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PEDIGREE PERSPECTIVES

by Alan Porter

PILSUDSKI (IRE) (h, 5, Polish Precedent--Cocotte {GB}, by Troy {GB}) That tough international traveller, Pilsudski, ended his career in a blaze of glory with a game win in the Japan Cup (G1), his fourth Group 1 victory of the season. Pilsudski now retires to stud in Japan, and this may prove to be the ideal place for him to stand. Unlike some areas of the world, breeders in Japan have no prejudice against middle distance stayers, and the leading Japanese sires' table features a number of horses which, like Pilsudski, proved they stayed a 1½ miles under European conditions. Currently Real Shadai, Tony Bin, Allez Milord, Dancing Brave, Assatis, Cacoethes and Carroll House, who all won over a mile and a half in Europe, are among the top 30 sires in Japan.

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From a pedigree standpoint, Pilsudski has something in common with the two highest ranked horses on the table, Real Shadai and Tony Bin. Real Shadai's second dam is by Moslem Chief, a son of Alibhai, who is out of a mare by Jacopo. A look at the distaff side of Pilsudski's pedigree reveals both Alibhai and Jacopo's half-sister, Infra Red (who appears in Pilsudski as fourth dam of Mill Reef, Pilsudski's dam being out of a Mill Reef mare). The connection between Tony Bin and Pilsudski is Hornbeam, who appears as broodmare sire of Tony Bin and as broodmare sire of Pilsudski's broodmare sire Troy.

In the male line, Troy is a grandson of Petition, and mention of Petition and Alibhai brings us back to what has become familiar territory when discussing descendents of Pilsudski's grandsire, Danzig. Petition appears in Danzig's pedigree as the sire of his second dam. It's no surprise to see Danzig working well with Petition as Petition is a close genetic relative to Nearctic (grandsire of Northern Dancer), the pair having the brothers Fairway and Pharos as their respective grandsires and Gainsborough, Tracery and Desmond close up in their dams. We have also previously mentioned that Danzig loves the strain of Alibhai, and here the connection is between Alibhai and the dams of Nearctic and Petition, Alibhai being a Gainsborough/Tracery cross.

Troy himself is an excellent balance for Nearctic, as he has a daughter of Nearctic's sire, Nearco, and a son of Nearctic's broodmare sire, Hyperion. The theory is borne out of fact, as eight of the first 14 stakes winners out of daughters of Troy are by Northern Dancer line stallions. Troy is also unusual in that his pedigree has daughters of both Nasrullah and Nasrullah's three-parts brother, Royal Charger. In direct female line Pilsudski goes back to a sister to the good California sire Gummo, and these and the factors mentioned above should serve him well in his stud career.

DRAW CHANGE FOR DERBY AND PREAKNESS

Officials from Churchill Downs and the Maryland Jockey Club announced vesterday a revision in the way post positions are drawn for the Kentucky Derby and Preakness S. Under the new format, the traditional blind draw will be held to establish a selection order, then a horse's owner and trainer will choose their preferred post position among those still available. The process will be similar to professional sports teams selecting who they believe to be the best player available when their turn comes up in the league's amateur draft. In announcing the decision, Churchill President and Chief Executive Officer Thomas Meeker said, "Pure and simple, we are using the attention generated by the Kentucky Derby to promote Thoroughbred racing. We understand there will be debate about both the procedure itself and the decisions Derby connections ultimately make when choosing their post positions. We view this additional discussion as an opportunity to educate the public about racing and to showcase the people who own and train Derby horses." Both the draws for the 1998 Kentucky Derby and Preakness will be broadcast live on ESPN. Trainer D. Wayne Lukas, commenting on the new draw during a Thoroughbred Racing Communications teleconference vesterday, said, "Under the old format I didn't even attend most of the draws; I'd just hear about it later. This way, everybody will be involved and the bottom line is "Joe" fan, the casual fan, is now going to get involved because he is going to try and second guess the trainers. This will be one of the highlights of the (Derby) week."

