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TATTERSALLS ACTION TURNS TO FOALS

Following a testing round of yearling sales, resilient pinhookers were out in force at Newmarket yesterday, looking to reinvest at the Tattersalls December Foal Sale, which begins this morning at 10 a.m. A total of 1,115 foals have been catalogued for the sale and,



sold for 525,000gns in '03

although fireworks will be thin on the ground today--the weakest of four days--there are some excellent pedigrees on show during the week. Four members of Danehill's final crop are scheduled to appear, including lot 988, a filly out of G1 Irish Oaks heroine Knight's Baroness (GB) (Rain-Singspiel-Bosra Sham colt bow Quest) bred by Bjorn Nielsen; and lot 1262, a 3/4-sister to Tattersalls top sprinter Owington (GB)

(Green Desert) consigned by

Gaines-Gentry Thoroughbreds. Champion sire Sadler's Wells has two fillies for sale. They are lot 1024, a Ballylinch Stud filly closely related to G1 Irish Oaks heroine Ebadiyla (Ire) (Sadler's Wells); and lot 1250, a filly bred in partnership by Sir Eric Parker out of a half sister to MG1SW Kooyonga (Ire) (Persian Bold {GB}). Rock of Gibraltar (Ire) (Danehill)'s first-crop foals were well received at Goffs last week and his offerings at Tattersalls include lot 1283, a filly out of G1 Irish 1000 Guineas heroine Tarascon (Ire) (Tirol {Ire}) consigned from Tom Gaffney's Churchtown House Stud. There is only one Giant's Causeway selling, lot 1217, a colt out of a half sister to G1SW Infamy (GB) (Shirley Heights {GB}) bred by Anita Wigan. Among those acquired in utero is lot 1156, a Pivotal (GB) filly from the draft of Killeen Castle Stud. Her dam, Australian Group 3 winner Forest Express (Aus) (Kaaptive Edition {NZ}), made 400,000gns when carrying the filly at last year's December Sale. "Park Paddocks have certainly been busy today and there's plenty for the pinhookers to get their teeth into," Tattersalls Marketing Director Jimmy George said yesterday. "All the top, proven British and Irish sires are well-represented, including four from the last crop of Danehill, and equally strong are the foals from what look to be an outstanding bunch of young sires." The December Foal Sale runs through Saturday.

PREVIEW

Thursday, Churchill Downs

FALLS CITY H.-GII, \$300,000, 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/8m PP HORSE SIRE JOCKEY WT 1 Indy Groove A.P. Indy Blanc 114 2 L Melancon Miss Fortunate **Deputy Minister** 113 3 Halory Leigh Halory Hunter Martin 116 4 Susan's Angel Cape Town Day 114 Flower Forest Kris S. Razo 111 French Deputy 6 Mayo on the Side McKee 116 7 Red Cell Hernandez 108 Geri

Trainer D. Wayne Lukas and owner Michael Paulson have decided not to enter multiple champion Azeri (Jade Hunter) in the Falls City after the mare was assigned 126 pounds for the race--10 more than her nearest rival, Mayo on the Side.

Saturday, Churchill Downs

CLARK H.-GII, \$500,000, 3yo/up, 1 1/8m

Fantasticat (Storm Cat) breezed three furlongs at Churchill Tuesday in :36, but trainer Bobby Barnett has yet to confirm the three-year-old colt for Friday's race. Barnett is concerned about a quarter crack in the colt's left front foot. "We're going to check his foot real good in the morning and just sort of go from there," he said. Fantasticat was ninth in the Breeders' Cup Classic.

Saturday, Churchill Downs

KENTUCKY JOCKEY CLUB S.-GII, \$200,000, 2vo, 8.5f GIII Iroquois S. winner Straight Line (Boundary) has been knocked out of Saturday's race and is being treated for an infection at the Hagyard-Davidson-McGee Clinic in Lexington. The colt, who worked five furlongs over a muddy track on Saturday, is suffering from an infection in the hock of his left hind leg. ... Rush Bay (Cozzene) breezed five furlongs Tuesday in 1:01.20.

