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LOVE OF MONEY SET TO RETURN IN MALIBU

GII Pennsylvania Derby hero **Love of Money** (Not For Love), unraced since finishing a well-beaten sixth as the



Love of Money

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favorite in the GI Jockey Club Gold Cup Oct. 2, is set to return to the races in the GI Malibu S. at Santa Anita Dec. 26. Trainer Richard Dutrow is excited about the return of the Jay Em Ess colorbearer, who won at the Malibu's seven-furlong distance when taking a

Saratoga allowance by six lengths in mid-August. "He's ready for this race," said Dutrow. "He's been training great." Love of Money got off to a late start, debuting a winner at Belmont in July, but quickly made up for lost time when he won the Penn Derby by a dominating 8 1/2-length margin three starts later. After faltering in the Gold Cup, Dutrow opted to give the colt a freshening. "He was turned out for a little bit, for about two weeks," said the conditioner. In a race that looks to be deep with talent--including champion **Action This Day** (Kris S.) and GSW **Rock Hard Ten** (Kris S.)--Dutrow is most concerned about GIII Sports Page H. winner **Mass Media** (Touch Gold), and with good reason. The Bobby Frankel trainee toyed with eventual GI Cigar Mile victor Lion Tamer in the Oct. 31 Sports Page, winning by 3 1/2 lengths. "I'm a little concerned with Frankel's horse," admitted Dutrow. "It looks like he's got a lot of talent and I'm figuring he's as tough as we are." Still, Dutrow is confident going into the Malibu. "His Saratoga races proved he could sprint," he said. "He's a real nice horse."



REMINDER:

Due to the Christmas holiday,
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Friday, December 24 and
Saturday, December 25.

All news and results from Dec. 24
and 25 will appear in the Monday,
December 27 issue.

Have a wonderful holiday season!

WEEKEND PEDIGREE PERSPECTIVES

by Alan Porter

Saturday, Hollywood Park

HOLLYWOOD FUTURITY-GI, \$449,500, HOL, 12-18,
2yo, 1 1/16m, 1:41 3/5, ft.

1--▲**DECLAN'S MOON**, 121, g, 2, by Malibu Moon

1st Dam: Vee Vee Star (GSP), by Norquestor

2nd Dam: Fabulous Vee, by Somethingfabulous

3rd Dam: Mrs. Vee Vee, by Ridan

(\$125,000 yrl '03 FTMSEP). O-Jay Em Ess Stable;
B-Brice Ridgely (MD); T-Ronald W Ellis; J-V Espinoza;
\$269,700. Lifetime Record: 4-4-0-0, \$509,100.

*First GISW for sophomore sire (by A.P. Indy).

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Last Weekend weekend saw two juvenile Grade I events at Hollywood Park, which conclude top-class two-year-old racing for the year. In one, the Breeders' Cup Juvenile form was upset and, in the other, it was validated.

In the GI Hollywood Futurity, upset GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile winner Wilko faced the GI Champagne S.



Declan's Moon

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winner Proud Accolade, who was trying to rebound from a disappointing effort in the Breeders' Cup, and the undefeated Declan's Moon. The three were close together turning for home, but Proud Accolade soon faded, eventually finishing fifth, suggesting once again that he does

not stay a two-turn 8 1/2 furlongs. Wilko made a run at Declan's Moon, but his tenuous grasp on an Eclipse Award was lost as he slipped back to third.

Meanwhile, Declan's Moon held off the strong finish of Giacomo by a length while scoring with what appeared to be a little in hand. Unbeaten in four starts, which also included the GIII Hollywood Prevue S. and GII Del Mar Futurity, Declan's Moon now looks a sure thing for the title of champion two-year-old colt. *Cont. p2*

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The career of Declan's Moon's sire, Malibu Moon, was reviewed in detail by my colleague Andrew Caulfield following Declan's Moon's win in the GIII Hollywood Prevue S. To recap briefly, however, he started just twice, both in the spring of his juvenile career, and took a five-furlong maiden race at Hollywood Park in the fast time of :57.41 on the second of those two outings. Unfortunately, he came out of that race with a knee chip and was retired to stand at Country Life Farm in Maryland at a fee of \$3,000.

From his first crop came two juvenile stakes winners, including Perfect Moon, winner of the GII Best Pal S. and GIII Hollywood Juvenile Championship S. Declan's Moon and stakes winner Golden Malibu are both from his second crop. Following the bright start made by his first crop, Malibu Moon moved to Castleton Lyons, in Kentucky, where he covered at a fee of \$10,000 in 2004.

