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NUMBERS UP AS FASIG-TIPTON CALDER SALE

ENDS Fasig-Tipton's Selected Two-Year-Olds in Training Sale at Calder ended vesterday, with increases in average and total prices. In all, 192 horses were sold at the two-day auction, for an aggregate of \$23,162,000--up 1.7 percent from last year's figure of \$22,765,000. The average price for both days, was \$120,635. That's up 1.6 percent from last year's average of \$103,950. The sales topper at vesterday's session was hip number 277, a dark bay of brown filly by Gone West out of the Roberto mare Silken Ripples. A half sister to MGSP Smooth Runner (Local Talent), the filly was consigned by Becky Thomas's Sequel Bloodstock, agent, and brought a final bid of \$600,000 from J.S. Company. Taki Murayama, agent for the buyer, said, "I liked everything about her. She is a good mover, a kind of racey filly. She will be shipped to Japan in March and will be ready for racing in autumn." Becky Thomas of Seguel Bloodstock was forced to withdraw one of the expected sales toppers at Monday's session, when the colt by Mr. Prospector--Fantastic Look was injured. Yesterday, Thomas said, "I didn't find out until late in the day he has chip fractures in both front ankles that will be operated on and removed by Dr. Larry Bramlage and then he will be offered for sale privately. He's probably the classiest horse I've ever been around. He'll be off for 90-120 days and then we'll put him back in training." News cont. p.2

STAKES CLOSINGS

TODAY, WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26:

3-8 \$300,000 **Pan American H.-Gll, GP**, 3yo/up, 12fT (\$300)

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3-8 \$100,000 John Battaglia Memorial, TP, 3yo, 8.5f (\$100)

- 3-9 \$200,000 **Bonnie Miss-GII, GP,** 3yo, f, 8.5f (\$250)
- 3-9 \$200,000 **Santa Anita Oaks-GI, SA**, 3yo, f, 8.5f (\$100)
- 3-15 \$500,000 **Florida Derby-GI, GP**, 3yo, 9f (\$2,000)

TOMORROW, THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27:

3-9 \$300,000 **Santa Margarita H.-Gl, SA**, 4yo/up, f/m, 9f (INV)

S • A • L • E • S RESULTS

FASIG-TIPTON CALDER TUESDAY-TOP FIVE COLTS

HIP# SIRE DAM PRICE

156 Two Punch Joanie's Princess \$575,000

(\$57,000 wnlg '95 KEENOV; \$100,000 yrl '96 KEESEP)

Consigned by Jerry Bailey Sales Agency, agent for Bailey-Ellenberg Select

Purchased by Thoroughbred Corp.

235 Seattle Slew Ouro Verde \$475,000 Consigned by William B Harrigan Sales Agency, agent

Purchased by J.S. Company

135 Wild Again Hire a Brain \$450,000 (\$90,000 yrlg '96 KEESEP)

Consigned by Lanesborough Stables
Purchased by Martin Cherry

160 Pentelicus Jungle Woman \$400,000 (\$200,000 yrlg '96 OBSAUG)

Consigned by Taylor Made Sales Agency, agent Purchased by West Point Thoroughbreds Inc.

348 Capote Worthy of Note \$360,000 (\$110,000 wnlg '95 KEENOV)

Consigned by Graves Stable, agent

Purchased by Heatherway Inc., agent

FASIG-TIPTON CALDER TUESDAY-TOP FIVE FILLIES

 HIP#
 SIRE
 DAM
 PRICE

 277
 Gone
 West
 Silken Ripples
 \$600,000

 (\$210,000 yrlg '96 KEESEP)

Consigned by Sequel Bloodstock (Becky Thomas), agent Purchased by J. S. Company

128 Jolie's Halo Heart of America \$525,000 Consigned by Jigsaw Lane, agent

Purchased by John C. Oxley

326 Capote To the Hunt \$325,000 (\$65,000 wnlg '95 KEENOV)

Consigned by Valley View Farm (Walter Burke, agent)
Purchased by Lawrence Stables

