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TOP FILLIES**

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WORLD RECORD TUMBLES TWICE AT FASIG

With bidding fast and furious at yesterday's Fasig-Tipton Calder Selected Two-Year-Olds in Training Sale in Miami, Florida, the world record for a two-year-old was first smashed and then demolished by a pair of juveniles by first-crop sires. A colt by Grade I winner Stephen Got Even started the fireworks when he sold for \$3.1 million, but that world record was short lived, as a colt by Kentucky Derby winner Fusaichi Pegasus (Mr. Prospector) brought down the house with a final bid of \$4.5 million. The previous record was set last year at the Barretts March sale when Diamond Fury (Sea of Secrets) sold for \$2.7 million. The pair of record juveniles spearheaded a strong day of selling at Fasig-Tipton, where the average price jumped a whopping 40 percent, to a sales record \$292,859.

A Fabulous Fusaichi

Fusao Sekiguchi went to \$825,000 to buy hip number 223, a colt by Wild Wonder from the consignment of Jessie and Stacy Longoria, but there was no time to answer questions. The horse that Sekiguchi was really after was about to enter the ring. With hometown TV cameras recording his every move, Japan's star owner



Hip 229 *Horsephotos*

went after hip 229 and, after a spirited bidding war with Satish Sanan, he took home the world-record colt. "Mr. Sekiguchi fell in love with the horse and he was determined to have him," said trainer Neil Drysdale, who will be handling the multi-million dollar baby. The colt, a son of

Sekiguchi's Kentucky Derby hero Fusaichi Pegasus, was consigned by Kirkwood Stables, agent. After signing the ticket, Sekiguchi raised his hands in triumph. His budget for this purchase was, he said through his translator, "limitless." Sanan, who fought his way through the crowd to shake his rival's hand, added, "He would have gone to \$10 million." Why was the colt worth such a price? "Hopefully, this will encourage all the other buyers to buy the progeny of Fusaichi Pegasus," Sekiguchi said.

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FASIG-TIPTON – TOP COLTS

<u>Hip</u>	<u>Sire</u>	<u>Dam</u>	<u>Price</u>
<u>229</u>	<u>Fusaichi Pegasus</u>	Hidden Storm	\$4,500,000 (\$450,000 in utero '01 KEENOV; \$270,000 yrl '03 FTSAUG) <i>B-Eagle Holdings (Ky)</i> Consigned by Kirkwood Stables, agent Purchased by Fusao Sekiguchi
<u>145</u>	<u>Stephen Got Even</u>	Blacktie Bid	\$3,100,000 (\$157,000 yrl '03 FTKJUL) <i>B-Ron McDonald (Ky)</i> Consigned by Niall Brennan Stables, agent I Purchased by John Ferguson
<u>272</u>	Rubiano	Magari	\$1,500,000 (\$140,000 yrl '03 FTKJUL) <i>B-Cashmark Farm (Ky)</i> Consigned by Cam Allard, H.T. Inc., agent Purchased by John Ferguson
<u>116</u>	<u>Storm Cat</u>	Add	\$1,050,000 (\$350,000 yrl '03 KEESEP) <i>B-Eagle Holdings (Ky)</i> Consigned by Hoby & Layna Knight, agent Purchased by Robert V Lapenta
<u>101</u>	Unbridled's Song	Vennila Cream	\$900,000 (\$285,000 yrl '03 KEESEP) <i>B-BryLynn Farm (Fl)</i> Consigned by Hoby & Layna Kight, agent Purchased by Buzz Chace, agent
<u>223</u>	Wild Wonder	Grannies Feather	\$825,000 (\$30,000 yrl '03 OBSAUG; \$12,500 yrl '03 OBSWIN) <i>B-Hannahill Farm Inc. (Fl)</i> Consigned by Jessie & Stacy Longoria Purchased by Fusao Sekiguchi



**FASIG-TIPTON CALDER 2YOs
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<u>SESSION TOTALS</u>	<u>2004</u>	<u>2003</u>
No. Offered	223	246
No. Sold	142	139
RNAs	81	107
% RNA	36.3%	43.5%
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World Record FuPeg Colt

For Fusao Sekiguchi yesterday's bidding had a familiar ring. The owner also had to outbid Sanan to get his Derby winner, whom he purchased for \$4 million at the 1998 Keeneland July sale, and he vowed to get another blanket of roses with the son. "History always repeats itself," he said. Drysdale, who conditioned Fusaichi Pegasus, saw a lot of the father in the two-year-old. "He is quite similar to his father," the trainer said. "For a big horse, he is very athletic, and when a big, strong horse can do everything so easily, it is generally because they are very talented." But Drysdale did not expect the colt to be the troublemaker his father was. "You haven't seen him on his hind legs here, have you?" he quipped. The dark bay worked an eighth in :10 1/5 at the first preview and just galloped at the second. From the family of Horse of the Year Mineshaft, he was originally purchased by White Horse Stables for \$270,000 at the 2003 FTSAUG sale.

Stephen Got Even Colt Briefly Holds World Record

He broke the bank...and also the board displaying the bids. Hip number 145, a colt from the first crop by Grade I winner Stephen Got Even brought \$3.1 million and, soon after, the lights on one side of the board went out. It was a lights-out pinhooking performance as well--the gray was purchased for \$157,000 at last year's Keeneland September sale. John Ferguson, bidding for Sheikh Mohammed, signed the winning ticket. "He'll go to Bob Scanlon's farm in Ocala and he'll be there until the end of March," Ferguson said. "Then Sheikh Mohammed will decide where he is going to go." As for the seven-figure price tag, Ferguson added, "We had a pretty good idea that he would bring that price. The horse was such a phenomenal athlete on the racetrack. He's the kind of horse you can't afford to pass on." The coveted juvenile was the highlight of a very busy day for Ferguson, who purchased eight horses for \$7.625 million. At last year's Fasig-Tipton Calder sale, the bloodstock agent bought only one horse for \$500,000.

