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SILVER CHARM DRAWS OUTSIDE POST FOR DONN Bob and Beverly Lewis's **Silver Charm** (Silver Buck) drew the outside post in a field of 12 entrants for the GI Donn H. at Gulfstream Park Saturday. The big gray horse is the 8-5 morning-line favorite for the inaugural race in the NTRA Champions on Fox series. "It's not too bad," said trainer Bob Baffert at yesterday's post position draw breakfast. "You can only get bumped from one side that way. Once you have it, you have to work with it. Gary (Stevens) is a great rider. He'll figure something out." Silver Charm, who is bedded down in Neil Howard's barn during his stay in Florida, was out over the Gulfstream surface yesterday morning. "He loved the track. The track is in great shape," said Baffert. "He can run anywhere. He's run in Dubai, he's run at Turfway Park. He takes his racetrack with him." In other Donn developments, **Unruled** (Notebook), who ran second to Skip Away in last year's Donn, worked five furlongs at Gulfstream in 1:03 2/5 Tuesday. **Truluck** (Conquistador Cielo) will be ridden by Mike Smith, who will return to action after being out since August with a neck injury he sustained in a spill at Saratoga.

IN EXCESS TOPS BARRETT'S TUESDAY A yearling colt by In Excess (Ire)--One Hot Mama (Incinderator) brought a final bid of \$45,000 to top Tuesday's final session of the Barretts Winter Mixed Sale in Pomona, California. The bay was consigned by Cardiff Stud Farms, agent, and was purchased by William R. Peeples. At Tuesday's session, 180 horses grossed \$1,098,900 for an average of \$6,105 and a median of \$3,700. Overall at the sale, 345 horses sold for \$2,227,700. The average sales price of \$6,457 decreased 11 percent from last year's sale when 236 horses sold for \$1,711,900 and averaged \$7,254. The median increased 18.6 percent from \$2,950 in 1998 to \$3,500 in 1999.

Wednesday, Gulfstream Park:

FORWARD GAL S.-GIII, \$75,000, GPX, 1-27, 3yo, f, 7f, 1:23 3/5, ft.

1--#**@CHINA STORM**, 114, f, 3, Storm Cat--China Bell, by Seattle Slew. O/B-Overbrook Farm (KY); T-D Wayne Lukas; J-P Day; \$45,000. Lifetime Record: 4-3-0-0, \$85,860.

2--**Three Ring**, 121, f, 3, Notebook--My Nichole, by Cutlass. (\$70,000 2yo 1998 OBSFEB). O-Schwartz Barry K; B-Ocala Stud Farms (FL); \$15,000.

3--**Extended Applause**, 112, f, 3, Exbourne--Vivid Concert (Ire), by Chief Singer. O-Smith G A & Johnston W E; B-George A Smith & Dr W E Johnston (OH); \$8,250.

Margins: HD, 3, 1 1/4. Odds: 7.90, 1.40, 3.40.

Also Ran: Belle's Appeal, Preciosa V. Scratched: Here I Go.

China Storm broke her maiden at first asking by 1 3/4 lengths from a wide post going 6 1/2 furlongs at Churchill Nov. 26. She then won a Fair Grounds allowance by a neck Dec. 11 before contesting the pace but fading to fifth in the Jan. 9 Thelma S. She had prepared for this race with a local bullet work, going six furlongs in 1:13 3/5. The bay filly broke a bit slowly, but settled in behind dueling leaders Belle's Appeal (Valid Appeal) (4th) and Three Ring to track the pace. When a spot on the rail opened up, she slipped through, gained a slim lead on the turn and dug in when challenged by Three Ring late to win by a head.

◆ P R E V I E W ◆

Saturday, Gulfstream Park:

DONN H.-GI, \$500,000, 3yo/up, 1 1/8m

The field, in post position order (with trainers), will be: **Unruled** (Notebook), Wolfson, 112; **Crypto Star** (Cryptoclearance), Kelly, 114; **Truluck** (Conquistador Cielo), Walden, 111; **Hanarsaan** (Hansel), Hough, 110; **Littlebitlively** (Lively One), Barnett, 113; **Puerto Madero (Chi)** (Gallantsky), Mandella, 120; **Sir Bear** (Sir Leon), Ziadie, 120; **Early Warning** (Summer Squall), Pletcher, 112; **Behrens** (Pleasant Colony), Bond, 113; **Willing** (Pleasant Tap), Schulhofer, 111; **Frisk Me Now** (Mister Frisky), Durso, 111; **Silver Charm** (Silver Buck), Baffert, 126.