Declan's Moon is out of Vee Vee Star, a daughter of the Conquistador Cielo stallion Norquestor. Vee Vee Star never won a stakes contest, but she did finish third in the Black-Eyed Susan S. and the restricted Caesar's Wish S. Vee Vee Star was half sister to the minor stakes winner Sabovee (by Sabona), but neither her third, nor her fourth dam, produced a black-type winner. Declan's Moon's fifth dam, the English-bred Sunspeck, was a good stakes winner, and was half sister to Kalaglow, winner of the G1 King George VI & Queen Elizabeth S. and G1 Eclipse S.

Like two other high-profile stallion sons of A.P. Indy, Pulpit and Mineshaft, Malibu Moon is out of a mare by Mr. Prospector. This sets him up ideally for breeding to Mr. Prospector-line mares, and this cross has produced not only Declan's Moon, but also his other current juvenile black-type scorer Golden Malibu. Declan's Moon's broodmare sire, Norquestor, is a grandson of Mr. Prospector, but he's also out of a mare by Northern Dancer, and that means he is bred on a version of the same Mr. Prospector/Northern Dancer cross which produced Malibu Moon's dam, Macoumba.

Porter cont.

Sunday, Hollywood Park

HOLLYWOOD STARLET S.-GI, \$390,000, HOL, 12-19, 2yo, f, 1 1/16m, 1:41 4/5, ft.

1--@#**SPLENDID BLENDED**, 120, f, 2, by Unbridled's Song

1st Dam: Valid Blend, by Valid Appeal

2nd Dam: Blend of Poetry, by Iron Constitution

3rd Dam: Light Face, by Barbizon

O-Peter Vegso; B-Peter Vegso Racing Stable (FL); T-Neil D Drysdale; J-K Desormeaux; \$233,400.

Lifetime Record: 4-3-1-0, \$327,400. *1/2 to Richly Blended (Rizzi), MGSW, \$323,280.

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One day after Declan's Moon's triumph, Splendid Blended franked the form of the GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies with an authoritative victory in the GI Hollywood Startlet S. Although Splendid Blended did not actually run on Breeders' Cup day herself, she had suffered the sole defeat of her career when second to Juvenile Fillies heroine Sweet Catomine in the GII Oak Leaf S. Splendid Blended looks to have progressed since that defeat, and it will be interesting to see her again hook up with Sweet Catomine. *Porter cont. p3*



Splendid Blended
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With Splendid Blended joining undefeated juvenile colt sensation Rockport Harbor, Unbridled's Song has a very strong hand for the 2005 season. Splendid Blended, Rockport Harbor, Blue Hen S. winner Buzz Song, and Gill Laurel Futurity runner-up Funk are all members of Unbridled's Song's fifth crop. Splendid Blended is her sire's fifth Grade I winner, following Unbridled Elaine, Buddha, Songandaprayer and Marylebone, and his other graded scorers include three-year-old Rare Gift, who took the Gill Ladies H. last weekend, as well as Domestic Dispute, Eurosilver, Griffinite, Extend, Even the Score, Last Song, Seducer's Song and Forest Music.

Whether Splendid Blended can emulate Unbridled Elaine, who currently ranks as Unbridled's Song's leading runner, and capture the GI Breeders' Cup Distaff as a three-year-old remains to be seen, but Splendid Blended does at least resemble her famous relative in terms of pedigree. Unbridled Elaine was out of a mare by Taylor's Falls, a son of In Reality, while Splendid Blended is out of a mare by In Reality's son, Valid Appeal. The cross of stallions descending from Unbridled's Song's grandsire, Fappiano, over mares from the In Reality line has been working since the mid-1980s, when Fappiano came up with such as Tappiano, Pentelicus, Serape, Jeano and Speakerphone out of In Reality mares. Unbridled's Song's sire, Unbridled, was out of a mare by the French Derby winner Le Fabuleux, but his second dam was a daughter of In Reality.

Subsequently, Unbridled sired the champion filly Banshee Breeze out of a mare by a son of In Reality. In addition to Unbridled Elaine and Splendid Blended, Unbridled's Song has also sired graded stakes winner Griffinite and stakes winner Ambition Unbridled out of In Reality-line mares. Of course, all of the Unbridled and Unbridled's Song stakes winners on this cross have a double of In Reality.