PHIL THE GRIP TOPS FASIG-TIPTON SALE Phil the Grip (Crafty Prospector), fresh off an allowance win at Aqueduct on Sunday, topped yesterday's Fasig-Tipton Horses of Racing Age Sale at Belmont Park. The multiple stakes placed three-year-old gelding, part of the Dispersal of Star 1995 LLC, with Alan Goldberg as agent, was purchased for \$160,000 by New York bloodstock agent Joseph Brocklebank. In all, 77 horses were sold for a total of \$839,400--up 0.7 percent from last year's sale when 94 horses sold for \$833,000. The average price rose 23 percent, from \$8,862 in 1996 to \$10,901 this year.

STAKES CLOSINGS

<u>TODAY, WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 26:</u> 12-7 \$100,000 **Bayakoa H.-Gll, Hol,** 3yo/up, f/m, 8.5f (\$100)





◆ PREVIEW ◆

Thursday, Aqueduct:

FALL HIGHWEIGHT H.-GII, \$100,000, 3yo/up, 6f
The field, in order of the draw, is as follows: Double
Screen (Double Negative), 130; Western Fame (Gone
West),133; Rare Rock (Danzig Connection), 132; Kelly
Kip (Kipper Kelly), 135; Royal Haven (Hail Emperor),
136; Punch Line (Two Punch), 135; D'Nang (Foreign
Survivor), 125; King Roller (Silent King), 129.

♦ MIDWEST ♦

Local News, Retama Park:

Retama Park concluded its 1997 racing season Saturday. Ted Gondron earned his second consecutive riding title at the track with 68 wins from 304 mounts. The leading trainer title went to Amos LaBorde, who sent out 36 winners from 164 starters. Henry Withee captured the leading owner title. Bolstered by a significant increase in off-track and out-of-state wagering, Retama Park recorded a 8.6-percent increase in total handle compared to last year's figure. From January 1 through November 22, handle totaled \$123,744,246.

Local News, Churchill Downs:

Laydown (Cryptoclearance), winner of the GII Kentucky Cup Juvenile, worked four furlongs in :48 2/5 yesterday.

Yesterday's Results:

7th-CDX, \$56,100, Alw, 3yo/up, 6 1/2f, 1:17, ft.

- 1--FIND THE TREASURE, 121, c, 4, Housebuster--Lost Lode (SW, \$120,494), by Mr. Prospector. O-lcahn Carl C; B-Foxfield (KY); T-David Carroll. Lifetime Record: 13-5-3-1, \$153,605.
- 2--Fugleman, 118, c, 4, Capote--Main Prospect, by Mr. Prospector.
- 3--Prosong, 114, c, 3, Proper Reality--Lindas Song, by Seattle Song.

Margins: HF, 2HF, 2HF. Odds: 1.60, 9.00, 3.00.

Find the Treasure was a six-length winner of a Sept. 25 Turfway allowance before finishing second in his last start Oct. 28 at Churchill. The favorite stalked the early leaders before rallying five wide turning for home to wear down the front-running Fugleman in deep stretch.

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.

- 8th-CDX, \$55,320, Alw, 3yo/up, f/m, 1m, 1:36 2/5, ft. 1--DREAM SCHEME, 116, f, 4, Danzig--Dream Deal (GISW, \$215,222), by Sharpen Up (GB). O-Humphrey G Watts Jr; B-G Watts Humphrey & Pamela H Firman (KY); T-George R Arnold II. Lifetime Record: MSP, 20-6-2-5, \$207,299. *½ to Clear Mandate (Deputy Minister), MGISW, \$1,085,588.
- 2--On the Tree Top, 121, f, 4, Tasso--Toque Rouge (Ire), by Tarboosh.
- 3--Mama's Pro, 121, f, 4, Proper Reality--Mama Cielo, by Conquistador Cielo.

Margins: 2HF, NK, 3. Odds: 1.80, 11.10, 0.60.

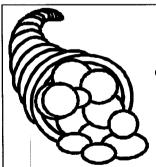
Dream Scheme was coming off of a 3½-length Churchill allowance win Nov. 8. Second choice here, the bay filly quickly opened a clear lead and held it throughout in an easy win.

