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A FESTIVAL AT HOLLYWOOD

Sent off at 73-1 in her U.S. debut, **Festival (Jpn)** (Assatis) was not disgraced when sixth, five lengths behind Belleski, in the Sept. 29 Gill S.K. Maddy H. down the hill at Santa Anita. She made her second American appearance at a more respectable 5-1 in the scratch-depleted off-the-turf Gill Dahlia H. at Hollywood yesterday and rolled to her first victory in more than three years. It was no surprise that Festival was initially ignored by American bettors. She won four of five starts as a juvenile in Japan in 2001, but had been off the board in all 14 appearances since, and was let go at odds as long as 515-1 while racing in her native country last year. But the California air must agree with her. The bay settled in fourth as **Irgunette (Aus)** (Irgun) opened up a daylight lead, reeled in the pacesetter at midstretch and drew away to a six-length score. "When this filly first got [here], she tried to run like a front-running sprinter," jockey Danny Sorenson said. "[Trainer Paddy Gallagher and his barn] spent months getting her to settle down... and it paid off today." [Click for the brisnet.com chart.](#)



Festival Benoit Photo

Monday, Hollywood Park

DAHLIA H.-GIII, \$150,000, HOL, 12-20, 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16m (off turf), 1:42, ft.

1--**@FESTIVAL (JPN)**, 111, m, 5, by Assatis

1st Dam: **North Cape (Jpn)**, by **Crowned Prince**

2nd Dam: **E Grand (Jpn)**, by **Venture 7th (GB)**

3rd Dam: **Amaritude (GB)**, by **Gratitude (GB)**

O-Grand Farm; B-Grand Stud (JPN); T-Patrick Gallagher; J-D Sorenson; \$90,000. Lifetime Record: MSW-Jpn, 20-5-0-0, \$607,550.

2--**Irgunette (Aus)**, 113, m, 5, Irgun--River of Destiny (Aus), by River Rough (NZ). O-Epic Racing; B-J L Atkinson, at al (AUS); \$30,000.

3--**Belle Ange (Fr)**, 114, f, 3, Ganges--Wait and See One (Fr), by The Wonder (Fr). O-Fanny Guedj; B-Fanny Guedj & Jean-Louis Gay (FR); \$18,000.

Margins: 6, 9, 3. Odds: 5.70, 3.30, 4.10.

Also Ran: Midwife, Navaja (NZ). Scratched: Penny's Fortune, Belleski, Katdogawn (GB), Janeian (NZ), Hoh Buzzard (Ire).

PEDIGREE INSIGHTS

BY ANDREW CAULFIELD

Saturday, Calder Race Course

LA PREVOYANTE H.-GII, \$200,000, CRC, 12-18, 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/2mT, 2:27, fm.

1--**ARVADA (GB)**, 117, f, 4, by [Hernando \(Fr\)](#)

1st Dam: **Lalindi (Ire)**, by **Cadeaux Genereux (GB)**

2nd Dam: **Soemba (GB)**, by **General Assembly**

3rd Dam: **Seven Seas (Fr)**, by **Riverman**

(20,000gns yr1 '01 TATOCT). O-Giles Pritchard-Gordon; B-Myriad Communications & New England Stud (GB); T-Robert J Frankel; J-E S Prado; \$120,000. Lifetime Record: G1SP-Fr & GSP-Ity, 16-4-2-3, \$297,519.

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Regular readers of this column will realise that I am a fully paid-up subscriber to the theory that history repeats itself--something I was reminded of by the recent death of that multi-talented stallion Miswaki (by Mr. Prospector out of a Buckpasser mare).

The male line charts at the back of the *Blood-Horse Stallion Register* show that

Buckpasser's male line continues to struggle for survival. With the dispatch to Japan of Silver Charm, the most obvious hope of a revival for this line largely depends on Montbrook and his proliferating number of stallion sons.

Of course Buckpasser's fame never rested on his sons' shoulders, despite the best efforts of such as Akureyri, Balzac, Buckaroo, Buckfinder, L'Enjoleur, Norcliffe, Pass The Glass, Silver Buck and State Dinner. It was his daughters, headed by La Prevoyante, Numbered Account and Relaxing, who earned championship honors on the track and then as broodmares.

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Arvada

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Buckpasser headed the North American broodmare sire table three times in the 1980s, and his daughters have ensured that his name will live on by producing such noted stallions as Miswaki, El Gran Senor, Seeking the Gold, Woodman and Private Account (as well as the likes of Touch Gold, Polish Precedent, Slew o'Gold, Mining, Easy Goer, Try My Best, Wavering Monarch, With Approval and Polish Numbers).

Now history seems to be repeating itself through Miswaki. This thoroughly dependable stallion has yet to establish a secure male line, although this could be changed by Rossini, who made such a bright start with his first European runners this year, and Bachelor Duke, a very well-connected classic winner who will stand his first season in Ireland in 2005.

