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KEENELAND CATALOGS 212 FOR APRIL TWO-YEAR-OLDS IN TRAINING SALE

Keeneland has catalogued 212 horses for its third annual April Two-Year-Olds in Training Sale, to be held Tuesday, April 18 at 1:30 p.m. The sale is the second of two juvenile auctions scheduled by Keeneland in April. It will be preceded by a sale at Retama Park near San Antonio April 11. Keeneland inaugurated its two-year-old sale in 1993. The first two auctions produced several Grade I stakes winners, including Saturday's Florida Derby hero **Thunder Gulch** (Gulch). Consignors will have an opportunity to breeze or gallop their horses for prospective buyers Mondays, April 10 and 17, starting at 10:30 a.m. Among the 114 colts and 98 fillies selling are half-brothers to champion Sacahuista (by Deputy Minister) and leading sire Danzig (by Opening Verse), a sister to graded stakes-winner Roamin Rachel (by Mining) and half-sisters to European champion Culture Vulture (by Deputy Minister) and millionaire Tejano (by Blushing John). Keeneland sold 158 two-year-olds in April last year for an average of \$73,237.

HOLLYWOOD WILDCAT TO BE BRED TO DANZIG

Hollywood Wildcat (Kris S.), bred and owned by Irving and Marjorie Cowan, arrived at Echo Valley Horse Farm in Georgetown, Kentucky yesterday and is scheduled to be bred to Danzig this season. The Champion Three-Year-Old Filly in 1993, Hollywood Wildcat, a three-time Grade I winner of \$1,432,160, was retired in late February following an injury to the tendon in her left front leg. In her final career start Feb. 10, she won the \$65,500 Little Brianne S. at Santa Anita by 4 1/2 lengths.

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THE PALM BEACH S.-GIII, \$48,500, GPX, 3-14, 3yo, 1 1/8m (off the turf), 1:51, ft.

1--#**@ADMIRALTY**, 114, c, 3, **Strawberry Road (Aus)--Savannah Slew (MGIII, \$212,130)**, by **Seattle Slew**. O/B-Allen E. Paulson (KY); T-William I. Mott; J-J. Krone; \$30,000.

Lifetime Record: 11-3-4-1, \$90,555.

2--**Nostra**, 114, c, 3, Greinton (GB)--**Index's**, by Storm Bird. O-Condren & Cornacchia & Paulson. \$10,000.

3--**Smells and Bells**, 114, c, 3, Judge Smells--**Shoplifter**, by Our Native. (\$17,000 yrl '93 KEESSEP). O-Tea Party Stable Inc. \$5,500.

Margins: 1, 15, 18. Odds: 0.20a, 0.20a, 3.00.

Also Ran: Highest Yield. Scratched: Cuzzin Jeb, Dan's Bet, Dixie Dynasty, King James, Otto's Brother, Squadron Leader, St Ambrose Aid.

In a field scratched down to four runners after the race came off the turf, Nick Zito-trainee Nostra, who missed by a neck in the Lord Avie S. at Gulfstream Feb. 20, broke alertly, sprinting to an early lead and setting soft fractions of :24 1/5, :48 4/5 and 1:12 3/5. Admiralty, making his stakes debut and coupled in the wagering with Nostra, raced close to his entymate throughout, gaining command in upper stretch then proving best by a length. "Obviously I couldn't be disappointed that it was a small field, but I was anxious to try him on the grass," said winning trainer Bill Mott. "It was a good race. I'm happy he got the mile and an eighth. I always thought he had ability." Mott cited the April 1 Jim Beam S. at Turfway Park as his colt's possible next start. Wigberto Ramos, the rider of stakes-winner and fourth-place finisher HIGHEST YIELD (Settlement Day), broke his left iron leaving the gate then rode the remainder of the race with both feet out of the irons.

TODAY'S PREVIEW:

Today, Santa Anita Park:

THE PIRATE COVE S., \$65,000a, 3yo, 1 1/8mT
The field of six, from the rail out, is as follows: **Z Lobo** (Key to the Mint), Pincay Jr.; **Bee El Tee** (Known Fact), Desormeaux; **La Contessa (GB)** (Robellino), Almeida; **Fine N' Majestic** (Majestic Light), Delahoussaye; **Jade Dancer** (Green Dancer), Nakatani; **Awesome Thought** (Flying Paster), McCarron.

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BIRDONTHEWIRE INJURED Birdonthewire

(Proud Birdie), who was scratched off the program of the Gulfstream Park Sprint Championship last Friday, suffered a wrenched ankle and is fast on his way to recovery, according to trainer Phil Serpe. "We had him ultrasounded and it came back good," Serpe said. "We've just got to give him a little time. When a horse is this big (17.1 hands), carries this much weight and is this fast, you have to be very careful. If he were a small, agile horse, I might have considered running." Serpe will now point the six-year-old Grade I winner to the Commonwealth Breeders' Cup S. at Keeneland April 14, with the long-term goal being the Breeders' Cup Sprint at Belmont Oct. 28.



