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DANEHILL FILLY TOPS IN NEW ZEALAND

Trainer Bart Cummings went to NZ\$850,000 (US\$455,764) to buy a yearling filly by Danehill out of Taareck (Aus) (Bluebird) at yesterday's second session of the New Zealand Bloodstock Premier Sale. Consigned by Cambridge Stud, she is out of a half sister to Golden Slipper winner Canny Lad (Aus) (Bletchingly {Aus}) and MG1SW Canny Lass (Aus) (Bletchingly {Aus}). That the Danehill filly topped the session surprised many, who expected a colt by Danehill out of Nine Carat (*Sir Tristram), herself a half sister to Octagonal (NZ) (Zabeel {NZ}), to fetch the highest price on the day. The colt, also consigned by Cambridge Stud, brought a final bid of NZ\$800,000 (\$428,954) from Dr. Gene Tsoi of Hong Kong. A total of 188 lots sold for an average of NZ\$93,473 (\$50,120) Wednesday. Through the first two days of the auction, 67 yearlings have brought six figures, compared with 57 during last year's entire sale. Fillies are averaging NZ\$113,083 (\$60,634), while colts are averaging NZ\$83,368 (\$44,701). Danehill leads all sires at the auction, with his seven lots selling for an average of NZ\$425,000 (\$227,882). Thunder Gulch is hot on his heels, with his three sold averaging NZ\$400,000 (\$214,477). The sale concludes today.

CHURCHILL & FASIG-TIPTON PLAN DERBY

WEEK SALE Churchill Downs and Fasig-Tipton Company will offer a new sale of two-year-olds in training this spring. Fasig-Tipton is seeking entries and nominations for the new Fasig-Tipton Kentucky Derby 125 Two-Year-Olds in Training Sale, scheduled for Monday, Apr. 26 at the Churchill Downs Sports Spectrum. "It's possible that the winner of next year's Kentucky Derby could walk through the sales ring at Churchill Downs Sports Spectrum during the week of Derby 125," said Don Richardson, senior vice president of racing. "The sale also provides buyers with an opportunity to purchase a horse that is ready to compete in our important trio of Spring Meet stakes races for juveniles--the WHAS-11, Gill Kentucky Breeders' Cup and the Gill Bashford Manor."

STAKES CLOSINGS

TODAY, THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 4:
02-06 \$500,000 *Strub-II, SA, 4yo, 9f,*
(20000s)



MORE GODOLPHIN DERBY HOPEFULS NAMED

Two more names have surfaced as part of Godolphin's planned invasion of the May 1 Kentucky Derby. Along with **Comeonmom** (Jolie's Halo), **Worldy Manner** (Riverman) and **Aljabr** (Storm Cat), Godolphin may attempt to run **Holy Pole** (Polish Numbers) and **Prado's Landing** (El Prado {Ire}) in the Derby. Both horses were purchased last summer from American interests. Holy Pole has not raced since winning the Pennsylvania Thoroughbred Horsemen's Association S. at Philadelphia Park Sept. 12. He is two-for-three lifetime and, according to former trainer Reynaldo Nobles, was sold for \$1.1 million. "This horse has a great disposition and he can really run," Nobles said. Prado's Landing broke his maiden by 3 1/2 lengths in his third career outing at Laurel July 30. Former trainer John Robb declined to disclose the sale price. "I always thought this horse had a nice future," Robb said. "He was doing great when we sold him." Godolphin has nominated eight horses to the Triple Crown, but has so far declined to release their names. According to Godolphin racing manager Simon Crisford, none of the Godolphin horses will have any official preps for the Kentucky Derby. Rather, they will run in trial races against one another at Nad al Sheba Race Course in Dubai. Crisford said there may be two such prep races and they will determine which horses Godolphin will send to the Derby.

BET ME BEST INJURED

Undefeated three-year-old **Bet Me Best** (Barberstown) suffered a non-displaced chip in his right front knee and will be away from the races until the end of August. The injury was found after the gelding captured Sunday's Gill Hutcheson at Gulfstream Park. "He's still pretty sound," trainer Elliott Walden reported yesterday. "If he was any lesser of a horse, you could probably run him with this. It's not that big a deal." No decision on whether the gelding will have surgery to repair the injury has been made. Walden said he hopes to have Bet Me Best back on track in August with an eye towards the Breeders' Cup Sprint. "He's not nominated, but that's what we're going for. We've already seen enough of him to see he's that kind of horse," Walden said of his Breeders' Cup aspirations. Bet Me Best has started and won six races for earnings of \$236,136.

