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FULL SISTER TO MECKE SETS RECORD AT KEENELAND

A full sister to multi-millionaire Mecke, winner of the GI Arlington Million and GI Early Times Turf Classic on the grass and the GI Isle of Capri Super Derby on the dirt, brought a bid of \$480,000 to top the first session of the 1997 Keeneland April Two-Year-Olds in Training Sale which began yesterday in Lexington. The price was a record for a filly at the sale, besting the old mark of \$380,000 set last year for Fusaichi Grace (Storm Cat). Consigned by Farnsworth Farms, agent, the bay daughter of Maudlin--Beautiful Bid (Baldski) was purchased by trainer John Ward on behalf of John C. Oxley. "She's a nice, big, smooth filly," said Ward, who will condition the session topper. The top-selling colt on the opening day of the sale was a son of Time for a Change--Spoiled Lady (Graustark); part of the late Jack Kent Cooke's complete dispersal of Elmendorf Farm, the bay, named **Spoiled Change**, brought a bid of \$310,000 from Ben Glass, acting as agent for Gary and Mary West. "We really liked him," said Glass, who trained for the Wests for about 15 years and now manages their horses. "He's a terrific-looking individual. He's a very athletic, very neat individual." Trainer Mark Hennig will handle the colt. A total of 67 two-year-olds sold for \$6,844,500 Tuesday, an average of \$102,157 and a median of \$75,000. The auction concludes this evening, with the bidding set to begin at 6:30 p.m.

ORDWAY OUT OF DERBY Ordway (Salt Lake), fourth in last Saturday's Gil Wood Memorial, will pass the May 3 GI Kentucky Derby in favor of the May 17 GI Preakness, trainer Dave Donk said yesterday. "I think that's what's best for the horse and that's what I'm trying to look out for," said Donk. "I still think he'd run well in the Derby, but there's so much else in front of us the rest of the year and I think the two extra weeks will do us some good." **News cont. p2**

STAKES CLOSINGS

TODAY, WEDNESDAY, APRIL 16:

4-26 \$200,000 **National Jockey Club H.-GIII**,
Spt, 4yo/up, 9f (\$100)

4-27 \$150,000 **National Jockey Club Oaks**,
Spt, 3yo, f, 8½f (\$100)



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TOP SIX COLTS

Hip#	Sire	Dam	Price
78	Time for a Change	Spoiled Lady	\$310,000
Consigned by Jack Kent Cooke, Elmendorf Farm (Complete Dispersal) Purchased by Ben Glass, agent			
54	Crafty Prospector	Pech Di Roma	\$250,000
(\$45,000 yrl '96 KEESEP) Consigned by Jerry Bailey Sales Agency, agent for Bailey-Ellenberg Select Purchased by Silky Green, Inc.			
109	Mt. Livermore	Amherata Angel	\$230,000
Consigned by Kirkwood Stables, Agent I Purchased by John Ferguson Bloodstock			
73	Crafty Prospector	S'Nice	\$190,000
(\$175,000 yrl '96 FTSAUG) Consigned by Nick de Meric, agent Purchased by John C. Kimmel, agent			
28	Alwuhush	Just Married	\$150,000
(\$34,338 yrl '96 CBSSEP) Consigned by M.W. Miller, III, agent Purchased by New Farm			
122	Unbridled	Charmie Charmie	\$150,000
Consigned by Sequel Bloodstock, Inc. (Becky Thomas), agent Purchased by Silky Green, Inc.			

TOP FIVE FILLIES

Hip#	Sire	Dam	Price
114	Maudlin	Beautiful Bid	\$480,000
Consigned by Farnsworth Farms, agent Purchased by John C. Oxley			
84	Dixieland Band	Sundance Doll	\$390,000
(\$185,000 yrl '96 KEEJUL) Consigned by Jerry Bailey Sales Agency, agent for Bailey-Ellenberg Select Purchased by Alan Quartucci, agent			
11	Deputy Minister	Fineza	\$250,000
Consigned by Kirkwood Stables, Agent XII Purchased by Nicoma Bloodstock, agent			
123	St. Jovite	Charming Tiara	\$220,000
(\$135,000 yrl '96 KEESEP) Consigned by Kirkwood Stables, Agent XVI Purchased by Paul V. Paternostro, agent			
104	Gulch	Window Seat	\$190,000
(\$75,000 yrl '96 KEEJUL) Consigned by Jerry Bailey Sales Agency, agent for Bailey-Ellenberg Select Purchased by John C. Kimmel, agent			



News cont.

