHMAN FOCUS

First-crop progeny to watch: Thursday, Dec. 21

- BRIGHT LAUNCH** (Relaunch)
9th-FGX, \$31,000, Alw, 6f - Bright Dancer
- GRINDSTONE** (Unbridled)
3rd-GGX, \$32,000, Alw, 6f - Grindstone Lassie
- HONOUR AND GLORY** (Relaunch)
6th-AQU, \$42,000, Msw, 1 1/8m - Little Rich
- 9th-AQU, \$44,000, Alw, 1m70yd - Hightouch
- LEVEL SANDS** (Storm Cat)
5th-FGX, \$29,000, Msw, 6f - Mr. Sandstorm
- LUCIANO P.** (Fappiano)
6th-AQU, \$42,000, Msw, 1 1/8m - Lucount
- MECKE** (Maudlin)
9th-CRC, \$24,000, Alw, 5f - Cheeks Eightyeight
- NORTHERN SPUR (IRE)** (Sadler's Wells)
6th-AQU, \$42,000, Msw, 1 1/8m - Chairman Cella
- PETIONVILLE** (Seeking the Gold)
9th-AQU, \$44,000, Alw, 1m70yd - Voodoo
- SMART STRIKE** (Mr. Prospector)
6th-AQU, \$42,000, Msw, 1 1/8m - It's So Simple



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☆ FOREIGN ☆

AMERICAN-BRED WINNER IN BRITAIN:

Temeraire, g, 5, **Dayjur--Key Dancer** (MGSW & MGISP, \$321,030), by Nijinsky II. Lingfield, 12-20, Bet Direct on 0800 211 222 Classified S. (Cond.), 3yo/up, 1m (AWT), \$5,583 to winner. O-G Grayson; B-Juddmonte Farms; T-David Cosgrove. *1/2 to Call Account (Private Account), GSP, \$155,687. **\$129,560 HRA '98 TAAU1; \$23,233 HRA '00 TAAU1.

BREEDERS' EDITION

ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

8th-AQU, \$44,000, 3yo/up, 1 1/16m, 1:43 1/5, ft. ESTERHAZY (c, 3, **Southern Halo--Ava Singstheblues {SW}**, by Dixieland Band) Lifetime Record: 18-3-2-3, \$84,479. O-Jack P Shelley. B-Winsong Farms (ON). T-James A Jerkens.

7th-GGX, \$35,700, Opt. Clm. (\$40,000), 3yo/up, 6f, 1:09, ft. AMARILLO PRIDE (h, 5, **Diablo--Two Roses, by Double Edge Sword**) Lifetime Record: MSP, 25-7-5-4, \$156,960. O-Peter Redekop B C Ltd. B-Kielty Donald (FL). T-Jerry Hollendorfer.

1st-HAW, \$30,000, 3yo/up, f/m, 6 1/2f, 1:17 3/5, ft. BLACK JACK JAWS (f, 3, **Iroquois Park--Basqueing Beauty, by Bounding Basque**) Lifetime Record: 8-5-0-2, \$71,045. O-Sharon R Morgan. B-Terry Raymond (KY). T-John C Wainwright.

8th-CRC, \$25,000, 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16mT, 1:42, gd. SILVER BANDANA (f, 4, **Silver Buck--Datum Line {GB}, by High Line {GB}**) Lifetime Record: SW, 21-4-4-5, \$96,680. O/B-Edward Somers (FL). T-J J Waunsch.

8th-MNR, \$24,400, 12-19, 3yo/up, f/m, 5 1/2f, 1:02 4/5 (NTR), fz. INDIANA SUSIE (f, 3, **Magic Prospect--M. N. M. Halo, by Sunny's Halo**) Lifetime Record: 7-3-0-0, \$44,596. O/B-Merril L Spiess (IN). T-Roger Spiess.

10th-CRC, \$24,000, 2yo, 1 1/16m, 1:48, ft. LOIS'S LEGACY (c, 2, **Wheaton--Cum Laude Smarty, by Sezyou**) Lifetime Record: 6-2-2-1, \$36,765. O-Monarch Stables. B-Frank Hopewell (FL). T-Larry Pilotti.

7th-MNR, \$21,600, 12-19, 2yo, 6f, 1:09, fz. FOR BAILEY'S SAKE (f, 2, **Mister Baileys {GB}--Old Times Sake, by Olden Times**) Lifetime Record: 5-2-2-1, \$32,288. O-David D Walters. B-Elbert J Smith (KY). T-Michael C Pappada.

