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SILVER CHARM SPARKLES IN FINAL

BELMONT WORK Silver Charm (Silver Buck) had his final tuneup for Saturday's GI Belmont S. yesterday at Churchill Downs. The colt worked five furlongs in 1:01, going his first quarter mile in :24 and his half mile in :48 4/5. He galloped out six furlongs in 1:15. "It was good, right on," trainer Bob Baffert said after the work. "I just wanted a steady five-eighths. The track was sort of dead. I wanted him to get something out of it and he did." The work was not without incident, however, as Silver Charm was brushed by a horse spooked by applause from the crowd gathered to watch the Derby and Preakness champ work. "It didn't bother him (Silver Charm)," Baffert observed. He just went on and had his work." The Churchill Downs grandstand was open to the public for Silver Charm's final pre-Belmont work, attracting about 2,500 people. The grey colt was scheduled to fly to New York early this morning on a chartered flight. In other Belmont news, trainer David Hofmans decided to skip a scheduled Wednesday morning work with **Touch Gold** (Deputy Minister). "He worked too fast the other day," Hofmans said of his colt's seven-furlong move last Friday in 1:23 4/5, after splits of :24 4/5, :35 4/5, :48 1/5 and 1:11 2/5. "For a mile and a half race, you want your horse to be relaxed. If he were to breeze tomorrow, it wouldn't do him any good. Working horses fast is tough on their legs and puts them on edge."

EPSOM DERBY PURSE REACHES £1 MILLION

This Saturday's Vodafone Derby at Epsom will be the first Thoroughbred race in British history to reach the elusive £1 million mark in prize money. The total pool amounts to £1,004,000 (\$1,629,077 U.S.), with the prize to the winner being £602,400 (\$977,446 U.S.). Vodafone, the mobile telephone company which sponsors England's premier Classic, Tuesday unveiled massive profits of £539 million (about \$875 million U.S.), up 13 percent from the previous year. Its turnover last year rose by 25 percent from £1.402 billion to £1,749 billion. However, Vodafone has warned it will not take up the option to sponsor the Epsom Derby for another three years if Saturday's television viewing figures are not satisfactory.

THE SILVER CHARM REPORT

Trainer Bob Baffert supervised Silver Charm's final Belmont S. breeze yesterday morning. With time only for a little fine tuning before the final jewel in the Triple Crown, he has his colt as ready as he'll ever be for what may be the biggest moment in his career.

Baffert, who grew up on a cattle ranch and rode Quarter horse races as a teen-ager, graduated from the University of Arizona in 1977, the same year Seattle Slew swept through the Triple Crown; he was working as a substitute teacher when Affirmed captured his Crown in 1978.

It hasn't taken long for the 44-year-old horseman to reach a milestone most only attain in their wildest imagination. What is going through his mind as the Belmont approaches?

TDN: How are you handling the pressure of the Triple Crown bid?

Bob Baffert: I don't really think about it. I have a way of blocking things out--and to tell the truth, it hasn't hit me yet. The publicity has been overwhelming. It's been hectic, but it's been fun. I try to do everything I can to promote the sport, but I have to tell you, I'm running out of material!

TDN: What do you do to relax?

Bob: Well, I'm a pretty relaxed guy anyway. I can tell you how bored I was (Sunday) afternoon. I actually ordered a phone from the Home Shopping Network. It looked like a nice phone--but my wife is going to kill me.

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STAKES CLOSINGS

TODAY, WEDNESDAY, JUNE 4:

6-15 \$300/100,000 *Shoemaker Breeders' Cup Mile-GII, Hol, 3yo/up, 8fT*
(\$10,000)

6-28 \$400,000 *Caesars International H.-GI, Atl, 3yo/up, 9.5fT* (\$1500)

6-28 \$125,000 *Arlington Classic-GII, AP, 3yo, 9fT*
(\$400)

TOMORROW, THURSDAY, JUNE 5:

6-7 \$500,000 *Belmont S.-GI, Bel, 3yo, 12f* (\$50,000s)





Silver Charm Report cont.