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Yesterday's Results:

10th-GPX, \$36,000, Alw, 4yo/up, 1 1/8m (off the turf), 1:51 3/5, ft.

INSIDE THE BELTWAY (c, 4, Meadowlake--Our Gallamar, by Our Native), who returned from a 4-month hiatus to finish 2nd in a turf allowance at Gulfstream in his last, moved forward off that effort with an off-the-pace, neck victory as the overwhelming 2-5 chalk. 7-2 second choice RUPERT SPRING FIRE (Rupert's Wing), far back early, came flying at the finish for 2nd. Lifetime Record: 7-4-1-1, \$86,400. O-C. Peter Beler. B-C. Peter Beler & John D. Copanos (FL). T-Gary Sciacca.

8th-GPX, \$33,000, Alw, 4yo/up, f/m, 7f, 1:23, ft.
GONE TO VENUS (f, 4, Gone West--Rokeby Venus, by Quadrangle) missed taking her 3rd straight by a neck in a Gulfstream allowance Feb. 12. Sent off the 2-1 second choice here, the consistent filly came from off-the-pace for a 5 1/2-length tally under Shane Sellers. Gone to Venus is 1/2 to Rokeby Rose (GII, \$250,480, by Tom Rolfe), I Mean It (SW, \$186,332, by In Reality) and Split Rock (MSW, \$187,426, by Alleged). Lifetime Record: 5-3-1-1, \$64,462. O-Edward & Patricia Pavlish. B-Caroline R. & Dorothy D. Alexander (KY). T-John T. Ward Jr.

6th-GPX, \$30,000, Msw, 3yo, 1 1/16m, 1:47 4/5, ft.
MARQUEE STAR (c, 3, Theatrical {Ire}--Marshua's Echelon {GIII, \$244,895}, by Marshua's Dancer), 3rd in his only prior start at Gulfstream Feb. 18, went wire-to-wire under Jerry Bailey to win by 6 1/2 as the 4-5 bettors' choice. HANDSOME DEVIL (Devil's Bag) closed ground late for 2nd. The winner is 1/2 to Echelon's Ice Man (MGSP, \$161,205, by Icecapade). Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-1, \$20,640. O/B-Joe & Jean Pizzitola Sr. (KY). T-William I. Mott.

3rd-GPX, \$30,000, Msw, 4yo, 1 1/16m, 1:45 2/5, gd.

PLEASANT INTERLUDE (c, 4, Pleasant Colony--Imprudent Love, by Foolish Pleasure), making his second start back from a 7-month layoff, trailed the 6-horse field until the stretch, where he rallied under Mike Smith to win going away by 4 3/4. REQUEST A STAR (Cherokee Fellow) was 2nd, while 3-5 favorite BLUFFY (Theatrical {IRE}) was a neck farther back in 3rd. Lifetime Record: 5-1-0-1, \$20,602. O/B-Virginia Kraft Payson (KY). T-Roger L. Attfield.

Today, Gulfstream Park:

THE EILLO H., \$48,000a, 3yo/up, 5f

The field of eight, in post position order, is as follows: **Corma Ray** (Cormorant), Perret; **Dr. Cina** (Irish Tower), Soodeen; **Can't Be Denied** (Linkage), Smith; **K S Fury** (Gulch), Boulanger; **Premier Angel** (Premiership), Bravo; **Commanche Trail** (Copelan), Barton; **Prospector J** (Northern Prospect), Bailey; **Imtoocool** (Shananie), Davis.

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ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

11th-GPX, \$32,000, 3yo, f, 1 1/8m (off the turf), 1:53 1/5, ft.

THREE'S A CROWD (f, 3, Topsider--Sporting Ack {MSW, \$177,977}, by Ack Ack) Lifetime Record: 12-2-4-1, \$42,980. O-Punta Barco Stud. B-Mike G. Rutherford (KY). T-Jose A. Mendez.

7th-GPX, \$32,000, 4yo/up, 1 1/16m, 1:45, ft.
FIFTH SET (g, 4, Alydar--Tournament Star {MSP}, by Nijinsky II) Lifetime Record: 13-2-3-1, \$50,290. O/B-Peter M. Brant (KY). T-Thomas J. Skiffington.

8th-PHA, \$19,360, 4yo/up, 6f, 1:10 4/5, ft.
DAGGER DANCE (g, 4, Shipping Magnate--Tandeka, by Hatchet Man) Lifetime Record: 24-6-6-4, \$86,489. O/T-Mary M. Goodman. B-Willow Brook Horse Breeders (PA). *SP.

MAIDEN WINNERS:

Or'lenska, f, 3, **Gold Crest--Rulenska** (Ire), by Persian Bold (Ire). GPX, 3-14, 6f, 1:12 2/5. B-Margaux Stud, Inc (Ky). *\$5,200 yrl '93 FTKSEP. **Full to Persian Gold (MSW, \$265,199).

