

GUINEAS ENTRIES A STAR-STUDDED AFFAIR

Last season's star performers are among the 84 nominees for this year's G1 UltimateBet.com 2000 Guineas at Newmarket May 1. Ante-post favourite and dual Group 1 winner **One Cool Cat** (Storm Cat) is one of 10 entries for Aidan O'Brien. The Ballydoyle conditioner has also entered the unbeaten **Yeats (Ire)** (Sadler's Wells), current ante-post favourite for the G1 Vodafone Derby. Dermot Weld, trainer of 2003 winner Refuse To Bend (Ire), has made five entries, most notably current second favourite **Grey Swallow (Ire)** (Daylami {Ire}). The total Irish entry numbers 16. The four French entries include G1 Racing Post Trophy winner **American Post (GB)** (Bering {GB}), G1 Criterium International winner **Bago (Fr)** (Nashwan), G1 Prix Morny winner **Whipper** (Miesque's Son) and Andre Fabre's well-regarded **Diamond Green (Fr)** (Green Desert). Saeed bin Suroor is responsible for 17 entries, most notably G2 Royal Lodge winner **Snow Ridge (Ire)** (Indian Ridge {Ire}). Pascal Bary's G1 Prix Marcel Bousac winner **Denebola** (Storm Cat) will bid to gain the trainer some measure of recompense for last year's defeat of Six Perfections (Fr) in this season's renewal of the G1 UltimateBet.com 1000 Guineas at Newmarket May 2. Sir Michael Stoute's Cheveley Park Stud-owned G1 Meon Valley Stud Fillies' Mile winner **Red Bloom (GB)** (Selkirk) is also among the 74 entries for Britain's second Classic. As with the colts' Classic, Saeed Bin Suroor holds the most entries at 14, including unbeaten G1 Cheveley Park S. winner **Carry On Katie** (Fasliyev). No Irish-based trainer has taken the prize across the Irish Sea since Tommy Stack's Las Meninas (Ire) won 10 years ago, but a team of 15 entries may reverse the recent trend. O'Brien is responsible for seven possibles, including G1 Moyglare Stud S. winner **Necklace (GB)** (Darshaan {GB}). Yorkshire-based Mark Johnston will pin his hopes on unbeaten speedster **Attraction (GB)** (Efisio {GB}), whose juvenile campaign was curtailed by injury.

CORRECTION: Part of the name of the stallion station where Tabasco Cat had been standing was inadvertently omitted from the report in yesterday's TDN. The name of the farm should have read JBBA Shizunai Stallion Station in Hokkaido, Japan. We regret the error.

★ TRIPLE THREATS ★

Mandella's Juvenile Champs Work

Last year's champion two-year-old filly **Halfbridled** (Unbridled), unraced since her impressive win in the Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies, breezed a half mile in :49 2/5 at Santa Anita yesterday. The filly is expected to make her sophomore debut in Saturday's G1 Santa Anita Oaks. "She's doing well," trainer Richard Mandella said during a national teleconference yesterday. "She's a filly that didn't need much practice last year, and I don't expect she'll need a lot this year." The Hall of Fame trainer confirmed that jockey Gary Stevens will replace the injured Julie Krone aboard **Halfbridled** Saturday.



Halfbridled

Benoit

Mandella's other champion and Breeders' Cup Juvenile hero, **Action This Day** (Kris S.) runs in Sunday's GII San Felipe S. The colt is coming off a late-running fourth-place effort in the Feb. 8 Sham S. "I might have been overconfident with him going into the first race, but I wouldn't trade anything I did with him," Mandella said. "I think he'll improve a lot and run well this weekend." **Action This Day** worked four furlongs in :47 3/5 over Santa Anita's main track yesterday.

Read the Footnotes Ready for Florida Derby

GII Fountain of Youth S. winner **Read The Footnotes** (Smoke Glacken) has been training well for Saturday's G1 Florida Derby, according to trainer Rick Violette. "He really did bounce back quite well," Violette said yesterday. "He's eaten everything in sight since [the Fountain of Youth] and he's trained very well. I really did kind of baby him for three weeks. Mentally you knew he needed it, but he never showed that in the way he acted in the morning. We hope he doesn't have to run another lifetime best and really get to the bottom of him. I don't know how many efforts like that you can ask of a horse throughout the year."



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Swingforthe fences to Tampa Bay Derby

Swingforthe fences (Boston Harbor), an impressive allowance winner on the Fountain of Youth undercard, races next in Sunday's GIII Tampa Bay Derby. "It's a step up in company," Violette said. "We'll find out some things about him. He's a sleeper, but he needs to step up Sunday." On the colt's allowance win, Violette added, "The way he did it that day was uncommon at Gulfstream where speed is very dangerous. He went from getting nothing to five in front. It was impressive. He certainly got a lot out of it. There were a lot of positives."