The Consignor Speaks

"He is a spectacular individual," consignor Niall Brennan said of the \$3.1-million juvenile. "He has all the tools to be the best. We've sold a lot of nice horses, Grade I winners, but he might be the best I've ever had. A horse this special doesn't come around often." Still, Brennan was not expecting the multi-million dollar final bid. "I was confident he would bring a million and a half, but, after that, it's all about who really wants him." Satish Sanan was the underbidder on the colt, who is out of minor stakes winner Blacktie Bid (Black Tie Affair {Ire}). His second dam is Degenerate Gal (Degenerate Jon), a three-time graded-stakes winner of \$936,393. But his modest pedigree had not discouraged the buyers, nor had the fact that he only galloped during the first preview. He did come back with a furlong in :10 2/5 Sunday. "It turned out to be a blessing that he just galloped the first time," Brennan said. "He's a big horse, he needed the extra time. But it shows that the right horses don't have to have the fastest times at the two-year-old sales." Brennan gave his partner in the \$3.1-million Stephen Got Even juvenile a lot of the credit for the ultra-successful pinhook. "My partner, Mike Ryan, has the greatest eye in the business," he said. "This horse struck us the first time we saw him. It was his presence, his demeanor, the way he moved." The two were also looking for something by an up-and-coming sire. "We like to try and buy horses by first-season sires," Brennan said. "We usually can't afford A.P. Indys, but we can afford horses by his sons. We have three by Stephen Got Even. He's a sire that really impresses me." As does his son. "He has exuded class since he was a yearling and never disappointed us to this day. He is a true gentleman of a horse. I was just blessed to be along for the ride."

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Hip 145 Horsephotos



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Rubiano Colt Brings \$1.5 Million

John Ferguson went to \$1.5 million to secure hip 272, a colt by Rubiano out of Magari (Quack). The two-year-old was consigned by Allen Jenkins, on behalf of Cam Allard who purchased the gray for \$140,000 at last summer's Fasig-Tipton July sale. "He was just an extremely good individual," Jenkins explained. "Made like the kind of horses we like for our program." Of the seven-figure price tag, Jenkins said, "We were very pleased with the price, but we weren't surprised. We set the reserve at \$1.49 million." The colt is a half brother to graded stakes winner Afto (Relaunch). Commenting on the overall market at yesterday's sale, Jenkins added, "It's been very strong for the right horse and we've seen some horses sell well that didn't perform that well. Business is good, but because there was so much activity, people started raising their reserves. They got a little too confident and they ended up buying back horses for that reason. I did that myself with one horse."

FASIG-TIPTON – TOP COLTS

(Cont. from p. 1)

- 108** Deputy Minister Win Crafty Lady \$800,000
B-Sabine Stable (Ky)
 Consigned by Eddie Woods, agent
 Purchased by B. Wayne Hughes
- 168** Distorted Humor Dare To Be Me \$750,000
 (\$87,000 yrl '03 KESEEP)
B-Thoroughbred Acadiana LLC (Ky)
 Consigned by Tony Bowling & Bobby Dodd, agent
 Purchased by John Ferguson
- 136** Silver Deputy Awful Smart \$700,000
 (\$275,000 yrl '03 FTSAUG)
B-John D Murphy (Ky)
 Consigned by M.W. Miller III, agent
 Purchased by Roger Attfield
- 260** Fusaichi Pegasus Li Law \$700,000
B-Newbyth Stud (Ky)
 Consigned by Robert Scanlon, agent
 Purchased by Brian Morgan, agent

Fasig Officials Pleased with Strong Sale

At the close of business yesterday, Fasig-Tipton had sold 142 horses for a total of \$41,586,000. The average, \$292,859, was up 40 percent from the 2003 figure of \$209,187. The median rose 13.3 percent to \$170,000. The buy-back rate was 36.3 percent. "The sale was terrific at the top of the market," commented Fasig-Tipton President Walt Robertson. "As we were leading into the sale, we knew we had several special horses. I would have been disappointed if we didn't have a real good sale. I don't care what kind of market it is, when this kind of horse shows up, it's going to be a good market." Boyd Browning, Jr., the company's executive vice president and chief operating officer, added, "The credibility of two-year-old sales in the minds of the top buyers continues to improve every year. People are now confident and believe that this should be an important part of their buying program. These are no longer sales to buy early two-year-olds. You can buy a classic winner at a two-year-old in training sale."

FASIG-TIPTON – TOP FILLIES

- | <u>Hip</u> | <u>Sire</u> | <u>Dam</u> | <u>Price</u> |
|------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 091 | <u>Tale of the Cat</u> | <u>Too Too Divine</u> | \$650,000
(\$120,000 yrl '03 FTKJUL) |
| | <i>B-Charles Lenz Jr. & Robert Scalon (Ky)</i>
Consigned by Hartley/deRenzo Thoroughbreds LLC, agent
Purchased by Mike Ryan, agent | | |
| 234 | <u>Forest Wildcat</u> | <u>Hold to Fashion</u> | \$630,000
(\$120,000 yrl '03 FTSAUG) |
| | <i>B-Blair Minnich (Pa)</i>
Consigned by Leprechaun Racing, agent
Purchased by Bar S Ranch | | |
| 297 | <u>Grand Slam</u> | <u>Nasema</u> | \$600,000
(\$42,000 wnlg '02 KEENOV) |
| | <i>B-Luann & Robert Baker</i>
Purchased by Fleetwood/N.W. Mgmt. | | |
| 004 | <u>Stephen Got Even</u> | <u>Over All</u> | \$550,000
(\$150,000 wnlg '02 KEENOV; \$150,000 yrl '03 FTSAUG) |
| | <i>B-Strategy Bloodstock (Ky)</i>
Consigned by Niall Brennan Stables, agent I
Purchased by John C Oxley | | |



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Storm Cat Colt Adds Up

Hoby and Layna Kight brought just seven horses to Fasig-Tipton, but that septet included two of the top sellers of the day. Their best result came with hip number 116, a colt by Storm Cat that they bought for \$350,000 as a Keeneland September yearling.

The dark bay, who zipped a quarter in :21 2/5, is out of stakes-placed Add (Spectacular Bid) and is a half to stakes winner Inflate (Forty Niner). His second dam is graded-stakes winner and graded-stakes producer Number; his third dam is Special (*Forli), who foaled champion and stellar sire Nureyev.

He was purchased for \$1,050,000 by Robert La Penta.

"I thought he was a million-dollar horse," said Hoby Kight, who owns the colt in partnership with Norman and Linda Adams. "He is so beautiful, with the prettiest little head and this big old walk. He has a lot of leg, even though he is a May foal. When I saw him at Keeneland, he looked like a running machine."

Kight liked the looks of this one from the first time he saw him...but he didn't see him for the first time until he stepped into the ring at Keeneland.

"I'd always wanted a Storm Cat, my whole life, but for some reason I didn't see this colt when I went through the catalogue," Kight admitted. "But when they led him up to the ring, I didn't know who he was by, but I said, 'I'm buying this horse.'"

But the consignor almost got outbid.

"I was sitting in the front, and I was squirming in my chair," he said. "I couldn't go higher than \$350,000, that was all I had."

The Kights only attend the two-year-old sales in Florida, and the 10 they had to sell this year have all found new homes. It's now time for a well-deserved break.

"My wife likes to barrel race, so we'll load up the horse trailer and travel around [to the rodeos] until July," Kight said. "Then I'll start buying again."