Marquee Star, c, 3, **Theatrical (Ire)--Marshua's Echelon** (GIII, \$244,895), by Marshua's Dancer. GPX, 3-14, 1 1/16m, 1:47 4/5. B-Joe & Jean Pizzitola Sr (Ky). *1/2 to Echelon's Ice Man (MGSP, \$161,205, by Icecapade).

Pleasant Interlude, c, 4, **Pleasant Colony--Imprudent Love**, by Foolish Pleasure. GPX, 3-14, 1 1/16m, 1:45 2/5. B-Virginia Kraft Payson (KY).



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DERBY DEELITES

by: Jay Privman

Merely having the favorite for the Kentucky Derby would get Burt Bacharach's blood pumping, but in Afternoon Deelites, Bacharach may have much, much more. Afternoon Deelites is the best horse in the country. He is unbeaten after four starts, and is unquestionably the finest three-year-old prospect seen on the West Coast since Sunday Silence. Bacharach knows it, most horsemen in California know it, and by Sunday night, after Afternoon Deelites meets Timber Country in Santa Anita's San Felipe Stakes, the rest of the country is likely to know it too.

The possibilities right now are endless. When Bacharach, an Oscar and Grammy Award-winning composer, gets to dreaming, it's of days of twin spires and roses. He got a taste of the Kentucky Derby a year ago with Soul of the Matter, but that colt spent the spring playing catch-up, and never did. This time, it's different--Afternoon Deelites is the leader of the pack. Bacharach is trying to control his emotions by playing concerts with his longtime friend, Dionne Warwick. Last weekend, he was in Las Vegas. Monday, Bacharach leaves for Paris and a 2 1/2-week tour of Europe. The schedule is busy, so as to try and take his mind off his horses, but it is also structured around Afternoon Deelites' racing schedule. Bacharach's tour ends in time for him to make it home for next month's Santa Anita Derby.

"I'm trying to stay focused at the moment. I'm not counting on anything forever. I know this game too well," the soft-spoken Bacharach said in an interview last weekend from his suite at Caesars Palace. "This is like falling in love. You can try to find out all the answers--'How did we get together? Why is this so perfect?'--but you're better off just accepting it and saying, 'Why not?' After we won the San Felipe last year with Soul of the Matter, I thought, 'If that's it, that's enough.' But you do want more. It's an addictive thing."

Bacharach has been addicted to Thoroughbred racing since he was a child growing up in New York, where, beginning at age 11, he would make selections every day out of the newspaper. Success as a singer, songwriter and composer--Bacharach has written such familiar and award-winning songs as "Raindrops Keep Fallin' On My Head," "Walk On By" and "That's What Friends Are For"--enabled him to pursue his love for horses as an owner, and he has been involved now for nearly 30 years.

In addition to Afternoon Deelites and Soul of the Matter, who won last year's Super Derby, Bacharach owns 1983 Champion Three-Year-Old Filly Heartlight

No. One. All are homebreds. And Bacharach won an Eclipse Award for national television achievement in 1971 for a special that aired on CBS.

That special was focused around the final race of the Gallant Man mare Loyal Ruler, who finished second in the 1969 Black-Eyed Susan Stakes and was one of the first horses Bacharach owned. She has proven to be the foundation mare of Bacharach's racing and breeding operation. Loyal Ruler's offspring include Icantell, who is the dam of Heartlight No. One. Icantell also produced Soul Light, the dam of Soul of the Matter. And Loyal Ruler is the great granddam of Afternoon Deelites--she produced Hot Food, who in turn produced Intimate Girl, the dam of the top three-year-old colt. Both Soul of the Matter and Afternoon Deelites are by Private Terms. Believing that that nick should continue to be mined, Bacharach this year is sending Heartlight No. One to Private Account, the sire of Private Terms.

As with his music, Bacharach has surrounded himself with a top-notch team with his horses. Vinnie Moscarelli has run Bacharach's Country Roads Farm in West Virginia for years, and has nurtured the early development of Soul of the Matter and Afternoon Deelites. And Bacharach's horses are trained by Richard Mandella, who trained 1993 Horse of the Year Kotashaan (FR) and currently leads the national money-won standings among trainers.

Afternoon Deelites won all three of his starts last year, then romped to an easy victory last month in the San Vicente Stakes. That was his first start as a three-year-old, but it came the day after Holy Bull suffered a career-ending injury at Gulfstream Park. Bacharach knew his colt was viewed as the heir apparent.

"That was the most nervous I've been before any of his races," Bacharach said. "There was so much pressure. Everybody was looking for a new face to fill Holy Bull's spot. Then I get to the paddock, look up, and he's 1-to-9. It was a big relief the way he won."

The possibility for greater glory is there, though. Bacharach knows it, and would welcome it.

"At its best, this could be an extraordinary year," he said breathlessly. "This could be one of the great moments of one's life."

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