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SUNSHINE MILLIONS RETURNS SATURDAY

A total of 85 horses will take to the Santa Anita and Gulfstream Park tracks in eight races to battle for state-bred supremacy in Saturday's second renewal of the Sunshine Millions. The \$3.6-million program, which pits Florida-breds against California-breds, is headlined by the \$1-million Barretts/CTBA Sunshine Millions Classic at Santa Anita. The Classic drew an overflow field of



Peace Rules *Horsephotos*

14, with GI Haskell Invitational winner **Peace Rules** (Jules), coupled with multiple graded stakes winner **Midas Eyes** (Touch Gold), the 9-5 morning-line favorite. "He's wonderfully talented and an aggressive, speedy type horse," jockey Jerry Bailey said of Peace Rules, whom he rode to a runner-up finish in the GI Travers S. and whom he will ride again Saturday. "He gives you every ounce he's got so you don't have to worry about that aspect of it. I haven't handicapped the race yet, but the one

time I rode him he broke very aggressively and put himself into the race. He can rate, but he's going to be forward no matter what." Trainer Bobby Frankel has indicated Midas Eyes will likely run in the Feb. 7 GI Strub S. instead of the Sunshine Millions. Trainer Mike Machowsky is choosing the opposite route for GI Malibu S. winner **Southern Image** (Halo's Image). "I'm running here [instead of the Strub] because \$1 million is a factor, but the horse is most important," Machowsky explained. "If he wasn't doing good Saturday I'd wait for the Strub. It's a long year, this race comes up good and he's doing great, so we'll take a shot." Southern Image is the 5-1 second choice on the Classic morning line. Millionaires **Grey Memo** (Memo {Chi}) and **Continental Red** (Flying Continental) lead the California-breds challenge in the Classic. The pair were third and eighth, respectively, in last year's Classic at Gulfstream. The Sunshine Millions races will be run in 15-minute intervals, rotating between Gulfstream and Santa Anita. NBC Sports will televise the races live from 1 to 3 p.m.

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Saturday, Santa Anita

BARRETTS/CTBA SUNSHINE MILLIONS CLASSIC,

\$1 million, (R), 4yo/up, 1 1/8m

| PP | HORSE | SIRE | JOCKEY | ODDS |
|----|-------------------|--------------------|-------------|------|
| 1 | Continental Red | Flying Continental | Valenzuela | 6-1 |
| 2 | Midas Eyes | Touch Gold | Velasquez | 9-5 |
| 3 | Grey Memo | Memo (Chi) | Garcia | 8-1 |
| 4 | Excessivepleasure | In Excess (Ire) | Court | 20-1 |
| 5 | Standard Setter | Benchmark | Fogelsonger | 30-1 |
| 6 | Hot Market | Cee's Tizzy | Valdivia Jr | 20-1 |
| 7 | Peace Rules | Jules | Bailey | 9-5 |
| 8 | White Buck | Thats Our Buck | Smith | 6-1 |
| 9 | Southern Image | Halo's Image | Espinoza | 5-1 |
| 10 | Touch the Wire | Birdonthewire | Nakatani | 8-1 |
| 11 | Excess Summer | In Excess (Ire) | Stevens | 15-1 |
| 12 | The Judge Sez Who | Judge T C | Desormeaux | 15-1 |

Also Eligible

| | | | | |
|----|------------------|----------------|-------------|------|
| 13 | Commander's Flag | Spinning World | Valdivia Jr | 20-1 |
| 14 | Pay the Preacher | Groomstick | Gorman | 20-1 |

All carry 120, except the following at 122: Continental Red, Grey Memo, Hot Market, The Judge Sez Who, Commander's Flag and Pay the Preacher.

Saturday, Gulfstream Park

FRANKS FARMS SUNSHINE MILLIONS TURF,

\$500,000, (R), 4yo/up, 1 1/8mT

| PP | HORSE | SIRE | JOCKEY | ODDS |
|----|-------------------|---------------|-----------|------|
| 1 | Western Pride | Way West (Fr) | Chapman | 8-1 |
| 2 | Silver Tree | Hennessy | Prado | 10-1 |
| 3 | Adminniestrator | Incinderator | Pedroza | 15-1 |
| 4 | Ballonenostrikes | Lost Soldier | Bravo | 20-1 |
| 5 | Hear No Evil | Carson City | J Garcia | 12-1 |
| 6 | Stormy Roman | Future Storm | Aguilar | 12-1 |
| 7 | Magic Mecke | Mecke | Coa | 6-1 |
| 8 | Special Matter | River Special | T Baze | 10-1 |
| 9 | Bourbon County | Smokester | Jauregui | 20-1 |
| 10 | Misque's Approval | Misque's Son | Velasquez | 4-1 |
| 11 | Proud Man | Manlove | Douglas | 7-2 |
| 12 | Man from Wicklow | Turkoman | Solis | 6-1 |

Also Eligible

| | | | | |
|----|-------------------|-------------------|-----------|------|
| 13 | Music's Storm | Storm Creek | Velazquez | 15-1 |
| 14 | Sir Brian's Sword | Sword Dance (Ire) | Santos | 15-1 |

All carry 120 pounds, except the following at 118: Silver Tree, Ballonenostrikes, Hear No Evil and Magic Mecke.

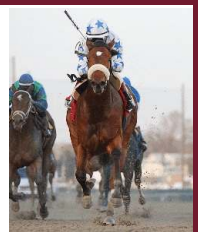


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(Sunshine Millions previews cont.)