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From a pedigree viewpoint, there is a good reason for Fappiano to work with In Reality. Fappiano was out of a mare by Dr. Fager, a son of Rough'n Tumble. In Reality was out of champion two-year-old filly My Dear Girl, a daughter of Rough'n Tumble. So any Fappiano/In Reality combination gave inbreeding to Rough'n Tumble, a horse who himself was inbred 4x4 to English Derby winner Spearmint and the great handicap horse Whisk Broom II.

Where, on pedigree, it is a similarity which marks the Fappiano/In Reality combination, on physique it may be differences which are important. The Relaunch branch (which has generally not been very successful with Fappiano) apart, the In Reality's tend to be smaller, neat, muscular horses, and this might be an ideal balance for the tall, lengthy and often narrow Fappiano type.


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Bumper Christmas Lists for European Breeders

The pathetic performance of the U.S. dollar may be encouraging Europeans to come shopping in New York, but there are so many reasonably priced stallions in Europe these days that not many European breeders are going to be tempted to send their mares to America to be covered. They may buy mares in America and leave them there to take advantage of the huge and so-far dependable marketplace for their produce, but European mares, for the most part, will be staying in Europe for now. Whether there will be owners to whom to sell the produce in 2006-07 is more open to question, but, as far as breeding to good stallions and stallion prospects for reasonable money, there is plenty from which European breeders might choose.

In fact, with this column we are publishing two tables. Table one lists 14 stallions priced between £10,000/ 15,000 (\$20,000) and £20,000/ 30,000 (\$40,000). I've made no comment on those (except below, as regards Nijinsky). Table two lists 20 stallions standing for under £10,000/ 15,000 (\$20,000), and we have run our rule over those.

Sulamani and the Nijinsky Branch of Northern Dancer...

Andrew Caulfield commented yesterday that Hernando (at £12,000) could face keen competition from his son Sulamani (£7,000) for mares in Newmarket. But there should be plenty for both, as well as for Dalham Hall's ex-German son of Niniski, Lomitas (£12,000). These horses should be swamped with mares because they represent a resurgence in the fortunes of the Nijinsky branch of Northern Dancer as a sire line. Hernando sports a 2.70 APEX 'A' Runner Index, Lomitas is 2.11, and Sulamani, at £7,000, is at a giveaway price for a top-class horse who won six Grade/Group 1s and earned over \$5 million.

I do have an association with the breeders of Sulamani, so I would no doubt be biased toward him as a sire prospect anyway. In fact, I think Sulamani has a serious chance to be the most important Nijinsky-line sire since Nijinsky himself.


I make this bold assertion for two reasons. First, because Nijinsky was one of the greats. From Northern Dancer's second crop, he achieved a Timeform rating of 138 and, though the first and least typical of Northern Dancer's great sons, he was also a great sire. But his sire line has been in decline, and until recently it seemed he would be another of many top-class sires who would survive more through the dam's side than the sire's.

The second reason is because one small ribbon of Nijinsky, namely the dual St. Leger (Irish and French) winner Niniski, is proving far more significant an influence than it appeared at the time. He was a Timeform 125. He begat Hernando--top Timeform rating of 127--who succeeded his sire at Kirsten Rausing's Lanwades Stud. Now Hernando has sired Sulamani --top Timeform rating 130 (at three, in 2002), and Timeform 128 the last two years. The trend usually goes the other way the further you get away from the great horse, the more the class is diluted. This crowd is going the other way: the trend is up.

One other interesting thing about all these Nijinskys now: they are throwing similar physical types, much longer, and more distance horses than the usual Northern Dancer. But here's a great example of the sire line, which we use for identification, not telling the whole story--Nijinsky is out of a mare by Bull Page, a son of Bull Lea, and for my money, he has always been much more Bull Lea than Northern Dancer. Another interesting difference is that you don't breed to these Nijinskys expecting to own two-year-old champions. Look at the difference between two- and three-year-old ABC Runners for the following Nijinsky-line stallions:

Sire	ABC 2yos	ABC 3yos
Hernando (by Niniski)	0.59	1.75
Lomitas (by Niniski)	0.51	1.95
Kahyasi (by Ile de Bourbon)	0.55	1.84

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We hear a lot these days about how people want outcrosses, alternatives, horses that are durable and get the trip. Well, technically they may not be outcrosses, but practically, they are. Look at the record of Danzig-line sires over Nijinsky-line mares: 33 'A' Runners and counting, only eight of them foaled before 1996. There is a great opportunity for breeders to put their money where their mouths are, and it won't take much money, either. Kahyasi (€6,000), still in France, and Hernando, Lomitas, and now Sulamani in Newmarket. At a cost of between \$8,000-\$24,000, these horses should be attracting huge books of mares, including from America.

