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### GB PATTERN INCREASED BY 11

Britain will stage a record number of group races in 2004, according to figures released by the British Horseracing Board yesterday. The total of Group 1, 2 and 3 contests staged on the flat this year is to be 134, up 11 from last year. The changes, sanctioned by the European Pattern Committee, reflect a shift in the committee's willingness to upgrade races. Up until 2002, Britain was restricted, along with other European countries, to having just one race upgraded each year. Britain's representatives argued successfully that this restriction was unfair given the number of group races staged in Britain each year, and the maximum increase was lifted to 10 percent of the previous total. In 2003, 52 percent of the horses named in the International Classifications for flat horses were trained in Britain. "The changes that were agreed to in 2002 were designed to ensure that British racing has a more representative number of group races," said BHB communications manager Alan Delmonte. "A three-year program was begun in 2003 to increase the number of British group races to reflect the quality of our horses. In the past, Britain was disadvantaged compared to other countries, but this is now being redressed. The group-race programme is gradually fitting more accurately the requirements of British-trained horses." The number of Group 1 races has increased to 31 following the already-announced promotions of the former G2 Falmouth S. and G2 Sun Chariot S. The number of Group 2 races has been boosted by five to 40 and the number of Group 3 races is up four to 63.

### SERVICE SET FOR COLLINS

Blandford Bloodstock Ltd. has announced that Joss Collins, who died Sunday, will be cremated in a private ceremony at Risby, Bury St Edmunds next Wednesday morning, Feb. 18. A public memorial service will be held the same afternoon for Collins at 2:30 p.m. at St Mary's Church in Newmarket. His wife, Charlotte Collins, has requested that in lieu of flowers, donations should be given to St Nicholas Hospice in Bury St Edmunds, where Collins spent his last days or to cancer research.

## ★ TRIPLE THREATS ★

### Saturday, Gulfstream Park

#### FOUNTAIN OF YOUTH S.-GII, \$250,000, 3yo, 1 1/16m

Multiple graded stakes winner **Read the Footnotes** (Smoke Glacken) worked five furlongs at the Palm Meadows training center Monday in 1:00.20. The colt will be making his first start since besting Master David in the GII Remsen S. last November at Aqueduct. Asked if his speedy colt had progressed over the winter, trainer Rick Violette said, "I think he's done what's necessary, but you really won't know until he's started once or twice. He's always been a very willing work horse, so you can't tell that way. We'll see if he measures up when he runs against the top horses." Violette is already looking past Saturday's race to the Mar. 13 GI Florida Derby for Read the Footnotes. "It's a Grade I, million dollars," the trainer explained.



**Read the Footnotes**  
*A Coglianese*

"Where you show up in that race will dictate where you go from there. You don't want to overtrain and have the Fountain of Youth be the best race of the spring for him."

Trainer Bill Cesare is hoping his bargain two-year-old purchase **Second of June** (Louis Quatorze) continues his assault on the sophomore division in the Fountain of Youth, but the former NFL player is just planning on enjoying Saturday's race. "There may not be another race," Cesare said. "Why look for something a month or two away? I'd like to win the Fountain of Youth. There's no guarantee that we'll win it, but I'm not concerned with after Saturday." Second of June's last four works have all been at one mile, most recently completing that distance in 1:41.3 at Calder. Of that unusual pattern, Cesare commented, "If you're going to run that far, you should work that far. I used to play football and you get ready to play four quarters, not three."

Cesare paid \$7,500 for Second of June at last year's OBS January sale. "The price is the price. I wish I could have got him for less money," he said of the GIII Holy Bull winner.



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(Triple Threats cont.)

**Mr. Jester Joins Risen Star Field**

Graded stakes winner **Mr. Jester** (Silver Deputy) has added some luster to Sunday's GIII Risen Star S. at Fair Grounds after the defection of up-and-comer **Tapit** (Pulpit) last week. The Steve Wren-trained colt was awarded the victory in the GIII Kentucky Cup Juvenile S. last September after Pomeroy was disqualified, but achieved his most rewarding victory--financially, at least--in the \$1-million Delta Jackpot S. Dec. 5. The dark bay is unraced since that effort. Yesterday, he put forth his final tune-up for the Risen Star with a five-furlong breeze in 1:01 4/5 at Oaklawn Park, Wren's winter base. "It was a good move," said the conditioner. "He galloped out [six furlongs] in :15 and change. He's trained real good. Everything has been on key." Mr. Jester is slated to ship to Fair Grounds today and will get acquainted with the New Orleans track with a gallop on Thursday. Other probables for the Risen Star include: **Shiloh Bound** (Cat's Career), **Proper Prado** (El Prado {Ire}), **Spellbinder** (Tale of the Cat), **There Goes Rocket** (Valid Expectations), **Oneverycoolcat** (Tale of the Cat), and **Assault Commander** (Deputy Commander).

**Hollywood Story Ships In for Silverbulletday**

**Hollywood Story** (Wild Rush) broke her maiden with style, winning by a convincing 2 3/4-length margin in the Dec. 21 GI Hollywood Starlet in her most recent effort, and will look to begin her sophomore season the right way when she ships in to Fair Grounds to contest Saturday's GIII Silverbulletday S. The dark bay, trained by John Shirreffs, is expected to arrive later this week. The ever-busy **America America** (Mister Baileys {GB}), who will be making her 20th start over her 15th different track, is also expected for the Silverbulletday.