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◆ FOREIGN ◆

Italian Strike Ends:

The Italian strike that has halted racing since Jan. 1 is at an end and racing will resume in Pisa on Friday. It was decided that, for the next two months, racing will be conducted with prize money at 10 percent below 1998 levels instead of the original 30 percent cut. Transmissions of live television broadcasts to betting shops will also resume. Discussions are now taking place to establish a more permanent structure for both racing and trotting so that no further industrial action will be needed.

Jim and Tonic Targets Dubai World Cup:

Jim and Tonic (Fr) (Double Bed {Fr}), second in the GI Woodbine Mile and winner of the G2 Hong Kong International Bowl, is being aimed at this year's Dubai World Cup. His trainer, Francois Doumen commented, "Jim and Tonic returned in great form from his win in Hong Kong. He's in tremendous form and we will seriously consider the Dubai World Cup. He is not entered at present, but he will be entered on Feb. 3 at the second entry stage." Doumen said his charge could prep for the World Cup in the G3 Prix Exbury at Saint-Cloud two weeks earlier.

SO. HEMISHERE WINNER BY SHUTTLE STALLION:

Oamaru Rhythm (Aus), c, 2, **Dehere--Raise a Rhythm (Aus)** (MGSW-Aus), by Raise a Cup. Mornington (Victoria), 1-27, Eat Well-Live Well Maiden Plate, 2yo, 5fT, \$2,387 to winner. B-Oamaru Stud; T-Lee Freedman.

Millie Fox Dead at 93:

Millie Fox, the woman widely regarded as Sydney's first lady of racing, died yesterday following a long illness. She was 93. Mrs. Fox and her late husband, coal mining magnate Stan, were the most prolific racehorse owners in Australia. In 1965, when Stan Fox asked his wife what she would like for her birthday, she replied "a beautiful racehorse" and thus began a magnificent racing empire. When Stan Fox died suddenly in 1974, many anticipated his wife would scale down her bloodstock interests. On the contrary, she linked in 1978 with fast food entrepreneur Bob Lapointe and international breeder Robert Sangster with the aim of turning Nebo Lodge at Rosehill into Sydney's premier training establishment.

Might and Power Near Return to Races?:

Sydney racegoers should not rule out seeing **Might and Power (NZ)** (Zabeel {NZ}) this (Southern Hemisphere) autumn, owner Nick Moraitis said Tuesday. Moraitis said there was every chance the reigning Horse of the Year would have one or two lead-up races in Sydney before campaigning in Queensland to defend the Hollindale and Doomben Cups. "I think there's every chance he could be back to work in the next two or three weeks to prepare for Queensland," Moraitis told *Australian Associated Press*.

AMERICAN-BRED WINNER IN HONG KONG:

Dragon's Pal, g, 8, **Princely Pleasure--Profitably**, by Olden Times. Happy Valley, 1-27, Craigengower Cricket Club Challenge Cup, 5fT. O-Shum Kong; T-K W Lui. *\$16,000 yrl '92 OBSAUG.

◆ FLORIDA ◆

Gulfstream Park Work Tab:

Texas Glitter (Glitterman), who won the GIII Spectacular Bid S., breezed five furlongs in 1:02 Tuesday at Hialeah. The three-year-old starts next in Sunday's GII Hutcheson S...GI Futurity winner **Lemon Drop Kid** (Kingmambo) worked a half mile in :49 Tuesday.

Yesterday's Results:

7th-GPX, \$36,000, Alw, 4/up, f/m, a8.5fT, 1:46, fm.
WAVE ON (f, 4, **Caveat--Hot Option {GSW}, by Explodent**) won the first three starts of her career last summer and fall before suffering two straight losses, a runner-up finish Nov. 30 and a fourth-place effort Dec. 21, in her most recent outings. In her first start away from Calder, the 8-5 favorite came from just off the pace in the stretch to win going away by two lengths. She is a half sister to **Valor Lady** (Sir Ivor), GSW, \$479,985. Lifetime Record: 6-4-1-0, \$64,080. O-Team Valor. B-Hot Option Syndicate (Ky). T-M Wolfson.