TDN: What has been the most interesting thing that has happened to you on the Triple Crown trail?

Bob: I got to throw out the first pitch at an Anaheim Angels--Seattle Mariners game, and my kids (Taylor, Canyon, Forest and Savannah) got to meet one of their idols, Ken Griffey Jr. He was great--he talked to us for about 20 minutes, just talking baseball and how he got started. There have been a lot of great memories, but that was really neat.

TDN: What will you wear on Belmont S. Day?

Bob: I have a lucky tie--it has sailboats on it, and it's in the Lewis' yellow and green colors. It was fresh off the rack at the Polo Store for the Derby. My wife, Sherry, bought it for me; of course, I wore it again for the Preakness.

TDN: What have you got planned for Sunday morning?

Bob: I hope I'm hung over from partying all night after winning the Triple Crown...a Budweiser hangover.

TDN: If they made a movie of the 1997 Triple Crown, who would you want to play you?

Bob: It would have to be somebody funny--maybe Bill Murray?

TDN: What has been your philosophy for getting through the trials of the Triple Crown?

Bob: Stay as busy as you can, and enjoy it. This is, to me, a one-shot deal. We take this seriously, but I would hate to come through it all and then look back and think, 'Boy, I wish I'd had more fun.'

(News cont.)

GRAPESHOT TO MISS EPSOM DERBY

Newmarket-based trainer Luca Cumani announced Tuesday that his three-year-old colt **Grapeshot** (Hermitage) looks set to miss this Saturday's Vodafone Derby at Epsom. "He has suffered a slight setback in training and is now unlikely to run," said Cumani. Grapeshot, winner of the listed Somerville Tattersall S. at Newmarket at two and the listed Predominate S. at Goodwood two weeks ago, has won three of six career starts to date for earnings of \$85,775. He had been quoted at odds of 20-1 by most bookmakers for the Epsom Derby.

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FASIG-TIPTON CATALOGS 254 YEARLINGS FOR JULY SALE

Fasig-Tipton has catalogued 254 yearlings--153 colts and 101 fillies--for its 1997 Selected Sale in Lexington, Kentucky on Wednesday, July 16. Starting the single-day, one-session sale will be 88 yearlings in the New Sire Showcase. The auction will begin at 11 a.m. "Post-sale analysis of the '96 sale told us our numbers last year outpaced demand," said company president Walt Robertson. "With input also from consignors, we set pedigree and physical parameters tighter for 1997 and, as a result, we have a catalogue this year better suited to the marketplace." Catalogues will be available from all Fasig-Tipton offices from June 16 and will also be available at Fasig-Tipton's website at www.fasigtpton.com.

◆ FOREIGN ◆

AMERICAN-BRED WINNERS IN ENGLAND:

Elnadim, c, 3, **Danzig**--Elle Seule (G2-Fr), by Exclusive Native. Pontefract, 6-3, Ferrybridge Flyers' Maiden S., 3yo/up, 6fT, \$5,786 to winner. O-Sheikh Hamdan al Maktoum; B-Shadwell Farm Inc.; T-John Dunlop. *1/2 to Mehthaaf (Hwt at 3-Ire 7-9f, G1-Ire, G2-Eng, MG1SP-Fr, \$381,798, by Nureyev).

Shoumatara, c, 3, **Seeking the Gold**--Crown Quest (SW), by Chief's Crown. Brighton, 6-3, Bevendean Maiden S., 3yo/up, 7fT, \$5,554 to winner. O-Sheikh Maktoum al Maktoum; B-Northwest Farms; T-Michael Stoute. *\$450,000 wnlng '94 KEENOV.

Mr Browning, g, 6, **Al Nasr (Fr)**--Crinoline (GB), by Blakeney (GB). Brighton, 6-3, Levy Board H., 3yo/up, 1 1/2mT, \$4,602 to winner. O-Mrs M E L'Shea; B-Lord Carnarvon; T-Reg Akehurst.