Plenty More Bargains...

In alphabetical order, relevant details in parentheses

Act One (1st foals 2004, GB): First foals only averaged 18,242gns for eight actually sold, but was a Group 1 winner at two and undefeated until Sulamani lowered his colors. Good horse, presumably better supported by breeders.

Bahamian Bounty (1st foals 1999, GB): Bit above average for 'A' Runners, but really useful 1.94 'B' Runner Index. Consistently above average, overall.

Bahhare (1st foals 2000, Fr): Actually comes out about a 1.50 stallion, which is really well above average; he is a bit above average even for two-year-olds, but they do seem better as three-year-olds and up, so far.

Beat Hollow (1st foals 2004, GB): His dam is an Irish Oaks-winning full sister to Oasis Dream's dam, so that proves the family has class, and reacts in distance terms to the sire; won four Grade/Group 1s himself and has a bit of a following; just three foals sold averaged over 30,000gns at the foal sales.

Captain Rio (1st foals 2005, Ir): From the team that brought you Rossini, Joe Foley's Ballyhane Stud. They say this fellow is drop-dead gorgeous, he's by Pivotal, and he was wildly popular among Irish breeders this year.

Compton Place (1st foals 2000, GB): Another with 2-4 crops racing who is average for 'A' Runners (1.09), which is actually not bad for a £5,000 stallion. This fellow won the G1 July Cup himself (at three) and has a 2.00 rating for his two-year-olds so far.

Diktat (1st 2yo's 2004, GB): Cape Cross's nephew finished well up on EU freshman sire list while still looking like they're going to be better three-year-olds. Looks quite promising, and I hope some bold frontiersman will send him a Cape Cross mare this year.

Docksider (1st 3yo's 2004, Ir): He looked ice cold early in the year, but slowly started to pile up some useful winners at up to 10 furlongs. They're going to be better at four than three, as he was himself, so not out of contention yet.

Domedriver (1st foals 2005, GB): The breeder and stud master combined for Hernando, and there's plenty to like about this fellow. He's the best-bred son of Indian Ridge (second dam a sister to El Gran Senor), and he won the Breeders' Cup Mile.

Elusive City (Retires 2005, Ir): He was a very good-looking, fast two-year-old from Elusive Quality's first crop--the second included Smarty Jones--and now he returns to Europe with an €8,000 ticket. The bidding on him for stud duty was hot and heavy, and he is likely to prove one of those very popular Irish 'commercial' sires.

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Gold Away (1st 3yo's 2004, Fr): Second in four Group 1s, but never won one. Even so, he always looked a pretty good value cheap stallion. I thought he would have won Silic's Breeders' Cup Mile, but broke down a week or so beforehand. Alexander Goldrun proves he was for real, and he has a 3.18 two-year-old index, too.

Intikhab (1st 3yo's 2004, Ir): First or second in 13 of his 14 career starts, but hasn't got a big following; short on 'A' Runners so far (does have a GSW two-year-old), but has tremendous 'B' Runner (3.01) and 'C' Runner (2.71) ratings; one of six Sheikh Hamdan stallions on these two lists.

Kahyasi (1st foals 1990, Fr): He's always been a useful sire (1.64 'A' Runner Index, 1.93 'B' since 1998), now has quite a reputation as a broodmare sire, too, through the exploits of his daughter, Hasili. But he's first and foremost a racehorse sire, and good value for those extra possibilities, too.

No Excuse Needed (1st foals 2005, Ir): There's nothing like a good European miler to make a credible sire prospect, so it won't do to forget about this fellow. He did not win a Group 1, it is true, but he did win the Queen Anne at Royal Ascot the last year it was a Group 2. He comes from the same team that brought you Key of Luck, too--Sheikh Maktoum's Gainsborough and Derek Icteton's Tara Stud.

Sulamani (Retires 2005, GB): Winner of six Group 1 races at 10-12 furlongs and, as I've described above, has the potential to continue the revival of the Nijinsky line. He certainly displayed a lot of virtues breeders (or, at least, pundits claiming to be speaking for breeders) say they want: he was tough, durable, and got the trip. I hope he's a great buy at £7,000.

