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### DANEHILL COLT TOPS PREMIER FINALE

A second Danehill colt reached seven figures at the New Zealand Bloodstock's Premier Yearling Sale in Karaka, when David Ellis of Te Akau Racing yesterday went to NZ\$1.1 million to purchase [Lot 509](#). The bay yearling, consigned by Pencarrow Stud, is the first foal out of Australian Group 1 winner Grand Echezeaux (NZ) (Zabeel {NZ}). The mare is a half sister to Romaneer Conti (NZ), the dam of G1 Melbourne Cup winner Ethereal (NZ). In foal to Stravinsky, she has a Montjeu (Ire) filly at foot. "He is the best yearling Pencarrow has ever had to sell since we began taking horses to the sales 20 or so years ago," Pencarrow Stud manager Leon Casey said of the seven-figure yearling on the farm's website. "He was a stunning foal and has never put a foot wrong." Of his new acquisition, Ellis said on Pencarrow's site, "I decided before Christmas that I wanted to purchase a Danehill colt with a stallion pedigree. I looked at all the Danehills at the Gold Coast sale and at this sale and this is the best of them. He's the type of colt that can perform at two and right up to derby level. If he lives up to those expectations, he will then retire to stud in the Waikato." The underbidder on yesterday's sale topper was Adrian Nicoll of BBA Ireland, who purchased [Lot 159](#), a son of Danehill out of Push a Venture (GB) (Shirley Heights {GB}), for NZ\$1 million during Monday's opening session of the three-day auction. The sale average of NZ\$111,955 is up 17 percent from last year's figure of NZ\$95,291. The median rose eight percent to NZ\$72,500. The buy-back rate was 17 percent. "Going into this year's Premier Sale, we were hoping to achieve somewhere around 10-percent growth in average and aggregate," explained New Zealand Bloodstock's General Manager of Bloodstock and Marketing Julia Naismith. "To see the average climb by 17 percent and the aggregate by 31 percent is extremely satisfying to say the least. Not only was the top end of the market incredibly strong, but the all-important median or middle market also grew significantly. Buyers from across the globe love coming to Karaka and when we combine this advantage with pedigrees and yearlings of top international quality as we did this year, we had the right ingredients for what has been a highly successful sale." (Cont. p2)

### CONGAREE GETS THE GREEN LIGHT

Trainer Bob Baffert is disappointed with the 124-pound impost assigned to **Congaree** (Arazi) for Saturday's GII San Antonio H. at Santa Anita. But after watching the chestnut work a half mile in :48 yesterday morning and discussing options with owner Robert McNair, the silver-haired conditioner pronounced his charge on track for a meeting with Breeders' Cup Classic winner **Pleasantly Perfect** (Pleasant Colony) in the nine-furlong event, which will be the seasonal debut for both horses. "I wasn't very happy with the weights," Baffert admitted, "but we don't have much choice. For some reason, they keep weighting and weighting Congaree. He's running a mile and an eighth early in the year, so if he wins, what does he do in the Big 'Cap [GI Santa Anita H. Mar. 6]?" Trainer Richard Mandella, who conditions the Classic winner for Diamond A Racing, doesn't really care who shows up. "We're running. We're here to run and he couldn't be better." The six-year-old had his final tune-up for Saturday's feature on Tuesday morning, working a half mile in :46 3/5, the best of 27 moves at the distance. The San Antonio is likely to attract a field of about seven, including Japan Cup Dirt winner **Fleetstreet Dancer** (Smart Strike) and GII San Fernando Breeders' Cup runner-up **Toccet** (Awesome Again).



Congaree winning last year's San Antonio *Benoit photo*



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#### New Zealand Premier Yearling Sale Wednesday, January 28, 2004

<u>CUMULATIVE:</u>	<u>2004</u>	<u>2003</u>
No. Sold	400	353
%RNA	17%	17%
Gross (NZ\$)	\$44,782,000	\$34,209,500
Average (NZ\$)	\$111,955 (+ 17%)	\$95,291
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**WORLD CUP PROGRAM ATTRACTS A CAST OF**