Saturday, Santa Anita

JOHN DEERE SUNSHINE MILLIONS F/M TURF,

\$500,000, (R), 4yo/up, f/m, 1 1/8mT

| PP | HORSE | SIRE | JOCKEY | ODDS |
|----|--------------------|--------------------|-------------|------|
| 1 | Valentine Dancer | In Excess (Ire) | Valenzuela | 7-2 |
| 2 | Atlantic Ocean | Stormy Atlantic | Bailey | 6-1 |
| 3 | Smart Lacy | Out of Place | Desormeaux | 12-1 |
| 4 | All the Honor | Double Honor | Castro | 10-1 |
| 5 | Bartok's Blithe | Bartok (Ire) | Ramsammy | 20-1 |
| 6 | Fencelineneighbor | Wild Rush | Espinoza | 8-1 |
| 7 | Cozie Advantage | Tactical Advantage | Stevens | 5-1 |
| 8 | Tucked Away | Unusual Heat | Fogelsonger | 30-1 |
| 9 | Lost Appeal | Valid Apeal | Smith | 8-1 |
| 10 | Summer Wind Dancer | Siberian Summer | no rider | 10-1 |
| 11 | Moscow Burning | Moscow Ballet | Valdivia Jr | 9-2 |

All carry 118, except the following at 120: Smart Lacy, Cozie Advantage and Lost Appeal.

Saturday, Gulfstream Park

OCALA BREEDERS' SALES DISTAFF, \$500,000, (R),

4yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16m

| PP | HORSE | SIRE | JOCKEY | ODDS |
|----|-------------------|-----------------|-----------|------|
| 1 | Crimson and Roses | El Prado (Ire) | Chavez | 20-1 |
| 2 | Redoubled Miss | Adhocracy | Douglas | 8-1 |
| 3 | Royally Chosen | In Excess (Ire) | Solis | 6-1 |
| 4 | House Party | French Deputy | Santos | 3-1 |
| 5 | Pesci | Stormy Atlantic | Smith | 12-1 |
| 6 | Scapade | Skip Trial | Velasquez | 5-1 |
| 7 | Cellars Shiraz | Kissin Kris | Guidry | 12-1 |
| 8 | Shot Gun Favorite | Eltish | Prado | 15-1 |
| 9 | Lindsay Jean | Saint Ballado | T Baze | 15-1 |
| 10 | Smok'n Frolic | Smoke Glacken | Velazquez | 4-1 |
| 11 | Ivanavalot | West Acre | Bravo | 12-1 |
| 12 | Secret Request | Jules | Perret | 20-1 |

All carry 118, except the following at 120: Redoubled Miss, Royally Chosen, Cellars Shiraz, Lindsay Jean and Smok'n Frolic.

WEEKEND PEDIGREE PERSPECTIVES
by Alan Porter

Sunday, Santa Anita

EL ENCINO S.-GII, \$150,000, SAX, 1-18, 4yo, f, 1 1/16m, 1:42 2/5, ft.

1--@**VICTORY ENCOUNTER, 117, f, 4, by Victory Speech**

1st Dam: Marvelous Moment, by Raise a Native

2nd Dam: Olympic Moment, by Olympiad King

3rd Dam: Princess Fleur, by Prince Khaled

O-Tom Mankiewicz; B-Helen Smith (KY); T-John W Sadler; J-M E Smith; \$90,000. Lifetime Record: 8-6-1-1, \$246,600.

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Time has shown Deputy Minister to be an outstanding sire of sires. His first impact came through speedy and precocious sons, such as [Salt Lake](#) and Silver Deputy. That initial flurry was followed by two other fast sons, French Deputy and Dehere. Then in 2003, three of his later developing, classic-distance running sons--Awesome Again, Deputy Commander and Touch Gold--were all represented by Grade I winners from their first crop of three-year-olds.

One name missing from this role of honor is Victory Speech. Now standing at the East Stud in Hokkaido, Japan, Victory Speech appeared to have all the credentials for success when he retired to stud in 1998. Graded stakes placed at two when third in the GIII Tremont Breeders' Cup S., he captured three graded stakes at three, taking the GII Swaps S. by 3 1/2 lengths and the GII Dwyer S. by 5 1/2 lengths. And, although he scored only once in seven outings at four, that lone win came in the GI Strub S. Victory Speech also had the looks and pedigree to go with that race record: his dam Ida's Image was an Alydar half sister to Grade I stakes winner Ida Delia and graded stakes winner Nikishka, and was a half sister to What a Treat, champion three-year-old filly and dam of English champion sire Be My Guest. *Cont. p2*

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(Pedigree Perspectives cont. from p. 2)

Unfortunately, all the promising elements failed to coalesce into stallion success. Until this weekend's GII El Encino S. winner Victory Encounter appeared on the scene, Victory Speech had not had a North American stakes winner from his first three crops. Oddly enough, Victory Encounter had not exactly started her career at a level which suggested that she would be the one to break the mold. She debuted by finishing second in a \$32,000 maiden claimer at the end of last March, then returned at the same level in mid-April. This time, she scored by nine lengths. Haltered out of that event, she took a Hollywood Park allowance race before finishing third on the turf. Since then, Victory Encounter has been unbeaten in four straight races, including her last start before the El Encino, the Torrey Pines S. on Sept 7.

