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SOUMILLON, TAKE SHARE CPIJC TITLE

Christophe Soumillon of France and Yutaka Take of Japan each posted a victory and a third-place finish to earn 16 points and a tie for the top spot in last night's



Soumillon (left) and Take
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Cathay Pacific International Jockeys' Championship at Happy Valley Racecourse. Take earned 12 points with his victory aboard **Cherished (GB)** (Mukaddamah) in the first of the three Championship races, while Soumillon was awarded four points for his third-place finish in the same event. Neither rider managed any points in the second

leg, won by Hong Kong's Eddy Lai on **Oriental (Ire)** (Grand Lodge), but Soumillon came through in the final race of the series, guiding even-money favorite **Mystic Force (NZ)** (Kaapstad {NZ}) to a

clear-cut victory. Take, driving hard astride 7-1 **Mr Beautiful (Ire)** (Danehill), was able to win a photo for third and share in the title. "Last year I was nowhere [zero points], but it was great fun and good to participate. But I wanted to win this time," commented Soumillon, who also took a jockeys' competition last

week on the island of Mauritius. "It is a great experience to ride against the best jockeys in the world and to learn." Take's victory in the first leg of the IJC was his 100th outside of his native country. "I didn't have much confidence going into the competition," he admitted. "I am very happy to have shared this great event and reach 100 victories outside Japan on my first ride." Lai finished third with 12 points. Stewart Elliott, representing the United States, could do no better than ninth in any of the three races and failed to score any points. *(Complete jockey stats cont. p4)*



Take scoring in the first
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Soumillon winning the
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SPRINT...

Battle Won (Honour and Glory), the lone American hope at the meeting, galloped an easy half mile beneath



Battle Won *hkjockeyclub photo*

jockey Kieren Fallon, who has been engaged to ride the colt for trainer Chuck Simon. "He felt great," Fallon commented. "I never moved on him. I just let him breeze along and he really stretched out well." The four-year-old did no more than two-minute lick, but was given an official clocking of :59.5 for the

half mile. His final 400 meters were covered in :26.4.

Var (Forest Wildcat), who won the G1 Prix de l'Abbaye de Longchamp in his most recent effort Oct. 3, has settled in nicely, reports Clive Brittain. "I am thrilled with Var," Brittain said. "He is very settled, which is a relief, as I was worried before we came how he would cope coming back to training." He added, "His win in the Abbaye was very impressive. The time he clocked was :55 from a bad draw." Frankie Dettori rides on Sunday.

Yell (Aus) (Anabaa) caught the eye in the final stages of his 800-meter move yesterday morning over the turf, zipping the final two furlongs in a snappy :21.3. "He just needed that to clean him up," said trainer John Hawkes. "He was lovely and balanced in his work, head down, fluent and focused. He looks terrific and everything seems to be in order."



Yell *hkjockeyclub photo*

Lattice Preps for the HK Cup.....p2
Grand Zulu Breezes ahead of Mile.....p2

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CUP...

Prior to his success in the International Jockeys' Championship, Christophe Soumillon was on hand to put G1 Prix de Diane winner **Lattice (Ire)** (Inchinar {GB}) through her paces as she worked over the Sha Tin turf course in company with fellow Cup aspirant **Touch of Land (Fr)** (Lando {Ger}) and defending Hong Kong Vase champion **Vallee Enchantee (Ire)** (Peintre Celebre) yesterday. Since running her record to four-for-four



Lattice *hkjockeyclub photo*

in the French Oaks, Lattice was eighth, beaten less than two lengths, in the Sept. 12 G1 Prix Vermeille and was most recently a respectable seventh in the G1 Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe Oct. 3. "She feels good," Soumillon commented. "She was unlucky in the Arc, had no run and should have been a lot closer. I think she will be on Sunday."

Fields of Omagh (Aus) (Rubiton {Aus}) upset the G1 Cox Plate at odds of 17-1 in 2003, but went off form thereafter, turning in a last-of-18 finish in a boggy renewal of the G1 Japan Cup prior to an 11th-place effort in the 2400-meter G1 Hong Kong Vase. But judging by the way the seven-year-old has trained in his lead-up to this year's Hong Kong Cup, the results could be much different this time around. Runner-up while defending his title in the Cox Plate Oct. 23, the gelding had an easy morning yesterday after breezing 800 meters over the all-weather surface Tuesday in :48.1, with a final quarter mile in :22.7. "I couldn't believe he went as quick as the official times showed," commented trainer Tony McEvoy. "If he runs up to that work on Sunday, he's going to be right in the thick of it." Danny Nikolic, who rode Fields of Omagh in this year's Cox Plate, has a return call.

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(*HK Cup cont.*)

Alexander Goldrun (Ire) (Gold Away {Ire}), unraced since her one-length victory in the G1 Prix de l'Opera on the Arc undercard, clocked :22.1 for her final 400 meters to the satisfaction of trainer Jim Bolger. "That went perfectly, just what I wanted," he explained. "She's in good form and it's possible she's improved since her last run."