If Miswaki is to find lasting fame--and I think he will--it is going to be via his broodmare daughters, who have over 100 stakes winners to their credit. Among these stakes winners are several colts which already ensure that Miswaki's name is in no danger of fading away.

Two stallions out of Miswaki mares--Daylami and Dr Fong--had Group 1 winners among their first three-year-olds this year, with Daylami being responsible for the Irish Derby winner Grey Swallow and Dr Fong for the Prix Saint-Alary heroine Ask For The Moon.

Talkin Man, a less well-known stallion out of a Miswaki mare, has been put on the map by the exploits of Better Talk Now, who followed up his win in the GI Sword Dancer Invitational with an even better victory in the Breeders' Cup Turf.

There are also several other very promising stallions out of Miswaki mares waiting in the wings, including Galileo, the brilliant dual Derby winner who did so well with his first yearlings at this year's sales, and Daylami's outstanding half-brother Dalakhani.

However, all these stallions face a hard task if they are to match the achievements of the 14-year-old Hernando, who is out of Miswaki's group-winning daughter Whakilyric.

Arvada, winner of Saturday's GII La Prevoyante H., ranks alongside Sulamani, Samando and Songerie as one of four group/graded winners this year for the Lanwades Stud stallion. It is well worth adding that Samando--winner of the G2 Prix de Royallieu on the Arc weekend--is one of only 28 foals in Hernando's 2001 crop and that Songerie--winner of the G3 Prix des Reservoirs--is one of only 34 foals in his 2002 crop.

In fact there are only 283 foals in his first six crops, so his 10 group winners--which include two winners of the French Derby--represent 3.5 percent of his output and his 22 stakes winners equate to nearly eight percent. These figures are highly respectable considering that Hernando's fee was never higher than 8,000 guineas in those first six years.

Although Hernando's connections have done their best to remind breeders that four of his six stakes successes were gained at around a mile and a quarter, breeders unfortunately tend to think of him as a stayer, largely because he is a son of the stamina-packed Niniski. With a fast two-year-old by Miswaki as his dam, Hernando has more speed in his make-up than his sire but I fear that he will always face a struggle to maintain his popularity with breeders, in much the same way that Niniski did.

Although his excellent results in 2002, when Sulamani led a team of six stakes winners, resulted in a book of 98 mares in 2003, demand for his services fell a little this year, when he covered 70 mares. It is going to be interesting to see how Hernando fares in 2005, when he will be in direct competition with his son Sulamani.

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11/13	DISCREET HERO	1st	Mountaineer Mile H.-LR.
11/26	HONOR THE FLAG (2yo)	1st	EL Gaylord Memorial S.-LR.
12/18	Code of Ethics	2nd	Pago Hop S.-LR.
12/18	DISCREET HERO	1st	Prairie Bayou S-LR by 14¹/₄L.
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Sulamai, a wiry individual, enters stud at a fee of £7,000, compared to Hernando's £12,000. But breeders should remember that the best is likely still to come from Hernando, who looks guaranteed a very rewarding 2007. Commercial breeders who use him in 2005 could have a very saleable product for the '07 yearling sales.

Arvada was racing for the 16th time when she won the La Prevoyante, but there should still be plenty of miles left in her. Hernando raced until he was five and her dam, Lalindi, was seven when she made the last of 50 appearances. Lalindi's seven wins were gained from nine to 16 furlongs, despite being bred primarily for speed. Her sire, Cadeaux Genereux, was a champion sprinter in Europe and her dam was the nine-furlong winner Soemba, by the versatile General Assembly.

Lalindi was sold for only 10,500 guineas as an in-foal seven-year-old in 1998, but that was before her half-sister Sumoto pulled off a remarkable Group 1 double with sons Compton Admiral (1999 Coral-Eclipse) and Summoner (2001 Queen Elizabeth II S.). I wouldn't want to bet against the courageous Arvada becoming a Grade I winner for this tough family before she is done.

☆ RESULTS ☆

Sunday, Hanshin, Japan

SANKEISPORTS HAI HANSHIN HIMBA S.-G2-JRA

(Listed), ¥115,640,000, Hanshin, 12-19, 3yo/up, f/m, 1600mT, 1:34.00, fm.

1--**HEAVENLY ROMANCE (JPN)**, 121, f, 4, by Sunday Silence

1st Dam: First Act (Ire), by Sadler's Wells

2nd Dam: Arkadina, by *Ribot

3rd Dam: Natashka, by Dedicate

O/B-North Hills Management; T-Shoji Yamamoto; J-M Matsunaga; ¥61,148,000. Lifetime Record: 24-6-7-3.

2--**Meisho Battler (Jpn)**, 121, f, 4, Meisho Homura (Jpn)--Meisho Hagoromo (Jpn), by Dyna Gulliver (Jpn). O-Y Matsumoto; B-A Mikita; ¥24,328,000.

