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**TRAITOR RETIRED** Grade I winner **Traitor** (Cryptoclearance) has been retired after suffering an injury to the suspensory ligament in his left front leg, according to the colt's owner, Alfred Vanderbilt. "He made a bad step coming off the track Friday morning at Pimlico," said Vanderbilt, "and when he got back to the barn it was very sore." Vanderbilt said that X-rays revealed a tear in the ligament, and that he and trainer Mary Eppler had discussed the possibility of bringing the three-year-old colt back to the races, but veterinarians advised them that it was improbable at best. "You talk to the vets and the general consensus is that sometimes if you give them a year, they'll come back, but that's a longshot. I'm obviously very disappointed." A winner of four of his six lifetime starts, including the GI Futurity at Belmont and both starts this year, Traitor earned \$267,555. Vanderbilt said that no immediate plans had been made for the colt regarding his career as a stallion, and that for the time being, "he'll just stand in his stall."

**GENUINE RISK LOSES FOAL** **Genuine Risk** (Exclusive Native), who became only the second filly in history to win the Kentucky Derby when she took the 1980 Run for the Roses, has had a stillborn foal, according to Three Chimneys Farm. The 20-year-old mare was rushed from the Midway, Ky. farm to Rood and Riddle Equine Hospital May 4 to deliver her 1997 foal. "The foal was presented in breech position, upside down and backward, and the decision was made to perform a (Cesarean Section)," said Three Chimneys General Manager Dan Rosenberg. "Unfortunately, the foal was stillborn." Genuine Risk, owned by Bert and Diana Firestone, failed to produce a live foal from 1983 through 1992 before giving birth to a chestnut colt by Rahy named Genuine Reward in 1993. Genuine Reward was unraced and entered stud this year at Blue Ridge Farm in Virginia. The champion mare was barren the next two years before producing her second foal, a chestnut colt by Chief Honcho, in 1996. Genuine Risk is booked to French Deputy this season, and a decision regarding whether or not she will be bred this spring will be made upon her recuperation from surgery.

**CRYPTO STAR TO PASS PREAKNESS** **Crypto Star** (Cryptoclearance), fifth in last Saturday's Kentucky Derby will skip the Preakness. Although nothing was obviously wrong with the colt, he came out of the Derby very tired and as a precautionary measure was sent to Rood and Riddle Equine Hospital for some tests. Trainer Wayne Catalano said, "He's probably okay, but he was in Kentucky anyway, so we just sent him for a check-up. He suffered a little wear and tear in the race so we'll pass on the Preakness, take him back to Chicago and then aim for the Belmont." Crypto Star won the GI Arkansas Derby before going to Kentucky.

**NYRA RETURNS TO PROFITABILITY** The New York Racing Association has turned over its entire 1996 profit of \$3,620,850 to the State of New York. The profits were realized from Thoroughbred racing at Belmont, Aqueduct and Saratoga. The profit-making year of 1996 marks the first time NYRA has run in the black since 1990. NYRA had lost nearly \$11 million as recently as 1994. "Believe me, we could easily have sunk the \$3.6 million into the three tracks," said NYRA's Chief Financial Officer Alexander W. Ingle. "But we wanted to show everybody that a profit could be turned, that not only does this staff know how to run a racetrack, but it knows how to run a business." Kenneth Noe Jr., chairman and CEO of NYRA, added, "Our best racing this year is ahead of us. I'm pretty confident that we will do at least as well and probably better than we did in 1996."

### STAKES CLOSINGS

**TODAY, WEDNESDAY, MAY 7:**

5-10 \$500,000 *Illinois Derby-GII, Spt, 3yo, 9f*  
(\$10,000s)

7-26 \$200,000 *Mid-South Futurity, LS, R,*  
2yo, 6f (\$800)



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## ◆ FOREIGN ◆

### Stakes Results:

**SANKEI SPORTS SHO YONSAI HIMBA TOKUBETSU-G2-Jpn**, \$817,835, Tokyo Racecourse, Japan, 4-26, 3yo, f, 10fT, 2:01.2, fm.

1--**ORANGE PEEL (JPN)**, 119, f, 3, Sunday Silence--**Buffed Orange**, by Exclusive Native. O-Shadai Race Horse; B-Shadai Farm; T-Kenji Yamauchi; J-Hiroshi Kawachi; \$421,708.

