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SWINBURN'S WEIGHT KEEPS HIM OFF TRACK

Walter Swinburn, one of Europe's leading jockeys over the past dozen years, has given up riding for an unspecified period of time due to a weight problem. "I regret that a continuing weight problem has forced me to decide on a sabbatical from race riding," Swinburn said Monday. "It is not in my mind to retire altogether, but I am taking this step in my long-term interest." Trainer Michael Stoute, who has used Swinburn on many of his horses, said, "I am disappointed that Walter's weight problems have forced him to suspend his career, particularly at a time when we were looking forward to him riding my classic horses. He will most certainly have my full support in his decision." Swinburn's Group 1 wins include the Epsom Derby aboard **Shergar (Ire)** (Great Nephew {GB}) and **Shahrastani** (Nijinsky II) and the 1996 Breeders' Cup Turf aboard **Pilsudski (Ire)** (Polish Precedent). With Swinburn's temporary retirement, fellow jockey Michael Hills, who won last year's Epsom Derby aboard **Shaamit (Ire)** (Mtoto {GB}), has been given the mount on last week's European Free H. winner **Hidden Meadow (GB)** (Selkirk) in the British 2,000 Guineas Saturday, May 3.

IRISH TOWER COLT TOPS OBS OPENER A colt by Irish Tower out of Charming Appeal (Chumming) brought a bid of \$120,000 to top the first session of the Ocala Breeders' Sales Company's Annual Spring Sale of Two-Year-Olds in Training, which started yesterday in Ocala, Florida. Named Hooten Dooten, the colt had worked a quarter in :21 4/5 Thursday; he was consigned by John S. Woelfel, agent, and purchased by Linda Rice, agent for Earl Silver. In all, a total of 164 two-year-olds grossed \$3,006,400, compared to a gross of \$2,589,700 for 172 horses during the first session in 1996. The 1997 average, \$18,332, was up 21.7 percent over last year's figure of \$15,056. The median price rose 40 percent, from \$10,000 a year ago to \$14,000 this year. The percentage of buy backs, however, dropped sharply, from 30.6 percent in '96 to 17.1 percent in '97. "We have to be pleased with the way the first day went," said OBS Director of Sales Tom Ventura. "There was spirited competition for the better horses and we're extremely pleased with the extremely low buy-back rate." The four-day auction continues this morning; bidding starts at 11:00 a.m.

Kentucky Derby Update:

Trainer D. Wayne Lukas, winner of the last two Kentucky Derbies and with at least one starter in each edition since 1981, most likely will sit out this year's running. His only possible candidate is the filly **Sharp Cat** (Storm Cat), who failed against colts in the GI Santa Anita Derby April 5 and is probably pointing for the Kentucky Oaks May 2. "What I was trying to do was have a horse in the Derby--not just have a horse, but a horse that's a contender--and that doesn't look likely now," said Lukas. "I don't want to just go over there--I've had that experience. If we could go over there with a legitimate chance to win that's one thing, but just to be in it? I'm not interested in that."

Hello (Ire) (Lycius) breezed five furlongs in 1:02 2/5 over a muddy track Monday morning at Churchill Downs with Calvin Borel up. Clockers caught the first quarter in :25 4/5 and the half in :49 flat. "He's a push-button horse and he did it on his own," said Borel.

Jerry Bailey, who rode Grindstone to a win in last year's Kentucky Derby, has picked up the mount on **Phantom On Tour** (Tour d'Or), replacing Larry Melancon. "The way this game has played out, Jerry Bailey is sitting there without a mount," trainer Lynn Whiting said. "I don't think you could leave Michael Jordan on the bench in the last minute of the game."

Jack Flash (Sovereign Dancer) worked six furlongs at Keeneland in 1:16 and is scheduled to ship to Churchill Wednesday with the rest of trainer Nick Zito's stable.

STAKES CLOSINGS

TOMORROW, WEDNESDAY, APRIL 23:

- 5-4 \$300,000 *Sixty Sails H.-GIII, Spt, 3yo/up, f/m, 9f (\$100)*
- 5-10 \$500,000 *Illinois Derby-GII, Spt, 3yo, 9f (\$200)*
- 5-10 \$75,000 *Eclipse-GIC, Wo, 4yo/up, 8.5f (\$75)*



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◆ EAST ◆

Yesterday's Results:

8th-SUF, \$16,660, Alw, 4yo/up, 6f, 1:11 1/5, ft.
SACRED HONOUR (h, 6, Stalwart--Found a Jewel, by Diamond Prospect) ran second in an April 7 Suffolk allowance in his last start. Making his fourth start of the year and looking for his first 1997 win, the '93 GII Sapling S. winner was made the prohibitive 3-5 favorite. He rallied three-wide turning for home and drew off to a 2 1/2-length tally. Lifetime Record: GSW, 24-7-4-2, \$308,053.