3--**Daiwa El Cielo (Jpn)**, 121, f, 3, Sunday Silence--London Bridge (Jpn), by Dr Devious (Ire). O-Kunihide Matsuda; B-Daiwa Shoji K; ¥15,164,000.

Margins: 1, NK, 1. Odds: 6.70, 6.80, 4.50.

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As odds-on favorite Osumi Haruka (Jpn) (Fusaichi Concorde {Jpn}) set the pace, Heavenly Romance tarried near the back of the pack. But the filly made steady progress and powered to the lead along the rail in the stretch. Jockey Mikio Matsunaga, capturing his 50th group stakes win, said, "It didn't matter who she was running against today. I settled her in a good position and she showed plenty of spirt, especially in the stretch." Looking for her first Japanese group win, Heavenly Romance was coming off three consecutive on-the-board efforts in upper-class stakes races.

Sunday, Nakayama, Japan

FAIRY S.-G3-JRA (Listed), ¥61,860,000, Nakayama, 12-19, 2yo, f, 1200mT, 1:08.50, fm.

1--**FELICIA (JPN)**, 119, f, 2, by Grass Wonder

1st Dam: Fermoy, by Irish River (Fr)

2nd Dam: Victoress, by Conquistador Cielo

3rd Dam: Royal Statute, by Northern Dancer

O-Sunday Racing Co Ltd; B-Oiwake Farm; T-Norihiko Yokoyama; J-Hiroyuki Uehara; ¥32,602,000. Lifetime Record: 5-2-2-0.

2--**Penny Whistle (Jpn)**, 119, f, 2, Sunday Silence--Larkwhistle, by Silver Deputy. O-U Carrot Farm; B-Shiraoi Farm; ¥13,172,000.

3--**Kashima Flower (Jpn)**, 119, f, 2, Hector Protector--Flower Breeze (Jpn), by Fair Judgement (GB). O-N Kashima; B-Kitajima Bokujo; ¥8,086,000.

Margins: 3/4, 1, HD. Odds: 5.50, 2.70, 3.80.

Felicia, who became the first Japanese group winner for her freshman sire (by Silver Hawk), stalked the pace from a mid-field position. Angled to the outside for the drive, she forged to the front in deep stretch and col-lared Penny Whistle late for the win. Felicia, a July 31 debut winner, finished fourth in the G3 Niigata Nisai S. Sept. 5 before runner-up efforts in two consecutive lower-class stakes. Winning trainer Hiroyuki Uehara reported the filly will get the rest of the year off and will be aimed at next spring's G1 Oka Sho (Japanese 1000 Guineas).



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Read the Footnotes
Adam Coglianese

Dennis Narlinger, in partnership with Becky Thomas and Lewis Lakin, and will begin his stud career at Sequel Stallions in Ocala, Florida in 2005. It is the first joint stallion venture for Narlinger and Thomas. "I am very excited about the prospect of working with Becky and to bring such a promising stallion prospect to Florida," said Narlinger, who also owns young stallions Officer, Sunday Break (Jpn) and

Ten Most Wanted. "The Florida breeding industry represents an exceptional market for a stallion such as Read the Footnotes." Added Thomas, "Read the Footnotes was dominant from the word 'go.' He posted the fastest breeze in the history of the Fasig-Tipton Midlantic Two-Year-Olds in Training Sale...continued to show his brilliance at two, winning four of his five starts...[and], in 2004, he ran one of the best races of any three-year-old while winning a thrilling Fountain of Youth and earning a 113 Beyer Speed Figure." Trained by Rick Violette Jr., the three-year-old captured the GII Fountain of Youth S., GII Remsen S. and GII Nashua S. and heads to the breeding shed with five wins from eight starts and earnings of \$450,660. He will stand for a fee of \$8,500 live foal.

WEATHER PROMPTS CANCELLATIONS Bitter cold weather prompted a number of East Coast tracks to call off racing yesterday. Maryland's Pimlico and Ohio's Thistledown cancelled their entire cards, while Philadelphia Park cancelled after running its first two races. It was the second day in a row that Thistledown was forced to scratch racing because of severe weather. Beulah Park, also located in Ohio, cancelled racing Sunday. Philly Park and Beulah Park are scheduled to resume racing today. Thistledown has a full card slated for Thursday; Pimlico is off until Dec. 26.

★ **EAST** ★

Alysweep to Lambholm South:

Graded stakes winner **Alysweep** (End Sweep--Chronicle, by Alysheba) will entered stud at Lambholm South, near Ocala, Florida. The four-year-old will stand as property of a syndicate for \$3,000, live foal, stands and nurses. The Pat Reynolds-trained Alysweep, a half to MSP Storm Chronicle (Storm Creek), scored his biggest victory in the 2003 GIII Gotham S. He also finished second in the GII Peter Pan S. and GIII Withers S. Alysweep concludes his career with four wins in 11 starts and earnings of \$289,930.