Trainer Todd Pletcher updated the status of his sophomores on yesterday's teleconference. GII Hutcheson S. winner **Limehouse** (Grand Slam) is headed to the Tampa Bay Derby and recent allowance winner **Value Plus** (Unbridled's Song) will go next in the Florida Derby. Pletcher said of Value Plus, "He's a big horse with a great way of moving. I don't think he's a horse that has to have the lead. It depends with what Bob Durso decides to do with **Frisky Spider** (Frisk Me Now). If he's not in there, we'll be on the lead. If he is, we'll be laying second to him." As for Limehouse, "The timing was good. Roughly four weeks after the Hutcheson. The 1 1/16 miles was attractive to stretch him out for the first time since the [Oct. 4 GII Lane's End] Breeders Futurity." **Chapel Royal** (Montbrook), last seen running third in the GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile, makes his seasonal debut in Saturday's GIII Swale S. "He had a solid two-year-old campaign and after the Breeders' Cup we decided to give him a vacation," Pletcher said. "He's been steadily in training. We've targeted the Swale for about four months now."

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☆ RESULTS ☆

Sunday, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

GRANDE PREMIO DIANA-G1, \$34,000, Hipodromo da Gavea, 3-7, 3yo, f, 2000mT, 2:02, sf.

- 1--▲**LOTS OF HOPE (BRZ)**, 123, f, 3, by **Candy Stripes**
 1st Dam: **Emanuelle Wind**, by **Miswaki**
 2nd Dam: **Rattling Wind**, by **Youth**
 3rd Dam: **Rocked Ribbed**, by ***Ribot**
 O/B-Stud TNT (BRZ); T-Venancio Nahid; J-J Ricardo.
 Lifetime Record: 5-3-0-0. *1/2 to **Metal Precioso (Brz)** (Carteziano {Brz}), **GSW & G1SP-Brz**; and **Nice Peggy (Brz)** (Bowling {Brz}), **MG1SP-Brz**.
- 2--**Loucamania (Brz)**, 123, f, 3, **Candy Stripes--Tres Coracoes**, by **Manila**. O-Stud NTN; B-Carlos Alberto Machline (BRZ).
- 3--**La Risota (Brz)**, 123, f, 3, **Candy Stripes--Unorwegiana (Brz)**, by **Norwegian**. O-Stud NTN; B-Stud TNT (BRZ).

Margins: 3/4, 3/4. Winner's Odds: 2.80.

Lots of Hope led home a sweep for the **Blushing Groom (Fr)** stallion **Candy Stripes** in this **Brazilian Oaks**, defeating **Loucamania** by 3/4 of a length. The chestnut concluded her two-year-old campaign with a 4 3/4-length victory in the **Listed Octavio Dupont S. Nov. 1**. She made her seasonal bow in the **G1 GP Henrique Possolo Feb. 8**, finishing fifth to **High Court (Brz)** in that 1600-meter test.

Saturday, Palermo, Argentina

GRAN PREMIO SATURNINO J. UNZUE-G1, P25,000, Palermo, 3-6, 2yo, f, 1200m, 1:10.58, ft.

- 1--#@▲**ROSA MISS (ARG)**, 121, f, 2, by **Luhuk**
 1st Dam: **Bebony (Arg)**, by **Southern Halo**
 2nd Dam: **Bippus**, by **Green Dancer**
 3rd Dam: **Charger's Star**, by **Pia Star**
 O-Stud Mariva; B-Haras Don Arangel (BRZ); T-J C Zubiri; J-J Albano.
 - 2--**Tiara Meeting (Arg)**, 121, f, 2, **Final Meeting (Arg)--Cheering (Aus)**, by **Ahmad (Arg)**. O-J A Colucho; B-Haras Las Telas (ARG).
 - 3--**Valery Lady (Arg)**, 121, f, 2, **Roy--Valery Toss (Arg)**, by **Egg Toss**. O-J C Maldotti; B-Haras Vacacion (ARG).
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FROM THE DESK OF...
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IT'S NOT THE MONEY

We do try and maintain--some would say pretend--that there is an economic component among the motivations for owning racehorses. That's a hard case to make when you look at the results of the two-year-old sales. Really, it's a hard case to make any time, but it's especially hard at this time of year. The whiff of spring is in the air, the Kentucky Derby is only a couple of months away, the Florida Derby is this weekend--and a lot of people, saints be praised, want to own a racehorse. With the recent successes of two-year-old sale purchases--especially at the higher end--where better to find a prospect that much closer to the racetrack?

Last year, the first three major two-year-old sales--OBS Calder, Fasig-Tipton Calder, and Barretts--grossed \$54 million, as 342 two-year-olds averaged just under \$158,000. This compared with a \$53-million gross and \$164,000 average (slightly fewer sold) in 2002. This year, following the trend of first the yearling and then the mixed sales, prices are up nearly a third. There were 333 two-year-olds sold at the three sales, grossing \$70,580,000 (up 31 percent from last year), and averaging \$211,952 (up 34 percent). There are two major two-year-old sales to come--Ocala next week and Keeneland on Apr. 13. Last year the corresponding five sales grossed \$93.6 million (up from \$86 million the year before), but the five-sale average dropped from \$136,850 in 2002 to \$126,069 last year, as the number of horses sold increased by 115 (18 percent). It will be a big shock if the four-sale revenue doesn't pass the \$93-million mark next week, and the major, five-sale two-year-old market could see a gross of \$120 million this year.