Alexander Goldrun
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MILE...

The three fastest pieces of work were posted by Hong Kong-based horses, who have won the last two runnings of the Mile. **Grand Zulu (Aus)** (Grand Lodge), who defeated subsequent G1 Melbourne Cup winner Makybe Diva (GB) in the G1 Tancred S. in Australia last April, breezed his final two furlongs over the all-weather in :24.5 for trainer John Size, who sent out Electronic Unicorn to consecutive runner-up finishes in the Mile in 2001 and 2002. Also drilling over the artificial surface were recent import **Oriental Magic (Ire)** (Desert Prince {Ire}), formerly Kalaman (Ire), who went his final 400 meters in :22.4; and G2 International Mile Trial hero **The Duke (Aus)** (Danehill), who worked in :23.2.

VASE...

Third as the lukewarm 3-1 favorite in last year's race, Saeed Manana's **Warrsan (Ire)** (Caerleon) enters Sunday's event on the heels of a next-to-last finish in the G1 Japan Cup Nov. 28, but "has done exceptionally well" since arriving in Hong Kong, according to trainer Clive Brittain. "His weight is pretty good and he has eaten well," said the 70-year-old conditioner, who won the Vase in 1996 and 1997 with Warrsan's half brother Luso (GB). As for the disappointing run in Tokyo, Brittain said, "I am putting it down to a very unfavorable wide draw. He was never able to settle into a nice position or get into a rhythm in the race." Warrsan will be ridden on Sunday by Seb Sanders.

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31st Symposium on Racing



TAKING A STAND IN TUCSON

A packed ballroom of approximately 350 attendees spent nearly three hours Wednesday listening to two lively panel discussions on the topic of betting exchanges and the threat they pose to the Thoroughbred industry in this country and around the world.

The sessions were part of the first day of the University of Arizona Race Track Industry Program's 31st annual Symposium on Racing, held at the Loews Ventana Canyon Resort in Tucson, AZ.

The first panel, "It's 10 p.m. in Europe; Do you know where your players are?" featured Maurits Bruggink, the director of public affairs for the Paris-based International Federation of Horse Racing Authorities, and Andrew Harding, the chief executive of the Australian Racing Board.

Bruggink was hired by the IFHA last year in response to the expansion of cross-border betting and the growing threat of online bookmaking operations and betting exchanges. He outlined some policies that racing jurisdictions around the world had agreed upon in recent months and provided several examples of online companies that disregard those principles.

"We have already represented the case of the horse-racing industry at the international bodies in Geneva, such as the World Intellectual Property Rights Organization," he said. "We call upon these organizations, whose members are national governments, to adopt international laws and agreements that protect our rights. Many of the government representatives were unfamiliar with [the issue] so much work is still to be done."

Harding then reiterated the Australian Racing Board's passionate and widely publicized stance against betting exchanges, particularly Betfair. His presentation featured a powerful 14-minute video entitled "Australia Against Betfair," which outlined the country's concern over integrity issues raised when fans can wager on horses to lose. It featured sound bites from a cross-section of Australian racing shareholders, as well as executives from other countries throughout the world.

"Our economists have studied the issue and have told us that a five-percent reduction in confidence [of our patrons] would cause a 33-percent drop in revenue," Harding said. "Betting exchanges are fundamentally incompatible with the best interests of our sport. There is nothing [good] they can offer our sport, but they can pose every threat to it."

The second panel, "How should North American racing respond to exchange wagering when the ship has landed on our shores?" featured gaming industry consultant Eugene Christiansen.

Christiansen compared racing's current problem with betting exchanges to what the music, airline and hotel industries faced with the evolution of the Internet. He said Betfair is to racing what Napster was to the music industry and that it would be hard, going forward, to control "unlicensed, unregulated [entities] that are beyond your reach."

During a question-and-answer period between the two panels, Niall Wass, a marketing representative of Betfair, tried to refute some of the points made by Bruggink and Harding. He did so again when he was invited up to sit on stage for the question-and-answer period following the second panel.