O-J Franks. B-Mary Anne Dewitt (FL). T-P D Tattersall.

6th-HIA, \$15,000, Msw, 3yo, f, 8.5fT, 1:45 1/5, fm.
INNOVATE (f, 3, Relaunch--Soft Dawn {SW}, by Grey Dawn II) finished second Jan. 19, third Feb. 2 and fourth March 3 at Gulfstream in her previous three starts this year. Trying the grass for the first time, the 9-5 favorite chased the early pacesetter and just got up for a neck win. Innovate was a \$175,000 KEESEP yearling. Lifetime Record: 6-1-1-1, \$21,460.

O-Clifton William Jr. & Rudlein Stable. B-Hawn W R (KY). T-H James Bond.

Local News: Calder

The Calder Hall of Fame, inaugurated in 1995, will induct four new members on Saturday, May 24. A panel consisting of members of Calder's administrative, marketing and publicity departments along with members of the local racing media selected the following inductees: **Spirit of Fighter** (Gallant Knave), trainer Harold Rose, Farnsworth Farms and jockey Jose Velez Jr. Spirit of Fighter won 17 stakes at Calder from 1986 to 1991 and captured Gulfstream's First Lady H. as an eight-year-old in 1991. Harold Rose has been a part of Calder for more than two decades and has won well over 300 races at the Florida track. Farnsworth Farms, owned by Michael Sherman, has produced 150 stakes winners, including Mecke, Suave Prospect and 1996 Eclipse Award winner Jewel Princess. Jose Velez, Jr., who led the Calder jockey standings in 1983 and 1985 and during the 1989-90 Tropical meet, is the second leading rider of all time at Calder and the second leading rider of all time at Tropical at Calder.

◆ MIDWEST ◆

Local News: Churchill Downs

Kentucky Oaks hopeful **Sharp Cat** (Storm Cat) worked seven furlongs Monday in 1:29 with Donna Barton up.

Local News: Hawthorne Race Course

Hawthorne Race Course president Thomas Carey announced yesterday that Gary M. Duch has been named Racing Secretary and Handicapper for the 1997 Thoroughbred meet. Duch succeeds Frank Arsenault, who died suddenly on January 1.

◆ FOREIGN ◆

Stakes Results:

NEW ZEALAND TROPHY YONSAI S.-G2-Jpn, \$976,096, Tokyo Racecourse, Japan, 4-20, 3yo, 7fT, 1:21.1, fm.

1--**SEEKING THE PEARL, 119, f, 3, Seeking the Gold--Page Proof, by Seattle Slew.** O-T Uenaka; B-Lazy Lane Stables Inc; T-Hideyuki Mori; J-Yutaka Take; \$513,508.

2--**Brave Tender, 123, c, 3, Gulch--Larida,** by Northern Dancer. \$205,753.

3--**Personality One (Jpn), 123, c, 3, Aswan (Jpn)--Eishin Mammy (Jpn),** by Tai Tehm (Jpn). \$131,237.

Margins: 1 1/2, 1 1/2, NS. Odds: 1.80, 11.10, 205.30.

Seeking the Pearl was looking for her fourth graded stakes win of the year Sunday. Back in 15th in the 18-horse field to the middle of the race, the filly worked her way through traffic to sprint to the lead with two furlongs to go, then went on to defeat her male rivals in decisive fashion. Winning jockey Yutaka Take said, "In spite of the narrow space, she showed her impressive turn of foot. Seeking the Pearl did even more than we had expected."

SILK ROAD S.-G3-Jpn, \$669,881, Kyoto Racecourse, Japan, 4-20, 4yo/up, 6fT, 1:06.9, fm.

1--**EISHIN BERLIN, 123, m, 5, Cozzene--Blade of Luck (SP), by Blade.** (\$24,000 wnlng '92 KEENOV; \$170,000 2yo '94 FTFEB). O-Toyomitsu Hirai; B-Hugh G. King III; T-Masanori Sakaguchi; J-Katsumi Minai; \$353,367.

