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**SAINT BALLADO TO TAYLOR MADE** Saint Ballado (Halo--Ballade, by \*Herbager), sire of Kentucky Derby runner-up Captain Bodgit, will stand the 1998 breeding season at Taylor Made Farm in Nicholasville, Kentucky as the property of Aaron U. Jones and Taylor Made. "This is one of the most important stallion families in the stud book today," said Ben Taylor, head of Taylor Made's stallion division. "The performance of this family on both the racetrack and in the sales ring is overwhelming. Anyone who recognizes the horse business as a home run game will recognize Saint Ballado as a home run horse." The eight-year-old stallion is from the family of leading sires Rahy and Devil's Bag, Canadian Horse of the Year Glorious Song and 1996 Champion Turf Horse Singspiel. Saint Ballado had nine two-year-old winners from his first crop of 29 foals, headed by GI Florida Derby winner Captain Bodgit, and already has two undefeated two-year-olds from his second crop in I'm in Heaven and Evening Hush. I'm in Heaven followed a 15-length maiden win with a score in the Toddler S. In the sales ring, Saint Ballado had the sales topper at the 1997 Fasig-Tipton Kentucky July Yearling Sale with a \$290,000 colt, which sold to Bob Baffert as agent for Bob and Beverly Lewis with Bailey-Ellenbergh Select as underbidder. Saint Ballado will stand the 1998 breeding season for \$20,000 live foal.

**THROUGH THREE, DEAUVILLE NUMBERS UP** After three sessions of Agence Francaise's six-day August Yearling Sale in Deauville, France, 204 horses sold for an aggregate of \$15,904,062, up 20 percent from the 1996 figure. The average price of \$77,961 is up nine percent from last year. "The market is up again," declared Philippe Augier, president of the Agence Francaise. "This confirms the advance of last year and we are delighted to see new buyers from the United States, Japan, England and China." Among the new buyers are Americans B. Wayne Hughes, Richard Santulli, Gary Bizsantz, Jerome Brody and Richard Attwood. At Tuesday's fourth session of the sale, top price was paid for hip number 322. The filly by Highest Honor (Fr)--Numero Privee, by Private Account was consigned by Haras du Quesnay and brought a final bid of \$88,831 from Frederic Sauque. At yesterday's session, 58 yearlings sold for a total of \$1,544,052 and an average of \$66,596. The sale runs through August 28.

*By Alan Porter*

**TALE OF THE CAT** (c, 3, Storm Cat--Yarn, by Mr. Prospector) Not every tale is for real, but Tale of the Cat has turned out to be. A few weeks ago trainer John Forbes was telling the tale of his three-year-old's potential as he prepared for a Haskell clash with Touch Gold and Free House. There Tale of the Cat ran a brave race before tiring close to home to finish fourth, suffering the first defeat of his short career. Returning to action in the seven furlong Gil King's Bishop S. at Saratoga Saturday, Tale of the Cat turned in a brilliant exhibition of sprinting to score by 5 1/2 lengths, taking his record to three wins in four starts.

Tale of the Cat comes from a family which is red-hot this year. His dam Yarn was only a minor winner, but she is a sister to the GI Frizette S. heroine Preach, dam of this year's early season three-year-old star Pulpit. Realm, a three-parts sister to Yarn and Preach by Mr. Prospector out of State (the granddam of Yarn and Preach), is dam of last year's speedy juvenile Haint. In addition, Announce, a son of Forty Niner (by Mr. Prospector) and State won the GIII Equipoise Mile earlier this year. State, the ancestress of all of these notable runners, was only useful on the racecourse, winning three races and \$54,234, but she certainly owned an outstanding pedigree as she was by Nijinsky II out of Round Table's stakes winning sister Monarchy. **PEDIGREE PERSPECTIVES cont. p. 3**

### STAKES CLOSINGS

**TODAY, WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 27:**

- 9-7 \$125/75,000 *Del Mar Breeders' Cup H.-GII, Dmr, 3yo/up, 8f (\$100)*
- 9-7 \$100,000 *Arlington Matron H.-GIII, AP, 3yo/up, f/m, 9f (\$100)*
- 9-13 \$100,000 *Summer-GIC, Wo, 2yo, 8fT (\$200)*
- 9-14 \$100,000 *Natalma-GIC, Wo, 2yo, f, 8fT (\$75)*
- 9-20 \$500,000 *Woodbine Mile, Wo, 3yo/up, 8fT (\$500)*



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**OBS YEARLING SALES RESULTS** At yesterday's first open session of the Ocala Breeders' Sales Company's August Yearling Sale in Ocala, Florida, 220 horses sold, grossing \$2,632,200 compared to the \$1,903,000 grossed when 208 horses sold at the corresponding 1996 session. The average price of \$11,965 was up 30.7 percent from last year's average of \$9,149, while the median price of \$9,250 rose 54 percent from \$6,000 a year ago. The session topper was **Oke From Roanoke**, a colt by Roanoke--Peaceful Snow, by Hold Your Peace. Consigned by Johnson Hollow Farm, agent, as hip number 426, the yearling brought a final bid of \$51,000 from Jimmy Miranda of Givens Farm. "I thought demand remained strong throughout the session," said OBS Director of Sales Tom Ventura. "The buyers were there in all price ranges and correct individuals went for a premium." The Open Yearling Sale continues Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. and runs through Thursday.