203 Meadowlake Miami Vacation \$260,000 (\$37,000 yrlg '96 KEESEP)

Consigned by Wavertree Stables (Ciaran Dunne), agent Purchased by J. S. Company

109 Alydeed Flower Vase (Ire) \$250,000 (\$62,000 yrlg '96 FTKJUL)

Consigned by Hartley-Derenzo Thoroughbreds, agent Purchased by Todd Pletcher, agent



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BOSTON HARBOR SURGERY SUCCESSFUL

Overbrook Farm's **Boston Harbor** (Capote), who suffered a nondisplaced condylar fracture to his left front cannon bone while training Monday morning, underwent surgery that night and came out in very good shape, according to trainer D. Wayne Lukas. "It went very well," Lukas said. "The doctor was very optimistic and the surgery was very routine. It was pulled tight together and they got a screw inserted to hold it. They said recovery should be standard--it will take about four months." Last year's champion two-year-old suffered the injury after a six-furlong work Monday. The colt has six wins in eight career starts for earnings of \$1,934,605.

CASINO GROUP TO SPONSOR BRITISH RACES

Britain's leading casino operator, Grosvenor Casinos, is to pour \$520,000 into sponsoring 17 races in Britain this year, including three Group races--the G2 Dante S. at York in May, one of the country's premier Derby trials, the G3 Hungerford S. at Newbury in August and the G3 September S. at Kempton Park. Grosvenor Casinos' Managing Director David Boden said Tuesday: "Horse racing sponsorship is proving to be a highly successful way for us to raise our profile through the broadcast media and the press. Last year we established a successful link with Robert Sangster's Swettenham Stud and now we are concentrating on sponsoring some of the important flat races."

◆ FOREIGN ◆

Weekend Stakes Results:

VATC MERCEDES-BENZ BLUE DIAMOND S.-G1, \$788,519, Caulfield, Melbourne, Australia, 2-22, 2yo, 6fT, 1:10:21,Gd.

- 1--KNOWLEDGE (AUS), 119, c, 2, Last Tycoon (Ire)--New Acquaintance (SW-Aus), by Kings Island. O-T Huang, Mr & Mrs L Williams & D Freedman; B-Mrs D Redmond; T-L Freedman; J-D Brereton; \$50,000.
- 2--Rose Of Danehill (Aus), 116, f, 2, Danehill--Beach Gown (Aus), by Cerreto (Ire). O-Roselands Syndicate; B-Tyreel Stud. \$157,704.
- 3--Sports (Aus), 119, c, 2, Zeditave (Aus)--Olympic Flame, by Buena Shore. O/B-Woodlands Stud. \$70,967.

Margins: NK, 3/4, 3/4.

Also ran: Schubert, Evader, Lady Of The Pines, Cornwall Queen, Thriller (NZ), Le Mans, Befriend, Millward (NZ), Accumulation, Canon Song, Saliah, Lady Lexus.

CHIPPING NORTON S.-G1, \$157,704, Warwick Farm, Sydney, Australia, 2-22, 4yo/up, 8fT, 1:36:33, gd.

- 1--OCTAGONAL (NZ), 126, c, 4, Zabeel (NZ)--Eight Carat (GB), by Pieces Of Eight. O-Woodlands Stud; B-Cambridge Stud; T-John Hawkes; J-R S Dye, \$107,239. *Horse of the Year-Aus. **½ to Kaapstad (Sir Tristram), MGSW-Aus; Marquise (NZ) MGSW-Aus.
- 2--Juggler (Aus), 127, g, 5, Jugah--Kashalyn (NZ), by Shy Rambler. O-P D L & Ms S E Horwitz, M V K Bridger, M A Turnbull, R M Zamin; B-Glen Appin Stud. \$36.000
- 3--Dupain (NZ), 127, g, 5, Sir Tristram (Ire)--Best Image (Ire), by Try My Best. O-A R Bell, D C Christensen, K A Hayes, J M Seccull; B-Cambridge Stud. \$12,616 Margins: 1 1/4, 3½, NK.

