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### \$1 MILLION COLT TOPS SARATOGA'S FIRST SESSION

Hip number 27, a bay colt by Devil's Bag--Charming Tiara, by Alydar, topped last night's first session of Fasig-Tipton's annual Saratoga Select Yearling Sale at the Humphrey S. Finney Pavilion. Consigned by Camas Park Stud, Tim Hyde, agent, the yearling brought a final bid of \$1 million from Bob and Beverly Lewis. "We've had our eye on him for some time," Bob Lewis admitted. "He's matured and developed magnificently and we think he's a real runner." Trainer D. Wayne Lukas, who advises the couple said, "It's one of the better pedigrees and I thought the best individual in the sale. There have been a lot of million dollar horses sold at Saratoga and when you give that kind of money you have to get both (pedigree and conformation)." The colt's consignor, Tim Hyde, said, "I had a good feeling about the horse. Everybody who saw him liked him." The last time a seven-figure yearling sold at Saratoga was 1990 when a filly by Alydar--Lady's Secret was purchased for \$1.5 million. The last colt to sell for over \$1 million was a yearling by Alydar--Tournament Star, who sold for \$1.75 million in 1989. At the conclusion of the opening session, Fasig-Tipton president Walt Robertson commented, "We had several nice horses this year. The market was a touch better. When they locked up on the right horse, it got to be pretty much fun. Last year was pretty easy because of the dramatic mark-up, but we're operating in the 10 percent range." Fifty two horses sold Tuesday night for a total of \$9,119,000. At last year's corresponding session, 57 horses sold for a total of \$9,109,000. The average sale price last night was \$175,365--up 9.7 percent from last year's average of \$159,807. The median price of \$140,000 was up 3.7 percent from last year's figure of \$135,000. The sale continues Wednesday and Thursday nights at 8 p.m.

### TOP FIVE SARATOGA COLTS -- TUESDAY

HIP#	SIRE	DAM	PRICE
27	Devil's Bag	Charming Tiara	\$1,000,000
Consigned by Camas Park Stud (Tim Hyde), agent Purchased by Bob & Beverly Lewis			
71	Sea Hero	Gala Prospector	\$460,000
(\$122,000 wnlg '96 KEENOV) Consigned by Dromoland/Hartwell, Agent II Purchased by Bayard Sharp			
43	A.P. Indy	Dance Image (Ire)	\$350,000
Consigned by Eaton Sales, agent Purchased by Narvick International			
15	Capote	Beacci	\$340,000
Consigned by Heronwood Farm, Inc., Crestfield Farm LLC, agent Purchased by Rollin Baugh, agent			
59	Wild Again	Endicotta	\$310,000
Consigned by North Cliff Farm & Wild Again Partnership, Bluegrass Tbred Services, Inc. (John Stuart), agent Purchased by Mrs. E H Gerry			

### TOP FIVE SARATOGA FILLIES -- TUESDAY

HIP#	SIRE	DAM	PRICE
24	Meadowlake	Cassowary	\$410,000
Consigned by Darby Dan Farm, agent Purchased by Baden Chace, agent			
47	Affirmed	Degenerate Gal	\$300,000
Consigned by Eaton Sales, agent Purchased by Robert & Beverly Lewis			
18	Dehere	Bergere Legere (Ire)	\$230,000
Consigned by Dromoland/Hartwell, Agent II Purchased by Allan Dragone			
42	Pleasant Colony	Dance for Lucy	\$200,000
Consigned by Waterford Farm (Dr. & Mrs. R Smiser West), agent Purchased by Barry Irwin/Team Valor			
76	Gilded Time	Hattab Voladora	\$175,000
Consigned by Lantern Hill Farm LLC, Agent IV Purchased by Kern Lillingston Assoc.			