Yesterday's Results:

8th-CRC, \$25,000, Alw, NW2L, 3yo/up, 6 1/2f, 1:18 3/5, ft.

BATTLE HERO (c, 3, Deputy Minister--Flanders {Ch. 2yo Filly, MGISW, \$805,000}, by Seeking the Gold) broke his maiden going long in his only other local appearance last Dec. 8, but had been held winless in five starts since, including a fifth-place effort in a two-turn Gulfstream allowance test Apr. 24. The 7-2 third choice despite the lengthy layoff, the half brother to Surfside (Seattle Slew), Ch. 3yo Filly, MGISW, \$1,852,987, was last for the opening half mile, charged five wide off the turn and pulled away late to score by 3 1/2 widening lengths from favored M. S. Balkhair (Geri). Lifetime Record: 10-2-1-1, \$38,850. O/B-Overbrook Farm (KY). T-Todd A Pletcher.

STAKES CLOSINGS

TOMORROW, WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 22:

12-31 \$100,000 **Chaposa Springs H.-III, Crc, 3yo/up, f/m, 7f (100)**

01-01 \$100,000 **Tropical Park Derby-III, Crc, 3yo, 9fT (100)**

01-01 \$100,000 **Tropical Park Oaks, Crc, 3yo, f, 8.5fT (100)**

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SILVER STREAK

With one in three yearlings bringing \$100,000 or more, it's no wonder that Holy Bull is so adept at producing top juveniles. The fast-finishing **Giacomo** – second, ahead of Wilko, in the Hollywood Futurity at the weekend – joins Champion **Macho Uno** and **Confessional** as G1 two-year-olds by his sire.

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5th-CRC, \$21,000, Alw, NW1X, 3/up, f/m, 9fT, 1:48 3/5, fm. VOLUNTOWN (f, 3, El Amante--Volunteer {Arg} {G1SP-Arg}, by Ski Champ), a full to this year's GIII Arlington-Washington Lassie winner Culinary, was fourth going two turns Sept. 26, then improved to be second on the local turf course Nov. 18. Dismissed at 13-1, she dictated a soft pace, turned back a bid at the head of the stretch and drew clear to win by 2 1/4 lengths. Lifetime Record: 8-3-1-0, \$41,960. O/B-Diana & Guy B Snowden (KY). T-J David Braddy.

★ SO. CALIFORNIA ★

Yesterday's Results:

6th-HOL, \$44,042, Alw, NW1X, 3yo/up, 1 1/16m, 1:40 3/5, ft. AWESOME DIVIDEND (c, 4, Awesome Again--Bluff's Dividend {MSW, \$216,078}, by Sunny Clime), a \$20,000 ADNMAR juvenile, broke his maiden by 13 lengths over \$32,000 claimers at Del Mar in July and added a starter allowance score in August. Second in his latest over track and trip Nov. 27, he was the 13-10 chalk to go one better here. Always close, he took over after six furlongs and pulled away to win by six lengths. Lifetime Record: 7-3-1-1, \$69,820. O-J & B Deminger. B-Adena Springs (KY). T-B Baffert.

★ "TDN Rising Star" ★

Yesterday's Results:

2nd-HOL, \$35,400, Msw, 2yo, f, 6 1/2f, 1:15 4/5, ft. HOT ATTRACTION, f, 2, by Pulpit

1st Dam: Changing Ways (GSW, \$104,247), by Time for a Change
2nd Dam: Kazadancoa (Fr), by Green Dancer
3rd Dam: Khazaeen, by Charlottesville (GB)

A \$330,000 KEEAPR two-year-old in training purchase, Hot Attraction was bet down to even-money favoritism for her Nov. 21 debut over track and trip and ran on nicely late to finish second, beaten just one length. The 3-10 chalk to go one better in her juvenile finale, the bay filly stalked the pace from third, gained on the turn, got through along the inside turning for home and drew off under her own courage to defeat Keystone Malibu (Malibu Moon) by a convincing 7 1/2 lengths. Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, \$28,000.

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O- Robert B & Beverly J Lewis. B-December Hill, Inc (KY). T-Wallace A Dollase.

★ AMERICAN-BRED WINNERS ★

IN BRITAIN:

Russian Symphony, g, 3, Stravinsky--Backwoods Teacher, by Woodman. Wolverhampton, 12-20, Hcp, 3yo/up, 7f 32yds (AWT). B-Paula W Cline & Donna Moore. *\$145,000 wnlg '01 KEENOV; €260,000 yrl '02 GOFORB.

Tasneef, g, 5, Gulch--Min Alhawa (MSP-Eng), by Riverman. Lingfield, 12-20, Cond, 3yo/up, 1 1/4m (AWT). B-Shadwell Farm LLC. *46,000gns HRA '02 TATJUL.