2--**Daiichi Cigar (Jpn)**, 119, f, 3, Tony Bin (Ire)--Daiichi Ruby (Jpn), by Tosho Boy (Jpn). \$169,191.

3--**Grace Admire (Jpn)**, 119, f, 3, Tony Bin (Ire)--Ballet Queen (Ire), by Sadler's Wells. \$104,416.

Margins: NK, NS, ½. Odds: 2.60, 7.80, 17.70.

Orange Peel rebounded from a fifth-place finish in the G1 Ohka Sho in her last start to capture her fourth career win here. Breaking from the far outside in the field of 16, the filly raced third in the early going, took the lead around the final turn and held off Daiichi Cigar for a narrow win. Jockey Hiroshi Kawachi said, "Although we started from the 16th position, we were able to be in good position in the early race. It was kind of difficult to control her but she did not lose her spirit to run. I cannot wait for the Oaks which is the next target for this horse on the 25th of May at Tokyo."

**TV TOKYO HAI AOBA SHO-G3-Jpn**, \$609,609, Tokyo Racecourse, Japan, 5-3, 3yo, 12fT, 2:29.2, fm.

1--**TOKIO EXCELLENT (JPN)**, 123, c, 3, Golden Pheasant--**After the Sun (GSP-Fr)**, by Storm Bird.

O-Tokio Sakata; B-Northern Farm; T-Yutaka Takahashi; J-Yutaka Yoshida; \$329,839.

2--**Fujiyama Bizan (Jpn)**, 123, c, 3, Amber Shadai (Jpn)--Golden Baby (Jpn), by Skymaster (Ire). \$128,264.

3--**Three Fight (Jpn)**, 123, c, 3, Assatis--Fighting Tesco (Jpn), by Tesco Boy (Jpn). \$79,989.

Margins: 1 3/4, 1, NS. Odds: 2.70, 4.40, 36.00.

Tokio Excellent broke his maiden last November, won the Yurikamome S. and took the Benjamin S. on April 12 in his last outing. Favored here over the same course and distance the Japanese Derby will be run over June 1, the colt settled into fifth and as the field came into the stretch, he grabbed the lead for a confident win. Tokio Excellent gave his sire Golden Pheasant his first graded stakes win from his first crop. Jockey Yutaka Yoshida said, "My horse has been improving race by race and I got a very good feeling when we were cantering to the starting gate before the race today. The next start is, as a matter of course, the Japanese Derby."

**ANTARES S.-G3-Jpn**, \$644,969, Kyoto Racecourse, Japan, 5-3, 3yo/up, 9f, 1:50.7, ft.

1--**@M. I. BLANC (JPN)**, 121, h, 5, Brian's Time--

Yukiguni, by Caro (Ire). O-Yutaka Inami; B-Hayata Farms; T-Shuji Ito; J-Yutaka Take; \$340,593.

2--**Wild Bluster (Jpn)**, 126, h, 5, Wild Again--Darling Miss Q., by Alydar. \$136,129.

3--**Paris Napoleon (Jpn)**, 117, h, 6, Mejiro Titan (Jpn)--Mejiro Canyon (Jpn), by Mogami (Fr). \$87,886.

Margins: 3/4, 3/4, 2. Odds: 16.90, 7.30, 42.90.

M.I. Blanc scored his first graded stakes win here after finishing fourth in last year's Antares S. Settled in midfield for his first start since finishing eighth in the G3 Procyon S. April 12, the horse moved forward three furlongs from home, got to the front in the stretch and then gamely held off Wild Bluster. Jockey Yutaka Take said, "It was very fortunate for us that we found room between Wild Bluster and Paris Napoleon. I had ridden this horse before, but he didn't show the excellent turn of foot he showed today. This was a pleasant surprise for me."

**MAINICHI BROADCAST KYOTO YONSAITOKUBETSU-G3-Jpn**, \$609,371, Kyoto Racecourse, Japan, 5-4, 3yo, 10fT, 2:01.1, fm.

1--**SILK JUSTICE**, 121, c, 3, Brian's Time--Yuma Meld, by Satingo (Ire). O-Silk Co Ltd; B-Hayata Farms; T-Masaaki Okubo; J-Shinkji Fujita; \$321,906.