Systematic (Retires 2005, GB): Here's the lights-out, knock-em-cold, sleeper of the year. He's another Sheikh Maktoum-bred like No Excuse Needed (above) and Touch of the Blues (below). This guy won seven races as a three-year-old for Mark Johnston in 2002, including the ultra-hot King George V H. at Royal Ascot, culminating in a Group 3 win and a Timeform rating of 121. He's got a great pedigree, too.

Tiger Hill (1st 3yo's 2004, Germany): He actually started out in France, but now stands in Germany, where he did most of his racing; very high-class (Timeform 127) middle-distance son of Danehill (3rd in 1998 Arc), looks the leading young sire in Germany, hands down.

Touch of the Blues (1st foals 2005): Won the G2 Thomas Bryon (7f) in France as a two-year-old, then spent three years running in top mile races for Neil Drysdale, for Sheikh Maktoum, in America; won the GI Atto Mile and ran second to Six Perfections in the GI Breeders' Cup Mile in 2003.

Verglas (1st 3yo's 2004): Won then-G3 Coventry S. at Royal Ascot in 1996, second to Desert King the following year in the G1 Irish 2000 Guineas; made a great start at stud in France (3.92 'A' rating, 3.92 'B' rating, and a sensational 6.32 two-year-old rating). Has been bought and re-syndicated at the Irish Nat'l Stud, and looks a great buy for them.

Where or When (1st foals 2005): He was only beaten two lengths by Rock of Gibraltar in the 2001 Dewhurst S. and won the G1 Queen Elizabeth S. over Hawk Wing as a three-year-old (Timeform 124). This was a really good colt who maybe didn't get the credit he deserved, but had the ability to prove a bit of a surprise package at stud.

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Bang the Drums, Slowly...

The Satish Committee, fronted by Cot Campbell, has reported, and I think there are a couple of positive things to have come out of this. Most important is the understanding that it's not just all so simple as it might sound the presence of ace Lexington lawyer Phil Scott insured, I'm sure, that no single individual's enthusiasm for change obscured some weighty legal issues. The 'Right to Privacy', for example, was invoked as the reason why ownership won't necessarily be disclosed (doesn't somebody's sale supplement book list the breeder? Start there). On the other side of the coin, one good thing this process is doing: it is putting people on notice that certain activities in this business do constitute fraud in the legal sense, and if you'd like to check in on what the current Attorney General of New York has been up to during his term in office, here's a message from the legal system: you can go to jail for fraud. So don't do it.

Another good feature is the document reminding prospective owners that they also have a right, and really, an obligation, to do some 'due diligence' themselves. Hey, this all started as a livestock auction, where 'as is' is the order of the day. You can't be expected to disclose everything; it would bore us all to death. Most consignors now carry around a big notebook with them; you go up to the consignor, or their rep in the back of the sales ring, and ask if there's anything you need to know: they can't tell you fast enough. That's a good thing.

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But now I'm going to tell you the real problem here: there's no democracy. Fine, TOBA assembled another task force; fine, the sales companies are playing ball; fine, two or three things which are tangible advances in the process are likely to happen (with, hopefully, a minimum of added absurdities). But why should hundreds, even thousands of professionals who work 80-hour weeks accede to 'taxation without representation.' Let's go a step further. Let's not have an 'oversight' committee made up of Satish Sanan and friends, not unless we elect them. It wouldn't be all that hard. The fact that owners are impossible to really organize because this is not their primary business doesn't mean the rest of us can't be organized. We can be, because we are the industry professionals, and our livelihoods are at stake.

Be brave, Mr. Metzger. You've had in the volunteers, the amateurs, and the Members. Now call a convention of the rest of us, and see if we can't really create a mechanism that works. And, nothing against the volunteers who have donated their time and expertise but let's put it to a vote, let's have some democracy in action--and let's see if the membership chooses them to represent us.

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 £12,000/17,500 -- £20,000/30,000

