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at the sophomores  
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**YANKEE VICTOR FILLY TOPS OBS OPENER**


A filly from the first crop of GI Met Mile winner Yankee Victor (Saint Ballado) attracted a final bid of \$575,000 from Narvick International to top yesterday's opening session of the Ocala Breeders' Sales Company's Selected Two-Year-Olds in Training Sale in Florida. The six-figure price tag is the highest ever for a two-year-old filly at OBS.



**Hip 54** *Horsephotos*

Out of graded stakes placed Betamillion Bock (Bet Twice), the bay filly was consigned by Niall Brennan Stables, agent. The two-year-old sold for \$32,000 as a Keeneland September yearling last fall. At the OBS sale's under tack show, she worked a furlong in :10 3/5 Mar. 6 and two furlongs Mar. 13 in :21 2/5. Another first-crop sire, Chief Seattle (Seattle Slew), was responsible for the session's top-priced colt. James McIngvale, whose Wimbledon recently won the GII Louisiana Derby, went to \$450,000 to secure hip 191. Out of Helen's Pick (Ruthie's Native), the dark bay worked a co-bullet two furlongs Mar. 6 in :21 4/5. During Tuesday's session, OBS sold 127 two-year-olds for \$11,028,000. The average of \$86,835 was up 23.5 percent from a year ago, while the median rose 20 percent to \$60,000. Eleven horses sold for \$200,000 or more, compared to nine last year. The sale's final session begins today at 11 a.m. **Session Toppers p. 2**

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		<b>OBS 2YOs in TRAINING SALE TUESDAY, MARCH 16, 2004</b>	
<u>SESSION TOTALS</u>	<u>2004</u>	<u>2003</u>	
No. Offered	187	209	
No. Sold	127	137	
RNAs	60	72	
% RNA	32%	34.4%	
Gross	\$11,028,000	\$9,635,000	
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**Bailey and Birdstone Eye History**

Eight years ago, Hall of Fame jockey Jerry Bailey willed the late-closing Grindstone past Cavonnier to win the 122nd Kentucky Derby by a nose. This year, Grindstone's son Birdstone, a half brother to Eclipse winner Bird Town, looks to emulate his sire in the 130th Run for the Roses. Bailey picked up the mount on the Nick Zito trainee following his second career start, in which he ran fourth in the GI Hopeful S. last summer. Bailey promptly booted home Birdstone to a 2 1/2-length win in the GI Champagne S. and was again aboard when the colt, returning from a four-month break, won a Gulfstream allowance race by three lengths on Valentine's Day.



**Birdstone and Bailey**  
*Equi-photo*

Bailey will find out where he and Birdstone stand when the pair contest the GII Lane's End S. at Turfway Park Saturday. "The [comeback] race went exactly as Nick and I had discussed," explains Bailey. "I know he didn't get a huge [Beyer] number, but that wasn't the goal for that day. It was about what he needed, I think. He'll have to step up if he's going to win this tough of a race. He needs to run a little bit harder." Bailey indicates that, though Birdstone hadn't blossomed physically over the winter, he is still a solid horse with the tools to become a Classic prospect. "He's not a big horse, but neither was his father," says Bailey. "It didn't seem that he progressed a whole lot from two to three, size-wise. But I haven't seen him in four weeks, and a lot can happen. Then there's another six weeks to [the Derby]--so we're talking about a space of 10 weeks, which is an eternity, especially for three-year-olds. They don't have to grow a lot, but you'd like to see them fill out and develop." Bailey explains that Birdstone's mind and mental composure have helped him become a top horse. "He's always been good that way," he says. "Nothing bothers him. He's very easy to ride and puts you in the race. He doesn't compromise himself with mental breakdown and/or his style."

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- | Hip#       | Sire  | Dam                | Price     |
|------------|---|--------------------|-----------|
| <u>191</u> | Chief Seattle   | Helen's Pick       | \$450,000 |
|            | (\$32,000 yrl '03 FTMSEP)                               |                    |           |
|            | <i>B-Marshall Lippert &amp; John F Jones Jr</i>         |                    |           |
|            | Consigned by Paul Sharp, Agent II                       |                    |           |
|            | Purchased by James McIngvale                            |                    |           |
| <u>069</u> | <u>Private Terms</u>                                    | Carley's Birthday  | \$425,000 |
|            | (\$20,000 yrl '03 FTKOCT)                               |                    |           |
|            | <i>B-Petelain Stable</i>                                |                    |           |
|            | Consigned by Eisaman Equine, agent                      |                    |           |
|            | Purchased by John Ferguson                              |                    |           |
| <u>087</u> | <u>Stephen Got Even</u>                                 | Class on Class     | \$350,000 |
|            | <i>B-Milton &amp; Beth Hendry</i>                       |                    |           |
|            | Consigned by Moonshadow Farm (M & T Casse), agent       |                    |           |
|            | Purchased by Wayne Hughes                               |                    |           |
| <u>184</u> | <u>Gilded Time</u>                                      | Halcyon Bird (Ire) | \$275,000 |
|            | (\$48,000 wnlg '02 KEENOV; \$30,000 yrl '03 FTKJUL)     |                    |           |
|            | <i>B-Westwood Thoroughbreds, Sez Who Racing, et al</i>  |                    |           |
|            | Consigned by Halcyon Hammock Farm,                      |                    |           |
|            | agent for G Ray Trisler                                 |                    |           |
|            | Purchased by John Ferguson                              |                    |           |
| <u>193</u> | <u>Salt Lake</u>  | Highland Crystal   | \$260,000 |
|            | (\$27,000 yrl '03 KEESEP)                               |                    |           |
|            | <i>B-Dr William O Reed</i>                              |                    |           |
|            | Consigned by Halcyon Hammock Farm, Agent I              |                    |           |
|            | Purchased by Steve Klesaris, agent for Puglisis Stables |                    |           |
| <u>202</u> | Afternoon Deelites                                      | How 'bout Chris    | \$250,000 |
|            | (\$5,000 yrl '03 FTMSEP)                                |                    |           |
|            | <i>B-Bowman &amp; Higgins Stable</i>                    |                    |           |
|            | Consigned by M & H Training and Sales, agent            |                    |           |
|            | Purchased by Buzz Chace, agent for West                 |                    |           |