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SHAKE THE YOKE RETIRED Shake the Yoke (GB) (Caerleon--Bermuda Classic {Ire}, by Double Form {Ire}) has been retired from racing and will be bred to Pleasant Colony. The six-year-old had not raced since winning the Gill Wilshire H. in May. The mare was plagued by sore feet, a problem that led to her retirement, according to trainer Ron Ellis. Shake the Yoke, a two-time Group winner in France, finished second in the 1996 G1 Poule d'Essai des Pouliches, the 1995 G1 Prix Marcel Boussac and the 1996 G1 Coronation S. She began her North American campaign with a runner-up finish in the 1996 G1 Queen Elizabeth II Challenge Cup S. and raced only once in 1997. In five 1998 starts, the bay mare finished second in the GII Buena Vista H. and was second behind Fiji (GB) in the GII Santa Ana before ending her career with two victories. Shake the Yoke retires with five wins and five seconds in 15 starts for earnings of \$701,620.

END SWEEP COLT SWIFTEST AT OBS-CALDER

PREVIEW Swept Overboard (End Sweep) zipped a quarter mile in :21 2/5 to record the fastest work at the Ocala Breeders' Sales Company's Under Tack Preview for the 1999 Sale of Selected Two-Year-Olds in Training at Calder Tuesday. The colt, consigned by Mark Casse, agent, sells during the Feb. 9 auction as hip number 77. The fastest furlong work was turned in by **Manofglory** (Glitterman), hip number 62, consigned by Ricky Leppala, agent. The colt covered the distance in :10 1/5. The second Under Tack Show is set for Feb. 7 beginning at 10:30 a.m. The sale begins Feb. 9 at 10:30 a.m.

◆ FOREIGN ◆

Top Argentine Broodmare Headed to U.S.:

Teocratica (Arg) (Farnesio {Arg}--Theocratic {Arg}, by Solazo), the dam of MG1SW Team (Arg) (Southern Halo), has been sold for an undisclosed sum to Earle Mack. Ignacio Pavlovsky, Jr. was the agent for the purchase. The 11-year-old mare, currently in foal to Southern Halo, will remain at Haras Carampangue near Buenos Aires, Argentina until she foals, heading to Kentucky for the 2000 Northern Hemisphere breeding season. Team, winner of the three Group 1 races in Argentina, is a candidate for Argentine Horse of the Year honors.

AUSTRALIAN WINNERS BY SHUTTLE STALLIONS:

Kristofferson (Aus), g, 3, Royal Academy--Pasha's Honor, by Hero's Honor. Randwick (Sydney), 2-3, Arncliffe H., 3yo, g, 7fT, \$8,323 to winner. B-V J Peters Holdings Pty Ltd; T-Bill Mitchell.

Portraits (Aus), f, 3, Quest For Fame (GB)--Best Paint (Aus), by Best Western (Aus). Ipswich (Queensland), 2-3, Ray Turgeon Maiden H., 3yo/up, 6f 165ydsT, \$2,510 to winner. B-Woodlands Stud; T-John Hawkes.

AMERICAN-BRED WINNER IN FRANCE:

King of Troy, h, 7, Shahrastani (Ire)--Trojan Miss (GB) (SP-Eng), by Troy (GB). Cagnes-sur-Mer, 2-3, Prix de l'Argens, 4yo/up, 1 7/8mT, \$6,306 to winner. O-F Dufaut; B-Ballymacoll Stud Farm Ltd; T-S Wattel.

*1/2 to Trojan Sea (Bering {GB}), SW-Fr, \$285,074.

Tiger Hill Named German Horse of the Year:

Baron Georg von Ullmann's colt **Tiger Hill (Ire)** (Danehill) was awarded German Horse Of The Year honors, amassing 78 percent of the votes polled. Last season, the four-year-old was impressive when landing the G1 Grosser Preis von Baden as well as the classic G2 Mehl-Mulhens-Rennen (German 2,000 Guineas) and the G2 Grosser Muller Brot-Preis. He also finished third in the G1 Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe.