2--**Biko Pegasus, 128, h, 6, Danzig--Condessa,** by Condorcet. (\$48,000 yrl '92 KEESEP; \$105,000 2yo '93 BESMAR). \$139,162.

3--**Shinko King (Ire), 126, h, 6, Fairy King--Rose of Jericho,** by Alleged. \$89,839.

Margins: 4, HD, NS. Odds: 35.90, 10.70, 13.80.

Eishin Berlin, winner of this year's G3 Kyoto Hinba Tokubetsu, led from wire-to-wire to beat the boys here. Winning jockey Katsumi Minai said, "We tried to be the pacesetter right from the beginning. The point was that Eishin Berlin knew her work and she did just what I wanted her to do. I cannot wait for the Takamatsuno Miya Hai (G1) in May."

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New SW CAYMAN SUNSET wins the Go For Wand Stakes

WOLF POWER

Two-Year-Old brings \$150,000 at Keeneland Sale. \$5,000 Live Foal.



Foreign Report cont.

AMERICAN-BRED WINNERS IN JAPAN:

Palm Shadow, c, 3, **A.P. Indy**--Rue de Palm (GSW, \$289,000), by Icecapade. Kyoto, 4-20, Marguerite S., 8fT. Lifetime Record: 7-3-2-1, \$354,509. O-Shadai Race Horse; B-Peter M Brant; T-Kazuo Fujisawa.

*looking for his second straight win after scoring in the April 13 Yamafuji Sho, the colt went wire-to-wire for an easy victory. He will make his next start in the G1 NHK Mile Cup May 11 at Tokyo.

Eishin Fulton, c, 3, **Danzatore**--Matching (GSW, \$532,263), by What Luck. Kyoto, 4-20, 3yo, novice race, 6f (dirt). Lifetime Record: 5-1-3-0, \$99,587. O-Toyomitsu Hirai; B-Prestonwood Farm, Inc; T-Tadashi Kayo. *\$49,000 yrl '95 KEESEP; \$275,000 2yo '96 FTFEB. **was second in his debut at Kyoto in January. The colt raced just behind the pacesetter, took control on the final turn and drew clear to the wire.

+ **Taiki Shuttle**, c, 3, **Devil's Bag**--Welsh Muffin (Ire) (SW-Ire), by Caerleon. Tokyo, 4-19, 3yo, novice race, 8f (dirt). Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$40,515. O/B-Taiki Farm; T-Kazuo Fujisawa. *won his debut easily by four lengths. Jockey Yukio Okabe said, "Taiki Shuttle started very well. I think he will compete in a higher class."

Field Way, c, 3, **Farma Way**--Grecian Dancer, by Fio Rito. Kyoto, 4-20, 3yo, plate race, 6fT. Lifetime Record: 6-2-0-2, \$148,448. O-Katsumi Chida; B-Hermitage Farm; T-Kenji Yamauchi. * 1/2 to Grecian God (Tasso), SP, \$141,103. **\$27,000 wnlg '94 KEENOV; \$110,000 yrl '95 KEESEP; \$195,000 2yo '96 BESMAR. ***took his debut last October in Kyoto, but was a disappointing sixth in a graduation class stakes race April 6 at Hanshin in his last start. Field Way was set in fifth position among the 11 runners and showed impressive turn of foot in the stretch. Winning jockey Yoshiyuki Muramoto said, "He was very well settled in mid-field today and he has been improving race by race."

Three Jolie, c, 3, **Jolie's Halo**--Miss Cinderella, by Nureyev. Kyoto, 4-19, 3yo, plate race, 6f (dirt). Lifetime Record: 5-2-0-1, \$117,495. O-Nagai Shoji Inc; B-Arthur Appleton; T-Siji Sakuta. *\$125,000 yrl '95 OBSAUG; \$325,000 2yo '96 FTFEB. **winning jockey Yutaka Take said, "My horse reacted very well when I let him go on in the stretch. The sprint race on dirt should be the best trip for Three Jolie."

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.

