

FRANKEL LOADED FOR ECLIPSE AWARDS

The finalists in the five Eclipse Award categories, 10 equine and five human, were released Monday by the racing triumvirate of the National Thoroughbred Racing Association, National Turf Writers Association and *Daily Racing Form*. The winners of each division will be announced at this year's Eclipse Awards ceremonies, which will be held at the Westin Diplomat Resort and Spa in Hollywood, Florida Jan. 26. Trainer Bobby Frankel leads all trainers with five representatives at this year's Eclipse Awards: **Empire Maker** (Unbridled) (3yo male), **Sightseek** (Distant View) (older female), **Medaglia d'Oro** (El Prado {Ire}) (older male), **Aldebaran** (Mr. Prospector) (sprinter) and **Heat Haze** (GB) (Green Desert) (turf female). Frankel, who currently shares the record for four training titles with D. Wayne Lukas and Laz Barrera, is also among the finalists for a run at an unprecedented fifth Eclipse. Two of the Hall of Famer's principal supporters in 2003--Khalid Abdullah of Juddmonte Farms and Edmund Gann--are both finalists in the outstanding owner division, while Juddmonte is also in the running for another leading breeder's title.



Aldebaran with
Bailey up
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Horse of the Year Past and Present...

Defending champion older mare and 2002 Horse of the Year **Azeri** (Jade Hunter), who won three Grade I events last year, will try to garner her second consecutive championship in the older mare division, however, another Horse of the Year title may prove a little harder to come by with **Mineshaft** (A.P. Indy) standing in her way. The five-year-old, who is among the list of hopefuls in the older male division, collected seven victories from nine starts in 2003, including the GI Suburban H., GI Woodward S., GI Pimlico Special and GI Jockey Club Gold Cup S.



Mineshaft *Horsephotos*

Changes for 2003..

In a departure from previous years, voting for the divisional championships will be determined by popular vote and not by the now-defunct bloc system, while the short list for the big prize, the Horse of the Year title, will not be announced until the awards dinner.

ECLIPSE AWARD FINALISTS

- TWO-YEAR-OLD MALE** - **Action This Day** (Kris S.), **Birdstone** (Grindstone), **Cuvee** (Carson City)
- TWO-YEAR-OLD FILLY** - **Ashado** (Saint Ballado), **Halfbridled** (Unbridled), **Victory U.S.A.** (Victory Gallop)
- THREE-YEAR-OLD MALE** - **Empire Maker** (Unbridled), **Funny Cide** (Distorted Humor), **Ten Most Wanted** (Deputy Commander)
- THREE-YEAR-OLD FEMALE** - **Bird Town** (Cape Town), **Elloluv** (Gilded Time), **Six Perfections** (Fr) (Celtic Swing {GB})
- OLDER MALE** - **Congaree** (Arazi), **Medaglia d'Oro** (El Prado {Ire}), **Mineshaft** (A.P. Indy)
- OLDER FEMALE** - **Adoration** (Honor Grades), **Azeri** (Jade Hunter), **Sightseek** (Distant View)
- TURF MALE** - **High Chaparral** (Ire) (Sadler's Wells), **Johar** (Gone West), **Storming Home** (GB) (Machiavellian)
- TURF FEMALE** - **Heat Haze** (GB) (Green Desert), **Islington** (Ire) (Sadler's Wells), **Six Perfections** (Fr) (Celtic Swing {GB})
- SPRINTER** - **Aldebaran** (Mr. Prospector), **Cajun Beat** (Grand Slam), **Congaree** (Arazi)
- STEEPLECHASE** - **McDynamo** (Dynaformer), **Pelagos** (Fr) (Yukon Son), **Praise the Prince** (NZ) (Prince of Praise {NZ})
- BREEDER** - Adena Springs/Stronach Entities, Flaxman Holdings & Niarchos Family, Juddmonte Farms
- OWNER** - Edmund Gann, Juddmonte Farms, Michael Gill
- TRAINER** - Bobby Frankel, Richard Mandella, Todd Pletcher
- JOCKEY** - Edgar Prado, Jerry Bailey, Patrick Valenzuela
- APPRENTICE JOCKEY** - Eddie Castro, Pablo Fragoso, Ryan Fogelsonger

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PEDIGREE INSIGHTS

BY ANDREW CAULFIELD

Sunday, Santa Anita

SANTA YSABEL S.-GIII, \$106,800, SAX, 1-4, 3yo, f, 1 1/16m, 1:44 1/5, ft.

