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CURE THE BLUES DEAD Cure the Blues (Stop the Music), New York's leading sire by earnings for the past four years, died Jan. 11 of complications after surgery to repair a fractured leg. The 21-year-old stallion sired Grade I stakes winners Stop Traffic and Stormy Blues as well as German Champion Le Glorieux (GB) among his 60 stakes winners. During an undefeated two-year-old season, Cure the Blues captured the GI Laurel Futurity in 1980 and finished second in the GI Gotham and third in the GI Wood Memorial the following year.

CODE BLUM TOPS OBS WINTER SALE Code Blum (Lost Code), a nine-year-old mare in foal to Hennessy brought a final bid of \$165,000 to top yesterday's second preferred session of the Ocala Breeders' Sales Company's Winter Mixed Sale in Ocala, Florida. The stakes-winning Code Blum was consigned by Journeyman Bloodstock, agent, and was purchased by Sabine Stable. The session's high-priced yearling was hip number 355, a filly by Saint Ballado--Smilingintherain (Smile). The bay was consigned by Sue Vacek, agent, and was purchased for \$58,000 by Hugh Harlinton. The average at the two consignor preferred sessions rose 23.1 percent from last year's single preferred session. The overall median of \$9,500 was an increase of 11.8 percent over 1998's \$8,500. The sale's final session begins today at 10:30 a.m.

Today, Gulfstream Park, post time 4:43 p.m. EST

PP	HORSE	TRAINER	JOCKEY	ODDS
1	Zinfandoll	Smith	Davis	8-1
2	Pleasant Temper	Walden	Day	5-1
3	Winfama	Wolfson	Boulanger	6-1
4	Tampico	Tagg	Bravo	12-1
5	Deer Berry	White	Velazquez	20-1
6	Poopsie	Casey	Migliore	20-1
7	Dance Clear	Kessinger	Chavez	15-1
8	Lovers Knot	Clement	Santos	3-1
9a	Memory Call	Connors	Velez, Jr.	20-1
10	Needham Star	Berkelhammer	Coa	20-1
11	Colcon	Mott	Bailey	5-2
12	Open Line	Pirie	Landry	20-1

Also Eligible
 13a Clarify Connors Castellano 20-1
 Sires of Runners: Zinfandoll (Sky Classic), 113; Pleasant Temper (Storm Cat), 114; Winfama (Wild Again), 116; Tampico (Sitzmark), 114; Deer Berry (Deerhound), 112; Poopsie (Cherokee Colony), 113; Dance Clear (Ire) (Marju {Ire}), 113; Lovers Knot (GB) (Groom Dancer), 115; Memory Call (Blushing John), 111; Needham Star (Mt. Livermore), 112; Colcon (Pleasant Colony), 119; Open Line (Ogygian), 110; Clarify (Eastern Echo), 112.

Lovers Knot won the G2 Falmouth S. at Newmarket last July and finished fifth after a rough trip in her American debut in the Nov. 7 GIII Cardinal H. Colcon was on the board in six of seven starts last year, including wins in the GIII Locust Grove H. and the Dec. 5 GIII My Charmer H. at Calder last time out. Pleasant Temper won the Kentucky Cup Ladies Turf H. at Kentucky Downs last September and is coming off a 1 1/4-length allowance victory at Churchill Nov. 25.

OBS JANUARY MIXED SALE TUESDAY, JANUARY 19, 1999			
SESSION TOTALS			
	1999		
No. Sold	160		
Gross	\$2,608,800		
Average	\$16,305		
CUMULATIVE TOTALS			
	1999	1998	
No. Sold	310	247	
Gross	\$4,925,400	\$3,187,700	
Average	\$16,888	\$12,908	
Median	\$57,000	\$52,000	

STAKES CLOSINGS

TODAY, WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 20:
 01-30 \$500,000 *Donn H.-I, GP, 3yo/up, 9f, (500)*
 01-31 \$150,000 *Danka Hutcheson-II, GP, 3yo, 7f, (100)*

TOMORROW, THURSDAY, JANUARY 21:
 01-30 \$200,000 *Palos Verdes H.-II, SA, 4yo/up, 6f, (200)*





◆ FOREIGN ◆

Japanese Stakes Results:

KEISEI HAI-G3-Jpn, \$685,197, Nakayama Racecourse, Japan, 1-17, 3yo, 10fT, 2:01.5, fm.