Before it concludes Friday, the symposium will also feature panels on television production, Internet wagering, player tracking, technology and workshops for publicists and stewards. Friday's schedule includes a view of the industry provided by Jim McAlpine of Magna Entertainment and an update on the future direction of the NTRA, entitled "NTRA Phase II--Moving Forward. (*Symposium cont. p4*)

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The University of Arizona Racetrack Industry Program 31st Symposium on Racing

Thursday: Seminars Begin at 8 a.m. (MST)

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REALITY BYTES

The glut of reality programming on television will now include horse racing. Wednesday's panel, "The Reality of Producing Compelling T.V.," addressed the success of reality shows, such as the World Series of Poker, and the ways that racing can benefit from similar exposure. Steven Crist opened the session by praising poker's ability to create and attract a new demographic. He pointed out that 50 percent of the poker market is under the age of 30, while 20 percent of the market is comprised of women. Michael Antinoro, the executive producer of ESPN Original Entertainment, echoed the impact that the reality T.V. framework has had on poker. "Reality T.V. has created the renaissance [for poker]," he said. In an effort to cash in on the reality haymaker, the horse racing industry has involved itself in two exciting endeavors. The first combines the forces of ESPN, *Daily Racing Form* and the National Thoroughbred Racing Association to broadcast this year's National Handicapping Tournament. The final event will be aired on ESPN in February 2005. It will have the World Series of Poker as a lead-in and Sports Center as a lead-out. The show will utilize similar tactics as the World Series of Poker, using entertainment to educate viewers about handicapping. The second endeavor is the Game Show Network's American Dream Derby. Ian Valentine, senior vice president of GSN, indicated that the key to successful reality shows is that they are "all about aspirations." The winner's prize includes \$250,000 and a string of Thoroughbreds. A unique selling point about the American Dream Derby is the show's planned finale. On Feb. 21, 2005, the final show of the series will feature the two remaining contestants entering their horses in a live pari-mutuel match race from Santa Anita. This match race will determine the overall winner of the American Dream Derby.

On The Ball...

Moderator Eric Wing led off yesterday's Mark Kaufman Workshop, presented by the Turf Publicists of America, on how to "Keep the Ball Rolling" by identifying a key problem for the horse racing industry--many sports fans think that the only thing that ever happens in horse racing is the Visa Triple Crown. What can we do to boost interest during the rest of the year? Using his knowledge and experience within the auto racing industry, panelist Michael Knight, who works in public relations for that sport, emphasized the importance of creating photo opportunities, then managing and positioning those photos to get the message out. "People don't remember the words," Knight said. "They remember the photos. When you have something really big, don't be afraid to swing for the fences." Fellow panelist Susan Polakoff Shaw, a publicist for the Olympic Games, offered suggestions that are used during the downtimes between the Games, including manufacturing events to create publicity and embracing the media. The key to courting the media, she said, is to allow them in areas where you might not currently allow them--for instance, something as simple as walking them through the venue before an event. Shaw pointed out that this could be a subtle opportunity to build personal relationships with the media. Mike Gathagan, director of broadcasting and communications for the Maryland Jockey Club, echoed Shaw's point, demonstrating how the MJC has been successful in utilizing media friendly jockeys to help promote Thoroughbred racing in the state. These opportunities have also allowed the Maryland Jockey Club to build important relationships with the media, particularly on the local level. Overall, the key theme of this panel discussion was the importance of building relationships. Whether it is with the media, fans or jockeys, publicists need to be aware that their function is selling ideas to promote the business. The relationships that they create with all of these stakeholders will help dictate the future success of the industry.

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STAY FOREVER RETIRED Santa Cruz Ranch's talented turf performer **Stay Forever** (Stack--Forever Lady, by Forever Sparkle) has been retired. Tentative plans call for the seven-year-old mare to be shipped to Kentucky, where she'll be bred to 2003 Horse of the Year Mineshaft. Trainer Marty Wolfson had originally considered sending out Stay Forever in the \$500,000 Sunshine Millions Filly and Mare Turf



Jim Lisa photo

Jan. 29, but had second thoughts. "We decided it just wasn't worth it after what she's accomplished," said Wolfson. Stay Forever, who was sidelined for 20 months early in her career because of a bowed tendon, enjoyed her best year in 2004. She notched early season wins in the Hollywood Wildcat Breeders' Cup H. and the GIII Early Times Mint Julep H., then went out on a high note with a tally in the GII WinStar Galaxy S. at Keeneland Oct. 10, her final start. Stay Forever concludes her career with 10 wins in 17 starts and \$910,399 in earnings.

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Yesterday's Results:

7th-AQU, \$43,000, Alw, NW2L, 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:11 3/5, ft.

SANTA CROCE (f, 4, Saint Ballado--Broad Dynamite {GSW, \$157,210}, by Broad Brush), a \$500,000 KEEJUL yearling, entered into this race having missed the board just once in eight starts for trainer Christophe Clement. The dark bay broke her maiden over this strip last November before going to the sidelines for seven months. Third by 9 1/2 lengths in his return, a Belmont NW1X June 19, she again received a break before completing the exacta at the Meadowlands Oct. 26. Santa Croce went off the chalk in her most recent, but couldn't seal the deal and was runner-up at the Big A Nov. 21. Let go at 7-1 here while shortening up and adding blinkers, she made her first start for Thomas Bush a winning one, coming from just off the pace edge 23-1 longshot Every Trick (Grand Slam) by 3/4 lengths. Lifetime Record: 9-2-5-1, \$101,500. O-Waterville Lake Stable. B-Aaron U & Marie D Jones (KY). T-Thomas M Bush.