◆ FLORIDA ◆

Kelly Kip Begins Comeback:

Kelly Kip (Kipper Kelly) had his first work since sustaining an injury that kept him out of the Breeders' Cup Sprint last fall. He breezed five furlongs in 1:07 at Gulfstream yesterday.

Gulfstream Park Breeders' Cup H. Hopefuls Work:

Coretta (Ire) (Caerleon), who will take on the boys in Saturday's G1 Gulfstream Park Breeders' Cup H., worked five furlongs at Payson Park on Monday in 1:05. The five-year-old mare won the GII Long Island H. in November and the GII La Prevoyante H. in December in her last two starts.

A pair of Neil Howard trainees worked at Gulfstream Wednesday and one of the two will start in the Gulfstream Park Breeders' Cup H. **Deep Dive** (Manila), second in the Jan. 23 GIII Canadian Turf H., breezed a half mile in :49 4/5 and **Jazz Club** (Dixieland Band) breezed five furlongs in 1:05. Deep Dive is the more likely starter.

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**Yesterday's Results:**

SHIRLEY JONES H.-GIII, \$100,000, GPX, 2-3, 3yo/up, f/m, 7f, 1:22, ft.

1--#**@HARPIA**, 118, m, 5, by Danzig--

1st Dam: Razyana, by His Majesty

2nd Dam: Spring Adieu, by Buckpasser

3rd Dam: Natalma, by Native Dancer

O-Juddmonte Farms Inc; B-Juddmonte Farms (KY); T-John C Kimmel; J-R Migliore; \$60,000. Lifetime Record: 7-5-0-1, \$146,050. *Full to Danehill, G1SW-Eng, \$284,502; Eagle Eyed, GSW-NA, GSP-Fr, \$355,818.

2--**Scotzanna**, 115, m, 7, Silver Deputy--Allerton, by Bold Ruckus. (\$7,584 yrl '93 CBSSEP). O-B

Schickedanz; B-Goldie Herb C (ON); \$20,000.

3--**Memories of Gold**, 113, f, 4, Time for a Change--All My Memories, by Little Current. O-Phillips J & Gartin P; B-Galbreath/Phillips Racing Partnership (KY); \$11,000.

Margins: 2 1/4, 3HF, HD. Odds: 0.50, 4.20, 7.80.

Also Ran: U Can Do It, Delta Music.

Harpia had done nothing wrong in four stateside starts since coming from France last March. She was the front-running winner of three races last spring by a combined 24 lengths, but was laid off in April and did not return until taking a Gulfstream allowance Jan. 9 by six lengths. Facing her toughest competition to date, the 1-2 choice broke alertly from the rail, set a fast pace while in hand and came home 2 1/4 lengths the best. "She's as good as any horse I've had," said trainer John Kimmel. "She has natural talent and incredible speed. It's a long year. We'll try to pick the best spots for her. If everything goes right, we may consider the (Feb. 28, GI) Rampart H. It would be a good race to try her around two turns."

7th-GPX, \$44,000, Alw, 4/up, f/m, 8.5f, 1:45 2/5, ft.

1--**MIL KILATES**, 118, m, 6, Gold Alert--Flying Honors, by Silver Hawk. O-R Perez; B-Franks John (KY);

T-Alfredo Callejas. Lifetime Record: GSW, 41-9-5-4, \$457,798.

2--**Exquisite Affair**, 118, m, 6, Black Tie Affair (Ire)--Courtin Miss, by Court Ruling.

3--**Clarify**, 114, m, 6, Eastern Echo--Iambic Pentameter, by Arts and Letters.

Margins: 4, 3/4, 3 3/4. Odds: 4.90, 5.50, 5.50.

Mil Kilates was laid off after winning a Belmont allowance Oct. 7, then came back to run fourth in a Calder allowance Dec. 8 and most recently third in a Jan. 7 Gulfstream allowance. The third choice in the wagering was unhurried early, rallied four wide on the far turn and passed Exquisite Affair with a rush to draw off by four lengths.

8th-GPX, \$34,000, Alw, 4yo/up, f/m, a1mT, 1:37 2/5, fm.