Victory Encounter's dam Marvelous Moment wouldn't have instant recognition as a mare likely to change a stallion's fortunes. Unplaced in her only start, Marvelous Moment had produced five foals prior to Victory Encounter, including a year older sister to Victory Encounter, none of which have been able to win. A daughter of Raise a Native, Marvelous Moment was a sister to the very fast Olympic Native, who gained a stakes win in the Pat O'Brien H. and set a Del Mar track record of 1:20.1 for seven furlongs, and also to the graded stakes placed Major Moment. Marvelous Moment's dam Olympic Moment was placed in several stakes on the West Coast, but the family is not a distinguished one, and you have to go back to Hemet Squaw, a California standout in the 1940s and a sister to Victory Encounter's sixth dam, to find another animal of real class.

Still, there is some pedigree logic which might explain the female line's current rise in fortune. The first really bright spot in many years came when Marvelous Moment's dam was bred to Raise a Native to get to Marvelous Moment's brother Olympic Native, who as we have mentioned was a record-breaking stakes winner (in an event which is now a graded contest). This mating gave rise to an interesting pedigree pattern. Raise a Native was a grandson of Polynesian out of a mare bred on a Case Ace/Man o' War cross. Implacable, the fourth dam of Olympic Native and Marvelous Moment, is by champion Pavot (by Case Ace out of a Man o' War mare), and her granddam is a three-parts relative to the dam of Polynesian. This may all sound like ancient history, but the salient fact is that Olympic Native (the best horse in the family for many years) and Marvelous Moment (dam of the only graded stakes winner produced by the family) combined two animals with a very similar genetic background, Raise a Native and Implacable.

From a genetics standpoint, one might regard Marvelous Moment as a recessive version of the mating which produced the talented Olympic Native. If that was the case, then reinforcement of the key strains in the pedigree was a logical step. Enter Victory Speech, who is out of a mare by Raise a Native's most talented son Alydar, who gives Raise a Native 4x2. Things get even more interesting when we look at the dam of Victory Speech. She is by Alydar (son of Raise a Native) out of a mare by a son of Nasrullah, with a fourth dam by Stymie. Marvelous Moment is by Raise a Native, out of a mare by a grandson of Nasrullah, with a third dam by Stymie, and so is bred on very similar lines.

It would seem that Raise a Native's reinforcement of key genes in the female line of Victory Encounter led to the talented Olympic Native and the unexpressed genetic potential in Marvelous Moment. Add Victory Speech, whose dam has a pedigree which virtually parallels that of Olympic Native/Marvelous Moment, and the result is the lucky roll of the genetic dice which resulted in Victory Encounter.

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TOP SIX SIRES

The world's most expensive sire, [Storm Cat](#), edged in front of the world's most influential sire, [Danzig](#), and the world's best sire under the age of 20, [A.P. Indy](#), to claim top spot as the world's Leading Sire, based on the APEX (Annual Progeny Earnings index) method of rating sires. Covering racing of the last seven years (1997-2003) in North America, Britain, Ireland, France, Germany, and Japan, Storm Cat sired A Runners at a 5.42 rate (that's 10.84 percent of runners--multiply the index times two). Danzig, last year's leader, had a 5.38 rating, while four-time Leading Sire (1998-2001) A.P. Indy also scored over 10-percent A Runners from starters, with a 5.21 A Runner Index. The difference is simply that the Northern Dancer-line Danzig and Storm Cat work anywhere, while Bold Ruler/Seattle Slew-line A.P. Indy works far better in America. A.P. Indy has a 5.94 A Runner Index in North America, where he has had 81 percent of his runners. But that's also where he's had 93 percent of his A Runners since 1997. He's a respectable 2.81 in Japan (five-for-89), but only scored his first A Runner in Europe (Kingmambo's half brother, Mingun) in 2003, from 59 runners there--an uninspiring 0.85 A Runner rating in Europe.

Only three other stallions with 150+ year-starters--[Nureyev](#), [Sadler's Wells](#), and Danehill--ended 2003 with A Runner indices over 4.00. This is the smallest number I can remember. In 1998, there were 15 sires with ratings over 4.00, and for the last three years it has been 10 or 11 each year. This could be a result of bigger foal crops manifesting itself, but it does suggest that the very top sires are perhaps not as far in front of the 'Second 10' as has been the case in the past. That's only one year's evidence, but it will be interesting to see what happens in that respect in future years. Will there only be a very few sires above 4.00, or will it go back to being 10+ who really do stand out as the world's top sires?

There were 20 stallions with 150+ runners who registered A Runner ratings over 3.40, which is near enough seven percent A Runners from year-starters. Ten of the top 20 are dead, retired, or over 20 years old. Another four, including (now) A.P. Indy, are 15-19 years old. Got the picture? Seventy percent of the top 20 sires were born before 1990. Three of the remaining six were born in 1990: top German sire Monsun (3.56); top Florida sire Montbrook (3.50); and the 'most liked' top sire on both sides of The Pond, [Kingmambo](#) (3.44, whose high-profile sons [Lemon Drop Kid](#) and King's Best have their first runners this year).

The remaining three Top 20 sires have all emerged from the 1998 sire class. The top three sires whose first foals were born in 1998, and had four crops racing in 2002, had the three highest number of A Runners, and were the three whose A Runner indices were above 3.00. These are world number seven Pivotal (3.83--how cheap is he at £25,000?), world number nine Unbridled's Song (3.63), and equal 18th [Smart Strike](#) (3.44--also looking very cheap even at current \$25,000 NG). What some other tables disclose is that Smart Strike also has 22 B Runners, and his 3.44 B Runner Index tops all 781 sires, and his 3.02 ABC Index for four-year-olds is also the world's best, at the moment, in that category. You do have to be careful how much you rave about a sire who has a lot of Canadian earnings, since there is a heavy bias in favor of Canadian-raced horses in official earnings data (meaning, they are not as good as the figures make them appear), but, even given that reservation, Smart Strike looks the business. It is just not possible to make the World Top 20 in A Runner Index, and to be the world leader in two important categories--B Runners and four-year-old ABC Runners--otherwise. *Cont. p4 (APEX chart p. 6)*

APEX RATINGS APEX stands for Annual Progeny Earnings index. It is really a series of ratings based on enhancements to the ideas used in calculating the average-earnings index and cumulative average-earnings index.