Saturday, Churchill Downs

GOLDEN ROD S.-GII, \$200,000, 2yo, f, 1 1/16m GII Darley Alcibiades winner Runway Model (Petionville) worked three furlongs Tuesday at Churchill

in :35.80. "She's done everything right," commented trainer Bernie Flint. "She's always done everything



G P Fleet wins the Grade 3 River City Handicap at Churchill Downs on 11/21 becoming the NEWEST GRADED STAKES WINNER FOR NORTHERN AFLEET.

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Hip 457, c, Pivotal (GB)--Red Passion, by Seeking the Gold Consigned by Cheveley Park Stud Limited

Red Passion is a daughter of the G2 Falmouth S. scorer Lovers Knot (GB), an own sister to stakes scorer Foodbroker Founder (GB).

Hip <u>350</u>, f, Kyllachy (GB)--Millazure, by Dayjur Consigned by Thoroughbred Farms

Kyllachy has the biggest representation of all the first-crop sires. This filly is from the celebrated Meon Valley Stud family of Milligram (GB), One in a Million (GB) and One So Wonderful (GB), which received its latest update when Dash to the Top (GB) finished third in this year's G1 Fillies' Mile.

Hip <u>480</u>, f, Cape Cross (Ire)--Professional Mom, by Spinning World Consigned by the Castlebridge Consignment

This filly by the sire of Ouija Board (GB) is from the esteemed Wildenstein family of Peintre Celebre and Policy Maker (Ire).

Hip 323, c, Act One (GB)--Border Reverie (Ire), by Selkirk Consigned by Whitsbury Manor Stud

This colt's dam, who is a half sister to the stakes winner First Fantasy (GB), is from the family of Jeune (GB) and Beneficial (GB).

Hip <u>365</u>, c, Daggers Drawn--Gold Belt (Ire), by Bellypha (Ire) Consigned by Longdon Stud

By the sire of this year's juvenile sensation Caesar Beware (Ire), this colt is a half brother to the multiple stakes winning sprinter Goldeva (GB).

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WEEKEND PEDIGREE PERSPECTIVES

by Alan Porter

Saturday, Pimlico

FRANK J. DE FRANCIS MEMORIAL DASH S.-GI, \$300,000, PIM, 11-20, 3yo/up, 6f, 1:09 2/5, ft.

1--@▲WILDCAT HEIR, 119, c, 4, by Forest Wildcat

1st Dam: Penniless Heiress, by Pentelicus 2nd Dam: Royal Ties, by Distinctive 3rd Dam: *New Love, by Pardal (Fr)

O/B-New Farm (KY); T-Benjamin W Perkins Jr; J-S Elliott; \$180,000. Lifetime Record: 10-5-4-0, \$364,460. *Full to Forest Heiress, MGSW,

\$419,201; and Forest Heir, MSW, \$164,977.

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Following the victory of his son Var in the G1 Prix de I'Abbaye de Longchamp in October, we were writing about Forest Wildcat's affinity for Bold Ruler, particularly Bold Ruler combined with Princequillo. This, of course, echoes the Bold Ruler/Princequillo cross which appears in Forest Wildcat's sire Storm Cat, through Secretariat. On Forest Wildcat's distaff side, there is another individual which picks up a genetic relationship with a commonly found strain, and this combination is found in Wildcat Heir, winner last weekend of the GI Frank J. De Francis Memorial Dash.

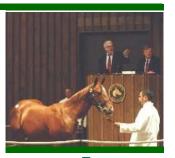
If we look at Forest Wildcat's pedigree, we see that his dam is by Bold Native, a horse who otherwise appears rarely in high-class pedigrees. A son of Raise a Native, Bold Native won twice in six starts for earnings of \$9,295, and sired only four stakes winners. What makes him important, however, is his pedigree. His dam Spring Beauty is by Sir Gallahad III out of the fleet mare Myrtlewood, making her a sister-in-blood to the Kentucky Oaks winner Miss Dogwood (by Sir Gallahad III's brother Bull Dog out of Myrtlewood). *Cont. p3*

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POINT GIVEN

\$50,000 live foal

His first yearling (right) topped his session of the FTK Summer Yearling Sale at \$475,000. At year's end, he's STILL the Leading Freshman Sire of Sales Yearlings, with an average of \$153,850.







