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**OBS TWO-YEAR-OLD SALES WRAP-UP** With a \$300,000 colt, **Decoratedwithroses** (Well Decorated), leading the way, the 1997 Ocala Breeders' Sales Company's Calder Sale of Selected 2-Year-Olds in Training recorded sale records for both gross and average. In all, 153 horses were sold for \$10,428,000 compared to last year when 159 horses brought \$9,314,000. The average price for the session was \$68,157, up 16.4 percent from the \$58,579 1996 average. The sales topper, consigned by Donna M. Wormser, Agent and purchased by Heatherway, Inc., Agent is a half-brother to MSW **Reign Dance** (Sovereign Dancer). The dark bay or brown colt had the fastest quarter mile in Sunday's Under Tack Show at Calder, when he worked in :21 4/5 seconds. "Obviously, we're delighted with the success of the sale," said OBS Director of Sales Tom Ventura. "The success of our recent graduates helped bring out the buyers and the horses did the rest."

**DEFRERE INJURED** John G. Sikura of Hill 'n' Dale Farms in Lexington, Kentucky announced yesterday that their stallion **Defrere** (Deputy Minister) will miss the start of the 1997 breeding season. "Defrere significantly injured his pelvis in a paddock accident," Sikura said. "He is being an excellent patient and we are hopeful he will make a full recovery." A full-brother to champion Dehere, Defrere was a promising two-year-old who was injured, but recorded three wins and two placings in five starts before reinjury and retirement at three. Defrere stood his first season at stud last year and achieved 92 percent fertility covering 60 mares. He stands for \$5,000 live foal. "This is very disappointing," Sikura said. "Defrere was booked to over 80 mares for the 1997 season. We will have to take a wait-and-see approach on his recovery."

### STAKES CLOSINGS

**TODAY, WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 12:**

2-22 \$200,000 *Fountain of Youth-GII, GP, 3yo, 8.5f* (\$250)

2-23 \$200,000 *Rampart H.-GII, GP, 3yo/up, f/m, 8.5f* (\$250)

2-23 \$125,000 *Las Flores H.-GIII, SA, 4yo/up, f/m, 6f* (\$50)



## S • A • L • E • S R E S U L T S

### OBS SELECTED 2-YEAR-OLDS-TOP FIVE COLTS

HIP#	SIRE	DAM	PRICE
	<b>Decoratedwithroses</b>		
188	Well Decorated	Tea and Roses	\$300,000
	(\$8,000 yrlg '96 KEEJAN)		
	Consigned by Donna M. Wormser, Inc., Agent Purchased by Heatherway, Inc., Agent		
039	Salt Lake	C.R.B. Beech	\$230,000
	(\$21,000 yrlg '96 KEESEP)		
	Consigned by Ricky Leppala, Agent for Elliot Farms Purchased by New Farm		
098	Septieme Ciel	Just Perfect	\$215,000
	(\$57,000 wnlg '95 KEENOV)		
	Consigned by Niall Brennan, Agent Purchased by Robert & Beverly Lewis, M Mollica, agent		
	<b>Easy Ball</b>		
004	Skip Trial	Alizea	\$210,000
	Consigned by Donna M. Wormser, Inc., Agent Purchased by Heatherway, Inc., Agent		
	<b>Copelan's Number</b>		
087	Copelan	Imaginary Number	\$210,000
	(\$40,000 yrlg '96 OBSAUG)		
	Consigned by Mark Casse, Agent Purchased by Buzz Chace, agent for Noreen Carpenito		

### OBS SELECTED 2-YEAR-OLDS - TOP SIX FILLIES

HIP#	SIRE	DAM	PRICE
083	Silver Ghost	Harvest the Gold	\$180,000
	(\$62,000 yrlg '96 KEESEP)		
	Consigned by Niall Brennan, Agent Purchased by Demi O'Byrne		
062	Buckaroo	Epistolary	\$150,000
	Consigned by Ocala Stud Farms Purchased by Fred A. Greene, Jr.		
094	Meadowlake	Jetazelle	\$135,000
	(\$67,000 wnlg '95 KEENOV)		
	Consigned by Sequel Bloodstock (Becky Thomas), agent Purchased by Thunderhead Farms, Bill & Margie Peters		
109	Pentelicus	Lesley's Tigress	\$125,000
	Consigned by Nick de Meric, Agent Purchased by Barry K. Schwartz		
055	Sheikh Albadou	Doonazon	\$110,000
	(\$57,000 wnlg '95 KEENOV)		
	Consigned by Sequel Bloodstock (Becky Thomas), Agent Purchased by Lewis Lakin		
128	Darn That Alarm	No Delusions	\$110,000
	(\$26,000 yrl '96 OBSAUG)		
	Consigned by Jockey Club Farm, Agent Purchased by Cobble View Stable		