**OBS TUESDAY – TOP FILLIES**

- | Hip#       | Sire  | Dam              | Price     |
|------------|---|------------------|-----------|
| <u>054</u> | Yankee Victor   | Betamillion Bock | \$575,000 |
|            | (\$32,000 yrl '03 KEESEP)                                   |                  |           |
|            | <i>B-Jacqueline J Smith</i>                                 |                  |           |
|            | Consigned by Niall Brennan Stables, Agent III               |                  |           |
|            | Purchased by Narvick International                          |                  |           |
| <u>076</u> | <u>Greenwood Lake</u>                                       | Champagne Sweep  | \$300,000 |
|            | (\$80,000 yrl '03 OBSAUG)                                   |                  |           |
|            | <i>B-Joe Cornacchi</i>                                      |                  |           |
|            | Consigned by Robert Scanlon, agent                          |                  |           |
|            | Purchased by John Ferguson                                  |                  |           |
| <u>021</u> | Mazel Trick   | Adelaide         | \$230,000 |
|            | <i>B-Sez Who Thoroughbreds</i>                              |                  |           |
|            | Consigned by Moonshadow Farm (M & T Casse), agent           |                  |           |
|            | Purchased by Todd Pletcher, agent                           |                  |           |
| <u>067</u> | <u>Dixie Union</u>  | Call to the Post | \$200,000 |
|            | (\$70,000 yrl '03 FTKJUL)                                   |                  |           |
|            | <i>B-Muirfield Ventures, Peter Carlino &amp; Wendy Moon</i> |                  |           |
|            | Consigned by Eddie Woods, Agent I                           |                  |           |
|            | Purchased by Anstu Stables                                  |                  |           |

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 \$36,000,00, Hipodromo da Gavea, 3yo, 2000mT,  
 1:59.4, fm.  
 1--@▲NOVELLISTA (BRZ), c, 3, 123, by Jules  
 1st Dam: Dawn Avalon (Brz) (G1SW-Brz), by Present The Colors  
 2nd Dam: Ivette Bay (Arg), by Halpern Bay  
 3rd Dam: Pirovette, by Master Bold  
 O/B-Haras Santa Maria de Araras; T-A R Silva;  
 J-J Leme.  
 2--New Famous (Brz), c, 3, 123, by Jules--Hale 'N  
 Hearty (Brz), by Ghadeer (Fr). O-Stud Raça; B-Haras  
 Santa Maria de Araras.  
 3--Capitao Risso (Brz), c, 3, 123, Patio de Naranjos  
 (Chi)--Rissolete (Brz), by Roi Normand. O/B-Stud  
 Capitao.  
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**FROM THE DESK OF...**  
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**CLAMORING FOR CREDIBILITY**

Read the Footnotes forgot to read the script, and as a result the three-year-old Classic picture in North America right now consists of a lot of cards thrown up in the air and lots of observers awaiting more clues. His 113 in the GII Fountain of Youth wasn't just the fastest Derby prep of this year, it was one of the fastest of recent times, but he obviously bounced to the moon in the GI Florida Derby. He really did, too. The winner, Friends Lake (in a desultory 92), was trounced by Second of June in the GIII Holy Bull, and Second of June came back to run a 112 against Read the Footnotes, though he's been knocked off the Triple Crown trail by injury. Had he run back to his race in the Fountain of Youth, Read the Footnotes would have won the Florida Derby by 15 lengths, be the even-money favorite for the Kentucky Derby and probably cause the stud fee of his surprising young sire Smoke Glacken to double. Interestingly, Smoke Glacken did have a Triple Crown prep winner over the weekend anyway, as longshot Kilgowan upset the GIII El Camino Real Derby. If trainer Rick Violette can get his charge back to the 113 level, Read the Footnotes will win the Derby and make those punters who kept the faith and now have him at 20-1 after the second future book look like the shrewdies of all time.