(Pedigree Perspectives cont. from p. 2)

When Miss Dogwood's granddaughter Gold Digger was bred to Raise a Native, the result was Mr. Prospector. So it can be seen that Bold Native has a rather similar genetic background to Mr. Prospector. Since Storm Cat and his sons have done well with Mr. Prospector-line mares, breeding Forest Wildcat to mares carrying Mr. Prospector to combine Bold Native and Mr. Prospector has always seemed a very logical approach. This has indeed proved to be the case as seven of Forest Wildcat's 25 stakes winners (28 percent) are out of Mr. Prospector-line mares, and another is out of mare with Mr. Prospector elsewhere in the pedigree, so very nearly a third of his stakes winners have the Bold Native/Mr. Prospector combination. Naturally, Mr. Prospector-line mares have been a popular choice for Forest Wildcat, but they account for only 21 percent of his named foals, so the cross is definitely beating the

Three of the stakes winners bred on the Forest Wildcat/Mr. Prospector cross--Wildcat Heir, his graded stakes winning sister Forest Heiress and his Listed winning brother Forest Heir--are out of one mare. This is Penniless Heiress, a daughter of the Fappiano horse Pentelicus. Penniless Heiress started just five times over two seasons, winning twice. At stud she has made a wonderful start to her career, as her three Forest Wildcat stakes winners are her first three foals. Penniless Heiress comes from a distinguished family, and a branch which has thrived in her Florida birthplace. In fact, she is one of no less than three daughters of her dam--Royal Ties--to have the distinction of producing a top-class runner. The two half sisters to Penniless Heiress who preceded their sibling are On to Royalty, a two-time graded stakes winning daughter of On to Glory; and Thwack, a minor winner by Fight Over. On to Royalty produced the GI Preakness S. hero Louis Quatorze, now a sire in Maryland; and the GI Gazelle H. victress Royal Indy. Thwack became dam of the Glitterman filly J J's Dream, a winner of over \$1 million and six graded stakes.

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In addition to her trio of graded stakes producing daughters, Royal Ties was also the dam of GII Boojum H. winner Meritocrat, a brother to On to Royalty; and the stakes winning Medieval Man filly Silk Stocks, as well as two other stakes producers.

By the Never Bend horse Distinctive, Royal Ties herself failed to reach the frame in four outings. She was, however, a half sister to the GI American Derby winner Determined King, and a sister to Distinctiveness, the dam of three stakes winners, including the very fast English two-year-old Distinctly North. New Love, the dam of Royal Ties, was foaled in France and was half sister to Wittgenstein, a group winner at two and three in that country. This was not the first time that a member of this female line had been imported from France to the U.S. with positive results. Royal Ties' third dam Segula was bred by William Woodward Sr. She was by Woodward's Kentucky Derby winner Johnstown out of Sekhmet, a mare Woodward had imported from France. A winner of nine races and third in the CCA Oaks, Segula produced not only champion Nashua, but Nashua's sister Stavroula, the fourth dam of Wildcat

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DOUG PETERSON DIES Trainer Doug Peterson was found dead in a Los Angeles hotel room Sunday evening, according to *Daily Racing Form*. The cause of death is under investigation. The 53-year-old, who had been operating a Southern California public stable, trained Seattle Slew during the champion's four-year-old campaign. Under Peterson's tutelage, Seattle Slew won five of seven starts and was named champion older male. He also saddled Mitey Lively to runner-up efforts in the 1980 Kentucky Oaks and Acorn S. Peterson is survived by a son, David.



