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ARRESTED DREAMS INJURED Three-year-old filly **Arrested Dreams** (Dehere), five-for-six lifetime and runner-up in last season's GI Matron S., has come up with minor problems in both her knees and will be out of action until the summer, according to her connections. "She worked good (Thursday), but she had just a little bit of soreness to her right front leg," assistant trainer Bobby Kelly said. "We want to get some (arthroscopic) surgery on her knees. They're going to look at her at the vet clinic in Kentucky. The vets are looking at the (X-rays)...she has a weak spot on the bone and she might chip it off. She'll be back in about five months."

THE GROOM IS RED THIRD IN '99 BOW The **Groom Is Red** (Runaway Groom), winner of the GI Champagne S. at two, made his first start since a sixth-place finish in last year's GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile in a 1 1/16-mile allowance at Gulfstream yesterday. Sent off as the 3-5 chalk coupled with stablemate **Cryptodiplomacy** (Cryptoclearance), the three-year-old was last for six furlongs over the sloppy strip, came out six-wide for the stretch run and closed on the leaders at the top of the lane, but couldn't keep up the rally and finished third, beaten 4 1/2 lengths by **Certain** (Out Of Place); **Cryptodiplomacy** was second. "He made a good move around the stretch turn, but then he just couldn't sustain it through the stretch," said jockey Jerry Bailey. "I don't think the track had anything to do with it." Added trainer Nick Zito, "I liked the way he ran. He made up a lot of ground, but he was wide on the turn, which is tough on this track. I would have liked to win, but this was a good effort. He'll go forward from here. He'll run in the Fountain Of Youth (GI, Feb. 20), that's for sure."

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STAKES CLOSINGS

TOMORROW, WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 3:

02-13 \$200,000 *Las Virgenes-I, SA, 3yo, f, 8f, (200)*

02-13 \$100/100a *GP Breeders' Cup Sprint H.-III, GP, 3yo/up, 7f, (200)*

02-14 \$200,000 *Santa Maria H.-I, SA, 4yo/up, f/m, 8.5f, (200)*

02-15 \$200,000 *San Luis Obispo-II, SA, 4yo/up, 12ft, (200)*



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Japanese Stakes Results:

FEBRUARY S.-G1-Jpn, \$1,604,282, Tokyo Racecourse, Japan, 1-31, 4yo/up, 1m, 1:36.30, ft.

1--**MEISEI OPERA (JPN)**, 126, h, 5, by Grand Opera

1st Dam: **Tiramisu (Jpn)**, by Ishikari

2nd Dam: **Yaheiboshi (Jpn)**, by Office Dancer

3rd Dam: **Shinano Ibuki (Jpn)**, by Si Furioux (Jpn)

O-Meisei Co Ltd; B-Hiraku Takahashi; T-Shuichi Sasaki; J-Isao Sugawara; \$848,757.

Lifetime Record: n/a.

2--**M.I. Blanc (Jpn)**, 126, h, 7, Brian's Time--Yukiguni, by Caro (Ire). O-Sadayasu Taniguchi; B-Hayata Farms; \$339,267.

3--**Taiki Sherlock (Jpn)**, 126, h, 7, Jade Robbery--Villa Rose, by Key to the Mint. O/B-U Taiki Farm; \$213,053.

Margins: 2, NK, HF. Odds: 4.70, 11.40, 6.70.

A raider from the National Association of Racing, Meisei Opera captured his first Japanese graded-stakes success in his first Japan Racing Association start. The five-year-old broke cleanly, was with the leaders throughout and sprinted clear in the stretch for a handy victory. Taiki Sherlock would have earned a trip to the March 28 G1 Dubai World Cup with a victory here, but had to settle for third.

KYOTO HIMBA TOKUBETSU.-G3-Jpn, \$706,443, Kyoto Racecourse, Japan, 1-30, 4yo/up, f/m, 1mT, 1:35.20, fm.