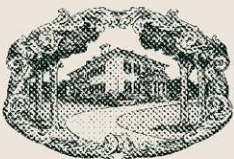
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7th-PIM, \$34,300, Alw, Opt. Clm. (\$75,000-\$65,000), NW2\$3MX, 3yo/up, 5f, :57 2/5, ft.

SHAKE YOU DOWN (g, 6, Montbrook--Mauvin Gway {MSP}, by Rajab) had suffered a severe drop in form since entering the 2003 GI Breeders' Cup Sprint as an Eclipse Award contender. The chestnut, a one-time claimer, finished third in the Sprint, came back to run second in the GI Frank J. DeFrancis Memorial Dash and concluded 2003 with a win in the GIII Gravesend H. The new year started off the right way with a victory in the Sunshine Millions Sprint, but the gelding started to show signs of wear and tear when fifth in the Hot Springs S. at Oaklawn in March. A decent victory in the GIII Count Fleet Sprint H. at that course in April was followed by a well-beaten sixth in the GIII Bold Ruler H. at Belmont in May, prompting a six-month break. Shake You Down flashed speed in his comeback, but couldn't keep up the pace and wilted to be last of 10 in this year's renewal of the DeFrancis Dash at Pimlico Nov. 20. Finding an easier spot here as the even-money pick, he stalked the quick early pace Cumby Texas (Lit de Justice), rallied wide moving into the lane and strode clear under Ramon Dominguez. Ameri Brilliance (Ameri Valay) was three lengths adrift in second. Lifetime Record: MGSW & MGISP, 42-17-6-4, \$1,277,164. O-Robert L Cole Jr. B-Ocala Stud Farm (FL). T-Scott A Lake.

8th-PIM, \$24,000, Msw, 2yo, f, 5 1/2f, 1:06 2/5, ft. + **DIXIE TALKING (f, 2, Dixieland Band--Gin Talking {GSW, \$348,206}, by Allen's Prospect)** fired a three-panel bullet in :35 4/5 at Pimlico Dec. 4 and took plenty of action here at even-money favoritism. The Skeedattle homebred was hustled out from post nine and sat just off the leaders, then moved to take command turning for home. Pace factor All the Words (Allen's Prospect) proved a tough foe down the lane, but Dixie Talking wound up with the last word, edging away by 1 1/4 lengths on the line. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$13,680. O/B-Skeedattle Associates (MD). T-Robin L Graham.

5th-PIM, \$24,000, Msw, 2yo, f, 5 1/2f, 1:05 2/5, ft. **DIXIE GEMSTONE (f, 2, Grindstone--Dixie Daf, by Dixieland Band)** was offered a four-month regrouping after finishing third by 9 1/2 lengths at Monmouth in late July. Showing a sharp four-furlong bullet work over this course Dec. 4, the 5-2 third choice came through an opening along the rail and sprinted clear to an eight-length success. Love the Dawn (Not for Love) was second. Dixie Gemstone was a \$5,500 OBSAUG yearling and \$45,000 FTMMAY two-year-old. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-1, \$17,750. O-Augustin Stable. B-Tim Condon (VA). T-Francis P Campitelli.

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Yesterday's Results:

7th-HAW, \$26,000, Msw, 2yo, 6f, 1:09 3/5, ft.
+ APACHE POINT (c, 2, [Royal Academy](#)--Flashy Attraction, by Fappiano) made an auspicious debut here at plump 6-1 odds. The Iron County homebred kept close tabs on the pacesetter through :21.98 and :45.53 fractions, powered clear of the pack by daylight leaving the quarter pole and bounded home with good energy to graduate by a five-length margin. The 5-2 chalk, Rotary (Wagon Limit), rallied to fill the place spot. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$15,600. O/B-Iron County Farms Inc (KY). T-Frank J Kirby.

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★ SO. CALIFORNIA ★

Yesterday's Results:

7th-HOL, \$54,752, Alw, C, 3yo/up, f/m, 6 1/2f, 1:16, gd.

- 1--**CYBER SLEW, 123, f, 4, Siberian Summer--Truly Golden (GSP), by Slew o' Gold.** O-Rancho Ballena LLC; B-Kevin Carey (CA); T-Doug O'Neill. Lifetime Record: 20-6-3-6, \$320,402.
- 2--**Vaca City Flyer, 119, f, 3, Michael's Flyer--Desert Rose,** by Native Prospector.
- 3--**Nyramba (GB), 115, f, 3, Night Shift--Maramba (GB),** by Rainbow Quest. (30,000gns yrl '02 TATOCT). Margins: 2, HF, HF. Odds: 2.80, 2.40, 3.80.