FRESHMAN FOCUS

First-crop progeny to watch: Wednesday, Nov. 24 Sire (Sire's Sire), Farm, 2001 Fee, #2yos/Winners/SW Race #-track, race type, distance, runner, odds (if available) CHESTER HOUSE (Mr. Prospector), Dead, 61/6/1 10-CD, Msw, 1 1/16m, Fire It Up, \$100K KEE SEP yrl **DIXIE UNION** (Dixieland Band), Lane's End, \$30K, 52/13/2 10-CD, Msw, 1 1/16m, Trooping the Color GOLDEN MISSILE (A.P. Indy), Adena, \$25K, 68/4/1 6-AQU, Msw, 1 1/8m, Missile Strike, \$175K KEE SEP yrl HIGH YIELD (Storm Cat), Ashford, \$25K, 84/7/0 10-CD, Msw, 1 1/16m, Tetrahedron, \$125K FTK JUL yrl **LEMON DROP KID** (Kingmambo), Lane's End, \$50K, 57/8/0 6-AQU, Msw, 1 1/8m, Burant Orange, \$360K KEE SEP yrl MORE THAN READY (Southern Halo), Vinery, \$15K, 61/16/3 10-CD, Msw, 1 1/16m, +Snow More, \$35K FTF FEB 2yo RUNNING STAG (Cozzene), Adena, \$8K, 82/10/1 10-CD, Msw, 1 1/16m, Sidcup, \$32K ADS SPR 2yo SECRET FIRM (Secret Hello), Dead, 15/1/0

1-CT, Msw, 4 1/2f, Ronicle, \$2K EAS SEP yrl, 15-1

6-AQU, Msw, 1 1/8m, Flawless Treasure

STEPHEN GOT EVEN (A.P. Indy), Lane's End, \$13K, 59/5/0

10-CD, Msw, 1 1/16m, Prayer Service, \$40K KEE SEP yrl WAR CHANT (Danzig), Three Chimneys, \$60K, 53/12/2

* EAST *

Yesterday's Results:

9th-PHA, \$22,000, Alw, NW2X, 3/up, 6 1/2f, 1:16, ft. FOREST PARK (c, 3, Forest Wildcat--Delicacy, by Pleasant Colony) easily handled Delaware maidens at first asking, winning wire-to-wire by 3 1/4 lengths Oct. 11. He made every pole a winning one in a 1 1/2-length victory at that track Oct. 30 and was odds-on here moving to Philly Park. The 4-5 pick was well clear through rapid splits of :21.77 and :44.42 and was full of run late, gliding under the wire six lengths to the good of Chief Negotiator (Defrere). The victor, a \$185,000 KEENOV weanling, is a half to Boston Bull (Boston Harbor), GSW, \$143,065; Majestic Dy (Dynaformer), MSW & GSP, \$285,731; and Skip A Grade (Honor Grades), GSP, \$323,397. Lifetime Record: 3-3-0-0, \$55,200.

O-Daniel M Ryan. B-Marvin Delfiner & Fred Seitz (KY). T-Michael V Pino.

Monday Night's Results:

8th-CTX, \$29,000, Alw, NW1X, 3yo/up, f/m, 4 1/2f, :52 4/5, my.

TYPHOON TESSIE (f, 3, Not for Love--Hurricane Watch, by Housebuster) was no secret at 3-5 in her Nov. 4 career opener over track and trip, winning by seven lengths, and was bet down to 4-5 this time. After a slow start, the Maryland-bred reeled in pacesetter Roberta Alwumar (Major Impact) and got by her late for a 3/4-length tally. Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, \$31,200. O/B-Carey K Miller (MD). T-Gary Capuano.

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TODAY, WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 24:

12-4 \$250,000 Hollywood Turf Cup-I, Hol, 3/up, 12fT (250)

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Andrei Roublev, g, 3, Woodman. See "European Breeders' Edition"







* FRANCE *

Yesterday's Result:

PRIX TANTIEME-Listed, \leq 45,000, Saint-Cloud, 11-23, 3yo/up, 1mT, 1:49.10, hy.