1--**MARUKA KOMACHI (JPN)**, 115, f, 4, by Sunday Silence

1st Dam: **National Flag (Jpn)**, by Dictus (Fr)

2nd Dam: **Dyna World (Jpn)**, by Huntercombe (GB)

3rd Dam: **Honey Dreamer**, by Dewan

O-Kawacho Sangyo; B-Shadai Farm; T-Shuji Kitahashi; J-Yuichi Fukunaga; \$369,895. Lifetime Record: 13-4-4-1, \$846,086. *1/2 to Inter Flag (Jpn) (Northern Taste), SW-Jpn, \$1,779,547.

2--**Nagisa (Jpn)**, 117, m, 6, Markofdistinction (GB)--Mideon Ruby (Jpn), by Northerly. O-T Iida; B-Chiyoda Farm Shizunai; \$149,104.

3--**Broad Appeal**, 117, m, 5, Broad Brush--Valid Allure, by Valid Appeal. O-Makoto Kaneko; B-Diane Kern (Ky); \$96,262.

Margins: 1 1/4, 1 1/4, HF. Odds: 9.60, 18.00, 3.50.

Breaking from the rail, Maruka Komachi was rated in the middle of the pack through the early going, moved to the outside on the far turn to find running room, took over near the final furlong and edged clear.



News cont.

ANSWER LIVELY O.K. AFTER LECOMTE Answer Lively (Lively One), winner of the GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile and a candidate for an Eclipse Award, but a disappointing seventh as the 1-2 favorite in Saturday's \$100,000 Lecomte H. at the Fair Grounds, came out of the race in good order and will be back for the Feb. 21 \$125,000 Risen Star S. going a mile and a sixteenth. "He scoped clean," said trainer Bobby Barnett. "He needed the race. Horses will get beat and when they do, they humble us quick." But Barnett added, "The Risen Star should be next and we can come back and handle that (Lecomte) bunch."

◆ FLORIDA ◆

Yesterday's Results:

9th-GPX, \$44,000, Alw, 3yo, 1 1/16m, 1:46 2/5, sy.
1--CERTAIN, 119, c, 3, Out of Place--Kristie's World,
 by Beau Genius. O-Williams Jo & Bush; B-Clarkie
 Leverette (FL); T-Leo Azpurua Jr. Lifetime Record:
 GSW, 6-4-2-0, \$125,560.

2--Cryptodiplomacy, 117, g, 3, Cryptoclearance--Tiny's
 Teardrop, by Dixieland Band.

3--The Groom Is Red, 119, c, 3, Runaway Groom--
 Sheena's Gold, by Fast Gold.

Margins: 3 1/4, 1 1/4, 4HF. Odds: 3.10, 0.60A, 0.60A.

With the GI Fountain Of Youth S. less than three weeks away, Bob Umphrey was successful in luring a couple of high-profile three-year-olds to contest this event, including the GI Champagne S. winner The Groom Is Red, who subsequently split the field in the Breeders' Cup Juvenile, and the GIII What A Pleasure hero Certain, who was making his first start since that Dec. 12 effort and trying to run his winning streak to four straight. Jockey Shane Sellers, aboard Certain for the first time, wrestled the chestnut back off of a speed duel for the opening six furlongs, but the colt responded when sent wide around the far turn to run down Cryptodiplomacy nearing the eighth pole and draw off to the victory. Last early, The Groom Is Red came six wide into the stretch and finished with good energy to secure the show spot. Sellers said, "He was probably a little short today. He's got a future."

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3rd-GPX, \$36,000, Alw, 4/up, f/m, 8.5f, 1:45 3/5, sy.
LINES OF BEAUTY (f, 4, Line in the Sand--Duper, by
 Garthorn) made a good impression in her Gulfstream debut Jan. 14 at this trip, leading through six furlongs before yielding grudgingly late to finish 3/4 of a length behind the winner. Back in against many of the same rivals, the 3-1 shot splashed her way to an uncontested lead and was never threatened in a wire-to-wire 5 3/4-length win. Lifetime Record: 13-4-4-3, \$97,760.
 O-Marco Thoroughbred Corp. B-Farnsworth Farms (FL).
 T-Randy Martin.