### STAKES CLOSINGS

#### TODAY, WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 6:

8-9 \$1,000,000 Pacific Classic-GI, Dmr, 3yo/up, 10f, (\$30,000s)

8-17 \$250,000 Del Mar Oaks-GI, Dmr, 3yo, f, 9fT (\$250)

8-24 \$400,000 Secretariat-GI, AP, 3yo, 10fT (\$800)

8-24 \$75,000 Play the King-GIC, Wo, 3yo/up, 7fT (\$75)

#### THURSDAY, AUGUST 7:

8-10 \$300,000 Remington Park Derby, RP, 3yo, 9.5f (\$15,000s)

8-17 \$200,000 Longacres Mile H.-GIII, EmD, 3yo/up, 8f (\$10,000s)



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## ◆ PREVIEW ◆

Today, Del Mar:

**SORRENTO S.-GII, \$100,000, 2yo, f, 6½f**

PP	HORSE	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT.
1	Meadow Lake or Tsu	White	Valenzuela	117
2	Code Love	Cross	Delahoussaye	117
3	Bent Creek City	Bonde	McCarron	121
4	Dereks Baby Girl	Marshall	Douglas	117
5	Code from Heaven	Desormeaux	Desormeaux	117
6	Griselle	Stute	Matos	117
7	Run Classy Lady	Harrington	Solis	117
8	Career Collection	Dollase	Nakatani	121

**Bent Creek City** (Carson City) took her debut by seven lengths at Golden Gate in May and quickly added the June 8 Cinderella S. at Hollywood to her resume. She suffered her first defeat when she was passed in the stretch by **Career Collection** (General Meeting) in the six-furlong GII Landaluce July 5. Career Collection was fourth in the Cinderella, but redeemed herself with a three-length score in the Landaluce. **Dereks Baby Girl** (Falstaff) was second in the Cinderella S. before finishing third in the July 25 CTBA S. against state-bred company in her last start.

## ◆ FOREIGN ◆

**AMERICAN-BRED WINNERS IN ENGLAND:**

**Mowbray**, c, 2, **Opening Verse**--Peppy Raja (SP), by Raja Baba. Catterick, 8-5, Pontefract Park Maiden S., 2yo, 7fT, \$2,627 to winner. O-Sir George Meyrick; B-Helen Alexander (Md); T-Paul Cole.

**Urgent Reply**, g, 4, **Green Dancer**--Bowl Of Honey, by Lyphard. Catterick, 8-5, Wetherby Steeplechases Claiming S., 3yo/up, 11f 214ydsT, \$1,950 to winner; O-S Aitken; B-Clovelly Farm (Ky); T-C A Dwyer. \*\$22,000 yrlg '94 KEESEP. \*\*1/2 to Proceeded (MGSP, \$119,931, by Affirmed).

## ◆ MIDWEST ◆

**Local News, Ellis Park:**

The ninth race at Ellis Park yesterday was canceled after a spill at the start prevented the rest of the field from safely finishing the course.

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.

**Yesterday's Results:**

**5th-ELP, \$24,170, Alw, 2yo, 6f, 1:11 1/5, ft.**  
**THINKBEFOREUSPEAK** (c, 2, **Corporate Report**--Irish Doon, by Doonesbury) fell a half-length short in his debut July 5, but returned July 18 to win by 6½ lengths. The 8-5 favorite took the lead a quarter-mile out and scored by 2½ lengths. Lifetime Record: 3-2-1-0, \$35,485.  
 O-Middle H Farm. B-Mulholland Noah W. (KY). T-Angel Hyland.

**3rd-ELP, \$23,300, Msw, 3yo/up, 5½fT, 1:03 2/5, fm.**  
**+ CORPORATE EXEC** (c, 3, **Corporate Report**--**Fortune's Favour**, by **Sir Ivor**) was sent off the 7-5 favorite in his debut. The chestnut colt dueled with **BOSTOM TEA PARTY** (Pancho Villa) throughout and just got up for a nose victory over that rival at the wire. The winner, a \$26,000 KEESEP yearling and \$40,000 FTMMAY two-year-old, is a half brother to **Rapunzel Runz** (Explodent), SW, \$244,266. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$14,585.  
 O-Carroll Thomas. B-Regina Raab & Ben Invergo (Ky). T-Smithwick Daniel.