The Other Side of the Equation

Trainer Nick Zito, bidding on behalf of Robert La Penta, bought hip number 116 for \$1,050,000. La Penta, who also owns The Cliff's Edge, El Prado Rob and Ghost Mountain, is from Westport, CT and is president of a defense communications company. "He told me he wanted a Saturday afternoon horse and he told me he thought he'd bring \$1.05 million," Zito said of La Penta. "I don't know where he came up with that price, but he would have gone a little higher. He's new in this game, but he likes it." Referring to his newest pupil, Zito added, "The thing I liked about him is that he's a May foal and you know me, I have the patience of a saint. I've got a little edge that way. I'll take my time with him and we'll see what happens. But if he wins any kind of stake, he'll be worth a lot of money." Zito added the colt will now ship to the Palm Meadows training center. "We'll let him hang out, take him with us to Keeneland and Belmont, and hopefully he'll be ready to run in Saratoga," the trainer concluded.

Who's Laughing Now?

Tony Bowling and Bobby Dodd had a lot to laugh about at yesterday's Fasig-Tipton juvenile sale. The Ocala-based team kicked off the day with the sale of a Tiger Ridge filly that sold for \$60,000, which represented a \$23,000 increase over her purchase price as a yearling at last year's OBS August sale, but that paled in comparison to their next horse in the ring, hip 168. A chestnut by sophomore sire Distorted Humor out of the Meadowlake mare Dare to Be Me. The colt surpassed all expectations when Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum's bloodstock advisor John Ferguson gave \$750,000 to secure the colt. Bred by Thoroughbred Acadiana LLC, the Kentucky bred turned in an impressive :21.2 final time during the initial preview session Feb. 15. The colt's purchase price represented a huge profit for Bowling and Dodd, who bought the colt for \$87,000 at last year's Keeneland September yearling sale. The Feb. 26 foal also provided his sire, Distorted Humor, with a huge score since the juvenile sold for 60 times his sire's 2001 stud fee of \$12,500. Distorted Humor currently stands at WinStar for \$50,000.

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A New Song for Paragallo

Ten years ago, owner Ernie Paragallo bought a son of Unbridled for \$200,000 at the FTSAUG sale, then sent him off to the Barretts March Sale. Unbridled's Song realized \$1.4 million at that sale, but was turned back due to chips in his ankles and Paragallo had himself a racehorse. The colt went on to win the GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile and now commands a stud fee of \$125,000.

Yesterday, Paragallo spent \$900,000 to get a son of Unbridled's Song. Buzz Chace signed the ticket.

"We have a soft spot for Unbridled's Song, and this colt just worked so well and looked so good," Chace said. "He did everything so easily. He's a very nice horse with a stallion's pedigree. He was basically my pick of the sale. I thought he'd go for more money than that."

Added Paragallo, "I thought he was the best-moving horse in the sale. He has a tremendous stride. He doesn't remind me of Unbridled's Song in looks--Unbridled's Song was a lot bigger and lankier, while this colt has a stronger back end and a strong shoulder--but his stride is similar."

Looking ahead, the New York-based owner said, "I don't push my horses, so if he runs at two or at three, that's fine. We'll evaluate him now and decide whether to turn him out for 30 or 40 days or take him to the track."

Hoby Kight, who consigned the colt with his wife Layna, and is co-owner with Norman and Linda Adams, was more than happy with the result. The April foal was originally purchased for \$285,000 as a KEESEP yearling.

"I was very pleased," Kight said. "I was thinking he might bring \$600,000 or \$700,000. He just reeks of class."

This was one of the biggest investments the Ocala-based horseman has ever made in a yearling.

"I never pay that kind of money for a horse, but when you bring a horse to this market, you have to have a horse with the pedigree, the conformation--the whole picture.

"And these buyers want to see [the consignors] stick their necks out, too," he added.

All in the Family for Deputy Minister Colt

Hip number 108 has to follow in some serious hoofsteps. The son of Deputy Minister is a half brother to GISW Harmony Lodge (Hennessy), who brought \$1.65 million as a Fasig-Tipton February juvenile; and a 3/4 brother to GSW Graeme Hall (Dehere), who earned \$1,147,441.

Consigned by Eddie Woods, agent, the two-year-old did attract attention yesterday, bringing a final bid of \$800,000 from B. Wayne Hughes.

Ron Ellis, who will train the colt, signed the ticket.

"I thought, in this atmosphere, he might go higher," Ellis said. "There are a lot of people here and he is a pretty nice colt. He didn't breeze as fast as some, but it looks like he wants to go farther."

The bay went an eighth in :10 3/5 in the first preview.

"He's a big long-striding colt and he is very easy on himself," Ellis said. "He also has a tremendous pedigree and stallion potential."

The well-connected youngster will get some time off before heading to the track.

"We will give him a little time to recoup from the sale and then take him to California," Ellis said.

Wild and Wonderful

Hip 223, a colt by Wild Wonder out of Grannies Feather (At Full Feather), appeared to have a tall order to fill at yesterday's Fasig-Tipton sale, but he defied the odds by reeling in a healthy \$825,000 final bid from Fusao Sekiguchi. The first foal out of his unraced 10-year-old dam, the Florida bred turned in a sparkling :21.1 work during the first of two preview sessions. The offspring of Wild Wonder, whose first crop are currently three-year-olds, was purchased for \$30,000 last year by Jessie and Stacy Longoria from the Hannahill Farm Inc consignment at the OBS August sale. Last year, the highest price for a Wild Wonder yearling was \$40,000, while 15 of his progeny sold for an average price of \$11,447. The February 27 foal, who was his sire's sole representative at this sale, provided a substantial boost for his sire, who stood for \$4,500 in his initial season at stud at Dunhill Stud in Ocala. Wild Wonder's 2004 stud fee is \$5,000.

2004 Leading Second Crop Sires*

	RUNNERS	WINNERS	2004 EARNINGS
1. MAZEL TRICK	24	10	\$233,754
2. Forestry	21	6	\$226,221
3. Doneraile Court	32	9	\$213,213
4. Silver Charm	22	5	\$186,622

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A Sainly Filly

Hip number **13**, a filly by Saint Ballado consigned by Cary Frommer, agent, was a \$90,000 RNA at the 2003 Fasig-Tipton July Sale, but attracted a final bid of \$525,000 yesterday. The dark bay worked an eighth in :10 3/5 at the first under-tack show; her second dam is champion Family Style (State Dinner). It is also the family of champion Hold That Tiger and Classic winner Editor's Note.

"I was thrilled [with the price]," Frommer said. "I bought her at Fasig-Tipton July. She was an RNA, and I bought her privately.

