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FASIG-TIPTON MIDLANTIC POSTS GAINS Fasig-Tipton's Midlantic Two-Year-Olds and Horses of Racing Age Sale concluded its two-day run yesterday in Timonium, Maryland, posting impressive gains in gross and average sales. This year, 248 two-year-olds were sold for an aggregate of \$6,334,700, up 46.9 percent from last year's total of \$4,311,300 when 241 two-year-olds sold. The 1997 average of \$25,543 rose 42.8 percent from last year's average of \$17,889. Twenty-two horses of racing age sold during yesterday's final session of the sale, for a total of \$398,600 and an average of \$18,118. At last year's one-day sale, 12 older horses were sold for a gross of \$53,600 and an average of \$4,467. The top price at yesterday's session was paid for the three-year-old colt **Wolf Talk** (Wolf Power {SAf}), part of the dispersal of the Estate of C. Oliver Goldsmith, Litz Bloodstock, agent. The bay colt, a winner of two of three lifetime starts, including an April 17 Pimlico allowance test, brought a final bid of \$205,000 from bloodstock agent C. Woodberry Payne of Virginia.

RUNNING STAG TO BELMONT STAKES?

Kentucky-bred **Running Stag** (Cozzene), second by 2 1/2-lengths in Tuesday's listed Westminster Taxi Insurance Predominate S. at Goodwood in England, had to miss the May 3 Kentucky Derby because of quarantine problems but is now a possible starter in the Belmont S. June 7. The Philip Mitchell-trainee has won one of his six career starts, with the lone victory coming in his only race on dirt--a seven-length tally in a maiden event at Lingfield Feb. 27.

Yesterday, Goodwood, England:

WESTMINSTER TAXI INSURANCE PREDOMINATE S., \$54,466, Goodwood, England, 5-20, 3yo, c/g, 1 1/4mT, 2:12.07, gd.

- 1--**GRAPESHOT, 123, c, 3, Hermitage--Ardy Arnie (MSP), by Hold Your Peace.** (\$13,500 wnlg '94 FTKNOV) O-Mrs Timothy Von Halle; B-Jody Huckabay & Dr. Stuart Brown; T-Luca Cumani; J-J Reid; \$36,181. *1/2 to D. Theatrical Gal (MSP, \$142,912, by Stage Door Johnny).
 - 2--**Running Stag, 120, c, 3, Cozzene--Fruhlingstag (Fr),** by Orsini II. O-Dereck Crowson; \$10,796.
 - 3--**Shii-Take (GB), 120, c, 3, Deploy (GB)--Super Sally (GB),** by Superlative (GB). O-Clive Batt; \$5,155.
- Margins: 2 1/2, 1, 1 1/4.

Grapeshot, the 2-1 favorite, was settled in second behind the leader Shii-Take (GB) from the start, cruised through to take the lead at the three-eighths pole and quickened well to score comfortably. The winner's time, however, was more than six seconds outside the standard time for the mile and a quarter at Goodwood. Winning trainer Luca Cumani is lukewarm about an Epsom Derby challenge, saying, "I am reluctant to run Grapeshot in the race, but I think the owners might want to see him run." Grapeshot's rider John Reid, who will partner Robert Sangster's Revoque (Fairy King) in the June 7 Epsom Derby, was impressed with Grapeshot. "He settled nicely behind the leader and quickened up really well when I asked him," Reid said. "I felt like he will stay further than this mile and a quarter." Runner-up Running Stag may ship to New York for a bid at the June 7 Belmont S. (see News Today)

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| STAKES CLOSINGS | | |
| TODAY, WEDNESDAY, MAY 21: | | |
| 5-31 | \$200,000 Azalea Breeders' Cup-GIII, Crc, 3yo, f, 6f (\$100) | |
| 6-1 | \$250,000 Californian-GII, Hol, 3yo/up, 9f (\$200) | |
| 6-1 | \$200,000 Gamely H.-GI, Hol, 3yo/up, f/m, 9fT (\$200) | |