Cyberslew proved to be consistent at the allowance level earlier this year, finishing in the money in all six starts at that level, including a two-length tally going seven panels at Del Mar July 23. A respectable third in the Gill Rancho Bernardo H. over that track Aug. 21, the bay failed to hit the board in two subsequent starts on the turf, but rebounded to place last out in the 71/2-furlong Cat's Cradle H. against statebreds here Nov. 14. Settled in third early, Cyber Slew swung wide for the drive, gained command in deep stretch and drew clear en route to a facile score.

5th-HOL, \$50,600, Alw, NW3X, 3yo/up, 1 1/16m (off turf), 1:41 3/5, gd.

- 1--**COZY GUY, 120, c, 3, Alphabet Soup--Lambent (GB) (SP), by Rambo Dancer.** (\$42,000 yrl '02 KEEJAN). O-Mr & Mrs Jeff Higman, Et Al; B-John Zamora (CA); T-Dan L Hendricks. Lifetime Record: SW, 15-6-3-2, \$338,700. *Full to Soup N' Crackers, SW, \$114,373.
- 2--**Jake Skate, 123, c, 4, Arch--Stormin Diamond A,** by Storm Bird.
- 3--**Roy Jones, 119, c, 4, Roy--Hokum,** by Acaroid. (\$6,000 yrl '01 KEESEP). Margins: NO, 9. Odds: 0.60, 1.20, 6.10. (*Race 5 cont. p4*)
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(Race 5 cont.)

Cozy Guy won by three lengths against \$62,500 claimers over Del Mar's lawn Aug. 27, then showed his versatility by running second on the dirt in the Pomona Derby at Fairplex Sept. 25. Sent off a rank 20-1 outsider in the \$250,000 Cal Cup Classic H. at Santa Anita Oct. 16, he battled the entire length of the stretch and staged the upset by 3/4 lengths for trainer Dan Hendricks. Given a bit of a breather before returning in this off-the-turfer, the bay allowed the only two other horses in the race--Jake Skate and Roy Jones--to battle up front, then launched his bid on the turn. Jake Skate shook loose of Roy Jones and gamely tried to stave off Cozy Guy, but fell a nose shy at the wire.

8th-HOL, \$38,445, Msw, 3yo/up, f/m, 5.5fT, 1:04, gd. DAFNE'S ECHO (f, 3, Personable Joe--Island of Eden, by Night Mover), sixth in her debut over track and trip Nov. 13, was given little thought at 9-1 for her second try. Held in a tracking second early, the full to Billy's Echo, SP, \$202,380, forged to the front turning for home and inched clear late to score by a length over Mini Skirt (Wild Again). Glamour Cat (Tale of the Cat) finished last as the 4-5 choice. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$21,400.
O/B-Lita M Tabish (WA). T-Carlos Cabello III.

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TCA Auction Raises \$1.86 Million:

The Thoroughbred Charities of America's 15th annual charity stallion season and art auction, held Dec. 4 at CandyLand Farm in Delaware, raised \$1,861,000. The highest-priced seasons were those to Unbridled's Song, donated by Taylor Made Farm and the Unbridled's Song syndicate, and purchased by Fred Hertrich for Brilliant Stable for \$87,000; and a season to Smarty Jones donated by Mr. and Mrs. Roy Chapman, purchased by Herb Moelis for CandyLand Farm for \$75,000. Proceeds of the auction will benefit the more than 125 organizations supported by the TCA.

Jockey Club Nears Completion of Earnings Project:

The Jockey Club and Equibase Company LLC are in the final stages of the development of software which will be used to convert Canadian earnings into the equivalent amount in U.S. dollars. The project is scheduled to be launched on January 1, 2005, although results won't be evident until the first Thoroughbred meets in Canada, at Woodbine and Stampede Park, commence in April. Only Canadian earnings from next year on are being converted. "Re-engineering more than 900 different computer programs for our family of companies in one year was certainly a challenging undertaking," said project coordinator Carl Hamilton, chairman of the Jockey Club Information Systems, Inc. "But now that the necessary software development is near completion, the industry will be able to move forward, starting Jan. 1, with a more accurate presentation of North American earnings." Officials at the JC estimated software development costs, fronted by The JCIS Inc and Equibase Co. LLC, associated with the earnings conversion project to be approximately \$500,000.

Servis Wins 2004 Big Sport of Turfdom Award:

Philadelphia Park-based trainer John Servis, who guided media star Smarty Jones to a win in the GI Preakness S. and GI Belmont S. this past year, has been awarded the Big Sport of Turfdom Award for 2004 by the Turf Publicists of America. Servis will receive the award, which is given annually to a person or group of people who enhance coverage of Thoroughbred racing through cooperation with the media and Thoroughbred racing publicists, at the 39th annual Big Sport of Turfdom luncheon, held at Mastro's Steakhouse in Beverly Hills, California, Jan. 24. "[Servis] was equally gracious in victory and in defeat and this award recognizes his unwavering cooperation with the media and, in turn, his devotion to the sport of Thoroughbred racing," said TPA Michele Blanco.