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**AGENCE FRANCAISE ALTERS SALES DATES**

Agence Francaise has dropped the usual opening Saturday session from this year's August Yearling Sale, the traditional curtain-raiser to Europe's select yearling auction season. Instead, the sale will commence after racing on Sunday Aug. 22. To coincide with the sale, the G1 Prix Morny has been brought forward a week and will be staged on the opening day of the sale. Other races on the same day include the G2 Prix Jean Romanet, the G2 Prix Kergolay and the G2 Prix de la Nonette.


**WEEKEND PEDIGREE PERSPECTIVES**  
by Alan Porter

**Saturday, Santa Anita**

**STRUB S.-GII**, \$300,000, SAX, 2-7, 4yo, 9f, 1:49, ft.  
1--**DOMESTIC DISPUTE**, 117, c, 4, by Unbridled's Song  
1st Dam: **Majestical Moment** (GSP, \$135,959), by Magesterial  
2nd Dam: **Olay Monique**, by Drouilly (Fr)  
3rd Dam: **Castinette**, by Captain Courageous  
O-Dave Bienstock & Charles Winner; B-Gary Garber (KY); T-Patrick Gallagher; J-K Desormeaux;  
\$180,000. Lifetime Record: GISP, 16-3-2-2, \$483,115.

Click for the [brisnet.com](http://brisnet.com) pedigree.

Sometimes the alchemy which creates a great horse is elusive. The mare Geisha was sent to the court of Polynesian because she was a bad traveler. Since Polynesian stood at Gallagher Farm in Kentucky, which was just across Russell Cave Road from Dan Scott's farm, where Geisha was boarded, this allowed Geisha to be walked across. The result of this mating of convenience was Native Dancer, the "Grey Ghost of Sagamore," a winner of 21 of 22 starts and subsequently a breed-shaping stallion. The mating was repeated another five times, but it proved to be far from a template for success, as only one of the subsequent foals--a brother to Native Dancer--was able to win at any level. *Cont. p. 6*

**RACING TO THE KENTUCKY DERBY:** 

**Feb. 14** - FOUNTAIN of YOUTH & HUTCHESON (LIVE) STRUB S. & DONN H. (Taped) - ESPN, 5 p.m. (ET)



**On Friday at Santa Anita, he had his 18<sup>TH</sup> winner;**  
**On Saturday at Santa Anita, he had his 4<sup>TH</sup> stakes horse;**  
**On Sunday at Fair Grounds, he had his 5<sup>TH</sup> stakes horse;**  
**On Sunday at Santa Anita, he had his 6<sup>TH</sup> stakes horse.**

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**FROM THE DESK OF...**  
 Bill Oppenheim 

**DESERT FORM**

Sheikh Mohammed has a lot of brainchildren, and one of his best is turning out to be racing in the UAE during the northern winter. Maybe it's amplified by being starved of Gulfstream and Santa Anita (NTRA, are you working on this?), but this year's new UAE Racing Carnival looks to me like a serious winner. There have been three days (well, nights there) of racing so far, and they've been carried by the British satellite racing channel, Attheraces. There is a scattering of European trainers, no Americans of course until the Dubai World Cup weekend--but what we are seeing is very interesting: good-class 'Asian'-type racing, of quite a high standard, and with a strong showing from South Africa in particular.

Of the 16 Thoroughbred races televised by Attheraces and reported by *Racing Post*, nine were what are called 'rated stakes,' a.k.a. Limited Handicaps. Seven of the nine were for horses rated 90-105, which is presumably the same scale of Official Ratings used in Britain and throughout Europe. This is a pretty fair standard of horse, if you think about it, and the standard for the rest of the races is quite high, too: one maiden, three conditions races (roughly equivalent to allowance races in the States), one Listed, and two Group 3s. What my reading of the form suggests so far is that this is a kind of race-meeting which is ideal for international transmission as a gambling medium (even though, ironically, they don't have gambling at the races in the UAE): not too many races, and of a really decent standard. The world's very top horses and sires--those are still concentrated in Europe and North America. But below true Group 1 company, the form suggests there's a level playing field. Good 90-105 horses can come from a lot of places, and they're meeting up for good money in Dubai. Good idea.

A very few facts and figures: eight of the 16 races run so far have been won by UAE trainers, plus Kuwaiti trainer Rashid Boursesly has won two; that's all right, most of the horses are of course trained in the UAE. A Macau-trained horse won one, and last Saturday European trainers John Oxx and David Loder notched up wins. But the South Africans, who won big last year with Victory Moon and Ipi Tombe, are really in there firing: they've had three wins from 13 starts, with another six runners placing second, third, or fourth. Trainer Mike deKock had a double on the Carnival's opening night, and has had six in the first four from seven starters. Many of the best horses in South Africa are being targeted for this meeting, and they're getting results; plus, it's showcasing South Africa's best stallions. The Danzig horse National Assembly, a perennial Top Five sire in South Africa, has already had three sprint starters at the meet, including the impressive Listed winner National Currency; top South African sires Fort Wood (by Sadler's Wells), Western Winter (last season's champion, by Gone West), Al Mufti (former champion, by Roberto) and Elliodor (by Lyphard) have all had horses win or place in just three nights' racing. But the meet's biggest race so far, the G3 UAE 2000 Guineas, was won by the Argentinian-bred Little Jim, from a Southern Hemisphere crop by the now-California based Roar. Little Jim gave the Northern three-year-olds nine pounds, but won well for Sheikh Mohammed's son, Sheikh Rashid; I believe that was Sheikh Rashid's third Carnival win. Interesting stuff.