8th-GPX, \$32,000, Alw, 3yo, f, 1 1/16m, 1:47, sy.
DANZIGNTHEMOONLITE (f, 3, Quiet American--Danzig
 in the Park, by Danzig) was dismissed at 8-1 for her debut at seven-eighths Jan. 10, but relished a wet track that day to score a front-running victory. Stretching out to two turns for this attempt, the dark bay once again found the off going to her liking, forcing the pace for six furlongs before taking over at the head of the stretch and drawing away to win by 4 1/2 lengths as the 5-2 favorite. Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, \$37,200.
 O-Rudlein Stable & Clifton William L Jr. B-G E Taylor Austin (ON). T-Harold James Bond.

7th-GPX, \$32,000, Alw, 4yo/up, 6f, 1:12, sy.
BET YOUR POINT (c, 4, Youmadeyourpoint--
 Racquetearing, by Bet Big) took the step up into allowance company in his last Jan. 23 going seven furlongs and was within a length at the eighth pole before tiring to finish sixth, a half-dozen lengths in arrears. Shortening up to six furlongs for this effort, the dark bay dueling on the lead for a half, shook loose once in the lane and held sway for a 1 1/4-length success at 9-1. Lifetime Record: 15-3-4-1, \$44,882.
 O/B-Joseph F Hillier (FL). T-Michael P Petro.

Lucky Roberto Sharp at Gulfstream:

Last year's GI Hopeful S. hero **Lucky Roberto** (Belong to Me) worked five furlongs in 1:01 1/5 over a sloppy strip at Gulfstream Monday. He could have his first outing since the Hopeful in the Mar. 13 GIII Swale S.

◆ EAST ◆

OBS-Calder Sale Preview Set for Tuesday:

The Under Tack Show Preview for the Ocala Breeders' Sales Company's Selected Sale of Two-Year-Olds in Training, set for Tuesday, Feb. 9, at Calder Race Course, will be held today at Calder. The 242 juveniles catalogued for the one-day auction will begin showing at 10:30 a.m.

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East Report cont.

Suffolk Downs Unveils Final Spring Stakes Schedule:

Suffolk Downs will offer 22 stakes worth \$1.375 million in purses for the balance of its Spring Meet, which ends June 5. The highlight will be New England's Million Dollar Day May 29, featuring the \$600,000 GII Massachusetts H. at 1 1/8 miles, \$250,000 James B. Moseley Breeders' Cup H. at six furlongs and three additional stakes worth a combined \$100,000.

◆ MIDWEST ◆

Yesterday's Result:

1st-FGX, \$27,000, Msw, 4yo, 6f, 1:10 3/5, ft.
ANOTHER FREESPIRIT (c, 4, Afleet--Rays Joy, by Staunch Avenger) showed excellent speed in his career bow here Jan. 11, weakening in the latter stages to finish fifth, beaten 3 1/2 lengths for top honors. In receipt of first-time Lasix for this effort, the 1/2 to Free Spirit's Joy (Joey Bob), GISW, \$841,278; and Spiritbound (Spellbound), MSW, \$614,251, tracked the front-runner from second, assumed command at the furlong marker and held on for a half-length tally as the 4-1 third choice. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$16,965. O-Free Spirit Stable. B-N Karabaic, et.al. (Tx). T-J Trosclair.

Temperence Time to Southwest S.:

Unbeaten sophomore **Temperence Time** (Temperence Hill), winner of Saturday's Dixieland S. at Oaklawn, will make his next start in the one-mile GIII Southwest S. Feb. 27. "If he doesn't fare well in the Southwest, then we'll go to Plan B, but the flat mile may be his race," said trainer Kenny Smith. "He showed that (in the Dixieland). That last sixteenth, he was flying."