FINAL TANGO (GB) (f, 4, Danehill--Sombre Lady {GB}, by Sharpen Up {GB}) came from England last summer and won a Belmont allowance Sept. 18 before finishing seventh in the Oct. 12 Pebbles S. She was most recently second in the Nov. 6 Miss Liberty S. at the Meadowlands. The 7-2 shot saved ground while racing behind a good pace, drew even with the leaders entering the stretch and was all out to prevail by 3/4 of a length. Lifetime Record: SP-NA & Eng, 10-3-4-1, \$69,921.

O-Amerman Racing Stables. B-Satwa Farm (GB). T-Mark Hennig.

3rd-GPX, \$34,000, Alw, 3yo, f, a1 1/16mT, 1:45 1/5, fm.

GRAND VERANDA (f, 3, Montbrook--Bold Burst, by Dahar), unplaced on the main track in six starts, finished second in her turf debut at Calder three back and came into this a winner of her last two races, both on turf, at Calder Nov. 23 and Dec. 21. The 5-2 second choice sat just off the leaders to the far turn, took command inside the eighth pole and won by a length. Lifetime Record: 10-3-1-0, \$60,865.

O-Tartan Stable. B-Edward & Ashley Wiest (FL). T-James E Bracken.

4th-GPX, \$30,000, Msw, 3yo, 1 1/16m, 1:46 2/5, ft.

BOSTON PARTY (c, 3, Colonial Affair--Blushing Madame, by Blushing Groom {Fr}) missed by a nose over this trip two back and was most recently second by 1 3/4 lengths Jan. 16. The 8-5 second choice raced with the pace while three wide on the first turn, opened up a lead down the backstretch and drew clear to a 3 1/2-length victory. He is a half-brother to Man's Hero (Hero's Honor), GSW, \$134,625 and Rubiyat (Rubiano), MGSP, \$105,760. Lifetime Record: 4-1-2-0, \$28,800. O-Roberts Bea & Robert H. B-Streicher Stables (KY). T-Stanley M Hough.

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◆ NEW YORK ◆

Yesterday's Results:

3rd-AQU, \$45,000, Alw, 3yo, f, 6f, 1:10 4/5, wf.
T STORM (f, 3, Salt Lake--Tsu Lou, by Tsunami Slew) was claimed for \$40,000 Dec. 9 and came right back to win an allowance at Aqueduct Dec. 18. She then ran second in the Jan. 2 Ruthless S. and the Jan. 24 Busanda S. The 3-2 choice dueled for the lead on the inside, then drew off to an impressive five-length score over GSP Blushing Deed (Alydeed). Lifetime Record: MSP, 10-3-2-1, \$85,680.

O-R Kay Stables. B-Pegasus Stud & E Arriola (KY).

T-Rene A Araya.

8th-AQU, \$40,000, Alw, 4yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:10 4/5, ft.

CASABLANCA (f, 4, Gulch--Sermon Time {MSW, \$263,890}, by Silver Deputy) broke her maiden three back for a \$40,000 tag at Aqueduct Nov. 19, then finished seventh against \$50,000 claimers Dec. 11 going two turns for the first time. She was most recently third versus \$40,000 claimers Dec. 26. The 8-1 shot raced close to the pace early, came out three wide to take control in upper stretch and drew off to a 5 1/2-length score. Lifetime Record: 8-2-0-1, \$39,315.

O-Pont Street Stable. B-Schickedanz Bruno (Can).

T-Del W Carroll II.

◆ So. CALIFORNIA ◆

Wednesday's Southern California Work Tab:

Event of the Year (Seattle Slew) blew out a half mile in :48 2/5 yesterday for Saturday's GII Strub S...From the Bob Baffert barn, **Magical Allure** (General Meeting), possible for Sunday's GII La Cañada, worked five furlongs in :59 3/5 yesterday. Kentucky Derby winner **Real Quiet** (Quiet American) worked six furlongs in 1:11 1/5. Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies winner **Silverbulletday** (Silver Deputy) drilled seven furlongs in 1:26 and Fillies runner-up **Excellent Meeting** (General Meeting) went one mile in 1:37 2/5...**Ladies Din** (Din's Dancer), preparing for the Mar. 6 GII Arcadia H., worked a half mile in :47 3/5...**Brave Act (GB)** (Persian Bold {Ire}), probable for the Feb. 15 GII San Luis Obispo H., worked five furlongs on the main track in 1:00.