In the meantime, there are still about 20 leading prospects who have now made the races this year, with the names Bob Baffert and Nick Zito among those with multiple leading contenders. Two of Zito's top three placed over the weekend: The Cliff's Edge ([Gulch](#)) ran a good, staying-on third in the Florida Derby, while Eurosilver (Unbridled's Song) just failed to catch the sprinter Wynn Dot Comma in the seven-furlong GIII Swale. Zito's third runner, Birdstone ([Grindstone](#)) goes in the GII Lane's End (Spiral) at Turfway this weekend, having won a comeback allowance race over one mile

and 70 yards at 1-5 last month. Meanwhile, Baffert sent Wimbledon (Wild Rush) to New Orleans to score impressively in the GII Louisiana Derby, then followed up with Preachinattthebar ([Silver Charm](#)), who held on gamely from the unlucky St. Averil (Saint Ballado) in the GII San Felipe at Santa Anita Sunday.

What has struck me, in trying to dope out the three-year-old colt form so far, is the number who are by what we might call all-American dirt sires, particularly the [Unbridled](#) and Seattle Slew tribes. Of the 20 hottest prospects at the moment, half are from all-dirt lines, half from lines that usually cross both sides of the Pond. The Northern Dancer sire line was responsible for over a third (34 percent) of the 1,286 new A Runners in 2003, but only 15 percent--three of 20--leading Derby contenders to date come from that line: GII San Rafael one-two Imperialism ([Langfuhr](#)) and Lion Heart ([Tale of the Cat](#)), and Louisiana Derby second Borrego (El Prado). Other 'ambidextrous' (works both ways) lines are Mr. Prospector (excluding Fappiano), with five representatives; and Roberto, with two colts by [Kris S.](#): last year's Breeders' Cup Juvenile winner Action This Day (disappointing but maybe had an excuse in the San Felipe), and the promising Santa Anita Derby prospect, Rock Hard Ten. The Mr. Prospectors include two each by Smoke Glacken (Read the Footnotes and Kilgowan) and [Grand Slam](#) (Sham winner Master David and GIII Tampa Bay Derby winner Limehouse), and The Cliff's Edge (by Gulch).

So half the field hails from the Northern Dancer, Mr. Prospector (excluding all-American Fappiano), and Roberto lines. The other half? Dirt, dirt, dirt. Seven of these 10 are either from the Unbridled (Fappiano) or Seattle Slew lines. The four Unbridleds include two of Zito's, Swale second Eurosilver (Unbridled's Song) and Birdstone (Grindstone); also Florida Derby second Value Plus is by Unbridled's Song, while Tampa Bay Derby second Mustanfar is by Unbridled himself. Birdstone would be an interesting Derby winner, being by Unbridled's Derby-winning son Grindstone. If he won, he'd be a Derby-winning son of a Derby-winning son of a Derby winner--three consecutive generations.

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(Bill Oppenheim cont. from p. 3)

Grindstone, who was standing for as little as \$5,000 last year when his first five-year-olds ran, had four other new A Runners last year besides Birdstone, and went into 2004 with a newly respectable 2.28 A Runner Index. I see he's now being advertised for \$7,500, and fair enough, too.

Seattle Slew is represented by Florida Derby winner Friends Lake, by [A.P. Indy](#); the promising Tapit ([Pulpit](#)), unplaced in the Florida Derby but patently in need of the run; and Tampa Bay Derby third Swingforthefences, by [Capote](#)'s son Boston Harbor and a stablemate of Read the Footnotes. The other dirt lines are: Halo--St. Averil, a very live contender by Saint Ballado; and the Baffert pair, Louisiana Derby winner Wimbledon, by Wild Rush, a son of [Wild Again](#) and grandson of Icecapade--and Preachinathebar, from the first crop of Derby winner and near \$7-million earner Silver Charm. He was one of three Buckpasser-line horses (along with Spend a Buck and Lil E. Tee) to win the Kentucky Derby in the last 20 years, which I always think is really amazing, since Buckpasser is really only a sire line on the damsire side, if you see what I mean. But, insofar as it is a sire line, it's operated more on dirt than grass, and in America as opposed to Europe.

**Peace Breaks Out...**

A collective sigh of relief was heard late last week as Tattersalls and Goffs reached a truce on sales dates. Goffs will kick off with the week before the Arc now, then it will be back to Newmarket for a two-week October 1 and October 2 sale, which will really be Keeneland September for Europeans. The Houghton sale will be absorbed into October 1, in recognition of the scarcity of those kinds of pedigrees in the marketplace now. It's a good compromise, and should mean a more efficient marketplace for all concerned.

At the opening day of Cheltenham yesterday, the usual interesting results for followers of flat pedigrees: the Champion Hurdle was won by Hardy Eustace, a son of Archway, who was a champion sprinter in Ireland by Thatching. But he is also a half brother to Epsom Derby winner Dr Devious from a deeply staying family and anyway the Champion Hurdle is a two-mile 'sprint' often won by flat-bred horses. The two opening two-mile Novice races (for horses in their first winning season in each category) were also won by horses with interesting flat pedigrees. The Supreme Novices Hurdle (won by Hardy Eustace last year) was won in a tremendous finish by six-year-old Brave Inca, by the veteran Herbager sire Good Thyne, from five-year-old War of Attrition, who is by Presenting, and out of a Good Thyne mare. Presenting was a son of Mtoto trained by John Gosden for George Strawbridge to finish third to Lammtarra in the 1995 Epsom Derby. Then the two-mile Arkle Novice Chase was won by Well Chief, a German-bred son of Night Shift, for the champion owner-trainer-jockey combination of David Johnson, Martin Pipe, and Tony McCoy. You know how a lot of my colleagues and everybody have been touting these German-breds? I think this is where their true aptitude lies--jumping. The French have made a big impact in the jumping game in the last 10 years, but a lot of the German-breds who have been going jumping have been doing really well. I'm still not completely convinced about Germany as a good source of outcross flat horses, but there is plenty of money in jumping--as the 60,000 a day attendance at Cheltenham for three days (today's the middle day) shows.