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Three stallions with their first four-year-olds in 2003 (three crops racing) made the Top 50, though all were outside the top 20: the surprising [Valid Expectations](#) (3.00--what's he still doing in Texas?); the huge bargain Alphabet Soup (2.93, \$10,000); and the equally surprising Smoke Glacken (2.54). Not the names you would have expected to see. But there are 100 sires whose first foals were four last year who didn't have 150 year-starters, and these included future Top 20 sire Singspiel (3.63, 124 year-starters). There are some pretty interesting sires hovering around the 2.00 index--respectable, and could improve: [Pulpit](#) (2.22), Desert King (2.07, had the Ascot Gold Cup and Melbourne Cup winners in his respective first Northern and Southern crops), Alhaarth (2.07), Royal Applause (2.00), [Danehill Dancer](#) (1.90), [Langfuhr](#) (1.77)--interesting that four of those six potential 2004 movers are European. Desert King, though, is still in Japan, along with former stablemate Entrepreneur (0.39. Ouch!).

Speaking of Japan, I should also note that Sunday Silence shattered all previous records in quantity categories in the last seven years. He has had an amazing 2,202 year-starters since 1997, over 300 per season. [Woodman](#) is a distant second, with 1,590. Sunday Silence has had 155 A Runners (3.52, world no. 14) since 1997; Sadler's Wells is a distant second, with 125. Sunday Silence is also the leading 1997-2003 sire of B Runners (107, Danehill second, with 64), C Runners (160; Sadler's Wells second, with 105, Danehill third, with 96), and, naturally, ABC Runners (422; Sadler's Wells 283, Danehill 266). We do find that Japanese racing is really quite different from the other countries covered by these figures, but, in any case, Sunday Silence's dominance of Japanese racing is nothing short of legendary.

A RUNNER INDEX *This is the single most important statistic, because this is the one that correlates to class. Even though the top two percent of earners correlates more with Listed class level and above than with Group class (which is a bit too small a sample size), the test of whether a statistic like this is valid must be, does it identify those sires who we know, by our experience, to be the top sires? I remain convinced that it does.*

One of the interesting aspects of APEX ratings is that there are quite a few different and, hopefully, interesting angles the information can be viewed from. As space permits, we shall look at a few of these in upcoming columns. Next week: The Top 10 Sires from the powerful Class of 2000--and which three the figures say stand out as the potential star sires. Stay tuned.

CLASS LEVELS, BASED ON EARNINGS (A, B, and C Runners)

Ratings indexes are calculated in North America; Britain/Ireland; France; Germany (these four countries combined as Europe); and Japan. In each country, the top eight percent of earners in a calendar year are identified. The top two percent in each country each year are classified as 'A Runners'; the next two percent are 'B Runners'; and the next four percent are 'C Runners.' The indices then quantify the consistency with which each individual stallion has sired A, B, and C runners for the previous seven years.

There are actually 17 different indices calculated for each sire. Nine of them are A, B, and C Runner Indices for the three Regions: North America, Europe, and Japan. So each sire could, in theory, have a rating for each class level in each region, a total of nine. Each sire also has an overall A Runner, B Runner, and C Runner Index for all three regions combined, plus a combined 'ABC' Index (A+B+C) for all regions and ages. All 1,201 sires rated in 2003 had a combined ABC Index of 1.00, which equals eight percent of their 1997-2003 year-starters ('runners'). So if a sire has a 2.50 ABC Index, it means 20 percent of his runners have been at least C Runners--pretty rarefied stuff.

Each sire also has up to four Age Ratings, which is an index of ABC Runners at ages two, three, four, and five & up. A sire must have had 10 or more three-year-olds of the last year covered to be rated, so sires who had their first three-year-olds last year obviously won't have age ratings for four-year-olds and five-year-olds and up. All the various indices and a bit more is included in an about 100-page back section of the Blood-Horse's annual publication, Sires of 2003, and will also soon be available at a website near you which has been most of this century in development.

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TABLE: TOP 50 SIRES ON APEX A RUNNER INDEX, 1997-2003