**SALES ABBREVIATIONS:**

**French Sales Abbreviations**

AFAUG.....Agence Francaise Deauville Yearling  
 AFDEC.....Agence Francaise Deauville Mixed  
 AFFEB.....Agence Francaise Deauville Mixed  
 AFOCT.....Agence Francaise Deauville Yearling

**Goffs Sales Abbreviations**

GFNOV....France Mixed  
 GFOC1....France 'Eve of Arc' Mixed  
 GOAPR...April Mixed  
 GODE1...December Foal & Breeding Stock  
 GOFEB...February Mixed  
 GONOV...November Premier Foal & Breeding Stock  
 GOOC1..Irish National Yearling  
 GOOC2..Irish Horses in Training & Yearling

**Doncaster Sales Abbreviations**

DNAUG....August Mixed  
 DNAUT.....Autumn Mixed  
 DNJAN..... January Mixed  
 DNLNC.....Lincoln Mixed  
 DNMR1.....2yo in Training  
 DNMR2.....2yo in Training, Lingfield  
 DNNOV.....November Mixed  
 DNOCT.....October Mixed  
 DNSLY.....St. Leger Yearlings  
 DNSPR.....Spring Mixed  
 DNSUM.....Summer

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## WRITERS UP

### BYRNING UP THE TRACK

By: John Lee

When Patrick Byrne tried to win his first Saratoga stakes he found obstacles strewn in his path--14 of them to be precise, in the form of those artificial hedges known as national fences. Byrne, in the saddle that August day in 1983, was engaged in a quixotic attempt to win the New York Turf Writers Cup Steeplechase.

"Well, we made the trip around," Byrne said of his distant fifth place finish in Saratoga's biggest jump race.

This Saratoga season finds him anything but an also-ran. Patrick Byrne, trainer, comes to the Spa off an epic Churchill Downs meet.

"We had 14 winners and three seconds in 17 starts. Six of the starts were in stakes and we won five of them," Byrne said in an accent betraying his London roots. "We had horses primed and ready for Churchill. They came out running. We came in with some good two-year-olds, the conditions book worked out well for us, and most of all the horses stayed healthy."

Those Churchill Downs escapades generated a considerable pre-Saratoga buzz. Byrne fueled the buzz by pocketing the first two stakes of the meet, the Schuylerville on opening day and the Sanford on Day Two.

"Countess Diana is a very talented, very fast filly," he said of his wire-to-wire Schuylerville winner. "We were lucky to get her. She made her first start with Carlos Garcia at Pimlico and broke a 52-year-old track record. Richard Kaster (owner and breeder) wanted to run her at Saratoga and I was lucky enough to be in the position to get her."

Byrne entered two colts in the Sanford, but went with Polished Brass, saving multiple stakes winner Favorite Trick for later in the meet. "Polished Brass stalked the pace and got up to win," Byrne said. "Pat Day is very high on him and rode him with a lot of confidence. He's improving with maturity and the further they go the better he'll like it."

These weren't his first Saratoga stakes wins, however. Laboring in relative obscurity last year, he saddled Ampulla to win both the Glens Falls and the Waya Stakes. "She excelled in the marathon turf races. After Saratoga she went on to win a stakes at Keeneland, then won the Long Island Handicap at Aqueduct--maybe her best race--and finished up the year by taking the La Prevoyante at Calder. She's down at Lane's End Farm now, in foal to A.P. Indy."

Byrne is one of those overnight success stories that gets written only after decades of hard work. He apprenticed himself to trainer in England at age 15, where he rode on both the flat and over jumps. He galloped horses in Ireland and France and later in the United States, always in pursuit of the same thing.

"I just wanted to be around good horses and to learn from the people who trained them," he said. "I spent a winter with David Whitely when he had nice horses like Highland Blade and Khatango. I spent a few months galloping horses for Leroy Jolley when he had Genuine Risk, Cure the Blues and Jacklin Klugman. Working for Howie Teshler was a great experience because he let me take a lot of responsibility and taught me the importance of teamwork."

His time with Teshler yielded another plus, because it was then that he met his future wife, Jill. The daughter of trainer Peter Howe, she's an important part of the barn's success.

"Jill's an excellent horsewoman in her own right," he said. "She gets on a couple in the mornings and has a great opinion. We're pretty much on the same page, and that always helps."

Byrne feels comfortable operating a relatively small stable of 20 or so horses, but recognizes that he might find it a challenge to hold to that figure. "I'm the kind of person that's very hands on," he said. "I like to be able to observe my horses, so they can tell me what to do. Otherwise it's like putting a square peg in a round hole. The horses will tell if they need to run early or if they need more time. If I've got early developing two-year-olds, I'll crack on them if that's what they want. But I'll back off on them if they want to come on later."