<u>SIRE</u>	<u>1st Foals</u>	<u>2005 Fee</u>	<u>Loc</u>	<u>Farm</u>	<u>A Index</u>	<u>Comments</u>
Alhaarth	1999	30,000	Ire	Derrinstown	2.11	EU Top 10 Proven Sire
Desert Prince	2000	20,000	Ire	Ir Nat'l Stud	1.21	Interesting at this level
Falbrav	2005	17,500	GB	Cheveley Park	----	Timeform 133 in 2003
Fantastic Light	2003	20,000	GB	Dalham Hall	----	Great bargain if they run
Haafhd	2006	20,000	GB	Nunnery	----	He & Bago best EU 3yo's
Hawk Wing	2005	25,000	Ire	Coolmore	----	50 by another sire
Hernando	1997	12,000	GB	Lanwades	2.7	Key to Nijinsky revival
Key of Luck	1999	17,500	Ire	Tara Stud	1.97	Has 3.47 index for 2yo's
Lomitas	1996	12,000	GB	Dalham Hall	2.11	1st GB ylgs avgd 37,897gns
Nayef	2005	15,000	GB	Nunnery	----	Sh Hamdan has 4 here
Peintre Celebre	2000	30,000	Ire	Coolmore	2.55	Best EU 3rd-crop sire
Refuse to Bend	2006	20,000	Ire	Kildangan	----	G1 winner at 2, 3, 4
Royal Applause	1999	20,000	GB	Royal Studs	1.6	Very good for 2yo's
Sakhee	2004	15,000	GB	Nunnery	----	Foals liked, price drops

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20 Recommended European Stallions
£10,000/15,000 and under
(listed by year of first foals)

<u>SIRE</u>	<u>1st Foals</u>	<u>2005 Fee</u>	<u>Loc</u>	<u>Farm</u>	<u>A Index</u>	<u>Comments</u>
Kahyasi	1990	6,000	Fr	H de Bonneval	1.64	Well liked for the price
Bahamian Bounty	1999	6,000	GB	National Stud	1.29	Rates 1.94 for B rnr's
Bahhare	2000	5,000	Fr	H de Thenney	1.54	Improving
Compton Place	2000	5,000	GB	Whitsbury Manor	1.09	Rates 2.00 for 2yo's
Docksider	2001	3,500	Ire	Airlie	1.39	2yo's 0.00, 3yo's 1.63
Gold Away	2001	5,000	Fr	H de Quesnay	2.05	Rates 3.18 for 2yo's
Intikhab	2001	8,000	Ire	Derrinstown	0	B's - 3.01, C's - 2.71
Tiger Hill	2001	9,000	Ger	Schlenderhan	1.96	B's - 4.90, 3yo's 3.03
Verglas	2001	10,000	Ire	Ir Nat'l Stud	3.92	Did great in Fr
Diktat	2002	10,000	GB	Dalham Hall	----	Look better as 3yos
Act One	2004	10,000	GB	Nunnery	----	Only loss to Sulamani
Beat Hollow	2004	9,000	GB	Banstead Manor	----	3 foals avg'd 30,000
Captain Rio	2005	5,000	Ire	Ballyhane	----	The Rossini guy
Domedriver	2005	10,000	GB	Lanwades	----	The Hernando firms
No Excuse Needed	2005	6,000	Ire	Tara Stud	----	The Key of Luck firms
Touch of the Blues	2005	6,000	Ire	Ir Nat'l Stud	----	2nd Breeders' Cup Mile
Where Or When	2005	6,000	GB	Cheveley Park	----	G1-winning miler
Elusive City	2006	8,000	Ire	Huma Park	----	Commercial dream
Sulamani	2006	7,000	GB	Dalham Hall	----	Could be the goods
Systematic	2006	2,500	GB	East Burrow	----	Sleeper of the year

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★ **CENTRAL** ★

NTRA TO ESTABLISH D.C. OFFICE In an effort to give the Thoroughbred industry ever more prominent representation in the legislative sphere, the National Thoroughbred Racing Association will establish an office in Washington, D.C. Greg Avioli, who has been at the forefront of the NTRA's political efforts since the organization was founded, will head the office under the title of executive vice president of legislative and corporate planning. "Over the past few years, it has become clear that promoting and protecting our industry's interests in Washington is one of the cornerstones for growth," said NTRA Commissioner D.G. Van Clief, Jr. "We face important challenges in Washington, and the time is right to double down on the NTRA's legislative advocacy for Thoroughbred racing and breeding. Greg has done an outstanding job in this area, and we believe it is incumbent on us to focus even more on Washington, where he will lead our efforts." Added Avioli, "This is an exciting opportunity to build on the progress that we've made on the political front. Our work to further tax relief for owners and breeders and expand the presence of American racing into foreign markets is already underway. We continue to educate members of Congress about the industry and the importance of preserving its current legal status with respect to Internet wagering." The NTRA has also announced several title changes for key personnel, including Terry Meyocks. The former special assistant to the Commissioner will now serve as vice president of NTRA racing and industry memberships, overseeing the NTRA's industry relations programs.