◆ FOREIGN ◆

AMERICAN-BRED WINNERS IN JAPAN:

Eishin Conway, c, 3, Carson City--Cuddle Times, by Olden Times. Kyoto, 1-31, novice race, 6f (dirt). Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-1, \$66,000. O-Toyomitsu Hirai; B-Mereworth Farm; T-T Kayo. *\$210,000 2yo '98 FTFEB. **Came away in second from the rail in a 16-horse field and hit the front a furlong out to win by a length.

Soushun, c, 3, Cure the Blues--Spring Ribbon (Ire), by *Dance of Life. Tokyo, 1-31, novice race, 1m (dirt). Lifetime Record: 3-1-1-0, \$68,000. O-Carrot Farm; B-River Stone Farm; T-Kazuhiko Hongo. *Came off the rail once in the stretch and showed a good turn of foot late to win by three-parts of a length.

+ Springen, c, 3, Deputy Minister--Perfect Isn't Easy, by Saratoga Six. 1-30, Kyoto, maiden race, 1 1/8m (dirt). Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$55,000. O-Takeshi Fujita; B-R Batokin; T-Yasuo Ikee. *\$220,000 yrl '97 KEESEP; \$300,000 2yo '98 BESMAR. **Lingered towards the back of the pack before unleashing a powerful rally to break his maiden at first asking. "It took a little time for him to concentrate on the race, but once he started to fight he put in a gutsy performance," said winning jockey Yutaka Take.

Shonan Time, f, 3, Gilded Time--Pennbrook's Lady, by Nasty and Bold. Tokyo, 1-30, novice race, 7f (dirt). Lifetime Record: 5-1-0-1, \$72,000. O-Totsuhido Kunimoto; B-Frank Penn Jr; T-Yokichi Ohkubo. *1/2 to Go For Glory (Yukon), GSW, \$372,138. **\$52,000 wnlg '96 KEENOV; \$105,000 2yo '98 KEEAPR. ***Forwardly placed, the filly assumed control at the top of the stretch and edged away to a 1 1/4-length score.

+ Fusaichi Miki-O, c, 3, Kingmambo--Nothing Sweeter (MSW & GSP, \$223,148), by Darby Creek Road. Tokyo, 1-31, maiden race, 7f (dirt). Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$55,000. O-Fusaro Sekiguchi; B-Sandra M Forbush & R J M Poulson; T-Keiji Takaichi. *1/2 to Secret Thing (Secreto), Hwt. Older Horse-ity at 5-7f, GSW-ity. **Won by eight lengths.

+ Taiki Treasure, c, 3, Miswaki--Royal Bride, by Blushing Groom (Fr). Tokyo, 1-30, maiden race, 1m (dirt). Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$55,000. O/B-Taiki Farm; T-Kazuo Fujisawa. *1/2 to Taiki El Dorado (Theatrical {Ire}), SW-Jpn, \$1,216,091. **Led immediately from his outside post and raced greenly, but held on for a 1 1/4-length success. Said winning rider Yukio Okabe, "He seemed to lose interest in the mid-stage of the race, but when horses came to him he started to fight again."

Red Chili Pepper, f, 3, Unbridled--Raise A Carter, by Dr. Carter. Tokyo, 1-31, Crocus S. (Listed stakes), 7fT. Lifetime Record: 5-3-1-1, \$352,000. O-K Yoshida; B-Respite Farm Inc; T-H Matsuda. *\$100,000 yrl '97 KEESEP; \$150,000 2yo '98 KEEAPR. **Rated in midpack, the gray swept to the front with a wide move and drew clear by two lengths. "She is a really good filly. I was expecting this kind of performance," commented winning jockey Shinji Fujita.