"Just from the minute I saw her, I thought she was wonderful. She was gawky, not finished at all, but I thought she had the potential to grow into what she is now."

John Oxley purchased the filly.

"She's going to the perfect place," the consignor said. "I couldn't be happier."

Married to Tim Frommer, the private farm trainer for J. Mack Robinson, the horsewoman is in her fourth year as a pinhooker. She sells just six or seven horses a year.

"I've been in horse racing for a long time, but I just got into pinhooking," she said. "I wasn't living where there was any racing--we live in Georgia--so I had to figure out another avenue."

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New Face in the Crowd...

Making their second appearance at Fasig-Tipton Calder was IEAH Stables, a racing company headed by Michael Iavarone. An investment banker by trade, Iavarone has put together approximately 30 investors who each own equity in IEAH.

"[Iavarone] started buying horses a couple of years ago and had his own racing stable, but he came up with the idea of forming a racing company and he has now dedicated himself to that idea full time," said Michael Sherack, who handles public relations for IEAH.

With Greg Martin as its trainer, the company races a dozen three-year-olds and a handful of claimers. IEAH had its first runner last summer at Saratoga and its first winner in October. From just 23 starters, it has already had nine winners, including Shining Hawk, who won a stakes at the Meadowlands last fall, and A One Rocket, who was claimed for \$7,500 in December and, after two victories, was a close second in the Hollie Hughes H. at Aqueduct earlier this month.

"We bought our first horses at this sale last year," Sherack said, adding that they bought four more this time, including hip number **129**, a colt by Unbridled's Song from the consignment of Leprechaun Racing, agent, that brought \$210,000.

"He is a nice mover with a big stride and he seemed to do everything easily," said Sherack, who served as a handicapper for the *Daily Racing Form* before joining IEAH. "Everything added up and the price seemed reasonable."

IEAH will be back at Calder, but, in the future, they could be selling as well as buying.

"The people that buy into IEAH buy into the business model as a whole," Sherack said. "They are buying into anything we do, which could be breeding or pinhooking--whatever we think is a good investment."

Grade I Winner & Millionaire **STEPHEN GOT EVEN**

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AT FASIG-TIPTON CALDER:

Hip 145, a colt out of Blacktie Bid, sold for

\$3.1 MILLION

Hip 4, a filly out of Over All, sold for \$550,000

Hip 212, a colt out of Gem Treck, sold for \$450,000

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FROM THE DESK OF...
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IF FIFTY IS THE NEW FORTY...

Before the turn of the century, that's what we baby boomers used to say, Fifty is the New Forty. But now we're thinking about changing it to 'SIXTY is the new forty'...you just about have to be a baby boomer to remember when the two-year-old sales weren't turning out seven-figure saletoppers who went on to be graded stakes winners. Atlantic Ocean for the late Prince Ahmed bin Salman's Thoroughbred Corp. and Chapel Royal for Michael Tabor (Demi O'Byrne, buyer) are two recent examples. But I digress...

Today's topic is actually, if 'Fifty is the New Forty,' what is the new 10 percent. Meaning, in the era of double-size foal crops, what is it reasonable to expect a good sire to achieve? What is a reasonable target percentage of stakes winners/foals, which corresponds with the 'old,' generally accepted figure of 10 percent? This is an issue which has actually been exercising quite a few of us lately. It's not just statisticians, journalists and commentators who need to know. Quite a lot of breeders, and, truthfully, even the stud farms themselves, would like to know the answer. I've been among those posing the question, while acknowledging that neither I nor anybody else knows of any research which yields the answers. Of the people who think about this sort of thing (more than you imagine, I'll wager), I kind of get the vibe, Seven Percent. What about Seven Percent?

In theory, I have been thinking six percent. I'll tell you why. This is in really broad, general terms. I suspect that there is a huge dilution of quality when there are so many mares bred to so many top stallions. I'm sure there's a way to quantify it, and that would be a really interesting Ph.D. thesis for somebody. But previous studies I've done have convinced me that some gigantic and very scary percentage of mares--say 50 percent, for purposes of discussion--actually have only a one-percent chance of producing a stakes winner.

This would be true of all colts who were born, too, but only five percent of males with acceptable pedigrees end up going to stud, whereas it is something like two-thirds of females. So colts who go to stud, by definition, have to have been better racehorses--had more ability--than the fillies they cover.

Anyway--long story short--the broad theory is quite simple: a sire produces 10 percent stakes winners out of an 'old' full book, which consisted of mares who could produce 10 percent stakes winners. But then the sire's book size doubles, and, for discussion purposes, all the second half are only 'one-percent' mares. Half at 10 percent plus half at one percent divided by two yields 5.5 percent. That's what would happen in theory. Because I suspect that's pretty close to what's happening in practice, I've forecast six percent...in other words, 'Six Percent is the New 10 Percent.'

There have certainly been enough stallions at stud with double-size foal crops for meaningful research to have been done by now. It is to some extent complicated to identify them, but what is more difficult is to be able to say, THIS stallion NOW is the same level of sire as THAT stallion THEN: you must always try to compare like-to-like. It's not so straightforward when nearly all of the top sire prospects now have double-size crops.

Let's come at the question from another angle: [Grand Slam](#). Why? Because the evidence is piling up that he is a very good, and potentially even top-class sire in the making. A new hypothesis: I believe, from the evidence on the racetrack so far, that Grand Slam is the real deal. I present the evidence. You, the reader, either agree or disagree. If you agree, then I advance another hypothesis: that by looking at Grand Slam's figures, we can see what sort of numbers a top double-crop sire is generating, and we will then know, what is the new 10 Percent.

The evidence is this: forget the crop size, let's talk about the number of high-class horses he is getting. His third crop are two-year-olds of 2004, so what has happened in the first six weeks of the year is from two crops. So far this year, he is third on the General Sire List, behind only El Prado and [A.P. Indy](#). *cont. p. 8*

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(Bill Oppenheim cont. from p. 7)

Grand Slam has 25 winners this year, most of anyone on the bloodhorse.com General Sire List. He has six stakes winners, more than any other sire; A.P. Indy has five. He has four graded stakes winners, more than any other sire; A.P. Indy and [Storm Cat](#) each have three.

It hasn't just been the last six weeks, obviously. Plenty had happened by the end of last year to suggest Grand Slam was a good sire. He was the top second-year sire in North America in 2003 progeny earnings, over even [Distorted Humor](#) (sire of champion three-year-old Funny Cide) and [Tale of the Cat](#) (Leading Sire of Two-Year-Olds). By my APEX numbers, as I've discussed in the past few weeks, he registered strong and consistent ratings: 2.25 A Index, 3.25 B Index (World number two); and 2.25 ABC Index. Most importantly, he was siring class; most notably, in his first crop of three-year-olds, GI Breeders' Cup Sprint winner Cajun Beat, dual Grade II winner Strong Hope, and Grade III winner and Godolphin acquisition Grand Hombre, now reported to be that outfit's top prospect for the Dubai World Cup. This year's three-year-olds already include GII Hutcheson S. winner Limehouse; GIII Lecomte S. winner Fire Slam; and Master David, winner of the Sham S. over Action This Day and headed for the GI Florida Derby.