Taiki Galaxy, c, 3, **Lomond**--Kauai Princess (SP-Ire), by General Assembly. Tokyo, 4-19, 3yo, plate race, 8fT. Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-0, \$111,336. O/B-Taiki Farm; T-S Kunieda. *won his debut in Feb. before finishing fifth in the Sawarabi Sho in March. The colt rallied to take the lead in the stretch and drew away late. Rider Kazuhiro Kato said, "Taiki Galaxy usually loses his will to run at the end of the race, so today I let him run as he liked without losing his concentration in the middle of the race and in the stretch I drove him."

+ **Shinko Caribbean**, f, 3, **Meadowlake**--My Yankee Girl, by In Reality. Niigata, 4-20, 3yo, maiden race, 6f (dirt). Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$40,515. O-Osamu Yasuda; B-Centaur Farms Inc; T-Fumio Koga. *\$180,000 2yo '96 FTFEB.

Super General, c, 3, **Seattle Slew**--First Nighting, by Alydar. Niigata, 4-20, 3yo, novice race, 6f (dirt). Lifetime Record: 9-1-1-2, \$88,729. O-Royal Farm; B-Dennis Drazin; T-Minoru Tsuchida. *\$350,000 2yo '96 BESMAR.

Peal of Thunder, f, 3, **Theatrical (Ire)**--Line of Thunder (GISP-Eng, \$115,913), by Storm Bird. Niigata, 4-20, 3yo, novice race, 11fT. Lifetime Record: 6-1-0-0, \$55,425. O-Shadai Race Horse; B-Fontainebleau Farm; T-Susumu Yano. * 1/2 to Thunder Gulch (Gulch), Ch. 3yo, MGISW, \$2,915,086; Battle Line (Ogygian), GSW-Jpn. **since making her debut last Sept., the filly had run five times with her best effort a fourth-place finish March 29. After her four-length victory, winning jockey Hatsuhiro Kohata said, "She has been improving gradually and should prove to be a far better horse in the future."

Rey Seattle, c, 4, **Woodman**--Seattle Slew (SW, \$347,390), by Seattle Slew. Kyoto, 4-19, STC Sydney Trophy, 6fT. Lifetime Record: 8-3-0-2, \$250,061. O-Susumu Hayashi; B-Osaka Kokusai Mansion Ltd; T-T Setoguchi. *returned to the track in Feb. after an absence of 13 months because of a fracture. Second in his previous outing March 30, the colt was set behind the field by rider Yutaka Take and showed excellent finishing speed in the stretch.

Chadavan, h, 5, **Chief's Crown**--Batna (GSW, \$188,095), by Cyane. Niigata, 4-19, Yuzawa Tokubetsu, 7fT. Lifetime Record: 12-3-1-1, \$269,265. O-Meishun Inc; B-Blue Ridge Farm, Inc; T-Masamichi Wada. *\$30,000 yrl '93 KEESEP.

Bandamu Gein, h, 5, **Sadler's Wells**--Willamae (SW), by Tentam. Kyoto, 4-20, Murasakino Takubetsu, 12fT. Lifetime Record: 11-4-0-2, \$477,352. O-Naoharu Yamashina; B-Robert Quinichett; T-Yoshitaka Ninomiya. *\$250,000 yrl '93 KEEJUL. **1/2 to Willa on the Move (Assert {Ire}), GISW, \$442,063; Lady Reiko (Ire) (Sadler's Wells), SW, \$303,561; Will's Way (Easy Goer), GISW, \$565,000.



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Foreign Report cont.

Taiki Flash, g, 6, **Spend a Buck**--Sudden Flash, by Known Fact. Tokyo, 4-19, Banshu S., 9fT. Lifetime Record: 28-6-5-7, \$876,347. O-Taiki Farm; B-H & Y Bloodstock; T-Yoshiyasu Takahashi. *was winless in '94 and '95 after a victorious debut in 1993. He stalked the pacesetter before taking the lead in the stretch to score by 3/4's of a length.

Local News, Japan:

Speed World (Woodman), a \$875,000 sales topper at the 1996 Fasig-Tipton Calder Two-Year-Olds in Training Sale and a winner of five of four starts including the G3 Keisei Hai, will miss the G1 NHK Mile Cup May 11. Expected to be one of the favorites, the colt missed four days of training after suffering an injury April 12. He should start next in the G1 Yasuda Kinen June 8.