Gonzalez Injured in Training Mishap:

Trainer Paco Gonzalez suffered a slight fracture of his clavicle Wednesday morning at Hollywood Park. Gonzalez was galloping a full brother to multiple-graded stakes winner **Free House** (Smokester), the unraced three-year-old **The Big Smoke** (Smokester), when the colt veered suddenly, sending Gonzalez to the track. The 53-year-old conditioner was taken to Centinela Hospital in Inglewood. **Free House** will try to make amends for his younger brother's antics when he starts in Sunday's GII San Antonio H.

CMC Uses NTRA:

The recently formed California Marketing Committee, which represents racetracks, horsemen and the California Association of Racing Fairs, announced yesterday that it will be using National Thoroughbred Racing Association advertising in its inaugural campaign. The committee will administer a \$6 million fund to market horse racing. The fund was established from license fees based on Thoroughbred racing handle in the state. With the California tracks and the CMC committed to NTRA advertising, the total media expenditure could reach \$12 million statewide.

Yesterday's Results:

2nd-SAX, \$65,975, Alw, 4yo/up, f/m, 7f, 1:22 1/5, ft.
1--FONTAL (ARG), 118, m, 5, Southern Halo--Fontemar (Arg) (MG1SW-Arg), by Babar (Arg). O-Cobra Farm Inc; B-La Quebrada (Arg); T-Mike Puype. Lifetime Record: GSW-Arg, SW-NA, 15-5-4-3, \$190,214.

2--Morgan J., 117, f, 4, Strawberry Road--Fay Morgan, by Cox's Ridge.

3--Woodman's Dancer, 118, m, 5, Woodman--Pattern Step, by Nureyev.

Margins: 2, 2, HF. Odds: 3.00, 2.90, 1.20.

Fontal, a Group 3 winner in Argentina, won the E.B. Johnston S. at Fairplex Sept. 13, ran second in the Las Madras H. Sept. 25 and was third in the Cascapedia S. Oct. 16. Making her first start since, the 3-1 third choice chased the early leaders while four wide, continued to cut into the pace while wide on the turn, took over at the top of the lane and pulled away to a two-length score.

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.

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Southern California Report cont.

7th-SAX, \$62,000, Alw, Opt. Clm. (\$80,000), 4yo/up, 1 1/8mT, 1:50 2/5, fm.

1--FIBONACCI (IRE), 117, c, 4, Alzao--Kate Marie (SP-Fr), by Bering (GB). O-Couvercelle Jean; B-Ecurie Henochsberg-Lagasse (Ire); T-Derek Meredith. Lifetime Record: SP-Fr, 15-5-3-2, \$120,389.

2--The Editor (GB), 119, c, 4, Alzao--Litani River, by Irish River (Fr).

3--Lucayan Indian (Ire), 117, c, 4, Indian Ridge--Eleanor Antoinette (Ire), by Double Schwartz.

Margins: 1 1/4, 2 1/2, HD. Odds: 37.40, 4.10, 1.80.

Fibonacci finished ninth in his American debut Jan. 2 at Santa Anita last time out. The longest shot in the field of seven, the colt sprinted out to the early lead, set all the fractions and held off The Editor for the win.

5th-SAX, \$54,000, Alw, 4yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16m, 1:42 2/5, ft.

RACEY PLAYER (f, 4, A.P. Indy--Freesia, by Cox's Ridge) ran ninth in her debut in March at 6 1/2 furlongs at Santa Anita before an 11-length victory Apr. 19 at 1 1/8 at Keeneland. Off since finishing second at Churchill May 17, the filly was sent off the 2-1 favorite, took charge in upper stretch and drew off to win by seven lengths. Lifetime Record: 4-2-1-0, \$67,825. O-Cobra Farm Inc. B-Gary Player & W S Farish (KY). T-Mike Puype.

4th-SAX, \$47,000, Msw, 4/up, f/m, 1mT, 1:39 1/5, fm. + BUSHRA (f, 4, Danzig--Wedding Reception {SP}, by Round Table), a \$400,000 KEEJUL yearling, was the 2-1 second choice in her debut. The bay filly, bumped at the start, split rivals turning for home and was bumped again in upper stretch but began inching clear late en route to a 1/2-length tally. The winner is a full sister to Lech (MGSW, 398,607) and Crimson Guard (SW, \$281,988) and a half sister to Savina (Nijinsky II) (GSW, \$100,860). Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$28,200. O-Fahd Bin Salman. B-Calumet Farm (KY). T-N Drysdale.