4th-CRC, \$20,500, 3yo/up, f/m, 8.5fT, 1:42 1/5, gd. ISBELL AMBIEL (f, 3, **Strodes Creek--Carter's Creek, by Coastal**) Lifetime Record: 16-3-2-2, \$66,600. O-Howard E Rideout. B-Arthur B Hancock III (KY). T-Timothy A Hills.

9th-CRC, \$19,500, 3yo/up, f/m, 6 1/2f, 1:19 4/5, ft. HIGHER AGENDA (f, 3, **A.P. Indy--Cambury Angel {SP}, by Trempolino**) Lifetime Record: 11-2-1-0, \$32,458. O-G W Humphrey Jr. B-Tomonori Tsurumaki (KY). T-Victoria Oliver.

8th-PHA, \$18,000, 3yo/up, 1 1/8m, 1:52, ft. WILLING CONSORT (c, 4, **With Approval--Regal Princess {MSW, \$245,677}, by Royal and Regal**) Lifetime Record: 15-4-0-1, \$48,570. O/T-Faustino F Ramos. B-Ted Taylor (KY).

MAIDEN WINNERS:

Hunka Hunka Lori Z, f, 2, **Colonial Affair--Bunka Bunka** (SW, \$199,473), by Raja Baba. LRL, 12-20, 6f, 1:12 1/5. B-Richard L Golden (Md). *\$7,000 yrl '99 FTMOCT.

+ **Dixie Hope**, c, 2, **Dixie Power--Idle Hope, by Valdez**. CRC, 12-20, (C), 4 1/2f, :53 2/5. B-Emerald Pastures Corp, Inc (FL). *\$55,000 2yo 2000 OBSMAR. **1/2 to Runaway Venus (Runaway Groom), GSP, \$168,580. ***Seventh winner for freshman sire (by Dixieland Band).

Tallulah Darling, f, 2, **Loustrous Bid--Devil's Swap, by Devil's Bag**. AQU, 12-20, (S), 1 1/16m, 1:47 4/5. B-Mrs Henry D Paxson (NY). *\$15,000 yrl '99 FTMOCT. **Full to Bid's Femme, SW, \$128,950.

+ **The Rogue**, c, 2, **Mr. Nasty--So Close, by North Tower**. PHA, 12-20, 5 1/2f, 1:05 2/5. B-Hidden Lane Farms Inc (Pa).

Phone Love, f, 2, **Phone Roberto--Joey's Love, by Kris S.** HOL, 12-20, (C), 6 1/2f, 1:18 1/5. B-Herrick Racing Llc (FL). *First winner for freshman sire (by Phone Trick).

Inscrutable, c, 2, **Southern Halo--Sharp Tradition, by Sharpen Up** (GB). AQU, 12-20, (C), a1m70yd, 1:43 4/5. B-Woods Edge Farm (Ky). *\$190,000 yrl '99 KEESEP. **Won by 9 3/4 lengths.

Bewixed, f, 2, **Thunder Gulch--Wixon** (Fr) (Hwt. 2yo Filly-Fr, GSW-Fr, \$164,473), by Fioravanti. LRL, 12-20, (C), 5 1/2f, 1:05 3/5. B-Allen E Paulson (Ky). *\$15,000 yrl '99 KEESEP. **Won by 4 3/4 lengths.

Nocturnal Visitor, c, 3, **Country Pine--Incubus, by Iron Ruler**. PHA, 12-20, 1m, 1:40 2/5. B-Clay & Mena Neel (Ok). *\$14,500 wlng '97 OBSOCT; \$28,000 yrl '98 FTMOCT.

Bixedon, c, 3, **Seattle Slew--Amo, by Hold Your Peace**. AQU, 12-20, (C), 1 1/16m, 1:46 2/5. B-Summer Wind Farm (Ky). *\$225,000 yrl '98 KEEJUL. **1/2 Amos (Cryptoclearance), SW, \$181,248.

Charlston Blue, c, 3, **Sharp Victor--Riviera Racer, by Chieftain**. HOL, 12-20, (C), 7 1/2f, 1:30 3/5. B-Ray Ellen Garrison (Ca). *\$7,500 2yo '99 BESMAY.