## ◆ PREVIEW ◆

Today, Saratoga Racecourse:

**SARANAC S.-GIII, \$100,000, 3yo, 1 1/8mT**

The field, in order of the draw, is as follows: **Inkatha (Fr)** (Double Bed), Day, 114; **Mr. Gumbo** (Beau Genius), Sellers, 114; **Voyagers Quest** (Dynaformer), Smith, 123; **Premier Krischief** (Kris S.), Davis, 114; **Matchless** (Lyphard), Migliore, 114; **Tansit** (Silver Deputy), Samyn, 114; **Lasting Approval** (With Approval), Albarado, 114; **Asset Allocation** (With Approval), Chavez, 114; **Trample** (Tremolino), Antley, 114; **Smokin Mel** (Phone Order), Velazquez, 114; **River Squall** (Summer Squall), Perret, 114; **Daylight Savings** (Sky Classic), Bailey, 114. Also Eligible: **Renewed** (Lost Code), Leon, 114.

## ◆ MIDWEST ◆

Local News, Kentucky:

Freshman sire Lil E Tee was represented by his first winner Sunday at River Downs when Snow Lillies won a six-furlong maiden special weight by three lengths in her debut. The 1992 Kentucky Derby winner stands at Old Frankfort Stud in Lexington, Ky.

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.

## ◆ So. CALIFORNIA ◆

Local News, Del Mar:

World-renowned equine artist Richard Stone Reeves will sign copies of his new book, *Crown Jewels of Thoroughbred Racing*, near the Del Mar paddock Sunday, August 31 between 12 p.m.-2 p.m. The 192-page book features 80 color reproductions of some of the world's great racecourses and racehorses and more than 30 original drawings.

## ◆ FOREIGN ◆

AMERICAN-BRED WINNER IN IRELAND:

**Sabre Mountain**, c, 2, Zilzal--Seminole Gold, by Great Prospector. Tralee, 8-26, Patsy Byrne, Paddy Norris BF Maiden, 2yo, 7fT, \$7,026 to winner. O-Mrs J M Ryan; B-Crescent Hill Farm, Dr W A Rood, P Costello, Gainsborough Farm; T-Jim Bolger.

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ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

**10th-SAC, \$30,826, 8-25, 2yo, f, 5f, :57 3/5, ft. BALLY'S GAL (f, 2, Majestic Shore--Leighannie, by Steelinctive (GB))** Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-0, \$23,110. O-Bally Stable. B-Pat O'Connor & William Lynch (CA). T-John Roche.

**8th-DEL, \$27,800, 3yo/up, 1 1/16m, 1:44 4/5, ft. MARACAIBO (c, 3, Skip Trial--Traki Traki {SW}, by Mo Power)** Lifetime Record: 10-3-1-0, \$36,840. O-Francis C McDonnell. B-Jim Corkern & Francis McDonnell (FL). T-James E Hartley.

**7th-DEL, \$27,600, 3yo/up, f/m, 1m, 1:39 4/5, ft. MILADY'S HALO (f, 3, Jolie's Halo--Milaoshu, by Fappiano)** Lifetime Record: 10-3-4-0, \$63,155. O/B-Arthur I. Appleton (FL). T-Robert W Camac.

**4th-DEL, \$26,000, 3yo/up, a1 1/2mT, 2:29 4/5, fm. YIELD (c, 4, Broad Brush--Honor Is Yours, by Hero's Honor)** Lifetime Record: 12-2-2-0, \$32,985. O-Blazing Stable Inc. B-Bonita Farm & K. Warfield (MD). T-E Holly Hall.

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6th-ELP, \$25,900, 3yo/up, 1m, 1:36 3/5, ft.  
**MANHATTAN KNIGHT** (c, 4, Sabona--Good Feeling, by Carr de Naskra) Lifetime Record: 22-5-4-2, \$61,161. O/T-Larry Wheeler. B-W. O. Dr. Reed (KY).

7th-ELP, \$25,475, 3yo/up, 5 1/2fT, 1:01 4/5, hd.  
**FAN'S CHOICE** (h, 5, Don's Choice--Flighty Fan, by Willful) Lifetime Record: 30-5-6-6, \$95,635. O-Mehran Motamedi. B-Mary Anne Hockensmith (KY). T-William Bradley.