**A THOUSAND** Nearly 1000 horses from 25 different countries have been made eligible for the Mar. 27 Dubai World Cup program at the close of the second nomination period Jan. 14. The centerpiece of the card, the \$6-million G1 Dubai World Cup, could attract several horses from the United States, including Breeders' Cup Classic winner **Pleasantly Perfect** (Pleasant Colony), **Medaglia d'Oro** (El Prado {Ire}), second in the Classic, and **Congaree** (Arazi), who squares off against Pleasantly Perfect in the GII San Antonio H. this weekend. **Refuse To Bend (Ire)** (Sadler's Wells), recently transferred to Godolphin, could make an appearance in the G1 Dubai Duty Free as could MG1SW **Vespone (Ire)** (Llandaff) and G1 Dubai Champion S. hero **Rakti (GB)** (Polish Precedent). **Johar** (Gone West), who shared the victory in the Breeders' Cup Turf, has been invited for the G1 Dubai Sheema Classic, while **Cajun Beat** (Grand Slam) has been selected to contest the G1 Dubai Golden Shaheen, which could also attract South African sprint sensation **National Currency (SAf)** (National Assembly).

NZB Premier Yearling Sale cont.

**NEW ZEALAND BLOODSTOCK PREMIER SALE**

**TOP LOTS -- WEDNESDAY**

Lot	Sex	Sire	Dam	Price (NZ\$)
<b>509</b>	colt	<b>Danehill</b>	<b>Grand Echezeaux (NZ)</b>	<b>\$1,100,000</b>
Consigned by Pencarrow Stud Purchased by David Ellis				
<b>452</b>	filly	<b>Fusaichi Pegasus</b>	<b>Emerald (NZ)</b>	<b>\$500,000</b>
Consigned by Chequers Stud Purchased by Demi O'Byrne				
<b>454</b>	colt	<b>Zabeel (NZ)</b>	<b>Emerald Dream (Aus)</b>	<b>\$400,000</b>
Consigned by Cambridge Stud Purchased by Bruce Perry Bloodstock Ltd				
<b>510</b>	filly	<b>Montjeu (Ire)</b>	<b>Greta Hall (NZ)</b>	<b>\$400,000</b>
Consigned by Windsor Park Stud Ltd Purchased by New Zealand Bloodstock Ltd				
<b>496</b>	colt	<b>King's Best</b>	<b>Georgiana (NZ)</b>	<b>\$360,000</b>
Consigned by Pencarrow Stud Purchased by New Zealand Bloodstock Ltd				

☆ PREVIEW ☆

Thursday, Nad al Sheba, post time: 9:15 p.m.

**NAYEF SHEIKH MAKTOUM BIN RASHID AL MAKTOUM CHALLENGE-ROUND 1-G3, \$150,000, 3yo/up, 1600m**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER
1	Al Maali (Ire)	Polar Falcon	Watson
2	Blatant (GB)	Machiavellian	Mohammed
3	Change the Grange (Aus)	Umatilla (NZ)	Tam
4	Conflict (Fr)	Warning (GB)	Al Kurdi
5	Curule	Go for Gin	Watson
6	Dubai Honor (GB)	Highest Honor (Fr)	Watson
7	Seeking the Prize (GB)	Zafonic	Scr
8	State Shinto	Pleasant Colony	Al Kurdi
9	Tropical Star (Ire)	Machiavellian	Al Raihe
10	Victory Moon (SAf)	Al Mufti	de Kock
11	Walmooch (GB)	In The Wings (GB)	Smith
12	Fabria (Per)	Farallon P	Barton

All carry 130 pounds, except Fabria, 125.

**FROM THE DESK OF...**

Bill Oppenheim



**IN DEFENSE OF AGENTS**

Other than convicted felons, can there be an easier target than the middlemen? They don't own the thing, they aren't the star. They are the agent, the broker, the dealer, the fixer. It's not their capital involved; they're somehow vaguely suspected of being parasites. So it's easy to blame them for ills in the system. The thorny issue of transparency in bloodstock dealings has reared up again in Britain, as a result of a story by Richard Evans in *The Daily Telegraph* which was splashed across the front page of yesterday's trade daily, the *Racing Post*. Strangely, it was to do with a case that never even went to court, but involved trainer David Elsworth, English agents Charlie Gordon-Watson and Jamie McCalmont, and California agent Richard Duggan. (Oppenheim cont. p3)

**KING CUGAT**

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**Bill Oppenheim cont.**

It was really pretty run-of-the-mill stuff, but has made headlines over here--at least it's a break for one day from the John Magnier/Alex Ferguson saga. In a climate where this so-called competition commission, the Office of Fair Trading, is threatening to sabotage the entire structure of British racing, this sort of publicity just makes industry participants more jittery.