Roman Reel, g, 6, **Sword Dance (Ire)**--Our Mimi, by Believe It. Brighton, 6-3, Hove Claiming S., 3yo/up, 1 1/4mT, \$3,695 to winner. O-K. Higson; B-Dorothy Price, Jackie W Ramos & Ken Hickson; T-G L Moore. *SP-Ger.

TRACK ABBREVIATIONS:

APX	Arlington	BEL	Belmont Park
CDX	Churchill Downs	CRC	Calder
DEL	Delaware Park	DET	Ladbroke DRC
EMD	Emerald Downs	EVD	Evangeline Downs
FEX	Fort Erie	FLX	Finger Lakes
GGX	Golden Gate	HOL	Hollywood Park
HST	Hastings Park	LSX	Lone Star Park
MTH	Monmouth Park	PEN	Penn National
PHA	Philadelphia Park	PIM	Pimlico
PRM	Prairie Meadows	RDX	River Downs

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EDITION

STAKES RESULT:

THE TELLIKE H., \$30,000, EVD, 6-2, 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:13 1/5, ft.

1--**STREAK OF MALAGRA**, 115, f, 4, Malagra--Din Dins Ready, by Proudest Roman. (\$13,000 yrl '94 LOUOCT). O-Judice Farms Inc; B-Clear Creek Stud, Inc (LA); T-Roland Duhon; J-S J Bourque; \$18,000. Lifetime Record: 28-7-4-3, \$123,056.

2--**Be Happy Too**, 115, m, 5, Ile de Jinsky--Mems Mc K., by Dare to Command. \$6,000.

3--**Most Studious**, 113, f, 4, Triple Sec--Book Achiever, by Mari's Book. (\$2,700 yrl '94 TEXAUG). \$3,300. Margins: 1HF, HF, 2HF. Odds: 2.00, 19.00, 13.00.

SLIGHT IN THE REAR S., \$26,000, Fairmont Park, 6-3, (S), 3yo, f, 6f, 1:13 3/5, gd.

1--**MONKS SISTER**, 121, f, 3, Executive Order--Native Mary (MSP), by Super Native. O-M Y Stable Inc; B-South River Ranch, Inc. (Il); T-Nance Michael W; J-Felix, J E; \$15,600. Lifetime Record: 15-2-2-5, \$56,289.

2--**Tango Red**, 121, f, 3, High Brite--Cashelmar, by Key to the Mint. \$5,200.

3--**Seattle Swift**, 115, Whadjathink--Swift Passage, by Seattle Song. \$2,600.

Margins: 2, 2 1/2, HD. Odds: 5.60, .20, 14.20.

ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

7th-DEL, \$35,000, 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:11 4/5, my.
TWO PUNCH LIL (m, 5, Two Punch--Morning Snack, by Secretariat) Lifetime Record: MSW, 20-6-6-3, \$160,186. O-Brauninger Jacqueline & Lloyd E Jr. B-Lawrence I. Littman (MD). T-Tim F Ritchey.

8th-DEL, \$26,400, 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/8m (off turf), 1:54 3/5, my.

SAD REFRAIN (f, 4, Smarten--Lonely Balladier {MSW, \$188,877}, by Northern Fling) Lifetime Record: 6-3-1-0, \$43,815. O-William L Pape. B-William L. Pape & Jonathan E. Sheppard (PA). T-Jonathan E Sheppard.

9th-PHA, \$24,390, 3yo/up, f/m, 1m, 1:38 3/5, my.
HOKEY COKEY (m, 5, Dancing Again--Better to Be Lucky, by Roberto) Lifetime Record: MSP, 42-4-12-9, \$143,081. O-Trin-Brook Stables Inc. B-Jonathan Sheppard (PA). T-Lewis Uriah St.

6th-DEL, \$24,000, 3yo, 6f, 1:11 3/5, my.

ALMARS BUCK (c, 3, Buckaroo--Noir Rullah, by Be a Rullah) Lifetime Record: 4-2-0-0, \$27,800. O/B-Alfred J. Luccarelli (FL). T-Duane Knipe.