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AMERICAN-BRED WINNERS IN FRANCE:

Rajahmundry, f, 3, **Diesis (GB)**--Paulistana, by Pretense. Chantilly, 5-20, Prix De La Grange Des Pres, 3yo, f, 8fT, \$12,037 to winner. O-E Puerari; B-John Evans, Sue Evans & Paul Manganaro; T-Pascal Bary. *\$75,000 wnlg '94 KEENOV. **1/2 to Polytain (Fr) (G1-Fr, \$524,940, by Bikala {Ire}).

Cirino, c, 3, **Gone West**--Lacovia (MG1-Fr, \$218,448), by Majestic Light. Chantilly, 5-20, Prix Du Mont Pagnotte, 3yo, 10fT, \$15,476 to winner. O/B-G A Oldman; T-Mme C Head.

AMERICAN-BRED WINNERS IN ENGLAND:

Wasp Ranger, c, 3, **Red Ransom**--Lady Climber, by Mount Hagen (Fr). Goodwood, 5-20, Trehearne & Norman Maiden S., 3yo, 8fT, \$7,927 to winner. O-Christopher Wright; B-Jane C Hinkle & Vinery; T-Paul Cole. *\$13,000 yrlg '95 KEESEP; \$30,000 2yo '96 OBSAPR.

Gold Spats, c, 4, **Seeking the Gold**--Foot Stone (SW, \$119,300), by Cyane. Goodwood, 5-20, Anne Frances Stevens Memorial H., 4yo/up, 8fT, \$11,955 to winner. O-Chevely Park Stud; B-Christiana Stables; T-Michael Stoute. *\$150,000 yrlg '94 KEESEP. **1/2 to Open Toe (MSW, \$203,602, by Proud Truth).

Local News, England & Ireland:

It was confirmed Tuesday that Robert Sangster's British 2,000 Guineas runner-up **Revoque (Ire)** (Fairy King) is a definite starter in both the Lexus Irish 2000 Guineas at The Curragh this Sunday and the Vodafone Epsom Derby June 7. There had been some doubt about him running in Ireland, but trainer Peter Chapple-Hyam said Tuesday, "Revoque is in very good form and did a good piece of work at Manton today, working with **Romanov (Ire)** (Nureyev). It is all systems go for The Curragh on Sunday and then on to Epsom for the re-match with Entrepreneur. Romanov will only run in Ireland if something goes wrong with Revoque." The lightly-raced Romanov is two-for-two lifetime, but has yet to face stakes competition.

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Yesterday's Results:

4th-DEL, \$22,000, Msw, 3yo, 6f, 1:12 3/5, ft. + **BE ELUSIVE** (f, 3, **With Approval--Be Exclusive {Ire}** {**GSW-Fr**, \$163,152}, by **Be My Guest**), let go at 8-1 in her debut, rallied sharply turning for home to take the lead at midstretch and drew off to win by 4½ lengths over **JOEY'S TEACHER** (Farma Way). Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$13,200. O-Augustin Stable. B-Strawbridge G (Pa). T-J Sheppard.

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ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

8th-DEL, \$34,200, 4yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:11 3/5, ft. **WINTER MELODY** (f, 4, **Frosty the Snowman--Gallant Libby {MSW, \$148,106}**, by **Gallant Knave**) Lifetime Record: MSW, 22-9-6-1, \$247,458. O/B-Arthur I. Appleton (FL). T-Robert W Camac.

8th-HIA, \$26,500, 3yo/up, f/m, 7f, 1:23 3/5, ft. **BLISS** (f, 4, **Morning Bob--Exrani, by Exclusive Ribot**) Lifetime Record: 31-4-6-5, \$81,405. O-A W Deloach. B-Farnsworth Farms & J Sainer (FL). T-J Abdale. *½ to Fortunate Charmer (Fortunate Prospect), SW, \$133,410.