Byrne has no illusions that he's going to duplicate his Churchill form at Saratoga, but he still has his sights set high. "Polished Brass will point towards the Saratoga Special (G2, Aug. 13) and Favorite Trick will point towards the Hopeful (G1, Aug. 30)," he said. "Countess Diana will make the Spinaway (G1, Aug. 29). Three weeks ago I got a nice grass filly, Crystal Crossing, who's owned by Robert Sangster. She was a stakes winner at two. Now she's three and I hope to run her late in the meet. She definitely has the quality to be a stakes winner."

If the quality is there, count on Byrne to draw it out into the open...and have a good time in the process. The trainer admitted, "This game is a lot more fun when you've got good horses."

**ROB 'N GIN**, wire-to-wire winner of Monday's National Museum of Racing and Hall of Fame Stakes (G2), is a son of

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**EDITION**

**STAKES RESULTS:**

**PETE CONDELLONE H.**, \$25,000, Fairmount Park, 8-5, 3yo/up, 6f, 1:10 3/5, ft.  
**1--BALLYNEETY SAINT, 122, h, 5, Honeyland--Noora Beag (Ire), by Ahonoora (GB).** O-W K B Stables; B-Reardon Patrick (II); T-Schwan Emmagene; J-Medina N R; \$15,600. Lifetime Record: 34-8-8-3, \$250,806.  
**2--My Name Be Beans, 113, c, 4, Spend a Buck--Out of My Mind, by Full Out.** \$5,200.  
**3--Don't Be Mean, 116, h, 5, Premiership--Plumgrove Katie, by Vencedor.** \$2,600.  
 Margins: 8½, 3/4, 3½. Odds: 1.50, 60.80, 10.40.

**ALLOWANCE RESULTS:**

**7th-ELP, \$25,385, 3yo/up, 1 1/16mT, 1:40 3/5, hd. DE GUERIN (c, 4, Storm Bird--Sweet Legacy, by Secretariat)** Lifetime Record: 12-2-4-3, \$72,678. O-Robert Gentry. B-Gentry Bros. (KY). T-Carl Bowman.

**7th-DEL, \$25,200, 3yo/up, 6f, 1:12 2/5, ft. WOOD RUN (h, 5, Baederwood--Run Spot {SW, \$187,145}, by North Sea)** Lifetime Record: 19-6-1-1, \$63,770. O-Star Search Stable Inc. B-Merryman John B. Mr. & Mrs. (MD). T-Allen Iwinski.

**8th-DEL, \$24,250, 3yo, 1m, 1:40 2/5, ft. TRUMP CARD (c, 3, Affirmed--Tricky Miss, by Clever Trick)** Lifetime Record: 9-3-3-0, \$46,977. O-Fortunate Stable. B-F. Eugene Dixon Jr. (KY). T-Dale Capuano.

**9th-PHA, \$22,400, 3yo/up, 1m, 1:39 1/5, ft. CORDOVALAY (c, 3, Carnivalay--Lady Luisa, by Lord Gaylord)** Lifetime Record: MSP, 15-3-1-3, \$61,739. O-Woodvale Farm. B/T-Cuprill Charles A. Mr. & Mrs. (PA).

**6th-PRM, \$18,733, (S), 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:10 2/5, ft. HEIDI'S LULLABYE (m, 5, Dr. Danzig--Time for a Tune, by Sing Sing)** Lifetime Record: 24-5-3-2, \$66,413. O-Ruth M Schaben. B-Ruth Schaben (IA). T-Dick R Clark.