American Boss, c, 4, Kingmambo--Redeemer, by Dixieland Band. Tokyo, 1-31, TV Saitama Cup, 7fT. Lifetime Record: 10-3-1-3, \$358,000. O-Abiru Fudosan Inc; B-Candyland; T-Fuyuki Tago. *\$250,000 yrl '96 KEEJUL. **Jockey Teruo Eda found a cozy spot in behind dueling front-runners, drove for the lead at midstretch and went on to a 3 1/2-length score.



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American-bred Winners in Japan, cont.

Deputy Ice, c, 4, **Silver Deputy--Icelandette**, by Bold Ruckus. Tokyo, 1-30, Shirafuji S., 1 1/4mT. Lifetime Record: 9-4-1-0, \$593,000. O-Katsumi Yoshida; B-Harry T Mangurian Jr; T-Hiroyoshi Matsuda. *Full to Sermon Time, MSW, \$263,910. **\$240,000 2yo '97 FTFEB. ***Was held in mid-pack after a clumsy break, but recovered to run down the leaders inside the final 50 yards and win going away by a length and a quarter. Winning jockey Shinji Fujita said, "Although he did not get a clean break, I trusted him very much to win."

Zenno Motore, h, 5, **Devil's Bag--Strait Lane**, by Chief-tain. Kyoto, 1-31, Asuka S., 1 1/8mT. Lifetime Record: 19-6-3-1, \$1,016,000. O-Shinobu Ohsako; B-Buckram Oak Farm; T-Hiroshi Shimazaki. *1/2 to Hawkster (Silver Hawk), MGISW, \$1,409,477. **\$60,000 yrl '95 KEEJUL; \$300,000 2yo '96 BESMAR. ***Highweight in the field of 12, he launched a bid for the lead leaving the final turn and got through along the rail for the victory.

Djove, g, 5, **Northern Jove--Stop The Rest**, by Stop The Music. Kyoto, 1-30, plate race, 1 1/8m (dirt). Lifetime Record: 22-4-2-2, \$465,000. O-Kazuo Nishiura; B-Florida Bloodstock Inc; T-Hidotaka Otonashi. *\$13,000 yrl '95 OBSJAN; \$100,000 2yo '96 BESMAR. **Second early on, the gelding responded to get up in the final strides for a neck victory.

Tenzan Storm, m, 5, **Storm Cat--Rythmical (SW)**, by Fappiano. Kyoto, 1-30, Ujigawa S., 7fT. Lifetime Record: 13-4-3-0, \$574,000. O-Saburo Hirano; B-F A Gender Stable Inc; T-Kaoru Hoshikawa. *1/2 to Gilder (Smile), SP, \$242,887; Capote Belle (Capote), GISW, \$603,314. **\$65,000 yrl '95 KEEJUL; \$115,000 yrl '95 KEENOV.

AMERICAN-BRED WINNER IN ENGLAND:

Bamboo Garden, g, 3, **Desert Style (Ire)--Miss Mischievous**, by Brazen Brother. Southwell, 2-1, Tyrone Selling H., 3yo, 1m (AWT), \$3,102 to winner. O-J Tse; B-Pope McLean; T-G Chung. *1/2 to Sweet Saree (Torsion), GSW. **\$15,000 wnl '96 KEENOV.

Storm Cat Wins in England:

Storm Cat (GB) (Interrex), a four-year-old bred in Britain, won the first race at Southwell Monday, the first division of the Fermanagh Median Auction Maiden S. going seven furlongs. Fortunately for the connections of his American-bred namesake, who stands at Overbrook Farm in Kentucky, this Storm Cat is a gelding and his name will not be appearing on progeny lists in the future.

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ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

9th-FGX, \$38,000, 4yo/up, a5 1/2fT, 1:05, gd.
PRANKSTER (h, 6, **Clever Trick--Super Baba**, by Raja Baba) Lifetime Record: 22-7-4-5, \$141,709. O-Karnak Galactic Stable. B-G Waggoner Stables (KY). T-T Amoss.