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## WEEKEND PEDIGREE PERSPECTIVES

*by Alan Porter*

**FLORIDA DERBY-GI**, \$1,000,000, GPX, 3-13, 3yo,  
1 1/8m, 1:51 1/5, ft.

1--▲@**FRIENDS LAKE, 122, c, 3, by A.P. Indy**

**1st Dam: Antespend (MGISW, \$1,011,953), by Spend a Buck**

**2nd Dam: Auspiciante (Arg), by \*Practicante**

**3rd Dam: Auxey (Arg), by Right of Way (GB)**

O/B-Chester & Mary R Broman (NY); T-John C Kimmel; J-R Migliore; \$600,000. Lifetime Record: 5-3-0-1, \$695,600.

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The victory of Friends Lake in Saturday's GI Florida Derby allows this column to complete something of a full circle, as the very first horse featured in this space was his dam Antespend.

That was eight years ago and during that time, one of the recurring threads in our articles has been the impact of inbreeding to genetic relatives from the family of La Troienne. As we've said on more than one occasion, variations on this pedigree pattern have probably been the greatest single influence for upgrading in the modern North American pedigree, and we have two more examples in Friends Lake and Preachinatthebar, winners of the two most important Derby trials of the weekend.

Preachinatthebar, who took the GII San Felipe S., is by the 1997 GI Kentucky Derby winner [Silver Charm](#), a horse who had the La Troienne family 3/4-sisters Busanda and Striking 3x4. Friends Lake's sire A.P. Indy is by Seattle Slew, whose dam is inbred to Striking and Busher, sisters who are granddaughters of La Troienne. A.P. Indy's second dam is by Buckpasser, who is out of Busanda, a 3/4-sister to Striking and Busher, giving him the close relatives Striking/Busher/Busanda 5x5x4.

Buckpasser, who was a much better broodmare sire than he was sire of sires, usually appears through a daughter in the pedigree of top-class horses, but oddly enough he is represented by a sire strain in both Preachinatthebar and Friends Lake. Silver Charm is by

the Buckpasser stallion Silver Buck, and Antespend is by Spend a Buck, a son of the Buckpasser horse Buckaroo.

Incidentally, Buckaroo is also inbred to La Troienne, as his broodmare sire No Robbery is out of Bimlette, who is by La Troienne's son Bimelech out of a Blue Larkspur mare (the reverse cross to Businesslike, the granddam of Buckpasser who is by Blue Larkspur out of La Troienne). So, in all, Friends Lake has five crosses of La Troienne, four through Striking, Busher and Busanda (twice) and one through Bimelech, a genetic relative to Busanda's dam. Incidentally, A.P. Indy's dam Weekend Surprise is bred on something of a reverse cross to Spend a Buck, as she is by a stallion bred on a Nasrullah/Princequillo cross out of a Buckpasser mare, and he is by a son of Buckpasser out of a mare bred on a Princequillo/Nasrullah cross.

Friends Lake's dam Antespend was purchased for \$900,000 as one of the foundation mares for the Chestertown Farm of Friends Lake's breeders Chester and Mary Broman at Keeneland in April 1997 at the dispersal of the bloodstock of Jack Kent Cooke. At the time, the four-year-old had plenty of credentials as she had already won a trio of Grade I events, the GI Del Mar Oaks, GI Santa Anita Oaks and GI Las Virgenes S. as well as the GIII Honeymoon H. and GIII Miesque S. In addition, her pedigree, although not a fashionable one, had plenty to recommend it.

Her sire Spend a Buck, if not an outstandingly successful stallion, was a GI Kentucky Derby winner and did have a pedigree which had plenty of elements which appealed for a broodmare sire. Her dam Auspicante, a multiple graded stakes winner in her native Argentina, captured the GI Matriarch Invitational H., GI Ramona H. and GII Beverly Hills H. in the U.S.

In her first race following her purchase, Antespend took a mile turf allowance race at Belmont Park, scorching the distance in 1:32.3. However, after that bright debut, she was unable to win in five subsequent starts, although she did take seconds in the GIII Ballston Spa Breeders' Cup H. (beaten just a half-length) and GIII Noble Damsel H. and third in the GII Diana H. *Cont. p. 6*

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*(Pedigree Perspectives cont. from p. 5)*

Initially, Antespend's stud career was also rather unfortunate. Her first foal, the [Storm Cat](#) colt Rainmaker was unable to race due to an injury, and her second, the Deputy Minister filly I Love New York, was unplaced in four outings. The year after Friends Lake was born, Antespend died immediately after foaling a filly by [Seeking the Gold](#), now a two-year-old. However, the Florida Derby victory of Friends Lake, which has taken his earnings to nearly \$700,000, combined with his potential stallion value and the value of his half-sisters, now makes the investment in Antespend look a very good one.