KRIS COLT TOPS AT TATTERSALLS A colt by Kris (GB) out of stakes winner My Sister Ellen (Lyphard) attracted the top bid on the first day of the Tattersalls Breeze-Up Sales, which began Tuesday in Newmarket, England. Consigned by Whitechurch Stud, Ireland, as agent, the chestnut was purchased for \$119,089 by P.F.I. Cole, Ltd. A total of 69 two-year-olds brought \$2,023,179, up 40 percent from last year's opener when 62 lots grossed \$1,444,505; the 1997 average of \$29,321 saw a gain of nearly 26 percent over last year's first-day figure of \$23,298. The two-day auction concludes this evening, with bidding set to begin at 5:45 p.m.

DEFRERE ON THE MEND Defrere (Deputy Minister), who suffered a pelvis injury in February, is expected to make a full recovery but is likely to miss the remainder of the 1997 breeding season. "Defrere has returned to Hill 'n' Dale from Hagyard-Davis-McGee Hospital," said John Sikura, owner of the Lexington farm. "His progress has been considerable and I am happy to report he is walking soundly. But it is unlikely he will breed in 1997, as we are late in the breeding season." Defrere had been booked to more than 80 mares, but was injured just before the start of the season. He stood his first year in 1996; his stud fee is \$5,000, live foal.

BARBARA DAVIS NAMED TOBA "OWNER OF THE MONTH" Barbara J. Davis, who picked up two more stakes wins last month, has been honored as the Thoroughbred Owners and Breeders Association's "Owner of the Month" for March. Davis' **More To Tell** (Moro), a six-year-old bred in New York by her father, Albert Davis, captured the Gill Grey Lag H. at Aqueduct March 8, and **Royal Haven** (Hail Emperor), claimed for \$75,000 in August, 1995, took the Toboggan H. March 16; More To Tell came right back to win an overnight handicap March 22, while stablemate **Shoop** (Double Sonic) finished second in the Gill Next Move H. March 9. Davis, who currently has approximately 25 horses with trainer Gasper Moschera and exercises many of her string, has been the leading owner in total victories in New York for the last three years, sending out 52 winners in '96 alone.

A # will distinguish first-time stakes-winners, a @ will indicate first-time graded stakes-winners, a + will denote winners who are 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.

◆ PREVIEW ◆

Today, Newmarket, England:

EARL OF SEFTON S.-G3, \$47,923, 4yo/up, 9fT

The field, in post position order, is as follows: **Rocky Oasis** (Gulch), T Quinn, 122 pounds; **Prince Babar (GB)** (Fairy King), J Stack, 122; **Farasan (Ire)** (Fairy King), M J Kinane, 122; **Wixim** (Diesis {GB}), Pat Eddery, 122; **Behaviour (GB)** (Warning {GB}), J Reid, 122; **Ali-Royal (Ire)** (Royal Academy), K Fallon, 122; **Restructure (Ire)** (Danehill), Paul Eddery, 125; **Acharne (GB)** (Pharly {Fr}), B Doyle, 122; **Russian Music (GB)** (Forzando {GB}), L Dettori, 122; **Amrak Ajeeb (Ire)** (Danehill), M Rimmer, 122; **Dreams End (GB)** (Rainbow Quest), R Cochrane, 122.

◆ EAST ◆

Yesterday's Results:

7th-DEL, \$35,100, Alw, 4yo/up, 6f, 1:10 3/5, ft.