1st-SAX, \$47,000, Msw, 4yo/up, f/m, 1mT, 1:38, fm. DESTINA (f, 4, Local Talent--Askmysecretary, by Secretariat), a half sister to Carsona (Carson City), GISP, \$174,862, had finished third over the turf sprinting at Hollywood Dec. 18, then ran fourth over the main at Santa Anita Jan. 18. The 4-1 shot took command of the race right out of the gate, set a moderate pace under a strong hold and held off all challengers to win by 1 3/4 lengths. Lifetime Record: 5-1-0-1, \$37,020. O-Carr, Coles & Padilla, Et Al. B-Triple C Thorostock (IL). T-Jack Saip.

◆ MIDWEST ◆

TTA Elects New Officers:

The Texas Thoroughbred Association announced its five new officers for 1999, as well as five new members of its Board of Directors. Michael Barnett was elected president of the board. Ken Quirk is first vice president, John Adger is second vice president, Sue Cook is the new secretary and Fred Currie is the new treasurer. All officers are elected for terms of one year. The new directors are Dr. Shirley Brown, Fred Currie, James Jackson, Susan O'Hara and Larry Smith. The TTA's Annual Awards Banquet will be held Jan. 30 in Austin, Texas. Trainer Michael Dickinson, who conditioned Da Hoss to win this year's Breeders' Cup Mile, is scheduled to speak during the banquet.

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ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

7th-AQU, \$41,710, (S), 4yo/up, 1 1/16m, 1:44, ft. STORM MAGEST (c, 4, Magesterial--Secretell, by Secretariat) Lifetime Record: 15-3-5-0, \$115,380. O-Roberts Bea & Robert H. B-Farrell Dennis W (NY). T-Stanley M Hough.

5th-AQU, \$40,000, (S), 4yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:12 3/5, ft. CAMIONETTE (f, 4, Tong Po--Allen's Girl, by Allen's Prospect) Lifetime Record: 18-4-2-3, \$49,920. O-Tuitions Due Stable. B-Gannon John E (NY). T-Robert P Klesaris.

8th-OPX, \$32,000, Opt. Clm. (\$40,000), 4yo/up, f/m, 1m, 1:39 3/5, ft. CHITKA (m, 5, Jade Hunter--Royal Herat, by Herat) Lifetime Record: 12-5-2-2, \$122,563. O-Melton Tina & Brennan Terry. B-Allen Paulson (Ky). T-Terry Brennan.

5th-OPX, \$27,000, 4yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16m, 1:47 3/5, ft. MISSION PARK (f, 4, Dixieland Band--Fretina {SW, \$141,465}, by Star de Naskra) Lifetime Record: SW, 10-3-3-2, \$139,011. O/B-Willmott Stable (KY). T-Peter M Vestal.

8th-LRL, \$22,500, 4yo/up, f/m, 1 1/8m, 1:54 2/5, ft. WILLA OF TORONTO (f, 4, Smelly--Whichello, by Baldski) Lifetime Record: 18-3-3-2, \$44,365. O-John S Barberino. B-Douglas W Millward (Md). T-Tim F Ritchey.

BREEDERS' CUP NATIONAL STAKES RACE CLOSINGS



<u>CLOSES</u>	<u>TRACK</u>	<u>RACE</u>	<u>CONDITIONS</u>	<u>PURSE</u>	<u>RUNS</u>
2-13	TAM	Tampa Bay Breeders' Cup S.	3yo/up, 1 1/16mT	\$50,000	2-20
2-20	HOU	John B. Connally BC Turf H.	3yo/up, 1 1/8mT	\$150,000	3-6

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◆ **PEDIGREE INSIGHTS** ◆
BY ANDREW CAULFIELD

SANTA CATALINA S.-GII, \$106,500, SAX, 1-31, 3yo, 1 1/16m, 1:42 4/5, gd.

1--@**GENERAL CHALLENGE**, 117, c, 3, General Meeting
1st dam: **Excellent Lady**, by Smarten.
2nd dam: **Northern Sea**, by Northern Dancer
3rd dam: **Sea Saga**, by *Sea Bird

O-Golden Eagle Farm; B-Mr & Mrs John C Mabee (CA); T-Bob Baffert; J-G L Stevens; \$63,900. Lifetime Record: 3-3-0-0, \$173,700.