7th-DEL, \$26,400, 3yo/up, f/m, a1m70yd, 1:44 3/5, ft. **OLYMPIC CHEERS** (f, 4, **Blue Ensign--La Pola, by Elocutionist**) Lifetime Record: 14-3-2-0, \$38,830. O-Sylvelin T Paine. B-Jerry Cutrona Sr (FL). T-A Archie Smith Jr.

3rd-DEL, \$26,200, 3yo, 1 1/16m, 1:45 2/5, ft. **WAITED** (c, 3, **Allen's Prospect--Lydia Ann, by Elephant Walk**) Lifetime Record: SP, 6-3-1-1, \$54,191. O-Kees Barbara M & Rudolph Sherry. B/T-Barbara M. Kees (MD). *½ to Mr. Moby Dick (Horatius), SW, \$157,805; South Bend (Roman Bend), SW, \$110,577.

8th-PRM, \$25,857, 5-19, 3yo/up, 6f, 1:13 4/5, ft. **CHUCKS PARTNER** (h, 5, **Switch Partners--Chuck's Cutie, by Star de Naskra**) Lifetime Record: 16-4-2-1, \$38,923. O-Clark Dick R & Riva Ridge Ranch. B-Steve Eller (IA). T-Dick R Clark.

9th-PHA, \$21,100, 3yo/up, f/m, 7f, 1:25 2/5, ft. **WILD LADY A.** (m, 7, **Princely Pleasure--Jestamary, by Great Sun**) Lifetime Record: MSW, 56-13-14-9, \$352,625. O-Katherine Koontz. B-Harry T. Mangurian Jr. (FL). T-Floyd W Snyder. *½ to David L's Rib (Da' White Judge), MSW, \$595,452.

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WEEKEND PEDIGREE PERSPECTIVES

by Alan Porter

PEDIGREE SHORTS

The promising young sire Salt Lake was represented by his second graded stakes winner when **Salt It (f, 3, Salt Lake--Let it Fly, by Hatchet Man)** won the GII Black-Eyed Susan S. Friday. Salt Lake's own pedigree means that the pedigrees of his offspring will tend toward the outcrossed, but Salt It does have Tom Fool 6x4, the second cross appearing on the "zig-zag" of the dam, and a double of Blue Larkspur. The Blue Larkspur strain in the mare appears through Big Event, a daughter of La Troienne and a five-eighths relative to La Troienne's son Bimelech, a horse who appears in Salt Lake. As a matter of interest, Salt Lake's Grade I winner Ordway traces to Big Hurry, a sister to Bimelech.

Yashmak (f, 3, Danzig--Slightly Dangerous, by Roberto) produced a devastating performance to take the Vodafone Group Fillies Trial S.--an English Oaks prep--by nine lengths. Danzig has sired stakes winners Furiously, Burooj and Dancing Queen out of Roberto mares, but there are more interesting connections at the top and the bottom of the pedigree. Slightly Dangerous, who already includes Epsom Derby winner Commander in Chief and Champion Miller Warning among her offspring, is a daughter of a mare whose pedigree is a perfect foil for Northern Dancer (sire of Danzig). Where You Lead is by Raise a Native (son of Native Dancer) out of a mare by Mossborough (by Nearco out of a three-parts sister to Hyperion). Northern Dancer is by Nearctic (by Nearco out of a mare by Hyperion) out of Natalma (daughter of Native Dancer). Of course, the stallions Warning and Rainbow Quest (another grandson of Where You Lead) have been successfully working a reverse of this cross for some time, recording some of the best results with Northern Dancer-line mares.