Littleton Zephir, g, 5, Sandpit (Brz)--Miss Gorgeous (Ire), by Damister. Lingfield, 12-20, Cond, 3yo/up, 1m (AWT). B-Sierra Thoroughbreds. *\$4,500 yrl '00 KEESEP.

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2004: 25 individual 2yo winners (no other sire had more) from his second crop which has **8** stakes horses including **Gr.3** winner **Cours de la Reine**. Yearlings sold for up to **€230,000**.

In-foal mares in 2004 sold for **\$975,000, \$700,000, \$610,000, \$495,000, \$450,000** etc. at Keeneland and up to **€345,000, €270,000** and **€225,000** at Tattersalls.

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IN JAPAN:

Hoover Dam, c, 2, **Cat Thief**--Windy Mindy (MSW, \$116,249), by Honey Jay. Hanshin, 12-18, Novice Race, 7f. Lifetime Record: 3-1-1-0, \$67,308. O-Yoshimi Ichikawa; B-Swifty Farms Inc; T-Yasuo Ikee. *1/2 to Rob 'n Gin (Farma Way), MGSW, \$989,178. **10th winner for freshman sire (by Storm Cat). ***\$125,000 yrl '03 FTKJUL; \$325,000 2yo '04 FTFEB. ****Won by a neck.

+ **Fusaichi Antaeus**, c, 2, **Cozzene**--Spring Valley (SP), by Affirmed. Nakayama, 12-18, Maiden Race, 6fT. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$67,308. O-Fusao Sekiguchi; B-Echo Valley Farm & John & Albert G Clay 1990 Rev. Trust; T-Fumio Koga. *\$85,000 yrl '03 KEESEP; \$200,000 2yo '04 KEEAPR. **Stalked the pace in fourth before inhaling the leaders in upper stretch en route to a 2 1/2-length triumph.

Shako Jazz, c, 2, **Saint Ballado**--Cool Dixie (MSW, \$221,700), by Dixieland Band. Nakayama, 12-19, Novice Race, 9f. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-0, \$52,885. O-Shako Inc.; B-Louis Roussel; T-Kazuhiro Seishi. *\$190,000 yrl '03 KEESEP. **Set all the fractions and held on late to win by 3/4 of a length.

Position One, c, 4, **Carson City**--Delagating (GSP), by Deputy Minister. Chukyo, 12-18, Ibukiyama Tokubetsu, 6fT. Lifetime Record: 20-5-3-1, \$822,506. O-Koji Maeda; B-Needham/Betz, Hess, Elia & Werner; T-Yoshihito Dazai. *1/2 to Just Ruler (Cox's Ridge), MSW, \$239,995. **\$200,000 yrl '01 FTSAUG; \$460,000 2yo '02 FTFEB. ***Powered to the lead with 200 meters to run and won by one length.

Monte Ocean, c, 4, **Grand Slam**--Spinner, by Conquistador Cielo. Chukyo, 12-19, Plate Race, 5f. Lifetime Record: 9-2-0-1, \$154,135. O-Yoshiaki Mouri; B-Fletcher & Carolyn Gray; T-Yasuhisa Matsuyama. *1/2 to Brittsker (Bounding Basque), MSW, \$292,422. **\$100,000 yrl '01 KEESEP; \$450,000 2yo '02 FTFEB. ***Won by five lengths.

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Witch's Broom, c, 4, **Southern Halo**--Sovereign Witch, by Sovereign Dancer. Nakayama, 12-18, Plate Race, 9f. Lifetime Record: 18-3-7-2, \$515,288. O-Shadai Race Horse; B-George Waggoner Stables Inc.; T-Yoshitaka Ninomiya. *\$180,000 wnlg '00 KEENOV. **Won by 3/4 of a length.

Leaping Cat, f, 4, **Storm Cat**--Won't She Tell (SW, \$148,708), by Banner Sport. Nakayama, 12-18, Chuto Tokubetsu, 6fT. Lifetime Record: 20-4-3-2, \$642,308. O-Kazuko Yoshida; B-Ten Broeck Farm Inc; T-Hideyuki Mori. *1/2 to White Crown (Secreta), GSW-Eng; Dr. Caton (Seattle Slew), SW & GISP, \$272,340; Full to Wind Cheetah, MGSP-Eng. **\$600,000 yrl '01 KEESEP. ***The odds-on favorite made steady progress along the rail and inched clear for 1 1/2-length tally.

Nike Ahead, h, 5, **Boston Harbor**--Bay Barrister (SW, \$102,486), by Miswaki. Nakayama, 12-19, Ichikawa City 70th Anniversary, 6fT. Lifetime Record: 26-6-9-1, \$1,365,192. O-Seiji Ono; B-John R & Martha Jane Mulholland; T-Fumio Koga. *\$160,000 wnlg '99 KEENOV; \$150,000 yrl '00 KEESEP; \$300,000 2yo '01 FTFEB.