To make a long story very short, the allegation was that Gordon-Watson, representing the buyer through Duggan, committed to buy a filly trained by Elsworth, who was going to be paid £10,000 by the buyers even though he was also being paid by the sellers. It never happened anyway because the filly was injured before the money changed hands, Duggan refused to pay for her, and Gordon-Watson was suing to recover costs incurred by the sale not going through, which he maintained was hardly his fault. Anyway, the Judge read the statements and told the parties to go off and settle, basically because Elsworth not telling the seller he was also being paid by the buyer could be construed as fraud. So it was settled. But for some extraordinary reason, the *Telegraph's* Richard Evans turned it into headline news, and yesterday's *Racing Post* picked it up and now has everybody shouting from the rooftops about how bloodstock agents should be properly regulated, et cetera. Evans' story extensively cited Justin Wadham, a lawyer and former Darley Stud official who was representing Duggan, the agent in America who refused to pay for the filly after she had been injured--though I don't remember reading that in the *Telegraph* story. But the basic issue is that trainer Elsworth was supposed to be getting £10,000 from the buyer's side, on top of what he was going to be getting from the seller. If Elsworth had told Foodbroker he was getting the £10,000, there would be no legal issue, Judge Dean said, according to what I read.

I suppose shock, horror, and wringing of hands is an inevitable consequence, at least publicly, of the discovery that everything is not always disclosed to everybody on all sides of a transaction. Aside from the fact that 'incentives' have been an effective way of doing

business since business has been done (greed being an essential component of the human condition, it would seem), I actually think our agent friends are somewhat taking the hit for having the wits to survive in a very tough and competitive environment where you still have a chance to succeed on your merit. What I mean is this: let's look at the principals here, the sellers and the buyers of this commodity we call racehorses--a commodity which, may I remind you, would have no value were it not for we humans who are gambling on them, trading in them, and even reporting about them.

If you're looking for transparency, why not start with a standard contract between licensed dealers and principals--which states that the agents for seller and buyer will each receive a five-percent minimum commission from the seller. I would actually add a couple of wrinkles. There is no reason for it to be exclusive, and I would be in favor of a minimum commission of something like £250 in Britain, or \$500 in America. Half the reason agents would be tempted to commit larceny, if they were, is because they have no guarantee going in from the person they're meant to be representing. And, by the way, can I tell you one of the reasons principals won't commit to paying five percent? Greed. Principals can be greedy, too, just like agents.

In my role as an analyst of the breeding side of the industry, I would hate to see much invasive regulation anyway. I probably have a selfish reason for thinking that: the stuff I get to analyze is a kind of pure capitalism. It really is a true market economy, and as such it regulates itself in some pretty interesting ways. I think I have the luxury of analyzing pure economic factors, uncomplicated by too much bureaucracy, regulation, or other political factors.

So, sure, let's have more transparency, and less cheating. But don't let's blame it all on the agents: they're not driving this train. If you want to make them part of the process that makes the rules, fine; but as for making them the scapegoats for everything that's wrong with the business ... pass. Look to the lawgivers first, I say.

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 **NORTH AMERICA** 

**PAIR TOP BARRETT'S FINALE** Eight-year-old **Miss Grimsby** (Saint Ballado--Dover Court, by Gold Alert) realized a final bid of \$45,000, the co-highest price of the day, at Tuesday's final session of Barretts January Mixed Sale, held at the Hinds Sales Pavilion in Pomona, California. Purchased on behalf of Rancho San Miguel, the winning and dual stakes-placed mare, who is believed to be in foal to Tribal Rule (Storm Cat), was consigned by Special T. Thoroughbreds, Inc., agent. Also sharing top honors was [hip 712](#), a filly by Bartok (Ire) out of the Dane in Time mare Noruega. Agent Eric Kruljac bought the bay filly for Mitchell Ranch from Sue Hubbard and Associates, as part of the Lakeview Thoroughbred Farm complete dispersal.

**FABRE SIGNS UP GARY STEVENS** Gary Stevens will be riding in France in 2004 after signing a retainer with André Fabre. In the surprising revelation, the world-famous jockey, who turned 40 last year, will begin riding for the legendary French conditioner in the middle of March. Stevens will fill the gap left by the departure of Olivier Peslier as first jockey to Fabre in September 2002 and by the retainer that Christophe Soumillon has signed with His Highness the Aga Khan. "I would have to have my head examined to turn this down," Stevens told *European Bloodstock News* yesterday. "It is to me, at the age of 40, the opportunity of a lifetime. I love change, I got my education through racing and I got my education through travel--not by going to school." Fabre and Stevens paired up previously to success in the 1990 GI Breeders' Cup Turf with Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid al Maktoum's In the Wings (GB). Stevens will be enjoying his second foray into Europe, having ridden for Sir Michael Stoute in England during the 1999 season.