Delta Downs Jockey in Serious Condition After Spill:

Jockey Christina Gray, injured in a two-horse spill at Delta Downs Friday, was listed in serious condition Monday at Memorial Hospital in Lake Charles, Louisiana, according to *Daily Racing Form*. After being treated and released from a hospital in Sulphur, LA on Friday, Gray was admitted to Memorial with two fractured vertebrae. The 34-year-old was thrown from her mount Tell a Calm when the horse fell on the second turn of a one-mile race.

Hill 'n' Dale Hires Blanchard as Resident Veterinarian:

Hill 'n' Dale Farms has announced that Dr. Terry Blanchard, an internationally recognized authority on stallion infertility and mare reproduction, will assume the role of resident veterinarian at its Lexington, Kentucky base beginning in January. Blanchard has been a professor of equine theriogenology at Texas A & M for the past 17 years. "We are privileged and honored to welcome Dr. Blanchard to Hill 'n' Dale," said the farm's president, John Sikura. "His reputation, experience and extraordinary talents in the area of equine reproduction are without equal. Dr. Blanchard stands to elevate all that we do. We are in the breeding business, and what greater opportunity than to have the man that literally wrote the book on young stallion fertility and getting mares in foal head up our veterinary services division." Blanchard, who received his masters from the University of Missouri, has also been a faculty member at the University of Missouri and the University of Pennsylvania.

★ **SO. CALIFORNIA** ★

STAKES CLOSINGS

TODAY, 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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Monday Night's Races:

9th-HOL, \$36,200, Msw, (S), 2yo, f, 5 1/2fT, 1:04 1/5, ft.
+ **SNEAKY JACK** (f, 2, Huddle Up--Hitters Touch, by Dimaggio), sent off at 5-1 in her bow, battled on the front end before taking charge with a furlong to run and drawing off to win by four lengths over 4-5 favorite House of Danzing (Chester House). Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$21,000.
O/B-Edward Tannenbaum (CA). T-Summer Mayberry.

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 **SOPHOMORE SPOTLIGHT**

First-time starters/stakes runners: Wednesday, Dec. 22

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

ETBAUER (Silver Deputy), Henson, \$5K, 27/10/0
5-TP, Msw, 6f, +Joyful Gal, \$2K ARK OCT yrl
EXPLOIT (Storm Cat), Taylor Made, \$25K, 159/53/5
6-CRC, Stk, 7 1/2fT, Our Exploit, 6-1

 **FRESHMAN FOCUS**

First-crop progeny to watch: Wednesday, Dec. 22

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

CRIMSON CLASSIC (Sky Classic), Wafare, \$3K, 5/0/0
5-TP, Msw, 6f, Mt. Sterling Mary
MIGHTY (Lord At War {Arg}), Walmac, \$5K, 30/0/0
5-TP, Msw, 6f, St. Faustina, \$7K KEE SEP yrl

THIS WEEK IN RACING HISTORY...

December 22, 1991...Jockey **Kent Desormeaux**, at age 21, won his 2,000th race aboard Saron Lake, trained by Gary Jones, at Hollywood Park. He was the youngest jockey to reach that mark and did so faster than any other rider.

December 25, 1934...Santa Anita Park opened in Arcadia, CA. The five-year-old mare Las Palmas won the inaugural race before a crowd of 30,777.

December 27, 1982...Michael Dickinson, then a steeplechase trainer in England, saddled a record 12 winners in one day.

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★  **EUROPE** ★

TOUT SEUL TO STAND IN ITALY Group 1-winning juvenile **Tout Seul (Ire)** (Ali-Royal {Ire}--Total Aloof {GB}, by Groom Dancer) has been retired to stud at Tenuta della Calandrina near Rome, Italy. The deal to stand the four-year-old was brokered jointly by McKeever St. Lawrence and Federico Barberini. His stud fee will be €4,500. As a two-year-old in 2002, the bay captured five of seven starts, including the G1 Dewhurst S., a victory which made him the second-ranked juvenile in Europe. Third in the G1 Irish 2000 Guineas at three, he added a win in the Listed Leicestershire S. this season. Tout Seul retires with a record of 20-6-2-1 and earnings of £386,953.