2--**Premium Thunder**, 121, c, 3, Easy Goer--Seattle Dawn, by Grey Dawn II. (\$45,000 yrl '95 KEESEP; \$160,000 2yo '96 BESMAR). \$128,217.

3--**Minamino Pheasant (Jpn)**, 121, c, 3, Golden Pheasant--Takeno Arrow (Jpn), by Arrow Express (Jpn). \$79,965.

Margins: ½, 7, ½. Odds: 3.30, 3.80, 42.10.

Silk Justice, who struggled to his first victory only two months ago, won this Group 3 race impressively and emerged as a strong contender for the June 1 Japanese Derby. The colt was settled into last of the 15 runners in this field and accelerated powerfully through the stretch for the victory. Jockey Shinji Fujita said, "The ground on the rail was not very good, so we took the outside route. The next start is the Derby and I am very hopeful. The long stretch at Tokyo Racecourse should be a big advantage for us."

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**CHESTER VASE-G3**, \$77,322, Chester, England, 5-6, 3yo, 12f 66ydsT, 2:46.64, sf.

1--#**@PANAMA CITY**, c, 3, El Gran Senor--Obeah (Ire) (G3-Eng, SP-N.A.), by Cure the Blues. O-Robert Sangster; B-Swettenham Stud; T-Peter Chapple-Hyam; J-J Reid; \$47,414. \*Full to Morgana (GII, \$301,169) and Bedivere (SP, \$156,933).

2--**Ivan Luis (Fr)**, 122, c, 3, Lycius--Zivania (Ire), by Shernazar (Ire). O-Luciano Gaucci; \$17,726.

3--**State Fair (GB)**, 122, c, 3, Shirley Heights (GB)--Lobinda (GB), by Shareef Dancer. O-Ray Richards; \$8,499.

Margins: head, head, 1 3/4.

Also Ran: Ghataas (GB), Generous Gift (GB).

Robert Sangster's Epsom Derby supplementary entry Panama City justified his 6-5 favoritism for this Derby trial, but it was a very close-run affair and the Peter Chapple-Hyam trainee was struggling to catch the leaders a half-mile out when the race, run at a very moderate pace for the first mile, suddenly turned into a sprint. Hard-ridden by John Reid, Panama City just got the better of Ivan Luis in the final strides. "We were not planning to ride him like that," said Chapple-Hyam. "But John Reid couldn't get through and had to sit and suffer and then try and use his speed, which is not his forte. But staying is his strength and he stretched out well in the end. He is in the Epsom Derby, but my original plan was to run him in the Italian Derby (at Rome, May 25), so we'll just have to wait and see. Being by El Gran Senor, faster ground would suit him better and it was soft here."

**PRIX AYMERI DE MAULEON**, \$44,708, Toulouse, France, 5-2, 3yo, 1mT, 1:37.10, gd.

1--#**KEEP PLAYING (FR)**, 126, c, 3, Highest Honor (Fr)--Playing For Keeps (Ire), by Royal Match (GB). O-Ecurie I M Fares; B-S.C.E.A. Haras de Manneville; T-Jean-Claude Rouget; J-J B Eyquem; \$22,354. \*1/2 to Knight Dream (Fr) (SP-Fr, \$135,789, by Zino {GB}).

2--**Dalglich (Fr)**, 126, c, 3, Hours After--Dogaline (Fr), by Hair Do (Fr). \$8,942.

3--**Maracas (Fr)**, 126, c, 3, Aelan Hapi--Somelo (Fr), by Un Kopeck (Fr). \$6,706.

Margins: 3, 3, short head.

**PRIX CARAVELLE HARAS DES GRANGES**, \$44,708, Toulouse, France, 5-2, 3yo, f, 1 1/4mT, 2:05.40, gd.

1--#**CLERIO (GB)**, 121, f, 3, Soviet Star--Lady Of The Sea (Ire), by Mill Reef. O/B-Mohammed bin Rashid al Maktoum; T-H Pantall; J-J Boisnard; \$22,354.