**Three Draw Off..**

The 'crop' of sires whose first foals were born in 1998, and were five-year-olds in 2003, has always looked a strong one; through the end of last year, this crop supplied three of the current World Top 20, based on APEX A Runner indices: Pivotal (3.83, world number seven); Unbridled's Song (3.63, world number nine); and [Smart Strike](#) (3.44, tied for 18th). Mind you, these are horses with four crops of racing age and maybe 300 year-starters, whereas more established sires will have two-to-three times as many runners over a seven-year period. **Cont. p. 4**

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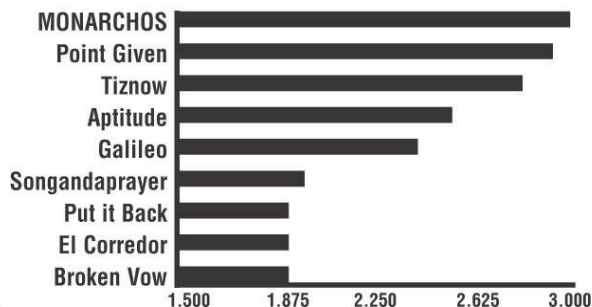


Chart from TBH Marketwatch by Comparable Index (CI)



(Bill Oppenheim cont. from p. 3)

This means these relatively 'younger' sires' numbers can drop off faster (though this crop's 1-2-3 were also 1-2-3, in the same order, at the same time last year); but even if you allow for them to be inflated a bit by early successes, they still come up as pretty big numbers. Unbridled's Song is priced like he's a World Top 10 sire, but it has to be said that Pivotal, at £25,000, still looks cheap (even though you've long since not been able to get to him for this year)--and a season to

Smart Strike reportedly traded at \$25,000 NG at Stallion Access the other night. Given that he is currently the World Number One in B Runner Index (3.44, [Grand Slam](#) second at 3.25), and the World Number Three (behind only [Danzig](#) and [A.P. Indy](#)) for ABC Runner Index (2.77), as well as being in the World Top 20 with a 3.44 A Runner index, that doesn't look expensive either. Surely with these horses it should only be a question of whether you can get to them, not whether you should. *Cont. p. 5*

**SIRES WITH 1ST FOALS 1998 (5YO'S OF 2003), 150+ YEAR-STARTERS  
TABLE 1 -- TOP 30 SIRES, APEX A RUNNER INDEX**

Sire	St	A Rnrs	A Rnr Idx	B Rnr Idx	C Rnr Idx	ABC Rnrs	ABC Rnr Idx	2yo (ABC) Idx	3yo Idx	4yo Idx	5yo Idx
1. Pivotal	GB	17	3.83	1.80	1.58	39	2.20	2.08	2.14	2.14	3.41
2. Unbridled's Song	Ky	24	3.63	1.66	1.44	54	2.04	2.97	1.86	1.78	1.45
3. <a href="#">Smart Strike</a>	Ky	22	3.44	3.44	2.11	71	2.77	2.51	2.27	3.02	4.09
4. Anabaa	Fr	14	2.56	0.92	1.65	37	1.69	2.69	1.48	1.29	0.00
5. Mark of Esteem	GB	10	2.31	0.69	1.16	23	1.33	1.13	1.23	2.10	0.00
6. <a href="#">Grindstone</a>	Ky	11	2.28	0.62	0.83	22	1.14	1.91	1.20	0.40	1.05
7. Mutakddim	Ky	10	2.18	2.18	1.86	37	2.02	0.99	2.49	1.66	2.11
8. Sea Salute	NY	7	2.07	1.18	1.18	19	1.41	0.00	1.68	1.57	1.05
9. *Candy Stripes	Arg	10	1.95	1.36	1.75	35	1.70	1.23	0.94	1.98	3.05
10. <a href="#">Forest Wildcat</a>	Ky	16	1.94	1.82	1.33	53	1.61	2.00	1.48	1.89	0.83
11. Mecke	Fl	8	1.83	0.23	1.71	24	1.37	2.26	1.48	0.71	0.97
12. Petionville	Ky	10	1.81	1.81	1.17	33	1.49	1.19	1.50	1.73	1.22
13. Roar	Ca	10	1.69	2.03	1.69	42	1.78	1.12	2.22	1.30	2.32
14. Friendly Lover	Ia	11	1.68	0.76	0.99	29	1.11	1.08	1.25	0.71	1.45
15. Maria's Mon	Ky	12	1.60	1.07	1.34	40	1.34	0.74	1.40	1.57	1.39
16. Miesque's Son	Fr	5	1.53	0.61	0.46	10	0.77	1.81	0.59	0.47	0.72
17. Cobra King	Ca	6	1.45	1.21	0.97	19	1.15	0.67	1.53	0.76	0.77
18. Peaks and Valleys	Ky	11	1.42	0.78	1.88	46	1.49	0.78	1.78	1.02	2.32
= . Lit de Justice	Ca	9	1.42	1.74	1.42	38	1.50	1.66	1.23	1.92	1.74
20. Gold Fever	NY	8	1.40	1.05	0.96	25	1.09	1.36	1.20	0.86	1.05
21. Judge T.C.	NY	12	1.35	0.67	0.90	34	0.95	1.08	1.00	0.75	1.01
22. <a href="#">Hennessy</a>	Ky	13	1.33	1.13	1.13	46	1.18	1.07	1.23	0.88	2.32
23. Lite The Fuse	Fl	6	1.32	1.32	1.87	29	1.60	1.53	1.74	1.40	1.36
24. Afternoon Delites	La	9	1.31	1.74	1.38	40	1.45	1.73	1.33	1.21	1.66
25. <a href="#">Spectrum</a>	Ir	12	1.28	0.74	0.96	37	0.98	1.14	0.89	1.07	1.74
26. <a href="#">Honour and Glory</a>	Ky	10	1.23	1.23	1.67	47	1.45	1.84	1.47	1.33	0.80
= . Celtic Swing	Ir	4	1.23	1.85	1.54	20	1.54	2.37	1.62	0.67	0.97
28. Lord Carson	Ca	7	1.17	1.01	1.59	32	1.34	2.08	1.22	1.20	0.61
29. Halling	UAE	5	1.15	2.76	1.50	30	1.73	0.90	1.98	2.13	1.16
30. Ide	La	7	1.13	0.97	2.51	44	1.78	0.26	2.12	1.91	1.10