1--@#**A. P. ADVENTURE**, 115, f, 3, by [A.P. Indy](#)

1st Dam: **Nataliano**, by Fappiano

2nd Dam: **Take the Wonder**, by Lyphard

3rd Dam: **Wondrous Me**, by My Dad George

(\$170,000 yrl '02 KEESEP; \$425,000 2yo 2003

FTFFEB). O-Robert B & Beverly J Lewis; B-Lazy E

Ranch Inc (KY); T-Wallace A Dollase; J-A Solis;

\$64,080. Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, \$91,080.

Click for the [brisnet.com chart](#). Click for the [free brisnet.com catalogue-style pedigree](#).

As I studied the pedigree of A.P. Adventure, Sunday's highly promising winner of the GIII Santa Ysabel S., I was forced to conclude that I must be missing something. Why, I wondered, had a mare as apparently ordinary as Nataliano been sent to a stallion as obviously talented as A.P. Indy, who commanded a fee of \$150,000 in 2000?

Then I noticed that the winner was bred by E.K. Gaylord II of the Oklahoma-based Lazy E Ranch. Lazy E may be a name best known in the worlds of rodeo, quarter horses and even paint horses, but the farm also has a history with A.P. Indy (and with A.P. Indy's sire Seattle Slew). Back in 1996, for example, Lazy E sold a yearling colt by A.P. Indy for the princely sum of \$1,500,000.

Nataliano had cost \$180,000 as a yearling in 1992, her main selling point being that she was a half-sister to Super Mario. This son of Darby Creek Road had earned an Experimental Free Handicap rating of 111 after his win in the GII Pilgrim S. over nine furlongs on turf in 1989. None of the four other foals out of Nataliano's dam, the unraced Take The Wonder, managed to win a stakes race, and Nataliano's second dam, Wondrous Me, failed to produce a single black-type earner even though she had foals by the likes of Mr. Prospector, Riverman, Lyphard, In Reality, Slew o'Gold and Relaunch.

Australian Connection..

Needless to say, Wondrous Me had been a lot more effective on the racecourse, earning an Experimental rating of 114 in 1978 in the process of becoming one of three stakes winners out of Nilene Wonder, a mare conceived in Australia. Possibly the best known of the three was Taylor's Falls, a prolific sprint winner who sired a few graded winners. Nilene Wonder was a very good performer who crossed swords with such high-class fillies as Tosmah and Miss Cavendish in gaining her victories in the Betsy Ross H. and Prioress S. over six furlongs.

Nataliano, though, didn't have much chance to establish her merit. Unraced at two and three, she finished second on her debut at four, which proved to be her only appearance. With earnings of only \$1,380, she joined the Lazy E Ranch division in Oklahoma, where she made two visits to Slewacide and two to Artema.

The first visit to Slewacide produced a filly called Twin Induction. Although she was sold for only \$10,000 two years ago, Twin Induction had looked promising at two in 1999, when she won her only start. Her breeder seems to have taken the view that whatever Nataliano achieved with Slewacide, a once-raced son of Seattle Slew, she was sure to do even better with A.P. Indy, Seattle Slew's only winner of the Horse of the Year title.

Lazy E's gamble of sending a mare of questionable qualifications to a high-priced stallion is now paying off handsomely on the track, but the gamble was less successful in the sales ring. A.P. Adventure's price at Keeneland's September Sale was only \$20,000 higher than the \$150,000 charged for A.P. Indy's services in 2000, but the filly fared much better in Florida five months later, when she realised \$425,000.

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To be fair to A.P. Adventure's breeder, the decision to send Nataliano to another son of Seattle Slew in 2000 wasn't just a whim. The move was supported by some encouraging facts and figures relating to other broodmare daughters of Fappiano. Three stakes winners, including the Grade I winner Capote Belle and the Grade III scorer Madison's Charm, had already emerged from the 13 foals that Fappiano mares had produced to Seattle Slew's son Capote. Houston, a none-too successful stallion son of Seattle Slew, numbered the prolific stakes winner Viv among his five foals out of Fappiano mares, while Slew City Slew had two stakes winners, led by the Grade II victor Evansville Slew, among his seven foals bred to this pattern.