2--**See You Soon (Fr)**, 121, f, 3, Kaldoun (Fr)--Source D'Orezza (Fr), by Akarad (Fr). \$8,942.

3--**High Tiara (Fr)**, 121, f, 3, Highest Honor (Fr)--Noble Tiara, by Vaguely Noble (Ire). \$6,706.

Margins: head, 1/2, 1.

**LE VASE D'ARGENT**, \$44,708, Toulouse, France, 5-2, 4yo/up, 1 1/4mT, 2:05.10, gd.

1--#**TIVOLIO (FR)**, 123, c, 4, Cricket Ball--Chirrup (Fr), by Chief Singer (Ire). O-J C Seroul; B-J C Seroul & Pierre Tlavard; T-Louis Boulard; J-G Elorriaga-Santos; \$22,354.

2--**Siran (Fr)**, 120, m, 6, R B Chesne (GB)--Surubinha (Fr), by Solicitor (Fr). \$8,942.

3--**Legest (Fr)**, 128, g, 5, Riverquest (Fr)--Legislative (Fr), by Kenmare (Fr). \$6,706.

Margins: 2, 1, neck.

## ◆ MIDWEST ◆

### Local News, Fair Grounds:

Fair Grounds's President and General Manager Bryan Krantz announced yesterday that the Louisiana State Racing Commission has granted the track its usual 88 days for the upcoming 1997-98 live race meeting. As is tradition, Opening Day is set for Thanksgiving Day (November 27). The season will run through March 30, 1998, with no racing on Tuesdays and Thursdays or on Christmas Day. Racing will be conducted on Mardi Gras Tuesday, February 24. Post time daily is 12:30.

## ◆ EAST ◆

### Yesterday's Results:

1st-DEL, \$22,200, Msw, 2yo, 4f, :48, ft.

+ **MOUNT GREEN** (c, 2, Vermont--Princess Allegro, by Princely Pleasure) was made the 9-5 favorite in his debut off of a bullet four-furlong work in :48 4/5 May 2. The colt went wire-to-wire to finish four lengths in front of HARTIGAN (Prospector's Music) and became the first winner and first starter for his freshman sire, Vermont (Chief's Crown). The winner was a \$2,700 wnlg '95 OBSOCT purchase. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$13,200. O-C Matses. B-E Cousins & A Friedman. T-R Trimmer.

### Local News, Ontario:

The Ontario Jockey Club and its Thoroughbred and standardbred horsepeople are offering a helping hand to Winnipeggers coping with the massive Red River flooding. The OJC has notified Assiniboia Downs in Winnipeg that, for a one-week period (which began May 5), all simulcasting fees for races beamed from the OJC to Assiniboia Downs are being waived. Assiniboia will use the money for the Manitoba Flood Relief Fund. The Ontario Harness Horse Association and the Horsemen's Benevolent & Protective Association of Ontario are also foregoing their fees for the week.

*It took a course record tying effort by the Elliott Walden-trained ROYAL STRAND to defeat the FARMA WAY colt ROB 'N GIN by a half-length in Friday's \$115,800 Crown Royal American Turf.*

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## ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

**8th-SPT, \$38,192, 3yo/up, 1m, 1:38 2/5, ft.**  
**FUTURE CROWN (h, 5, Geiger Counter--Crown the Lady {MSW, \$169,689}, by Giboulee)** Lifetime Record: 33-6-5-7, \$143,855. O-Crown's Way Farm. B-Crown's Way, A. Mazzocchi, Et Al. (IL). T-Gene A Cilio.

**8th-DEL, \$30,000, Opt. Clm. (\$30,000), 4yo/up, 1m70yds, 1:42 4/5, ft.**  
**PARAGALLO'S HOPE (h, 5, Wolf Power {SAf}--White Hope {SW}, by Whitesburg)** Lifetime Record: SP, 29-5-3-5, \$141,345. O-Paraneck Stable. B-Echo Valley Horse Farm Inc. (Ky). T-Louis Albertrani.