Of course, before Friends Lake embarks on a stud career, there is the matter of the classics. At the moment the plan is for Friends Lake to train up to the Derby. Even if we don't see him in action again before the first Saturday in May, one thing which we can take on trust is the likelihood of him staying 10 furlongs. A.P. Indy won the GI Breeders' Cup Classic at a mile and a quarter and the GI Belmont S. at a mile and a half, and he's by one Triple Crown winner, Seattle Slew, out of a mare by another, Secretariat. Looking at the distaff side, both Antespend and her dam Auspicante scored in Grade I events at nine furlongs. Of course Antespend's sire Spend a Buck lasted 10 furlongs well enough to win the GI Kentucky Derby, and Auspicante's sire Practicante went even further, taking the San Juan Capistrano H. at 1 3/4 miles.

**Correction:**

In Monday's TDN, the breeder of the second-place finisher Trenzado (Arg) was incorrectly reported. The breeder is Haras De La Pomme. We regret the error.



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Foal born Mar. 12, a colt by Point Given.  
Will be bred back to A.P. Indy.  
Owned by/boarded at Shadwell Farm, Ky.  
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**MARKET BOOSTER**, 15, Green Dancer--Final Figure, by Super Concorded  
Foal born Mar. 14, a colt by Rahy.  
Will be bred back to Giant's Causeway.  
Owned by Brushwood Stable.  
Boarded at Eaton Farms, Ky.  
Accomplishments: Hwt. Older Mare-Ger & Ire at 9.5-11f, G1SW-Ger, MGSW & MG1SP-Ire, MGSW-US, \$667,975. Dam of Mustaneer (Gone West), SP-GB.

**A PENNY SAVED**, 8, Pentelicus--Hold the Dream (Hold Your Peace)  
Foal born Feb. 14, a filly by Stormy Atlantic.  
Will be bred back to Langfuhr.  
Owned by Jaime S Carrion, Trustee.  
Boarded at Crestfield Farm LLC/Robert E Courtney.  
Accomplishments: MSW of \$129,294.

**GUILDED TIMES**, 16, Crafty Prospector--Our Mahney (Olden Times)  
Foal born Feb. 14, a colt by Silver Charm.  
Will be bred back to Vindication.  
Owned by Michael Pegram.  
Boarded at Hill 'n' Dale Farm, Ky.  
Accomplishments: Dam of Inexcessive Speed (In Excess {Ire}), SW; Controlled (In Excess {Ire}), MSW, \$325,248; Icecoldbeeratreds (In Excess {Ire}), GSW & GISP, \$353,800.

**HUMBLE CLERK**, 7, Humble Eleven--Deputy Clerk (Deputy Minister)  
Foal born Feb. 15, a filly by Unbridled's Song.  
Will be bred back to Forest Wildcat.  
Mare Owned by ClassicStar.  
Foal Owned by Kelley Breeders.  
Boarded at ClassicStar, Ky.  
Accomplishments: MGSW of \$503,545.



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 **NORTH AMERICA** 

**MIDWAY ROAD RETURNS THURSDAY** Midway Road (Jade Hunter), second in last year's GI Preakness S., will make his first start since June in Thursday's ninth race at Fair Grounds. After running second behind Funny Cide in the Preakness, Midway Road was third in the GII Ohio Derby, but has not started since that June 21 race. "Unfortunately, he came out of the Ohio Derby with a small fracture in his hind ankle," explained trainer Neil Howard. "We're just now getting him back again and [Thursday's race] is the first step back." If Midway Road performs well in his comeback race, he could be pointed towards the Apr. 22 GIII Ben Ali S. at Keeneland. Thursday's optional claimer, at one mile and 40 yards on the main track, attracted a field of seven, including graded stakes placed **El Ruller** (Eltish).

**GILDED LILLY DIES** Gilded Lilly (What a Pleasure--Luquillo, by \*Princequillo), the dam of champion juvenile Gilded Time (Timeless Moment), died Feb. 12 at Castelton Lyons near Lexington, Ky from a ruptured aorta, according to *Thoroughbred Times*. The 25-year-old mare was in foal to Tale of the Cat. Gilded Time was named champion two-year-old of 1992 after victories in the GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile, GII Sapling S. and GII Arlington-Washington Futurity. He was also third in the 1993 GI Breeders' Cup Sprint. Gilded Lilly's last foal is a yearling filly by Silver Deputy. "She was very consistent," Olin Gentry of Gaines-Gentry, co-owner of the mare, told *Thoroughbred Times*. "She continually bred good-sized, attractive foals year in and year out and really was an easy mare to breed and to get into foal. The foal she had last year was as nice a foal as she ever had." Gaines-Gentry and Andover Way Partnership purchased Gilded Lilly in 1993.

**STAKES CLOSINGS**

**TOMORROW, THURSDAY, MARCH 18:**  
03-28 \$200,000 *Potrero Grande Breeders' Cup H.-II, SA, 4yo/up, 6.5f (200)*  
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★ **GULFSTREAM** ★

**Gulfstream Changes Friday Post Time:**

The post time for Gulfstream Park's first race on Friday will be 2:45 p.m. for the remainder of the meet. The 2004 season closes Apr. 25.