Interestingly, the last few years have also shown that mares by Lyphard--sire of A.P. Adventure's second dam Take The Wonder--are very well suited to Seattle Slew and his sons. Seattle Slew, Gold Legend, Slew o'Gold and A.P. Indy have all sired a Grade I winner from daughters of Lyphard, thanks respectively to Serra Lake, Heritage of Gold, Passinetti and Indy Five Hundred. The last-named, together with her Grade III-winning sister Delta Princess, comes from A.P. Indy's total of only six foals out of Lyphard mares.

So the odds were stacked in favour of Nataliano when she visited A.P. Indy, even though her catalogue page doesn't have the concentration of graded winners normally found in visitors to last year's champion sire.

**RECENT ECLIPSE AWARD WINNERS
OWNER**

- 1989 Ogden Phipps
- 1990 Frances Genter
- 1991 Sam-Son Farms
- 1992 Juddmonte Farms
- 1993 John Franks
- 1994 John Franks
- 1995 Allen Paulson
- 1996 Allen Paulson
- 1997 Carolyn Hine
- 1998 Frank Stronach
- 1999 Frank Stronach
- 2000 Frank Stronach
- 2001 Richard Englander
- 2002 Richard Englander

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VALLEYS DECISION TODAY Juddmonte Farms' **Three Valleys** (Diesis {GB}) looks certain to be stripped of his success in the G1 Middle Park S. by the Jockey Club at a disciplinary hearing today. After his 3/4-of-a-length defeat of conditioner Jeremy Nosedá's **Balmont** (Stravinsky) in the six-furlong contest at Newmarket Oct. 3, the Roger Charlton-trained colt tested positive for the banned substance clenbuterol. The presence of the drug, used to treat a well-documented mucus problem, was confirmed in a second sample. His disqualification will present Nosedá with the Middle Park S.-Cheveley Park S. double, thanks to the exploits of **Carry on Katie** (Fasliyev), while the promotion of Balmont will provide the now-retired Pat Eddery with the final Group 1 success of his career. Jockeys Keith Dalglish and Joe Fanning also face the disciplinary panel today, having failed random breath tests. Both jockeys, who enjoy links with the Middleham stable of Mark Johnston, failed the new tests last fall and face possible suspensions.

**RECENT ECLIPSE AWARD WINNERS
TRAINER**

- 1983 Woody Stephens
- 1984 Jack Van Berg
- 1985 D. Wayne Lukas
- 1986 D. Wayne Lukas
- 1987 D. Wayne Lukas
- 1988 Shug McGaughey
- 1989 Charles Whittingham
- 1990 Carl Nafzger
- 1991 Ron McAnally
- 1992 Ron McAnally
- 1993 Robert Frankel
- 1994 D. Wayne Lukas
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Yesterday's Results:

9th-FGX, \$34,000, Alw, Opt. Clm. (\$62,500), NW3X, 4yo/up, 5 1/2f (off turf), 1:03 2/5, ft.
GRACIOUS HUMOR (g, 4, **Distorted Humor**--Gracious Granny {MSW, \$264,522}, by Lost Code) began his career with back-to-back wins last spring and added a third straight when he returned to the races in the fall, but suffered defeat when second in an Oct. 13 Hawthorne allowance and third in a Nov. 2 allowance at the same track. The gelding returned to the winner's circle last out with a one-length victory at Fair Grounds Nov. 4. Missing out on his turf debut when this affair came off the grass, the 5-2 favorite settled off the pace after lunging at the break. He moved into contention turning for home and forged clear in deep stretch to win by 2 1/2 lengths. Green Riches (Rizzi) was second. Lifetime Record: 7-5-1-1, \$102,900.
O-Russell L Reineman Stable Inc. B-Charles Nuckols Jr & Sons (KY). T-Frank R Springer.

7th-FGX, \$30,000, Alw, NW1X, 4yo/up, 1 1/16m (off turf), 1:44 2/5, ft.
ONE NICE CAT (c, 4, **Storm Cat**--Jewel Princess {Ch. Older Mare & MGISW, \$1,904,059}, by Key to the Mint), who began his career in Ireland with Aidan O'Brien, campaigned much of 2003 with Leroy Jolley before switching to Ronny Werner's barn for two November efforts at Churchill. The second of those starts was a maiden win in his first U.S. turf try Nov. 22. Making his first appearance since that maiden victory, One Nice Cat was sent off the 8-5 favorite in this off-the-turfer. He opened a clear early lead and extended his advantage down the lane to score by 7 1/2 lengths. Fehr (Dumaani) was second. Lifetime Record: 9-2-1-1, \$53,120.
O-Windmill Manor Farm & Richard Imbert. B-The Thoroughbred Corp (KY). T-Ronny W Werner.