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Last year at this juncture, [Forest Wildcat](#) looked this group's number four, but Anabaa had eight individual A Runners in 2003 and has moved into fourth spot, now with an A Runner index of 2.56; Forest Wildcat had just three A Runners last year, but still maintains A-B indices close to 2.00, and is the group's number three, behind Smart Strike and Unbridled's Song, with 53 ABC Runners to date. All things considered, Anabaa and Forest Wildcat probably round out this sire group's top five so far.

But there are plenty others of interest, including horses like [Grindstone](#) and the [Seeking the Gold](#) sons Mutakddim and Petionville still in Kentucky, while several of those banished from the Bluegrass--notably Roar, Lit de Justice, and Cobra King in California, and Afternoon Deelites and Ide in Louisiana--who look well spotted in their new residences. European Darley sires Mark of Esteem (2.31 A Index) and Halling (2.76 B Index, in the UAE this year) have plenty to recommend them, as do the likes of Maria's Mon (mares will have improved dramatically in 2002 after first crop included Monarchos). [Hennessy](#) (oddy, 14 of his 15 Northern Hemisphere A Runners so far are colts, Harmony Lodge being the only exception), and [Honour and Glory](#)--another whose mares will have improved dramatically, in his case beginning with this year's two-year-olds after he was Leading Freshman Sire in 2000.

**Joss Collins...**

It comes as a profoundly sad and shocking thing, especially to members of our generation and our seniors, that our contemporary Joss Collins has been so suddenly taken from among us. In a moment when the profession of bloodstock agent has come under scrutiny in some quarters, Joss was an example of how it can be done. He was tireless, he was good-humored, he was the consummate professional. Two moments for me stand out, as they do for many--the two times he was carried out of the Keeneland pavilion, after buying Nureyev (1978, my first trip to Lexington) and Seattle Dancer (1985). But also this: in the whole history of horse racing, breeding and sales, there cannot have been anyone who saw more horses at auction sales than Joss Collins. I'll bet he saw somewhere around 200,000 horses at sales in his career, so it must be fair to say that what Joss Collins hadn't seen could not possibly be worth seeing. Perhaps another project for England's newly discovered Federation of Bloodstock Agents, besides preparing for their impending accession to the ranks of licensees, could be to devise a fitting memorial to maybe the hardest-working guy in the history of the horse business. **Cont. p. 6**

**SIRES WITH 1ST FOALS 1998 (5YO's of '03)  
150+ YEAR-STARTERS**

**Table 2 - Top 10 Sires, APEX ABC Runner Index**

Sire	St	ABC Runners	ABC Index
1. <a href="#">Smart Strike</a>	Ky	71	2.77
2. Pivotal	GB	39	2.20
3. Unbridled's Song	Ky	54	2.04
4. Mutakddim	Ky	37	2.02
5. Valid Wager	Ca	42	1.92
6. Ide	La	44	1.78
=. Roar	Ca	42	1.78
8. Halling	UAE	30	1.73
9. *Candy Stripes	Arg	35	1.70
10. Anabaa	Fr	37	1.69

**SIRES WITH 1ST FOALS 1998 (5YO's of '03)  
150+ YEAR-STARTERS**

**Table 3 -- Top Sires, Number of ABC Runners**

Sire	St	ABC Runners	ABC Index
1. <a href="#">Smart Strike</a>	Ky	71	2.77
2. Unbridled's Song	Ky	54	2.04
3. <a href="#">Forest Wildcat</a>	Ky	53	1.61
4. <a href="#">Honour and Glory</a>	Ky	47	1.45
5. Peaks and Valleys	Ky	46	1.49
=. <a href="#">Hennessy</a>	Ky	46	1.18
7. Ide	La	44	1.78
8. Valid Wager	Ca	42	1.92
=. Roar	Ca	42	1.78
10. Afternoon Deelites	La	40	1.45
=. Maria's Mon	Ky	40	1.34
=. Dance in the Dark	JP	40	0.88
13. Pivotal	GB	39	2.20

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**And Finally...** (Bill Oppenheim cont. from p. 5)

The answer to the question, what happens to all those hundreds of mares and foals you never hear of again after they're bred to these stallions? Quite a few of them seem to be in all these February Mixed Sales--one day at Tattersalls' last week, two days at Fasig Kentucky the beginning of this week, and four days' at Goffs, finishing tomorrow. The third-highest price on opening day Monday was €22,000 for a five-year-old gelding by Arctic Lord...think that might have been a jumping prospect. So this is a truly mixed sale.