★ **NEW YORK** ★

**Silver Charm Half Brother Debuts at Big A:**

Finney Creek Stable's **Maverick** (Dixieland Band), a half brother to Kentucky Derby hero Silver Charm, makes his first start today in the fourth race at Aqueduct, a six-furlong maiden special weight. The D. Wayne Lukas-trained three-year-old was second in a training race at Fair Grounds last December and is making his debut off a pair of sharp works. He fired a three-furlong bullet in :35 flat at Belmont Mar. 4 and was third-best of 75 when he got four panels from the gate in :47 2/5 Mar. 11. Shaun Bridgmohan gets the call.

★ **EAST** ★

**Monday Night's Results:**

**4th-MNR, \$21,700, Msw, 3yo/up, f/m, a1m70yd, 1:48, ft.**

**GOLDEN PENNY (f, 4, Touch Gold--Penny's Growl {MSP, \$137,501}, by Strike Gold),** an \$85,000 KEENOV weanling who blossomed into a \$650,000 KEEAPR two-year-old, had trouble plying her trade in California and was finally claimed from Bob and Beverly Lewis for \$25,000 out of a runner-up finish at Santa Anita Oct. 1. The bay traveled to Gulfstream next and ran sixth in a seven-furlong maiden Feb. 8. Bet down to 4-5 for her West Virginia bow, Golden Penny took charge with a four-wide move and graduated by 1 1/4 lengths over Baltic Maria (Maria's Mon). The winner is a half to Dont Fear the Heat (Dawn Quixote), GSP; and Dabney Carr (Lost Code), SW, \$161,702. Lifetime Record: 12-1-1-2, \$34,166. O-Patrick Q Maguire. B-Charger Six Ventures (KY). T-Bonnie Shaffer.



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East Report Cont

**Winter Weather Cancels East Coast Racing:**

A late winter storm forced the cancellation of racing yesterday at Philadelphia Park. The track continued to offer simulcasting from around the country. Live racing is expected to return to Philadelphia Park Saturday with a first post of 12:25 p.m. Mountaineer and Beulah Park canceled live racing as well yesterday.



★ BRITAIN ★

**THE HARDY BOY**

Britain's showpiece jumps meeting, the Cheltenham Festival, began at the Gloucestershire spa town yesterday with the GI Champion Hurdle the main attraction on a six-race card. The result of the £300,000 feature event proved an emotional affair as seven-year-old gelding **Hardy Eustace (Ire)** (Archway {Ire}) provided trainer Dessie Hughes, a former Champion Hurdle-winning jockey and father of flat jockey Richard, with Ireland's 14th success in the race. Hardy Eustace won the GI Royal & SunAlliance Novices' Hurdle under the late Kieran Kelly at this meeting last year, but has failed to get his nose in front in five subsequent starts. The 33-1 outsider was sent into an immediate lead by jockey Conor O'Dwyer and set a steady gallop in advance of his 13 rivals as reigning champion and 11-8 favourite **Rooster Booster (GB)** (Riverwise {Fr}) was reserved in rear. The eventual winner came under strong pressure as Rooster Booster challenged at the final flight and, despite being headed momentarily by that rival on landing, Hardy Eustace held plenty in reserve to ascend the final climb for a deserved five-length success. Rooster Booster kept on dourly for the runner-up berth, four lengths ahead of the running-on 8-1 chance **Intersky Falcon (GB)** (Polar Falcon). Today's feature, on a seven-race card, is the £250,000 GI Queen Mother Champion Chase.

**TDN Euro is:**

- England:** Sean Cronin (CAFE Racing)  
Tom Frary (CAFE Racing)
- France:** Claude Beniada
- Germany:** Christa Riebel
- Ireland:** Dave Keena
- Italy:** Giorgio Barsotti

★ FRANCE ★

**Yesterday's Result:**

**PRIX RONDE DE NUIT-Listed**, €45,000, Maisons-Laffitte, 3-16, 3yo, f, 1mT, 1:43.00, vsf.

1--#**BANKSIA (GB)**, 123, f, 3, by Marju (Ire)

1st Dam: Banafsajee (MSW-Fr), by Pleasant Colony

2nd Dam: Sous Entendu, by Shadedd

3rd Dam: It's In the Air, by Mr. Prospector

O-Sheikh Maktoum bin Rashid al Maktoum; B-Gainsborough Stud Management Ltd; T-Carlos Laffon-Parias; J-Miguel Blancpain; €22,500. Lifetime Record: 3 starts, 2 wins, 1 place, €40,300.

2--**Dolma (Fr)**, 123, f, 3, Marchand de Sable--Young Manila, by Manila. €9,000.

3--**Dreams Come True (Fr)**, 123, f, 3, Zafonic--Moonlight Dreams (Ire), by Caerleon. €6,750.

Margins: 1HF, SNK, 1. Odds: 2.30, 6.70, 3.30.

Also ran: Cloon, Casigris, Nakamti (Fr).

Successful debuting over a mile at Longchamp last September, Banksia was upped in class to contest the G3 Prix des Reservoirs at Deauville, where she finished a promising fifth to Via Milano (GB). Down one rung for this, her seasonal bow, she did not disappoint her many supporters with a dominant display to earn a first stakes win. Positioned in a stalking second as Dolma set the early fractions, the eventual winner made her main effort at the quarter-mile marker. She was ridden into a slight lead approaching the final furlong and was pushed out in the closing stages to record a comfortable victory. "She is quite a nice filly who lacked experience when she ran in the Prix des Reservoirs last year," said winning trainer Carlos Laffon-Parias. "She is a light filly who doesn't need too much work, and she arrived here fit enough to show her true quality. I will discuss the future with her owner but, personally, I would be tempted to bypass the [G3] Prix de la Grotte [Longchamp Apr. 25] and keep her fresh for the [G1 Poule d'Essai des] Pouliches [Longchamp May 16]." Banksia is from the immediate family of last year's Pouliches heroine Musical Chimes as well as multiple Grade/Group 1 winner Storming Home (GB), both of whom have It's In the Air as their second dam.