8th-GPX, \$34,000, Alw, 4/up, f/m, 6 1/2f, 1:17 3/5, ft.
TIME FOR HALO (m, 5, **Jolie's Halo--Time for Loloma, by Native Charger**) was two for three over this track last year, but hadn't been out since a fourth-place finish over the Churchill turf June 24. The 10-1 shot broke last of eighth and raced far back, 16 lengths off the pacesetter, for the first quarter. After quickly closing the gap on the turn, she came out five wide for the stretch run and mowed down the leaders to win by a half-length. Lifetime Record: 9-3-0-2, \$54,575. O/B-Arthur I Appleton (FL). T-Lou M Goldfine.

ALYSHEBA'S RECENT WINNERS:

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Florida Report cont.

3rd-GPX, \$32,000, Alw, 4yo/up, 1 1/8m, 1:52 2/5, ft. SENOR GRAN (g, 4, El Gran Senor--View of Royalty {MSW, \$238,543}, by Native Royalty) broke his maiden three back at Aqueduct going seven furlongs Nov. 1, then ran fourth in two subsequent starts, most recently at Gulfstream Jan. 9. The 5-2 second choice forced the pace from the outside, gained command on the far turn and drew clear to a 5 1/4-length win. Lifetime Record: 8-2-2-0, \$60,940. O-Jesse M Robinson. B-Donald R Dizney (KY). T-Frank A Alexander.

◆ **NEW YORK** ◆

New York Governor Pataki Seeks Higher Takeout:

The takeout on exotic wagers at the New York State tracks may soon be raised in order to foot the bill for the New York State Racing and Wagering Board. New York Governor George Pataki issued his proposed executive budget yesterday and it included a proposal to raise the takeout on triples, superfectas, Pick Threes and Pick Sixes at all New York racetracks from 25 to 27 percent. In the budget proposal, it is estimated that the increase in takeout will raise \$13.5 million. Most of that (\$11.8 million) will be earmarked to fund the NYSRWB. Another \$1.7 million from the new surcharge will be for direct assistance to the racing industry. It was not specified exactly how that money would be divvied up. NYRA executives were not available for comment.

Another Hat Trick for Smith:

For the third time this month, 16-year-old apprentice Ariel Smith won three races in a single day at Aqueduct yesterday. He also accomplished the feat on Jan. 7 and Jan. 21. As a result of the wins, Smith went from being a double-bug (seven-pound allowance) to a single-bug (five-pound allowance). He won yesterday's fourth, seventh and eighth races. A fourth win slipped away when Track City Lad was disqualified after finishing first in the ninth race.

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Yesterday's Results:

8th-AQU, \$51,000, Alw, 4yo/up, 1 1/16m, 1:43 2/5, ft.

1--STAR OF VALOR, 112, h, 6, Phone Trick--Matriarch (SP), by Wavering Monarch. O-Team Valor; B-Echo Valley Horse Farm & Swettenham Stud (KY); T-John P Terranova II. Lifetime Record: GSW, 22-6-6-5, \$243,516. *1/2 to Fleet Wahine (Afleet), MSW, \$258,535; 1/2 to Green Star Bow (Jpn) (Gone West), SP-Jpn, \$691,229.

2--Laredo, 114, h, 6, Crafty Prospector--La Grandeza, by El Gran Senor.

3--Albaha, 114, g, 6, Woodman--Linda's Magic, by Far North.

Margins: 2 1/4, 1 3/4, NK. Odds: 1.15, 6.30, 22.40.

Star of Valor won the Gill Aqueduct H. over this track last January then was laid off after a second-place finish in the Gill Stymie H. in February. He made his return with a third-place finish going six furlongs on the inner track Dec. 30. The 11-10 favorite raced close up in third behind the dueling leaders, advanced three wide on the turn and drew clear to an easy victory.

7th-AQU, \$41,000, Alw, 4yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16m, 1:45 3/5, ft.