## ◆ PREVIEW ◆

Today, Gulfstream Park:

PP	HORSE	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT.
1	Miss Caerleona (Fr)	O'Callaghan	Day	115
2	Scenic Point	Hennig	Santos	111
3	Magnificent Style	Moubarak	Bravo	113
4	Tocopilla (Arg)	Miller	Peck	114
5	Beyrouth	Sheppard	Bailey	113
6	Ampulla	Byrne	Sellers	123
7	Ms. Mostly	Cesare	Smith	113
8	Chris' Diamond	Connors	Davis	110
9	Lady Clue	Mertins	Rivera	111

Sires of Runners: **Miss Caerleona** (Caerleon), **Scenic Point** (Unbridled), **Magnificent Style** (Silver Hawk), **Tocopilla** (El Basco), **Beyrouth** (Alleged), **Ampulla** (Chief's Crown), **Ms. Mostly** (Copelan), **Chris' Diamond** (Gate Dancer), **Lady Clue** (Key to the Mint).

## ◆ MIDWEST ◆

Yesterday's Results:

**MARDI GRAS H.**, \$63,250, FGX, 2-11, 4yo/up, a7½fT, 1:31 2/5, gd.

1--**ALWAYS A CLASSIC**, 114, c, 4, Deputy Minister--No Class, by Nodouble. O/B-Sam-Son Farms (CAN); T-Mark Frostad; J-E M Martin Jr; \$37,950. Lifetime Record: 4-3-1-0, \$68,950. \*1/2 to Sky Classic (Nijinsky II), Ch. Turf Horse, Ch. 2yo Colt-Can, Ch. Older Horse-Can, MGISW, \$3,240,398; Regal Classic (Vice Regent), Ch. 2yo Colt-Can, MGSW, \$1,456,584; Grey Classic (Grey Dawn II), Ch. 2yo Colt-Can, MGSW, \$602,039 & Classy 'n Smart (Smarten), Ch. 3yo Filly-Can, MSW, \$303,222.

2--**Aficionado**, 112, g, 4, Classic Account--Miss Sanmar, by Recitation. \$12,650.

3--**Really Rare**, 114, h, 5, Rare Brick--No Skid, by Topsider. \$6,957.

Margins: NO, 5, 1. Odds: 3.60, 8.60, 11.10.

**5th-FGX**, \$30,500, Alw, 4yo/up, f/m, 5 1/2f (off turf), 1:04 2/5, ft.

**LOVE MEDICINE** (f, 4, Mining--Medicine Woman {GSW, \$161,427}, by Dr. Blum), returned to the races after nearly a ten month layoff and scored as the 2-5 favorite. She wired the field by six widening lengths. Lifetime Record: GSP-Can, 4-3-1-0, \$60,495

O-Frank Stronach. B-Glencrest Farm (KY). T-Michael Doyle.

## ◆ NEW YORK ◆

Local News, New York:

The first foal by GI Rothmans International S. winner **Husband** (Diesis {GB}) was born February 2 at Sugar Maple Farm in Poughquag, New York, where the seven-year-old stallion stands. The foal, a chestnut filly, is also the first offspring for her dam--Danielle's Splash (Bucksplasher). Husband, a winner of \$754,672, is a half-brother to champion Alwuhush and millionaire Simply Majestic. He is owned by John Nerud, a Hall of Fame trainer who is also the breeder of Dr. Fager, Cozzene, Fappiano and Unbridled. Husband stands for a 1997 stud fee of \$5,000 live foal, due when the foal stands and nurses.

## ◆ FOREIGN ◆

Local News, Dubai:

American automaker Chrysler International has announced it will sponsor the opening race at the Dubai World Cup meeting March 29. The Chrysler Dubai Arabian Classic, for pure-bred Arabians, will be worth \$54,000. Chrysler gave up its sponsorship of the American Triple Crown in 1995.

## ◆ SO. CALIFORNIA ◆

Local News, California:

**Cavonnier** (Batonnier), winner of the GI Santa Anita Derby and second in the Kentucky Derby, was chosen as the California-bred Horse of the Year for 1996. The selection was made by members of the California Thoroughbred Breeders Association and announced Monday at the CTBA's annual awards luncheon in Pasadena.

The California Thoroughbred Breeders' Association elected three incumbents and two former directors to new three-year terms on the board of directors. John Harris, who is beginning his 20th year as CTBA director and serving his second term as president, received the highest number of votes, followed by incumbent vice-president Eddie Gregson. Jeanne Canty was the third incumbent to be re-elected. Tom Bachman and Keith Card, who resigned from the board and executive committee last April, won the other two seats on the 15-member board that were up for election this year.