- 1--KELTOS (FR), 123, h, 6, Kendor (Fr)--Loxandra (GB), by Last Tycoon (Ire). O-Leonidas Marinopoulos; B-Stilvi Compania Financiera SA; T-Carlos Laffon-Parias; J-Miguel Blancpain; €22,500. Lifetime Record: Hwt. Older Horse-GB & Fr at 7-9.5f, G1SW-GB & MGSW-Fr, 19 starts, 8 wins, 10 places, €441,947. * 1/2 to Iridanos (GB) (Sabrehill), MSW & MGSP-Fr, \$149,035; Loxias (Fr) (Saumarez {GB}), GSW & G1SP-Fr, \$236,011; and Krataios (Fr) (Sabrehill), G1SP-Fr, \$100,455.
- 2--Salon Turtle (Ger), 123, h, 5, Turtle Island (Ire)--Salonrolle (Ire), by Tirol (Ire). €9,000.
- 3--Open Offer (GB), 120, f, 4, Cadeaux Genereux (GB)
 --Criquette (GB), by Shirley Heights (GB). €6,750.
 Margins: 3/4, HF, 2HF. Odds: 0.80, 10.60, 17.40.
 Also Ran: Feu Indien (GB), Crepuscolo (GB), St Andrews (Ire), Blaise Castle, Dandoun (GB), Royal Wood (Ger). Scratched: Lips Lion (Ire).

Keltos' brief stallion career yielded just 14 foals--four of whom are catalogued in this week's Tattersalls December Foal Sale--but he did possess the necessary ammunition on the track. The grey secured a decisive win here, his first stakes success since garnering the 2002 renewal of the G1 Lockinge S. Signalling a near return to glories past when second in the G2 Challenge S. at Newmarket Oct. 16, he bounced back with a lastout third in the G3 Prix Perth over course and distance Oct. 31. He enjoyed punters' confidence this time and, after breaking smartly from a wide draw, stalked the pace set by Blaise Castle (Irish River {Fr}). Joining the front rank at the quarter-mile marker, the 4-5 pick took a slight lead soon after and was always holding his rivals inside the final furlong to safely account for the running-on Salon Turtle.

EXECUTE TO HARAS DES FONTAINES

Execute (Fr) (Suave Dancer--She's My Lovely {GB}, by Sharpo {GB}) will begin his stud career in 2005 at Camille Abadie's Haras des Fontaines. The deal was brokered by Jean-Pierre Deroubaix on behalf of Ecurie Chalhoub. His stud fee will be €1,000. A Listed winner at three, the chestnut later added victories in the G1 Prix Ganay and the G2 Prix Harcourt. He has earned over \$422,000 to date. Execute is a half brother to group stakes winners Tot ou Tard (Ire) and Ing Ing (Fr).

DIABLENEYEV TO HARAS DU THENNEY

Haras du Thenney has announced that freshman sire **Diableneyev** (Nureyev) will stand at the nursery in 2005 for a fee of \in 3,200 live foal, Oct. 1 terms. From his first crop, the nine-year-old is the sire of Helios Quercus (Fr), hero of the G1 Criterium International in six wins this year. Diableneyev previously stood at Haras de la Rousseliere.

* IRELAND *

BIENAMADO TO ARCTIC TACK

Eoin Banville has acquired **Bienamado** (Bien Bien) to stand at Arctic Tack Stud in Co Wexford, according to *Racing Post*. No fee has yet been announced. The chestnut began his stud career in 2002 at Cardiff Stud Farm in California for a fee of \$5,000. A Group 3 winner in France at three, Bienamado developed into one of the top turf performers in the U.S. at four and five, winning the GI Hollywood Turf Cup, the GI Charles Whittingham H. and the GI San Juan Capistrano H; and earning \$1,261,089. He hails from the female family of Nureyev and Sadler's Wells. His first foals are yearlings of 2004.

MOROZOV TO BLACKHALL STUD

Morozov (Sadler's Wells--High Hawk {Ire}, by Shirley Heights {GB}), a five-year-old full brother to the deceased In the Wings (GB), will enter stud at Andy Pierce's Blackhall Stud in Co. Wexford, according to Racing Post. The deal was brokered by bloodstock agent Linda Tate. Bred in Kentucky by Darley, the bay captured the G2 Prix Hubert de Chaudenay and the G3 Prix du Lys at three and the G3 Prix de Barbeville at four, and sold later in 2003 for 56,000gns at the Tattersalls Autumn Sales. Morozov heads into retirement with five wins from 15 starts and converted earnings of \$211,728. A stud fee has not been announced.