CAT BE NIMBLE (h, 5, Afleet--Frisky Kitten {MSW, \$188,963}, by Isopach) had raced exclusively in stakes company since taking a Delaware allowance test last August, recording one win and a pair of seconds, including a placing in the Gill Laurel Dash in his lone try on turf during the six-race stretch. Fourth at the Fair Grounds last out March 2, the chestnut returned to the track where he is undefeated and went wire-to-wire to win by seven as the even-money favorite. Lifetime Record: MSW & MGSP, 27-8-6-4, \$266,404. O-Candy Stable. B-Bruce & Jack Wilkinson, et al. (KY). T-Tim F Ritchey.

6th-DEL, \$24,500, Alw, 3yo, f, 6f, 1:13 1/5, ft.

RED RIDING HOOD (f, 3, Wolf Power (SAf)--Rosey Prospector, by Crafty Prospector) ran third in her debut at the Fair Grounds in January, then took two months off and came back to break her maiden over this track April 5. Off at 7-2 here, the grey filly sat second for a half, then powered to the lead and skipped away to a 7 1/4-length score. Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-1, \$30,020. O-Candy Stable. B-Candy Land (MD). T-Tim F Ritchey.

4th-HIA, \$21,100, Msw, 2yo, f, 3f, :32 4/5, sy.

+ **STAR'S PROUD PENNY** (f, 2, Proud Birdie--Dart Star, by Blue Ensign) prepped for her debut at the Ocala Training Center and was dismissed by the bettors at Hialeah at 15-1. The \$2,500 OBSAUG yearling belied the odds, closing from third over the sloppy track to win by a length. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$13,500. O-G G Miller. B-Edna Follin (FL). T-R C Miller.

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◆ MIDWEST ◆

Local News: Churchill Downs

Kentucky Oaks contender **Sharp Cat** (Storm Cat) worked a half-mile in :48 2/5 yesterday at Churchill Downs. "Sharp Cat, I think, is moving better over this surface than anytime I've ever seen her," said trainer D. Wayne Lukas. "I love what I see here in her. She's really seemed to come to life." Also breezing for Lukas yesterday, 1996 Belmont S. winner **Editor's Note** (Forty Niner) went five-eighths in 1:00 2/5.

Local News: Keeneland

Prepping for Sunday's Gil Lexington S., **Shammy Davis** (Temperence Hill) worked five furlongs in 1:04, breezing, yesterday. The Nick Zito trainee was third in the Gil Jim Beam S. March 29 in his most recent outing.

Local News: Lone Star Park

Two candidates for the inaugural \$250,000 Lone Star Derby, set for Sunday, breezed at Lone Star yesterday morning. **Wild Wonder** (Wild Again), third in the Gil Gotham S. at Aqueduct last out, went a bullet five furlongs in :58, while the undefeated **Diablo Won** (Diablo), winner of the Bachelor S. at Oaklawn in his latest, went the same distance in :59. The latter makes his two-turn debut at Lone Star.

Local News: River Downs

Purses at River Downs in Cincinnati, Ohio, will receive a 10-percent increase beginning Saturday. "This makes a 43-percent increase over the purses we offered to horsemen last season," said Gary Wilfert, director of racing and racing secretary at the track. "The light at the end of the tunnel in Ohio is getting brighter every day."

◆ WEST ◆

Local News: Ruidoso Downs

Ruidoso Downs Racing, Inc., announced yesterday that it is selling 40 percent of the company to Ed Allred, owner of Los Alamitos Racetrack in Orange County, California. R.D. Hubbard, chairman of Ruidoso, said, "This transaction is in the best interests of Ruidoso, and New Mexico racing, as Ed Allred brings a demonstrated commitment to Ruidoso in particular and quarter horse racing generally."