8th-FGX, \$31,000, 4yo/up, a1 1/8mT, 1:52 3/5, gd.
FRIENDLY WAGER (g, 4, **Leo Castelli--Susie Mallard**, by Our Native) Lifetime Record: 7-3-1-1, \$49,410. O-W T Webber Jr. B-Ed Holmes (KY). T-Thomas Amoss. *1/2 to In Like Flynn (Taylor's Falls), SP, \$180,317.

6th-PHA, \$22,100, 3yo, a1m70yd, 1:44 3/5, ft.
POLISH MOE (g, 3, **Polish Numbers--Richard's Lady J. {SP}**, by Iron) Lifetime Record: 4-2-0-0, \$30,660. O-F & W Hartwell. B-Hartwell Frances (PA). T-R W Camac.

8th-PHA, \$18,000, 4yo/up, 6 1/2f, 1:17, ft.
HOLIDAY MUSIC (g, 4, **Prospector's Music--Christmas Coin**, by Key to the Mint) Lifetime Record: 8-5-1-1, \$35,155. O-N Casella, J Brogan, et al. B-E P Evans (VA). T-J Gallegos. *1/2 to Perfect Coin (L'Emigrant), MSP, \$171,965; Mr. Scrooge (Silver Ghost), SW, \$108,998.

MAIDEN WINNERS:

No Card, f, 3, **Press Card--North Sphinx (SP)**, by North Tower. PHA, B-Hal Clagett III (Md). *\$9,500 2yo 1998 FTMMAY.

Prospector's Nymph, c, 3, **Prospector's Music--Gaelic Nymph**, by Irish River (Fr). GPX, 2-1, (C), 6f, 1:13 2/5. B-Edward P Evans (Va).

Bermuda Bride, f, 3, **Runaway Groom--Sovereign Command**, by Sovereign Dancer. PHA, 2-1, a1m70yd, 1:46 4/5. B-Fred J Miller III (Ky). *\$40,000 yrl '97 KEESEP; \$35,000 2yo 1998 FTMMAY.

Sure Nuff, f, 3, **Sir Richard Lewis--Alert the Pilgrim (MSP)**, by Gold Alert. FGX, 2-1, (S), (C), 6f, 1:12 4/5. B-J Adcock (La).

Appealing Avie, c, 3, **Valid Appeal--Ah So Avie**, by Lord Avie. GPX, (C), 2-1, 6f, 1:11 4/5. B-Harry T Mangurian, Jr (Fl). *\$26,000 2yo 1998 OBSMAR.

Soclassie, f, 4, **Capote--Isayso (MGSW, \$414,551)**, by Valid Appeal. FGX, 2-1, 6f, 1:10 4/5. B-Carter P (Ky). *\$75,000 2yo '97 KEEAPR; \$35,000 HRA '98 KEENOV.

Ima Koukla, f, 4, **Foolish Macduff--Weathermaker**, by Grey Parlor. SUF, 2-1, 6f, 1:14 3/5. B-S Adel (Ma). *Additional Maiden in tomorrow's TDN.*

**Fasig-Tipton KY, Feb. 15, Hip #225
HIGHLAND VIXEN**

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◆ PEDIGREE INSIGHTS ◆
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Saturday, Gulfstream Park:

DONN H.-GI, \$500,000, GPX, 1-30, 3yo/up, 1 1/8m, 1:48 1/5, ft.

1--**PUERTO MADERO (CHI)**, 120, h, 5, by Gallantsky
1st Dam: **Paty Game (Chi)**, by **Saratoga Game**
2nd Dam: **Pachotada (Chi)**, by **Naipur (Chi)**
3rd Dam: **Pharashima (Chi)**, by **Pharad (Fr)**

Medieval alchemists never did succeed in their attempts to turn base metals into gold, but South America's breeders seem to have discovered how to produce racehorses of the highest quality from stallions whose racing records were far from golden.