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ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

9th-MNR, **\$36**,**500**, 11-22, NW3X, 3yo/up, f/m, 1m, 1:42 1/5, my.

MOOGEDY (m, 5, Crafty Prospector--Princess Colony, by Pleasant Colony) Lifetime Record: 35-8-8-6, \$172,965. O-Frederic C Bower & Rich Iannarino. B-Ronald E McKee (KY). T-Margaret E Grimm. *\$40,000 yrl '00 KEESEP.

1st-DED, **\$30,500**, NW3L, (S), 3yo/up, f/m, 5f, 1:01 2/5, my.

SHEZA DIVA (f, 3, In a Walk--Buckley, by State Dinner) Lifetime Record: 4-3-0-0, \$55,920. O/B-Erma J Hicks (LA). T-Cyril F Hicks.

7th-CTX, **\$29,000**, 11-22, NW3L, 3yo/up, f/m, 7f, 1:28 2/5, my.

SLOW AND STEADY (f, 3, Malibu Moon--Salubria {SW}, by Cure the Blues) Lifetime Record: 10-3-4-1, \$74,500. O-Z W P Stable Inc. B-Mrs Gordon Grayson (MD). T-Gary Capuano. *\$14,500 yrl '02 FTMDEC.

10th-PHA, **\$22,953**, NW1X, 3yo/up, a1m70yd, 1:43 2/5, ft.

SPORTSCASTER (g, 3, Devil's Bag--Breaker, by Tsunami Slew) Lifetime Record: 15-4-1-1, \$49,999. O-D & H Stable. B-D Landon & Lochness (KY). T-R Preciado.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Wild Cherry Baby, f, 3, Halory Hunter--Winformybaby, by Red Ransom. CTX, 11-22, 4 1/2f, :53 4/5. B-Larry W Wilt (WV).

Salma, f, 3, **Othello**--Busty, by Fuzzbuster. MNR, 11-22, 5 1/2f, 1:07 4/5. B-Mrs Charles M Boone (Ky). *\$5,500 2yo '03 FTKFEB.

Ainthatrighthoney, g, 4, Sewickley--Hitting Power, by Feel the Power. CTX, 11-22, (S), 1 1/8m, 1:58 1/5. B-Richard H Sanderson (WV).

BREEDERS' EDITION EUROPE

CONDITIONS RESULTS:

FRANCE, Saint-Cloud, 1.45, 11-23, €23,000, 3yo, 6 1/2fT, 1:28.50, hy.

OLIVIANE (GB) (f, 3, Cardoun {Fr}--Nuit d'Opale {Ire}, by Hero's Honor) Lifetime Record: 8 starts, 3 wins, 4 places, €38,000. O-G Baguenault de Puchesse; B-Baron Guy de Rothschild; T-Jean-Claude Rouget.

ITALY, Rome, 3.30, 11-23, €22,950, 4yo/up, 1mT, time: n/a, sf.

HONEY BUNNY (GB) (c, 4, Zamindar--Siddharta {GSW-Ity}, by Chief's Crown) Lifetime Record: GSP-Ity, 14-3-5-1, €94,435. O-Scuderia Incolinx; B-G Vericelli; T-Vittorio Caruso. *1/2 to Giovane Imperatore (GB) (Halling), Hwt. 3yo-Ity at 7-9.5f, MGSW-Ity, \$567,287.

ITALY, Rome, 1.30, 11-23, €19,125, 3yo, 1 1/4mT, time: n/a, sf.

GASAT (IRE) (c, 3, Marju {Ire}--Pechenga {GB}, by Nureyev) Lifetime Record: 14-6-3-2, €81,260. O/B-Scuderia Siba; T-Alduino & Giuseppe Botti.

FRANCE, **Toulouse**, **3.15**, 11-22, €16,000, 2yo, 6fT, 1:17.75, vsf.

ENTICER (FR) (f, 2, Astair {Fr}--Feofee {Fr}, by Solicitor {Fr}) Lifetime Record: 6 starts, 4 wins, 0 places, €39,750. O/B-Marquise de Moratalla; T-D Guillemin. * 1/2 to Fruta Bomba (Fr) (Nombre Premier {GB}), SW-Fr.