As these gains are hardly isolated incidents, but rather a definite trend carrying over from 2003, the figures prove it's definitely time to concede there are motivations for owning racehorses other than the economic ones. Sure, there is an economic element to the following suppositions: (1) there is a lot of money being made right now; (2) people are in the stock market probably about as much as they want to be, just at the moment; and (3) why put it in a bank when the interest rates are so low? All these things are factors, and probably also so is the 'aging baby boomer' factor. Plenty of my generation seem to have plenty of money, and they can afford to spend some of it on interesting and/or exciting leisure-time pursuits.

Traditionally, buyers looked for three things when they were searching out a prospective racehorse: the sire, the dam (and family), and the individual. In the days when the game was dominated by owner-breeders, you could get away with a little more pedigree and a little less individual, but those days are long gone now. At the yearling sales, they go for the sire and the individual; dams and families are largely unavailable, and therefore irrelevant. At the two-year-old sales, it's pretty much just the individual, and the record \$3.1-million and \$4.5-million two-year-olds at Fasig Calder demonstrate that a top two-year-old is now worth just as much as a top yearling. That alone has the potential to give this year's yearling sales a massive boost--depending on how brave the pinhookers get.

The Cult of the Individual makes only one concession, that I can see, at the two-year-old sales: to set a record price, you just about have to be by a first-year sire: the Stormy Atlantic filly two years ago, the [Sea of Secrets](#) last year, the [Stephen Got Even](#), then the [Fusaichi Pegasus](#) this year. That isn't just a coincidence. A couple of interesting asides on these: first, Atlantic Ocean depreciated by 63 percent from her two-year-old price, even though she won two graded races. What do you have to do to make money with these racehorses? Great buy by those people, who were being helped by Mike Akers. I believe I read they're Peruvian Paso breeders. *Cont. p. 4*

2003:

Top Freshman Sires by Percentage of Stakes Horses

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Sea of Secrets	11%
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(Bill Oppenheim cont. from p. 3)

Second, a note on the correlation between Beyer numbers and successful sires: bigger isn't necessarily better. I've talked plenty about that great crop of sires whose first foals arrived in 2000 (four-year-olds of 2004). There are at least seven very high-class sires heading that group, but there were also four others who ran huge Beyers (high teens to 120s), admittedly as four- and five-year-olds, and none of them are even among this group's top 10. The very best sire of a very good group may be [Grand Slam](#), and he never ran a Beyer number higher than 107 in his life. By my lights, that's only the equivalent of a Timeform 119. Grand Slam had a few mitigating circumstances, though, principally the fact that he came back to run 10 times as a three-year-old after nearly having a tendon severed in the Breeders' Cup Juvenile. Also, he had broken his maiden over 5 1/2 furlongs at Belmont in July by 11 lengths, running 1:03 flat and breaking the track record by 4/5 of a second in his first start. He ran a Beyer 98 winning the Futurity, and a 102 winning the Champagne before his Breeders' Cup debacle--those numbers are right up there with others posted by leading two-year-olds who go on to run 110s in the Classics and 115+ as late three-year-olds and four-year-olds. But it is true that Grand Slam never ran a Beyer higher than 107.

But back to Fusaichi Pegasus. He displayed a very interesting pattern in his three-year-old career: he won the nine-furlong Wood in a 111, then dropped to 108 over 10 furlongs in the Kentucky Derby. When he came back that fall, he ran a 115 in the one-mile Jerome before running wide and finishing down the field in the Breeders' Cup Classic. Fusaichi Pegasus's best Beyers: 10 furlongs--108; nine furlongs--111; eight furlongs--115. Even though horses' figures do improve between the spring and fall of their three-year-old years, it could also be the case that Fusaichi Pegasus was best at a mile. I was fortunate enough to be associated with Loblolly Stable when they bred his dam Angel Fever, and she was a rocket. The smoke signals on the bush telegraph are good, and if they're right, it just could be that the form was there in the book.

Rush to Judgement

But, speaking of third-crop sires--which I was just a moment ago--what about this Wild Rush? Andrew Caulfield detailed yesterday how he went from zero to hero in the space of about one month. I'm not sure if our expert *TDN* staffers dare try and locate that 2002 edition (*see p. 5*) where we were all asked to weigh in with our freshman sire choices, but I'm sure I liked Wild Rush--I loved his Beyer 118 (Timeform equivalent 130) winning the Met Mile, and he ran a 123 (=Timeform 135) when dead-heating with [Silver Charm](#) in the GIII Kentucky Cup Classic at Turfway Park; both those at four, in 1998. So there you are: he was 27th on the 2002 Freshman Sire List, and still wasn't anywhere near his powerful sire group's top 10 by the time he was sold to Japan. But there is no greater demonstration of the gap between perception and reality than right here. [Our Emblem](#) was the same. The statistics demonstrate beyond doubt that we cannot say with reasonable certainty whether a stallion will or won't make a sire until the year his first four-year-olds run, yet, as Andrew pointed out, the demands of the commercial market meant Wild Rush pretty much had to go. He wasn't attracting the mares any more. Voila. So by the end of 2003 he had five two-year-old stakes winners, ranked 12th on the national Juvenile Sire List, and was up to ninth, just behind the top seven and the borderline good/useful Indian Charlie, in cumulative progeny earnings among 2003 North American second-crop sires. Now he has the impressive Louisiana Derby winner Wimbledon. Breeders, Stallion Managers, remember this lesson. Remember Our Emblem. Don't get rid of them until after their first four-year-olds (and their second crop of three-year-olds) have at least raced in the spring. Any sooner could be too early. I know a lot of the fig guys thought Lion Heart ran just as big if not bigger than Imperialism in last weekend's San Rafael, but it does mean [Langfuhr](#) has now had a very high-class horse in each of his three crops of (258 total) three-year-olds: Imperial Gesture, Wando, now Imperialism. Voila.



