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STARS ALIGN FOR FASIG-TIPTON CALDER

With a catalogue of juveniles representing the top sires in the country, a crowd of shoppers that includes the most important buyers in the industry and a market that produced eye-catching numbers at the OBS February Sale at this venue just three weeks ago, the signs are very good that the 2004 Fasig-Tipton Calder Selected Two-Year-Olds in Training Sale will be a resounding success. The one-day sale will be held in Miami today, with bidding beginning at 11 a.m. "The OBS sale indicates that people are in the mood to invest in Thoroughbreds," said Fasig-Tipton's Director of Marketing Terence Collier. "We are very optimistic that this



Hip 95 *Horsephotos*

will be a good sale. I think we have an exceptional group of quality horses this year. We had two good under tack shows--the right horses have trained well--and all the major players are in place." This year's sale offers two-year-olds by leading stallions such as A.P. Indy, Deputy Minister, Distorted Humor, Dynaformer, Fusaichi Pegasus, Giant's Causeway, Gone West, Grand Slam, Pine Bluff, Saint Ballado, Seattle Slew, Seeking the Gold, Storm Cat, Tale of the Cat and Unbridled's Song. But some of the younger sires also earned headlines during the previews. Hip 95, a filly by sophomore sire Good and Tough (Carson City), worked the fastest eighth in the first under-tack show, zipping the distance in :09 4/5. Hip 223, a colt by sophomore Wild Wonder (Wild Again), and Hip 177, a filly from the first crop by champion Anees (Unbridled) shared the time for the fastest quarter in :21 1/5 with Hip 210, a colt by Not For Love. *Sales Coverage cont. p2*

ADMIRE DON IN JAPAN'S FEBRUARY

Japan's champion two-year-old of 2001, **Admire Don (Jpn)** (Timber Country), earned the country's dirt championship last season with wins in the G3 Elm S., G1 Nambu Hai and G1 JBC Classic, but he had not started since running second in the G1 Japan Cup Dirt last November. Made the favorite in his return to the track in Sunday's G1 February S. at Tokyo, Admire Don was settled near the back of the pack by Katsumi Ando. The five-year-old launched his bid in upper stretch and closed with a powerful late rush to get up in the final strides for a narrow win. Admire Don will now be pointed towards the Mar. 27 G1 Dubai World Cup.

Sunday, Tokyo, Japan

FEBRUARY S.-G1, ¥184,440,000, Tokyo, 2-22, 4yo/up, 1600m, 1:36.80, ft.

- 1--**ADMIRE DON (JPN)**, 125, h, 5, by Timber Country
1st Dam: Vega (Jpn) (Ch. 3yo Filly-Jpn, MSW-Jpn, \$2,105,918), by Tony Bin (Ire)
2nd Dam: Antique Value, by Northern Dancer
3rd Dam: Moonscape, by Tom Fool
O-Riichi Kondo; B-Northern Farm; T-Hiroyoshi Maysuda; J-Katsumi Ando; ¥97,528,000. Lifetime Record: Ch. 2yo & Ch. Dirt Horse-Jpn, MSW-Jpn, 16-8-1-2. *1/2 to Admire Vega (Jpn) (Sunday Silence), MSW-Jpn, \$2,466,038; Admire Boss (Jpn) (Sunday Silence), SW-Jpn, \$1,101,340.
- 2--**Silent Deal (Jpn)**, 125, c, 4, Sunday Silence--Fairy Doll, by Nureyev. O-Makoto Kaneko; B-Northern Farm; ¥39,008,000.
- 3--**Sterling Rose (Jpn)**, 125, h, 7, Afleet--Comaz, by Danzig. O-K Kyoei; B-Tabata Farm; ¥24,504,000. Margins: 1/2, NK, 1/2. Odds: 1.30, 8.70, 45.10.

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TUESDAY, FEB. 24, 2004

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UPCOMING MAJOR U.S. STAKES

Date	Race	Track
Feb. 28	GIII The Very One H.	Gulfstream
	GIII Bayou BC H.	Fair Grounds
	GIII Baldwin S.	Santa Anita
	GIII Herecomesthebride S.	Gulfstream
Feb. 29	GII New Orleans H.	Fair Grounds

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☆ SALES NEWS ☆

A Missile on the Sod...

This past Sunday, a pair by freshman sire Golden Missile (A.P. Indy) received rave reviews as Hip [17](#) went a quarter in a session-topping :21 2/5 and Hip [156](#) burning up the turf with an eighth in :10. Hip [257](#), a colt by Smoke Glacken, also went a furlong in :10 on the grass. It was the first time the two-year-olds were able to strut their stuff on the Calder lawn. "The Calder surface can be difficult for horses who need to get a lot of traction and, during the first under tack show, some showed they weren't getting hold of it," Collier explained. "There were also horses whose pedigrees dictated that they should try the grass. Working the horses on the turf gave them the chance to show another dimension." He added that turf works would remain a part of the Fasig-Tipton Calder program. "We've had enough positive feedback to be confident that this will be part of our future format," he said.

Swan Song for the Slews...

The final crop by the great Seattle Slew, who died in May of 2002, consists of just four yearling fillies, but two of his last colts go through the ring at Calder this afternoon. The first is Hip [176](#), a dark bay out of a half to graded-stakes-winner Warfie (D'Accord) who realized \$490,000 at Keeneland last September. He is consigned by Nick de Meric. The second, selling as Hip [266](#), was purchased for \$100,000 as a KEENOV weanling and for \$350,000 as a FTKJUL yearling.