◆ FOREIGN ◆

Yesterday's Results:

SHADWELL STUD NELL GWYN S.-G3, \$40,799, Newmarket, England, 4-15, 3yo, f, 7fT, 1:25.28, gd.
 1--**#REUNION (IRE)**, 121, f, 3, **Be My Guest--Phylla (Ire) (MSP)**, by **Persian Bold (Ire)**. (\$24,910 yrl '95 Goffs Irish Nat'l Yrl). O-Highclere Thoroughbred Racing Ltd; B-M Smurfit; T-J Hills; J-R Hills; \$30,652.
 2--**Oh Nellie**, 121, f, 3, Tilt The Stars--Miss Enjoleur, by L'Enjoleur. (\$3,000 yrl '95 OBSAUG; \$13,000 2yo '96 OBSAPR; \$14,000 2yo '96 OBSJUN). O-Michael Tabor; \$11,329.
 3--**Elegant Warning (Ire)**, 121, f, 3, Warning (GB)--Dance It, by Believe It. O-Pip Elson; \$5,425.
 Margins: 1, 1 1/2, 3.

Also ran: Miss Sancerre (GB), Imperial Scholar (Ire), Baked Alaska (GB), Connemara (Ire), Dame Laura (Ire), Open Credit (GB), Caerfilly Dancer (GB).

Renunion, sitting midfield while Oh Nellie set the pace, came to challenge a quarter-mile out, took command and ran on well to win comfortably. Trainer John Hills said: "We ran her at Leicester (Sept. 23), where she was beaten after pulling too freely and hanging throughout. She then had a minor virus and we decided to put her away until now. She's got plenty of ability and has been going nicely in her work." Bookmakers have Reunion at 14-1 for the 1000 Guineas May 4; Sleepytime (Ire), who runs in the G3 Fred Darling S. at Newbury on Friday, is the 11-4 favorite for the Classic.

PRIX DE LA PEPINIERE, \$45,202, Longchamp, France, 4-15, 4yo/up, fm, 10fT, 2:07.10, gd.

1--**#CAMILLE (FR)**, 123, f, 4, **Bikala (Ire)--Jemifa (Fr) (GISW-ity)**, by **Fabulous Dancer**. O/B-Ecurie Fabien Ouaki; T-Philippe Demercastel; J-F Sanchez; \$24,339.
 2--**Red Divan (Fr)**, 128, f, 4, Tip Moss (Fr)--Hornblower Girl (GB), by Faraway Times. \$8,345.
 3--**Snowflake (Fr)**, 123, f, 4, Kadrou (Fr)--Snowdrop (Fr), by Niniski. \$36,000.
 Margins: 3/4, 2, 1 1/2.

SCOTTISH EQUITABLE/JOCKEYS ASSOCIATION

ABERNANT S., \$28,259, Newmarket, England, 3yo/up, 6fT, 1:11.42, gd.

1--**#MONAASSIB (IRE)**, 128, g, 6, **Cadeaux Genereux (GB)--Pluvial (GB)**, by **Habat (Ire)**. O-Sheikh Maktoum al Maktoum; B-Side Hill Stud; T-Edward Dunlop; J-D O'Donohoe; \$17,024.
 2--**Easy Dollar (GB)**, 128, g, 5, **Gabitat (GB)--Burglars Girl (GB)**, by Burglar (GB). \$6,299.
 3--**Sylva Paradise (Ire)**, 128, c, 4, **Dancing Dissident--Brentsville**, by Arctic Tern. \$3,022.
 Margins: 1/2, 1 1/4, NK.

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AMERICAN-BRED WINNERS IN ENGLAND:

Poteen, c, 3, Irish River (Fr)--Chaleur (SW), by Rouge Sang. Newmarket, 4-15, NGK Spark Plugs Conditions S., 3yo, 7fT, \$7,650 to winner. O-Lord Vester; B-Dr. & Mrs. Emler A Neuman; T-Luca Cumani. * 1/2 to Ice Trick (Icecapade), MSW, \$121,045; Sugino Hayakaze (Diesis {GB}), MGSW-Jpn; full to Bog Trotter, MGSW-Eng, \$256,728. **\$65,000 yrl '95 KEESEP. ***Winning trainer Luca Cumani will still aim the colt at the 2000 Guineas May 3 and said: "I have not been able to give him as much work as I would have liked because of the firm ground at Newmarket, but, at this same stage of their careers, I still rate this colt the equal of Barathea (Breeders' Cup Mile winner) and Mark Of Distinction." Poteen remains a 12-1 chance for the Newmarket 2000 Guineas May 3. Poteen's time for the distance was two seconds slower than that run by Reunion in the Nell Gwyn S.

