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### GODOLPHIN'S DERBY PLANS STILL A

**MYSTERY** Godolphin Stable's Racing Manager Simon Crisford confirmed that the stable has in fact purchased GII Remsen winner **Comeonmom** (Jolie's Halo) and added him to its 1999 Kentucky Derby arsenal. However, plans for GII Del Mar Futurity winner **Worldy Manner** (Riverman), purchased by Godolphin last fall, and **Comeonmom** remained a mystery yesterday as Crisford declined to reveal any details about their 1999 plans. "I can't help you at this time; it's too early for specific plans," Crisford said, adding that more information would be forthcoming in the middle of February. He did say that both American-bred three-year-olds will be trained for the Kentucky Derby by Saeed Bin Suroor and that **Comeonmom** has yet to arrive in Dubai.

**OJC HANDLE UP IN '98** Total wagering throughout Woodbine's pari-mutuel system last year was a record \$1.24 billion, up \$90 million or 7.8 percent from the 1997 figure. A total of \$752,719,000 was wagered at Woodbine, Greenwood and approximately 25 Champions teletheaters in the Greater Toronto Area, an increase of three percent over the \$731,160,000 recorded a year earlier. Toronto fans wagered \$443,445,000 on Thoroughbred racing. For Thoroughbred racing, GTA fans bet \$159,262,000 on live racing at Woodbine, or 36 percent of the total bet on Thoroughbreds. Almost \$81 million was bet on racing from California, about \$77 million was bet on major New York racing, more than \$51 million was directed towards Florida racing and Kentucky racing attracted more than \$28 million. Racing fans outside the GTA wagered more than \$130 million on OJC Thoroughbred racing. "It was a remarkable year," said OJC President David Willmot. "Going into the year, we expected some declines, primarily due to the proximity of the big casinos in Niagara Falls and Orillia. But it appears that good horse racing--and we had a lot of good horse racing this year, both here and from our simulcast partners--still attracts people in large numbers. Almost a billion and a quarter dollars going through out tote systems is testimony to that." Live Thoroughbred racing returns to Woodbine on Apr. 2. **News cont. page 2**

By Alan Porter

### KONA GOLD (c, 5, Java Gold--Double Sunrise, by Slew o' Gold)

Java Gold was an outstanding racehorse. An earner of almost \$2,000,000, he numbered the GI Travers S., GI Marlboro Cup Invitational H. and GI Whitney H. among his victories. Java Gold also boasted a splendid pedigree, since he was by Champion Key to the Mint out of Nijinsky II's graded stakes winning daughter, Javamine.

Despite these credentials, Java Gold has been a serious disappointment at stud. From seven crops totaling 230 foals, he had, to the end of 1998, sired just eight unrestricted stakes winners. Only one of these, Grand Jewel, captured a graded stakes.

In the shape of Kona Gold, however, Java Gold does have a son who might keep his name in the headlines in 1999. A lightly raced five-year-old, Kona Gold ended 1998 with a good third in the GI Breeders' Cup Sprint. That was just the sixth start of his career, and he had won three of the previous five. Last weekend, Kona Gold kicked off the 1999 season in terrific style by recording his first stakes win, taking the 5 ½-furlong El Conejo H. at Santa Anita in new track-record time.

As a talented runner by a generally disappointing sire, it might be expected that Kona Gold has an interesting pedigree pattern. That expectation is right.

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### STAKES CLOSINGS

#### TODAY, WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 6:

01-16 \$200/100,000a **San Fernando BC-II, SA, 4yo, 8.5f, (200)**

01-16 \$150,000 **San Gorgonio H.-II, SA, 4yo/up, f/m, 9fT, (150)**

01-16 \$100,000 **Holy Bull-III, GP, 3yo, 8.5f, (100)**

01-17 \$150,000 **El Encino-II, SA, 3yo/up, f/m, 8.5f, (150)**

01-18 \$150,000a **San Marcos H.-II, SA, 4yo/up, 10fT, (150)**





News cont.

**DELAWARE RACE DATES SET** The Delaware Racing Commission has approved racing dates for Delaware Park's 1999 season. The opening of the 139-day meeting is Saturday, Apr. 10 and the meet will conclude Sunday, Oct. 31. Racing will be conducted on Saturday, Sunday, Monday and Tuesday. Wednesdays will be added May 19 through Oct. 6 and daily first post time will be 12:45 p.m.



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**Record '98 Attendance at Lone Star:**

Lone Star Park set a new attendance record for its 1998 season as 1,300,271 patrons attended the Texas track last year, surpassing the 1997 total mark of 1,284,420. "It is very difficult for any sports facility to show an increase in attendance during its second year of operation," said Corey Johnsen, Lone Star Park's vice president and general manager. The 72-day Thoroughbred meeting at Lone Star will begin July 25, 1999.