| Rank | Sire | Yr foaled | His Sire | Yr 1st Foals | Stands | Runners 1997-2003 | A Runners | A Runner Index |
|------|------------------------------------|-----------|------------------|--------------|--------|-------------------|-----------|----------------|
| 1 | Storm Cat | 1983 | Storm Bird | 1989 | Ky | 969 | 105 | 5.42 |
| 2 | Danzig | 1977 | Northern Dancer | 1982 | Ky | 651 | 70 | 5.38 |
| 3 | A.P. Indy | 1989 | Seattle Slew | 1994 | Ky | 796 | 83 | 5.21 |
| 4 | Nureyev | 1977 | Northern Dancer | 1982 | Dead | 644 | 62 | 4.81 |
| 5 | Sadler's Wells | 1981 | Northern Dancer | 1986 | Ire | 1358 | 125 | 4.60 |
| 6 | Danehill | 1986 | Danzig | 1991 | Dead | 1300 | 106 | 4.08 |
| 7 | Pivotal | 1993 | Polar Falcon | 1998 | GB | 222 | 17 | 3.83 |
| 8 | Seeking the Gold | 1985 | Mr. Prospector | 1991 | Ky | 796 | 59 | 3.71 |
| 9 | Unbridled's Song | 1993 | Unbridled | 1998 | Ky | 331 | 24 | 3.63 |
| 10 | Machiavellian | 1987 | Mr. Prospector | 1992 | GB | 687 | 49 | 3.57 |
| 11 | In the Wings | 1986 | Sadler's Wells | 1992 | Ire | 450 | 32 | 3.56 |
| | Monsoon | 1990 | Konigsstuhl | 1997 | Ger | 267 | 19 | 3.56 |
| 13 | Broad Brush | 1983 | Ack Ack | 1989 | Ky | 859 | 61 | 3.55 |
| 14 | Sunday Silence | 1986 | Halo | 1992 | Dead | 2202 | 155 | 3.52 |
| | Rainbow Quest | 1981 | Blushing Groom | 1987 | GB | 696 | 49 | 3.52 |
| 16 | Montbrook | 1990 | Buckaroo | 1996 | Fl | 428 | 30 | 3.50 |
| 17 | Mr. Prospector | 1970 | Raise a Native | 1976 | Dead | 518 | 36 | 3.47 |
| 18 | Kingmambo | 1990 | Mr. Prospector | 1995 | Ky | 697 | 48 | 3.44 |
| | Smart Strike | 1992 | Mr. Prospector | 1998 | Ky | 320 | 22 | 3.44 |
| 20 | Deputy Minister | 1979 | Vice Regent | 1985 | Ky | 818 | 56 | 3.42 |
| 21 | In Excess | 1987 | Siberian Express | 1994 | Ca | 542 | 36 | 3.32 |
| 22 | Unbridled | 1987 | Fappiano | 1993 | Dead | 697 | 44 | 3.16 |
| 23 | Valid Expectations | 1993 | Valid Appeal | 1999 | Tx | 250 | 15 | 3.00 |
| 24 | Alphabet Soup | 1991 | Cozzene | 1999 | Ky | 256 | 15 | 2.93 |
| 25 | Seattle Slew | 1974 | Bold Reasoning | 1980 | Dead | 584 | 34 | 2.91 |
| 26 | Rahy | 1985 | Blushing Groom | 1991 | Ky | 893 | 51 | 2.86 |
| | Pleasant Colony | 1978 | His Majesty | 1983 | Dead | 594 | 34 | 2.86 |
| 28 | General Meeting | 1988 | Seattle Slew | 1993 | Ca | 526 | 30 | 2.85 |
| 29 | Wild Again | 1980 | Icecapade | 1987 | Ky | 1022 | 58 | 2.84 |
| 30 | Summer Squall | 1987 | Storm Bird | 1993 | Ky | 653 | 37 | 2.83 |
| 31 | Darshaan | 1981 | Shirley Heights | 1986 | Dead | 709 | 40 | 2.82 |
| 32 | Cozzene | 1980 | Caro | 1987 | Ky | 767 | 43 | 2.80 |
| 33 | Theatrical | 1982 | Nureyev | 1989 | Ky | 869 | 48 | 2.76 |
| 34 | Pleasant Tap | 1987 | Pleasant Colony | 1994 | Ky | 509 | 28 | 2.75 |
| 35 | Hernando | 1990 | Niniski | 1997 | GB | 292 | 16 | 2.74 |
| | Lando | 1990 | Acatenango | 1997 | Ger | 201 | 11 | 2.74 |
| 37 | Selkirk | 1988 | Sharpen Up | 1994 | GB | 625 | 34 | 2.72 |
| | Sefapiano | 1989 | Fappiano | 1995 | La | 202 | 11 | 2.72 |
| 39 | Cee's Tizzy | 1987 | Relaunch | 1992 | Ca | 502 | 27 | 2.69 |
| 40 | Dancing Brave | 1983 | Lyphard | 1988 | Dead | 411 | 22 | 2.68 |
| 41 | Generous | 1988 | Caerleon | 1993 | GB | 618 | 33 | 2.67 |
| 42 | Acatanango | 1982 | Surumu | 1989 | Ger | 611 | 32 | 2.62 |
| 43 | Rizzi | 1991 | Afleet | 1997 | NY | 306 | 16 | 2.61 |
| 44 | Anabaa | 1992 | Danzig | 1998 | Fr | 273 | 14 | 2.56 |
| 45 | Saint Ballado | 1989 | Halo | 1994 | Dead | 785 | 40 | 2.55 |
| 46 | Smoke Glacken | 1994 | Two Punch | 1999 | Ky | 256 | 13 | 2.54 |
| 47 | Irish River | 1976 | Riverman | 1981 | Pens | 699 | 35 | 2.50 |
| | Unfuwain | 1985 | Northern Dancer | 1991 | Dead | 561 | 28 | 2.50 |
| 49 | Big Shuffle | 1984 | Super Concorde | 1991 | Ger | 723 | 36 | 2.49 |
| 50 | Pine Bluff | 1989 | Danzig | 1994 | Ky | 624 | 31 | 2.48 |