"He's the package," consignor Maurice Miller III said of Hip 266. "He's a really nice colt. I have been fortunate to have quite a few Seattle Slews and, as an individual, he is as good as I have had."

The Canadian-bred, who celebrates his second birthday today, showed good speed in the first under-tack show, going an eighth in :10 3/5.

"He did breeze very nicely and he galloped out very well, but he is bred to be a mile-and-a-quarter horse," Miller said. "His dosage index is 2.16 and his center of distribution is 0.7. He should be a Classic horse."

Starting a Legacy...

Mike Paramore, who sells with Tony and Robin Hendrix's Equine Legacy, comes off a strong OBS February Sale. Paramore, who had success in the past, selling Kentucky Derby winner Lil E. Tee and top stakes horse Touch Tone at OBS, sent a Sir Cat colt through the ring this year and saw it bring \$425,000.

He makes his Fasig-Tipton debut as sole owner with Hip [297](#), a Grand Slam filly (see Hip Happenings), but he is no stranger to the sale.

"I used to be involved in partnerships with Jerry Bailey," Paramore said. "We brought a lot of horses here, but I was a silent partner with just a small percentage."

Paramore got a start in the horse business as a blacksmith. Orphaned by an auto accident at the age of 15, he didn't have many choices when it came to his career.

"It was either work with horses or pump gas, and I didn't like the smell of gas," he said.

Surgery to repair several cervical vertebrae ended his years of shoeing horses, but also gave him the insight to start a new venture.

"It's where I get my eye for a horse," he said, adding, "To me, there is no better business in the world than the Thoroughbred business. It has afforded me opportunities I never would have dreamed possible." **Cont. p3**



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Top Cat...

He may not be Tiger Woods, but Eddie Woods is making a name for himself. Based in Ocala, Woods was the leading consignor of graded-stakes winners last year, with an impressive 11 of his graduates making the grade in 2003.

"We were fortunate in that respect," said Woods, who generally sells 60 to 70 horses a year. "It's been fantastic."

How does Woods go about finding the future stars?

"I don't have any specific guidelines," he said. "I just try to buy nice horses, sound individuals. When you have a good physical and a good pedigree, it becomes dramatically more expensive, but we try to combine the two to where we can afford it."

Originally from Ireland, Woods started out as a steeplechase rider. After making the move to the States, he decided to try his hand at the sales.

"I needed a job, and this seemed to be a natural progression," he explained. "There was a window of opportunity to get into it and I took it. I'm lucky it has worked out for me."

In the business for eight years, Woods has sold such top horses as champion Left Bank and Grade-I winners Harmony Lodge, Mandy's Gold and Nonsuch Bay.

How does this year's consignment compare?

"I think I have a really good group," he said. "We haven't had a whole lot of luck this year, with a lot of little things going wrong, but at the end of the day, I think they will prove to be really nice horses."

As for future goals, Woods doesn't set them.

"You can't in this business," he said. "It isn't a car dealership, where you have to sell so many cars a year. We are just trying to consistently sell horses that will stay sound and be around at the upper level for a long time."

Wheeler Dealer...

Cleveland Wheeler, whose Straightaway Farm sold a Siphon (Brz) colt for \$500,000 at the OBS February Sale three weeks ago, is back at Calder with six impressively bred juveniles.

"This is probably the fourth time we've been at this sale," said the native Floridian, who has been in the business for 20 years. "But we had some real strong pedigrees that we thought would fit here."

Wheeler got his start as a jockey, riding match races for his father as a youngster. After he finished school, he joined Murphy Quarter Horse Ranch, and spent 13 years training for that outfit before going out on his own in 1973. But he decided to make a change in 1989.

"I always had a big string, as many as I wanted," Wheeler said. "I raced in New Mexico and all over Texas. But when you're training, you have to be gone [from home] a whole lot, and there's not a lot of money in it."

He switched to buying and selling horses with the help of childhood friend Jimmy Gladwell, and now handles about 20 horses a year.

"We do most of the work ourselves, so we don't like to get strung out with too many horses," he explained.

His small but selective consignment at this sale includes Hip [186](#), a colt by Storm Cat out of champion Eliza (Mt. Livermore) that he picked up for \$140,000 at Keeneland in September; and Hip [287](#), a son of Seeking the Gold that was purchased for \$75,000 as a KEENOV weanling.

"It's one of the strongest consignments we've ever had," Wheeler said. *Sales Coverage cont. p4*

UPCOMING GULFSTREAM GRADED STAKES

Date	Race	Conditions
2-28	GIII Herecomesthebride S.	3yof/9fT
2-28	GIII The Very One H.	3yo+f/m/13/8mT
3-6	GII Richter Scale BC H.	3yo+/7f
3-6	GII Bonnie Miss S.	3yof/9f
3-13	GI Florida Derby	3yo/9f
3-13	GIII Swale S.	3yo/7f
3-13	GIII Skip Away H.	3yo+/1 1/16m
3-13	GIII Stonerside Forward Gal	3yof/7ff
3-14	GII Rampart H.	3yo+f/m/9f
3-20	GII Pan American H.	3yo+/1 1/2mT

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The sale begins at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 13.



Sales Coverage cont.

The Russians Are Coming...

A group of Russian emigres in the Miami area are in the process of forming a racing partnership and got started by purchasing a Tale of the Cat filly for \$75,000 at the OBS sale earlier this month.