**Pedigree Perspectives cont. from p. 2**

The three sisters to Native Dancer didn't exactly prove dynasty founders either. In fact, only one was able to produce a stakes winner of any kind and, as far as I can find, until last year, only one graded stakes winner had appeared in direct female descent from Native Dancer's sisters. Rather ironically, this particular individual--the GII La Canada S. heroine Dianas Halo--traces to Ancient Prophecy, a daughter of Dark Star, the horse who in the 1953 Kentucky Derby narrowly delivered the only defeat of Native Dancer's career.

Ancient Prophecy is out of Mysterious East, who was perhaps the greatest underachiever of all of Native Dancer's siblings. Unplaced in eight outings at the track, Mysterious East produced only three minor winners from nine living foals. Ancient Prophecy did not initially appear to be much more promising than her dam. Placed just twice in 14 starts, she produced six winners, including the minor stakes placed horses Zulu Prophecy and Castinette.

It is with Castinette, however, that the family began its revival, and in fact one might argue that the female line was in a sense the architect of its own salvation. A look at the pedigree of Castinette's sire Captain Courageous shows that he is out of a daughter of the great foundation mare Grey Flight. In turn, Grey Flight was a granddaughter of the mare La Chica, who also appears as granddam of Geisha, the dam of Native Dancer. The pedigree of Captain Courageous also contains Discovery, the sire of Geisha, and John P. Grier, the broodmare sire of Geisha, so Castinette has duplications of all four grandparents of Geisha.

Bred to the unraced Northern Dancer horse Staff Writer, Castinette produced the Bay Meadows Oaks winner Soft Copy, a mare who had Native Dancer and his sister Mysterious East 4x3 along with three crosses of La Chica. It was another daughter of Castinette, Olay Monique (by Drouilly, one of the few sons of Mill Reef to ever stand in the U.S.), who became responsible for the Sunny's Halo filly Dianas Halo, who we have mentioned above as the first graded stakes winner to descend from one of the sisters to Native Dancer. Now further luster has been added to this branch of the family by Domestic Dispute, who is out of Dianas Halo's half sister, the GIII Bay Meadows Oaks runner-up Majestical Moment (by Magesterial). A member of the third crop sired by Unbridled's Song, Domestic Dispute has been a graded stakes performer at two, three and four. At two he broke his maiden on his second start and subsequently added seconds in the GI Hollywood Futurity and Sunny Slope S. Early in his three-year-old season Domestic Dispute shaped like a classic candidate, winning the GII Santa Catalina S. in his first start. Although he then finished off the board in two more classic trials, he did earn his way into the Derby with a third in the GII Lexington S. Tenth, beaten 9 1/2 lengths, in the classic, Domestic Dispute ran three more times at three without making the first three. He began this year with a fourth to During in the GII San Fernando Breeders' Cup H., a race in which he suffered a tough trip. In Saturday's GII Strub S., Domestic Dispute reversed that result despite another less than straightforward passage, getting free of trouble less than a furlong from home, then running on gamely to catch During in the final strides.

In tail male-line, Domestic Dispute is six generations removed from Native Dancer, and he has Native Dancer and his sister Mysterious East 6x5x5. What's more, his dam not only has Native Dancer/Mysterious East 4x4, but she is also 5x5 to Grey Flight (who we noted as being from the immediate family of Native Dancer). Given the female line's time in the doldrums, one would have to think that all this reinforcement might have something to do with Domestic Dispute's ability. It will also be very interesting to see what effect it has on his performance at stud.

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**DERBY/OAKS FUTURE WAGERS SET TO OPEN**

The year's first opportunity to put money on your Derby or Oaks pick presents itself tomorrow as Pool One for both the Kentucky Derby and the Kentucky Oaks future wagers opens Thursday at noon, EST. The pools will each be open for four days and will close at 6:30 p.m. on Sunday. Churchill Downs' oddsmaker Mike Battaglia has made the mutuel field the morning-line favorite in the Derby future wager at 4-1 odds. Eurosilver, who returned to win a Gulfstream allowance race last Wednesday, was installed the second favorite as a 6-1 chance. Wertheimer Farm's Halfbridled was made the co-favorite by Battaglia for the Oaks future wager, sharing odds of 5-1 with the mutuel field. Halfbridled was also represented in the Derby field as the 10-1 third choice. "The Kentucky Derby picture is always very wide open at this time of the year, but the early picture for Derby 130 appears cloudier than usual," said Battaglia. Pool Two is set for Mar. 11-14, while Pool Three, representing the final future wagers, will run from Apr. 1-4. See page two for complete odds.

★ **CENTRAL** ★

**Top Local Sprinter Dies Following Delta Stakes:**

Trainer Troy Young's **Toby's Success** (Forty Won), who set a track record for 5 1/2 furlongs at Fair Grounds last month, collapsed and died immediately following his third-place performance in the Louisiana Premier Night Sprint at Delta Downs Saturday. An autopsy was not requested and the cause of death remains undetermined. "[Jockey] Gerard [Melancon] said that he let out a big, old grunt at the top of the stretch and quit running," explained Young. "He said the grunts got worse and he knew something was wrong. He got off on the turn and [Toby's Success] fell." Toby's Success had set a clear pace in the race before faltering on the turn for home. The four-year-old Louisiana-bred was making just his fourth career start Saturday. In his previous race, he zipped 5 1/2 furlongs in 1:03 1/5 over the main track in a statebred allowance race at Fair Grounds, a course record. "He was the fastest horse I ever had," said Young. "It was unbelievable what this horse could do for his size. He was so quick on his feet for a long-striding horse. He was a freak."