Additional Maidens in tomorrow's TDN



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CELTIC SWING MOVES TO IRELAND Celtic Swing (GB) (Damister {USA}--Celtic Ring {GB}, by Welsh Pageant {Fr}) will stand the 2001 breeding season at the Irish National Stud instead of France's Haras d'Etream, where the eight-year-old stood formerly, according to *Thoroughbred Times* on-line. No reason has been given for the move. The Peter Savill-owned freshman sire has 11 winners to his name, including one black-type victor, Celtic Silence (GB). Celtic Swing, named Highweight Two-Year-Old Colt in England, captured five of his seven starts and earned \$774,506 in his two-year career. He retired as a multiple Group 1 winner with successes in 1994's Racing Post Trophy and the Prix du Jockey Club Les Emirats in 1995.

RACING MOURNS LE METAYER Bloodstock agent Pierre-Charles Le Metayer passed away at his home last Thursday after a brave fight against a long illness. When first embracing a career in the horse industry, Le Metayer worked at the Haras d'Etream with Roland de Chambure, and in Ireland with Captain Tim Rogers. In the mid-seventies he managed the Haras du Mont-dit-Mont for five years, owned at the time by Robert Sangster. When Sangster decided to close the establishment, Le Metayer launched Goffs France with Pascal Adda when the Irish Agency chose to open an office in France. Later on, he established himself as a bloodstock agent and opened the Haras du Buff, a commercial operation with partners Yann Houyvet and Florent Couturier, two activities he maintained until his death. Le Metayer was the first to export French jumpers to England, a growing market now that is attracting more and more investors from across the Channel. He was a member of the French Jockey Club and of the English Turf Club, and was the French representative of Tattersalls. A man of great integrity, he will be sadly missed.

TBA AWARD WINNERS ANNOUNCED Unfuwain (USA) (Northern Dancer {Can}) was crowned the Leading British-based Flat Stallion in terms of prize money at yesterday's Thoroughbred Breeders' Association Awards. The Shadwell Estate stallion had a magnificent season, siring two Classic winners and most notably dominating the G1 1000 Guineas at Newmarket May 7. He sired the winner Lahan (GB), third-placed Petrushka (Ire), and was the damsire of the runner-up Princess Ellen (GB) in that event. Petrushka went on to take the G1 Irish Oaks, before adding two Group 1 prizes to her Classic success in the Yorkshire Oaks and Prix de l'Opera. "Unfuwain has enjoyed an unforgettable season thanks to his classic-winning fillies, Petrushka and Lahan, and to take this award is the icing on the cake," Richard Lancaster, director of Shadwell Stud, said. "It is of special significance to all of us at Shadwell, as Unfuwain now follows in the footsteps of Nashwan (USA) and Green Desert (USA), who have both won the award in the past." The prize for the Leading British-based First-Season Flat Sire went to Bearstone Stud's **Mind Games (GB)** (Puissance {GB}). His daughter Romantic Myth (GB) flew the flag for his first crop with her impressive success in the G3 Queen Mary S. at Royal Ascot. Highclere Stud's **Efiso (GB)** (Formidable {USA}) regained the award for Leading British-based Flat Stallion in numbers of winners, with 34 successes. Prince Khalid Abdullah's Juddmonte Farms was presented with the Leading British-based Breeder award by Her Majesty The Queen. Promise for the operation was evident in the two-year-old group-winning form of **Endless Summer (GB)** (Zafonic {USA}) and **Clearing (GB)** (Zafonic {USA}), and the chances appear good that the exploits of **Beat Hollow (GB)** (Sadler's Wells {USA}) and **Dansili (GB)** (Danehill {USA}) could be maintained in 2001. John Greetham of Guylers' Stud won the Flat Breeder award with the help of his G1 Irish St Leger victor **Arctic Owl (GB)** (Most Welcome {GB}), and **Little Rock (GB)** (Warning {GB}), who was successful in the G2 Princess Of Wales' S. and G3 Gordon Richards S. The prizes will be presented at the TBA Awards' Dinner in London Jan. 9, where His Highness the Aga Khan will be the guest of honour. Nigel Elwes, Chairman of the TBA, said of the event, "Our annual Awards Dinner gives the TBA the opportunity to acknowledge the outstanding achievements by some of the well-known and less familiar names, both human and equine, who have contributed to the success of the British breeding industry."