1--GIRL IN VELVET, 113, f, 4, Afleet--Ldef, by Linkage. O-R Kay Stables; B-Redmond Garrett (Ca); T-Rene A Araya. Lifetime Record: 26-7-3-3, \$151,198.

2--Cold Stare, 118, f, 4, Strike the Gold--Arctic Holiday, by Norcliffe.

3--Sleek Beauty, 118, f, 4, Fortunate Prospect--Beautiful Prospect, by Mr. Prospector.

Margins: NK, 6HF, 3HF. Odds: 1.80, 3.20, 16.70.

Girl in Velvet was without a victory in five starts since taking a \$50,000 claimer at Belmont Sept. 18. Last time, the bay filly ran second but was disqualified to fifth versus Aqueduct allowance foes Jan. 7. The 9-5 choice set the pace in hand, took a large lead to midstretch and was all out to win by a neck.

3rd-AQU, \$42,000, Alw, 4yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:10 4/5, ft. PARIOLI'S GIFT (m, 5, Relaunch--Parioli {MGSW-Fr, \$203,072}, by Bold Bidder) most recently won a Jan. 7 Aqueduct allowance for her first victory in 13 months. The 7-1 shot was hustled to get the lead, drew clear on the turn and rolled to a 5 1/4-length win to make it two-for-two in 1999. Lifetime Record: 13-3-3-1, \$97,610.

O-Donna Arnold. B-Danny Arnold (KY). T-Howard M Teshar.

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◆ EAST ◆

Maybe Jack is Back:

Maybe Jack (Classic Account), the winningest horse in the country in 1997 but shut out in 1998, returned to the winner's circle yesterday in a \$16,000 claiming race at Suffolk Downs. The six-year-old gelding had not won a race since taking a Suffolk Downs match race on Dec. 14, 1997 to earn the title as 1997's winningest horse.

Yesterday's Result:

4th-LRL, \$20,000, Msw, 3yo, f, 1:13 3/5, ft.
 + **POLISH MISS** (f, 3, Polish Numbers--Kimonina, by Spectacular Bid) broke from the 11-hole in a field of 13 and raced wide down the backstretch. The 12-1 shot moved up gradually on the outside, put in a strong closing run and got up to win by 1 1/4 lengths. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$11,400.
 O-Mary A Kernan. B-Mr & Mrs Thomas Bowman (Md). T-Bruce Jackson.

◆ MIDWEST ◆

KTM Awards Announced:

Jockey Willie Martinez, trainer Bernard Flint and owners David England and Wayne Bearden are the 1998 winners of the ninth annual Kentucky Thoroughbred Media awards honoring the jockey, trainer and owner with the highest total of victories last year at Kentucky racetracks. The KTM awards will be presented on Mar. 27 at Turfway Park.

Yesterday's Results:

7th-TPX, \$26,100, Msw, 3yo, f, 6f, 1:13 2/5, ft.
 + **SILVER SAVIOR** (f, 3, Silver Deputy--Sly Charmer {SP, \$105,300}, by Valdez), dismissed at 13-1 in her debut, pressed the pace, made her bid with a furlong to run and inched clear to score by 2 1/2 lengths. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$11,656.
 O-Spooking Hollow Racing. B-Kelley Ellen B Kill (Va). T-John Langemeier.

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 ◆

Southern California Work Tab:

General Challenge (General Meeting), undefeated in two starts, worked a half mile in :47 1/5 Wednesday. The Bob Baffert-trained three-year-old will start in Sunday's Gil Santa Catalina...**Exploit** (Storm Cat) worked seven furlongs in 1:25 1/5 yesterday in preparation for the Feb. 6 Gil San Vicente S...**Prime Timber** (Sultry Song) worked five furlongs in a bullet :58 1/5...**Manistique** (Unbridled) went five furlongs over a muddy Hollywood Park track in 1:01 2/5 and starts next in the Feb. 7 Gil La Cañada S...**Yes It's True** (Is it True) worked seven furlongs in 1:26 2/5 Tuesday and starts next in the San Vicente.