★ **BRITAIN** ★

BETTOR EARNS HOLIDAY BONUS

A punter from Scotland received an early Christmas present when scooping a massive £141,192 payout--for just a £30 outlay--betting on races at all-weather tracks Wolverhampton and Lingfield Monday. The anonymous William Hill client placed a £2 each-way 'Lucky 15,' a combination bet involving four selections, and found maximum reward with Single Track Mind (GB) at 10-1, Noble Mount (GB) at 16-1, Blue Bajan (Ire) at a whopping 40-1 and Bienheureux (GB) at 5-1. Jennie Prest, spokesperson for Hills, said, "A big win like this is every punter's dream at this time of year, it will certainly pay for a few dinners. To get four winners is brilliant, but to pick out a 40-1 shot as well must mean that he's been a very good boy this year."

Yesterday's Results:

Lingfield, 12.50, Mdn, £6,285, 2yo, 1m (AWT),
1:40.53, stn.

HUMBLE OPINION (GB) (c, 2, Singspiel {Ire}--For More {Fr}, by Sanglamore) showed enough on debut when runner-up, going a furlong shorter at this track Nov. 27, to start the hot 1-2 pick for this second go. Leading from flagfall, he was pushed along at the eighth pole and kept on well, despite hanging badly right in the latter stages, to best Mickehaha (GB) (Lake Coniston {Ire}) by 3 1/2 lengths. Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, £5,485.

O-Paul & Jenny Green; B-P C Green; T-Brian Meehan.



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ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

4th-DED, \$28,500, NW2L, (S), 2yo, f, 6 1/2f, 1:24 1/5, ft.

ACTRESS E (f, 2, Noactor--Princess Cherri, by Fighting Fit) Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-0, \$28,200. O/B/T-Brent C Fontenot (LA).

9th-PHA, \$25,960, NW2X, 3yo/up, 6 1/2f, 1:17, ft. YO CUZ (c, 3, Pioneering--Sheltered View {SW & GSP, \$171,720}, by Shelter Half) Lifetime Record: 13-3-1-2, \$70,466. O-Edward A Rudley. B-Mrs Timothy J Gardner (PA). T-Thomas R Miller. *\$12,000 yrl '02 FTMSEP.

6th-SUN, \$25,000, NW3L, (S), 3yo/up, 6f, 1:10, ft. FANCYGHOST (c, 3, Ghostly Moves--Fancywilfly, by Jack Wilson) Lifetime Record: 8-3-1-2, \$43,768. O/B-W T Stradley & Tom A Williams (NM). T-Fred I Danley.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Flashy Rocket, c, 3, Bag--Queen's Silence, by Silent King. DED, 12-21, (S), 5f, 1:01. B-Frederick T & Marshall Davis & Greg Defrates (La). *1/2 to Believe Im Special (Believe It), MSW, \$261,528.

Confirst, f, 3, Con Artist--Floopsy, by Quick and Nervous. SUN, 12-21, (S), 5 1/2f, 1:05 4/5. B-Casey Darnell (NM). *\$2,200 yrl '02 RUIAUG. **SP.

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The **brisnet.com** 'Race of the Day' is the 6th Race, \$28,000 Alw, at Hawthorne. For pps and a complete race analysis, click [here](#).

**BREEDERS' EDITION
EUROPE**

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Summer Charm (GB), f, 2, Dansili (GB)--Regent's Folly (Ire) (SP-GB), by Touching Wood. Southwell, Britain, 12-21, Mdn, 2yo, 1m (AWT). B-Blackdown Stud.

*4,500gns yrl '03 TATOCT. **19th winner for freshman sire (by Danehill).

+ **Alessano (GB), c, 2, Hernando (Fr)--Alessandra (GB), by Generous (Ire).** Lingfield, Britain, 12-21, Mdn, 2yo, 1m (AWT). B-D J & Mrs Deer.

Afaf (Fr), f, 2, Spectrum (Ire)--Halawa (Ire), by Dancing Brave. Deauville, France, 12-21, Cond, 2yo, f, 6 1/2f (AWT). B-Zakaria Hakam.

Pacha de Retz (Fr), c, 2, Spectrum (Ire)--Metisse, by Kingmambo. Deauville, France, 12-21, Cond, 2yo, c/g, 6 1/2f (AWT). B-Janus Bloodstock Inc.

*€115,000 yrl '03 DEAAUG.

A # will distinguish first-time stakes-winners, a @ will indicate first-time graded stakes-winners, a ▲ will denote a first-time Grade/Group 1 winner, a + will first-time starters, an (S) will be used for state-bred races, a (C) will be used for maiden-claiming races and an (R) will be used for other restricted races. Purses for Canadian races are in Canadian dollars.



REMINDER:

Due to the Christmas holiday, the TDN office will be closed Friday, Dec. 24 and Saturday, Dec. 25.

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