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	2004	2003
No. Offered	318	298
No. Sold	240	255
RNAs	78	43
% RNA	25%	14%
Gross	\$1,583,500	\$2,308,200
Average (% change)	\$6,598 (-27%)	\$9,052
Median (% change)	\$3,000 (-25%)	\$4,000

**CUMULATIVE TOTALS**

	2004	2003
No. Offered	629	596
No. Sold	517	524
RNAs	112	72
% RNA	17.8%	12%
Gross	\$4,057,300	\$4,431,000
Average (% change)	\$7,848 (-7.2%)	\$8,456
Median (% change)	\$3,500 (-12.5%)	\$4,000

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★ **GULFSTREAM** ★

**Yesterday's Results:**  
**7th-GPX, \$46,000, Alw, Opt. Clm.** (\$100,000), NW2 \$R3MX, 4yo/up, f/m, a1m70yd, 1:43 3/5, ft.  
**1--PAMPERED PRINCESS, 115, f, 4, Indian Charlie--Crafty Ember (SW, \$133,835), by Crafty Prospector.** (\$50,000 wlng '00 KEENOV). O-Martin L Cherry; B-Dr & Mrs R Herman Playforth (KY); T-Martin D Wolfson. Lifetime Record: SP, 12-5-1-3, \$120,985.  
**2--Nonsuch Bay, 115, m, 5, Mr. Greeley--Brighter Than Gold, by Light Idea.** (\$75,000 2yo 2001 OBSMAR).  
**3--Dakota Light, 121, f, 4, Colony Light--Dolly's Back, by At the Threshold.**  
 Margins: HD, 1HF, 1HF. Odds: 2.50, 0.60, 6.50.  
 Pampered Princess, a narrow winner of a \$40,000 optional claimer at Calder Dec. 1, was passed late to finish third in her latest, the 1 1/16-mile Stage Door Betty H. at that track Dec. 27. A well-supported 5-2 shot this time, the bay tracked Serenity's Smile (Dixie Brass) through a half in :48.63 and three quarters in 1:13.89, moved up to take command at the top of the stretch and held off the late-running Nonsuch Bay. Sent off the hot 3-5 favorite, Nonsuch Bay ran strongly throughout, but failed to find room until the final strides and had to settle for second.

**BREEDERS' CUP STAKES CLOSINGS**



CLOSES	TRACK	RACE	CONDITIONS	PURSE	RUNS
2-7	TAM	Tampa Bay Breeders' Cup S.	3yo/up, 1 1/16mT	\$100,000	2-14
2-12	GP	Gulfstream Park Breeders' Cup H. (GI)	3yo/up, 1 3/8mT	\$250,000	2-22

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(Gulfstream cont.)

**8th-GPX, \$38,000, Alw, Opt. Clm.** (\$75,000), NW3X, 4yo/up, 7f, 1:24 3/5, ft.

**LION TAMER (c, 4, Will's Way--Tippecanoe Creek {SP}, by Olympio)** put himself on the Triple Crown trail last year with three straight victories, including a six-length romp in the GII Hutcheson S. over track and trip Feb. 15 before finishing a flat fourth in the nine-furlong GII Lane's End S. at Turfway Park Mar. 22. Sent to the sidelines following an uncharacteristically poor sixth, beaten 33 3/4 lengths, last time out in the GI Toyota Blue Grass S. at Keeneland Apr. 12, the \$20,000 KEENOV weanling and \$180,000 FTKJUL yearling went off the 3-5 choice to record his first win in almost a year. Restrained off the early pace while three wide, the colt took command at will with two furlongs to run and went on to win by a geared down 2 1/4 lengths. The \$4.2-million FTSAUG purchase Distinction (Seattle Slew) finished fourth, but was disqualified and placed last for interference with Certram Sweep (End Sweep) in early stretch, while Flank Attack (End Sweep) dwelt at the start and was pulled up soon after. Lifetime Record: GSW, 7-4-1-0, \$193,800. O-Michael B Tabor. B-Paul Smith (KY). T-Todd A Pletcher.