That's the case for Grand Slam. I say he's a top sire in the making, and we can make a good guess at what new top-sire percentages will be by looking at what his percentages are. In his first two crops, he had 225 named foals, according to the print version of the 2004 Blood-Horse Stallion Register. He now has 12 stakes winners, which is 5.3 percent stakes winners/named foals, and there is a good chance he will have a few more from his first two crops. So he's already nearly at 5.5 percent, and it seems a pretty good bet he'll end up with six percent stakes winners/named foals from those first two crops. There's another statistic that could be relevant, too. From the start, Grand Slam has always had quite a few stakes horses, meaning stakes-placed plus stakes winners. He now has 31 stakes horses, which is 13.8 percent stakes horses/named foals. I've a sneaking suspicion that in the old days Grand Slam would have been siring about 13.8 percent stakes winners. So I'm guessing six percent is the new 10 percent, and 'stakes horses' are the new standard, instead of 'stakes winners.' In five years time, the top sires may be measured against standards of five percent or six percent stakes winners/(named) foals, and 10 percent stakes horses/(named) foals.

[Langfuhr](#) is another example of a successful young sire, though, as his APEX ratings illustrate (1.77A, 1.49 ABC), he doesn't have the consistency of Grand Slam. Nonetheless, he was runaway leading third-crop sire in progeny earnings, and, from three crops racing through the end of 2003, he had dual Grade I-winning filly Imperial Gesture in his first crop, and Canadian Triple Crown winner Wando in his second. Recent GII San Vicente winner Imperialism is the best of his third crop of three-year-olds to date. So Langfuhr is looking a useful sire--reflected by his \$20,000 stud fee--if not a potential top sire like Grand Slam (\$75,000). From 246 named foals in three crops, to date Langfuhr has sired 10 stakes winners, and 20 stakes horses; four percent stakes winners, eight percent stakes horses. Measured against five percent or six percent stakes winners, and 10 percent stakes horses, his numbers do make some sense.

Postscript on Grand Slam: he is by Gone West (big shot of street cred for him) out of a mare by El Gran Senor, a son of Northern Dancer; seven of his 11 individual A Runners to date are out of mares who are themselves by Nearctic/Northern Dancer-line sires. I repeat, what inbreeding issue?

**WEEKEND PEDIGREE
PERSPECTIVES**
by Alan Porter

PALM BEACH S.-GIII, \$100,000, GPX, 2-21, 3yo, 1 1/8mT, 1:48 3/5, fm.

1--**KITTEN'S JOY, 122, c, 3**, by El Prado (Ire)

1st Dam: Kitten's First, by Lear Fan

2nd Dam: That's My Hon, by L'Enjoleur

3rd Dam: One Lane, by Prince John

O/B-Kenneth L & Sarah K Ramsey (KY); T-Dale L Romans; J-J Bailey; \$60,000. Lifetime Record: 6-4-1-0, \$200,115. *1/2 to Justenuffheart (Broad Brush), MSW & GSP, \$373,229.

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In the second half of the 20th century there were few more important mares imported into North America than Rough Shod II. A daughter of the English sprint sire Gold Bridge, Rough Shod II produced four stakes winners, and two champions. She is now particularly renowned as the third dam of Nureyev and fourth dam of Sadler's Wells, although she is also in the female line of numerous other recent or current sires, including Sadler's Wells's brother Fairy King, Apalachee, Thatch, Yeats, Topsider, Geiger Counter, Storm Boot, Stormy Atlantic, Numerous, Chequer and Sword Dance.

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Although her first stakes winner was the My Babu filly Gambetta, it was the result of four matings with the Nasrullah stallion Nantallah which really made Rough Shod II's name. The four Nantallah siblings were Moccasin--champion two-year-old filly, and on one poll Horse of the Year--champion two-year-old colt Ridan; Lt. Stevens, a multiple stakes winner whose victories included the Saranac and John B. Campbell H.; and Thong, who failed to win a stakes event, but did capture a second in the Alcibiades S. and thirds in the Selima and Golden Rod S. Demonstrating the vagaries of genetics, it's the lesser siblings, not the champions which have become most important in modern pedigrees: Thong as dam of Thatch, granddam of Nureyev and third dam of Sadler's Wells, and Lt. Stevens as maternal grandsire of Lear Fan and Alysheba (themselves out of full siblings).

Given the number of stallions which descend from the family, it's no surprise that inbreeding and linebreeding to Rough Shod II has begun to be a major factor in pedigrees. There are around 30 stakes winners inbred to Rough Shod II's daughter Thong alone, not including numerous others, with Thong duplicated further back in the pedigree. One particularly popular variation on the theme is inbreeding via the 3/4-brothers Sadler's Wells and Nureyev. They already appear together in at least seven stakes winners, six of them group or graded, and three Group/Grade 1 (champion El Condor Pasa, whose third dam is another daughter of Thong; and 2003 European juveniles Carry On Katie and Whipper).

Combining what were initially the lesser of Rough Shod II's Nantallah quartet, Thong and Lt. Stevens, has also worked well. Nureyev and Alysheba (out of a Lt. Stevens) mare, appear together in the pedigrees of three stakes winners, including Bright Sky, a French Oaks winner by the otherwise lamentable Nureyev sire Wolfhound. There is also a French group winner--La Sylphide--who has Sadler's Wells, Alysheba and Nureyev. The king of the Thong/Lt. Stevens combo, however, has been Lear Fan over Nureyev-line mares. This cross has produced six stakes winners, including champion French two-year-old colt Loup Solitaire, the Grade I-winning Dublino and Verveine, champion older mare in France and subsequently dam of the intriguingly bred 2003 Group 1 winner Vallee Enchantee (by a son of Nureyev, and so having Nureyev 2x3 and Thong/Lt. Stevens 4x4x5).

Vallee Enchantee is actually one of three stakes winner already produced by the cross of stallions carrying Nureyev over mares by Lear Fan, and if Nureyev has been working so well with Lear Fan, one wouldn't expect his 3/4-brother Sadler's Wells to be too far behind. In fact, the first such stakes winner by Sadler's Wells arrived in 1998 in the shape of Go Boldly, a French stakes winner who was also group placed in France and German.