"We're looking to start off with about 10-12 horses and see how that goes," said Mark Tourevski, who will manage the partnership.

Florida-based trainer Richard Root has been tabbed to condition the new purchases. There are 30 Russians in the partnership so far, most of whom are in the U.S., but which includes some Moscow residents.

"We are trying to provide an infrastructure for people looking to get involved in racing," Tourevski continued. "We will be a managing partnership for Russians who want to participate on all levels."

Looking to acquire mid-market youngsters, the group is hoping to keep purchases under \$300,000 at today's session.

"We've got our eye on several horses," said Tourevski.

A horse enthusiast since childhood, Tourevski said the the social aspects of racing appealed to him.

"To meet at the races, to see the happiness of the winning connections, it's something that can be enjoyed by the whole family," he said. But simply focusing on the social side of racing belies Tourevski's approach.

"Religion, philosophy and the love of horses all have something in common," he continued. "They all represent ways in which we seek life's truths."

☆ HIP HAPPENINGS ☆

Hip 95, filly by Good and Tough--Two Foxie, by Fair Skies
Consigned by Robert Scanlon, agent

The chestnut, who brought \$60,000 as a yearling, is out of a half-sister to the speedy Foxie G (Horatius), a multiple stakes winner of 14 races and \$392,568. The Maryland-bred showed she had plenty of gas herself in the first preview, going an eighth in :09 4/5, the fastest time of the day. She is from the second crop by the graded-stakes winning sprinter Good and Tough, who stands for just \$6,000, but whose first crop of juveniles averaged \$84,583 at sales in 2003.

Hip 108, colt by Deputy Minister--Win Crafty Lady, by Crafty Prospector

Consigned by Eddie Woods, agent

The dark bay is a half brother to Harmony Lodge (Hennessy) who, with Woods as the consignor, brought \$1.65 million at this sale in 2000. Still in training, she has won five graded stakes, including the GI Ballerina



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H. and GI Gallant Bloom H. The two-year-old is also a 3/4 brother to MGSW Graeme Hall (Dehere), who earned \$1,147,441 after bringing \$200,000 as a KEESEP yearling; and SW Win's Fair Lady (Dehere); and a 1/2 to Mister C's Song (Unbridled's Song), a \$1.85 million FTSAUG yearling that broke his

maiden as a three-year-old in his lone start last year. "Like everything else the mare has thrown, this is a really good horse," Woods said of the colt, who worked in :10 3/5 at the first under-tack show. "I was very happy with how he breezed. He's not a speed ball--this is more of a Classic kind of horse."

Hip 116, colt by Storm Cat--Add, by Spectacular Bid
Consigned by Hoby & Layna Kight, agent

The \$350,000 KEESEP yearling went a sharp quarter in :21 2/5 at the first under-tack show. The dark bay is a half to stakes winner Inflate (Forty Niner). His second dam is MGSW Number (Nijinsky II), and his third is Special (*Forli), who produced champion and top sire Nureyev and stakes winner Bound. Norman and Linda Adams, who are partners with Hoby and Layna Kight in the colt, were also partners in the sales topper at the OBS February Sale, the \$1.6 million Wild Rush colt. Just after that two-year-old went through the ring, they predicted success at Fasig-Tipton as well. "We're going to burn the place up," Norman Adams said.

Hip 119, colt by Unbridled's Song--Alizea, by Premiership
Consigned by Nick de Meric, agent

The bay, named Rationalexuberance, is a full brother to Songandaprayer, who brought a cool \$1 million at the 2000 edition of this sale and went on to win the GI Fountain of Youth S. A \$200,000 KEESEP yearling, the colt is also a half to stakes winners Lifeisawhirl (Island Whirl) and Island Emperor (Island Whirl) and a full to Alizea's Song, who brought \$850,000 as a Keeneland July yearling. *Hip Happenings cont. p5*



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Hip Happenings cont.

Hip 170, filly by **Gone West**--Darling Dame, by Lyphard
Consigned by Straightaway Farm, Cleveland Wheeler, agent

Out of a stakes-winning mare, the dark bay worked an eighth in :10 2/5 at the first preview, then improved to a session-topping :10 1/5 at the second. She was purchased for \$135,000 as a KEENOV weanling. "Carl



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Bowling bought her as a weanling, then took her through the [Keeneland] September Sale, but she didn't make her reserve. He liked her so much that he bought her back," consignor Cleveland Wheeler said. Wheeler was pleased with the filly's works, but not surprised.

"She had been working good on the farm and she went awfully good during the first go-round," he said. "She galloped out in :21 3/5 and she came out of it great. We really were expecting her to work good again." he added, "She has been getting a lot of attention since that work."

Hip 191, colt by **Deputy Minister**--Evil's Pic, by Piccolino
Consigned by Kings Equine, agent

The chestnut, named Evil Minister, is out of the hard-knocking mare Evil's Pic, who won seven stakes at five different racetracks and earned \$437,877. A half-brother to SP Echeverria (Awesome Again), he sold for \$500,000 as a FTSAUG yearling. His dam sold for \$425,000 while carrying him at the 2002 Keeneland November Sale.

Hip 210, colt by **Not For Love**--Gala's Goldie Best, by Phone Trick
Consigned by M & H Training and Sales, agent

Yearlings by Not For Love averaged \$41,472 last year, but this one topped the list, going for \$230,000 at the EASSEP sale. The dark bay looked worth the price in the first under tack show, dashing through a quarter in :21 1/5, the co-fastest time of the day. The Maryland-bred is out of a stakes-placed mare.