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**WEEKEND PEDIGREE
PERSPECTIVES**

by Alan Porter

Saturday, Santa Anita

SAN RAFAEL S.-GII, \$200,000, SAX, 3-6, 3yo, 1m, 1:36, ft.

1--**IMPERIALISM**, 118, c, 3, by [Langfuhr](#)

1st Dam: **Bodhavista**, by **Pass the Tab**

2nd Dam: **Fia**, by **One for All**

3rd Dam: **Sticks n' Stones**, by **Gee Whiz**

O-Steve Taub; B-Farnsworth Farms (Ky); T-Kristin Mulhall; J-V Espinoza; \$120,000. Lifetime Record: 14-5-3-1, \$287,605. * 1/2 to White Beauty (Robyn Dancer), MSW & GSP, \$361,663.

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Lion Heart and Imperialism began their careers at opposite ends of the scale. Just a few months after Lion Heart realized \$1,400,000 at the Fasig-Tipton Florida February Two-Year-Olds in Training Sale, Imperialism debuted in a \$32,000 maiden claimer at Calder. He finished eighth in that race, beaten 16 lengths, and was beaten for \$32,000 and \$25,000 on his next two starts before finally getting off the mark for \$25,000 in July. Imperialism won for \$32,000 on his next outing, an event which also marked his goodbye to the claiming ranks. Continuing to progress through six more juvenile outings, he added an allowance contest at Calder, finished third in the Foolish Pleasure S. and ended the season finishing second, beaten half a length by Timo, in the Mecke S.

Imperialism had already run nine times before Lion Heart made his first racecourse appearance, winning a maiden race at Santa Anita. Of course, Lion Heart then added spectacular victories in the Gill Hollywood Prevue S. and GI Hollywood Futurity, and on the Experimental Free Handicap he was rated at 123, 20 pounds above Imperialism.

The paths of Lion Heart and Imperialism, initially so disparate, finally intersected a few yards from the finish of Saturday's GII San Rafael S. at Santa Anita. Lion Heart dueled the speedy Hosco into submission, then took command after a half, but it was Imperialism who gained the day, charging up from last to score by a neck. In doing so he confirmed the improvement he showed on his West Coast debut, which saw him victorious in the GII San Vicente S.

Imperialism's current running style, that of a late-closing sprinter, was also the modus operandi of his sire Langfuhr, once that horse's connections had accepted that he wasn't a middle-distance performer. At four and five, Langfuhr was a very formidable runner over seven furlongs and mile, winning the GI Vosburgh S. and GII Forego H. at four, and the GI Metropolitan H. and GI Carter H. at five. The profile of a late-running sprinter hasn't always been one which is associated with stallion success, but it certainly hasn't been a negative factor in Langfuhr's stud career. His first crop featured the filly Imperial Gesture, heroine of the GI Beldame H. and GI Gazelle H., second in the GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies and third in the GI Breeders' Cup Distaff. Langfuhr's second crop--three-year-olds of 2003--contained two millionaires in Canadian Triple Crown hero Wando and the multiple graded stakes winner Mobil (also runner-up to Wando in the Queen's Plate). There are already four stakes winners in Langfuhr's third crop, with Imperialism being the first to gain graded stakes honors.

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*****TDN Flashback*****

Bill Oppenheim, Freshman Sire Edition, Apr. 15, 2002:

...A few shrewdies reckon [Adena Springs'] third candidate, 1998 Carter and Met Mile winner Wild Rush (by Wild Again), is a prospect to be the winner, not just on the farm, but among the entire sire group as well.

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(Pedigree Perspectives cont. from p. 5)

We said that Imperialism competed for \$25,000 early in his career, but that price was positively lofty compared with the \$4,500 that it cost Imperialism's breeders Farnsworth Farm to purchase his dam Bodhavista as a three-year-old at the Keeneland November sale. By the Al Hattab horse Pass the Tab, Bodhavista started just four times and was comprehensively defeated on each outing. Even before Imperialism came along she'd proved a bargain, however, throwing the Robyn Dancer filly White Beauty, a five-time stakes winner who was also third in the GIII Mrs. Revere S.