Yesterday's Results:

7th-SAX, \$70,200, Alw, 4yo/up, f/m, 6 1/2f (off turf), 1:16 1/5, ft.
 1--**UALOAA LANI**, 118, m, 6, Rare Performer--Get Us to Paris, by Policeman (Fr). O-Lawrence Opas; B-Sergent Willard (KY); T-John W Sadler. Lifetime Record: MSP, 30-6-6-6, \$167,319. *1/2 to Reraise (Danzatore), GISW, \$756,630.
 2--**Iza Bay**, 118, m, 5, Iz a Saros--Fahdi Bay, by Fahdi (Ire).
 3--**Iza Bon Bon**, 118, m, 6, Iz a Saros--Bonnie Blue Me, by Rumbo.
 Margins: 3, NO, 1 3/4. Odds: 4.70, 2.10, 0.90.
 Ualoaa Lani, a half sister to Breeders' Cup Sprint champion Reraise, had been winless since being claimed for \$10,000 last Feb. at Turfway and was coming off two runner-up finishes in Turf Paradise stakes company in December. Winless in three turf starts, the filly was undaunted when this race came off the grass. She rallied from just off the pace to take charge at midstretch and drew off to the wire.
 3rd-SAX, \$58,000, Alw, Opt. Clm. (\$62,500), 3yo/up, 1m, 1:34 4/5, ft.
KLINSMAN (IRE) (h, 5, Danehill--Faakhirah {GB}, by Dragonara Palace) came off a nine-month layoff to win a turf sprint over the Hollywood grass Dec. 13, then ran fifth going down the hill at Santa Anita Jan. 3. The 6-1 shot was away alertly from the rail, opened a large lead down the backside and left the field in his wake, posting a 10-length score. Lifetime Record: 13-3-1-1, \$87,936.
 O-Henry E Pabst. B-Denis Brosnan (Ire). T-Patrick Gallagher.

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Southern California Report cont.

4th-SAX, \$54,810, Alw, 4yo/up, f/m, 1 1/8m (off turf), 1:51 2/5, ft.

HAZEL LOUISE (m, 5, Bulldar--Sparky Sparky, by Table Run), claimed for \$10,000 three starts back, won her turf debut last time out Dec. 20 at Hollywood Park. Unexpectedly back on the main track here, the 3-1 third choice in the field of six jumped out to the early lead and finished two lengths the best. Lifetime Record: 11-4-1-1, \$63,610.

O-Hord & Mosso. B-Culpepper Thoroughbreds (WA). T-Paul G Aguirre.

◆ WEST ◆

Emerald Downs Releases Stakes Schedule:

Emerald Downs has increased the purses on 19 races--including the 64th running of the \$250,000 GIII Longacres Mile on Aug. 22--as part of a state-record \$2.07 million stakes schedule in 1999. Opening weekend for the 97-day meeting is Apr. 24 and 25. There are a total of 35 stakes races set for the 1999 meeting. Other highlights of the schedule are the Aug. 22 \$100,000 Emerald Breeders' Cup Distaff, the Aug. 21 \$100,000 Washington Breeders' Cup Oaks and the June 20 \$100,000 Mt. Rainier Breeders' Cup.

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ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

6th-SAX, \$50,000, (S), 3yo, 6 1/2f, 1:16, ft.
LOVE THAT RED (g, 3, Highland Park--Pat's Lady Red, by Circle Home) Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-0, \$51,780.
O/B-Wells Terry D (CA). T-Leonard M Duncan.

9th-AQU, \$40,000, (S), 4yo/up, 6f, 1:12 1/5, ft.
PERSONAL TRAINER (c, 4, Personal Flag--Lyuba, by D'Accord) Lifetime Record: 7-2-1-1, \$41,999.
O/B-Hettinger William R (NY). T-Ramon M Hernandez.
*Winner via disqualification.


6th-LRL, \$27,000, 4yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16m, 1:45 4/5, ft.
CAIOTO (m, 5, Let's Go Blue--Sifting Sea {MSP}, by Windy Sea) Lifetime Record: 18-4-2-7, \$96,218.
O/B-Ed Lang (ON). T-King T Leatherbury. *1/2 to King Proctor (Proctor), MSW, \$154,803.

8th-LRL, \$24,300, 4yo/up, 7f, 1:24 1/5, ft.
MOUNT GREEN (c, 4, Vermont--Princess Allegro, by Princely Pleasure) Lifetime Record: 20-3-7-4, \$86,402.
O-Morris Stable. B-A Friedman & E Cousins (FL). T-C Garcia.