**5th-GPX, \$34,000, Alw, NW1X, 3yo, 6f, 1:11, ft.**  
**WULPE (c, 3, Montbrook--Tournament Dancer, by Lypheor {GB})** was a 1 3/4-length winner in his latest at the Meadowlands Oct. 11 and went off the 6-5 chalk to make it two in a row. Held back in a stalking third early, the \$60,000 OBSAUG yearling purchase took over inside the eighth pole and edged away late to score by 1 3/4 lengths over Classic Wine (Eltish). Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-0, \$34,950. O-Starlight Stable LLC. B-G Hill (FL). T-Todd A Pletcher.

The **brisnet.com** 'Race of the Day' is the 8th Race at Aqueduct, \$47,000 allowance. For pps and a complete race analysis, click [here](#).

**6th-GPX, \$32,000, Msw, 3yo, f, 8.5fm, 1:46 2/5, ft.**  
**DYNA'S DYNAMO (f, 3, Dynaformer--Dynawite {MSW, \$190,091}, by Vigors)** was a distant ninth in her debut over the Gulfstream sod Jan. 9 and was given little consideration at almost 7-1 odds for her dirt bow. Far back early, the half to Glacial (Northern Flagship), MSW & MGSP, \$400,619, picked off horses around the far turn, rallied three wide to take over approaching the eighth pole and drew off late to win by a widening 6 3/4-length margin. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$19,520.

O-Miss T Cole. B-Mrs H Cole (KY). T-H Allen Jerkens.

**Frisky's Next Start Still a Mystery:**

One thing is for sure. **Frisky Spider** (Frisk Me Now), perfect in three starts in his young career, will make his next start on Saturday, the 14th of February. But trainer Bob Durso, who trains the colt for his wife, Carol Dender, and Martin Friedman, is still undecided as to whether to keep the Maryland-bred sprinting for the GII Hutcheson S. over seven furlongs or whether to stretch him out for the GII Fountain of Youth S. The dark bay, coming off a 3/4-length allowance score on Sunday at Gulfstream, enjoys his trainer's confidence. "We worked him out past the wire at the end of his race [Sunday]," Durso said. "He dug in to win the race, then when he came up on the turn, another horse came up alongside him just galloping out and he dug in again. The outrider had to help pick him up."

★ CENTRAL ★

**Susan Hundley Dies:**

Susan Hundley who, along with her husband Bruce, operated Saxony Farm in Versailles, Kentucky, passed away last Saturday after a short battle with cancer. She was 62 years old. Active in the Central Kentucky community, Hundley was an organizer of several functions, including the Carousel Ball, the Lexington Ball and the Lexington Ballet Ball. She is survived by her husband and two children. Funeral services were held yesterday in Lexington.



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(Central report cont.)

**Track Announcer Goemmer Dies in Accident:**

Kevin Goemmer, a longtime announcer at several Midwest tracks, suffered an apparent heart attack and died Tuesday night in a motor vehicle accident. A native of Louisville, Kentucky, Goemmer began his announcing career at Louisville Downs calling Standard-bred races and made the transition to Thoroughbreds when he took the mike at River Downs, where he was also the director of publicity and assistant general manager. He became the full-time voice of racing on the Chicago circuit in the mid-1990s, but "retired" in 1999, taking over the position of director of sales and marketing for Charlton Broadcast Technologies in Northern Kentucky. He served as back-up to Turfway Park announcer Mike Battaglia when the latter was away. Goemmer, 48, is survived by his wife Debbie, two sons, Jason and Justin, and a granddaughter. Funeral arrangements are pending.

★ NEW YORK ★

**Funny Cide Among Nominees for NY-Bred Champs:**

Sacketoga Stable's **Funny Cide** (Distorted Humor), the champion three-year-old of 2003, heads the list of nominees for New York-bred championships. Other graded-stakes performers in line for top honors include GI Sword Dancer Invitational hero **Whitmore's Conn** (Kris S.) for male turf horse, GII Remsen S. winner **Read the Footnotes** (Smoke Glacken) for two-year-old colt, GISP **She's Got The Beat** (Sultry Song) for older female and **Go Rockin Robin** (Distorted Humor), winner of the GII Peter Pan S., who will vie for champion three-year-old with Funny Cide. Winners will be honored at the New York Thoroughbred Breeders' Annual Awards Banquet Apr. 26 in Albany, New York.

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★ SO. CALIFORNIA ★

**Yesterday's Results:**

**TUZLA H.**, \$76,850, SAX, 1-28, 4yo/up, f/m, 1mT, 1:34 2/5, fm.

1--**#FUDGE FATALE, 116, f, 4, Roar--Margaret's Hope (SW, \$118,073), by Cormorant.** O/B-John J Greely III (KY); T-C Beau Greely; J-J Valdivia Jr; \$46,110. Lifetime Record: 13-3-2-1, \$138,130. \*1/2 to Let's Be Curious (Air Forbes Won), SW, \$198,085; Freon (It's Freezing), SP, \$164,574; Air Force M.D. (Air Forbes Won), SW, \$169,407; and full to Diamond Hope, MSP, \$172,176.