**5th-DEL, \$24,300, 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:12 4/5, ft.**  
**OLYMPIC CHEERS (f, 4, Blue Ensign--La Pola, by Elocutionist)** Lifetime Record: 13-2-2-0, \$23,130. O-Sylvelin T Paine. B-Jerry Cutrona Sr (FL). T-A Archie Smith Jr.

**7th-DEL, \$24,200, 3yo, 1m, 1:41, ft.**  
**ROCK HALL (c, 3, Deputed Testamony--She's a Champ {SW}, by Island Champ)** Lifetime Record: 6-3-1-0, \$37,039. O-C & T Stable. B-Irvin C. Tillman (MD). T-Dale Capuano.

**9th-SPT, \$24,000, (S), 3yo/up, 1m, 1:41 2/5, ft.**  
**PANNY O'CAKE (c, 4, Irish Tower--Pannekoeken {SP}, by Vigors)** Lifetime Record: 17-2-2-1, \$38,953. O-Cherry Thoroughbreds. B-Gerry Herringer & Chet Herringer (IL). T-Percy E Scherbenske.

**9th-PHA, \$23,400, 3yo/up, a1m70yd, 1:43 2/5, gd.**  
**LOU THE SHOE TWO (c, 4, Norquestor--Bellegorian, by Gregorian)** Lifetime Record: 21-4-5-2, \$86,589. O-Lyman Charles B & Mucklow Russell C. B-Lyman Charles B. Mrs. (PA). T-Guadalupe Preciado. \* 1/2 to North Hall Betty (Iron), SW, \$221,299.

**5th-SPT, \$21,000, 3yo, f, 6f, 1:13 2/5, ft.**  
**SCANDALE (f, 3, Runaway Groom--Dirty Rosy, by Vitriolic)** Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-0, \$13,480. O-Cole Mrs Carlton & Irish Acres Farm. B-Cole Carlton Mrs. (KY). T-P Noel Hickey.

**8th-PHA, \$19,800, 3yo/up, f/m, a1m70yd, 1:44, gd.**  
**TRUE BY TWO (m, 6, Proud Truth--Avis Uno, by Soy Numero Uno)** Lifetime Record: 51-7-14-8, \$140,475. O-Lee A Rogalski. B-Alfred H. Nuckols Jr. (KY). T-Carol Oxman.

**6th-HIA, \$19,400, 3yo, a1 1/16mT, 1:42 1/5, fm.**  
**YOU'RE PRICELESS (c, 3, Youmadeyourpoint--Priceless Dancer, by Marshua's Dancer)** Lifetime Record: SP, 11-3-3-1, \$63,360. O/T-Stanley M Ersoff. B-Stanley Ersoff (FL).

**8th-HIA, \$19,400, 3yo/up, f/m, a1 1/8mT, 1:48, fm.**  
**SHOW'EM GIRL (f, 4, Show'em Slew--My Best Girl, by Get Around)** Lifetime Record: 10-3-2-4, \$46,465. O/B-Arthur I. Appleton (FL). T-Lawrence Jennings Jr.

**7th-HIA, \$18,300, 3yo/up, 1 1/16m, 1:45 1/5, ft.**  
**DENNYANDCHRIS (c, 4, Big Stanley--Jessie's Princess, by Groshawk)** Lifetime Record: 18-2-2-0, \$31,050. O-Stephen L Caplan. B-K. David Schwartz (FL). T-Joseph C Catanese III.

**8th-DET, \$18,000, 3yo/up, 5 1/2f, 1:05 1/5, gd.**  
**IMPULSIVE SPENDER (f, 4, Majesty's Imp--Mind Over Money, by Raja Baba)** Lifetime Record: MSW, 16-6-5-2, \$275,534. O/T-Robert M Gorham. B-John C. Steinmetz (IL).

## MAIDEN WINNERS:

+ **Mount Green, c, 2, Vermont--Princess Allegro, by Princely Pleasure.** DEL, 5-6, 4f, :48. B-Eric Cousins & Amy Friedman (Fl). \*first winner for freshman sire (by Chief's Crown). \*\*\$2,700 wnlg '95 OBSOCT.

**Idothingsfromhabit, c, 3, Habitonia--Sefa's Dutches (SP), by Big Bold Sefa.** DET, 5-6, (S), 5 1/2f, 1:06 4/5. B-Farid Sefa & Pat Sefa (Mi).