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## WEEKEND PEDIGREE PERSPECTIVES

by Alan Porter

### FORMAL GOLD (c, 4, Black Tie Affair {Ire}--Ingoldsby, by Screen King)

Although he showed plenty of ability in the early stages of his career, Black Tie Affair improved with age, reaching his peak as a five-year-old with a string of victories which culminated in a Breeders' Cup Classic triumph.

Therefore it always seemed likely that Black Tie Affair's stud record would improve as his stock matured. This certainly looks to be the case with regard to Black Tie Affair's son, Formal Gold, who defeated Skip Away and Mecke in the GI Donn H. to claim his first stakes victory. A member of Black Tie Affair's first crop, Formal Gold showed plenty of promise last year at three, winning his first four races. Elevated to stakes company, Formal Gold then took seconds in the GIII Pennsylvania Derby and GI Meadowlands Cup before ending the year with a fifth in the GI Breeders' Cup Classic. The Donn H. was Formal Gold's first start since that race, and clearly if he continues to progress, he will be a major contender for championship honors.

Formal Gold is a half-brother to the good Canadian filly Maple Lake, who was by Varick, a son of Black Tie Affair's grandsire, Mr. Prospector. There is an abundance of inbreeding and linebreeding in Formal Gold's pedigree, but what particularly catches the eye is the close relationship between Bold Commander and Irish Castle. This pair of Bold Ruler sons appear 4x3 in the pedigree, Bold Commander being the sire of Black Tie Affair's second dam and Irish Castle coming in as sire of Formal Gold's second dam, Dorothy Kay.

As we mentioned, both Bold Commander and Irish Castle are sons of Bold Ruler, but there is also a very important relationship on the distaff side. Both Dynamo, the granddam of Bold Commander, and Longford, the granddam of Irish Castle, are by Menow out of daughters of the excellent tap root mare Erin, making Dynamo and Longford three-parts sisters. What almost certainly adds to the importance of the Bold Commander/Irish Castle connection is the way it is reinforced elsewhere in the pedigree. For example, Black Tie Affair brings in a daughter of Bold Ruler's sire, Nasrullah. He also carries Tom Fool, who is very interesting in the context of Bold Commander and Irish Castle. Tom Fool is a son of Menow (where Bold Commander and Irish Castle both have Menow through daughters) and his third dam, Laughing Queen, is a sister to Pompey, who is in the pedigree of Bold Ruler.

There is another and unrelated combination which may also be important to Formal Gold. Black Tie Affair has two daughter strains of La Troienne through the sisters Busanda (granddam of Buckpasser) and Big Event (granddam of The Axe II). In the pedigree of Formal Gold's dam, we find La Troienne's son Bimelech, appearing via Better Self, a close relative of Busanda.

For those who wish to experiment, there are plenty of opportunities to bring together Bold Commander and Irish Castle, or other similar combinations. For example, Conquistador Cielo, a son of Mr. Prospector, is out of a Bold Commander mare, and Irish castle is sire of Bold Forbes and Irish Tower. Laughter, the dam of Private Terms, is a very close relative to Irish Castle. Foolish Pleasure doesn't have Erin, but is by a son of Bold Ruler and has Menow as sire of his second dam, and he is seen together with Irish Castle in the pedigree of Farma Way's stakes winning daughter, Birr.

### PEDIGREE SHORTS...

Now at stud in Japan, Jolie's Halo was represented by a first stakes winner from his freshman crop of three-year-olds when *American Champ (c, 3, Jolie's Halo--Heart of America, by Northern Jove)* won the Fred "Cappy" Caposella S. Since he is by a son of Halo out of a mare by a son of Northern Dancer, American Champ has the increasingly familiar double of Almahmoud, granddam of both Halo and Northern Dancer. Since there are plenty of Northern Dancer line mares in Japan, a continuation of this trend will obvious stand Jolie's Halo in good stead. This pedigree offers another guideline which should not be missed. American Champ's granddam is a sister to Mr. Prospector. This means that American Chance has the three-quarters sisters Spinosa (fourth dam of Jolie's Halo) and Sequence (granddam of Mr. Prospector) 5x4 in his pedigree. So it looks as if trying Jolie's Halo with mares carrying Mr. Prospector might also pay dividends.

Two of the latest and most exciting retirees to the stallion ranks, *Honour and Glory (c, 4, Relaunch--Fair to All, by Al Nasr {Fr})* and *Unbridled's Song (c, 4, Unbridled--Trolley Song, by Caro {Ire})*, are interesting in that they have rather similar genetic background. Honour and Glory is by a son of In Reality, his broodmare sire is out of a mare by Caro, and his third dam is Grand Splendor. Unbridled's Song is by Unbridled, a son of Fappiano (second dam, Grand Splendor), with a second dam by In Reality and is out of a mare by Caro. What's more Honour and Glory (who retires to Ashford) is linebred to La Troienne's daughter, Big Event and Unbridled's Song (who goes to Taylor Made) has Buckpasser whose granddam Businesslike, is a sister to Big Event. Both were capable of brilliance and both are capable of giving a new dimension to North American pedigrees.