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**SOPHOMORE SPOTLIGHT**

**First-time starters/stakes runners: Wednesday, Mar. 17**

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

**CAPE CROSS (IRE)** (Green Desert), Kildangan, \$10K, 171/31/4  
7-SA, Stk, 1mT, Gwaihir (Ire), \$22K GOF OCT yrl

**CRAFTY FRIEND** (Crafty Prospector), Hopewell, \$8K, 172/15/2  
6-AQU, Msw, 6f, +Wide to Write, \$85K OBS MAR 2yo

**GOOD AND TOUGH** (Carson City), Lakland, \$6K, 82/14/0  
7-TP, Msw, 1m, Superfly Girl

**LIL'S LAD** (Pine Bluff), Pine Grove, \$10K, 107/13/1  
9-GP, Msw, 1 1/16mT, Lad's Sunshine, \$43K OBS MAR 2yo, 4-1

**MALIBU MOON** (A.P. Indy), Castleton Lyons, \$3K, 123/13/2  
7-LRL, Msw, 6f, +Malibu Kat, \$3K EAS OCT yrl, 20-1

**MILITARY** (Danzig), Glencrest, \$5K, 62/11/2  
10-DED, Alw, 7f, Sauntering, \$20K KEE SEP yrl, 3-1

7-SA, Stk, 1mT, Atten Hut, \$4K KEE NOV wnl  
**RAINBOW BLUES (IRE)** (Bluebird), Van Mar, \$2K, 22/2/0

7-GG, Alw, 6f, Kid Ralston, 6-1  
**REAL QUIET** (Quiet American), Taylor Made, \$10K, 127/13/0

7-SA, Stk, 1mT, Quiet Cash  
**SAHM** (Mr. Prospector), Shadwell, \$5K, 51/9/1

7-LRL, Msw, 6f, +Ganny Girl, 20-1  
**SILVER CHARM** (Silver Buck), Three Chimneys, \$25K, 149/20/1

7-SA, Stk, 1mT, Erik's the Charm

**BREEDERS' EDITION  
AMERICA**

**STAKES RESULTS:**

**WINTERGREEN S.**, \$50,000, TPX, 3-12, 4yo/up, f/m,  
1m, 1:36 4/5, ft.

1--**#STRIKE RATE, 114, f, 4, Smart Strike--Harda Arda,**  
**by Nureyev.** O-Bill Graves & Dennis Lynch; B-William  
S Farish Jr (KY); T-Dale L Romans; J-A J D'Amico;  
\$31,300. Lifetime Record: 12-4-1-3, \$105,790.

2--**River Flower, 114, m, 6, Strodes Creek--Single**  
**Flower, by Nodouble.** \$10,000.

3--**Mariaworth, 114, m, 6, Diazo--Hollandia, by**  
**Strawberry Road (Aus).** (\$8,000 yrl '99 KEESEP).  
\$5,000.

Margins: NO, 1 1/4, 5. Odds: 6.00, 5.50, 27.80.

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**ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:**

**Yada Boy, c, 3, Pentelicus--Yada Yada, by Great Above.**  
MNR, 3-15, 1m, 1:43 1/5. B-Bryan J Howlett (Fl).  
\*\$16,000 yrl '02 OBSAUG; \$57,000 2yo '03  
OBSMAR; \$52,000 2yo '03 OBSJUN. \*\*Won by 12  
3/4 lengths.

**BREEDERS' EDITION  
EUROPE**

**ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:**

**Geordieland (Fr), c, 3, Johann Quatz (Fr)--Aerde (Fr),**  
**by Highest Honor (Fr).** Maisons-Laffitte, France, 3-16,  
Cond, 3yo, c/g, 1 1/8mT. B-Mlle M Bliard. \*€24,000  
yrl '02 DEAAUG.

**Divine Story (Fr), f, 3, Vettori (Ire)--Divine Etoile, by**  
**Sanglamore.** Maisons-Laffitte, France, 3-16, Cond,  
3yo, f, 1 1/8mT. B-Mme C Morange.

**NEW ARRIVALS**  
**FOALING NEWS**

**BRISTOL CHANNEL (GB), 9, Generous (Ire)--Shining**  
**Water (GB), by Kalaglow (Ire)**  
Foal born Jan. 25, a colt by Mizzen Mast.  
Will be bred back to Dynaformer.  
Owned by/boarded at Juddmonte Farms, Ky.  
Accomplishments: MSW & GSP-GB, GSP-US.

**HIGH WALDEN, 7, El Gran Senor--Modena, by Roberto**  
**Foal born Feb. 2, a colt by Aptitude.**  
Will be bred back to Kingmambo.  
Owned by/boarded at Juddmonte Farms, Ky.  
Accomplishments: SW & GSP-US, GSP-GB, \$250,674.