**Fantasy's Flight, f, 3, Jeblar--Ancient Miss, by Olden Times.** SPT, 5-6, 6f, 1:13 2/5. B-Farnsworth Farms & M & M Bloodstock (Fl). \*\$30,000 2yo 1996 OBSFEB. \*\* 1/2 to the Wedding Guest (Hold Your Peace), GSW, \$204,106; Turf Star (Bet Twice), MSW, \$279,149.

**Wish for Rain, c, 3, Lyphard's Wish (Fr)--Rise and Toast, by Raise a Cup.** DET, 5-6, (S), 5 1/2f, 1:07 2/5. B-Williams Charlie J (Mi).

+ **Sky Pie, g, 3, Northern Prospect--Three Pies, by Tri Jet.** SPT, 5-6, (S), 6f, 1:13 1/5. B-Barry Janks & Christine Janks (Ill).

**Lilywhite Lilith, f, 4, El Senor--Itaipu (Ire), by Malinowski.** HIA, 5-6, a1 1/8mT, 1:48 3/5. B-Wright William W (Ky).



## FOALING NEWS

**PERSONAL ENSIGN, 13, Private Account--Grecian Banner (Hoist the Flag)**

Foal born 4-12-97, a colt by Mr. Prospector.

Will be bred back to Mr. Prospector.

Owned by Phipps Stable.

Boarded at Claiborne Farm in Paris, Ky.

Accomplishments: Ch. Older Mare, Broodmare of the Year, MGI, \$1,679,880; Dam of My Flag (Easy Goer), MGI, \$1,547,657; Miner's Mark (Mr. Prospector), GI, \$967,170; Our Emblem (Mr. Prospector), MGISP, \$366,013.

**VENNILA CREAM, 7, Valid Appeal--Redundancy (Creme Dela Creme)**

Foal born 4-13-97, a colt by Unbridled.

Will be bred back to Tabasco Cat.

Owned by Brylynn Farm Inc.

Boarded at Taylor Made Farm in Nicholasville, Ky.

Accomplishments: MSW of \$233,330.





## WEEKEND PEDIGREE PERSPECTIVES

by Alan Porter

**Silver Charm (c, 3, Silver Buck--Bonnie's Poker, by Poker)** When Poker and Buckpasser met on the racecourse, Poker defeated his more illustrious stable companion in the Bowling Green H. This was Buckpasser's first and only try on the grass and the loss ended dreams of sending Buckpasser to Europe to contest the Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe.

Poker and Buckpasser meet again in the pedigree of GI Kentucky Derby victor Silver Charm, who is by a son of Buckpasser out of a mare by Poker, and their union might well be the most important factor in the pedigree. Buckpasser's dam was Busanda, an excellent racemare whose resume included wins over the males in the Suburban H. and Saratoga Cup. In turn, Busanda was by War Admiral out of a daughter of La Troienne and the same pattern is found in the pedigree of Poker's granddam, the Schuylerville S. winner Striking. Thus, Silver Charm has these talented three-parts sisters 3x4.

Silver Charm also has a notable set of genetic relatives in his pedigree. Poker's dam Glamour is by Nasrullah and Silver Buck is out of a mare by Hail to Reason, a grandson of Nasrullah's three-parts brother Royal Charger. In addition to having Royal Charger and Nasrullah 5x4, Silver Charm also owns a cross of Mahmoud, who is three-parts brother to Mumtaz Begum, dam of Nasrullah and granddam of Royal Charger. This means that Silver Charm has inbred-linebreeding to genetic relatives from two of the most powerful families around, La Troienne and Mumtaz Mahal.

Of course, this is not the first time that Poker and Buckpasser have worked some magic. The most famous daughter of Poker is My Charmer, dam of Seattle Slew, Seattle Dancer and Lomond. When combined with Buckpasser (sometimes more than once), Seattle Slew and his sons have been responsible for such as A.P. Indy, Slew o' Gold, Fast Play, Sleep Easy, Hail Atlantis, La Spia, True Flare, Surfing Home, Embrace and Dramatic Gold. The story doesn't end there as Seattle Slew's half-brother Seattle Dancer has both sired the 1996 Kentucky Oaks winner Pike Place Dancer and Japanese Group 1 scorer Taiki Fortune out of mares carrying Buckpasser.