Also ran: Filante (NZ), Circles Of Gold.

AUSTRALIAN GROUP STAKES WINNER:

Dashing Eagle, f, 3, Danehill--La Caissiere (Aus) (MGSW-Aus), by Luskin Star (Aus). Warwick Farm, Sydney, 2-22, AJC Surround S.-G2, 3yo, f, 7fT, \$53,619 to winner. O-W F O Blass; B-Baramul Stud; T-Bart Cummings.

JAPANESE WINNER BY AMERICAN-BASED SIRE:

Green Storm (Ire), c, 3, Storm Cat--Impatiente, by Vaguely Noble. Kyoto, 2-16, novice race, 7f (dirt). Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$43,391. O-Green Farm; B-Premier Bloodstock; T-Yuji Ito.

AMERICAN-BRED WINNER IN ENGLAND:

Forgotten Times, f, 3, Nabeel Dancer--Etoile d'Amore, by The Minstrel. Lingfield, 2-25, Walter Raleigh Fillies H., 3yo/up, f/m, 6f (all weather), \$4,640 to winner. O-John Crook; B-Gainsborough Farm Inc; T-T Jones.

Local News, Dubai:

Round Two of the Sheikh Maktoum bin Rashid Al Maktoum Challenge, a Listed event over a 1 1/8m at Nad Al Sheba racecourse in Dubai Thursday has attracted only a small field of six runners. Trainer Mark Johnston hopes for improvment from Gothenberg (Ire) (Polish Patriot), who disappointed on his first start in Dubai Feb. 13. The colt faces stiff opposition from Tamayaz (Gone West), successful in Rounds One and Three of the Challenge last year, and Wathik (Ogygian), who finished third in this season's opening round. The others in the field are Al Safeer (Ire) (Common Grounds {GB}), Fahim (GB) (Green Desert) and Tropicool (Carr de Naskra). All carry 123. Kammtarra (Zilzal), winner of Round One of the Maktoum Challenge this year, was not declared, but is expected to run in the next round.

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Local News, Santa Anita:

MGSP Just Java (Java Gold) worked five furlongs in 1:00 4/5 yesterday for next Sunday's GI Santa Anita H...Mud Route (Strawberry Road {Aus}) has been sidelined with a shin problem that will force him to miss Sunday's GII San Rafael S. In his stead, trainer Ron McAnally will send out Santa Catalina S. winner Hello (Ire) (Lycius)...Media Nox (GB) (Lycius), a graded stakes winner in France, worked a bullet six furlongs in 1:12 1/5 Tuesday at Hollywood in preparation for her second start in the U.S., the GII Buena Vista H. Sunday.

♦ MIDWEST ◀

Local News, Louisiana:

Josephine Abercrombie of Pin Oak Stud announced yesterday that her home-bred MSW Glaring (Known Fact) has been sold to the Adcock's Red River Farm in Coushatta, Louisiana. Bred and campaigned by Pin Oak, Glaring won or placed in 25 of 31 career starts, including 17 stakes. The 7-year-old stallion earned \$445,585 in his career. He will stand the 1997 season for \$1,000 live foal.

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ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

8th-SPT, \$22,000, (S), 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:12 3/5, ft. PIANO ROLL (f, 4, Well Decorated--Payola Miss {MSW, \$185,898}, by Nearctic Traveller) Lifetime Record: 16-3-3-2, \$37,310. O-Barlas Jean & Ted. B-Neil & Michele Boyce (IL). T-Michele Boyce. *1/2 to Velvet Tulip (Valid Appeal), GSP, \$210,613.