MAIDEN WINNERS:

- + **Wine With Pride**, f, 3, Desert Wine--Valdez Pride, by Valdez. SAX, 1-27, (S), (C), 6 1/2f, 1:17 4/5. B-Flying A Farm (Ca).
- Mia's Fancy Face**, f, 3, Fair Skies--Masked Hillo (SP), by Masked Dancer. SUF, 1-27, 6f, 1:14 4/5. B-Laplante Joanne (Ma).
- Go Public**, g, 3, Forever Silver--Private Theatrics, by Private Account. AQU, 1-27, (S), 1 1/16m, 1:47. B-Chevalier Stable (NY).
- Moorland Miss**, f, 3, Hansel--Scotch Heather (GSW, \$382,572), by Al Hattab. TPX, 1-27, 1m, 1:41 3/5. B-William M Backer (Ky).
- J Romantic**, c, 3, Hawkster--She's a Cad, by Chumming. GPX, 1-27, 1 1/16m, 1:48 3/5. B-Bonnie Phillips (Ky). *\$5,500 yrl '97 KEESEP; \$9,700 2yo '98 FTMMAY.
- Foundation**, c, 3, Norquestor--Prismatic Bid, by Spectacular Bid. LRL, 1-27, (C), 6f, 1:12 1/5. B-Grover Delp (Md).
- Tanja Nita**, f, 3, Northern Smartee--Tasty Blue, by Native Charger. SUF, 1-27, 6f, 1:15 1/5. B-J D Farm (FI). *\$1,200 wlng '96 OBSOCT; \$3,500 yrl '97 OBSOCT.
- + **Polish Miss**, f, 3, Polish Numbers--Kimonina, by Spectacular Bid. LRL, 1-27, 6f, 1:13 3/5. B-Dr T Bowman, Mrs T Bowman & R W Small (Md). *\$31,000 yrl '97 FTMSEP. **1/2 to Shashobegon (Broad Brush), MSW, \$170,650.
- Regal Monument**, c, 3, Regal Search--Monument Row (MSP), by Washington County. AQU, 1-27, (C), 6f, 1:13. B-David & Helen Lozensky (FI). *\$3,000 wlng '96 OBSOCT; \$45,000 yrl '97 OBSAUG.
- + **Silver Savior**, f, 3, Silver Deputy--Sly Charmer (SP, \$105,300), by Valdez. TPX, 1-27, 6f, 1:13 2/5. B-Ellen B Kill Kelley (Va). *\$17,000 yrl '97 KEESEP.
- K Bar Bill**, c, 3, Star of the Crop--Airbound, by Damascus. AQU, 1-27, (C), 6f, 1:12 1/5. B-Haras San Benito (Ky). *\$2,300 wlng '96 FTKNOV; \$12,000 yrl '97 KEESEP.
- Perfect Storm**, c, 3, Storm Boot--Mocita Mia (Chi) (G1SW-Chi), by Mocito Guapo. SUF, 1-27, 6f, 1:13 1/5. B-Mr & Mrs James Moseley (Ky). *1/2 to Santiago Suzie (Topsider), SW, \$145,752.

Maiden winners cont. p. 7



BREEDERS' CUP NATIONAL STAKES RACE CLOSINGS

<u>CLOSES</u>	<u>TRACK</u>	<u>RACE</u>	<u>CONDITIONS</u>	<u>PURSE</u>	<u>RUNS</u>
2-3	GP	Gulfstream Park BC Sprint Chm (GII)	3yo/up, 7f	\$200,000	2-13
2-13	TAM	Tampa Bay Breeders' Cup S.	3yo/up, 1 1/16mT	\$50,000	2-20

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WRITERS UP

FLORIDA'S SOPHOMORE CLASS

By Frank Carlson

In past years, the three-year-olds with true Triple Crown ambitions already would have started to rise to the top. Not this year. As we hurdle through January, the cream of the crop are still mixed with the second and third strings of contenders that make sorting through the pile so much fun. Looking at the Florida-based bunch, we'll try and separate the contenders from the pretenders.