Shawaf, c, 3, Mr. Prospector--Shadayid (Hwt. 2yo filly-Fr, Ch. 2yo Filly-Eng, MG1SW, \$693,943), by Shadeed. Newmarket, Alex Scott Maiden S., 3yo, c/g, 7fT, \$7,442 to winner. O-Sheikh Hamdan al Maktoum; B-Shadwell Farm Inc. T-John Dunlop. * 1/2 to Bint Shadayid (Nashwan), GSW-Eng, \$127,807.

Shawaf, who is entered in the 2000 Guineas May 3, is the first of the horses who wintered in Dubai to run this season in Europe. He won well, but had to battle to beat the previously unraced **Komi (Soviet Star). Bookmakers William Hill were impressed enough by Shawaf's win at Newmarket to introduce him into their betting for the 2000 Guineas on May 3 at odds of 25-1. Trainer John Dunlop said: "It was only his second race and it was a maiden. The 2000 Guineas is a possibility, but no firm decision about him running has yet been made."

Kingfisher Mill, c, 3, Riverman--Charming Life (NZ), by Sir Tristram (Ire). Newmarket, 4-15, Museum Maiden S., 3yo, 10fT, \$7,754 to winner. O/B-Lord Howard de Walden; T-Mrs. Julie Cecil.

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ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

7th-SPT, \$25,000, 3yo/up, 6f, 1:10 4/5, ft.
SODDIE (h, 5, American Legion--Prairie, by Hurricane Ed) Lifetime Record: 48-5-11-8, \$105,198. O/B-Sharon L Hild (AR). T-Glenn L Hild.

9th-SPT, \$23,000, (S), 3yo/up, 6f, 1:12 1/5, ft.
YUKON PRESTON (g, 4, Yukon--It's My Feeling, by Architect) Lifetime Record: MSP, 17-2-5-5, \$85,859. O-Barney Cristel. B-Hal Snowden Jr. (IL). T-M J Cristel.

8th-HIA, \$22,250, 3yo, 7f, 1:24 4/5, sy.
TARAGONGROOM (c, 3, Runaway Groom--R. B.'s Spicy, by Private Account) Lifetime Record: 7-2-0-1, \$28,680. O-Joseph B Greeley. B-Sabine Stable (FL). T-Steve W Standridge.

10th-PHA, \$19,500, 4yo/up, f/m, 7f, 1:24 3/5, ft.
PROSPECT CREEK (f, 4, Aloha Prospector--Peach Creek, by Cabildo) Lifetime Record: 23-3-4-1, \$48,625. O/B/T-John B. Decker (PA).

9th-PHA, \$18,000, 4yo/up, 5 1/2f, 1:04, ft.
HE'S EXCITING (c, 4, Cahill Road--Exciting Devorcee, by Candy Spots) Lifetime Record: 21-4-1-4, \$59,916. O/B-Arthur I. Appleton (FL). T-Robert W Camac. * 1/2 to Rocky Marriage (Riva Ridge), GSW, \$447,045; Lemhi Love (Royal and Regal), MSW, \$265,723; and The Red Rolls (Riva Ridge), MSW & GSP, \$373,766.

8th-PHA, \$16,000, 4yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:11 1/5, ft.
SHE'S A KAPPA (m, 6, Tsunami Slew--Miss Show Boat {SP}, by Sauce Boat) Lifetime Record: 52-10-11-7, \$69,209. O-Dunham Thoroughbreds. B-David J. & Elizabeth Whelan (KY). T-Bernard G Dunham. *Full to Seattle Wave, SW, \$115,820.

7th-DET, \$15,600, (S), 3yo, 5f, 1:02, gd.
PEN THE ACCOUNT (c, 3, Corporate Report--Bobby Pin, by Track Barron) Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-1, \$19,340. O-Rene Dar Farm. B/T-Charlie J. Williams (MI).