The cross has picked more momentum recently, with 2003 group winner Policy Maker, another son of Sadler's Wells; and Kitten's Joy, whose victory in Saturday's GIII Palm Beach S. stamped him as one of the leaders of the current crop of three-year-old turf performers.

Kitten's Joy is a son of El Prado, and so ranks as the first son of Sadler's Wells to have a stakes winner out of Lear Fan mare. Although Kitten's Joy appears at his best on turf, El Prado has proved extremely effective at getting talented runners on both surfaces. Much more speedy and precocious than most Sadler's Wells offspring, El Prado earned a ranking as Ireland's champion two-year-old colt after winning four of six juvenile starts including the G1 National S., GII Beresford S. and G3 Railway S. Unplaced in three outings at three, El Prado retired to stand at Airdrie Stud in Midway, Kentucky (he subsequently moved to Adena Springs). I must admit, I initially considered El Prado to be standing on the wrong continent, but he proved me wrong right from the outset, his first crop producing eight stakes winners from 41 foals. Since then, El Prado's stock has done nothing but climb: he was champion sire in 2002, placed third in 2003, and he currently leads the table again with Kitten's Joy being joined as a graded stakes winner by the GI Donn Handicap victor Medaglia d'Oro.

Perhaps the key to El Prado's ability to get runners suited to the North American environment lies in the pedigree of his dam Lady Capulet. Winner of the G1 Irish 1000 Guineas on her racecourse debut, Lady Capulet is by the European-raced Sir Ivor, but she was also 3/4-sister to the highly talented but unsound Drone, who was undefeated in four starts before going on to a very successful career as a sire and broodmare sire.

Should Kitten's Joy continue to develop into a turf star, it will be no surprise. Not only is he a half brother to Justenuffheart, a multiple stakes winner on the grass, but his dam is also a half sister to Down the Aisle, a horse whose turf exploits included victories in the GI United Nations H., GIII Bougainvilliea H. and Kentucky Cup Turf H. The family has been a high-class one for some time, as Kitten's Joy's granddam That's My Hon is a half-sister to the GI Mother Goose S. heroine Road Princess, and his third dam One Lane is a half-sister to the granddam of Spectacular Bid.

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 **NORTH AMERICA** 

DAM OF VICTORY GALLOP DIES **Victorious Lil** (Vice Regent), the dam of champion and classic winner Victory Gallop, died in a December paddock accident at Briarbrooke Farm near Paris, Kentucky. The 15-year-old mare, in foal to Thunder Gulch at the time, collided with another mare who also died. Purchased as a yearling by Ontario owner Ivan Dalos, Victorious Lil developed into a stakes winner of \$170,334. She was bred to Cryptoclearance in her first season and produced Victory Gallop in 1995; he sold for \$25,000 as a yearling at Keeneland September. That bay colt went on to become one of the finest members of his crop, winning the GII Arkansas Derby and the GIII Rebel S. before running second to Real Quiet in both the GI Kentucky Derby and GI Preakness S. He turned the tables on his rival in the GI Belmont S. and had an Eclipse Award-winning season at four, posting impressive victories in the GI Whitney H. and the GII Stephen Foster H., before going on to be a successful young sire. Victory Gallop's exploits saw the value of Victorious Lil's subsequent offspring rise significantly. Her 1998 colt by Affirmed, later named Selsaal, sold for \$1.4 million at Keeneland September; he was followed by Run to Victory (Gilded Time), a \$300,000 Keeneland September buy; Romantism (Gone West), a \$525,000 purchase at the same sale; and Devil Chaser (Coronado's Quest), a \$410,000 Keeneland July acquisition. Victorious Lil has a yearling filly by Giant's Causeway, but Dalos is unsure about her future. "I'm torn as to what to do with the filly," he told *Thoroughbred Times*. "Giant's Causeway is a very promising sire, so we could sell her at Keeneland September, or we could keep her as a broodmare to continue [Victorious Lil's] line."

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STAKES CLOSINGS

TODAY, WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 25:
03-06 \$200,000 **Richter Scale Breeders' Cup**
H.-II, GP, 3yo/up, 7f (200)
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WITH ANTICIPATION RETIRED The connections of veteran grass performer and fan favorite **With Anticipation** (Relaunch--Fran's Valentine, by Saros {GB}) have decided to retire the nine-year-old. The announcement follows last week's news that the grey gelding had re-injured a tendon in his left foreleg while working at Gulfstream Park in preparation for a tilt in the GI Gulfstream Park Breeders' Cup H. "It was a tear that's a little worse than the last time, so we decided to call it a day with him," trainer Jonathan Sheppard told *Thoroughbred Times*. "He would need some time off, and there's no guarantee he'd stay sound if he did come back. It's sad for everyone involved; he was so much fun around the barn." Wearing the green and white colors of owner George Strawbridge's Augustin Stable, With Anticipation became a monster when switched to the grass full time as a six-year-old, racking up five Grade I events in the next three seasons, including two renewals each of the Sword Dancer H. at Saratoga and the Man o' War H. at Belmont. He concludes his career with 15 wins in 45 starts and earnings over \$2.6 million.

★ **WEST** ★

Tiger Trap Enters Stud Duty in Alberta:

Tiger Trap (Kris S.--Thega, by Conquistador Cielo), a full brother to Triple Crown hopeful and last year's MGD Cradle S. winner Tiger Hunt, will stand his initial season at stud for \$1,500 (Canadian funds) at Calmar Stables and Ranch in Alberta, Canada. The six-year-old placed second in the 2001 renewal of the GIII Lawrence Realization H. and earned \$146,015 while winning three of eight starts. Sold for \$675,000 as a Saratoga yearling, Tiger Trap has been described by Team Valor President Barry Irwin, whose colors he carried, as "the best-looking horse we have ever owned."

★ **AMERICAN-BRED WINNERS** ★

IN HONG KONG:

The Pioneer, g, 5, **Storm Cat**--Hum Along, by Fappiano. Sha Tin, 2-22, Hcp., 2200mT. B-Spendthrift Farm. *\$6,800,000 yrl '00 KEESEP. **Formerly Tasmanian Tiger. ***1/2 to Storm Song (Summer Squall), Ch. 2yo Filly, MGISW, \$1,020,050.

IN FRANCE:

Gursky, c, 3, **Red Ransom**. See "France"

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★ CENTRAL ★

Taylor Made Adds Pedigree Expert Mark Brooking:

Nicholasville, Kentucky's Taylor Made Farm has announced the addition of pedigree expert Mark Brooking to their staff, filling the newly created position of Director of Marketing, Research and Information Services. A 21-year veteran of the Thoroughbred industry, Brooking previously worked for Flaxman Holdings, Overbrook Farm and Gaines-Gentry before founding his own company that specialized in catalog and sales research.