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ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Bianca Sforza (GB), f, 2, Anabaa--Caterina Sforza (GB) (MSP-Ity, \$157,743), by Machiavellian. Rome, Italy, 11-23, Cond, 2yo, f, 1mT. B-Dr Carlo Vittadini.

Heliodor (Fr), c, 2, Dolphin Street (Fr)--Emeraude (Fr), by Green Tune. Toulouse, France, 11-22, Mdn, 2yo, 1 1/4mT. B-SCA de la Perrigne & Jean de Chevigny. *€5,000 yrl '03 DEAOCT.

Party Boss (GB), c, 2, Silver Patriarch (Ire)--Third Party (GB), by Terimon (GB). Southwell, Britain, 11-23, Mdn, 2yo, 7f (AWT). B-Michael Clarke.

Albany Hall (Ire), g, 2, Turtle Island (Ire)--Aughamore Beauty (Ire), by Dara Monarch (GB). Saint-Cloud, France, 11-23, Cond, 2yo, 1mT. B-Gestut Romerhof. *€28,000 yrl '03 BADSEP. **1/2 to Adare Manor (Ger) (Platini {Ger}), SW-Ger.

English Rocket (Ire), g, 3, Indian Rocket (GB)--Golden Charm (Ire), by Common Grounds (GB). Southwell, Britain, 11-23, Mdn, 3yo, 1m (AWT). B-Tally-Ho Stud. *10,000gns yrl '02 TATOCT.

Andrei Roublev, g, 3, Woodman--Albertine (Fr) (GSP-Fr), by Irish River (Fr). Saint-Cloud, France, 11-23, Cond, 3yo, 1 1/2mT. B-Allez France Stables Ltd. *1/2 to Arcangues (Sagace {Fr}), Hwt. Older Horse-Fr at 7-9.5f, G1SW-Fr & GISW-US, \$1,979,631; Agathe (Manila), GSW & MG1SP-Fr, \$247,740; and Alamo Bay (Nureyev), MSW & GSP-Fr, \$172,211.

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<u>Code</u>	Description	
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1-6	Number of Races	
\$	Monetary Condition	
R	Distance Condition	
3M, 6M, 9M,		
Y, Y+, L	Time Period (ex: NW2L = NW 2 races lifetime)	
X	Other-than Condition (ex: NW3X = non- winners of 3 races other than maiden, claiming, or statebred)	
C	Other Conditions Not Specified	



WRITERS UP

ZAPPER HAS MORE THAN GHOST OF A CHANCE OVER SMARTY

by Bill Finley, espn.com

The race for Horse of the Year may not be as competitive as you might think.

I polled as many Horse of the Year voters as I could track down and the results overwhelming favored Ghostzapper. Fifty-two voters replied to an e-mail message, with 36 of them saying they would vote for Ghostzapper. Smarty Jones received only 16 votes. No other horse, of course, received a vote.

Though the poll is not definitive, it's pretty close. There were 248 votes cast in the Eclipse Awards last year, meaning the poll consists of 21 percent of the voters. With such an overwhelming majority in the poll favoring Ghostzapper, there's little doubt that not only will he win the Horse of the Year vote, he will do so in a landslide.

From among those who shared their opinion on the race, few Ghostzapper voters were intent on punishing the Smarty Jones camp for what may have been his premature retirement to cash in on the millions offered in the breeding shed. Rather, most simply saw Ghostzapper as a brilliant horse who deserves racing's top honor.

"Ghostzapper won all four races in 2004, including the Breeders' Cup Classic while earning Beyer Speed Figures in the range of Secretariat," wrote noted handicapping author Steve Davidowitz.