MAIDEN WINNERS:

Artic Alert, c, 2, Gold Alert--Arctic Moon, by Briartic. HIA, (C), 4-15, 3f, :33. B-Frazier D W Dr (FL).
+ **Star's Proud Penny, f, 2, Proud Birdie--Dart Star, by Blue Ensign.** HIA, 4-15, 3f, :32 4/5. B-Follin Edna (FL). *\$2,500 yrl '96 OBSAUG.

A Kiss Away, f, 3, Cozzene--N. C. Goldust, by Gold Stage. SPT, (S), 4-15, 1m, 1:42 3/5. B-Christine & Barry Janks (IL).

According To Matt, c, 3, D'Accord--Don's Donna, by Naskra. HIA, (C), 4-15, 1 1/16m, 1:47 3/5. B-Frank & Mary Lapos (Pa). *Won on a DQ. **\$18,000 wnl '94 KEENOV; \$26,000 yrl '95 KEESEP.

Dr. Hoo, c, 3, Hooched--Doctress, by Family Doctor. HIA, (C), 4-15, 6f, 1:12 2/5. B-H & D Pilcher (FL).

Sugar Coded, f, 3, Lost Code--Gyro Lite (SW, \$103,136), by Quadravan. SPT, 4-15, 1m, 1:42. B-Pattie Carter & J Dan Baker (Tx). *\$16,000 yrl '95 KEESEP; \$24,000 2yo 1996 OBSMAR. **1/2 to Ragnarok (Temperence Hill), MSP, \$248,084.

Silver Mystery, f, 3, Norquestor--Cookie's Dance, by Native Rythm. SPT, 4-15, 6f, 1:13 1/5. B-Pipes Kevin G (Md).

Rollin Onoverdrive, c, 3, Rollin On Over--Tiffany Drive, by Inverness Drive. BEU, (S), 4-15, 6f, 1:14 1/5. B-Kennedy Edward T (Oh).

FOALING NEWS:

BARKERVILLE BELLE, 17, Ruthie's Native--Celebrity Belle (Star Envoy)

Foal born 3-20-97, a filly by Holy Bull. Will be bred back to Afternoon Deelites. Owned by John Franks.

Bred at Jonabell Farm in Lexington, Ky. Accomplishments: MSW, \$230,390; dam of Native Regent (Vice Regent), GSW, \$485,597; Morriston Belle (Herat), MSW & GSP, \$257,517.



WEEKEND PEDIGREE PERSPECTIVES

by Alan Porter

HALO AMERICA (m, 7, Waquoit--Ameriangel, by Halo) The tough and durable Halo America gained a well-deserved reward for several seasons of good work when taking Friday's GI Apple Blossom H., her first success in a Grade I contest. Halo America is the outstanding runner sired by the good Maryland sire Waquoit. A son of Relaunch, Waquoit was also a very durable campaigner, winning 13 stakes events from two to five, including successive GI Brooklyn H.'s and a runaway 15-length score in the GI Jockey Club Gold Cup.

Waquoit's sire Relaunch is out of a mare by The Axe II and Waquoit himself is out of a mare by Grey Dawn II, which creates a rather interesting pedigree pattern as both The Axe II and Polamia (dam of Grey Dawn II) are by Mahmoud and have Blue Larkspur as sire of their second dams.

Halo America is out of a mare by Halo, a stallion whose dam is by Cosmic Bomb (out of a Blue Larkspur mare) and whose second dam Almahmoud is by Mahmoud. Halo likes nothing better than to pick up more Mahmoud, preferably in combination with Blue Larkspur. For example, millionaire Lively One is out of a mare by The Axe II; Devil's Bag, Saint Ballado and Glorious Song all have The Axe II's three-parts brother Cohoes (Mahmoud out of a Blue Larkspur mare) as sire of their second dam, and Canadian champion filly Tilt My Halo is out of a mare by a son of Cohoes. Halo also seems to have something of a predilection of the strain of Grey Dawn II's sire Herbager. Devil's Bag, Saint Ballado and Glorious Song are all out of a Herbager mare and Herbager also appears in the pedigrees of Halo's Canadian Grade I winner Devilish Gleam and the Matchmaker S. victress Radiant Ring.