When General Challenge kept his unbeaten record intact in the GII Santa Catalina S., it seemed fair to guess that this exciting colt's pedigree would not match up to his very encouraging performances. He is, after all, a California-bred son of an inexpensive California-based stallion.

However, a bit of research quickly reveals that the Mabees' General Meeting colt has a pedigree worthy of a potential Kentucky Derby challenger.

With Magical Allure, Excellent Meeting and Career Collection already to his credit, General Meeting is proving a good deal more effective as a stallion than he was as a racehorse. Indeed, he is fulfilling the potential of his illustrious bloodlines. His sire Seattle Slew won the Triple Crown and his broodmare sire Alydar would have done so as well, had he not been born the same year as Affirmed.

General Challenge's dam, Excellent Lady, won four times, repaying nearly all of the \$110,000 she cost John C. Mabee at Keeneland's 1987 July Yearling Sale. This Windfields-bred mare is a half-sister to Southern Halo, a Grade I performer who did so outstandingly well at stud in Argentina that he is now a member of Ashford's distinguished stallion team. Their dam, the GI Test S. winner Northern Sea, was a very talented daughter of Northern Dancer and the excellence continues down through the generations. General Challenge's third dam, the Sea Bird filly Sea Saga, was one of the best three-year-old fillies of 1971, when her victories included the Ladies H. over 1 1/4 miles. And his fifth dam, Lea Lark, made a lasting impression on the American industry through her Nasrullah fillies Leallah, Lea Lane and Lea Moon.

The Lea Moon branch is currently being represented by Lujain, Seeking The Gold's winner of the G1 Middle Park S. last October, so 1999 could turn out to be a memorable year for Lea Lark's descendants.

MAIDEN WINNERS:

Stage Run, g, 3, Claramount--Stage Style, by Gold Stage. AQU, 2-3, (S), 6f, 1:11 2/5. B-Edwin Wachtel (NY).

Boston Party, c, 3, Colonial Affair--Blushing Madame, by Blushing Groom (Fr). GPX, 2-3, 1 1/16m, 1:46 2/5. B-Streicher Stables (Ky). *1/2 to Man's Hero (Hero's Honor), GSW, \$134,625; Rubiyat (Rubiano), MGSP, \$105,760.

Wallhanger, g, 3, Lost Code--Liz's Axe, by Lucy's Axe. AQU, 2-3, (C), 1 1/16m, 1:46 2/5. B-Leroy S Close (Ky).

Mr. Seafarer, g, 3, Mr. Integrity--Apalachian Song, by Apalachee. SAX, 2-3, (S), (C), 1m, 1:37 1/5. B-Julius Zolezzi (Ca).

+ **Tiger Six**, c, 3, Tricky Six--Alydisia, by Jeblar. OPX, 2-3, (S), 6f, 1:13. B-Kaaren Biggs & Hays Biggs (Ar). *Won by 6 1/4 lengths.

+ **Bushra**, f, 4, Danzig--Wedding Reception (SP), by Round Table. SAX, 2-3, 1mT, 1:39 1/5. B-Calumet Farm (Ky). *\$400,000 yrl '96 KEEJUL. **1/2 to Savina (Nijinsky II), GSW, \$100,860; Full to Lech, MGSW, \$398,607; Crimson Guard, SW, \$281,988.

Heat of the Night, c, 4, Dynaformer--Dark Heat, by Flying Paster. GPX, 2-3, (C), 1 1/16m, 1:47 3/5. B-Save Shapiro & David Stark (Ky).

K Sera, f, 4, Flying Continental--Thoughtful Queen, by Bates Motel. SAX, 2-3, (S), (C), 6f, 1:11. B-Harris Ross (Ca). *\$40,000 yrl '96 CALAUG.

Destina, f, 4, Local Talent--Askmysecretary, by Secretariat. SAX, 2-3, 1mT, 1:38. B-Triple C Thorostock (Il). *\$20,000 wlng '95 KEENOV.

Swap the Truth, g, 5, Hail the Truth--Kitty Sunshine, by Harvard Man. AQU, 2-3, (C), 6f, 1:12. B-Just Resting Farm (Ny).



FOALING NEWS

IRISH IZZY, 12, Full Out--Suite Sixty (Blade)

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