AMERICAN-BRED WINNERS IN ENGLAND:

Safety Ana, g, 6, **Dixieland Band**--Whatsoraire, by Mr. Prospector. Brighton, 4-21, Town Purse H., 3yo/up, 8fT, \$4,934 to winner. O-The Optimists Racing Partnership; B-Robert N Clay; T-Ben Hanbury. *\$150,000 yrlg '92 KEESEP. **1/2 to Three Peat (GII, \$324,522, by Magesterial).

Rasayel, m, 7, **Bering** (GB)--Reham (GB), by Mill Reef. Nottingham, 4-21, Nottingham Lady Amateur Riders' H., 3yo/up, 9f 213ydsT, \$3,691 to winner. O-Pentons Haulage & Cold Storage Ltd; B-Gainsborough Farm; T-P D Evans. *1/2 to Turbo Thrust (MSP, \$152,854, by Coastal).

◆ So. CALIFORNIA ◆

Yesterday's Results:

VALIANT PETE H., \$90,975, SAX, 4-21, 4yo/up, 6 1/2f, 1:14 4/5, ft.

1--**#SURACHAI**, 116, c, 4, **Slewy**--**Corvettin** (MSW, \$169,500), by **Don B.** O-Hudon Edmond A & Sharon; B-Edmond Hudon & Sharon Hudon (CA); T-Randy Bradshaw; J-C S Nakatani; \$54,975. Lifetime Record: 10-4-4-1, \$189,670. *1/2 to Canyon Crest (Crystal Water), SP, \$197,415.

2--**Men's Exclusive**, 117, c, 4, **Exclusive Ribot**--**Men's Number**, by Meneval. O-Reed H E. \$18,000.

3--**Letthebighossroll**, 120, g, 9, **Flying Paster**--**Moonlight Jig**, by Jig Time. (\$80,000 2yo 1990 BESMAY). O-Pegram Mike. \$10,800.

Margins: 1HF, 2HF, 3HF. Odds: 1.70, 2.60, 2.80.

First or second in his last six starts dating back to last May 4, Surachai tried turf for the first time in an open allowance March 20 and came home first, but had to settle for second after being demoted by the stewards. Back on dirt vs. state-bred foes, the favorite pressed the pace from the start, took over from front-running Men's Exclusive in deep stretch and edged clear.

Local News: Santa Anita

Talloires (Tremolino), pointing for the GI Early Times Turf Classic at Churchill Downs May 3, breezed five furlongs in 1:01 1/5 Monday.

◆ WEST ◆

Yesterday's Results:

8th-GGX, \$32,000, Alw, 3yo, f, 6f, 1:08 3/5, ft. **TOUGH SPORT** (f, 3, **Tough Knight**--**Lucky Sport**, by ***Snow Sporting**), a 1/2 to Hilco Scamper (Knights Choice), MGSW, \$382,205, broke his maiden at Bay Meadows in November and had been off since taking his second start, a Golden Gate allowance, December 11. Sent right to the lead in his return, the 4-5 favorite led from gate to wire to remain undefeated with an impressive five-length score. Lifetime Record: 3-3-0-0, \$42,350.

O-Joseph D Kowal. B-John Roche (WA). T-Lonnie Arterburn.

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ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

7th-SAX, \$46,000, (S), 4yo/up, 1m, 1:35 4/5, ft. **END RUN** (c, 4, **Ultimate Pleasure**--**Another Cute One**, by **Briar Bend**) Lifetime Record: SP, 13-3-3-2, \$97,025. O-For the Boys Stable & Rocarek. B-A G & L G Risdon (CA). T-Michael Machowsky.

8th-DEL, \$26,300, 4yo/up, 1m, 1:41, ft. **CHEROKEE FOCUS** (h, 5, **Cherokee Colony**--**Middle Stage** {GSW, \$115,211}, by **Stage Door Johnny**) Lifetime Record: 12-4-0-2, \$61,682. O-Levine Michael & Winchell Thomas J. B-T.M. Evans (KY). T-Thomas J Winchell. *1/2 to Center Box (Run the Gantlet), MSW, \$113,704.

7th-DEL, \$26,100, 3yo, 6f, 1:12 4/5, ft. **DOC'S NUMBER** (g, 3, **Polish Numbers**--**Silver Dollar Bid**, by **Play Fellow**) Lifetime Record: 5-3-0-0, \$37,230. O-Earley Sheryl & Fleetwood Thomas Jr. B-Curtis & Kathryn Jones (MD). T-Harland Sanders.