1--**@OSUMI BRIGHT (JPN)**, 121, c, 3, Last Tycoon (Ire) --Taisei Kagura (Jpn), by Morning Frolic. O-Hidenori Yamaji; B-Okamoto Bokujo; T-Tadashi Nakao; J-Masayoshi Ebina; \$361,854. Lifetime Record: 6-3-0-2.

2--**Chokai Ryoga (Jpn)**, 121, c, 3, Sunday Silence--Pointed Path (GB), by Kris. O-Hirata Farms Co. Ltd.; B-Shadai Farm; \$144,178.

3--**Eishin Windom**, 121, c, 3, Peteski--Winelight, by Green Dancer. (\$29,000 wnlg '96 KEENOV; \$57,000 yrl '97). O-Toyomitsu Hirai; B-Mr. & Mrs. Robert L. Billings, Sr. (Ky); \$89,935.

Margins: 2, 1/2, 1/2. Odds: 2.20, 10.30, 6.20.

Osumi Bright won two of his first three starts before finishing 10th in the G1 Asahi Hai Sansai S. Dec. 13, but made amends for that effort with a third-place finish in the Dec. 26 G3 Radio Tampa Hai Sansai S. last time out. The colt stalked the early leaders before taking charge with a powerful move turning for home and drew off easily for the victory. "We rated nicely behind the pace," commented winning rider Masayoshi Ebina. "He is such a big horse, that his powerful stretch run really wasn't a surprise to me. I think he'll keep improving."

NIKKAN SPORTS SHO SHINZAN KINEN-G3-Jpn, \$684,394, Kyoto Racecourse, Japan, 1-17, 3yo, 8fT, 1:34.6, fm.

1--**@FUSAICHI AIREDALE (JPN)**, 117, f, 3, Sunday Silence--Rustic Belle, by Mr. Prospector. O-Fusaro Sekiguchi; B-Shigeto Bandojima; T-Kunihide Matsuda; J-Yutaka Take; \$361,292. Lifetime Record: 6-2-2-0.

2--**Marushige Fighter (Jpn)**, 121, c, 3, Markofdistinction (GB)--Marushige Takeshiba, by Takeshiba O. O/B-S. Bandojima; \$144,017.

3--**Keiai John (Jpn)**, 121, c, 3, Thrill Show--Kane Aoi (Jpn), by Berber (GB). O-M. Kameda; B-Masayuki Terakoshi; \$89,855.

Margins: 1 1/4, 1 1/2, 1/2. Odds: 3.00, 64.90, 7.20.

Fusaichi Airedale broke her maiden Dec. 1 before a runner-up finish in the Dec. 20 Sazanka Sho in her last start. The filly pressed the pacesetter before taking control in deep stretch and inching clear late. "The pace was slower than I thought it would be, so we were in great position," said Yutaka Take after the winning ride. "I was a little worried about her stamina, but she never gave up. I think she'll compete at the next level."

AMERICAN-BRED WINNER IN ENGLAND:

Banbury, h, 5, Silver Hawk--Sugar Hollow, by Val De L'Orne (Fr). Lingfield, 1-19, Lingfield Bonus Card Claiming S., 4yo/up, 1 1/4m(AWT), \$4,267 to winner. O-Cedar Lodge Syndicate; B-Darley Stud Management Inc; T-Chris Dwyer. *1/2 to Cruachan (Lear Fan), G1SP, \$195,628.

Vodafone Assures Continued Sponsorship:

In light of its probable merger with the U.S. telecommunications company Air Touch, Vodafone attempted to quiet rumors about its continued £1.5 million (\$2.5 million) annual sponsorship to racing, according to *Racing Post* online. The director of corporate affairs for Vodafone, Terry Barwick told *Racing Post's* Tony Smurthwaite, "There is no danger to the sponsorship of the Derby or any of our other races." Barwick continued, "We have recently signed a new £3.5 million three-year-deal to sponsor the Derby until 2002." In addition to the Derby, Vodafone also sponsors the Oaks at Epsom, the Horris Hill S. at Newbury and the Saturday card at the Glorious Goodwood meet.

British Breeders Bonus:

Breeders' prizes will only be paid to the progeny of United Kingdom-based stallions, starting with the two-year-olds of 2002, so as to provide a boost to the British breeding industry. The Levy Board yesterday confirmed this important change so that breeders have a chance to decide on matings in full knowledge of the new policy. At present, the progeny of overseas stallions out of British-based mares qualify. The year 2002 has been chosen to start the new rules so that breeders will not be penalized retrospectively. The Levy Board Breeders' Prize Scheme, in its seventh year in 1999, will make available £1.47 million (\$2.44 million) for breeders' prizes during this year.