8th-PRM, \$22,000, 6-2, 3yo, f, 1m, 1:40, ft.

SEASONALITY (f, 3, Breeders Bonus--Rebate, by Quack) Lifetime Record: 7-2-1-0, \$20,040. O-Hicklin & Hicklin & Schaber. B-Glen Hill Farm (FL). T-Judith A Hicklin.

7th-PHA, \$19,000, 3yo/up, 6f, 1:10, my.

THE BOURSE (g, 4, Corporate Report--Arctic Moon, by Briartic) Lifetime Record: 12-5-2-0, \$59,823. O-Iris Ann Coggins. B-Lori Sloane (KY). T-Edward T Allard.

MAIDEN WINNERS:

Shot Md, c, 2, Prospectors Gamble--Smile Softly (Ire), by Prince Tenderfoot. PRM, 6-2, 4 1/2f, :52 2/5. B-Morton Rosenthal (Fl).

Cactus Kid, c, 3, Beau Genius--Dormez, by Parfaitement. DEL, 6-3, (C), 1m (off turf), 1:44. B-Robert W. Camac (Pa).

+ **Jazzmont**, c, 3, Dixieland Band--Vailmont, by Diesis (GB). DEL, 6-3, (C), 5 1/2f, 1:06 4/5. B-George Strawbridge Jr (Pa).

Still No Karats, f, 3, Lost Opportunity--Milk River, by Lords. PHA, 6-3, a1m70yd (off turf), 1:46 3/5. B-Ricker Scott E (Il). *\$2,000 yrl '95 FTKOCT; \$5,500 2yo 1996 OBSAPR.

Blues On Parade, f, 4, Cure the Blues--Splendid Bid, by Spectacular Bid. DET, 6-3, 6f, 1:12 4/5. B-David A & Jean R Darby (Ky).



FOALING NEWS

MENDED HEART, 12, Le Fabuleux--Tamara Alain (Judge Kilday)

Foal born 4-29-97, a filly by Storm Cat.

Will be bred back to Hennessy.

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Boarded at Taylor Made Farm in Nicholasville, Ky.

Accomplishments: Dam of Tropicool (Carr de Naskra), GSW, \$214,600.

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WEEKEND PEDIGREE PERSPECTIVES

by Alan Porter

PEINTRE CELEBRE (c, 3, Nureyev--Peinture Bleue, by Alydar) Given Northern Dancer's success as a sire of sires and Alydar's standings as a broodmare sire, it is no surprise that the combination of Northern Dancer line stallions with Alydar mares has been a very successful one. Indeed, it has so far produced around 30 stakes winners, including Lure, Alydeed, Strolling Along, Personal Hope, November Snow, Australian Champion Mahogany and Japanese Champion Yamanin Paradise. However, it had never been responsible for a classic winner in the U.S. or Europe until Sunday, when Peintre Celebre scored a brilliant victory in the G1 Les Emirats Arabes Unis Prix du Jockey Club--the French Derby.

Peintre Celebre is owned by Daniel Wildenstein and was bred by his Allez France Stables. His dam, Peinture Bleue, was a listed winner in France and won the GII Long Island H. in the U.S. A half-sister to GIII William P. Kyne H. winner Provins, Peinture Bleue is out of Petroleuse, a group winning half-sister to Wildenstein's brilliant mare Pawneese.

Alydar's pedigree somewhat resembles that of another sire whose daughters and granddaughters combine well with Northern Dancer, Mr. Prospector. Both are by Native Dancer's son Raise a Native out of mares by sons of Nasrullah; both have Bull Dog/Blue Larkspur crosses in their female lines; and both have the brothers Bull Dog and Sir Gallahad III in their dams. These factors are important when it comes to crossing with the Northern Dancer line. To start with, any Northern Dancer/Alydar or Northern Dancer/Mr. Prospector cross brings about a duplication of Native Dancer, the broodmare sire of Northern Dancer. Then, Northern Dancer's second dam, Almahmoud, is by Mahmoud, a three-parts brother to Mumtaz Begum, the dam of Nasrullah.