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SOPHOMORE SPOTLIGHT

First-time starters/stakes runners: Thursday, Dec. 9

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

SILVER CHARM (Silver Buck), Japan, \$25K, 150/42/2
3-AQU, Msw, 6f, +Bid for Silver, \$70K OBS MAR 2yo

FRESHMAN FOCUS

First-crop progeny to watch: Thursday, Dec. 9

*Sire (Sire's Sire), Farm, 2001 Fee, #2yos/Winners/SW
Race #-track, race type, distance, runner, odds (if available)*

- BEHRENS** (Pleasant Colony), Darby Dan, \$10K, 31/2/0
5-CT, Msw, 6 1/2f, Sueno Del Mar, \$19K KEE SEP yrl, 4-1
- CATIENUS** (Storm Cat), Highcliff, \$4K, 47/14/1
5-CRC, Msw, 1 1/16mT, Moralap, \$32K FTK OCT yrl
- CHESTER HOUSE** (Mr. Prospector), Dead, \$, 61/6/1
8-CRC, Msw, 1 1/16mT, Mortgage the House, \$60K OBS MAR 2yo
- 5-CRC, Msw, 1 1/16mT, Bella Stella, \$10K KEE JAN yrl
- DIXIE UNION** (Dixieland Band), Lane's End, \$30K, 52/13/2
9-FG, Alw, 1mT, Straw Hat, 3-1
- 2-FG, Msw, 1m, Trooping the Color, 6-1
- HIGH YIELD** (Storm Cat), Ashford, \$25K, 84/7/0
3-AQU, Msw, 6f, +Chasing Yield, \$230K FTS AUG yrl
- MORE THAN READY** (Southern Halo), Vinery, \$15K, 61/16/3
9-FG, Alw, 1mT, Pevny, \$38K OBS JUN 2yo, 8-1
- RUNNING STAG** (Cozzene), Adena, \$8K, 82/10/1
5-CRC, Msw, 1 1/16mT, Just Jenn, \$20K OBS APR 2yo
- STEPHEN GOT EVEN** (A.P. Indy), Lane's End, \$13K, 59/7/0
2-FG, Msw, 1m, Bullion, \$30K KEE SEP yrl, 5-2
- UNBRIDLED JET** (Unbridled), Country Life, \$8K, 67/2/0
3-AQU, Msw, 6f, Lifeisjustabeach
- VICAR** (Wild Again), Darby Dan, \$10K, 62/7/0
5-CT, Msw, 6 1/2f, Laser Lad, \$32K EAS MAY 2yo, 2-1

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★ **EUROPE** ★

DESERT SUN TO NATIONAL STUD Britain's National Stud has announced that an agreement has been reached to stand **Desert Sun (GB)** (Green Desert) for the 2005 and 2006 Northern Hemisphere breeding seasons. His stud fee will be £5,000, Oct. 1 terms. The 16-year-old stallion, best known as the sire of international champion Sunline (NZ), is currently covering mares at Australia's Eliza Park Stud at a fee of A\$13,750. "We are delighted to be able to stand this horse, who should be no stranger to British breeders, at the National Stud," Reid Coulter, the Stud's General Manager, said. "He is a strikingly good-looking example of his sire at an affordable fee." In addition to Sunline, Desert Sun has sired Group 1 winners Our Egyptian Raine (NZ) and La Bella Dama (NZ). Sunline's exploits led to his shuttling to Ireland in recent years, during which he has sired this year's G3 Greenham S. hero Salford City (Ire).

★ **EUROPEAN-BRED WINNERS** ★

- IN HONG KONG:**
- Oriental (Ire)**, g, 4, **Grand Lodge--Scenaria (Ire)**, by Scenic (Ire). Happy Valley, 12-8, Hcp., 1650mT. B-Dr Dean Harron. *66,000gns wnlg '00 TATDEC; 135,000gns yrl '01 TATOCT; HK\$1,200,000 2yo '02 HKIS.
 - Cherished (GB)**, h, 5, **Mukaddamah--Magic Milly (GB)**, by Simply Great (Fr). Happy Valley, 12-8, Hcp., 1650mT. B-Southill Stud. *1/2 to Westcourt Magic (GB) (Emarati), MSW & MGSP-Eng, \$151,326; and Hidden Magic (GB) (Magic Ring {Ire}), GSP-US. **26,000gns yrl '00 TATOCT.

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BREEDERS' EDITION AMERICA

ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

9th-AQU, \$46,000, NW2X, (S), 3yo/up, 1 1/8m, 1:51 4/5, ft.

WELLGIVEN (g, 3, Ends Well--Give and Talc, by Talc) Lifetime Record: 15-3-2-2, \$115,802. O-R Hoyer & D Messina. B-Louis N Meitinis (NY). T-Carl J Domino.