Hip 234, filly by **Forest Wildcat**--Hold to Fashion, by Hold Your Peace
Consigned by Leprechaun Racing, agent

A \$120,000 FTSAUG yearling, the chestnut is a half sister to Peace Rules (Jules), who sold for \$35,000 at the 2002 OBS March Sale. A graded-stakes winner on the turf at two, Peace Rules won three graded stakes at three, including the GI Haskell Invitational H. and the GI Toyota Blue Grass S., and was second in the GI Travers and third in the GI Kentucky Derby. He has earned more than \$2 million to date. The filly was foaled in Pennsylvania.



MGISW Peace Rules
Bill Straus

Hip 297, filly by **Grand Slam**--Nasema, by Encino
Consigned by Equine Legacy (Tony & Robin Hendrix), agent

The dark bay was purchased for a modest \$42,000 as a KEENOV weanling, but attracted a lot of attention after working an eighth in :10 1/5 at the first preview. "She's pretty special," owner Mike Paramore said. "She could be a big, big deal. She acts like the right kind of filly around the barn and she's by the hottest sire around. The right people have been looking at her and if two of them like her enough, she'll bring a lot of money. That's what we're hoping." The Florida-bred is a half to GSW Debby d'Or (Tour d'Or).

THIS WEEK IN HISTORY...

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- Special Harmony**..... (by **SPINNING WORLD**)1st **Angus Armanasco Stakes - G2**
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- Mr Sandgroper**..... (by **PEINTRE CELEBRE**)1st **Challenge Stakes - L.R.**
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☆ NEWS TODAY ☆

STORM FLAG FLYING RETURNS THURSDAY

Storm Flag Flying (Storm Cat), named 2002 champion juvenile filly off a brilliant campaign that included a trio of Grade I victories, is set to make her first start in nearly nine months in a \$46,000 allowance/optional claiming event at Gulfstream Park Thursday. She'll retain the services of regular jockey John Velazquez and will break from post seven. Out of champion My Flag (Easy Goer), the Shug McGaughey trainee raced just twice last year and has been on the sidelines since finishing unplaced in the GI Acorn S. at Belmont last June. Carded as race eight, the one-mile-and-seventy-yard contest includes six other fillies and mares.



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☆ RESULTS ☆

Saturday, Kyoto, Japan

KYOTO KINEN-G2, ¥123,520,000, Kyoto, 2-21, 4yo/up, 2200mT, 2:12.80, fm.

1--**SILK FAMOUS (JPN)**, 125, h, 5, by **Marvelous Sunday (Jpn)**

1st Dam: **Saint Sailor (Jpn)**, by **Caerleon**

2nd Dam: **Marabou**, by **Roberto**

3rd Dam: **Last Feather**, by ***Vaguely Noble**

O-Silk Co Ltd; B-Hayata Farms; T-Ippo Sameshima; J-Hirofumi Shii; ¥65,064,000. Lifetime Record: 21-8-3-2.

2--**Tenzan Seiza (Jpn)**, 125, h, 6, Tony Bin (Ire)--Casey (GB), by **Caerleon**. O-Saburo Hirano; B-Taihoku Stud Co Ltd; ¥26,304,000.

3--**Tagano My Bach (Jpn)**, 125, h, 5, Dance in the Dark (Jpn)--After the Sun, by **Storm Bird**. O-Ryoji Yagi; B-Northern Farm; ¥16,152,000.

Margins: 3/4, NK, HD. Odds: 1.70, 6.60, 29.10.

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Kyoto Kinen cont.

Silk Famous broke from the inside in the field of 14 and was settled in third under jockey Hirofumi Shii. He gained command at midstretch and forged clear for his fifth straight win. "He showed as impressive a performance as he did last time out [when he won the G2 Nikkei Shinshun Hai by six lengths]," said Shii. "His ability is very genuine."

Saturday, Tokyo, Japan

DAILY HAI QUEEN CUP-G3, ¥76,870,000, Tokyo, 2-21, 3yo/up, 1600mT, 1:34.30, fm.

1--**@DAIWA EL CIELO (JPN)**, 119, f, 3, by **Sunday Silence**

1st Dam: **London Bridge (Jpn)** (SW-Jpn, \$769,317), by **Dr Devious (Ire)**

2nd Dam: **All For London**, by **Danzig**

3rd Dam: **Full Card**, by **Damascus**

O-Daiwa Shoji K; B-Shimokobe Farm; T-Kunihide Matsuda; J-Yuichi Fukunaga; ¥40,609,000. Lifetime Record: 3-2-1-0.

2--**Crystal Violet (Jpn)**, 121, f, 3, Skip Away--Cuteness, by **Forty Niner**. O-U. Ogifushi Hattori B; B-Ogifushi Hattori Bokujo; ¥16,174,000.

3--**Photo Jenny (Jpn)**, 119, f, 3, Special Week (Jpn)--Blue Lustre (Ire), by **Nureyev**. O-Katsumi Yoshida; B-Northern Farm. ¥10,087,000.

Margins: 1 1/4, 1/2, 2. Odds: 2.30, 6.60, 9.80.

Daiwa El Cielo was looking for her first Japanese group win off a runner-up effort in the Kobai S. last month. Trained by Kunihide Matsuda, who conditioned Derby winner Tanino Gimlet and dirt champion Kurofune, the filly was placed near the back of the pack by jockey Yuichi Fukunaga. Fukunaga switched her to the outside in deep stretch and she delivered a powerful late kick to win going away. "She is a really good filly with much potential," Fukunaga said. "I'm looking forward to her future races."