Casanova Star (A.P. Indy--Minstrella, by The Minstrel) is developing well for trainer Mark Hennig, winning his non-winners of two lifetime Jan. 16. Look to Hennig to step up his schedule. "He's going to go in the Fountain of Youth (GI, Feb. 20)," he said. "He needed that allowance race to help educate him. I'm hoping he got a lot out of that race, he had mud kicked in his face, now he knows what that's like. He's catching on."

Chief Minister (Deputy Minister--Mended Heart, by *Le Fabuleux) was pegged as one to watch by trainer Elliott Walden, who traveled from Payson Park to Fair Grounds to saddle the colt for an impressive maiden victory in his second career start Jan. 23. The dark bay set all the pace and left the field 10 1/2 lengths in his wake at the wire in the 1 1/16-mile test.

Dan's Report (Corporate Report--Lasting Glory, by Wild Again) might not be worth a mention except for the fact that those fun-loving folks that brought you Rock and Roll last year, Madeline Paulson and Jenny Craig, along with Dee Dee Snowden just paid \$300,000 for this colt. They sent him to Hall of Fame trainer Bill Mott. From Payson Park Mott said he hasn't decided where to go with the Florida-bred, who's eligible for non-winners of one after five starts at Calder as a two-year-old.

Doneraile Court (Seattle Slew--Sophisticated Girl, by Stop the Music) finished second in the Jan. 16 GIII Holy Bull and is being pointed towards the March 13 GI Florida Derby and the March 27 GII Gallery Furniture.com S., nee Jim Beam, at Turfway Park. "I'd like the winner's share of that \$750,000 race," said trainer Nick Zito, who once handled a string for Gallery Furniture owner Jim McIngvale.

Ecton Park (Forty Niner--Daring Danzig, by Danzig) was racing near the front in an allowance race on Holy Bull day, was eased back, then charged up for second money behind Casanova Star. Looks like Elliott Walden and Shane Sellers were trying to teach a lesson to this colt, who is still eligible for non-winners of one allowance. Walden said, "He came out of his allowance race fine. I'm looking for another allowance race before I try him against stakes competition. He's always been a good horse in the morning and he's improving."

Kettle Won (Colonial Affair--Safe At the Plate, by Double Zeus), a 10 1/2-length maiden winner at Saratoga Aug. 29, is behind in his schedule according to trainer Todd Pletcher. He'll look for an allowance race when the colt catches up.

Lemon Drop Kid (Kingmambo--Charming Lassie, by Seattle Slew), winner of Belmont's GI Futurity at two, finished fifth in the Breeders' Cup Juvenile to end his '98 season. Trainer Scotty Schulhofer is looking for a two-turn race for his three-year-old debut. The Florida Derby is a possibility on the way to the Kentucky Derby.

Lion Hearted (Storm Cat--Cadillacing, by Alydar) got the worst of a speed-favoring track in his first start at three, finishing third in a non-winners of two lifetime allowance Jan. 16. Expect Shug McGaughey to have this colt ready to roll the next time. But as for the future, McGaughey said, "I'll take each race one at a time."

Lucky Roberto (Belong to Me--Roberto's Gal, by Roberto), winner of the GI Hopeful at Saratoga in his latest appearance, is being readied for his return by trainer Frank Alexander. Alexander said he is thinking about the seven-furlong GIII Swale S. March 13 at Gulfstream, and then possibly the GI Toyota Blue Grass April 10 at Keeneland and the Kentucky Derby May 1. Alexander said, "He worked (last Thursday), going five furlong in 1:02 2/5. He's been off since August because he was sick. We lost some training time, so rather than rush him back for the fall races we decided to give him time off. I'm looking at something near the end of the Gulfstream meeting, possibly the Swale."

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Pineaff (Pine Bluff--Kerplop, by Affirmed) finished fourth in the Holy Bull for trainer Ken McPeek. He expects to send the colt to the Feb. 20 GI Fountain of Youth, the Florida Derby and the Blue Grass before the Derby. McPeek said, "I think he'll get better as he goes longer. I'm thinking of keeping him out of the Fountain of Youth because he's already shown that the distance is too short. He was 15 lengths out of it in the Holy Bull at the half-mile pole. I don't think we can accomplish anything going that distance again. The Florida Derby will be his next start."