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TODAY Breeders' Cup officials have announced that ticket applications for the 2004 Breeders' Cup World Thoroughbred Championships will be available today. The event will take place Saturday, Oct. 31 at Lone Star Park in Grand Prairie, Texas. Applications will be available online at www.lonestarpark.com; alternatively, they be obtained via e-mail at bctickets@lonestarpark.com or by calling Lone Star at (973) 263.7223 or (800) 795.7223. All applications must be received by June 4 in order to be included in a random drawing to determine in which order they will be processed. Tickets will be limited to six per household. "Interest in this year's Breeders' Cup World Thoroughbred Championships has been tremendous," said Corey Johnson, president of Lone Star Park. "We have already received thousands of inquiries for tickets. At this time, plans call for everyone in attendance to have a reserved seat." Tickets for the general public will be available at the following track locations:

- Pavilion Lawn Field Box Seat \$125.00
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- Upper Stretch Field Box Seat \$100.00
- Upper Stretch Stadium Seat \$75.00
- Clubhouse Turn Stadium Seat \$75.00
- Clubhouse Turn Bleacher Seat \$50.00
- Festival Reserved Seat \$25.00

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SILK APPEAL TOPS OBS WINTER SALE **Silk Appeal** (Valid Appeal), an 11-year-old mare in foal to Montbrook, topped the Ocala Breeders' Sales Company's Winter Mixed Sale yesterday in Ocala, Florida. Selling as **hip 309**, the bay attracted a final bid of \$300,000 from George Steinbrenner's Kinsman Stud Farm. Silk Appeal is the dam of multiple stakes winner Silk Concorde (Concorde's Tune) and multiple stakes placed Concorde's Appeal (Concorde's Tune). She was consigned by Kelli Mitchell, agent for the breeding stock dispersal of Einar P Robsham. **Hip 267** was the sale's top-priced yearling. From the first crop of multiple graded stakes winner Flame Thrower (Saint Ballado), the dark bay colt was purchased for \$120,000 by agent Donato Lanni. He is out of multiple graded stakes placed Remarkably Easy (Regal Remark) and is a half brother to stakes placed Significant (Unbridled). The yearling was consigned by Cloverleaf Farms II and Brent Fernung, agent. During yesterday's second preferred session, OBS sold 130 horses for an aggregate of \$2,651,000 and an average of \$20,392. There was only one preferred session in 2003. For the preferred section of the auction, 290 horses sold for \$5,778,200 and an average of \$19,925. The sale continues today at 11 a.m. with the first of two open sessions.

SARAVA RETURNS THURSDAY **Sarava** (Wild Again), winner of the 2002 GI Belmont S., is entered in Thursday's seventh race at Santa Anita. The five-year-old was sidelined over a year by a fractured canon bone. He returned to finish sixth in a Del Mar allowance last July, but suffered a severe bout of colic after that race and has been off since. The one-mile turf allowance will be Sarava's first start on the grass since beginning his career in England. He was off the board in three European outings. Also entered in the 10-horse field is graded stakes winner **Mananan McLir** (Royal Academy) and multiple graded stakes placed **Bis Repetitas** (Red Ransom).

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MIDWAY ROAD BACK ON WORK TAB Midway Road (Jade Hunter), second in last year's GI Preakness S., returned to the work tab at Fair Grounds Monday for the first time since fracturing an ankle last summer. The bay colt, who has not started since finishing third in the GII Ohio Derby last June, went three furlongs in :37.1. "It was his first serious move of the year," trainer Neil Howard told *Thoroughbred Times*. "We just want to get him some work on the track down there before bringing the string back to Kentucky. He is in good health now, and we hope to get him back in a race sometime this spring."

★ CENTRAL ★

Sir Cherokee Heads to New Orleans H.:

Sir Cherokee (Cherokee Run), winner of last year's GII Arkansas Derby, is expected to make his next start in the Feb. 29 GII New Orleans H. at Fair Grounds. The four-year-old colt was forced out of the Kentucky Derby the day before the race with a fractured right rear ankle. Sidelined for six months, the bay colt returned to win a Churchill allowance last November. In his second start off the long layoff, Sir Cherokee won Saturday's Maxxam Gold Cup H. at Sam Houston.

McNair Honored at TTA Banquet:

Bob McNair, owner of Stonerside Stable and the NFL's Houston Texans, was honored with the Allen Bogan Memorial Award at the Texas Thoroughbred Association's annual awards banquet, held Jan. 17 at Sam Houston Race Track. The Bogan Award honors an individual for outstanding service to the Texas racing industry. Other honorees at the banquet were Brian Wallis, who received the Joseph R. Straus Sr. Award for member recruitment by signing up 17 new TTA members in 2003; and Patricia Norman and the Estate of Robert Norman, who received the Leading Accredited Texas-Bred Owner/Breeder Award. Among the horses bred by the Normans was Eagle Lake, the first Texas-bred to capture a graded stakes in her home state. Eileen Hartis received *The Blood-Horse* Award as Texas Breeder of the Year after breeding multiple graded stakes winner Got Koko. The *Thoroughbred Times* Leading Freshman Sire Award went to Holzmeister (Woodman), who stands at Q6 Ranch in Belton, Texas.

FOALING NEWS:

MRS. WEST, 13, Gone West--Mrs. Hat (GB) (Sharpen Up {GB})

Foal born Jan. 18, a colt by Honour and Glory.

Will be bred back to Cozzene.

Owned by Palides Investments NV, Inc.

Boarded at Chanteclair Farm, Ky.

Accomplishments: SW-lty. Dam of Western Summer (Summer Squall), GSP, \$161,502.