Imperialism's family doesn't spring from regions normally associated with leading three-year-olds: his second dam was foaled in Indiana, and his third and fourth dams were foaled in Tennessee. None the less, we do get a glimpse of class in the shape of Imperialism's second dam, Fia. A daughter of champion turf horse One For All, Fia never won a stakes, but she was third in the GI CCA Oaks, beaten only two lengths by champion Our Mims.

Langfuhr is a grandson of Northern Dancer and is inbred 3x3 to Northern Dancer's sire Nearctic, but a second strain of Northern Dancer is found not only in Imperialism, but also Langfuhr's Canadian Triple Crown winner Wando (and that horse's stakes-winning sibling Six Sexy Sisters). Wando stayed a mile and a half against his Canadian opponents in the Breeders' S., but it's unlikely to imagine Imperialism, whose dam is by the GI Carter H. winner Pass the Table, going that far. It's not impossible, however, that he could stretch his speed to at least nine furlongs.

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FOALING NEWS:

MEHTHAAF, 13, Nureyev--Elle Seule (Exclusive Native) Foal born Mar. 6, a colt by Seeking the Gold. Will be bred back to Rahy.

Owned by/boarded at Shadwell Farm, Ky.
Accomplishments: Hwt. 3yo-Ire at 7-9f, G1SW-Ire, MGSW & G1SP-Eng, MG1SP-Fr, \$381,798; dam of Najah (Ire) (Nashwan), Hwt. 3yo-Ity at 9.5-11f, GSW-Ity, SP-Ire.

THAWAKIB (IRE), 14, Sadler's Wells--Tobira Celeste (*Ribot)

Foal born Mar. 7, a filly by Bahri. Will be bred back to Kingmambo.
Owned by/boarded at Shadwell Farm, Ky.
Accomplishments: GSW-Eng, \$117,839; dam of Sakhee (Bahri), Hwt. Older Horse-Fr at 11-14f, Hwt. Older Horse-Eng at 9.5-11f & 11-14f, G1SW-Fr & Eng, GISP-US & UAE, \$3,231,663.

NASTY AFFAIR, 20, Nasty and Bold--L'Affaire (Seventh Landing)

Foal born Feb. 8, a filly by Stormin Fever. Will be bred back to Hold That Tiger.
Owned by Steven and Cynthia Sansone, Long Grove Bloodstock.
Boarded at Indian Creek, Ky.
Accomplishments: MSW & MGSP, \$260,383. Dam of Donna Doo (Spend a Buck), SW, \$142,239; Mountain Affair (Mt. Livermore), GSW, \$260,132 and Hell Cat (Tabasco Cat), GSP.

BALLY FIVE, 14, Miswaki--Charlotte Amalie (Fr) (Gay Mecene)

Foal born Feb. 10, a colt by Elusive Quality. Will be bred back to Touch Gold.
Owned by Jane & Frank Lyon, Jr.
Boarded at Summer Wind Farm, Ky.
Accomplishments: Dam of Yarrow Brae (Deputy Minister), GSW, \$571,580; Summinitup (Summer Squall), SP, \$166,559; To the Queen (Deputy Minister), GSP, \$189,745.

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 **NORTH AMERICA** 

STRONG HOPE RETURNS TODAY **Strong Hope** (Grand Slam), who defeated Empire Maker to take last year's GII Jim Dandy S. at Saratoga, returns to the races in today's eighth race at Gulfstream Park. The six-furlong optional claimer attracted a field of eight. Strong Hope won five straight races last spring and summer, including the GII Dwyer and Jim Dandy, but has been off since running third in the Aug. 23 GI Travers S. A \$1.7-million FTSAUG yearling, the colt is trained by Todd Pletcher and will be ridden by John Velazquez. Also in the field is graded stakes winner **Vinemeister** (Williamstown) and **Royal Lad** (Montbrook), a multiple-stakes winning five-year-old making his first start in over a year. **Davids Expectation** (Valid Expectations), the only runner in the field in for the \$125,000 tag, was claimed for \$75,000 from his last start, a runner-up finish behind Lion Tamer over the Gulfstream track Jan. 28.

PENNANT FEVER DEAD **Pennant Fever** (Seattle Slew), the dam of GISW Raging Fever (Storm Cat) and GSW and promising sire Stormin Fever (Storm Cat), had to be put down Feb. 24 at the Kentucky Equine Sports Medicine and Rehabilitation Center near Versailles after contracting laminitis, the *Thoroughbred Times* reports. She was in foal to Forestry at the time of her death. The 15-year-old mare was purchased by Edward P. Evans for \$250,000 at Fasig-Tipton's 1990 Saratoga Sale and went on to win three races and run third in the GIII Golden Rod S. Her first foal was Stormin Fever, who won eight races, including the GIII Sport Page H., and was twice second in the GI Vosburgh S. The sophomore sire stands at Airdrie Stud for a fee of \$25,000. In 1998, Pennant Fever produced millionaire Raging Fever, winner of eight graded stakes, highlighted by the GI Frizette S, GI Matron S. and GI Ogden Phipps H. She was also the dam of GSP Roaring Fever (Storm Cat). Her last foal is a yearling filly by Storm Cat.