2--**Polygreen (Fr)**, 117, m, 5, Green Tune--Yxenery (Ire), by Sillery. O-Wertheimer & Frere. \$15,370.

3--**Fun House**, 117, m, 5, Prized--Bistra, by Classic Go Go. O-Winchell Thoroughbreds Llc. \$9,222.

Margins: 1 1/4, 1, HD. Odds: 55.10, 1.10, 6.50.

Fudge Fatale was sent off the longest price in this field, but found her way to the front within a few strides and forgot to stop. The winner of a one-mile optional claimer at Hollywood last May, the dark bay was a close second in the grassy Bay Meadows Oaks June 14 before finishing sixth in the July 14 Flawlessly S. back in Inglewood. Fifth of six in a Del Mar optional claimer Aug. 4, she was rank when ninth in the Sept. 13 Carmel H. by the Bay and was making her first appearance since checking in a midpack seventh in the H.C. Ramser Sr. H. over track and trip Oct. 12. Soon in front beneath jockey Jose Valdivia Jr., the homebred filly dictated a solid pace, expanded her lead on the far turn, was clear into the stretch and held off a mild late bid from favored Polygreen for her first stakes victory.

3rd-SAX, \$49,000, Msw, 3yo, 1mT, 1:35, fm. **EREWHON (c, 3, Kingmambo--Lingerie {GB}, by Shirley Heights {GB})** was nowhere in either of his first two career starts, including a sixth-place finish last time out going a mile over this main track Dec. 29. Sent off the 3-2 choice this time, the bay tracked the early pace in third through the opening half mile, bid three deep on the second turn, took over a furlong out and drew clear late to post a 3 1/2-length win over Lipan (Mr. Greeley). The homebred is a three quarters sibling to Limnos (Jpn) (Hector Protector), MGSW-Fr, \$191,886; Shiva (Jpn) (Hector Protector), 2X Hwt Older Mare-GB at 9.5-11f, G1SW-Ire, GSW & MG1SP-GB, \$360,890. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-0, \$29,400. O/B-Flaxman Holdings Ltd (KY). T-Wallace A Dollase.



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**So. California Report cont.**

**Recovered From Cough, Halfbridled to Work:**

Eclipse Award winning two-year-old filly **Halfbridled** (Unbridled) remains on track to make her sophomore debut in the GI Las Virgenes S. at Santa Anita Feb. 15, despite having missed some training due to a minor cough. Trainer Richard Mandella plans on breezing the Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies winner in the near future. "It's going to be in the next couple of days. I don't know which one," Mandella said, referring to her next work. "She's good. She galloped two miles today. I'm going to breeze her in the next few days, but I'm not sure when or how long." In other Las Virgenes developments, undefeated **A.P. Adventure** (A.P. Indy) worked six furlongs in a bullet 1:11 2/5 at Hollywood Park yesterday morning.

**Puerto Rican Sensation Joins Colony:**

Javier Santiago, the leading rider in Puerto Rico with over 1,700 riding victories to his credit, will join the Santa Anita jockey colony beginning next Wednesday. Tony Matos will book mounts for the 24-year-old jockey, who totes 110 pounds. "Eddie Belmonte called me from Puerto Rico and told me about him and sent me some tapes," said Matos, who also represents Victor Espinoza. "I was very impressed and I talked Javier into coming here. Belmonte told me he hasn't seen a rider this good in Puerto Rico in 20 years."

★ **INDUSTRY INFO** ★

**ESPN Offers Live Racing On-Line:**

ESPN.com will provide live video of racing from over 120 tracks in the U.S., Canada, Australia and South Africa. The site offers links to view entries, scratches and current odds, as well as video in its new live racing section. Among the tracks offering video on the site are Sam Houston, Delta Downs, Oaklawn, Philadelphia Park, Sunland and Tampa Bay. The section is powered by *youbet.com*.

★ **AMERICAN-BRED WINNERS** ★

**IN HONG KONG:**

**King of Fish**, g, 5, **Rahy**--Gentle and Bold (MSP, \$184,391), by Bold Executive. Happy Valley, 1-28, Hcp., 1650mT. B-Natalie Lenstra, Gainsborough Farm Inc & Robert N Clay. \*Formerly On a Dare. \*\*\$40,000 wnlg '99 KEENOV.