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★ BRITAIN ★

Yesterday's Result:

2.00 Lingfield, Bet Direct 'Today's Best Bets' Maiden S. (Class D), £4,340, 2yo, 7f (AWT), 1:25.00, stn. TAPAU (IRE) (f, 2, Nicolotte {GB}--Urtica {Ire}), by Cyrano de Bergerac {Ire}), sent off at odds of 7-2, broke smartly and shared the early lead with Cricketers Club (GB) (Dancing Spree {USA}). Always traveling well, the 849gns GOOC2 yearling and 1,500gns TAFEB two-year-old was asked to go on and use her power by jockey George Baker with 2 1/2 furlongs remaining. Her response was immediate and the filly surged clear off the final turn, maintaining her advantage over her rivals for a convincing four-length success at the line. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, £2,821. O-Gary B Watts; B-Mrs P Grubb; T-David Elsworth; J-George Baker.

NINEACRES GOES AGAIN

Connections of **Nineacres (GB)** (Sayf El Arab {USA}) continue their chase of history today as the nine-year-old gelding steps forward at Southwell for what could be his 10th handicap success in a season. He equaled the achievements of **Chaplins Club (USA)** (in 1985 and 1988), **Glencroft (Ire)** (in 1988), **Star Rage (Ire)** (in 1994), **Vindaloo (GB)** (in 1995) and **Sihafi (USA)** (in 1998) at Wolverhampton last month. Today he is put forward, under jockey Paul Fitzsimons, for a chance to eclipse all those in the Tote Credit Club Showcase H. at the Nottinghamshire track, his 35th race of the 2000 campaign. "The horse is all right--with him being rated 86 now it's just a bit too high for him," trainer Milton Bradley said. "They may put on some extra meetings between Boxing Day and the New Year, but they aren't making a decision on that until later this week. He's very well and is a very nice horse to train, and it would be lovely for him if he could break the record."

PAY INCREASE FOR STABLE STAFF

Stable Staff in Britain will receive a six-percent pay increase from Feb. 1 2001, it was announced. The deal was negotiated by the National Joint Council for Stable Staff, comprising representatives of the National Trainers Federation and Stable Lads' Association. Beyond the pay increase over the minimum rate next year, it was also agreed that a further guaranteed four-percent rise would occur in 2002, while the hourly rate for time spent away from the yard will rise by 30p to £4, and the Sunday racing payment will increase to £25 from £21. The NJCSS has pointed out that these wage increases apply to the national minimum rate only and recognise that the vast majority of trainers already pay well over these basic requirements.

★ MAIDEN WINNER ★

Tapau (Ire), f, 2, Nicolotte (GB)--Urtica (Ire), by Cyrano de Bergerac (Ire). Lingfield, England, 12-20, Bet Direct 'Today's Best Bets' Maiden S. (Class D), 2yo, 7f (AWT), £2,821 to winner. B-Mrs P Grubb. *849gns yrl '99 GOOC2; 1,500gns 2yo '00 TAFEB.

GERMAN STATISTICS

Sires (by earnings)

Name	Rnrs	Wnrs	Wins	Earnings (DM)
Monsun (Ger)	45	29	45	3,127,887
Dashing Blade (GB)	159	81	139	2,789,520
Platini (Ger)	109	61	105	2,287,586
Acatenango (Ger)	60	43	74	2,038,549
Big Shuffle (USA)	102	56	83	1,918,083
Sternkonig (Ire)	43	22	41	1,516,830
Niniski (USA)	12	6	6	1,467,405
Lomitas (GB)	59	31	48	1,376,029

Sires of 2yo (by earnings)

Name	Rnrs	Wnrs	Wins	Earnings (DM)
Big Shuffle (USA)	27	11	13	507,100
Dashing Blade (GB)	35	14	16	496,067
Monsun (Ger)	14	8	10	244,500
Second Set (Ire)	9	3	5	211,200
Highest Honor (Fr)	1	1	2	182,000
Neshad (USA)	12	4	5	181,400
Winged Love (Ire)	4	1	2	179,100
Mistertopogigo (Ire)	1	1	3	169,861

TBA AWARDS

Leading British-based Breeder (Flat)
JUDDMONTE FARMS

Leading British-based Stallion (Flat prize money won)
UNFUWAIN (USA) (Northern Dancer {Can})

Leading British-based Stallion
(most individual winners on the Flat)
EFISIO (GB) (Formidable {USA})

Leading British-based First-Season Sire (Flat)
MIND GAMES (GB) (Puissance {GB})

Leading Broodmare
BREADCRUMB (GB) (Final Straw {GB})

TBA Flat Breeder
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