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PEDIGREE INSIGHTS

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Sunday, Gulfstream Park

GULFSTREAM PARK BREEDERS' CUP H.-GI, \$190,000, GPX, 2-22, 3yo/up, 1 3/8mT, 2:11 2/5, fm.

1--HARD BUCK (BRZ), 117, h, 5, by Spend a Buck

1st Dam: Social Secret, by Secreto

2nd Dam: Expediency, by *Vaguely Noble

3rd Dam: *Gazala II, by Dark Star

O-Team Victory I; B-Haras Old Friends (BRZ); T-Kenneth G McPeek; J-E S Prado; \$90,000. Lifetime Record: 15-9-2-0, \$329,148. *1/2 to Secret Miss (Brz) (Roi Normand), GSP-Brz.

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Hard Buck, Sunday's winner of Gulfstream Park Breeders' Cup H., may have been bred in Brazil, but the five-year-old has a pedigree which acts as a universal reminder of the risks and uncertainties involved in bloodstock breeding--especially those attached to using an unproven stallion.

His sire, Spend A Buck, commanded a fee of \$60,000 when he commenced stud duties at Lane's End Farm in 1986, a figure reflecting his achievements of winning the previous year's Kentucky Derby, together with the title of Horse of the Year. And Hard Buck's broodmare sire, the Epsom Derby winner Secreto, had been priced even higher--at \$80,000--when he retired to Calumet a year earlier.

Clearly, each of these racehorses was capable of a top-notch performance, but each of them ultimately proved a major disappointment for most of the breeders who patronised them.

Each of these Derby heroes represented something of a gamble, but for different reasons. With Spend A Buck, the worry was that he had out-performed his pedigree. Remember, he had been bought privately as a yearling for only \$12,500--a fair price for a colt whose sire, Buckaroo, was to achieve an average of only \$8,622 with his 1983 auction yearlings. Although Buckaroo had been a very talented performer, he hadn't risen above Grade-II level and Spend A Buck's dam, Belle de Jour, had earned little more than \$3,000 during a 10-race career.

Spend A Buck's modest background gave few hints as to how effective he would prove on the track. At two, when he numbered the GI Arlington-Washington Futurity among his five wins from eight starts, he was rated inferior only to Chief's Crown and Saratoga Six. Then, at three, Spend A Buck prospered to such an extent that he took the Kentucky Derby by more than five lengths in one of the fastest times ever recorded in the Derby.

He had earlier taken the Cherry Hill Mile by more than 10 lengths and the Garden State S. by nearly as far, covering nine furlongs in the exceptional time of 1:45.80 in the latter. The prospect of picking up a \$2-million bonus in the Jersey Derby effectively deflected Spend A Buck from the Triple Crown trail. He duly bagged the loot with a gallant neck victory over Crème Fraiche--the gelding who went on to take the Belmont Stakes from the colts which had filled second and third spots in the Kentucky Derby.

A well-earned rest was followed by an unexpected defeat in the Haskell Invitational. Although Spend A Buck reportedly bled in the Haskell, he bounced back to break another track record when he held off Carr de Naskra by a nose in the GI Monmouth H. Unfortunately that proved to be his last appearance, as he injured an ankle in September and was retired.

Generally speaking, horses who outrun their pedigrees often prove capable of siring the occasional high-class winner without displaying the consistency one hopes to find in stallions whose pedigrees match the quality of their performances. *Caulfield cont. p8*

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Spend A Buck, sadly, didn't even manage that modest level of success. By the time he was switched from Kentucky to Texas in 1994, he had been represented by nothing better than a handful of Grade III winners from his first six crops in the U.S., although he had hit the Group-1 target with Clausen Export in Brazil. He finally came up with a first-rate American runner in 1996, when Antespend collected three Grade I victories in California.

Perhaps the fact that Antespend was out of a mare by the South American star Practicante played its part in Spend A Buck becoming a shuttle stallion in 1998. He was eventually sold to Brazil in the summer of 2001 and died there in November 2002. His trip to Brazil in 1998 has certainly paid handsome dividends, with Hard Buck, the Brazilian champion Investor's Dream and the Group-1 winners Forever Buck and Irish Lover all belonging to his 1999 crop.

Moving on to Hard Buck's broodmare sire, Secreto, the initial worries centred on his soundness and whether he came from a true "stallion" family.

Secreto was unquestionably bred in the purple. Indeed, his immediate family had the distinction of having produced winners of the Kentucky Derby (Majestic Prince), French Derby (Caracolero) and Derby, with Secreto becoming the only horse ever to defeat the great El Gran Senor when he took the 1984 Epsom classic.

Despite the quality of his bloodlines, Secreto had cost "only" \$340,000 as a yearling--his price falling over \$500,000 short of Northern Dancer's astonishing average that year. His price suggests some conformational flaws (his photographs suggest that he was a bit back at the knee and that his hocks were away). He also had a robust, strong body, so it perhaps wasn't so surprising that his fourth appearance--in the Derby--proved to be his last.

I was concerned at the time of Secreto's retirement that Caracolero had proved a disaster as a stallion, and pretty much the same could be said of Majestic Prince's handsome brother Crowned Prince, who had shown tremendous talent as a two-year-old. Majestic Prince, though, had sired colts of the calibre of Coastal, Majestic Light and Sensitive Prince, so I was prepared to give Secreto the benefit of the doubt.