Yesterday's Results:

8th-FGX, \$32,000, Alw, Opt. Clm. (\$40,000), NW2X, 4yo/up, 1m, 1:38 2/5, wf.

POLITICAL RISK (c, 4, A.P. Indy--Two Altazano {GISW, \$709,725}, by Manzotti), a \$150,000 KEESEP yearling and a \$400,000 KEEAPR juvenile, notched a Keeneland allowance last April, then was given nine months off. He tried this level twice this season since returning from the layoff and lost as the favorite both times, finishing third Jan. 4 and second Feb. 1, respectively. Bet down to 1-2 against this field of five, he stalked the early pacesetter, took over in the stretch and held off Grendel (Atticus) to win by a neck. Lifetime Record: 6-3-2-1, \$86,492.

O-William S Farish & Mrs W S Kilroy. B-W S Farish & Kilroy Thoroughbred Partnership (KY). T-Neil J Howard.

7th-FGX, \$29,100, Alw, Opt. Clm. (\$50,000), NW1X, 3yo, f, 1 1/16m (off turf), 1:46 2/5, wf.

WESTERN RANSOM (f, 3, Red Ransom--Western Wind, by Gone West) was made the 3-2 favorite off a maiden win over the Fair Grounds sod Jan. 24. Facing only three rivals in this off-the-turfer, she was reserved early, moved closer approaching the stretch and drew clear late to post a 1 1/2-length victory. Plaid (Deputy Commander) completed the exacta. Lifetime Record: 4-2-1-1, \$42,230.

O/B-Dr John A Chandler (KY). T-Michael W Dickinson.

5th-FGX, \$28,000, Msw, 4&5yo, 6f, 1:10 3/5, wf.

SKY DIAMOND (g, 4, Sky Classic--Sometimesa diamond, by Mr. Prospector) finished ninth in his debut at Woodbine last June, but improved in his next outing off the layoff with a third-place finish at Fair Grounds Feb. 12. Given a 4-1 chance here, he settled in third, rallied at the top of the stretch and drew off to a five-length win over 3-2 Irish Gambler (Carson City). The winner is a half to Dixieland Diamond (Dixieland Band), MSW, \$297,745. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-1, \$19,880.

O/B-Sam-Son Farms (ON). T-Mark R Frostad.

 **SOPHOMORE SPOTLIGHT**

First-time starters/stakes runners: Wednesday, Feb. 25

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

COMIC STRIP (Red Ransom), Special T, \$8K, 75/4/0 7-OP, Msw, 1 1/16m, Tolu, \$52K FTK JUL yrl, 12-1

FORESTRY (Storm Cat), Taylor Made, \$50K, 136/16/2 7-GP, Alw, 1m, Forest Grove, 10-1

MAZEL TRICK (Phone Trick), Airdrie, \$13K, 150/21/1 7-GP, Alw, 1m, Society Sam, \$65K EAS MAY 2yo, 20-1

SCATMANDU (Storm Cat), Walmac Int'l, \$8K, 102/9/0 7-GP, Alw, 1m, Tiger Heart, \$150K FTK JUL yrl, 5-1

VICTORY GALLOP (Cryptoclearance), Winstar, \$15K, 144/16/2 7-GP, Alw, 1m, Victory Light, \$320K KEE NOV wnl, 4-1

7-OP, Msw, 1 1/16m, Touch of Victory, \$20K OBS JUN 2yo, 4-1 7-GP, Alw, 1m, Notorious Rogue, \$150K KEE SEP yrl, 3-1

WESTERN BORDERS (Gone West), Dunhill, \$3K, 44/4/0 9-DED, Alw, 7f, Miss Happy, \$5K OBS OCT wnl, 5-1

FOALING NEWS:

STONELEIGH, 10, Affirmed--Chaudennay (Assert {re})

Foal born Feb. 7, a filly by Menifee.

Will be bred back to Empire Maker.

Owned by John Gunther & Fred Sahadi.

Boarded at Glennwood Farm Inc, Ky.

Accomplishments: GSW of \$144,880.

SARAYIR, 13, Mr. Prospector--Height of Fashion (Fr) (Bustino {GB})

Foal born Feb. 10, a filly by Rahy.

Will be bred back to Danzig.

Owned by/boarded at Shadwell Farm, LLC, Ky.

Accomplishments: MSW-GB.

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1/8-mile works

Time	Hip#	Sex	Sire	Dam
:10.0	133	colt	Gentlemen (Arg)	Arrived Yesterday
:10.1	097	filly	Lord Carson	Storm Struck
:10.1	211	filly	Pine Bluff	Malley

1/4-mile works

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:22.3	107	filly	Bernstein	The Babe

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Yesterday's Results:

Marseille-Borely, 2.20, Mdn, €14,000, 3yo, c/g, 1 1/8mT, 1:54.90, vsf.

GURSKY (c, 3, Red Ransom--Super Sheila {Aus} {G1SW-SAf}, by Last Tycoon {Ire}), runner-up in two conditions events in the provinces last term, was sent off the even-money favorite to continue the fine recent run of his trainer. Stalking the moderate early fractions, he quickened to the front with 300 yards remaining before comfortably beating Saintongeais (Fr) (Roi Gironde {Ire}) by a half-length. Gursky was an \$80,000 KEESEP yearling purchase. Lifetime Record: 3 starts, 1 win, 2 places, €11,800.

O-D Y Treves; B-Grace Church Bloodstock; T-Jean-Claude Rouget.

★ BRITAIN ★

FERRIS JAILED

Jockey Fran Ferris was sentenced to a four-month prison sentence on Monday after admitting dangerous driving and driving with excess alcohol. The Newmarket-based apprentice, who was stopped by police in Newmarket in December, started his term yesterday. Ferris made his name by striking up a profitable relationship with the David Evans-trained Madame Jones (Ire), the first horse for over a century to gain 10 handicap wins in a season in 2001.

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TAATLETAIL EUTHANIZED New Zealand champion **Taatletail (NZ)** (Faltaat--Defensive Lady {NZ}, by Defensive Play) has been euthanized after fracturing a hind leg in a barn accident. She had been scheduled to race in this weekend's G1 ARC New Zealand S. at Eilerslie prior to being campaigned in Australia. "Everything was done to save her, but after our vet got other opinions there was no option but to humanely destroy her," Denise Howell, an employee of co-trainer Graeme Rogerson, told *NZ Thoroughbred News*. Owned by a large syndicate, Taatletail captured the G1 New Zealand 1000 Guineas and sealed the NZ Bloodstock Filly of the Year title with a victory in the G2 Sir Tristram Fillies' Classic Feb. 7. In addition to a pair of Group 3 victories, the bay filly was also the runner-up to colts in the G1 Bayer Classic. "Horses like her come along all too rarely," Howell continued. "It's just so hard to accept when this sort of a freak accident happens."