★ **EAST** ★

**Yesterday's Results:**

**ENDEAVOUR S.**, \$100,000, TAM, 2-10, 4yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16mT, 1:44 4/5, fm.

1--**MADEIRA MIST (IRE)**, 116, m, 5, Grand Lodge--Mountains of Mist (Ire), by Shirley Heights (GB).

O-Skymarc Farm Inc; B-Dr A J O'Reilly and Skymarc Farm (IRE); T-Christophe Clement; J-E S Prado; \$45,000. Lifetime Record: GSW, 17-6-4-3, \$364,684.

2--**Something Ventured**, 116, m, 5, Cobra King--Intend, by Seattle Slew. (\$40,000 wIng '99 KEENOV). \$15,000.

3--**Coney Kitty (Ire)**, 116, m, 6, Lycius--Auntie Maureen (Ire), by Roi Danzig. (Ir12,000gns wnlng '98 GOFNOV). \$7,500.

Margins: 3/4, NK, 3/4. Odds: 2.80, 4.10, 6.20.

Madeira Mist, winner of Woodbine's GIII Dance Smartly H. last summer, ran third behind Delmonico Cat (Storm Cat) and Coney Kitty in the GIII Honey Fox H. at Gulfstream last out Jan. 3, but turned the tables on those rivals here. Sent off as the lukewarm favorite, the bay mare settled in fifth, but was boxed in for most of the way. Finally swung out in deep stretch, she made it to the lead before swerving out into Something Ventured. However, Madeira Mist quickly recovered, was straightened and ridden out to victory. Jockey Chris DeCarlo's claim of foul was disallowed. Local hero Strait From Texas (Judge T C), winner of Woodbine's GII Nassau S. last year, finished a troubled fifth.

The **brisnet.com** 'Race of the Day' is the 8th Race, \$35,000 Alw at Oaklawn. For pps and a complete race analysis, click [here](#).

**STAKES CLOSINGS**

**TOMORROW, THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 12:**

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## ★ SO. CALIFORNIA ★

### Designed for Luck Returns Today:

**Designed for Luck** (Rahy), off since running seventh in the Breeders' Cup Mile, returns to the races in today's Thunder Road H. at Santa Anita. The seven-year-old gelding won the 2000 GI Early Times Hollywood Derby, but was sidelined over a year. He returned to win last year's GII Oak Tree Breeders' Cup Mile in four starts last season. Carded as Santa Anita's seventh race, the field for the one-mile turf affair also includes GII Oak Tree Derby winner **Devious Boy (GB)** (Dr Devious), multiple graded stakes winner **Inesperado (Fr)** (Zayyani {Ire}) and multiple graded stakes placed **Geronimo (Chi)** (Gold Tribute).

## ★ AMERICAN-BRED WINNERS ★

### IN FRANCE:

**Caledon Dream**, g, 4, [Woodman](#). See "European Breeders' Edition"

### KENTUCKY OAKS FUTURE WAGER--POOL ONE

No.	Horse	Sire	Odds
1	A.P. Adventure	<a href="#">A.P. Indy</a>	10-1
2	Allswellthatnswell	Perfect Mandate	50-1
3	Ashado	Saint Ballado	10-1
4	Cherry Bomb	Honor Grades	30-1
5	Class Above	Quiet American	20-1
6	Eye Dazzler	<a href="#">Boundary</a>	30-1
7	Friendly Michelle	Artax	50-1
8	Halfbridled	Unbridled	5-1
9	Hollywood Story	Wild Rush	15-1
10	House of Fortune	Free House	20-1
11	La Reina	<a href="#">A.P. Indy</a>	15-1
12	Last Song	Unbridled's Song	30-1
13	Lotta Kim	Roar	30-1
14	Madcap Escapade	<a href="#">Hennessy</a>	30-1
15	Miss Coronado	Coronado's Quest	15-1
16	Rahy Dolly	<a href="#">Rahy</a>	30-1
17	Saltwater Runner	<a href="#">Salt Lake</a>	50-1
18	Salty Romance	<a href="#">Salt Lake</a>	20-1
19	Silent Sighs	Benchmark	15-1
20	Society Selection	Coronado's Quest	15-1
21	Victory U.S.A.	Victory Gallop	15-1
22	Whoopi Cat	<a href="#">Tale of the Cat</a>	50-1
23	Yearly Report	General Meeting	12-1
24	All other three-year-old fillies		5-1