This seemed to be a wise decision when he ended 1988 on top of the freshman sires' list, thanks mainly to Lea Lucinda (GII Del Mar Debutante S. and third in the GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies) and the English-trained Miss Secreto, who was to win the Italian 1000 Guineas in 1989. Secreto continued to have his moments and his third crop produced Mystiko, winner of the 1991 2000 Guineas. However, he was exported to Japan at the end of 1992, having sired only two American graded winners in eight seasons. Secreto fared better with his runners in Europe, where he was represented by two group winners in England, one in France and five in Italy.

Secreto's achievements were distinctly ordinary in view of the quality of the mares he covered in his early years at Calumet. Hard Buck's second dam, Expediency, was a case in point. As a daughter of the exceptional French performers Vaguely Noble and Gazala, Expediency was a sister to the Group 1 winners Mississippian and Gonzales, as well as being a half-sister to Youth, a champion turf horse. Expediency wasn't in the same league as Gazala as a broodmare, but she still produced Bin Shaddad, a triple winner at Group-3 level in Germany, and Oh So Risky, a Group-3 winner on the flat in France who did extremely well over hurdles in England. Expediency fared less well with Secreto, producing Social Secret, a filly who was sold for only 7,000 guineas after showing poor form in England.

Social Secret may not have been very good on the track, but her powerful bloodlines have helped her become one of the few daughters of Secreto to produce a Grade-I winner.



FOALING NEWS

TAKE THE CAKE, 5, Fly So Free--Lil Merry Sunshine, by Chief's Crown
 Foal born Feb. 2, a colt by War Chant.
 Will be bred back to Forest Wildcat.
 Owned by Elizabeth Valando.
 Boarded at Three Chimneys Farm, KY.
 Accomplishments: GSW & GISP of \$256,333.

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<p>WISH YOU HAD EQB'S SHORTLIST FOR THESE HORSES?</p> <p>'MADCAP ESCAPEDE' Sets New Stakes Record! Gulfstream Park 2/14/04</p> <p>Undeafated 3-yr-old filly WON her 2nd start by 11 3/4 lengths setting a new record at 1:08 and 4/5ths during the \$100,000 Old Hat Stakes. Congratulations to owner and EQB client, Bruce Lunsford, as well as special thanks to trainer Frank Brothers.</p> <p>• Also, congratulations to EQB client, Dennis Drazin for his colt Zoffinger's MSW win at Gulfstream, first time out, 2/16/04</p>	<p>Solid Horsemanship, Market Savvy, Superior Technology™</p> <p>BLOODSTOCK FOR THE 21ST CENTURY™</p> <p>EQB  Agents & Consultants</p>
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STEAL A HEART, 9, Crafty Prospector--Ransomed Bride, by Private Account
 Foal born Feb. 3, a filly by Dixieland Band.
 Will be bred back to Broad Brush.
 Owned by Jeff Amling.
 Boarded at Diamond A Farms, KY.
 Accomplishments: MSW, \$569,341.

SPEEDING STAR (ARG), 9, Fitzcarraldo (Arg)--Gemini Tough (Arg), by Tough Critic
 Foal born Feb. 4, a filly by Street Cry (Ire).
 Will be bred back to Aldebaran.
 Owned by/boarded at Cobra Farm, KY.
 Accomplishments: G1SW-Arg of \$147,677.

BUCAREST (ARG), 8, Ski Champ--Princess of Tides, by Dahar
 Foal born Feb. 5, a filly by Salt Lake.
 Will be bred back to Dixie Union.
 Owned by R.D. Hubbard.
 Boarded at Crystal Springs Farm, KY.
 Accomplishments: GSW-Arg, MSP-US.

WESTERN WOMAN, 8, West by West--Sondrio, by The Minstrel
 Foal born Feb. 5, a colt by Tiznow.
 Will be bred back to Tale of the Cat.
 Owned by Brian Kahn, Corey Brown & Taylor Made Farm.
 Boarded at Taylor Made Farm, KY.
 Accomplishments: SW of \$114,800.

PERT LADY, 9, Cox's Ridge--Impertinent Lady (Sham)
 Foal born Feb. 6, a filly by Gone West.
 Will be bred back to Gone West.
 Owned by Mill Ridge, Dr John A Chandler & Jamm, Ltd.
 Boarded at Mill Ridge, Ky.
 Accomplishments: Dam of Zavata (Phone Trick), MGSW, \$346,533.

S'IL VOUS PLAIT (GER), 12, Dashing Blade (GB)--Silver Form (GB) (Formidable)
 Foal born Feb. 6, a colt by Golan (Ire).
 Will be bred back to Lando (Ger).
 Owned by/boarded at Gestut Hof Iserneichen.
 Accomplishments: SW & GSP-Ger. Dam of Sergeant Pepper (Ger) (Lando {Ger}), GSP-Ger.

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Yesterday's Results:

8th-GPX, \$46,000, Alw, NW2\$R6MX, 4yo/up,
a1 1/8mT, 1:50 4/5, fm.

1--**FULL FLOW, 116, h, 7, Eagle Eyed--Fast Flow, by Riverman.** O-George Bolton; B-Juddmonte Farms (KY); T-John C Kimmel. Lifetime Record: SP-GB, 35-6-8-3, \$234,576. *1/2 to Auction House (Exbourne), GSW-GB, MSW-US, \$404,145.