- 6th-CDX, \$45,800, Alw, 3/up, f/m, 8.5f, 1:46 2/5, ft. 1--SEDUCTIVELYELEGANT, 114, f, 3, Thirty Six Red--Julie Prince, by Majestic Prince. O-McGehee Dede & Delia; B-Dede McGehee & Giles Brophy (KY); T-Hal R Wiggins. Lifetime Record: 12-3-2-2, \$95,293. *1/2 to Slews Gold (MSP, \$158,592, by Slew o' Gold).
- 2--Kings Lynn, 113, f, 3, Mt. Livermore--Til Forbid, by Temperence Hill.
- 3--Manele Bay, 115, f, 3, Bates Motel--Glorious View, by Naskra.

Margins: 3/4, HF, 1 1/4. Odds: 2.70, 2.30, 5.20.

Seductivelyelegant, second after a rough trip in her last outing, a Nov. 11 Churchill Downs allowance at this distance, made amends here, rallying from the back of the pack for a narrow win as the bettors' second choice.

5th-CDX, \$38,800, Msw, 2, f, 1 1/16m, 1:47 3/5, ft. SPEND A BUCK BABY (f, 2, Spend a Buck--Paris Trolley, by Paristo), a \$7,200 Kee. Sept. yearling, was second in her debut--a maiden claimer at Churchill Nov. 9. Moving up to maiden special weight company here, the bay filly came from off-the-pace to win by a nose at 7-1 odds. Finishing second was 21-1 longshot SWOOP CITY (Carson City). Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, \$28,580. O-John C Marker. B-W Chaudoin (KY). T-Hal R Wiggins.



REMINDER:

Due to the Thanksgiving holiday, the TDN office will be closed Thursday, November 27.

There will be no newsletter for Friday, November 28; instead, Thursday's results will

appear in Saturday's issue.

Have a Happy Thanksgiving!

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So. CALIFORNIA

Local News, Hollywood Park:

Three fillies worked over Hollywood Park's turf course vesterday in preparation for Sunday's GI Matriarch. Maxzene (Cozzene) went a half-mile in :51...Memories of Silver (Silver Hawk) covered the same distance in :48 2/5...Yokama (Irish River {Fr}) drilled a half-mile in :50 4/5...Geri (Theatrical {Ire}), second in the Breeders' Cup Mile, worked half-mile in :50 4/5 in preparation for his career swan song in Saturday's GII Citation H...Honor Glide (Honor Grades) drilled a half-mile Tuesday in :47 4/5. The colt will start next in Sunday's GI Crown Royal Hollywood Derby.

FOREIGN

Stakes Results:

PRIX ZEDDAAN, \$45,045, Maisons-Laffitte, France, 11-24, 2yo, 6fT, 1:18:80, hy.

- 1--#IPPON (FR), 123, c, 2, Pursuit Of Love (GB)--Ladv Reem, by Al Nasr (Fr). (\$62,236 yrl '96 AFAUG). O-R Bousquet; B-Haras d'Etreham; T-J C Rouget; J-J R Dubosc; \$24,255.
- 2--Scarlet Pimpernel (GB), 123, c, 2, Night Shift--Working Model (GB), by Ile De Bourbon. \$8,316.
- 3--Desert Drama (Ire), 125, f, 2, Green Desert--Tycoon's Drama (Ire), by Last Tycoon (Ire). \$6,237. Margins: 1 1/2, 1/2, SNK.

PRIX DU GRAND CAMP, \$45,045, Saint-Cloud, France, 11-23, 3yo/up, 1 1/2mT, Time: n/a, hy.

- 1--TAUFAN'S MELODY (GB), 131, g, 6, Taufan--Glorious Fate (Ire), by Northfields. O-All At Sea Partnership; B-Midhurst Farm Inc; T-Lady Herries; J-R Cochrane; \$22,523.
- 2--Trait De Genie (Fr), 131, g, 5, Diamond Prospect--Garmeritte (Fr), by Garde Royale (Ire). \$7,623.
- 3--Dans Le Contexte (Fr), 122, c, 3, Gairloch (GB)--Polly's Mira (Fr), by Bikala (Ire). \$5,717. Margins: 2½, 3½, 2.