REDOUTE THE CHOICE AT ADELAIDE Promising young stallion Redoute's Choice (Aus) sired the top three youngsters--all colts--at yesterday's opening session of the Magic Millions Adelaide Yearling Sale. The highest-priced colt was [lot 205](#), who sold for A\$190,000 to Mark Kavanagh. Offered by Mill Park Stud as agent, the bay son of Kiss a Halo (Aus) (Don't Say Halo) is a half brother to GSWs Regal Kiss (Aus) and Toorak Thunder (Aus). In all, 144 lots sold for an aggregate A\$5,486,500 and an average of A\$38,101, up 14 percent from last year's session. "It was a positive start," said Magic Millions Managing Director David Chester. "The buying bench was first class, and the quality yearlings were well received by locals, interstate and international buyers." The sale continues with select sessions Wednesday and Thursday. "Buyers are sure to find a yearling to suit their needs during the sessions over the remainder of the sale," Chester added. "There are still yearlings by sires including Danehill, Zabeel (NZ), Encosta de Lago (Aus), Commands (Aus), Rory's Jester (Aus) and Agnes World who are sure to be among the most admired at the auction." The sale may be viewed live on www.magicmillions.com.au.

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STAKES RESULTS:

MARDI GRAS H., \$50,000, FGX, 2-24, 4yo/up, 1m (off turf), 1:37, wf.

1--**#MAJESTIC THIEF**, 118, h, 5, Mahogany Hall--**Beg Borrow N Steal (MSW, \$246,591)**, by Sham. (\$30,000 yrl '00 KEESEP). O-Walt Freeman, Mason Rudd & Don McClinton; B-Woodlynn Farm Inc (KY); T-Walter M Bindner Jr; J-S Sellers; \$30,000. Lifetime Record: 27-6-8-5, \$261,784.

2--**Skate Away**, 119, h, 5, Belong to Me--Missouri Mist, by Little Missouri. \$10,000.

3--**One Nice Cat**, 116, c, 4, Storm Cat--Jewel Princess, by Key to the Mint. \$5,500.

Margins: NO, 3HF, 1 3/4. Odds: 5.30, 1.40, 7.30.

ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

10th-SUN, \$31,641, NW26MX, 4yo/up, f/m, 5 1/2f, 1:03 3/5, ft.

SEXY BOOTS (f, 4, Storm Boot--Saratoga Sparkle, by Saratoga Six) Lifetime Record: MSW, 9-5-1-2, \$97,148. O-Richard Lueck. B-Mt Joy Stables Inc (KY). T-Gary W Cross.

5th-SUN, \$25,300, NW2L, (S), 3yo, 6 1/2f, 1:18, ft.

SAND SPIRIT (g, 3, Ghostly Moves--Sandstorm, by Damascus) Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-1, \$30,320. O-Double Eagle Racing Stable. B-Lifted Hope Farm (NM). T-Jess S Alley. *\$21,000 yrl '02 RUIAUG.

9th-PHA, \$22,968, NW3X, 4yo/up, 7f, 1:23, ft.

GRATITUDE ATTACK (c, 4, Hazaam--Dizzy Dutchess, by Wavering Monarch) Lifetime Record: 18-5-2-3, \$70,395. O-Lori Goodz. B-William Schettine (KY). T-Stephen R Mick. *\$8,000 2yo 2002 OBSAPR.

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8th Race, \$43,000 Alw at Aqueduct.
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TDN CRITERIA

The races covered in the TDN are as follows:

Stakes - purses of \$35,000/up

Allowance Races - purses of \$20,000/up

Optional Claiming Races - purses of \$20,000/up and a minimum claiming price of \$25,000

Maiden Special Weight Races - purses of \$18,000/up

Maiden Claiming Races - purses of \$18,000/up and a minimum claiming price of \$40,000

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CONDITIONS RESULTS:

FRANCE, Marseille-Borely, 3.20, Cond, €20,000, 4yo/up, 1 1/4mT, 2:00.30, vsf.

AXPRIME (FR) (f, 4, Nombre Premier {GB}--Assaranxa {Fr}, by Linamix {Fr}) Lifetime Record: 14 starts, 4 wins, 8 places, €52,930. O-J Alonso; B-M & Mme Y Fremiot; T-K Borgel.

ITALY, Naples, 5.00, Cond, 2-23, €13,005, 3yo, 5fT, time: n/a, hy.

DESERT LAST (IRE) (c, 3, Desert Style {Ire}--Last Affaire {Ire}, by Roi Danzig) Lifetime Record: 10 starts, 2 wins, 4 places, €22,882. O-G Ligas & C Cosentini; B-W G McKinley; T-G Ligas.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

+ **Barathea Dreams (Ire)**, c, 3, **Barathea (Ire)**--Deyaajeer, by Dayjur. Lingfield, Britain, 2-24, Mdn, 3yo/up, 1 1/4m(AWT). B-Shadwell Estate Co Ltd. *5,500gns yrl '02 TATDEC. **Second dam is Height of Fashion (Fr) (Bustino {GB}).

Bahiano (Ire), c, 3, **Barathea (Ire)**--Trystero (GB), by Shareef Dancer. Lingfield, Britain, 2-24, Mdn, 3yo/up, 7f(AWT). B-Michel Henochsberg & Sunflower Int'l. *25,000gns yrl '02 TATOCT. **1/2 to Cadeaux Tryst (GB) (Cadeaux Genereux {GB}), SW-GB, \$109,658.

Cartesio (Ire), c, 3, **Hector Protector**--Cartesian (GB), by Shirley Heights (GB). Pisa, Italy, 2-23, Mdn, 3yo, 7 1/2fT. B-Millsec Limited.

A # will distinguish first-time stakes-winners, a @ will indicate first-time graded stakes-winners, a ▲ will denote a first-time Grade/Group 1 winner, a + will first-time starters.

FOALING NEWS:

LARAMIE MOON (ARG), 17, Laramie Trail--Reprise (Arg) (Rigolo {Arg})

Foal born Feb. 9, a filly by Seeking the Gold.

Will be bred back to Woodman.

Owned by Henry Pabst, Sr.

Boarded at Mill Ridge, Ky.

Accomplishments: GISW-US & GSW-Arg, \$207,575-US. Dam of Woodmoon (Woodman), MSW & MGSP, \$388,405.

LA PASCUA (SWI), 8, Caerleon--La Venta, by Drone

Foal born Feb. 9, a filly by Menifee.

Owned by Arthur B Hancock III & James H Stone.

Boarded at Stone Farm, Ky.

Accomplishments: SW-Fr & SP-US.