Lecomte Hopefuls Work:

Polish Rifle (Polish Numbers) and **Fire Slam** (Grand Slam) continued preparations for Saturday's GIII Lecomte S. at Fair Grounds. Polish Rifle, recently purchased by Heiligbrodt Racing Stable in partnership with Stonerside Stable LLC, worked a half mile Monday in :48.20 as he prepares for his first start for trainer Steve Asmussen. The colt dominated the field in the Maryland Million Nursery S. before a solid second-place finish behind Tapit in the GIII Laurel Futurity last November. "The colt's doing great," said Scott Blassi, assistant to Asmussen. "He's done everything right. We've been in these races before and we think he has what it takes to compete in these types of races. He looks very promising."

Fire Slam worked a half mile at Fair Grounds Monday in :47.80. After a debut win at Keeneland and an allowance score at Churchill, the bay colt is coming off a runner-up finish in the Delta Jackpot S. "He's been training fine here," commented trainer David Carroll. "He's a big, solid-looking horse, so I'm not sure how far he'll go. We'll give him an opportunity to go a distance and he'll let us know how far he can go. But he's a very nice horse and has shown up every time."

★ EAST ★

Philly Park Cancels Again:

Philadelphia Park was forced to cancel yesterday's live race card after severe winter weather made the track unsafe. The track canceled racing after Monday's second race and after jockey Jose Flores suffered several broken ribs and a punctured lung in a spill during the day's first race. Officials are hopeful the track will be ready for Wednesday's racing, which is scheduled to begin at 12:25 p.m.

Monday Night's Results:

3rd-MNR, \$21,700, Msw, 3yo, 6f, 1:12 1/5, gd.

+ **WHAT A SPOT** (c, 3, Fair Skies--Chestnut St. Rose {SP}, by Lord Durham) was sent off at 3-1 to break his maiden at first asking and didn't disappoint his backers. The chestnut colt broke on top, dictated the pace and remained 2 3/4-lengths clear at the wire. Elaine's Wolfer (Wolf Power {SAf}), the even-money favorite, completed the exacta. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$12,586.

O-Brad White. B-Highland Meadows Farm Inc (OH).

T-Jeffrey A Radosevich.

The **brisnet.com** 'Race of the Day' is the 8th Race at Aqueduct, \$43,000 Allowance. For pps and a complete race analysis, click [here](#).



★ WEST ★

Monday Night's Results:

5th-GGX, \$36,465, Alw, NW1X, 4yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16m, 1:44, ft.

MARWOOD (f, 4, Marlin--Jadewood, by Jade Hunter) saw her chances compromised as the 9-5 chance in her Nov. 13 debut after being squeezed at the start, running eighth by 6 1/4 lengths. Faced with the slop in her next, she put in a nice late run and got a nose in front at the line to break through Dec. 29. The bay, stretching to two turns as an 11-1 outsider, was forwardly placed before a strong late kick propelled her to a 3 1/2-length tally. Cantaloupe (Runaway Groom) was second. Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-0, \$33,550. O-Franks Farms. B-John Franks (FL). T-J Hollendorfer.

Lakeview Dispersal to Offer Complimentary Seasons:

Each of the broodmares in Lakeview Thoroughbred Farm's complete dispersal, set to take place at next week's Barretts Winter Mixed Sale, will sell with a complimentary 2004 season to the promising California-based stallion **Category Five** (Storm Cat). There are 27 mares in the dispersal. "We believe Category Five is proving himself early in his career at stud," said Sue Hubbard, agent for the dispersal. "We wanted to give the purchasers of the mares offered by Mr. and Mrs. Cannata a reward for their support and an incentive to take advantage of this sire early in his career." From his first crop of 24 foals, Category Five had four winners from seven starters in 2003, including stakes winner Edgerrin. For a complete list of mares in the Lakeview dispersal, go to www.barretts.com.

 **SOPHOMORE SPOTLIGHT**

First-time starters/stakes runners: Wednesday, Jan. 21

*Sire (Sire's Sire), Farm, 2000 Fee, #foals of racing age/Winners/SW
Race #-track, race type, distance, runner, odds (if available)*

EXPLOIT (Storm Cat), Taylor Made, \$25K, 159/18/1
5-GP, Msw, 1 1/16mT, Expletive, \$350K FTS AUG yrl, 12-1
WILD EVENT (Wild Again), Bridlewood, \$8K, 86/12/0
9-GP, Msw, 1 1/16mT, Primm, \$14K OBS APR 2yo, 4-1

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★ AMERICAN-BRED WINNERS ★

IN BRITAIN:

Lamos, g, 4, Southern Halo--Gone Private, by Private Account. Southwell, 1-20, Cond, 4yo/up, 1 3/4m (AWT). B-Carolyn L Nicewonder. *\$50,000 wnlg '00 KEENOV; 50,000gns 2yo '02 TATAPR.

IN ITALY:

Miss Nymphaea, f, 3, Stravinsky. See "European Breeders' Edition."

★  EUROPE ★

AUSSIE SUNDAY JOY TO DERMOT WELD

Sunday Joy (Aus) (Sunday Silence), heroine of the 2003 edition of the G1 Australian Oaks, is scheduled to be transferred to the barn of Dermot Weld in Ireland and will be campaigned towards a tilt in the G1 Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe in early October, reports *Sky Channel*. Foaled in 1999, the bay, co-owned by Magic Millions principal John Singleton, is slated to leave her native Australia in February.