9th-PHA, \$16,000, 4yo/up, a1m70yd, 1:42 4/5, ft. KEGLER (h, 5, Allen's Prospect--Goldenley {Arg} {MG1SW-Arg, MSP-US}, by Farley) Lifetime Record: 40-8-3-3, \$52,308. O/T-O Orellana. B-A Paulson (KY).

8th-PHA, \$15,825, 4yo/up, 1m, 1:39, ft. CHASE A RULLAH (h, 5, Be a Rullah--Design Fashion, by Norcliffe) Lifetime Record: 40-11-2-3, \$107,046. O-Edmund T Mudge IV. B-Georgia E. Hofmann (FL). T-Ann W Merryman.

MAIDEN WINNERS:

+ Sheridan Road, f, 3, Marsayas--Mare Ann (SP), by Aloma's Ruler. SPT, (S), 2-25, 6f, 1:12. B-R & R Partnership (II).

FOALING NEWS:

MIA KARINA, 14, Icecapade--Basin (Tom Rolfe)
Foal born 2-10-97, a filly by Holy Bull.
Will be bred back to Theatrical (Ire).
Owned by Hermitage Farm LLC.
Boarded at Hermitage Farm in Goshen, Ky.
Accomplishments: Dam of Siberian Summer (Siberian Express), GISW, 501,615; Magnificient Style (Silver Hawk), GSW-Eng:

FAIRY HEIGHTS (IRE), 6, Fairy King--Commanche Belle (GB) (Shirley Heights {GB})

Foal born 2-14-97, a filly by Gone West.

Will be bred back to Theatrical (Ire).

Owned by Brushwood Stable.

Boarded at Brushwood Stable in Malvern, Pa. and Plum Lane Farm in Lexington, Ky.

Accomplishments: G1SW-Eng of \$209,664.

CATOPETL, 15, Northern Dancer--Betty's Secret (Secretariat)

Foal born 2-14-97, a colt by Thunder Gulch. Will be bred back to Thunder Gulch. Owned by John Magnier & Partners. Boarded at Ashford Stud in Versailles, Ky. Accomplishments: Dam of Close Conflict (High Estate {GB}), Hwt. at 3 in Ity 11-14f, G1-Ity, \$253,764; Newton's Law (Law Society), SW-N.A., GSP-Ire, SP-Eng, \$220,365.

FUTURE DECISION, 14, Dead Ahead--Early Verdict (Court Martial)

Foal born 2-14-97, a colt by Numerous.

Will be bred back to You and I.

Owned by Taylor Made Farm.

Boarded at Taylor Made Farm in Nicholasville, Ky. Accomplishments: SW; dam of Final Chapter (Val De L'orne {Fr}), MSW & GSP, \$355, 561; Between The Hedges (Bailjumpe), GSW, \$152,168.

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WEEKEND PEDIGREE PERSPECTIVES by Alan Porter

PEDIGREE SHORTS...

Broad Brush seems to be developing something of an affinity for mares by sons of Damascus. Glory in Motion (f. 3, Broad Brush--Timeless Token, by Timeless Moment), who took her record to three wins in four starts when taking the GIII Busher S. at Aqueduct Sunday, is the fourth stakes winner by Broad Brush out of a mare by a son of Damascus. Broad Brush is inbred 3x3 to Turn-to and has the sisters How and Cherokee Rose 4x5, and Damascus has ties to both. To start with, Damascus's broodmare sire My Babu is out of Perfume II, a mare closely related to Turn-to. In turn, Damascus is inbred to the brothers Pharamond II and Sickle, with Sickle also appearing as the broodmare sire of How and Cherokee Rose. Finally, Pharamond II and Sickle are by Phalaris out of a mare by Chaucer and Lavendula is by Phalaris out of a mare by Chaucer's half-brother Swynford, Expect this one to carry on working.