8th-FGX, \$28,000, Msw, 4&5yo, f/m, 6f, 1:11 4/5, ft.
+ **JOYFUL SUMMER** (f, 4, **Summer Squall**--Chunter's Joy {MSP}, by Northern Jove) was dismissed at 8-1 in her belated debut. Bumped at the break, the gray filly was rushed up to duel for the early lead before opening up with a furlong to run en route to a six-length tally. Fuhr Real (Langfuhr) held on to best 35-1 outsider Don't Sugah Me (Cherokee Run) by a head for second. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$16,800.
O-Joe & Gene Walkoviak. B-E J Dullea, Ltd Partnership (KY). T-Hal R Wiggins.

★ **EAST** ★

Yesterday's Results:

9th-PHA, \$24,800, Alw, NW1X, 4yo/up, f/m, 6 1/2f, 1:17 3/5, sy.
GOLDDIGGER BEWARE (f, 4, **Prenup**--Flagnlinda, by Shimatoree), third in the Foxy J G S. in July, returned from four-month freshening to run second in a Dec. 23 allowance. The 1-2 favorite vied for the early lead before opening a clear advantage after half mile and stormed clear down the lane to win by 12 lengths. Lifetime Record: SP, 8-2-4-1, \$60,294.
O-William J Hartwell. B-Frances M Hartwell (PA). T-John C Servis.

★ **AMERICAN-BRED WINNERS** ★

IN BRITAIN:

Penwell Hill, g, 5, **Distant View**--Avie's Jill, by Lord Avie. Southwell, 1-5, Hcp, 4yo/up, 1m (AWT). B-Costello, O'Rourke and Simon. *\$22,000 yrl '00 KEESEP.
Malmand, g, 5, **Distant View**--Bidski, by Explosive Bid. Wolverhampton, 1-5, Hcp, 3yo/up, 9f 79yds (AWT). B-Drumkenny Farm & David Romanik. *\$25,000 yrl '00 KEEJAN; 47,000gns yrl '00 TATOCT.

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ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

7th-GGX, \$35,227, 1-4, NW1X, 4yo/up, 6f, 1:09 4/5, wf.

SPY ME NOT (ARG) (h, 7, Numerous--Sport Fashion, by Ringaro) Lifetime Record: 13-4-5-2, \$102,175.

O-Jerry Hollendorfer & George Todaro. B-Santa Maria de Araras (ARG). T-Jerry Hollendorfer. *1/2 to Space-ship (Arg) (Lode), G1SW-Arg.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Devil's Money, c, 3, **Bonus Money (GB)**--Day Devil, by Dayjur. SAX, 1-4, (S), (C), 6f, 1:11. B-Ron E Gomez (Ca).

Danzatames Reality, f, 4, **Danzatame**--Erins Reality, by Erins Isle (Ire). PHA, 1-5, 5 1/2f, 1:06 3/5. B-Ralph V Desanctis (NY).



SOPHOMORE SPOTLIGHT

First-crop progeny to watch: Tuesday, January 6

Sire (Sire's Sire), Farm, 2001 Fee, #2yos/Winners/SW

Race #-track, race type, distance, runner, odds (if available)

CRYPTO STAR (Cryptoclearance), Murmur, \$4K, 75/7/1 10-PHA, Alw, 1m, Vision of Sue, \$30K EAS MAY 2yo, 2-1

EMANCIPATOR (Forty Niner), 3 Way, \$2K, 29/2/0

8-SUN, Msw, 5 1/2f, +Bold Emancipator, 10-1

MY FAVORITE GRUB (Grub), Sweetbriar, \$1000, 8/1/0

10-PHA, Alw, 1m, Nanarae, 15-1

NEW WAY (Danzig), Diamond G, \$4K, 37/3/0

8-SUN, Msw, 5 1/2f, +Smokin Arrow, \$2K TEX AUG yrl, 10-1

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ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Andriana (Ire), f, 3, **Second Empire (Ire)**--Turpitude (GB), by Caerleon. Deauville, France, 1-5, Mdn, 3yo, 6 1/2 f (AWT). B-Haras d'Etreham and M3 Elevage. *€15,000 yrl '01 DEAAUG.