Gentlemen (Arg)'s sire Robin des Bois is a case in point. This son of Nureyev won only one of his six starts, a Listed race, and was rated 17 pounds below the best of his age by Timeform.

Gallantsky, sire of last Saturday's stylish Donn H. winner Puerto Madero, is another fine example. This son of Nijinsky II managed to win only one of his 16 starts in France, and reached the first three only once in stakes company, before being sent to Chile. The French handicappers rated Gallantsky no less than 26 pounds inferior to Three Troikas (Fr), the best three-year-old of 1979, after he had finished a respectable fourth in the G2 Prix Maurice de Nieuil, third in the Prix de Menneval and fourth in the G3 Prix de Lutece. Gallantsky's Lutece effort established that he stayed nearly two miles, but Puerto Madero is very well suited by distances around nine furlongs, as he has shown with his wins in the Native Diver H. and the Donn.

Gallantsky would have struggled to attract quality mares in the European industry, but his impressive international bloodlines were enough to make him a very different proposition in Chile where he effectively became a big fish in a much smaller pool.

In addition to being a son of the exceptional Nijinsky, Gallantsky had the attraction of being a grandson of Lady Pitt, America's champion three-year-old filly of 1966. Lady Pitt was as tough as she was talented, clocking up 14 starts at two and another 16 at three, when her wins included the Mother Goose S. and the Coaching Club American Oaks.

Although Lady Pitt's sons included The Liberal Member, winner of the GI Brooklyn H., it largely has been her daughters who have ensured that her name lives on. Three of them have produced Graded Stakes winners, including her Buckpasser fillies Bank Of England (dam of the Reviewer colt Comptroller) and Queen Pot. In addition to Gallantsky, Queen Pot bred King of Clubs, a very successful European miler.

However, it has been Lady Pitt's Riva Ridge filly Blitey, winner of the GI Maskette H. and GI Test S., who has done most to perpetuate Lady Pitt's name by producing the Graded Stakes winners Dancing All Night, Dancing Spree, Fantastic Find and Furlough. Significantly, Gallantsky's sire Nijinsky has played a major part in Blitey's success story, siring Dancing All Night and Dancing Spree (winner of Grade I races over three different distances) as well as Oh What a Dance, the unraced dam of the Grade I winners Heavenly Prize and Oh What A Windfall.

With a background of this quality, it is hardly surprising that Gallantsky has sired over 20 stakes winners, including Puerto Madero's brother Chantilly (Chi), a winner at Grade 1 level in Peru, and Patio de Naranjos (Chi), a Chilean champion who became a Grade III winner in the U.S.

Gallantsky sired Puerto Madero from Paty Game, a minor winner in Chile, and it is a remarkable fact that the Donn winner was produced by a pair which jointly won only two of their 33 starts. Gallantsky also sired a notable performer from Paty Game's sister Pachita Game (Chi), this being L'Express (Chi), a Chilean champion who went on to finish third in two Graded Stakes at up to nine furlongs in California.

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WHAT'S DOING DOWN UNDER



By Bronwyn Farr

Sydney's mad tropical summer, with its sudden fiery storms and pelting of warm rain, is slowly giving up the fight to autumn as Randwick's glorious old Oak trees show hints of changing colour. There is a delicious hint of heady anticipation in the air as the nation's topline makers make early raceday forays. Who knows, Might And Power (NZ) (Zabeel {NZ}) could even turn up for Sydney's autumn racing carnival. It is understood that Australia's reigning Horse of the Year returned to Jack Denham's Rosehill training base this week, but Denham's not saying a word and the close-knit Rosehill racing community has closed ranks and will keep silent, too.

The focus this season will be on Melbourne's rich early autumn races, with triple crowns galore and the AUS\$1 million (US\$611,995) Blue Diamond S. for two-year-olds, switching to Sydney for the Golden Slipper carnival and the Australian Jockey Club carnival, climaxing on Doncaster-Derby day and concluding Apr. 17.