While Waquoit provides the Mahmoud, Blue Larkspur and Herbager strains which work so well with Halo, Halo America's dam returns the compliment with double of a strain which Waquoit enjoys, that of Turn-to. Six of Waquoit's 14 stakes winners have a strain of Turn-to in their pedigree and Halo America's dam has that horse 3x2. That Waquoit works with Turn-to should be no surprise. Turn-to is by Royal Charger and Waquoit is inbred 4x4 to Mahmoud, who is three-parts brother to Royal Charger's granddam, Mumtaz Begum and in fact is even more closely related to Royal Charger's dam, Sun Princess.

PEDIGREE SHORTS...

The combination of Lear Fan with mares by Nureyev has already produced French champions Loup Solitaire and Verveine and it looks as if the cross has another very nice representative in **Fantastic Fellow (c, 3, Lear Fan--Chateaubaby, by Nureyev)**, easy winner of the French 2000 Guineas trial, the Prix Djebel Saturday. The success of the combination is no coincidence as it gives the brother and sister to Lt. Stevens and Thong 3x4. Similarly, French listed scorer Hill Silver is by Alysheba (dam is a sister to the dam of Lear Fan) out of a Nureyev mare and is bred on the same pattern.

Champion Pleasant Tap was represented by his first stakes winner from his freshman crop when three-year-old **Willing (c, 3, Pleasant Tap--Lusty Lady, by Star de Naskra)** landed the Citation S. at Hialeah Sunday. Willing has Never Bend 4x4 through daughters and Double Jay 5x5 through sons.

Wild Again seems to like to pick up the strain of his broodmare sire Khaled, a Khaled duplication having appeared in Wild Again's graded stakes winners Power Lunch and La Rosa and in the speedy Wild Harmony. There was a new addition to the club on Saturday when the Bayakoa S. at Oaklawn fell to **Omi (f, 4, Wild Again--Flying Heat, by Private Account)**. It was a good weekend for Omi's dam, Flying Heat as her three-year-old daughter, Flying Lauren (by Storm Bird) won an allowance at Keeneland.

The Avenue of Flags bandwagon continues to roll. When **Avenue of Gold (f, 4, Avenue of Flags--Golden Garden, by Golden Eagle II)** won the Powder Room H. at Golden Gate Saturday, she brought his total of stakes winners to four, a figure achieved from just 38 starters. Avenue of Flags' other three black-type scorers have Northern Dancer in the pedigree, but Avenue of Gold has a rather different pattern. Avenue of Flags has Princequillo 5x6x5 and Avenue of Gold's broodmare sire, Golden Eagle II, is out of a Princequillo mare. One of the Princequillo strains in Avenue of Flags comes through Stepping Stone, the granddam of Bold Bidder (sire of Avenue of Flags second dam). What's particularly interesting is that both Stepping Stone and Golden Eagle II's dam, Aquilla, are by Princequillo and both are out of daughters of the mare Traverse. We might also note that while the dam of Avenue of Gold is inbred to Case Ace, Seattle Slew, the sire of Avenue of Flags, carries a half-sister to Case Ace.

Hong Kong's international Queen Elizabeth II Cup Sunday saw local champion Privilege and Godolphin challenger Annus Mirabilis defeated by South African star **London News (SAf) (h, 5, Bush Telegraph {SAf}--Soho Secret {SAf}, by Regent Street {Arg})** who ran the 10 furlongs in a course record-breaking 2:00.30. While London News's sire and dam might not be immediately familiar names, there is a considerable North American background to the pedigree. The sire is by Bold Ruler's son Jungle Cove and the second dam is Secret Landing, a North American-bred daughter of First Landing. The pedigree is also interesting for boasting the three-quarters brothers Heliopolis and Gulf Stream 3x5.

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