 **SOPHOMORE SPOTLIGHT**

**First-time starters/stakes runners: Thursday, Jan. 29**

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

- FORESTRY** (Storm Cat), Taylor Made, \$50K, 136/12/2 4-FG, Msw, 1mT, Golden Glen, \$245K BAR MAR 2yo, 6-1
- GOLD AWAY (IRE)** (Goldneyev), Quesnay, \$3K, 79/8/2 4-FG, Msw, 1mT, Ca d'Zan, 12-1
- MAZEL TRICK** (Phone Trick), Airdrie, \$13K, 150/15/1 6-TP, Msw, 6 1/2f, Tricky Taboo, \$85K KEE SEP yrl
- REAL QUIET** (Quiet American), Taylor Made, \$10K, 126/9/0 4-FG, Msw, 1mT, Hibernata, \$7K EAS OCT yrl, 12-1
- STORMIN FEVER** (Storm Cat), Airdrie, \$15K, 140/17/1 6-AQU, Msw, 1m, After the Tone, 6-1

★  **EUROPE** ★

★ **BRITAIN** ★

**JOCKEY CLUB REACT TO CASE**

Officials at the Jockey Club have announced that they will call a summit meeting of the major figures within the bloodstock and racing industries. The move, which will bring together representatives of bloodstock agents, owners, trainers, breeders, and sales company employees, is in response to a recent court case involving conditioner David Elsworth and bloodstock agent Charlie Gordon-Watson. That case centered around the sale of the filly **Foodbroker Fancy** (Halling) to U.S. interests during which Judge Michael Dean QC made comments regarding the conduct of the business. Those remarks came after hearing witness statements that Gordon-Watson had made a payment to Elsworth, who was already due to receive a percentage of the sale from the current owners. Reacting to Judge Dean's comments that "the sooner the people involved change their ways, the better," the Jockey Club's Executive Director Christopher Foster added, "We are calling a meeting of the relevant organizations to discuss how to increase transparency in sales transactions."

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The 2004 Tattersalls February Sale catalog is available now and can be viewed at [www.tattersalls.com](http://www.tattersalls.com). The sale, which numbers 205 lots, will feature the dam of German 1000 Guineas winner **Portella (Ger)** (Protektor {Ger}) and the half sister to last year's G1 Epsom Derby runner-up **The Great Gatsby (Ire)** (Sadler's Wells). The Thursday, Feb. 5 sale will be immediately preceded by a stallion parade headed by Arc de Triomphe winner **Sakhee** (Bahri) and treble Group 1 winner **Storming Home (GB)** (Machiavellian).

★ FRANCE ★

**Yesterday's Results:**

**Cagnes sur Mer, 2.20, Cond, €29,000, 3yo, 7½fT, 1:36.20, sf.**

**KENSINGTON (GER) (c, 3, Dashing Blade {GB}--Key to Win {GB}, by Lead on Time)**, successful in a course-and-distance conditions event last time Jan. 19, was sent off the 2-1 second favorite. Settled in a stalking fourth throughout the early stages, he quickened in the straight to lead with 200 yards remaining before asserting to beat Un Amor (Fr) (Septieme Ciel) by two lengths. Lifetime Record: SP-Ger, 8 starts, 2 wins, 3 places, €36,400.  
O-D Gorse; B-Stall Calluna; T-Alain Junk.

★ IRELAND ★

**HIGH-RISE TO PARK HOUSE**

**High-Rise (Ire)** (High Estate {GB}--High Tern {Ire}, by High Line {GB}) has returned from Japan to stand at Paddy Byrne's Park House Stud in Tullow, County Carlow, Ireland. The 1998 G1 Epsom Derby winner also finished runner-up to Swain (Ire) in the G1 King George VI and Queen Elizabeth Diamond S. at Ascot and third in the G1 Japan Cup. His 2004 fee has been set at €1,500, due Oct. 1. "High-Rise was a superior racehorse and he is an impressive individual," Byrne said yesterday. "I have heard good reports about his stock in Japan and I have no doubt he will appeal to breeders here. Being free of Northern Dancer blood, he should be an ideal cross for mares from that line, Sadler's Wells in particular."