"I'm voting for Ghostzapper," wrote Rich Eng, who writes for the *Daily Racing Form* and the *Las Vegas Review Journal*. "I'm excited that he's coming back in 2005 and if he run similar numbers, he will run the table again next year. That would establish him as one of the greatest racehorses of all time. Ghostzapper would have crushed Smarty Jones if they'd met this fall. If Horse of the Year was strictly popularity, Smarty Jones should win. The fall races proved the three-year-old crop that Smarty Jones beat wasn't much. Ghostzapper beat much better horses, albeit only four times." *Cont. p. 5*

A # will distinguish first-time stakes-winners, a @ will indicate first-time graded stakes-winners, a \(\textbf{\Lambda} \) will denote a first-time Grade/Group 1 winner.



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Said the Los Angeles Daily News' Kevin Modesti: "My instinct is that although this will be remembered as the Year of Smarty Jones, Ghostzapper should be remembered as the Horse of the Year. I say that while hoping I'm not unduly influenced by my revulsion at the Smarty Jones retirement decision or by the Breeders' Cup's freshness in my memory. Not to put too fine a point on things, but I just got through comparing the horses' seasons in 10 categories. Ghostzapper had the edge in seven (earnings without including bonuses, Grade I wins, total graded stakes wins, variety of winning distances, average winning margins, Beyer figures, and--slam dunk--wins vs. older horses). Smarty was better in only one (earnings including his bonus). I called it a wash in two (won-lost record and versatility of style, the latter because although Ghostzapper has demonstrated big off-the-pace ability, he did that last year and not this year).

"Interestingly, I think, Hollywood Park morning-line maker Russ Hudak said he thinks Smarty would be a slight favorite (if only because of his popularity) if the two horses could race right now. And Hollywood Park racing secretary Martin Panza said he would weight them Ghostzapper 126, Smarty 124--Smarty a pound over scale--and actually would expect Smarty to win the theoretical race."

Among those who said they are voting for Smarty Jones, most cited his brilliance and the impact he had on the American public while nearly capturing the Triple Crown.

"I am extremely disappointed that Smarty Jones will not run at four," wrote Tom Pedulla of *USA Today*. "I think his early retirement highlights many of racing's most serious problems, including tracks that are akin to paved highways and owners who are less than sporting. I will not hold that against the horse, however. He did everything right on the road to Kentucky. His Derby and Preakness performances were brilliant. He ran valiantly and narrowly missed in a Belmont Stakes in which everything went against him. As for Ghostzapper, four races is not my idea of a significant body of work."

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"Only [a rating of] 1.8 tuned in to see the Classic while the TV rating was over 13 for the Belmont," points out the *New York Daily News'* Jerry Bossert.

"I think there is little question that [Smarty Jones] was America's horse," writes freelancer Steve Schuelein. "I fear that voters in December remember the more current events of October more clearly than those of May and June. I also hope that voters upset with owners they claim retired the horse too early do not punish the horse. Smarty Jones was dominating in the Kentucky Derby and Preakness and took an unbeaten record into the Belmont, which he barely lost. Charismatic had a less accomplished year but won the Derby and Preakness and was named Horse of the Year. Ghostzapper ran four great races and I think would have beaten Smarty Jones had they met in the Classic. But Horse of the Year transcends mere statistics. Smarty Jones captured the imagination of the public like no other horse this year, or for that matter many years. He should wear the crown."

Apparently, he will not. Smarty Jones will have to settle for the three-year-old championship and victories in the Kentucky Derby and Preakness. He had a very good year. Ghostzapper had a better year. The voters have spoken.

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UPCOMING MAJOR NORTH AMERICAN STAKES

Date	Race	Track
Nov. 25	GII Falls City H.	Churchill
	GIII Fall Highweight H.	Aqueduct
Nov. 26	GII Clark H.	Churchill
	GII Top Flight H.	Aqueduct
	GIII Miesque S.	Hollywood
	GIII Hollywood Turf Express	Hollywood
Nov. 27	GI Cigar Mile	Aqueduct
	GI Citation H.	Hollywood
	GII Demoiselle S.	Aqueduct
	GII Remsen S.	Aqueduct
	GII Golden Rod S.	Churchill
	GII KY Jockey Club S.	Churchill
	GIII Generous S.	Hollywood
Nov. 28	GI Hollywood Derby	Hollywood
	GI Matriarch S.	Hollywood
	GIII Bessarabian H.	Woodbine