Morning line odds by Churchill Downs oddsmaker Mike Battaglia

### KENTUCKY DERBY FUTURE WAGER--POOL ONE

No.	Horse	Sire	Odds
		<i>(last start, next start)</i>	
1	<b>Action This Day</b>	Kris S.	20-1
		<i>(4th Feb. 7 Sham S.; Mar. 13 GII San Felipe S.)</i>	
2	<b>Birdstone</b>	<a href="#">Grindstone</a>	12-1
		<i>(1st GI Champagne S.; Feb. 14 allowance race)</i>	
3	<b>Borrego</b>	El Prado (Ire)	50-1
		<i>(2nd Sham S.; unknown)</i>	
4	<b>Capac</b>	Deputy Minister	30-1
		<i>(1st Feb. 4 Laurel allowance; unknown)</i>	
5	<b>Eurosilver</b>	Unbridled's Song	6-1
		<i>(1st Feb. 3 Gulfstream alw; Mar. 13 GIII Swale S.)</i>	
6	<b>Fire Slam</b>	<a href="#">Grand Slam</a>	20-1
		<i>(1st Jan. 24 GIII Lecomte S.; Mar. 7 GII La. Derby)</i>	
7	<b>Gradepoint</b>	<a href="#">A.P. Indy</a>	50-1
		<i>(1st Jan. 2 Fair Grounds allowance; unknown)</i>	
8	<b>Gran Prospect</b>	Crafty Prospector	50-1
		<i>(2nd GII Kentucky Jockey Club S.; unknown)</i>	
9	<b>Halfbridled (filly)</b>	Unbridled	10-1
		<i>(1st GI BC Juv. Fillies; Mar. 13 GI Santa Anita Oaks)</i>	
10	<b>Lion Heart</b>	<a href="#">Tale of the Cat</a>	15-1
		<i>(1st GI Hollywood Futurity; Mar. 6 GII San Rafael S.)</i>	
11	<b>Lucky Pulpit</b>	<a href="#">Pulpit</a>	50-1
		<i>(2nd GII Santa Catalina S.; San Rafael S. or San Felipe S.)</i>	
12	<b>Master David</b>	<a href="#">Grand Slam</a>	20-1
		<i>(1st Sham S.; Mar. 13 GI Florida Derby)</i>	
13	<b>Minister Eric</b>	Old Trieste	30-1
		<i>(2nd GI BC Juvenile; unknown)</i>	
14	<b>Mr. Jester</b>	Silver Deputy	30-1
		<i>(1st Delta Jackpot S.; Feb. 15 GIII Risen Star S.)</i>	
15	<b>Read the Footnotes</b>	Smoke Glacken	12-1
		<i>(1st GII Remsen S.; Feb. 14 GII Fountain of Youth S.)</i>	
16	<b>Second of June</b>	Louis Quatorze	10-1
		<i>(1st GIII Holy Bull S.; Fountain of Youth S.)</i>	
17	<b>Shaniko</b>	<a href="#">A.P. Indy</a>	50-1
		<i>(1st Jan. 8 Gulfstream maiden; uncertain)</i>	
18	<b>Silver Wagon</b>	Wagon Limit	30-1
		<i>(2nd GIII Holy Bull S.; Fountain of Youth S.)</i>	
19	<b>Sir Oscar</b>	Halo's Image	12-1
		<i>(1st Jack Price S. at Calder; Fountain of Youth S.)</i>	
20	<b>St. Averil</b>	Saint Ballado	15-1
		<i>(1st Jan. 17 GII Santa Catalina S.; San Rafael S. or San Felipe S.)</i>	
21	<b>Tapit</b>	<a href="#">Pulpit</a>	15-1
		<i>(1st GIII Laurel Futurity; La. Derby or Fla. Derby)</i>	
22	<b>The Cliff's Edge</b>	<a href="#">Gulch</a>	20-1
		<i>(1st GII Kentucky Jockey Club S.; Feb. 21 Sam F. Davis S. at Tampa)</i>	
23	<b>Tiger Hunt</b>	Kris S.	20-1
		<i>(4th BC Juvenile; Mar. 20 Rebel S. at Oaklawn)</i>	
24	All other three-year-olds		4-1

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**First-time starters/stakes runners: Wednesday, Feb. 11**

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

- CHARISMATIC** (Summer Squall), Japan, 156/11/0 7-TP, Alw, 1 1/16m, I'm Charismatic, \$5K FTK OCT yrl
- COMIC STRIP** (Red Ransom), Special T, \$8K, 75/4/0 8-CT, Alw, 6 1/2f, Comic Ack, 10-1
- DONERAILE COURT** (Seattle Slew), Hill 'n' Dale, \$8K, 122/22/3 8-CT, Alw, 6 1/2f, Mahican, \$130K OBS FEB 2yo, 4-1
- MALIBU MOON** (A.P. Indy), Castleton Lyons, \$3K, 121/13/2 8-CT, Alw, 6 1/2f, Malibu Al, 8-1
- MAZEL TRICK** (Phone Trick), Airdrie, \$13K, 150/16/1 7-TP, Alw, 1 1/16m, Tricky Taboo, \$85K KEE SEP yrl
- MENIFEE** (Harlan), Stone, \$15K, 84/8/0 8-AQU, Stk, 1 1/16m, Taittinger Rose
- SILVER CHARM** (Silver Buck), 3 Chimneys, \$25K, 149/18/0 8-AQU, Stk, 1 1/16m, Georgetown Gal, \$150K EAS OCT yrl
- TACTICAL CAT** (Storm Cat), Overbrook, \$10K, 114/13/1 8-AQU, Stk, 1 1/16m, Special Tactics



★ **BRITAIN** ★

**MURTAGH IN DEMAND**

Johnny Murtagh, who will ride this season as a freelance jockey, is set to take over from Jamie Spencer as James Fanshawe's main jockey. Murtagh, who will also ride as principal jockey to David Loder, told *Racing Post*: "Hopefully, I will ride for Mr. Fanshawe this year. I plan to start riding on the all-weather in early March. I am still getting fit and my weight is okay. I have no plans to move to Britain, I love my home too much." The Irishman has also been chosen as the retained rider for two Classic prospects recently acquired by Newsells Park Stud's Klaus Jacobs. Pat Haslam's **Kinnaird (Ire)** (Dr Devious {Ire}) is pointing to the G1 Irish 1000 Guineas whereas Philippe Demercastel's **Green Swallow (Fr)** (Green Tune) will target the G1 French 1000 Guineas.