8th-MNR, \$32,400, 12-7, NW3L, 3yo/up, a1m70yd, 1:46 1/5, my.

SOLO CAT (g, 4, Tabasco Cat--Remote, by Seattle Slew) Lifetime Record: 16-2-4-1, \$70,273. O-James J Brunner. B-G Watts Humphrey (KY). T-Byron G Hughes.

6th-HAW, \$30,000, NW2X, 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16m, 1:44 2/5, ft.

DASH OF HUMOR (f, 4, Distorted Humor--Dot Dot Dash, by Nureyev) Lifetime Record: 9-3-0-2, \$60,000. O-James D Conway. B-Dullea Farms LLC (KY). T-Hal R Wiggins. *\$4,800 yrl '01 FTKOCT. **1/2 to Two Dot Slew (Evansville Slew), MSP, \$288,546.

10th-SUN, \$28,600, 12-7, NW23MX, 3yo/up, 1m, 1:35 1/5 (NTR), ft.

MR. TRIESTE (c, 3, Old Trieste--Angel's Tearlet {MSW & GSP, \$280,051}, by Silver Deputy) Lifetime Record: SW, 13-5-3-3, \$125,792. O-Richard Lueck. B-Cobra Farm (KY). T-Gary W Cross. *\$160,000 yrl '02 FTKJUL.

6th-PIM, \$25,000, NW1X, 2yo, f, 1 1/16m, 1:48, ft.

TAKE A CHECK (f, 2, Touch Gold--Groovy Feeling {MGSW, \$438,607}, by Groovy) Lifetime Record: 7-2-2-0, \$64,955. O-Fitzhugh LLC. B-Robert E Meyerhoff (MD). T-Richard W Small. *1/2 to Rosthern (Broad Brush), MGSP, \$273,060. **Won by 6 3/4 lengths.

6th-SUN, \$22,700, 12-7, NW2L, (S), 3yo/up, 1m, 1:38 2/5, ft.

ZAIRE (c, 3, Ghost Ranch--Tunisia Pet, by Hit in Haste) Lifetime Record: SP, 6-2-2-1, \$31,656. O/B/T-Tony P Lello (NM).

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

A Very Young Jet, c, 2, A. P Jet--Vivaling, by Explodent. AQU, 12-8, (S), 6f, 1:12 3/5. B-Edition Farm (NY).

Militaristic, c, 2, Military--Raisin Goldie, by Raise a Man. MNR, 12-7, a1m70yd, 1:47. B-Glencrest Farm LLC (Ky). *\$2,500 yrl '03 KEESEP.

Runnintothealter, c, 3, Conquistador Cielo--Newlywed, by Sky Classic. CRC, 12-8, 6 1/2f, 1:19 1/5. B-Dr Nancy M Cole & Jason Mamakos (Ky). *\$65,000 yrl '02 KEESEP.

Amamia, f, 3, Ghost Ranch--American Comet, by American Legion. SUN, 12-7, (S), 6f, 1:13 2/5. B-Robert Bowers (NM).

Keeping Quiet, c, 3, Real Quiet--Gravy Train, by Sauce Boat. AQU, 12-8, a1m70yd, 1:44 4/5. B-Dr Lance G Bell (Ky). *1/2 to Southern Etiquette (Slewacide), MSW & GSP, \$259,459.

New York Cat, c, 3, Tomorrows Cat--Nothing Negative, by Double Negative. AQU, 12-8, (S), 6f, 1:12. B-Joseph La Combe Stables Inc (NY). *\$52,000 yrl '02 FTNAUG.

Run Along Sonny, g, 4, Cozy Drive--Irish Gal, by Irish Tower. AQU, 12-8, (S), 6f, 1:12 4/5. B-Bruce J Green (NY).

BREEDERS' EDITION EUROPE

CONDITIONS RESULTS:

FRANCE, Deauville, 2.05, 12-8, €14,000, 4yo/up, 2 1/8m (AWT), 3:50.80, stn.

STAR WATCHER (IRE) (g, 4, Baratheia {Ire}--Springtime {Ire}, by Generous {Ire}) Lifetime Record: 11 starts, 2 wins, 5 places, €26,200. O-Ecurie Wildenstein; B-Fieldspring Stud Ltd; T-Jean-Paul Gallorini. *36,000gns wnl '00 TATDEC; FF800,000 yrl '01 DEAAUG.

FRANCE, Deauville, 2.35, 12-8, €14,000, 4yo/up, 7 1/2f (AWT), 1:29.00, stn.

TOGETHER (FR) (f, 4, Valanour {Ire}--Toomixa {Fr}, by Linamix {Fr}) Lifetime Record: GSP-Fr, 16 starts, 2 wins, 6 places, €54,900. O/T-Carolle Boqueho-Vergne; B-SCA La Perrigne & Mme D Sepulchre. *FF30,000 yrl '01 DEAOCT.