★ BRITAIN ★

SAVILL SNAPS UP DARLEY

Current British Horseracing Board chairman Peter Savill has announced that he has retained jockey Kevin Darley as he bids to devote his time to his own breeding and racing interests when he steps down from his post in June. Savill and Darley's longstanding informal relationship was at its height in 1995, when Celtic Swing (GB) took the G1 Prix du Jockey-Club (French Derby) before the former began his political career. "We reached an agreement last night and I am very much looking forward to Kevin riding for me again," he told the *Racing Post*. "It ties in with me leaving racing politics in June this year, so I'll be back focusing on racing. My goal in the next few years is to build up my stud [Springfield House Stud] in Ireland. My ambition is to constantly upgrade the quality of broodmares as Gerald [Leigh] did--he was the epitome of the successful small owner-breeder."



Celtic Swing - Fee 2004: €12,000 (c.£8,450) Oct.1st - Sire of Breeders' Cup Mile winner **SIX PERFECTIONS**

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(British report cont.)

JOCKEY CLUB PONDER NEW SCANDAL

Racing's authorities are considering action against former racehorse owner Graham Piper, who it has been announced this week has been convicted for drug trafficking. Piper, who had horses in training in Buckinghamshire with conditioner Rod Simpson, had been sentenced for 14 years in June 2001, but reporting restrictions had only been lifted Monday. "We will consider the situation regarding Graham Piper and an option open to us would be to question whether or not a penalty would be appropriate," Jockey Club Spokesman John Maxse told *PA Sport* yesterday.

★ **EUROPEAN-BRED WINNERS** ★

IN HONG KONG:

Tiber (Ire), c, 4, **Titus Livius (Fr)**--Exciting (Ire), by Mill Reef. Sha Tin, 1-18, Hcp., 1600mT. B-Newlands House Stud. *1/2 to Almushtarak (Ire) (Fairy King), MGSW & MG1SP-Eng, GSP-HK, \$524,158-Eng. **Ir£250,000 yrl '01 GOFORB.

Entertaining (Ire), g, 5, **Danehill--Direct Lady (Ire)**, by Fools Holme. Sha Tin, 1-18, Hcp., 1600mT. B-Redmondstown Stud. *Formerly High Sierra (Ire).

Strong Sun (GB), g, 5, **Polish Precedent--Mill Line (GB)**, by Mill Reef. Sha Tin, 1-18, Hcp., 1600mT. B-W & R Barnett. *Full to Pure Grain (GB), G1SW-Eng & Ire, \$441,873; and All Grain (GB), GSP-Eng. **80,000gns yrl '00 TATDEC; HK\$2,000,000 2yo '01 HKIS.



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**BREEDERS' EDITION
AMERICA**

ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

7th-GGX, \$36,837, 1-19, Opt. Clm. (\$50,000), NW2X, 4yo/up, f/m, 1m, 1:37 1/5, ft.

CHRISTEL FLAME (GB) (m, 5, **Darshaan {GB}**--**Kirkby Belle {GB}**, by **Bay Express {Ire}**) Lifetime Record: SW, 14-3-1-2, \$76,709. O-Henry E Pabst. B-Theakston Stud (GB). T-Neil D Drysdale.

8th-CTX, \$29,500, 1-19, NW3L, 4/up, 7f, 1:33 2/5, ft. **JUMPSTARTER** (c, 4, **Wild Rush--Raksh**, by **Fappiano**) Lifetime Record: 12-3-3-0, \$59,890. O-Michael J Gill. B-Ryder River Ridge Farm Inc (KY). T-Phil Schoenthal. *\$150,000 wIng '00 KEENOV. **1/2 to Toolighttoquit (Dixieland Brass), MSW, \$331,182.

7th-MNR, \$25,000, 1-19, NW2L, 3, f, 1m, 1:40 4/5, gd. **LIL BIT OF ROUGE** (f, 3, **Hold for Gold--Mighty Might**, by **Runaway Groom**) Lifetime Record: 7-1-2-2, \$26,473. O/T-Kelly L Wiseman. B-Everest Stables, Inc (KY). *\$2,700 yrl '02 FTKOCT.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Kid Carrots, f, 4, **Unbridled's Song--Scholar**, by Known Fact. MNR, 1-19, 6f, 1:11. B-John H Peace (KY). *\$19,000 HRA 2003 KEENOV.

SO. HEMISPHERE WINNERS BY U.S. STALLIONS:

Sir Kinloch (NZ), g, 5, **Rhythm--Ivory (NZ)** (SW & GSP-NZ), by Gold And Ivory. Trentham (Wellington), 1-19, Hcp, 3yo/up, 7fT. B-Messrs H S, H S & S S Dyke.

**BREEDERS' EDITION
EUROPE**

CONDITIONS RESULTS:

ITALY, Naples, 5.40, Cond, 1-19, €13,005, 3yo, f, 1 1/4mT, 2:11.78, hy.

GIOBIA (IRE) (f, 3, **Idris {Ire}**--**l'Annetta {Ire}**, by **Broken Hearted {Ire}**) Lifetime Record: 7 starts, 2 wins, 1 place, €17,459. O-Scuderia Ri Ma; B-Villa Dosia SRL; T-Fabrizio Camici.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Miss Nympha, f, 3, **Stravinsky--Nimpha**, by General Assembly. Naples, Italy, 1-19, Mdn, 3yo, f, 1mT. B-H Mastey & Golden Gate Stud. *\$8,000 yrl '02 KEESEP.

SO. HEMISPHERE WINNERS BY EURO STALLIONS:

Bois (NZ), g, 4, **Desert Sun (GB)**--**Zephyr Darling (NZ)**, by Zephyr Bay (Aus). Trentham (Wellington), 1-19, Hcp, 3yo/up, 6fT. B-Mr H B & Mrs J A Norcross.