Ratafia, m, 5, **Cozzene**--Sakura Fabulous (GB), by Fabulous Dancer. Hanshin, 12-19, Hokusetsu Tokubetsu, 7fT. Lifetime Record: 26-5-1-4, \$720,288. O-Sunday Racing; B-Katsumi Yoshida; T-Sei Ishizaka.



★ BRITAIN ★

MCGRATH JOINS AT THE RACES

Jim McGrath, a senior commentator at the BBC since 1997, has joined At The Races and will host ATR studio broadcasts and racecourse-based coverage. Prior to joining the BBC, McGrath was a racecourse commentator in the UK and called races in Ireland, France, Australia and Hong Kong. He is also the *Daily Telegraph's* "Hotspur." "The in-depth coverage of racing is dependent more and more on satellite and cable TV these days and joining At The Races is a fantastic opportunity for me to become involved again on a regular day-to-day basis," McGrath said. "I am very excited about it. I am also looking forward to working with many familiar faces, both on-camera and behind the scenes."



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★ GERMANY ★

NEW TBA BOARD FORMED

Germany's Thoroughbred Breeders' Association elected Gestut Ittlingen owner Manfred Ostermann its new president at a general meeting Dec. 12. He succeeds Manfred Hellwig. Baron Georg von Ullmann was re-elected vice president. The board is completed by Gestut Fahrhof's Dr. Andreas Jacobs, Dr. Klaus Schulte, Dr. Christoph Berglar, Gestut Brummerhof owner Gregor Baum and Paul von Schubert of Gestut Ebbesloh. Ostermann made an emphatic inaugural speech in which he stressed the urgency of establishing new initiatives for the German Thoroughbred industry.



MIDDLE EAST



★ DUBAI ★

Sunday's Late Results:

FIRST GULF BANK NATIONAL DAY CUP-Listed,

Dhs150,000, Abu Dhabi, 12-19, 3yo/up, 1600mT, 1:37.31, gd.

1--**SUMMONER (GB), 121, h, 7, Inchinor (GB)--Sumoto (GB), by Mtoto (GB).** (50,000gns yrl '98 TATDEC).

O-H R H Princess Haya; B-Hascombe & Valiant Studs; T-A Al Raihe; J-W O'Connor; Dhs90,000. Lifetime Record: G1SW-Eng, 15-6-2-0. *1/2 to Compton Admiral (GB) (Suave Dancer), Hwt. 3yo-Eng at 9.5-11f, G1SW-Eng, \$351,096.

2--**Mugharreb, 121, h, 6, Gone West--Marling (Ire), by Lomond.** (\$550,000 yrl '99 KEESEP). Dhs30,000.

3--**Seihali (Ire), 121, h, 5, Alzao--Edwina (Ire), by Caerleon.** (Ir£180,000 yrl '00 GOFORB). Dhs15,000.

Margins: 1 1/4, HF, SHD.

Summoner upset then-stablemate Noverre in the 2001 G1 Queen Elizabeth II S., but made just three appearances the following season, finishing sixth in the G3 Jebel Hatta S., ninth in the G1 Dubai Duty Free S. and 10th in the G1 Lockinge S. Gone for 2 1/2 years following the latter effort, the seven-year-old returned with a distant seventh in a Nov. 21 conditions event over course and distance. Sent up to track the early pace in his second off the long absence, Summoner made headway into the stretch, drew clear and was pushed out to a comfortable victory.



AUSTRALASIA



ELVSTROEM TO BLUE GUM FARM A 50-percent stake in multiple Group 1 winner **Elvstroem (Aus)** (Danehill--Circles of Gold {Aus}, by Marscay {Aus}) has been acquired by Blue Gum Farm of Euroa. An ambitious racing schedule has been tentatively mapped out for the four-year-old that includes the G1 Orr S., G1 Australian Cup, G1 Dubai Duty Free S., G1 Lockinge S., G1 Prince of Wales's S. and G1 Coral Eclipse S., before he retires to Blue Gum in the spring of 2005. "To retain a horse of Elvstroem's quality in Victoria is a major coup for the state's Thoroughbred breeding industry and I am ecstatic that we have been able to negotiate a deal with his current owners," said Blue Gum's Philip Campbell. "When you consider that Danehill is now deceased, Elvstroem will be one of the last, if not the last, multiple Group 1 winning sons of the champion sire to be syndicated in Australia." Elvstroem has already won the 2003 G1 Victoria Derby and the 2004 runnings of the G1 Underwood S. and G1 Caulfield Cup.

DIVA'S SIS WINS AT FIRST ASKING

Valkyrie Diva (Aus) (Jade Robbery), a half sister to dual G1 Melbourne Cup winner Makybe Diva (GB), made a successful start to her racing career, winning her maiden at first asking Sunday at Cranbourne. The three-year-old filly, also trained by Lee Freedman, was slow into stride, but finished strongly to win by two lengths at the country track, some 45 minutes southeast of Melbourne. "It's generally too early to tell what they'll end up doing, but I like it when they win their first start because they usually do it on raw ability," the conditioner told Melbourne's *The Age* newspaper. "She's lightly framed, so we'll just play it by ear at the moment," he continued. "She's a nice filly and certainly has a bit more speed than her half sister, but we won't push her." Valkyrie Diva came to Freedman at the same time as Makybe Diva after their previous trainer David Hall chose to go to Hong Kong.