2--**Host (Chi), 118, c, 4, Hussonet--Colonna Traiana, by Roy.**

3--**First Lieutenant, 116, h, 7, Sea Hero--Another Zone, by Seeking the Gold.** (\$39,000 yrl '98 KEESEP). Margins: 2, NK, HD. Odds: 19.40, 0.60, 9.50.

Full Flow, who placed in a Listed event in the U.K. in 1999, hadn't visited the winner's circle in over two years, but did manage to finish second in his latest in a \$50,000 claiming event over course and distance Jan. 10. Given little consideration this time, the bay was reserved in sixth through three quarters of a mile, rallied to take over inside the eighth pole and drew clear late to win with ease over Chilean champion Host (Chi).

9th-GPX, \$34,000, Alw, NW1X, 4yo/up, 7f, 1:22 2/5, ft. LIBERTY SON (c, 4, Boston Harbor--Fastandclever, by Clever Trick) scored by 3 1/4 lengths last time going a furlong shorter over this track Jan. 16 and went off the well-backed 8-5 choice to make it two in a row. Just behind a sharp early pace, the \$150,000 FTSAUG yearling pushed her head in front a furlong out and inched clear late to score by two lengths over The King N Rob (Gold Alert). Lifetime Record: 4-2-0-1, \$44,330. O-Jubilee Stb & M Cherry. B-Kidder, Griggs & Robenalt (KY). T-Todd A Pletcher.

7th-GPX, \$32,000, Msw, 4yo, f, 8.5fm, 1:46 4/5, ft. NEVERMORE (f, 4, Unbridled--Teewinot {SW & GSP, \$298,654}, by Vice Regent) ran fifth in her latest over this distance at Belmont last October and was given a 3-1 chance to take her 2004 debut. Far back early, the \$425,000 KEESEP yearling mounted her challenge on the far turn, took over at the eighth pole and drew off late to score by an easy five lengths. Lifetime Record: 5-1-1-0, \$31,130.

O-W Clifton Jr. B-Farfellow Farms Ltd (KY). T-H J Bond.

★ CENTRAL ★

Yesterday's Results:

4th-FGX, \$32,500, NW2L, (S), 3yo, f, 1m (off turf), 1:41 1/5, sy.

MADISON'S MUSIC (f, 3, Prospector's Music--Fit for Mattie, by Fit to Fight) finished a respectable second, beaten 3/4 of a length, in her 2004 debut going a mile in the slop over the main track here Jan. 17 and went off the 6-5 choice to graduate this time. Off slowly, the dark bay filly improved her position around the first turn, rallied three wide heading into the home straight and gained the advantage late to score by a comfortable 1 1/2-length margin over Stang Thirtysix (Forty Won). Lifetime Record: 3-1-1-0, \$25,245.

O/B-William Boudreaux (LA). T-Robert R O'Connor II.

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8th-FGX, \$29,100, Alw, NW1X, 4yo/up, f/m, 1 1/8m (off turf), 1:54 1/5, sy.

WITCH APPROVAL (f, 4, With Approval--Jewel Coast, by Fappiano) was beaten only a length two back going a mile of the turf course here before finding the winner's circle after her latest Jan. 15. Sent off the 5-2 third choice in her step up to allowance company, the roan lingered off the early pace, took over and edged away with a furlong left to run and held sway in the run to the wire to score by a nose over Border Blues (El Prado {Ire}). Lifetime Record: 5-2-1-0, \$43,640. O/B-Lawana L & Robert E Low (KY). T-Daniel C Peitz.

★ AMERICAN-BRED WINNERS ★

IN JAPAN:

Freedom Girl, f, 3, Boston Harbor--Silence of Night (Ire) (SP-Ity), by Bluebird. Tokyo, 2-21, Novice Race, 6.5f. Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, \$71,560. O-Yoshio Fujita; B-Carl Massaro & Dunnhill Farm; T-Takahisa Tezuka. *\$50,000 yrl '02 FTKJUL. **Went wire-to-wire and scored by an easy 2 1/2 lengths.

Cafe Olympus, c, 3, Grand Slam--Cognac Lady (SW), by Olympio. Tokyo, 2-22, Hyacinth S., 8f. Lifetime Record: 6-3-2-0, \$339,358. O-Kiyoshi Nishikawa; B-Mt. Brilliant Farm LLC; T-Yasuhisa Matsuyama. *\$425,000 2yo '03 FTFEB. **Sat just off the pace, took command midstretch and won by two lengths.

Daishin Chance, c, 3, Smoke Glacken--Mercedes Too, by Mercedes Won. Tokyo, 2-21, Plate Race, 7f. Lifetime Record: 5-2-1-1, \$165,596. O-Nobuyuki Oyagi; B-Lothenback Stables Inc.; T-Yoshihito Dazai. *\$87,000 yrl '02 FTKJUL; \$125,000 2yo '03 FTFEB. **Powered clear in the stretch to win by 2 1/2 lengths.

Kid's Star, f, 4, Saint Ballado--Dart Star, by Blue Ensign. Utsuomiya, 2-19, Hatsuuma Tokubetsu, 7f. Lifetime Record: 7-2-0-0, \$44,954. O-Takao Seya; B-Brylynn Farm, Inc.; T-Yasuhisa Matsuyama. *1/2 to Star's Proud Penny (Proud Birdie), GSW, \$279,209. **\$82,000 yrl '01 KEESEP. ***Won by one length.