MIDDLE EAST



**CARNIVAL KICKS OFF TONIGHT** The inaugural nine-week Dubai International Racing Carnival at Nad Al Sheba racecourse kicks off this evening with the featured first round of the \$150,000 G3 Sheikh Maktoum bin Rashid Al Maktoum Challenge. The race marks the return of trainer Mike de Kock's **Victory Moon (SAF)** (Al Mufti), who won four races in Dubai last season, including the G2 UAE Derby and the G3 UAE 2000 Guineas. Culminating on Mar. 27 with the Dubai World Cup meeting, the International Racing Carnival will offer total prize money of \$21 million, with an average of over \$117,000 per race.



AUSTRALASIA



**EUREKA DISPERSAL CHANGES VENUE** A planned dispersal sale at the property of Colin and Scott McAlpine's Eureka Thoroughbreds in May has been called off, with a dispersal of top Eureka stock to be held during the Magic Millions National Sales Series in June. The planned sale was cancelled after it was found that a large selection of quality broodmares to be offered had failed to test pregnant after being served in the spring. "This setback would have depleted the quality of the proposed catalogue and certainly would have made an enormous difference to the sale of these good broodmares," said Scott McAlpine.

★ NEW ZEALAND ★

**KILIMANJARO COLT TOPS NZ SELECT OPENER**

A colt by English group stakes placed Kilimanjaro (GB) topped yesterday's opening session of the Select portion of New Zealand Bloodstock's National Yearling Sales in Karaka. [Lot 599](#), the first foal out of stakes placed Last Drinks (NZ) (Straight Strike), brought a final bid of NZ\$100,000 from Rob McAnulty. He was consigned by Westbury Stud Ltd. The opening session averaged NZ\$28,525, slightly ahead of last year's complete Select Sale average of NZ\$27,952. The Select Sale continues through Friday, while the Festival Sale will be conducted on Sunday and Monday.

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## BREEDERS' EDITION AMERICA

### ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

7th-LRL, \$27,000, Opt. Clm. (\$25,000-\$20,000), NW2X, 4yo/up, 1 1/8m, 1:49 3/5, ft.

**KISSIN' JACK** (c, 4, Kissin Kris--Another Copelan, by Copelan) Lifetime Record: 11-4-2-0, \$88,180. O-Linda Gaudet & Morris Bailey. B-John Conway & Newport Farm (FL). T-Edmond D Gaudet. \*\$82,000 2yo 2002 OBSAPR.

10th-SUN, \$26,268, 1-27, NW2X, 3yo, 1m, 1:37 1/5, ft.

**MY CHARLIE BROWN** (c, 3, Indian Charlie--St. Rajas, by St. Jovite) Lifetime Record: SP, 7-4-1-1, \$59,881. O-Phyllis Brown. B-Tommy Town Thoroughbreds, LLC (CA). T-Henry Dominguez. \*\$20,000 2yo '03 BESMAY.

8th-LRL, \$25,000, NW1X, 4yo/up, 7f, 1:24 1/5, ft.

**WIRE WHIP** (h, 5, Birdonthewire--Reet Petite {GSW, \$175,043}, by Maudlin) Lifetime Record: 13-2-5-3, \$108,591. O-Stronach Stable. B-Adena Springs (FL). T-Justin J Nixon. \*1/2 to Petite Deputy (Silver Deputy), MSP, \$164,593.

### ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

**Midnite Prospector**, c, 3, Corwyn Bay (Ire)--Not Soon Forgotten, by Tank's Prospect. SUN, 1-27, (S), 6f, 1:12. B-R D Hubbard & E C Allred (NM). \*\$7,700 yrl '02 RUIAUG.

**Sandia's Flicka**, f, 3, Sandia Slew--Svenska Flicka, by Rokeby (GB). SUN, 1-27, 5 1/2f, 1:03 3/5. B-Joyce D Erickson (TX). \*\$750 yrl '02 RUIAUG.

**John Grove**, g, 4, Simply Majestic--Indobabe, by Danzig Dancer. GGX, 1-28, 6f, 1:09 3/5. B-Mervyn A & Jacqueline A Sahud (CA).

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## BREEDERS' EDITION EUROPE

### ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

**Somewhere My Love** (GB), f, 3, Pursuit of Love (GB)--Grand Coronet (GB), by Grand Lodge. Lingfield, Britain, 1-28, Mdn, 3yo, 1m(AWT). B-Terry G Mills. **Rue d'Arzew** (Fr), f, 3, Marchand de Sable--Montagne Bleue (GB), by Legend of France. Cagnes sur Mer, France, 1-28, Mdn, 3yo, 6 1/2fT. B-Haras de Bernesq. \*€9,000 yrl '02 DEAOCT.



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