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BREEDERS' EDITION AMERICA

ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

7th-GGX, \$38,300, 3yo/up, f/m, 1m, 1:36 2/5, ft. FENCELINE NEIGHBOR (f, 4, Wild Rush--Let Fly {SW, \$141,531}, by Flying Paster) Lifetime Record: MSW & GSP, 25-7-5-5, \$377,257. O-Amerman Racing Stables LLC. B-Marablu Farm (FL). T-Michael Machowsky. *\$37,000 yrl '01 OBSJAN.

8th-HOL, \$37,400, NW1X, (S), 3/up, 6f, 1:08 4/5, ft. CLEAR TALKER (c, 3, Swiss Yodeler--Martha My Dear, by Regal and Royal) Lifetime Record: 7-3-1-0, \$61,304. O-M P S Trust. B-Marvin Malmuth (CA). T-Mike Harrington. *Full to My Honey Bunny, SW, \$196,834.

10th-CRC, \$25,000, NW1X, 2yo, f, 6.5f, 1:18 4/5, ft. DONT SAY NO SIERRA (f, 2, Tactical Advantage--Diamond of Forever, by Diamond Prospect) Lifetime Record: 5-3-1-0, \$57,250. O-Just for Fun Stable. B-Frank Core & Melvin James (FL). T-Pablo Andrade. *\$52,000 2yo 2004 OBSJUN. **1/2 to Shakka Con (Current Hope), GSP, \$229,834.

11th-CRC, \$23,000, Opt. Clm. (\$25,000-\$22,500), NW2X, 3yo/up, f/m, 6 1/2f, 1:19, ft. CLEARLY A. K. O. (f, 3, K. O. Punch--Clearly Dearly, by Cryptoclearance) Lifetime Record: 10-5-2-3, \$64,945. O-Kay Hale. B-Hargus S & Sandra Sexton (KY). T-Robert A Hale.


ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

+ **Sweet Tzipora, f, 2, Wheaton--Two Bad Girls, by Diablo. CRC, 12-20, (C), 5 1/2f, 1:07 2/5. B-Linda S Rosenblatt (FL). *1/2 to Twice As Bad (Stormy Atlantic), GSW, \$218,320.**
Sonriente, g, 3, Trail City--Kid Friendly, by Pentelicus. HOL, 12-20, (S), (C), 6 1/2f, 1:15 1/5. B-Patricia Youngman (CA).

SO. HEMISPHERE WINNERS BY U.S. STALLIONS:

Thundery (NZ), f, 3, Thunder Gulch--Mirima (Aus), by Last Tycoon (Ire). Moonee Valley (Melbourne), 12-16, 3yo, Hcp, 10f 45ydsT. B-Norelands Stud Ltd.
Lindalay (Aus), f, 4, Honour and Glory--Western Invasion (Aus), by Best Western (Aus). Doomben (Brisbane), 12-15, 3yo/up, Hcp, 6fT. B-G Harvey.
Radetzky March (Aus), g, 4, Langfuhr--Gioia Mia (Aus), by Zephyr Zip (NZ). Randwick (Sydney), 12-18, 3yo/up, Hcp, 6 1/2fT. B-B Higgins.
Catscan (NZ), f, 4, Tale of the Cat--Translucent (NZ), by Grosvenor (NZ). Flemington (Melbourne), 12-18, 4yo/up, f/m, 7f 20ydsT. B-Whakanui Stud Ltd.
Elferon (NZ), c, 4, Tale of the Cat--Field Nymph (NZ), by Northfields. Te Rapa (Waikato), 12-18, 3yo/up, Hcp, 7fT. B-Windsor Park Stud Ltd.
Image Of Reality (Aus), m, 5, Dehere--Sandy's Image, by Manila. Doomben (Brisbane), 12-18, 3yo/up, f/m, Hcp, 6f 165ydsT. B-Gooree Park Stud Pty Ltd.
Broadband (Aus), g, 5, Langfuhr--News Box (NZ), by Bassenthwaite (GB). Flemington (Melbourne), 12-18, 3yo/up, Hcp, 7f 20ydsT. B-A Brock, A Bonaccordo & L Ilett.

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REMINDER:

Due to the Christmas holiday, the TDN office will be closed Friday, Dec. 24 and Saturday, Dec. 25. **There will be NO newsletter for Sat., Dec. 25 or Sun., Dec. 26.** All news and results from Dec. 24 and 25 will appear in the Monday, Dec. 27 issue. *Have a wonderful holiday season!*

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BREEDERS' EDITION EUROPE

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Arnie de Burgh (GB), c, 2, **Amfortas (Ire)**--Align (GB), by Petong (GB). Lingfield, Britain, 12-20, Mdn, 2yo, 7f (AWT). B-Wyck Hall Stud Ltd. *1,000gns wnlg '02 TATDEC.