8th-ELP, \$23,840, 3yo/up, 1 1/16mT, 1:40 3/5, hd.  
**WHITE KING** (c, 3, Rahy--Lady in White (Ire), by Shareef Dancer) Lifetime Record: 7-2-1-0, \$31,451. O/B-Gainsborough Farms (KY). T-William I Mott.

9th-PHA, \$21,000, 3yo/up, f/m, 5 1/2f, 1:05, ft.  
**C J'S LOVE** (f, 4, U. S. Flag--Love Hate Affair {SP}, by Nasty and Bold) Lifetime Record: 10-4-0-1, \$34,645. O-Our Farm Inc. B-Carl J. Levitt (PA). T-Ernest Cranfield.

7th-PRM, \$20,895, (S), 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:11 3/5, ft.  
**QUEEN TYOKA** (f, 4, Yankee Fan--La Trouville {SW}, by Cerf Volant) Lifetime Record: 12-3-2-2, \$33,574. O-Simoff C & Simoff L & Young J. B-Carl F. Simoff (IA). T-Stephen C Simoff.

8th-TIM, \$18,000, 3yo/up, 6 1/2f, 1:19, ft.  
**NORBEE** (c, 4, Norquestor--Banbee, by Arbees Boy) Lifetime Record: 8-3-1-1, \$34,668. O-William R Harris. B-Jean W. Harris (MD). T-W Robert Bailes.

**MAIDEN WINNERS:**

**Quick Trigger**, f, 2, Irish Open--Sweet Topping, by Full Pocket. ELP, 8-26, 1m, 1:41 1/5. B-Charles Nuckols, Jr & Sons (Ky). \*\$6,000 yrl '96 KEESEP; \$45,000 2yo 1997 OBSAPR.

**Traveler's Key**, f, 3, Key to the Mint--Pleasant Steph (SW), by Pleasant Colony. DEL, 8-26, (C), 6f, 1:13 3/5. B-Kevin Pipes (Ky).

**Dancing Merenda**, f, 3, Novel Nashua--Grayshot, by Hostage. SAR, (S), 8-25, 9f, 1:56 2/5. B-Watral M (NY).

**Crymmenettly**, c, 3, Split Infinitive--Early Shirley, by Ellie's Delight. PRM, 8-25, 5 1/2f, 1:05. B-Roskens Marian B (Ia).

**Viv's Key**, c, 3, Ten Keys--Vivacious Viv, by Benefice. TIM, 8-26, 6 1/2f, 1:20 1/5. B-Wright Dewey C (Md).

**Sayitwithasmile**, c, 3, Waquoit--Rebecca Bray, by Tim the Tiger. DMR, 8-25, 6 1/2f, 1:17 3/5. B-Bray William H Jr (Ny). \*\$9,000 wlng '94 KEENOV.

**April's Night Leap**, f, 4, Quickity Quack--Knight April, by Queen's Knight. PRM, 8-26, 6f, 1:12 4/5. B-Kehoe Joyce (Ia).

**WEEKEND PEDIGREE PERSPECTIVES**

*by Alan Porter*

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The appearance of Nijinsky II brings us another interesting aspect of the pedigree. Somewhere around 10 years ago in his book *Quest for a Classic Winner*, Ken McLean predicted that the related Storm Bird, Nijinsky II and The Minstrel would eventually combine well in pedigrees. It has taken a little time to happen, as Storm Bird in particular has only just receded far enough back into pedigrees to make it feasible to combine him with the other two sons of Northern Dancer. Last year however, saw the appearance of champion two-year-old filly Storm Song, who is by Storm Bird's son Summer Squall and out of a daughter of a mare by The Minstrel. We have also had the G1 Gran Premio Carlos Pellegrini victor Fregys, who is by Storm Bird's son Combsway out of a daughter of a Nijinsky II mare, and 1997 three-year-old stakes winner Zede, by Nijinsky II's grandson Strawberry Road (Aus) out of a mare by Storm Bird. Now Tale of the Cat, who has Storm Bird/Nijinsky II 2x4, has joined what looks likely to be a rapidly growing club.

For those thinking of employing the cross there are a couple observations worth making. So far each one of the stakes winners has had Storm Bird with Nijinsky II or Storm Bird with The Minstrel, and in each case there has been a son strain of one of those horses and a daughter strain of the other. We are still waiting for the combination of The Minstrel and Nijinsky II to deliver and since The Minstrel and Nijinsky II carry opposite sex strains of Flaming Page (dam of Nijinsky II, granddam of The Minstrel), it may be less important that they themselves are represented through son/daughter combinations. In fact, since writing this we have noticed group-placed juvenile Elshamms, who is from the first crop of Zafonic (dam by The Minstrel) out of a mare by Nijinsky II's son Green Dancer.

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