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★ **NEW YORK** ★

Racing Returns to Aqueduct's Main Track Today:

Racing returns to Aqueduct's main track today, with first post moved back to 1 p.m. for the spring meeting. There will be live racing at the Big A from Wednesday through Sunday, with the exception of Apr. 4 and Apr. 11, when the track will be closed for Palm Sunday and Easter. The showcase of the meeting will be the GI Wood Memorial, run Apr. 10 and worth \$750,000. Also on the Wood card is the GI Carter H. and GIII Bay Shore S. ESPN will provide live coverage of the Wood and the Bay Shore during its one-hour telecast that begins at 3:30 p.m. ET.

She's Zealous Euthanized:

Jay Em Ess Stable's four-year-old filly **She's Zealous** (Cozzene) was euthanized Sunday at Aqueduct following a workout in which she broke an ankle while galloping out. Hailing from Richard Dutrow's barn, the up-and-coming sprinter was fresh off her first stakes win in the Jan. 31 Correction H. and was preparing for a planned tilt in the Mar. 27 GII Distaff Breeders' Cup H. at Aqueduct. She's Zealous is out of Zealous Connection (Unreal Zeal), a Grade II winner, and is half to Grade III winner Here's Zealous (Dehere) and stakes winner There's Zealous (Broad Brush). She earned \$157,765 in winning four of nine starts.



She's Zealous A *Coglianese*

★ **EAST** ★

Pennsylvania Derby Highlights Philly Park Schedule:

The Pennsylvania Derby, which will be run as a Grade II race for the first time this year, highlights Philadelphia Park's 2004 stakes schedule. The nine-furlong event for three-year-olds will be worth \$750,000 when it is contested Sept. 6. The stakes schedule opens with the \$100,000 GIII Donald LeVine Memorial S. May 29. Also on tap this year at the track is the Oct. 2 \$250,000 GII Cotillion H.



CHANGING HANDS



BODHAVISTA, m, 14, Pass The Tab--Fia, by One For All.

From Owner: Farnsworth Farms.

To Owner: ClassicStar Stable.

Agent: Bradley Thoroughbred Brokerage.

Notes: Bodhavista is the dam of Imperialism (Langfuhr), who has risen to prominence this winter among California sophomores with wins in the GII San Vicente S. and the GII San Rafael S. Winless in four career starts, Bodhavista was purchased by Farnsworth Farms for \$4,500 at the 1993 Keeneland November Sale. Bred the following year to Robyn Dancer, she produced White Beauty, who became a five-time Listed stakes winner on the turf and was third in the GII Mrs. Revere S. Bodhavista was sold in the week prior to the San Vicente and is in foal on a May 7 cover to Robyn Dancer. "We learned she was available and she was already the dam of a GII winner," commented Jon Freston, racing manager for David Plummer's ClassicStar Stable. "You hope it will get even better and in this case it did. We expected [Imperialism] to hold that form and improve and that he did." Bodhavista is due to be bred back to Langfuhr later this year.

Kentucky Derby Future Wager POOL 2

Name	Odds
Action this Day (Kris S.)	15-1
Birdstone (Grindstone)	12-1
Borrego (El Prado {Ire})	30-1
Eddington (Unbridled)	20-1
Eurosilver (Unbridled's Song)	8-1
Fire Slam (Grand Slam)	50-1
Gradepoint (A.P. Indy)	50-1
Halfbridled (Unbridled)	20-1
Imperialism (Langfuhr)	20-1
Limehouse (Grand Slam)	20-1
Lion Heart (Tale of the Cat)	15-1
Master David (Grand Slam)	20-1
Minister Eric (Old Trieste)	30-1
Mr. Jester (Silver Deputy)	50-1
Read the Footnotes (Smoke Glacken)	6-1
Redskin Warrior (Indian Charlie)	20-1
Rock Hard Ten (Kris S.)	50-1
St Averil (Saint Ballado)	30-1
Swingforthefences (Boston Harbor)	50-1
Tapit (Pulpit)	15-1
The Cliff's Edge (Gulch)	20-1
Value Plus (Unbridled's Song)	20-1
Wimbledon (Wild Rush)	15-1
all other three-year-olds	3-1

Pool opens at noon (ET) on Mar. 11 and closes at 6:30 p.m. (ET) on Mar. 14



SOPHOMORE SPOTLIGHT

First-time starters/stakes runners: Wednesday, Mar. 10

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

SAFELY'S MARK (Danzig), Ocala, \$3K, 22/4/0
6-GP, Alw, 1mT, Weigelia, 10-1

STANDING ON EDGE (Deputy Minister), Beau Ridge, \$500, 22/3/0
1-CT, Msw, 4 1/2f, Music's Edge, 10-1

VICTORY GALLOP (Cryptoclearance), Winstar, \$15K, 144/17/2
10-OP, Msw, 1 1/16m, Hot Chipotle, \$52K FTK JUL yrl, 6-1