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◆ SO. CALIFORNIA ◆

Western Fame to Applebite Farms:

Western Fame (Gone West--Fariedah {Topsider}) will enter stud at Applebite Farms in French Camp, California for the 1999 breeding season. The seven-year-old won the Suffolk Downs Breeders' Cup H. in 1997 and was runner-up in the 1998 GIII Philadelphia Park Breeders' Cup H. He won eight of 30 starts for earnings of \$402,163. Western Fame will stand for a special late-in-the-season introductory stud fee of \$2,500, payable Sept. 1. Approved stakes-winning and stakes-producing mares will be bred for free.

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ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

9th-PHA, \$18,000, 4yo/up, 1 1/16m, 1:45 1/5, sy.
GIVE ME ASTAIRE (c, 4, Fred Astaire--Give Me Liberty {SW}, by Give Me Strength) Lifetime Record: 15-3-4-3, \$59,710. O-Joseph E Asbell. B-Pineau A. Leonard Dr. & Mrs. (MD). T-Robert E Jacobs.

MAIDEN WINNERS:

Slew's Da Boss, f, 4, Slew the Knight--Hot Boots, by S.S. Hot Sauce. PHA, 1-19, 7f, 1:26 4/5.
B-Finkelstein Michael B (Pa).

1999 OBS SALES DATES

Winter Mixed - Jan. 18-20

Selected 2yos in Training (Calder) - Feb. 9

Selected 2yos in Training - March 30-31

Spring 2yos in Training - Apr. 19-22

June 2yos & Horses of Racing Age - June 7-8

Selected Yearlings - Aug. 23

Open Yearlings - Aug. 24-26

Fall Mixed - Oct. 11-14

WEEKEND PEDIGREE PERSPECTIVES

by Alan Porter

SAN FERNANDO BREEDERS' CUP S.-GII, \$316,000, SAX, 1-16, 4yo, 1 1/16m, 1:41, ft.

1--**@DIXIE DOT COM**, 116, c, 4, by Dixie Brass

1st Dam: Sky Meadows, by Conquistador Cielo

2nd Dam: Pride's Crossing, by Riva Ridge

3rd Dam: Prides Promise, by Crozier

(\$9,500 yrl '96 KEESEP; \$21,000 2yo 1997 BESMAY). O-Chaiken, Chaiken & Heller, Et Al; B-Martha Buckner (Ky); T-William J Morey Jr; J-D R Flores; \$190,800. Lifetime Record: 9-5-3-0, \$482,775.

There are few businesses as fashion conscious as the Thoroughbred industry. The perception of a stallion, for example, can change from hot to cold in a matter of weeks. This is particularly so in the case of young sires. If a stallion doesn't deliver in very short order he rapidly loses virtually all traces of commercial viability. Inevitably this leads to some premature judgements, and more than a few stallions have come back strong after hesitant starts.

One recent example is Dixie Brass. An extremely fast sprinter/miler, he won three of four races at two, and took the GI Metropolitan Mile, GII Withers S. and Swift Stakes at three. He is by Dixieland Band out of Petite Diable, also dam of the multiple graded stakes winner Odyle (Alleged).

These looked like promising ingredients, but Dixie Brass's first crop yielded just one stakes winner (although that one, Putra, was an unbeaten Group III winner at two in England). By contrast, Dixie Brass's second crop--foals of 1995--has produced eight stakes winners, including Dixie Dot Com, whose earnings are now approaching \$500,000 following a victory in this weekend's GII San Fernando Breeders' Cup S.; Soldier Field, a multiple graded stakes winner with earnings of over \$400,000; and graded stakes winning two-year-old Polished Brass. Had these appeared in his first crop, Dixie Brass would have rapidly become a hot item. As it was, his slow start earned him the cold-shoulder from the marketplace and, before his first runners had completed their second season, he was on the move from Vinery in Kentucky (where half-brother Odyle still stands) to The Stallion Park in Millbrook, New York.

Monday's Grade III Sweetest Chant Stakes:

1st PICO TENERIFFE 2nd CRYSTAL SYMPHONY

Both are out of mares by MR. PROSPECTOR and both are daughters of

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Dixie Brass is certainly a major gain for the New York program, and we suspect that local breeders will be sending him plenty of Mr. Prospector line mares. Dixie Brass's sire, Dixieland Band, has an extremely strong affinity with Mr. Prospector, and Dixie Brass seems to be following the trend as three of his stakes winners, including graded/group winners Dixie Dot Com and Putra are out of mares by sons of Mr. Prospector.