**VELVET MORNING, 7, Broad Brush--Rougeur, by Blush-**  
**ing Groom (Fr)**  
Foal born Feb. 3, a filly by Aptitude.  
Will be bred back to Storm Cat.  
Owned by/boarded at Juddmonte Farms, Ky.  
Accomplishments: SW-US, \$168,648.

**OUT OF REACH (GB), 7, Warning (GB)--Well Beyond**  
**(Ire), by Don't Forget Me (Ire)**  
Foal born Feb. 11, a filly by Mizzen Mast.  
Will be bred back to Empire Maker.  
Owned by/boarded at Juddmonte Farms, Ky.  
Accomplishments: GSW-US, SW-GB, GSP-Ire,  
\$128,790.

**BIG WIN KEEPS MADCAP ESCAPADE UNDEFEATED**

Owner Bruce Lunsford and trainer Frankie Brothers' sensational **undefeated three-year-old filly, Madcap Escapade,** stole the show once again, winning Saturday's 7 furlong Gulfstream \$150,000 **Stonerside Forward Gal** by 4 3/4 lengths in 1.22.97 seconds.

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## WRITERS UP

### WINNING REJECTS by Christa Riebel

Gestut Wittekindshof's homebred Petoski (GB) mare **Night Petticoat (Ger)** is quickly working her way into the elite club of broodmares. By far the best daughter of her G1 King George VI & Queen Elizabeth Diamond S.-winning sire, she won the then G2 Preis der Diana (German Oaks), beating subsequent multiple stakes winner Tulipa, and she also ran second in the G2 BMW Deutsches St. Leger in 1996. Her first foal was a colt by Desert Style (Ire) who failed to make his reserve at the Baden-Baden Yearling Sale in 2000. The colt was named **Next Desert (Ire)** who remained unbeaten as a juvenile and, as a sophomore, became the runaway winner of the G1 BMW Deutsches Derby in 2002, sporting his breeder's colours. Next Desert is now a first season sire at Gestut Rheinberg with his first mares scanned in foal. Night Petticoat's second foal is a filly by Perugino named **Next Gina (Ger)** and she was retained by her owner/breeder. She broke her maiden first time out, captured the G1 Preis der Diana (German Oaks) and also ran a game fourth in the German Derby last year. Night Petticoat's third foal is the three-year-old Law Society colt **Next Society (Ger)**. He was sold privately in the summer of 2002, but the dark bay colt was returned on the grounds of questionable soundness. Gestut Wittekindshof took him back and he is in training with Cologne-based Andreas Schutz who also conditioned his Group 1-winning siblings. Last Saturday, Next Society made his much anticipated racecourse debut in a three-year-old maiden at Mulheim. He won easily, and although he raced greenly, gave the impression that he may be another top-class performer for his dam. Night Petticoat also has a two-year-old colt by Highest Honor (Fr) who is very closely related to the multiple Listed-winning and group-placed Near Honor (Ger). Night Petticoat is currently in foal to Next Desert's sire Desert Style and will visit Coolmore's young gun Rock of Gibraltar (Ire) on a foal-share basis.

#### Omission:

In Tuesday's TDN (Around the World), Dixie Union was inadvertently omitted from the list of New Stallions at OBS March. Dixie Union, who is represented by hip 18,67, 351 in this year's catalog, stands at Lane's End Farm.

### UPCOMING MAJOR U.S. STAKES

Date	Race	Track
Mar. 20	GII Lane's End S.	Turfway
	GII Pan American H.	Gulfstream
	GII San Luis Rey H.	Santa Anita
	GIII Rebel S.	Oaklawn
	GIII Gotham S.	Aqueduct
Mar. 21	GIII Cicada S.	Aqueduct
	GII Muniz Memorial H.	Fair Grounds
	GII Orchid H.	Gulfstream
Mar. 27	GII Distaff BC H.	Aqueduct
	GII Santa Ana H.	Santa Anita
	GIII Berkeley BC H.	Golden Gate
Mar. 28	GII Potrero Grande H.	Santa Anita
	WinStar Derby	Sunland Park
Apr. 2	GIII Transylvania S.	Keeneland
Apr. 3	GI Santa Anita Derby	Santa Anita
	GI Ashland S.	Keeneland
Apr. 4	GI Apple Blossom H.	Oaklawn
	GII Oaklawn H.	Oaklawn
	GII Illinois Derby	Hawthorne
	GII Gulfstream Park H.	Gulfstream
	GII Arcadia H.	Santa Anita
	GIII Excelsior BC H.	Aqueduct
	GIII San Bernardino H.	Santa Anita
	Aventura S.	Gulfstream
	GIII Lafayette S.	Keeneland
	GIII Las Cienegas H.	Santa Anita
Apr. 8	GII Stonerside Beaumont S.	Keeneland
Apr. 9	GII Maker's Mark Mile	Keeneland
	GII Fantasy S.	Oaklawn
Apr. 10	GI Wood Memorial S.	Aqueduct
	GI Toyota Blue Grass S.	Keeneland
	GI Carter H.	Aqueduct
	GII Arkansas Derby	Oaklawn
	GII Commonwealth BC S.	Keeneland
Apr. 11	GIII Bay Shore S.	Aqueduct
	GIII Shakertown S.	Keeneland

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