PRIX LILLE-METROPOLE-GRAND PRIX DU NORD,

\$41,580, Le Croise-Laroche, France, 11-22, 3yo,

- 10f 145 ydsT, Time & condiiton: n/a. 1--#LEO GIRL, 120, f, 3, Seattle Slew--Navratilovna (GSW-Fr), by Nureyev. O-W Said; B-Cormal Investments Inc (Ky); T-Elie Lellouche; J-T Thulliez; \$22,523.
- 2--Elafonissos (Fr), 120, f, 3, Exit To Nowhere--Flabbergasted (Ire), by Sadler's Wells. \$7,623.
- 3--La Bijou (Fr), 120, f, 3, Caerwent (Ire)--La Magnifique (Fr), by Emerson (Brz). \$5,717.

Margins: 2½, 1½, NK.

AMERICAN-BRED WINNER IN FRANCE:

Irish Fashion, c, 2, Nashwan--L'Irlandaise (SW-Fr), by Irish River (Fr). Maisons-Laffitte, 11-24, Prix Goodly, 2vo, c/g, 1 1/8mT, \$12,128 to winner. O/B-Wertheimer & Frere; T-Criquette Head.

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ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

7th-HAW, \$34,398, 3yo/up, 1 1/16m, 1:46, ft. WILL HENRY'S JOY (h, 5, Salem Drive--Smarten's Joy, by Smarten) Lifetime Record: 26-7-6-5, \$148,020. O/B-Kenneth Hutchens (IL). T-Tom Dorris.

5th-CRC, \$28,000, 2yo, 1 1/16mT, 1:43 3/5, fm. TWOSIE TACTICS (g, 2, Two's a Plenty--Bonus Stamp, by So Splendid) Lifetime Record: 6-3-1-0, \$46,660. O-Rossi Stable. B-Robert Dilibero (FL). T-Albino A Rossi.

8th-MED, \$25,000, (S), 3yo/up, 6f, 1:10 3/5, ft. COACH CUNEO (c, 3, Parfaitement--April Gold, by Gold and Myrrh) Lifetime Record: 16-3-1-3, \$63,119. O/B/T-Edwin T. Broome (NJ).

9th-HOO, \$24,900, 11-24, (S), 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:15 3/5, gd.

SILK WINDFLOWER (m, 7, Savings--Miss Fashion, by Verbatim) Lifetime Record: 18-3-1-2, \$38,680. O-Galen W McGlasson, B-James B. Hancock & Belinda E. Hancock (IN). T-Gayle McGlasson.

8th-HAW, \$22,000, (S), 3yo/up, 1 1/16m, 1:47 2/5, ft. DRIVINFORDOUGH (c, 3, Irish Open--Diplomatic King, by Diplomatic Note) Lifetime Record: 20-4-4-3, \$68,491. O/B-Apple Hill Farms (IL). T-Tom Dorris. * 1/2 to I'm True Blue (Tiffany Ice), SW, \$165,336.

9th-CRC, \$19,500, 3yo/up, 1 1/8mT, 1:50 2/5, fm. HARD ROCK RIDGE (c, 4, Manastash Ridge--Lonely Melody, by Raise a Native) Lifetime Record: 9-3-3-2. \$43,150. O-Ronald F Richter. B-Hargus Sexton & Vinery (KY). T-Edward Plesa Jr.

8th-PHA, \$19,500, 3yo/up, f/m, a1m70yd, 1:44 3/5, ft.

ANOTHER BETTY (f, 3, El Raggaas--Bellegorian, by Gregorian) Lifetime Record: 4-2-1-1, \$33,075. O-Lyman Charles B & Mucklow Russell C. B-Mrs. Charles B. Lyman & Russell C. Mucklow (PA). T-Guadalupe Preciado. *1/2 to North Hall Betty (Iron), SW, \$221,299.