Kentucky Oaks Future Wager POOL 2

Name	Odds
A.P. Adventure (A.P. Indy)	8-1
Ashado (Saint Ballado)	8-1
Class Above (Quiet American)	15-1
Daydreaming (A.P. Indy)	15-1
Ender's Sister (A.P. Indy)	30-1
Eye Dazzler (Boundary)	50-1
Friendly Michelle (Artax)	50-1
Galloping Gal (Victory Gallop)	50-1
Halfbridled (Unbridled)	3-1
Hollywood Story (Wild Rush)	15-1
House of Fortune (Free House)	30-1
La Reina (A.P. Indy)	20-1
Last Song (Unbridled's Song)	15-1
Madcap Escapade (Hennessy)	6-1
Miss Coronado (Coronado's Quest)	20-1
Rare Gift (Unbridled's Song)	50-1
Salty Romance (Salt Lake)	50-1
Shadow Cast (Smart Strike)	30-1
Silent Sighs (Benchmark)	50-1
Society Selection (Coronado's Quest)	30-1
Stellar Jayne (Wild Rush)	50-1
Victory U.S.A. (Victory Gallop)	30-1
Yearly Report (General Meeting)	30-1
all other three-year-old fillies	10-1

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★ AMERICAN-BRED WINNERS ★

IN HONG KONG:

Red Fireball, g, 4, **Red Ransom**--Nijinsky's Beauty, by Nijinsky II. Sha Tin, 3-6, Hcp., 2000mT. B-Robert B Berger. *Formerly Index. **\$70,000 wnlg '00 KEENOV.

Joyful Spirit, g, 5, **Sir Cat**--Silver Arch, by Silver Hawk. Sha Tin, 3-7, Hcp., 1650m (AWT). B-Mary Anne Parris. *\$28,000 wnlg '99 KEENOV; \$11,000 yrl '00 FTKJUL.



★ BRITAIN ★

FALLON-FUROR RUNNER BREAKS MAIDEN

Ballinger Ridge (GB) (Sabrehill), the horse at the centre of the Kieren Fallon controversy, broke his maiden at the 20th attempt yesterday. Ridden by Martin Dwyer for trainer Andrew Balding, the five-year-old gelding won a Class H maiden at Lingfield, beating Blue Savanna (GB) (Bluegrass Prince {Ire}) by 3 1/2 lengths as the 4-5 favourite. Fallon received a 21-day ban for failing to ride Ballinger Ridge to the line in a one-mile Class H maiden when the partnership beaten a short-head at the same track last week.

★ EUROPEAN-BRED WINNERS ★

IN HONG KONG:

Lucky Port (Ire), g, 3, **Marju (Ire)**--Sea Port (GB), by Averof (GB). Sha Tin, 3-7, Griffins, 1200mT.

B-Robert Hall. *Full to Indigenous (Ire), Horse of the Year-HK, Twice Ch. Stayer-HK, GSW & MG1SP-HK, G1SP-Jpn & Mal. **€350,000 yrl '02 GOFORB.

Salentino (Ire), h, 5, **Danehill**--Eyes of Belief, by Sadler's Wells. Sha Tin, 3-7, Hcp., 1200mT. B-Orpendale.

Desert Storm (GB), g, 7, **Green Desert**--Lailati, by Mr. Prospector. Sha Tin, 3-7, Hcp., 1600mT.

B-Gainsborough Stud Management Ltd. *1/2 to Lailani (GB) (Unfuwain), MG1SW-Eng, GISW-US, \$748,705; and Copper Carnival (GB) (Petit Loup), SW-Fr, \$127,040. **Formerly Elegant Fellow (GB).

★ FRANCE ★

Yesterday's Results:

Fontainebleau, 2.20, Mdn, €18,000, unraced 3yo, c/g, 1 1/8mT, 1:55.00, vsf.

+ **GLANLEAM (IRE)** (c, 3, **Indian Ridge {Ire}**--Durrrah, by Nijinsky II) tracked the front rank in sixth for the first half of the race and made good progress into second at the top of the stretch run. The 11-2 chance was ridden to challenge with two furlongs remaining, led approaching the final furlong and ran on well in the closing stages to account for Delfos (Ire) (Green Tune) by a half length. The Sheikh Maktoum homebred was produced by Durrrah, a \$1.4 million Keeneland July yearling purchase who was a 3/4-sister to champion and leading sire Nureyev. Lifetime Record: 1 start, 1 win, €9,000. O-Sheikh Maktoum bin Rashid al Maktoum; B-Gainsborough Stud Management Ltd; T-Andre Fabre.

Fontainebleau, 1.50, Mdn, €18,000, unraced 3yo, f, 1 1/8mT, 1:51.80, vsf.

+ **LOST ICON (IRE)** (f, 3, **Intikhab-Luminosity {GB}**, by Sillery) raced in a midfield fifth until coming under pressure approaching the final quarter mile. The 9-5 market choice challenged at the eighth pole and ran on well in the closing stages to assert a two-length superiority over Western Step (Stravinsky). A €82,000 DEAAUG yearling, Lost Icon is a half to Little Treasure (Fr) (Night Shift), MGSW-US & SW-Fr, \$305,215. Lifetime Record: 1 start, 1 win, €9,000.