Allen Paulson might have another star by Theatrical in the shape of Hasta (f, 3, Theatrical {Ire}--Slew the Queen, by Seattle Slew), easy winner of her debut at Gulfstream Park Sunday. Out of a sister to Metfield, Hasta is bred on the same cross as Theatrical's multiple group winner Humbel, and on a reverse cross to Japanese highweight Taiki Blizzard, a Seattle Slew half-brother to Theatrical. The pedigree is notable for featuring Hail to Reason 4x5x3, each time through a daughter.

Another debutante winner with a noteworthy pedigree is Hell Bent (c, 3, Halo--Tara's Number, by Northern Dancer). He is inbred 3x4 to Almahmoud and his dam is genetic full-sister to Dance Number, a Grade I winner who is also dam of champion Rhythm.

In a recent Weekend Pedigree Perspectives column, we featured Victory Speech and mentioned that Victory Speech's sire Deputy Minister has an unusual predilection for mares carrying the strains of Beau Pere, Pilate and Bimelech. This was further illustrated by Open Forum (c, 3, Deputy Minister--Agretta, by Graustark) when he won the Risen Star S. at Fair Grounds on Sunday. The \$475,000 yearling purchase is inbred to Beau Pere, Pilate and Bimelech.

Blushing K.D. (f, 3, Blushing John--Lilac Garden, by Roberto) appears to be developing into a very formidable filly. Having beaten a field of colts by 20 lengths in the Fair Grounds Sales Derby earlier in the month, she easily defeated her own sex to take this weekend's \$100,000 Davona Dale S., her fourth victory in five outings.

Blushing K.D. is a product of two crosses which have been working well, those of Blushing Groom/Roberto and Blushing Groom with Nijinsky II, the sire of her second dam. We have documented the Blushing Groom/Nijinsky II combination a number of times, but probably haven't previously mentioned Blushing Groom/Roberto. Well, the cross of Blushing Groom and his sons over mares by Roberto has produced eight stakes winners, but 10 percent of the blacktype scorers produced by Roberto mares. Exactly why the cross is working so well is not exactly clear, although there is a strong similarity between the pedigrees of Blushing Groom's sire Red God and Roberto's grandsire Turn-to, Rahy and Cherokee Run are other notables by Blushing Groom or a son out of a mare by a son or grandson of Turn-to, and Japanese star Mayano Top Gun is by Brian's Time, a son of Roberto, out of a Blushing Groom mare.

If, as intended, Japan's Brave Tender (c, 3, Gulch--Larida, by Northern Dancer) challenges for the Kentucky Derby, he will certainly be a match for most of the field on pedigree. The winner of the G3-Jpn Arlington Cup Sunday, Brave Tender is bred on a similar Gulch/ Northern Dancer cross to the 1995 Kentucky Derby winner Thunder Gulch. Actually, just about half of Gulch's stakes winners are out of mares by Northern Dancer, his sons or grandsons, while Gulch's Hopeful S. winner Great Navigator is out of a mare by Nonoalco, a son of Northern Dancer's sire Nearctic. Two of Gulch's sons at stud, De Niro and Wallenda, are free of Nearctic, so there is an obvious cross to try there. Brave Tender's dam, Larida, was a multiple graded stakes winner and has previously produced English G1 winner Magic of Life. A daughter of Kittiwake, Larida is a half-sister to Miss Oceana, Kitwood and Ivory Wings.

What is going on with Storm Cat and Sun Again? When Stormy Krissy (f, 4, Storm Cat--Between the Hedges, by Bailjumper) won the Correction H. at Aqueduct on Saturday, she became at least the eighth stakes winner by Storm Cat to feature a double of Sun Again in her pedigree. The others include Sharp Cat, Desert Stormer, Forest Wildcat, Just a Cat, Senate Appointee and Sir Cat and the combination is actually found in around 25 percent of Storm Cat's best winners. Sun Again isn't found that often in pedigrees, so it is hard to believe that this is just coincidence. Oddly enough, we don't find the same pattern with Storm Bird himself, which rather deepens the mystery.

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