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WEEKEND PEDIGREE PERSPECTIVES by Alan Porter

PEDIGREE SHORTS

Winner of Sunday's Bessarabian S. (GIIC) was Autumn Slew (f, 4, Slew o' Gold--Summer Run, by Sharpen Up {GB}). She is the one and only unrestricted stakes winner by a Seattle Slew-line sire out of a Sharpen Up mare, so is she an anomaly? No, not really, just an example of how we sometimes need to look beyond the sire line/broodmare sire line nick to understand a pedigree. Slew o' Gold is out of a mare by Buckpasser (by Tom Fool), and Autumn Slew's second dam is by Nijinsky II, resulting in the Tom Fool/Flaming Page combination. The cross of Niiinsky Il on Buckpasser mares was a rank bad one, but further back in pedigrees as sources of Tom Fool/Flaming Page, they seem to work well together. It might be worth looking out for other pedigree crosses which looked great on paper but didn't work in reality to succeed when tried further back. We also shouldn't overlook the fact that Autumn Slew has a double of the important mare Hildene through her sons Hill Prince and First Landing.

Seattle Slew, Buckpasser and Nijinsky II also all appear in the pedigree of A.P. Indy's latest graded stakes winner, Parade Queen (f, 3, A.P. Indy--Spanish Parade, by Roberto), who took the GIII Mrs. Revere S. at Churchill Downs Saturday. A.P. Indy's second dam is by Buckpasser, and Parade Queen's own second dam is by Nijinsky II. Parade Queen also has a double of Sir Gaylord and three crosses of Sir Gaylord's dam, Somethingroyal.

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Allowance results cont.

10th-CRC, \$18,500, 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:13 3/5, ft. MEADOW MURMUR (f, 3, Meadowlake--Soft Reply {SW}, by Personality) Lifetime Record: 7-2-2-1, \$30,885. O-Jack W McNulty. B-Robert Ochocki (KY). T-Brian A Cleary.

9th-PHA, \$16,000, 3yo/up, 6f, 1:10 4/5, ft. DR DEMINGO (c, 3, Blue Orca (Ire)--Hawaiian Winter, by Winds of Winter) Lifetime Record: 17-3-2-3, \$27,640. O-Ralph D Phillips. B-R. D. Phillips (AR). T-Randy Allen.

MAIDEN WINNERS:

Boledo, f, 2, Beau Genius--Maggie North, by Magesterial. HOO, 11-24, 5 1/2f, 1:08. B-Crystal Creek Farm (Ky). *\$15,000 wlng '95 FTKNOV; \$20,000 yrl '96 FTKJUL.

Fairweather Friend, c, 2, Hawkster--Supertam (MSW), by Tentam. HOO, 11-24, 6f, 1:15 3/5. B-Mr & Mrs J S Meredith (Ky).

Aurora's Flight, f, 2, Fly So Free--Sensitive Morn, by Sensitive Prince. HAW, 11-25, a1m70yd, 1:48. B-John J Greely III & Charles A Smith (Ky). *\$15,000 yrl '96 KEESEP. **9th winner for freshman sire.

Spend a Buck Baby, f, 2, Spend a Buck--Paris Trolley, by Paristo. CDX, 11-25, 1 1/16m, 1:47 3/5. B-Chaudoin William C (Ky). *\$7,200 yrl '96 KEESEP.

+ Always Try Love, f, 2, Ward Off Trouble--My Own True Love (MSW, \$307,430), by Regal and Royal. CRC, 11-25, 6f, 1:13 1/5. B-Bakerman Robert (FI).

Bubba Express, c, 2, Zen--Cannonade Express, by Cannonade. HAW, 11-25, (S), a1m70yd, 1:46 4/5. B-Yates Darrell G (II). *Full to Little Sucker, MSW, \$426,255.

Casual Conflict, c, 3, Fit to Fight--Casual Aside, by Relaunch. MED, 11-25, 1 1/16m, 1:44. B-Johnson Althea Richards Mrs (Va). *1/2 to Reside (SW, \$123,164, by Broad Brush).

Hawks Street, c, 3, Theatrical (Ire)--Plum Tasty (SW-Ity), by Balzac. CDX, 11-25, (C), 1 1/16m, 1:47 1/5. B-GSB Racing & Breeding Stock Inc. (Ky). *\$40,000 wlng '94 KEENOV.

Explosive Princess, f, 3, Time to Explode--Griator, by Great Gladiator. CRC, 11-25, 1 1/16mT, 1:45 3/5. B-Hope Stock Farm (Can).

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