Blue Bajan (Ire), g, 2, **Montjeu (Ire)**--Gentle Thoughts (GB), by Darshaan (GB). Wolverhampton, Britain, 12-20, Mdn, 2yo, 9f 103yds (AWT). B-Dr J Hollowood. *20th winner for freshman sire (by Sadler's Wells).

Truckle (GB), c, 2, **Vettori (Ire)**--Proud Titania (Ire) (SW-Ire), by Fairy King. Wolverhampton, Britain, 12-20, Mdn, 2yo, 9f 103yds (AWT). B-Side Hill Stud.

Miss Adelaide (Ire), f, 3, **Alzao**--Sweet Adelaide (G1SP-Ire), by The Minstrel. Wolverhampton, Britain, 12-20, Mdn, 3yo/up, 5f 20yds (AWT). B-Khalid Alsyari. *€40,000 yrl '02 GOFORB; Ir£26,000 wnlg '01 GOFNOV.

SO. HEMISPHERE WINNERS BY EUROPEAN SIRES:

Just The Star (Aus), f, 2, **Agnes World**--Star Of Hayley (Aus), by Mukkadamah. Doomben (Brisbane), 12-18, 2yo, f, Cond, 6fT. B-T J & J A Hughes.

Clem's Hope (Aus), f, 2, **Fasliyev**--Crisp (Aus), by Zeditave (Aus). Sandown (Melbourne), 12-17, 2yo, f, Cond, 5fT. B-J Thomsett.

Afraah (Aus), f, 3, **Danehill**--Crazy For You, by Pleasant Tap. Canterbury (Sydney), 12-16, 3yo/up, f/m, Hcp, 7f 165ydsT. B-Swettenham Stud.

Dunes (Aus), c, 3, **Desert Sun (GB)**--Myrtle Beach (Aus), by Bluebird. Doomben (Brisbane), 12-18, 3yo, Hcp, 6fT. B-J D Sommerville.

Kepola (Aus), f, 3, **Dr Fong**--Pedante (Aus), by Danehill. Flemington (Melbourne), 12-18, 3yo, f, Hcp, 7f 20ydsT. B-R Anderson.

Pentazia (NZ), f, 3, **Pentire (GB)**--Rule Britannia (NZ), by Crested Wave. Te Rapa (Waikato), 12-18, 3yo/up, Mdn, 7fT. B-W M Dollimore & C M Wightman.

Mikdar (Aus), f, 3, **Shinko Forest (Ire)**--Zedora (Aus), by Zeditave (Aus). Doomben (Brisbane), 12-15, 3yo/up, Mdn, 6f 165ydsT. B-M J Baumann & D S Arnold.

State Forest (Aus), g, 3, **Shinko Forest (Ire)**--Sparkling, by Capote. Otaki (Levin), 12-16, 3yo, Mdn, 6fT. B-Glenlogan Park Pty Ltd.

Thee Auld Hussie (NZ), f, 3, **Spinning World**--Thee Old Dragon (NZ), by Desert Sun (GB). Otaki (Levin), 12-16, 3yo/up, Hcp, 6fT. B-J G Young.

Desert Ransom (Aus), g, 4, **Desert Prince (Ire)**--Harem Queen (Aus), by Al Hareb. Randwick (Sydney), 12-18, 3yo/up, Hcp, 7fT. B-D M Forbes.

Shivani (NZ), f, 4, **Groom Dancer**--Volterra (Aus), by Bletchingly (Aus). Otaki (Levin), 12-16, 3yo/up, Mdn, 7fT. B-C B Turner.

Butten Shaw (Aus), c, 4, **Peintre Celebre**--Starry Way (Aus), by Danehill. Flemington (Melbourne), 12-18, 3yo/up, Hcp, 1m 35ydsT. B-Corumbene Stud.

St Michel (NZ), f, 4, **Pentire (GB)**--Mighty Mary (NZ), by Racing Is Fun. Otaki (Levin), 12-16, 3yo/up, Mdn, 1 5/16mT. B-Ashburn Lane Investments Ltd.

Bruges (NZ), m, 5, **Groom Dancer**--Rationaine (NZ), by Centaine (Aus). Flemington (Melbourne), 12-18, 3yo/up, Hcp, 1 1/4mT. B-Trelawney Stud.

Mustard (Aus), g, 7, **Vettori (Ire)**--Altezza (Aus), by Rigoletto (Aus). Randwick (Sydney), 12-18, Razor Sharp H.-Listed, 3yo/up, 5 1/2fT, A\$45,500 to winner. B-Tristan Antico Thoroughbreds; T-A Crowley.

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