Classic Vision (GB), f, 4, **Classic Cliche (Ire)**--Orient (GB) (G1SP-Eng & GSP-Ire), by Bay Express (Ire). Southwell, Britain, 1-5, Mdn, 3yo/up, 6f (AWT). B-R T and Mrs Watson. *1/2 to (Orientor {GB}) (Inchiner {GB}), GSW-Eng, \$315,898; and Yeast (GB) (Salse), SW-Eng, \$214,951.

Meijin (Ire), c, 4, **Desert King (Ire)**--Fortitude (Ire), by Last Tycoon (Ire). Deauville, France, 1-5, Cond, 4yo, c/g, 7 1/2 f (AWT). B-M Henochsberg and Haras de Bernesq. *FF350,000 yrl '01 DEAAUG. **1/2 to Island House (Ire) (Grand Lodge), GSW-Eng & GSP-Fr, \$365,862.

Brulante (Fr), f, 4, **Volochine (Ire)**--Brillana (Fr), by Lichine. Deauville, France, 1-5, Cond, 4yo, f, 7 1/2 f (AWT). B-Mme H de la Chauvelais.

UPCOMING MAJOR U.S. STAKES		
Date	Race	Track
Jan. 10	GII San Fernando H.	Santa Anita
	GII San Gorgonio H.	Santa Anita
	GIII Golden Gate Derby	Golden Gate
Jan. 11	GIII Spectacular Bid S.	Gulfstream
	GIII First Lady H.	Gulfstream
Jan. 17	GIII San Miguel S.	Santa Anita
	GII Santa Catalina S.	Santa Anita
Jan. 18	GIII Holy Bull S.	Gulfstream
Jan. 18	GII El Encino S.	Santa Anita
Jan. 19	GII San Marcos S.	Santa Anita
	GII Santa Ynez S.	Santa Anita
Jan. 24	GIII Lecomte S.	Fair Grounds
Jan. 25	GI Santa Monica H.	Santa Anita
	GIII Mac Diarmida H.	Gulfstream
Jan. 31	GIII Brown Bess H.	Golden Gate
	GIII Canadian Turf H.	Gulfstream
	GIII San Bernardino H.	Santa Anita
Feb. 1	GIII Suwannee River H.	Gulfstream
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MAGIC MILLIONS COMES OF AGE

When Magic Millions director Carl Waugh created the idea of a A\$1 million race for sale graduates in 1985--with a hefty A\$3,000 entry fee for vendors and a A\$3,000 pay-up for buyers--a lackadaisical Australian industry was astonished.

"I thought he was a little bit mad--A\$3,000 was a lot of money to enter in 1985. But it was a million-dollar race and I think it was only the third million-dollar race in Australia after the Melbourne Cup and the Golden Slipper," recalls Magic Millions Managing Director David Chester. "It was a tough six months and a tremendous struggle to put together 200 yearlings for the sale, but we did it, and I think the sale grossed about A\$16 million."

The 1986 sale provided four Golden Slipper runners the following autumn; last April, the first four over the line in the Slipper bore the MM imprimatur; and this year, the top three Slipper fancies are all MM graduates.

The speedy colt Snippets, a A\$22,000 purchase, won the inaugural Magic Millions race at the Gold Coast in 1987. As a subsequent champion two-year-old, triple Group 1 winner and influential sire, he set the bar high.

Magic Millions weathered some turbulent years in the late 1980's, going into receivership as it competed with the long-established Sydney-based William Inglis & Son and a one-off "rebel tour" sale run by breeders at Sanctuary Cove in 1993.

The incentive race was shunned by metropolitan clubs, with a spoiler city meeting run in Brisbane in opposition to the Gold Coast for many years. But, despite its "restricted Listed" status, the two-year-old Magic Millions each January is universally regarded as the first "major" of the season.

Magic Millions sales have consistently thrown-up top-drawer horses--1992 Melbourne Cup winner Subzero and champion three-year-old Mahogany were among the first of more than 40 Group 1 winners to emerge.