Of course the combination of Dixieland Band's sire Northern Dancer with Mr. Prospector has long been noted as a successful one, but Dixieland Band is doing far better with the cross than the average Northern Dancer line stallion. One likely explanation appears from a look at Dixieland Band's pedigree. Northern Dancer did particularly well with mares carrying the strain of Teddy, particularly through Bull Dog and Sir Gallahad III. The most likely reason for this is that Northern Dancer was closely inbred to the stallion Gainsborough, a very close relative to the dam of Teddy.

Dixieland Band's dam, Mississippi Mud, has but one distant strain of Teddy, but she does have three more crosses of Gainsborough's son, Hyperion. Perhaps this build-up of Gainsborough responds particularly well to the Teddy strain? Mr. Prospector has Teddy 4 x 5 in his pedigree, and his dam has Teddy's sons, Sir Gallahad III and Bull Dog. In the case of Dixie Dot Com, the Gainsborough/Teddy background receives further reinforcement through Dixie Dot Com's granddam, Pride's Crossing. She is inbred to Heliopolis, a son of Hyperion (and grandson of Gainsborough), who also appears in the pedigree of Dixieland Band. Pride's Crossing is herself a granddaughter of Hillbrook, a mare inbred 3 x 4 to Teddy's son, Sir Gallahad III.

PEDIGREE SHORTS

Monday's GIII Sweetest Chant S. resulted in a one-two finish for the Red Ransom/Mr. Prospector cross as Pico Teneriffe (f, 3, Red Ransom--Ballerina Princess, by Mr. Prospector) defeated Crystal Symphony (f, 3, Red Ransom--Tappity Tap, by Mr. Prospector). The Roberto/Mr. Prospector combination is one which has long looked good on paper--both horses are out of similarly bred daughters of Nashua--but has taken a while to find its stride. The similarity between the pedigrees of Bramalea (dam of Roberto) and Gold Digger (dam of Mr. Prospector) resides in the fact that they both combine Nashua with a Bull Dog/Blue Larkspur cross. In the pedigree of Pico Teneriffe, the Bull Dog/Blue Larkspur cross is strongly reinforced. First, because Roberto is by Hail to Reason, a horse whose dam, Nothirdchance, was bred on a cross of Blue Lark-

spur and Bull Dog's brother, Sir Gallahad III; second, because Pico Teneriffe's fourth dam, Alablue, is also by Blue Larkspur out of a Sir Gallahad III mare.

In addition to Mr. Prospector, Roberto is also beginning to work with another Raise a Native line son who carries a Bull Dog/Blue Larkspur combination: Alydar. The cross has already come up with graded stakes winners Trail City and Comic Strip, and there was a new addition to the club when Turkish Prize (c, 4, Prized--Turkish Gipsy, by Turkoman) captured the \$110,000 Sensational Star S. at Santa Anita.



FOALING NEWS

GOODNIGHT KISS, 9, Night Shift--Hyatti (Ire), by Habibat.

Foal born 1-8-99, a colt by Bin Ajwaad (Ire).

Will be bred back to Bin Ajwaad (Ire).

Boarded at Woodditton Stud.

Accomplishments: G1SP-Ire. Dam of Dublin Lion (GB) (Lion Cavern), SW-Jpn, \$373,055.

JEWEL PRINCESS, 7, Key to the Mint--Jewell Ridge, by Melyno (Ire)

Foal born 1-16-99, a filly by Storm Cat.

Will be bred back to Storm Cat.

Owned by The Thoroughbred Corp.

Boarded at Lane's End Farm, Versailles, Ky.

Accomplishments: Ch. Older Mare, MGISW, \$1,904,059.

INVITED GUEST (IRE), 15, Be My Guest - Welcome Break (GB) (Wollow {Ire})

Foal born 1-17-99, a colt by Gulch.

Will be bred back to Pleasant Colony.

Owned by R.D. Hubbard.

Boarded at Crystal Springs Farm, Paris, Ky.

Accomplishments: MGSW & GISP-U.S., MGSW-Eng, GSW-Fr, \$619,942.

MY LADY G.P., 14, Family Doctor--Pia Mia, by Pia Star

Foal born 1-17-99, a colt by Devil His Due.

Will be bred back to Devil His Due.

Owned by Margaux Stallions LLC.

Boarded at Margaux Farm.

Accomplishments: MSP. Dam of Platinum Code (Lost Code), SW.



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