◆ **F O R E I G N** ◆

**Inglis Classic Yearling Sale Results:**

A filly by young Australian sire Simonstad (NZ) out of **Songline (NZ)** (Western Symphony) brought the sales topping price of \$Aus100,000 (US \$62,932) at Australia's Inglis Classic Yearling Sale at Sydney's Newmarket sales complex. The filly, bought by prolific yearling purchasers Domeland Pty Ltd., is a half sister to the undefeated multiple graded stakes winning filly **Sunline (NZ)** (Desert Sun {GB}). Shuttle stallion **Dehere** (Deputy Minister), whose three yearlings sold for an average price of US \$36,815, was the leading average sire. The sale, which ended yesterday, grossed \$Aus7.5 million and the average of \$Aus18,572 (US \$11,687) was up almost 8.5 percent over last year. While the Classic sale does not aim to eclipse the glitzy four day Magic Millions sale on the Gold Coast this weekend, it offered plenty of quality for reasonable prices. Buyers agreed the \$Aus600,000 Inglis Classic race was a major incentive.

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### ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

**9th-PHA, \$20,790, 4yo/up, f/m, 5 1/2f, 1:04, ft.**  
**SKY MINISTER (f, 4, Conquistador Cielo--Artful Minister {MSP}, by Deputy Minister) Lifetime Record: 13-3-3-1, \$60,530. O/B-London Arlene Alex (KY). T-Daniel J Lopez.**

**8th-PHA, \$18,000, 4yo/up, 1m, 1:37 2/5, ft.**  
**JUDGELorenzo (g, 6, Mister Lorenzo--One Judge, by One for All) Lifetime Record: 52-5-9-11, \$76,692. O-Carmen Scorese. B-John S Scott (Fl). T-Victor Collazo. \*Won via DQ.**

### 1998 LEADING FRESHMEN SIREs OF 2YO WINNERS (Through 12/15/98)

SIRE	STATE	Foals	2yo wnrs
End Sweep	Fl	74	32
Dehere	Ky	70	13
Montbrook	Fl	33	13
Twining	Ky	42	13
Concorde's Tune	Fl	43	12
West by West	Ky	68	12
Cisco Road	Wa	46	11
Dr. Adagio	On	42	11
Mi Cielo	Ky	54	11
Tactical Advantage	Fl	37	11
Williamstown	Ky	50	10
American Chance	Ky	33	9
Boundary	Ky	38	9
Devil On Ice	BC	29	9
Strolling Along	dead	56	9
Ghazi	Ky	48	8
Harlan	Ky	30	8
Pistols and Roses	Fl	27	8
Stuka	Fl	53	8
Valley Crossing	Md	48	8

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### Pedigree Perspectives cont.

Kona Gold was bred in Kentucky by Carlos Perez, a resident of Ecuador and a dedicated pedigree aficionado, and has an extremely complex pedigree structure.

A look at Kona Gold's pedigree shows that he has at least four sets of genetic relatives in his six cross pedigree. To begin from the top: in male line he goes back to Graustark, the grandsire of Java Gold. Graustark is by Ribot out of Flower Bowl. Kona Gold's second dam is by Majestic Light, who combines a daughter of Ribot with Your Hostess, a three-parts sister to Flower Bowl. This combination of Majestic Light with Flower Bowl is one which has considerable potential and is well worth playing on anytime the opportunity occurs.

Turning now to Java Gold's sire, Key to the Mint: he is a grandson of the mare Blue Banner. She is by War Admiral out of a Blue Larkspur mare, the exact same combination which produced Busanda, the dam of Buckpasser. The Blue Banner/Busanda combination is another which has succeeded before. Buckpasser is found nestled in the center of this pedigree as he is the sire of Alluvial, in turn dam of Kona Gold's own broodmare sire, Slew o' Gold. Alluvial is the product of a cross of Tom Fool (sire of Buckpasser) over a mare by Hill Prince. That Tom Fool/Hill Prince cross is repeated in the pedigree of Dusky Evening the granddam of Java Gold. Note here that Tom Fool comes in through Buckpasser and Tim Tam, and it seems that this pair are beginning to come together with unusual frequency in the pedigrees of stakes winners.

There is one strain which really loves Tom Fool, and that is Flaming Page, the dam of Nijinsky II. Well, Nijinsky II shows up here as the broodmare sire of Java Gold.

The combination of so many genetic relatives in the first four and five generations of the pedigree, appears to have had an affect on Kona Gold's aptitude as well as his ability. As a son of Java Gold out of a mare by Slew o' Gold who is out of a mare by Majestic Prince, Kona Gold might have been expected to excel at classic distances. Instead he is a sprinter pure and simple. New Zealand pedigree researchers have long suggested that close inbreeding will tend to create speed, irrespective of the aptitude of ancestors inbred to, so perhaps Kona Gold is an example of that phenomenon.

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**PEDIGREE SHORT**

Gone West's affinity with mares by The Minstrel is well known--he's already sired five stakes winners, four of them group or graded, on the cross. A variation on the theme showed up in **Behaviour (GB) (h, 7, Warning {GB}--Berry's Dream {GB}, by Darshaan {GB})**, who took the Gill Appleton H. at Gulfstream Park Sunday. Behaviour's paternal grandsire, Known Fact, is a half-brother to the dam of Gone West and Behaviour's granddam is a daughter of The Minstrel. The key is that Tamerett, dam of Known Fact, and granddam of Gone West, is by Tim Tam. Tim Tam is by Tom Fool (by Menow) out of a Bull Lea mare and Flaming Page, granddam of The Minstrel, is by Bull Lea out of a mare by Menow.