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**ALLOWANCE RESULTS:**

**3rd-FGX, \$26,900, (S), 4yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:11 2/5, ft.**  
**SCRUBETTE (f, 4, List--Ritstone, by Stonewalk)** Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-0, \$24,840. O-Segura Joseph. B-J T & R J Segura (La). T-Joseph Broussard. \*Full to Pre Op Scrub, MSW, \$193,694.

**7th-FGX, \$28,000, 3yo, 1m, 1:12 2/5, ft.**  
**SKI PRO (g, 3, Allen's Prospect--Ski Buff, by Sham)** Lifetime Record: 4-3-1-0, \$47,580 O-Carl Bernstein. B-Sugar Maple Farm (PA). T-James P. Boulmetis.

**9th-PHA, \$22,400, 4yo/up, f/m, 7f, 1:25 2/5, ft.**  
**TOP GUNNER (f, 4, Salutely--Top Storm, by Top Sire)** Lifetime Record: 12-4-0-1, \$51,727. O/B-Charles A. Harding (PA). T-Donald S Reeder.

**8th-PHA, \$16,500, 4yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:13, ft.**  
**CUDDLE CLOSER (f, 4, North Pole--Indoor (Fr) {G3SW-Fr}, by Caracolero)** Lifetime Record: 21-7-1-3, \$43,474. O-Mario Maurizio. B-Mcginnes C.R. Mr. & Mrs. (MD). T-Diane Day.

**1997 THOROUGHBRED RACING LEADERS**  
 (through February 9, 1997)

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Jockeys	Mounts/Wins	Purses
Jerry Bailey	169/43	\$1,480,925
Corey Nakatani	112/24	\$1,399,675
Gary Stevens	128/26	\$1,359,940
Alex Solis	168/37	\$1,287,785
Richard Migliore	180/30	\$1,135,314
Shane Sellers	230/48	\$1,118,575
Chris McCarron	86/15	\$1,018,115
Jorge Chavez	159/33	\$917,191
Kent Desormeaux	111/22	\$899,480
Joe Bravo	169/21	\$781,965

Trainers	Starts/Wins	Purses
D. Wayne Lukas	110/21	\$922,907
Bob Baffert	51/17	\$730,695
Jerry Hollendorfer	106/26	\$565,660
David Hofmans	33/10	\$557,415
Richard Mandella	39/5	\$493,800
Bill Mott	66/16	\$456,130
Gaspar Moschera	64/14	\$454,501
John Kimmel	58/13	\$446,745
Darrell Vienna	16/6	\$432,830

**FOALING NEWS:**

**LA CARENE, 9, Kenmare (Fr)-La Passionaria (GB) (Reform {GB})**  
 Foal born 1-26-97, a colt by Gone West. Will be bred back to Diesis. Owned by Fares Farms, Inc. Boarded at Fares Farms in Lexington, Ky. Accomplishments: G3SW-Fr.

**NOVEMBER SNOW, 8, Storm Cat-Princess Alydar (Alydar)**  
 Foal born 1-26-97, a colt by Seattle Slew. Will be bred back to Gone West. Owned by Fares Farms, Inc. Boarded at Fares Farms in Lexington, Ky. Accomplishments: MGISW of \$554,628.

**PREMIER QUESTION, 9, Premiership-Question D'argent (Tentam)**  
 Foal born 2-2-97, a filly by Dehere. Will be bred back to Dixieland Band. Owned by John Franks & John Sikura. Boarded at Hill 'N Dale Farm in Lexington, Ky. Accomplishments: MSW & GSP of \$526,013.

**WINGLET, 9, Alydar--Highest Trump (Bold Bidder)**  
 Foal born 2-4-97, a colt by Theatrical (Ire). Will be bred back to Cigar. Owned by Allen E. Paulson. Boarded at Brookside Farms in Versailles, Ky. Accomplishments: Grade II winner of \$155,975. Dam of Ajina (MGSW, \$213,440, by Strawberry Road {Aus}).

**CASA EIRE, 6, Compliance--Casarette (Ire) (Upper Case)**  
 Foal born 2-5-97, a filly by Holy Bull. Will be bred back to Gulch. Owned by Frank Stronach. Boarded at Adena Springs in Versailles, Ky. Accomplishments: MGSW of \$264,777; first foal.

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