**TDN TODAY**

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★ **IRELAND** ★

**FANTASTIC LIGHT COLT TOPS GOFFS TUESDAY**

A yearling colt from the first crop of champion Fantastic Light (Rahy) brought a bid of €130,000 from an unnamed buyer to top Tuesday's session of the Goffs February Mixed Sale. Selling as [lot 390](#), the chestnut was consigned by Tipper House Stud. He is the fourth foal from the Miswaki mare Miss Queen, a daughter of multiple stakes winner Empress Jackie (Mount Hagen {Fr}) and a half sister to G3 Princess Margaret S. heroine Tajannub (Dixieland Band). But the price for the Fantastic Light colt was an anomaly yesterday, as only one other offering reached €50,000--a Night Shift yearling--and just three others broke the €30,000 barrier, leading to a downward shift in numbers across the board. In all, 129 of the 203 lots offered sold for an aggregate €912,600. The average was €7,074 and the median was €4,000. For complete results, go to [www.goffs.com](http://www.goffs.com).

<b>GOFFS FEBRUARY STATISTICS</b>		
<b>TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2004</b>		
<b>SESSION TOTALS</b>	<b>2004</b>	<b>2003</b>
No. Offered	203	185
No. Sold	129	128
RNAs	74	57
% RNA	36.5%	31%
Gross	€912,600	€1,425,100
Average (% change)	€7,074 (-36.5%)	€11,134
Median (% change)	€4,000 (-33.3%)	€6,000
<b>CUMULATIVE</b>	<b>2004</b>	<b>2003</b>
No. Offered	355	367
No. Sold	245	256
RNAs	110	111
% RNA	30.1%	30%
Gross	€1,507,000	€2,599,400
Average (% change)	€6,151 (-39.4%)	€10,154
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<b>2004 DEAUVILLE SALES DATES</b>	
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## AUSTRALASIA



### CO-TOPPERS AT SECOND PREMIER SESSION A

a pair of yearling colts, one by hot young sire Encosta de Lago (Aus) and the other by the late Danehill, each achieved A\$200,000 at Tuesday's session of the Inglis Premier Yearling Sale. Selling as [lot 305](#), the Encosta de Lago colt out of Goldberg (Aus) was acquired by trainer Bart Cummings, who also purchased Monday's sale-topping Encosta de Lago colt. The bay, a grandson of Group 1 winner Taj Eclipse (Aus), was consigned by Brooklands Bloodstock. [Lot 350](#), offered by Collingrove Stud, was the lone Danehill in the sale, produced by Jullene (NZ) (\*Sir Tristram), the dam of three stakes winners, including a pair by Danehill. Mr. J. Blackledge signed the ticket for the bay. Tuesday's session saw 183 yearlings find new homes for an aggregate A\$8,785,500 and an average price of A\$48,008. The overall average for the sale is up 19 percent to A\$48,712, while the total aggregate has risen 30 percent to A\$18,267,000. For complete results, log on to [www.inglis.com.au](http://www.inglis.com.au). The sale continues Thursday.

## BREEDERS' EDITION AMERICA

### ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

8th-MNR, \$31,700, 2-9, NW4L, 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:11, gd.

**APRIL EYES** (f, 4, Numerous--Im Blessed, by Polish Numbers) Lifetime Record: 12-3-0-1, \$66,436. O/B-Michael W Jester (KY). T-John Charles Zimmerman.

### ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

**General Will**, c, 4, Seattle Slew--Engaging, by Private Account. MNR, 2-9, 5f, :59 1/5. B-Overbrook Farm (Ky). \*\$23,000 yrl '01 KEESEP.

**Johnny Corvette**, c, 4, Western Echo--Wizzy (SP-Fr), by Ziggy's Boy. PHA, 2-10, 6 1/2f, 1:19 1/5. B-John Morrone (Pa).

## BREEDERS' EDITION EUROPE

### CONDITIONS RESULTS:

**FRANCE, Cagnes-sur-Mer, 1.20**, 2-10, €21,000, 3yo, 1 1/4m (AWT), 2:05.60, stn.

**DANIELLI (FR) (c, 3, Vettori {Ire})--Dom Pennion {GB}, by Dominion {GB}** Lifetime Record: 5 starts, 3 wins, 1 place, €28,000. O-Antoine Capozzi; B-T de la Heronniere, Haras de Beauvoir, F Rohaut & D Bensussan; T-Julie Laurent-Joye Rossi. \*1/2 to Darjeeling (Fr) (Marju {Ire}), SW-Fr, \$125,399.

**FRANCE, Cagnes-sur-Mer, 2.50**, 2-10, €20,000, 3yo/up, 6 1/2f (AWT), 1:18.90, stn.

**SOLID BUCK'S (FR) (h, 5, Solid Illusion--Buck's Kala {Fr}, by Bikala {Ire})** Lifetime Record: 40 starts, 6 wins, 13 places, €71,076. O-J Bruneau de la Salle; B-Ecurie Fabien Ouaki; T-P Chatelain.

**FRANCE, Cagnes-sur-Mer, 4.50**, 2-10, €15,000, 4yo/up, 1m (AWT), 1:37.00, stn.

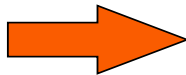
**CALEDON DREAM (g, 4, Woodman--Amaranthe {Ire}, by Danehill)** Lifetime Record: 14 starts, 2 wins, 6 places, €31,850. O-J P J Dubois; B-Dream With Me Stable; T-Marc Pimbonnet.

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