Although the shuttle stallions departed last month, their presence is being felt in a big way despite the fact that Australasian hero Zabeel (Sir Tristram {Ire}) has a stranglehold on this year's sires' championship. The stallion has a strong hand this autumn, with three-year-olds Dignity Dancer (NZ) and Sky Heights (NZ), promising filly Nahayan (NZ) and Doncaster H. hope Bezeal Bay (NZ).

But as Golden Slipper fever takes hold, two-year-olds eclipse everything else, at least in Sydney. In the wake of his win at Rosehill Saturday, his second in as many starts, Commands (Aus) (Danehill) is dominating talk at present, firming from 10-1 to 6-1 for the Group 1 AUS\$2.5 million (\$1,529,988) race over six furlongs March 27. There is no doubt Commands is far more precocious than his five-time Grade 1-winning brother Danewin (Aus), who came to hand as a late two-year-old to win the Listed Fernhill H. at Randwick over eight furlongs.

Commands accelerates brilliantly, he has a beautiful action and stable staff at Crown Lodge are already comparing him with former champion Octagonal (NZ) (Zabeel). It's not such a long bow, since Commands' dam Cotehele House (GB) (Eight Carat {GB}) is Octagonal's half-sister. Trainer John Hawkes is exceptionally tight-lipped about the colt.

There is a feeling that while Commands will have to stay "up" for another eight weeks to claim the Slipper, Melbourne trainers including three-time Slipper winner Lee Freedman have yet to show their hand. Freedman's unraced colt The Golden Dane (Aus) (Danehill) is at 16-1 following heavy support over the past week.

Breeders' Cup Juvenile winner Brocco (Kris S.) is creeping quietly into serious contention. The only Grade 1-winning Roberto sireline horse to stand at stud in Australia, Brocco covered a remarkable book of mares in his first two seasons here but surprisingly, the deeds of his first runners haven't attracted much attention to date. However, we won't be able to ignore Brocco's youngsters for much longer if they keep going like Saturday's stakes winner Charm Scene Land (Aus). The Peter Hayes-trained colt won the Listed Talindert S. at Flemington Saturday, beating Sudurka (Aus) (Perugino) by five lengths at his second start. He'll take on even money favourite Testa Rossa (Aus) (Perugino) in the Blue Diamond S. at Caulfield Feb. 27.

The classy Charm Scene Land's success follows that of G3 Blue Diamond Preview runner-up Miss Pennymoney (Aus), a half-sister to Golden Slipper winner Merlene (Aus) (Danehill) who is raced by Arrowfield syndicate. Brocco's colt Lure Of London (Aus) won by five lengths at Ascot in Perth on his debut before being unplaced in the Blue Diamond Preview.

Boom New Zealand filly Sunline (NZ) (Desert Sun {GB}) stretched her unbeaten record to eight when she won first-up at Ellerslie in Auckland yesterday. Carrying 138 pounds, Sunline was ridden hands and heels to the line by Larry Cassidy to beat Delphic (Aus), to whom she conceded 12 pounds, in the Windsor Park Breeder of the Year Sprint for three-year-old fillies. Cassidy made a special trip from Sydney to Auckland to ride Sunline, on whom he won three races in Sydney last spring including the G1 Flight S. Oct. 3. She will next contest the first leg of the triple crown series for three-year-old fillies, the G3 Angus Armanasco S. at Caulfield Feb. 20.

The New Zealand Bloodstock premier sale session begins tonight and this year's sale has attracted Irishman Demi O'Byrne, a fixture on the northern hemisphere sale's scene buying yearlings for Michael Tabor and John Magnier. A huge plus for the Karaka catalogue is the inclusion of a trio of youngsters by sought after stallion Lure (Danzig) (two colts and a filly) and Thunder Gulch (Gulch) (a filly and two colts). The premier session begins at 5p.m. and continues Wednesday and Thursday.

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