Things have really taken off in the past six years. In May 1997, a trio of Australia's most powerful businessmen--Gerry Harvey, John Singleton and Rob Ferguson--took the reins at Magic Millions, and the company has undergone a dizzying level of growth since.

"When we took over, Magic Millions turnover was about A\$23 million. At the moment it is closer to A\$90 million," says Magic Millions principal Gerry Harvey.

But, citing a stagnant South-East Asian economy as one obstacle they've had to overcome, Harvey adds, "It hasn't happened as quickly as I thought it might, but it is very different now to what it was three or four years ago, and the way it is heading you would have to think our takings will be bigger."

In 1997-98, Magic Millions gross receipts were A\$39,061,348. In 2002-03, that figure climbed to A\$92,931,244, with the Magic Millions Yearling Sale premier sessions, which were stretched to four days in 2000, breaking the A\$50-million mark in 2003.

A year after taking the helm, Harvey, Singleton and Ferguson embarked on an ambitious push offshore, with Magic Millions sales held in New Zealand, Singapore and Macau.

Looking to expand even further, Magic Millions purchased the South Australian sale company ABCOS for about A\$2 million in June 1999 as a potential door to markets in South Africa, Singapore and Malaysia.

The company also introduced incentive races tied to its sales in Adelaide and Perth, the latter a significant source of yearlings for Singapore and Malaysia.

Across the board, the market leveled in 2003, but Perth Magic Millions enjoyed a whopping 34-percent average increase and a 28.3-percent increase in turnover, with 218 yearlings fetching A\$5.4 million.

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Magic Millions Comes of Age (cont. from p. 3)

And the racetrack results of Magic Millions graduates are impossible to ignore. In addition to having the first four across the line in last year's Golden Slipper, there were also five Oaks winners and 20 individual Group 1 winners from Magic Millions.

The four-day Magic Millions Yearling Sale at the Gold Coast is widely regarded as a reliable barometer of the industry's health. It is also a crucial springboard for first-crop stallions, and in recent years, solid sales by freshman sires at Magic Millions have proven a reliable indicator to lasting success at stud.

While several 2003 majors posted negative results, Magic Millions was bullish, with an eight-percent average increase, to A\$91,951, and a remarkable 14.6-percent gross increase for 552 sold. The sale also boasted the highest clearance rate by far of any of the 11 Australasian majors--84.4 percent against an across-the-board average clearance of 76 percent.

Since Harvey, Singleton and Ferguson took over, Magic Millions in January has recorded a 58-percent increase in average, and vendors have responded by sending significantly higher quality yearlings to the Gold Coast.

Vinery's Dr Tom Simon gave A\$900,000 for a Sunday Silence colt at Magic Millions 2003, while the top-priced filly was a daughter of Danehill purchased by international agent Adrian Nicoll for A\$725,000.

"Breeders are now dividing their horses fairly equally between Magic Millions and Sydney Easter," says Harvey. "The reason they are sending horses to Magic Millions is because they are precocious, and breeders know they will get more money for them at Magic Millions.

"When we took over, there were one or two Danehill's in the catalogue. This year there's nearly 40."

Two years ago, 16 yearlings by supersire Danehill were sold at Magic Millions, but by 2003 that number had increased to 24 sold at an average of A\$327,292, a figure comparable to Danehill's Easter average of A\$342,500.

Yearlings by first-season sires such as Fusaichi Pegasus, Lujain, King's Best, Testa Rossa and July Cup winner Agnes World will make their debuts at the sale on Jan. 8-11.

"The sale has come of age as an international selling venue, it sets the standard for the rest of the year," says Chester.

A # will distinguish first-time stakes-winners, a @ will indicate first-time graded stakes-winners, a ▲ will denote a first-time Grade/Group 1 winner, a + will 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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TENDER IS THENIGHT – A winning half-sister to Champion **LAST TYCOON**. In foal to **Xaar**.

RACING PROSPECTS include:

ISLAND SAND – 4 starts, 2 wins, 1 second. Winner of 2 in a row; pointing to \$75,000 Busanda S. Jan. 25.

MILESTONE VICTORY – 4 starts, 1 win, a 3rd in the Pilgrim and a troubled 4th in the **G3** Tropical Park Derby, beaten a head and neck for 2nd.

STALLION PROSPECT

SHINKO SPLENDOR – Multiple **GSW** in Japan. Half-brother to **HARBOUR CLUB**. Earned **\$2.6 million**.

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