While inbreeding and linebreeding to genetic relatives is one of the techniques found in Silver Charm's pedigree, we shouldn't neglect to mention another which is involved, the "inside out" mating. Often when a stallion has a good half-brother or sister by a sire, we find that he also works well with mares by that stallion. In the case of Silver Charm -- the above mentioned pedigree patterns apart -- it might have been predicted that he would work well with a mare by Poker, as he is a half-brother to Poker's stakes winning son Silver Badge.

### PEDIGREE SHORTS

The GIII Sixty Sails H. winner **Top Secret (f, 4, Afleet-Half Secret, by Upper Nile)** is the third graded stakes winner by Afleet out of a mare by Nijinsky II or a son of

Nijinsky II. It should be no surprise that the cross works well as it is another variation on the successful combination of Menow and Bull Dog through Tom Fool and Nijinsky II's dam, Flaming Page. In this case, the Tom Fool strain appears via his son, Venetian Jester, the broodmare sire of Afleet. Afleet now stands in Japan and, given the number of Nijinsky II strains available in that country, there should be plenty of opportunity for the cross to continue to flourish.

Trainer Jenine Sahadi enjoyed tremendous success with one El Gran Senor son, Lit de Justice, and she now appears to have another with considerable talent in the shape of **El Angelo (h, 5, El Gran Senor--Angela Serra, by Arctic Tern)**. Winner of last weekend's GIII Inglewood H., El Angelo has a most interesting pedigree pattern as he is inbred 4x4 to Almahmoud and linebred 5x5 to another outstanding broodmare, Traffic Court, dam of Traffic Judge and Hasty Road. He also owns a variation on the Menow/Bull Dog combination through Tom Fool and Spring Run (dam of Red God).

The offspring of Sadler's Wells generally excel at middle distances and this bodes well for the Epsom Derby prospects of the 2000 Guineas winner **Entrepreneur (c, 3, Sadler's Wells--Exclusive Order, by Exclusive Native)**. Entrepreneur has doubtless inherited a measure of speed from his dam, who was a multiple group winning sprinter/miler in France, but there is a strong precedent for him staying the Derby mile and a half. Remarkably, Entrepreneur is the third consecutive stakes winner produced from three matings between his dam and Sadler's Wells and the other two, Sadler's Image and Dance a Dream, both stayed a mile and a half well, Dance a Dream finishing second in the Oaks over the Derby course and distance. The cross of Northern Dancer and Exclusive Native has appeared in two earlier European classic winners--Balanchine (Oaks and Irish Derby) and Mehthaaf (Irish 1,000 Guineas), the principal pedigree links being an opposite sex cross of Native Dancer and the extremely similar background shared by Shut Out (broodmare sire of Exclusive Native) and Arbitrator (third dam of Northern Dancer). With regard to the pedigree of Entrepreneur, we should also note that his sire has Hyperion 4x5 and that his fifth dam, All Moonshine, is a three-parts sister to Hyperion.

There seems to be something special about the Storm Bird/Secretariat cross when it comes to producing stallions. Storm Cat, possibly the hottest sire in the world, is bred on the cross, as is Summer Squall, sire of last year's Champion Two-Year-Old Filly Storm Song, and in Europe, the Leading Freshman Sire of 1996 by individual winners was Mujadil (Storm Bird--Vallee Secrete, by Secretariat). On Monday, Mujadil was represented by his first stakes winner, three-year-old **Craigievar (GB) (c, 3, Mujadil--Sweet Home {GB}, by Home Guard)**, defeating his elders to take the Haydock Park Spring Trophy. Craigievar has an extremely interesting pedigree pattern. Not only is he inbred 4x4 to Bold Ruler through a son and a daughter, but he also has three-quarters relatives Aureole and Miralgo 4x4. This pair are both by Aureole (son of Hyperion) out of mares by Nearco, and are therefore the perfect foil for Mujadil's great-grandsire Nearctic (by Hyperion out of a mare by Nearco).