FRANCE, Marseille Borely, 2.00, 12-8, €13,000, 2yo, 1 1/4mT, time: n/a, sf.

HIGHWAY EXIT (IRE) (c, 2, Exit to Nowhere--High Five {Fr}, by Highest Honor {Fr}) Lifetime Record: 6 starts, 3 wins, 1 place, €18,150. O-J Labeye; B-Baron Thierry de Zuylen de Nyevelt & Haras de Varaville; T-Marc Pimbonnet. *€35,000 yrl '03 DEAAUG.

ITALY, Rome, 2.35, 12-7, €11,475, 3yo/up, 1m (AWT), 1:39.10, stn.

DANUBIO BLUE (h, 5, Tactical Advantage--Halo Belle, by Saint Ballado) Lifetime Record: SP-Itly, 31 starts, 9 wins, 11 places, €102,244. O-Sergio Bisello; B-Lou-Roe Farm Inc; T-Ovidio Pessi. *\$30,000 yrl '00 OBSAUG.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Kilkee (Fr), f, 3, Zayyani (Ire)--Klee (Fr), by Magwal (Fr). Deauville, France, 12-8, Cond, 3yo, 2 1/8m (AWT). B-L, M, Mme F & Mme S Duverger.




WRITERS UP

BIANCONE REGROUPS FOR 2005

by Lucas Marquardt

Trainer Patrick Biancone had a banner year in 2004, sending out the likes of Sense of Style and Pomeroy to Grade I victories, and looks to keep the things rolling in 2005 despite the loss of his most accomplished runner to injury, the three-year-old Lion Heart. That one lived up to the promise he showed as a juvenile, when he went undefeated and won the GI Hollywood Futurity. Lion Heart placed second in the GI Blue Grass S. and was again runner-up, to Smarty Jones, in the GI Kentucky Derby, before going on to take the GI Haskell Invitational H. The chestnut was forced into early retirement at Ashford Stud, however, after fracturing a bone in his hoof in the GI Travers S. In spite of the sizeable hole that left in his barn, Biancone doesn't dismay, knowing he has plenty of talented horseflesh waiting in the wings.

Heading the list of potential stars is Pomeroy, who looked awfully good winning the seven-furlong GI King's Bishop S. in a stakes-record 1:20 4/5 at Saratoga Aug. 28. Biancone had planned on bypassing the six-panel GI Breeders' Cup Sprint in favor of the GI Cigar Mile, reasoning that Pomeroy was most effective between seven furlongs and a mile. But he eventually decided to skip both and keep the son of Boundary with his own age group for the time being.

"Since we decided to keep him in training as a four-year-old, we figured there was no rush putting him in against older horses," explained Biancone, who added that Pomeroy would likely return in the seven-furlong GI Malibu S. Dec. 26 at Santa Anita, a race restricted to three-year-olds.

"We will take a shot at the Malibu and take it from there," the Frenchman said. "He's training really good--he's had a couple of good works the last few weeks and is coming along really well."

Another Biancone charge who's proven she can run is Sense of Style. When the attractive bay exploded onto



Sense of Style
Lone Star Park

the scene this year in New York, she looked like she'd go on to follow in the footsteps of Halfbridled and Storm Flag Flying, fillies that towered over their contemporaries as two-year-olds. After breaking her maiden at first asking at Saratoga, Sense of Style captured the GI Spinaway S., then overcame a sluggish start to notch a win in the GI Matron S. at Belmont. But a poor trip in the GI Darley Alcibiades S. resulted in an

off-the-board finish as the 3-5 chalk, and she failed to make amends when ninth in the GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies. Still, Biancone has high hopes for the daughter of Derby winner Thunder Gulch, and anyone who saw her early efforts would have to agree.

"She is a very good filly," said Biancone. "She came back from the Juvenile Fillies good and we decided to give her some time off. The ultimate target will be the GI Kentucky Oaks, but we've got some time to figure out how to get there."

One of the bigger disappointments for Biancone this year had to be the performance of Scipion, the three-parts brother to 2002 juvenile champ Vindication. Scipion's debut was something special, at least visually, as the two-year-old came from the clouds to blow past a field of Saratoga maidens in mid-August. But an unspectacular third in the GIII MGD Cradle S. was followed by a mediocre eighth in the Oct. 9 GI Lane's End Breeders' Futurity S., and the colt has been on the shelf since. Scipion's breeding suggests he'll improve as he gets older, however--he's by A.P. Indy out of the Strawberry Road (Aus) mare Strawberry Reason--and it's way to early to write off the \$1.9 million yearling.

"He's coming along and should be ready for a start maybe in mid-January," said Biancone, who makes a point of being approachable and friendly even when things aren't going his way. A good lesson for the new year, even though it looks like Biancone will have plenty to smile about in 2005.

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