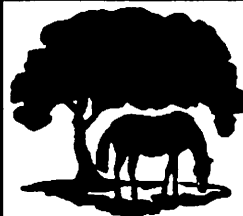
**YESTERDAY IN HISTORY...**

**January 5, 1980...**Spectacular Bid began his undefeated four-year-old season, winning the Malibu S. by five lengths at Santa Anita; the gray colt finished his 1980 campaign with a perfect nine-for-nine record.

**LEADING EUROPEAN SIREs OF 1998 UNRESTRICTED SWS (through 12/21/98)**

SIRE	COUNTRY	SWS
Sadler's Wells	Ire	21
Alzao	Ire	13
Fairy King	Ire	13
Danehill	Ire	12
Generous (Ire)	Jpn	12
Caerleon	dead	11
Indian Ridge (Ire)	Ire	11
Rainbow Quest	Eng	11
Royal Academy	Ire	9
Acatenango (Ger)	Ger	8
Bering (GB)	Fr	8
Green Desert	Eng	8
Hero's Honor	Fr	8

*(Based on winners of European stakes that qualify for "black-type" by North American catalogue.) Compiled by Werk Thoroughbred Consultants Inc., specialists in assisting breeders in their stallion selection and buyers in their auction purchases. For more information call (510) 490-1111.*



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*A live runoff auction for selected seasons will be held at our dinner honoring Penny Chenery Sunday, January 10 at 6 p.m. at Ed and Fred's Desert Moon Restaurant 148 Grand Boulevard, Lexington, Ky. The two highest phone bidders will participate.*

**The following seasons are for sale in this auction (Stallion & State Standing). LF=Live Foal**

ACADEMY AWARD (2)	KY	PROSPECTORS GAMBLE	KY	VALLEY CROSSING	MD	MESOPOTAMIA	NY
ALPHABET SOUP	KY	ROBIN DES PINS	KY	WESTERN MINER	MD	MR. SUTTER	NY
BINALONG	KY	ROY	KY	WILLARD SCOTT	MD	ORMSBY	NY
BROCCO (LF)	KY	SALEM DRIVE	KY	CASTLE GUARD	NJ	PROSPER FAGER	NY
CANDY STRIPES (LF)	KY	SEA HERO	KY	COLD DIGGER	NJ	SCARLET IBIS	NY
CONFIDE (LF)	KY	SEATTLE SLEET	KY	EVENING KRIS	NJ	SPECTACULARDYNASTY	NY
CONTE DI SAVOYA	KY	SEKARI	KY	FORT WAYNE	NJ	STORM OF ANGELS	NY
COUNT THE TIME	KY	SKIP AWAY (LF)	KY	JACK LIVINGSTON	NJ	TANK'S NUMBER	NY
EL GRAN SENOR (LF)	KY	SOUTHERN RHYTHM	KY	LIL FAPPI	NJ	THUNDER PUDDLES	NY
FIT TO FIGHT (LF)	KY	SUMMER SQUALL (LF)	KY	MUNCH N' NOSH	NJ	HARRY THE HAT	PA
GENTLEMEN (LF)	KY	TALKIN MAN	KY	MY PRINCE CHARMING	NJ	POWER OF MIND	PA
GLITTERMAN (LF)	KY	TINNERS WAY (2)	KY	PAPPA RICCIO	NJ	TRAPP MOUNTAIN	TX
GOLD CASE	KY	WILD ZONE	KY	PRIVATE INTERVIEW	NJ	FRED ASTAIRE	VA
GOLD SPRING	KY	DOVE HUNT	FL	VALUOUS PROSPECT	NJ	MAKIN	VA
GOLD TRIBUTE	KY	AARON'S CONCORDE	MD	ALYFOE	NY	THUNDER RUMBLE	VA
ISLEFAXYOU (3)	KY	BELIEVE THE QUEEN	MD	CHILITO	NY		
KEROSENE	KY	DANCINWITHTHEDEVIL	MD	DAYGATA	NY		
K.O. PUNCH	KY	DOVER RIDGE	MD	EXPENSIVE DECISION	NY		
LIT DE JUSTICE	KY	ITAKA	MD	FOREVER SILVER	NY		
METFIELD	KY	NORTHERN WOLF	MD	GOLDMINERS GOLD	NY		
MIESQUE'S SON (LF)	KY	ONE TUFF COP	MD	HIDDEN VICE	NY		
MONGOL WARRIOR	KY	ROUSE THE LOUSE	MD	JELLY ROLL BLUES	NY		
NICHOLAS	KY	SMART ALEC	MD	KEY RECOGNITION	NY		
PERUVIAN	KY	TANK	MD	KINGS FICTION	NY		
PREMIERSHIP (2)	KY	TEN KEYS	MD	LOACH	NY		

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