Notable winners with an Almahmoud duplication are now a very common occurrence, but **Ops Smile (h, 5, Caveat--Northern Sting, by Northern Jove)** has a slightly unusual version. Here Almahmoud appears as the third dam of Cannonade (sire of Caveat) and as granddam of Northern Dancer (sire of Northern Jove). The pedigree of Caveat looks well-suited to Almahmoud duplications as he is out of a mare by The Axe II, something of a genetic relative to Almahmoud, and Caveat mares should work well with stallions carrying Almahmoud through either Northern Dancer or Halo.

Although there have been plenty of successful Seattle Slew/Northern Dancer crosses, we hadn't seen a stakes winner by Seattle Slew or a son out of a mare from the Vice Regent branch of Northern Dancer's male line until

last year's Champion juvenile colt, Boston Harbor. There is now another talented runner bred on the cross in the shape of **Capdiva (f, 3, Capote--Diva's Debut, by Deputy Minister)**. Heading for the Canadian Oaks after a win in the GII C Fury S., Capdiva has captured her last three outings. Boston Harbor is out of a mare by Vice Regent and the fact that Capdiva is out of a mare by Vice Regent's son Deputy Minister does make one important difference. Deputy Minister carries Bimelech, the son of La Troienne, where Seattle Slew's dam is inbred to La Troienne through daughters.

While Silver Charm, Free House and Captain Bodgit head towards another clash in the Belmont S., some later developing three-year-olds are signaling that they will have to be reckoned with further down the road. One of these is **Banker's Gold (c, 3, Forty Niner--Banker's Lady, by Nijinsky II)**, who remains unbeaten in four starts after a decisive victory in Sunday's GII Peter Pan S. Banker's Gold represents a proven cross, as there have been somewhere around 50 stakes winners by Mr. Prospector and his sons out of mares by Nijinsky II and his sons, including Announce and Scoop the Gold, both bred on the same Forty Niner/Nijinsky II cross as Banker's Gold. It's certainly no surprise that Forty Niner likes Nijinsky II as he is from the immediate family of Nijinsky II's classic winning son, Shaded.

Allowance Results cont.

7th-HIA, \$20,000, 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16m, 1:45, ft. A LADY SHE'S NOT (m, 5, Thunder Puddles--Nasty Rumors, by Tentam) Lifetime Record: 23-2-1-3, \$23,965. O/T-Yvette Romero. B-Pocono Tbred Breeders (NY). * 1/2 to Silent Slander (Quiet Fling), GSP, \$155,056.

8th-PHA, \$18,990, 3yo/up, 5 1/2f, 1:05 3/5, ft. ILE DE BUCK (h, 5, Ile de Jinsky--Buck's First Dream, by Buck's Last Dream) Lifetime Record: SP, 28-4-4-4, \$90,380. O/B-Ralph D Phillips (AR). T-Randy Allen.

MAIDEN WINNERS:

Ashar, c, 2, Bucksplasher--Unbroken Circle (SP), by Circle. PRM, 5-19, 4 1/2f, :55 3/5. B-Kissoon Thoroughbreds, Clugg, Et Al (Mn).

Midnight View, c, 3, Sports View--Midnight Kelly, by Plastic Surgeon. DEL, 5-20, (C), 6f, 1:11 4/5. B-Jerry Connelly & B Brophy (Ky). *\$1,000 wing '94 KEENOV; \$1,700 yrl '95 ARKFEB; \$4,000 yrl '95 TEXAUG.

+ **Be Elusive, f, 3, With Approval--Be Exclusive (Ire)** (GSW-Fr, \$163,152), by Be My Guest. DEL, 5-20, 6f, 1:12 3/5. B-Strawbridge George (Pa).

Struddle, f, 4, Corridor Key--Strast, by Ack Ack. PHA, 5-20, 5 1/2f, 1:08. B-Ferguson Stephen (Md).

My Sweet Time, c, 4, Time for a Change--My Sweet Replica (MSW, \$267,000), by Cherokee Fellow. HIA, 5-20, a1 1/8mT, 1:48 1/5. B-Glusman Stables (Ky).

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