Dream Spector, c, 4, Tale of the Cat--Trivial, by Devil's Bag. Tokyo, 2-21, Plate Race, 6.5f. Lifetime Record: 3-1-1-0, \$97,706. O-Yasushi Tsumura; B-Twin Hopes Farm, Inc.; T-Yoshihiko Ishige. *\$50,000 wnlg '00 KEENOV. **Won by 1 1/4 lengths.

Taiki Dynasty, h, 5, Kingmambo--Villa Rose, by Key to the Mint. Tokyo, 2-22, Plate Race, 12f. Lifetime Record: 19-4-3-2, \$493,028. O/B-Taiki Farm; T-M Tsuchida. *1/2 to Taiki Sherlock (Jpn) (Jade Robbery), MSW-Jpn, \$2,454,344. **Won by 2 1/2 lengths.

Kite Hill Wind, h, 5, Saint Ballado--Sloane Street, by Topsider. Tokyo, 2-21, Shumbo S., 7f. Lifetime Record: 19-5-6-1, \$1,066,789. O-Makoto Kaneko; B-Cypress Farms 1991; T-Sakae Kunieda. *\$125,000 2yo '01 FTFEB. **Stalked the pace in fourth before moving into contention in upper stretch en route to a two-length victory.



★ BRITAIN ★

REDCAR WELCOME UPGRADE

Officials at Redcar racecourse yesterday declared themselves "delighted and honoured" after it was announced that the Two-Year-Old Trophy Oct. 2, with guaranteed prize money of £150,000, has been upgraded to listed status for the first time this year. First run in 1989, the six-furlong contest has been won by subsequent group scorers Somnus (GB), Captain Rio (GB), Pipalong (Ire) and Peak to Creek (GB). "The Directors and Management of Redcar are delighted and honoured that this marvellous race now has listed race status which further lifts the profile of both the race and Redcar racecourse," Chief Executive John Sanderson said yesterday.

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EUROPEAN-SIRED WINNER IN JAPAN:

Fight Club (Jpn), c, 4, **Halling--Fanjica (Ire)** (GSW-US & Eng, GISP-US, GSP-Ity & Fr, \$468,656), by Law Society. Tokyo, 2-22, Amethyst S., 9fT. Lifetime Record: 12-4-1-2, \$492,385. O-Hiroyoshi Usuda; B-Shadai Farm; T-Y Okubo. *Won by a half length.



MIDDLE EAST



★ DUBAI ★

NATIONAL CURRENCY SIDELINED

National Currency (SAf) (National Assembly), impressive winner of the listed Al Shindagha Sprint, has been sidelined by a foot abscess, according to *Racing Post*. The injury, which connections say may have been caused by a scorpion or snake bite, will force the sprinting star out of the Mar. 27 G1 Golden Shaheen. National Currency was second behind Silent Witness (Aus) in the G1 Hong Kong Sprint before his 6 1/2-length win at Nad al Sheba Feb. 5. "The horse won't run on World Cup night, which is sad as he beat them giving weight last time and he still had plenty in reserve," trainer Mike Azzie told *Racing Post*. "We were getting more and more excited about the Golden Shaheen and our jockey was very confident--he even said that Silent Witness would never come close to him again." If he recovers in time, National Currency may be headed for a British campaign. "If he can, we'll prepare him in Dubai and we'll both stay on here until the end of April before coming across to Newmarket," Azzie explained.

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BREEDERS' EDITION
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ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

9th-FGX, \$36,500, NW3X, (S), 4yo/up, 6f, 1:11, sy.
IT'S JUST A GAME (g, 4, Moonlight Dancer--Chill Out Nana, by Zuppardo's Love) Lifetime Record: 13-4-1-1, \$83,225. O-& B Ranch Inc. B-B & B Ranch & Hyman Bartolo Jr (LA). T-Donald Hecker.

9th-PHA, \$22,680, NW2X, 4yo/up, 6f, 1:10 4/5, ft.
BRING OUT THE BEST (c, 4, Helmsman--Patty's P. C. Cake, by Fight Over) Lifetime Record: 16-3-3-4, \$82,453. O-Charlotte C Polin. B-Debbe Wojack & Jackie Saide (FL). T-John C Servis. *\$52,000 2yo 2002 OBSMAR.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Shari's Gold Sole, f, 4, Gold Tribute--Sole Quest, by Pilgrim. FGX, 2-23, 6f, 1:12 1/5. B-C Gibson Downing & Ashford Stud (Ky). *\$8,000 wIng '00 KEENOV.

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ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Stai Su (GB), f, 3, Dr Fong--Mystic Tempo, by El Gran Senor. Rome, Italy, 2-22, Mdn, 3yo, f, 6fT. B-Scuderia Archi Romani. *1/2 to Le Vie Dei Colori (GB) (Efisio {GB}), Hwt. 2yo Colt-Ity, G1SW-Ity, GSW & G1SP-Fr, \$580,702.
+ **Jomacomi (GB), c, 3, Hector Protector--Stylish Rose (Ire), by Don't Forget Me (Ire).** Wolverhampton, Britain, 2-23, Mdn, 3yo/up, 1 1/2m (AWT). B-T P and M McDonagh.
Ile Facile (Ire), c, 3, Turtle Island (Ire)--Easy Pop (Ire), by Shernazar (Ire). Lingfield, Britain, 2-23, Mdn, 3-5yo, 6f (AWT). B-John Foley. *1/2 to Grade (Ire) (Grand Lodge), GSP-NA. **62,000gns 2yo '03 TATAPR.

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