**MAIDEN WINNERS:**

**Barefoot Dyana, f, 2, Dynaformer--Spankey's Seconds** (MSW, \$100,972), by Wig Out. ELP, 8-5, 1m, 1:40 2/5. B-Omar Trevino Bloodsock Inc (Ky). \*\$31,000 yrl '96 KEESEP.  
**Versed of Power, c, 2, Opening Verse--Power Puff** (MSP), by Lines of Power. DEL, 8-5, (C), 5f, 1:00 2/5. B-Someday Farm (Pa).  
**Baldorama, c, 3, Baldski--Kalorama, by Foolish Pleasure.** DEL, 8-5, (C), 1m, 1:41 3/5. B-Farnsworth Farms (Fl). \*\$20,000 2yo 1996 OBSMAR.  
**+ Corporate Exec, c, 3, Corporate Report--Fortune's Favour, by Sir Ivor.** ELP, 8-5, 5 1/2fT, 1:03 2/5. B-Regina Raab & Ben Invergo (Ky). \*\$26,000 yrl '95 KEESEP; \$40,000 2yo 1996 FTMMAY. \*\*½ to Rapunzel Runz (Explodent), SW, \$244,266.  
**Caveat's Request, f, 3, Dr. Danzig--Light Tina, by Caveat.** PRM, 8-4, (S), 6f, 1:12 3/5. B-Rasmussen Sandra (Ia).  
**Seldon Seen Slim, c, 4, Lear Fan--Dynastic Gal, by Dynastic.** PHA, 8-5, 5 1/2f, 1:06 4/5. B-Nelson F R Bobby (SC). \*½ to Raise a Prince (Raise a Bid), MSW, \$188,622.

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Shane Sellers	903/184	\$8,066,834
Alex Solis	852/160	\$7,389,164
Pat Day	746/160	\$7,321,291
* Corey Nakatani	513/102	\$6,359,606
Mike Smith	743/131	\$6,126,993
* David Flores	560/80	\$5,888,529
Kent Desormeaux	537/84	\$5,369,175
Jorge Chavez	856/167	\$5,323,551

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\*\* Includes England and Italy statistics.

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## WEEKEND PEDIGREE PERSPECTIVES

by Alan Porter

### ESCENA (f, 4, Strawberry Road {Aus}--Claxton's Slew, by Seattle Slew)

Allen Paulson enjoyed two wonderful years with Cigar, a grandson of The Minstrel out of a mare by Seattle Slew. Now he has another Grade I winner bred along similar lines in Saturday's GI Ramona H. winner Escena. She is by a grandson of Nijinsky II, a three-parts brother to The Minstrel, and is also out of a Seattle Slew mare.

Although the male lines of the sire and dam of Cigar and Escena are the same, the pedigrees also have substantial differences. For example, Escena lacks the linebreeding to Turn-to and Princequillo which characterizes the center of Cigar's pedigree. Her pedigree, however, is not without interesting aspects. Escena is out of Claxton's Slew, who was a dual stakes winner and multiple group placed in Ireland. Nutmeg Native, the dam of Claxton's Slew, was a three-parts sister to Mr. Prospector, which means she traced to the famous family of Frizette. Of course, Seattle Slew also traces to Frizette and his granddam has a double of Frizette's daughter, Friseur.

If we turn to the pedigree of Escena's sire Strawberry Road, we can note that his broodmare sire, Rich Gift, is a son of the crack English sprinter Princely Gift. Princely Gift comes from the same family as Frizette and has often successfully combined with Frizette's descendants, particularly Tourbillon.

There are also some pedigree links between Nijinsky II and Seattle Slew. Nijinsky II's sire Northern Dancer is by a son of Nearco out of a mare by a son of Polynesian. Seattle Slew's grandsire Boldnesian is by a grandson of Nearco out of a mare by Polynesian. Nijinsky II's broodmare sire, Bull Page, is by a son of Bull Dog out of a mare by Blue Larkspur, and Seattle Slew's sire, Bold Reasoning, has in his pedigree the mares Alablue and Nothirdchance, both bred on combinations of Blue Larkspur with Bull Dog's brother, Sir Gallahad III. Finally, Nijinsky II and Bold Reasoning have as their respective fourth dams the three-quarters relatives Firetop and Warrior Lass.

Whatever else she may achieve on the racecourse, Escena should be the perfect mare to breed to sons of Mr. Prospector. Not only does Mr. Prospector work well with Nijinsky II and Seattle Slew, but any such mating would give Mr. Prospector and his three-parts sister Nutmeg Native 2x3.

## Stallion Access

### Champagne Sale of Selected Seasons & Shares

Sale starts at 6 p.m., Friday evening, August 8, 1997

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