O-Ecurie Wildenstein; B-M3 Elevage; T-Carlos Lerner.



★ HONG KONG ★

ALL IN THE FAMILY

Lucky Port (Ire) (Marju {Ire}), a full brother to 1998 Hong Kong Horse of the Year Indigenous (Ire), made an impressive racetrack debut at Sha Tin Sunday afternoon, taking a 1200-meter event by 3 1/4 lengths. Purchased for €350,000 out of the 2002 Goffs Orby yearling sale, the three-year-old gelding was sent off at odds of just over 7-2 to win at first asking and turned in a professional effort, rallying from midpack before taking command with a furlong to run. His brother was one of the most popular horses in Hong Kong of recent years, winning eight stakes events, including the G2 Hong Kong International Vase in 1998. He was also second in the following year's G1 Japan Cup.



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AUSTRALASIA



SCENIC COLT TOPS PERTH OPENER

A colt by Scenic (Ire) was the top-priced lot at the Magic Millions Perth Yearling Sale opener at Belmont Tuesday, selling for A\$135,000 to West Australian buyers Amelia Park. Offered by Anita Vale Stud, the colt, selling as [lot 115](#), is a half brother to Group 1 winner Ancient Song (Aus) (Canny Lad {Aus}). "He's a cracking colt," said Magic Millions auctioneer Simon Vivian. "It wasn't surprising to see him popular with bidders." The second highest price was A\$75,000 for [lot 73](#), the Encosta de Lago (Aus)--Deal Me Out (Aus) filly who was sold by Dawson Stud on behalf of the Jamie Brockman foundation. Melbourne-based Slade Bloodstock acquired the chestnut filly, who will join her full sister in Lee Freedman's string. "She was a really nice filly and great value as well, considering what prices his [Encosta de Lago's] yearlings have been making at leading interstate sales," said Slade Bloodstock's Rob Slade. "It is great to support a great cause." In all, 101 yearlings traded hands for an aggregate of A\$2,548,000, at an average of A\$25,227. The sale continues today and Friday. Complete results are available on www.magicmillions.com.au.

LIKE FATHER, LIKE SON

Octagonal (NZ) will return to Rosehill racetrack April 3 for the Golden Slipper after the Ingham family at Woodlands Stud agreed to allow the 11-year-old stallion to make the trip from the Hunter Valley back to Sydney, where he will lead out his star son **Lonhro (Aus)** in the G1 George Ryder S. Sydney Turf Club chairman Bruce McHugh said he expected Rosehill to be full to capacity on Slipper day. "There is every chance we will definitely have to close the gates this year," said McHugh. More than 30,000 attended the Slipper last April with on-course tote turnover of A\$3.7 million and bookmakers' turnover of A\$9 million. The A\$800,000 Queen Elizabeth S. on April 17 at Randwick will be Lonhro's last start. "He has come out of the race well," said John Hawkes. "He will stay in Melbourne for a few more days."

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BREEDERS' EDITION AMERICA

ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

10th-PHA, \$26,733, NW2X, 4yo/up, 7f, 1:23 1/5, sy.
PUGGY'S LAST LOVE (c, 4, Not for Love--Puggy, by Fighting Fit) Lifetime Record: 15-5-1-1, \$79,632. O-William J Hartwell. B-Frances Hartwell (PA). T-John C Servis.

7th-MNR, \$25,000, 3-8, NW2L, 3yo, f, a1m70yd, 1:46 3/5, gd.

WINLOC'S MAJESTY (f, 3, Raffie's Majesty--Dancin Duo, by Fred Astaire) Lifetime Record: 11-2-2-1, \$31,760. O/B-Script R Farm (NY). T-John Prognos.

9th-PHA, \$20,000, NW1X, 3yo, f, 1 1/16m, 1:45 2/5, sy.

MY LIMIT (f, 3, Wagon Limit--Piney Woods, by Valid Appeal) Lifetime Record: 6-2-1-0, \$29,250. O/B-J V Shields Jr (FL). T-H Graham Motion.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Bubba's Doll House, g, 3, Forest Wildcat--Devil's Doll, by Devil's Bag. MNR, 3-8, 5 1/2f, 1:06 3/5. B-Fred Seitz & William Sorren (Ky).

Mary Swan, f, 3, Proud Irish--Bolgers Battle, by Bolger. MNR, 3-8, 5 1/2f, 1:05 3/5. B-Old English Rancho (Ca).

Classic Relative, c, 4, Conquistador Cielo--Caribbean Affair, by Red Ransom. PHA, 3-9, 1m, 1:39 3/5. B-Highland Farms, Inc (Ky). *\$18,000 yrl '01 KEESEP; \$26,000 HRA 2003 FTNOCT.

BREEDERS' EDITION EUROPE

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNER:

Ballinger Ridge (GB), g, 5, Sabrehill--Branston Ridge (GB), by Indian Ridge (Ire). Lingfield, Britain, 3-9, Mdn, 4-6yo, 1 1/4m (AWT). B-Mrs H V Barber.

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