6th-SPT, \$26,000, 3yo/up, 1m, 1:39, ft. **HEINTOOGA** (c, 4, **Henbane**--**Basil's Beauty**, by **Strike Gold**) Lifetime Record: 22-5-1-6, \$78,580. O-Mary Ann Calabrese. B-W. Harley Stepp, Jr. (FL). T-Lisa L Merritt.

8th-SPT, \$24,000, 3yo/up, 6f, 1:11, ft. **ALCOPONIE** (h, 5, **Recital Hall**--**Thebandplayson**, by **Band Practice**) Lifetime Record: 28-5-4-3, \$60,453. O-Kenneth R. Carneal & Bob Hanes. B-Doug Shank (KY). T-Kenneth R Carneal.

7th-HIA, \$20,550, 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:12 2/5, ft. **SUPAH JEN** (f, 4, **Major Moran**--**Jenny's Nandy**, by **Great Above**) Lifetime Record: SW, 14-4-3-3, \$100,705. O-Bee Bee Stables Inc. B-John Bush (FL). T-Emanuel Tortora. *1/2 to Supah Gem (Gold Meridian), MGSW, \$444,237.



7th-PHA, \$19,800, 4yo/up, f/m, 1m, 1:38 3/5, ft. FADED FORTUNE (f, 4, U.S. Flag--Ladyfy, by Sail On-Sail On) Lifetime Record: 12-4-4-2, \$72,012. O/B-William L.E. Sinkler (NJ). T-Ronald S. Glorioso. *1/2 to Spragadus (Let's Justbeglad), MSW, \$121,829.

9th-PHA, \$18,000, 3yo/up, a1m70yd, 1:40 3/5, ft. CANTON RIVER (g, 6, Waquoit--China Bound {MSW, \$155,563}, by Salem) Lifetime Record: MSW, 32-14-4-3, \$309,427. O/B-Hobbs Andrew G P (MD). T-Eugene E Weymouth. *1/2 to Under Oath (Deputed Testamony), GSW, \$426,547.

8th-PHA, \$17,325, 3yo/up, f/m, a1m70yd, 1:42 4/5, ft. MANNERS PLUS (f, 4, Talinum--Miss Moderate, by Temperence Hill) Lifetime Record: 12-4-3-1, \$36,592. O-Sonny Ladner. B-Wafare Farm & Jebb Stable (KY). T-Belinda L Manchio.

11th-TDN, \$16,500, 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:12, ft. BOWER'S WAY (f, 4, Rhinflo--Alice Ruth, by Exuberant) Lifetime Record: 10-3-0-3, \$23,118. O-Pyrite Stables. B-Connie Bower (OH). T-Miguel A Feliciano.

8th-HIA, \$16,000, 3yo/up, a1 1/16mT, 1:44, fm. CHEERFUL EARFUL (c, 4, Shaded--Our Feast, by Banquet Table) Lifetime Record: 14-2-3-1, \$42,690. O-Dogwood Stable. B-Dr. E.W. Thomas (KY). T-Ralph Ziadie. *1/2 to Cheerful Earful (GSP-Eng & Ire, \$122,028, by Ziggy's Boy).

MAIDEN WINNERS:

No Credit Report, c, 3, Cabrini Green--Cunning Crafty, by Crafty Drone. SPT, 4-21, (S), 6f, 1:12 4/5. B-Snowden Hal Jr (Ill). *\$3,200 2yo 1996 KEEJAN.

Ryan's Snowman, c, 3, Frosty the Snowman--Tommy's Date, by Tom Rolfe. DEL, 4-21, a1m70yd, 1:47. B-Appleton Arthur I (Fl). *1/2 to Will to Reign (Cox's Ridge), GSP, \$402,511.

Teamwork, c, 3, Great Above--Affirmed Ambience (SP), by Affirmed. HIA, 4-21, 6f, 1:13 1/5. B-C Bowling & C Thompson (Fl). *\$33,000 2yo 1996 OBSFEB.

+ Starduster, c, 3, Mamaison--Arlibra Lady, by Galaxy Libra (Ire). SAX, (S), 4-21, 6f, 1:10 1/5. B-Palisair Place (Ca). *\$3,300 yrl '95 BESJAN.

Innovate, f, 3, Relaunch--Soft Dawn (SW), by *Grey Dawn II. HIA, 4-21, a1 1/16mT, 1:45 1/5. B-W.R. Hawn (Ky). *\$175,000 yrl '95 KEESEP.