The ancestor most closely duplicated in Northern Dancer's pedigree is Gainsborough. He combines extremely well with Teddy, the sire of Bull Dog and Sir Gallahad III, and is bred on very similar lines to Teddy's dam, Rondeau. In fact, Gainsborough is a grandson of the stallion Bay Ronald, while Rondeau is a daughter of the same horse, and Gainsborough's third dam Rosalys is a three-parts sister to Rondeau's dam Doremi.

From the above it is clear why Northern Dancer and these two sons of Raise a Native have such a propensity for each other, but of course each individual mating has its own nuances. With Peintre Bleue, we can note that his second dam is by Habitat, another strain for which Nureyev has a marked affinity, and also that while Nureyev traces to the notable tap-root mare Dalmaty, the pedigree has several crosses of Mahmoud/Mumtaz Begum, who are by Dalmaty's extremely close genetic relative Blenheim II.

PEDIGREE SHORTS

In the case of a stallion or mare with very close inbreeding, the question is often, "Where do we go from here?" The logical answer is often to add a strain or strains from the background of the inbreeding. The GI Gamely H. winner **Donna Viola (GB) (m, 5, Be My Chief--Countess Olivia, by Prince Tenderfoot)** provides a classically simple example. Donna Viola's sire Be My Chief, a son of Chief's Crown, is inbred to Somethingroyal, a daughter of Princequillo. Donna Viola's dam is by Prince Tenderfoot, whose sire Blue Prince is a son of Princequillo.

A less heralded brother of Kris and Diesis, the English National Stud stallion Keen is having a useful season with Japanese group winner Hiko Kigumo and last weekend's GII Californian S. victor **River Keen (Ire) (h, 5, Keen {GB}--Immediate Impact {Ire}, by Caerleon)**. Prior to the appearance of River Keen, there had already been at least 12 stakes winners by Sharpen Up and his sons out of mares by Nijinsky II and his sons. Six of these are by Kris or Diesis, including champions Halling and Divine Dane and the top miler Shavian. The reverse cross has worked too, with River Keen's broodmare sire Caerleon siring the very smart filly Del Deya out of a mare by Kris.

The GIC Selene S. marked a first stakes win for **Cotton Carnival (f, 3, Dixieland Band--Syrianette, by Damascus)**. Her pedigree represents close inbreeding to genetic relatives. She is by a son of Northern Dancer and her third dam Juliet is, like Northern Dancer, by Nearctic out of a Native Dancer mare, giving her Northern Dancer/Juliet 2x3. Dixieland Band should be more suited than most to duplications of Nearctic as he has two crosses of Alibhai, a close genetic relative to Nearctic's dam Lady Angela.

Rather appropriately, Sadler's Wells's record-breaking 109th European group race victory was achieved by a filly called **Legend Maker (Ire) (f, 3, Sadler's Wells--High Spirited {Ire}, by Shirley Heights)** in the G3 Prix de Royaumont at Chantilly, France May 31. Legend Maker is appropriate in more than name as she also represents one of the crosses which has been successful for Sadler's Wells, that with mares carrying Never Bend (a half-brother to Sadler's Wells's broodmare sire Bold Reason). The cross has also produced such as Breeders' Cup Turf hero In the Wings, Epsom Oaks winner Moonshell and Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe victor Carnegie. Legend Maker's dam High Spirited is a sister to In the Wings's dam High Hawk, so Legend Maker is a genetic sister to In the Wings and his black-type winning siblings Hunting Hawk and Hawker's News.

The May 31 Queen Charlotte H. winner **Dixie Premier (f, 3, Mane Minister--Straight South, by Hail the Pirates)** is noteworthy for being bred along very similar lines to Belmont S. hopeful Touch Gold. Touch Gold is by Deputy Minister out of a granddaughter of the mare Cool Mood and is inbred 3x3 to Northern Dancer. Dixie Premier is by a son of Deputy Minister, her third dam is a sister to Cool Mood and she is inbred 4x4 to Northern Dancer.