The Groom Is Red (Runaway Groom--Sheena's Gold, by Fast Gold) won the GI Champagne as a two-year-old before running sixth in the Breeders' Cup Juvenile. He is being pointed towards the Fountain of Youth, Florida Derby and Blue Grass.

Silk Broker (Pentelicus--Silk Stocks, by Medieval Man), also trained by Frank Alexander, was second behind Prime Directive in the GII Saratoga Special in August. A Gulfstream allowance winner on his return Jan. 3, he is expected to come back in the Jan. 31 GII Hutcheson S. Alexander said, "He worked the same day as Lucky Roberto, going five furlongs in 1:01. He came out of his race at the beginning of the Gulfstream meeting fine. Our goal is to see him go around two turns. I'm looking at the (seven-furlong) Hutcheson and hope he can make the step up. With three-year-olds you just never know."

Vicar (Wild Again--Escrow Agent, by El Gran Senor) finished fifth in the Holy Bull, but trainer Carl Nafzger and jockey Jerry Bailey were trying to get the head-strong colt to rate, so they let him run early, then took him back. "He got mugged in the Holy Bull, said Nafzger. "He's doing well and will go in the Fountain of Youth and the Florida Derby."

TRACK ABBREVIATIONS:

AQU Aqueduct	FGX Fair Grounds
GGX Golden Gate	GPX Gulfstream Park
HOU Sam Houston	LRL Laurel Park
PEN Penn National	PHA Philadelphia Park
SAX Santa Anita	SUF Suffolk Downs
TAM Tampa Bay Downs	TPX Turfway Park
TUP Turf Paradise	

Maiden winners cont. from p. 5

- + **On Moonlight Bay**, f, 3, **Strolling Along--Pele Dancer**, by Raise a Native. SAX, 1-27, (C), 5 1/2f, 1:05 1/5. B-Jim Fitzgerald & Scott Pierce (Ky). *\$14,000 wlng '96 KEENOV; \$40,000 yrl '97 FTKJUL.
- Magic Touch**, f, 4, **Ferdinand--Jaunty Lady**, by Copelan. GPX, 1-27, (C), 6f, 1:13 1/5. B-John Gauthier (Fl).
- Bar Harbor Express**, f, 4, **Irish Open--Bar Ways**, by Barrera. SAX, 1-27, (C), 6f, 1:11 3/5. B-Braden Lynn Mendonsa Randy & Noble Kandis (Ky). *\$8,000 yrl '96 KEESEP; \$13,000 2yo 1997 OBSAPR.
- Kays Runner**, f, 4, **Strike the Gold--Santana Anna**, by Blushing John. AQU, 1-27, (C), 1 1/16m, 1:48. B-Wayne O Stockseth & Norma L Stockseth (Ky). *\$12,000 yrl '96 KEESEP.

FOALING NEWS

SERENA'S SONG, 7, Rahy--Imagining, by Northfields
Foal born 1-27-99, a filly by Storm Cat.
Will be bred back to Deputy Minister.
Boarded at Denali Stud, Kentucky.
Owned by Bob & Beverly Lewis.
Accomplishments: Ch. 3yo Filly, MGISW, \$3,283,388.

JADE FLUSH, 8, Jade Hunter--Royal Strait Flush (Seattle Slew)
Foal born 1-7-99, a filly by Theatrical (Ire).
Owned by Allen E. Paulson & Martin & Pamela Wygod.
Boarded at Brookside Farms, Ky.
Accomplishments: GSW of \$481,518.

FANJICA (IRE), 7, Law Society--Florie (Fr), by Gay Mecene
Foal born 1-21-99, a colt by Spinning World.
Boarded at Haras de Fresnay le Buffard, Fr.
Accomplishments: GSW & GISP-U.S., GSW-Eng, GSP-Fr & Ity, \$468,656.

HOT NOVEL, 13, Mari's Book--Quite Honestly, by Believe It
Foal born 1-21-99, a filly by Seattle Slew.
Owned by Joanne H. Nor.
Boarded at Norfields Farm in California.
Accomplishments: MGSW, \$380,227. Dam of Behrens (Pleasant Colony), MGSW, \$944,000.



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