Salish Bull, c, 3, Wavering Monarch--Aquarius Miracle (SP, \$216,335), by Elocutionist. PHA, 4-21, a1m70yd, 1:44 1/5. B-Leslie & Margaret Johnson (Ky).

Zee Custard, f, 4, Sawbones--Custard Creme, by Restivo. HIA, 4-21, 7f, 1:27. B-Harriet C Heubeck & Elmer Heubeck Jr (Fl).

Tamarillo, c, 4, Talinum--Pass the Basket, by Buckpasser. SAX, 4-21, 1 1/8m, 1:49 1/5. B-Brown Kathy (Ky). *\$32,000 wlng '93 KEENOV; \$82,000 yrl '94 KEESEP. **1/2 to Basket Weave (Best Turn), GSW, \$355,312.



FOALING NEWS

TAKE MY PICTURE, 15, Tyrant--Next Attraction (Silent Screen)

Foal born 3-21-97, a colt by Pleasant Tap.

Will be bred back to Dehere.

Owned by Domino Stud.

Boarded at Domino Stud in Lexington, Ky.

Accomplishments: MSW & GSP, \$541,273.

BRILLIANT FUTURE, 20, Forli--Light Hearted (Cyane)

Foal born 3-22-97, a filly by Crafty Prospector.

Will be bred back to Carson City.

Owned by John R. Gaines Thoroughbreds LLC & Coolmore Farm.

Boarded at Offutt-Cole Farm in Lexington, Ky.

Accomplishments: Dam of Olympic Prospect (Northern Jove), MGSW, \$725,320.

LOVLIER LINDA, 17, Vigors--Linda Summers (Crozier)

Foal born 3-22-97, a filly by Thunder Gulch.

Will be bred back to Hennessy.

Owned by Cobra Farm.

Boarded at Cobra Farm in Lexington, Ky.

Accomplishments: GISW, \$676,945; dam of Pro For Sure (Mr. Prospector), GSP, \$126,900.

FAMILY ENTERPRIZE, 7, Tri Jet--Lady Noble (His Majesty)

Foal born 3-24-97, a filly by Storm Cat.

Will be bred back to Salt Lake.

Owned by Frank Stronach.

Boarded at Adena Springs in Versailles, Ky.

Accomplishments: GISW, \$334,578.

FOOTING, 6, Forty Niner--Footy (Topsider)

Foal born 3-24-97, a colt by Seattle Slew

Will be bred back to Storm Cat.

Owned by Bruce Lunsford, R. Gene Smith, & Hermitage Farm LLC.

Boarded at Hermitage Farm in Goshen, Ky.

Accomplishments: MSW & GISP, \$309,219.

HOIST HER FLAG, 15, Aferd--Sue La Con (Beauquillo)

Foal born 3-24-97, a filly by El Gran Senor.

Will be bred back to El Gran Senor.

Owned by Dan and Bev Mjolsness.

Boarded at Elm Tree Farm in Paris, Ky.

Accomplishments: MSW of \$290,849.

SCOTCH AND DRY (AUS), 14, Whiskey Road--Miss Pross (Aus) (Red Lord {GB})

Foal born 3-24-97, a filly by Theatrical (Ire).

Will be bred back to Theatrical (Ire).

Owned by Allen E. Paulson.

Boarded at Brookside Farms in Versailles, Ky.

Accomplishments: G2-NZ; dam of Caromana (MGSP, \$158,431, by Theatrical {Ire}).



SIRE NOTES

by Bill Oppenheim

Stallions whose runners like two turns or develop later tend to be quickly dispensed with by the commercial players. Often this creates cheaper and better opportunities for those breeders less concerned with yearling prices and a little bit more interested in breeding horses who stay further and longer. Today I want to mention three stallions who tend in varying degrees to be two-turn sires or who are getting late developers, yet have something to recommend them.

The first is Blushing John, whose first foals arrived in 1991, raced in 1993, and are six-year-olds of 1997. Winner of the nine-furlong Prix Saint-Roman (G3) at two and the one-mile French 2000 Guineas (G1) at three, Blushing John won \$1.2-million in the U.S. as a four-year-old in 1989, winning the G1 Hollywood Gold Cup (10f), two Grade II races and the Pimlico Special, and running third in the Breeders' Cup Classic (G1) to Sunday Silence and Easy Goer.

Out of a Prince John mare who is out of a Graustark mare, Blushing John certainly stayed further than many Blushing Grooms, and so he's thrown at stud. From an initial fee of \$35,000, you could breed to him for as little as \$4,000 in 1996, and he's bounced back only as far as \$5,000 this year. This is not too bad for a sire who (these statistics through April 13) has already had 18 winners of 30 races this year, including the recent Grade II winning filly Blushing K.D., whose win in Oaklawn's Fantasy S. just about propels Blushing John into the Top 10 on the North American General Sire List for 1997.

It would be hard to argue that Blushing John is a successful sire, especially considering his 'comparable index' is about 2 1/2 times his cumulative average-earnings index--meaning he got really good mares to start with, and he has only six stakes-winners from 200 foals in his four crops of racing age through 1996--just three percent. But his APEX 'ABC Runner' age ratings (these may be found in my 1997 Sire Handbook, available through *The Blood-Horse*) show conclusively that his runners are far better as three-year-olds and up, and improve with age. The point is really that, especially for \$5,000, he deserves not to be completely dismissed by breeders.

The second horse I want to put in a good word for is Unbridled's little brother, Cahill Road. What a contrast these two present! Both have their first four-year-olds in 1997. Unbridled had a Kentucky Derby winner and a Breeders' Cup winner (both now retired) in his first crop, but has been decidedly short just on winners otherwise. Cahill Road has plenty of winners, but recent GIII John B. Campbell winner Traffic Circle is his first graded stakes-winner in North America or Europe.

Cahill Road's first three-year-olds (APEX ABC rating: 1.60) were a lot better than his two-year-olds (0.59), and thus far in 1997 Cahill Road (again, through April 13) has 14 winners of 18 races and earners of \$421,000. This just about vaults him into second spot

among third-crop (F93) sires on the 1997 North American list, behind the uncatchable runaway leader, Black Tie Affair (twice as many foals). Cahill Road doesn't have the charisma (or the stud fee) of his brother Unbridled, but he's steadily making a case for himself as a useful sire.

Finally, a quick word for Pine Bluff, one of three really promising staying-type sires whose first foals are three-year-olds of 1997--the other two being St. Jovite (Pleasant Colony's best son) and Sky Classic, about Nijinsky II's last top son to go to stud in North America. Pine Bluff finished 16th on the 1996 North American freshman sire list, but is now working his way into the Top 10 among 1997 second-crop sires. He doesn't yet have a stakes-winner this year (he had one in '96), but has had eight winners of 10 races which have earned \$188,000 thus far in '97. What I like seeing is that most of these winners have been around two turns at good tracks; I foresee more to come from one of Danzig's best two-turn sons.

Sire to watch in Europe for 1997: Green Desert, whose 57 three-year-olds include quite a few promising black-type contenders. He really is one of Europe's most useful sires, illustrated by the Timeform statistic that his 202 winners in Britain in 1993-96 were more than any other stallion. True, he doesn't get many Group 1 winners and he'll probably never be Leading Sire, but he is plenty useful. In last week's critical Guineas prep races in Europe, he had G3 Craven S. first and third-place finishers Desert Story and Cape Cross and G3 Prix de la Grotte third Green Lady. I reckon he's set for a really good year with his three-year-olds, several of whom have already shown good form over further than a mile.

And this amazing fact: of the three Classic preps run in the States over the weekend of April 12-13, not one of the nine first-three finishers were from the Northern Dancer sire line. The count: 3 Seattle Slews (all out of Mr. Prospector-line mares), plus another Bold Ruler through Medaille d'Or's son Tour d'Or; 3 Mr. Prospectors (Conquistador Cielo and Fappiano sons Cryptoclearance and Phone Order), 1 Halo, and 1 Ribot.

TRACK ABBREVIATIONS:

AQU	Aqueduct	BEU	Beulah Park
DET	Ladbroke DRC	EMD	Emerald Downs
GGX	Golden Gate	GSX	Garden State
HIA	Hialeah Park	HOU	Sam Houston
KEE	Keeneland	LSX	Lone Star Park
PEN	Penn National	PHA	Philadelphia Park
PIM	Pimlico	SAX	Santa Anita
SPT	Sportsman's Park	SUF	Suffolk Downs
TAM	Tampa Bay Downs	TDN	Thistledown

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