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 $S \cdot A \cdot L \cdot E \cdot S$ RESULTS

END SWEEP COLT SETS STANDARD AT OBS-CALDER Swept Overboard (End Sweep--Sheer Ice {Cutlass}) brought a record final bid of \$525,000 to top yesterday's Ocala Breeders' Sales Company Selected Two-Year-Olds in Training Sale at Calder Race Course. The auction also set marks for gross and average. The sales-topping colt, consigned by Mark Casse, agent, turned in the fastest work of last Tuesday's Under Tack show when he zipped a quarter mile in :21 2/5. He was purchased by Narvick International. The sale's toppriced filly was hip number 65, a daughter of Out of Place--Rapt Attention (Iron Ruler). Consigned by Shadybrook Farm, agent, the grey filly brought a final bid of \$475,000 from Joan Wakefield, agent. She recorded the fastest quarter mile of Sunday's Under Tack Preview, covering the distance in :21 3/5.

ECLIPSE AWARD OF MERIT TO VAN CLIEF D. G. Van Clief Jr., president of Breeders' Cup Ltd. and a key player in the creation and launch of the National Thoroughbred Racing Association, has been named the 22nd recipient of the Eclipse Award of Merit. Van Clief will receive the award Feb. 16 at the 28th annual Eclipse Awards Dinner at the Sheraton Bal Harbour in Bal Harbour, Fl. He was chosen by a committee that consisted of Steven Crist, editor and publisher of Daily Racing Form, Pohla Smith, president of the National Turf Writers Association, Jay Privman of the NTWA, Nick Nicholson, executive director of The Jockey Club and William J. Dow, president of Daily Racing Form. "We feel that D.G. Van Clief Jr., through his association with Breeders' Cup Ltd. and the NTRA, has been a tireless contributor to the sport of Thoroughbred racing," explained Smith. "His rare ability to build a consensus for new ideas, together with his quick wit and engaging personality, have made him a uniquely effective leader. He is the epitome of what the Eclipse Award of Merit is meant to recognize."

STAKES CLOSINGS

TODAY, WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 10: 02-20 \$200,000 Fountain of Youth-I, GP,

3yo, 8.5f, (250)

02-21 \$125,000a Las Flores H.-III, SA,

4yo/up, f/m, (100)

02-21 \$100,000 Davona Dale.-II, GP, 3yo, f, 1m70yds, (100)

STOP

OBS-CALDER TOP FIVE COLTS

Price Dam Hip# Sire \$525,000 Sheer Ice **End Sweep** Consigned by Mark Casse, agent

Purchased by Narvick International

\$415,000 Valid Appeal All Power 151 (\$20,000 yrl '98 OBSAUG)

Consigned by Tony Bowling & Bobby Dodd, agent Purchased by Moreton Binn

Only Maisie \$400,000 Carson City 46 (\$55,000 yrl '98 KEESEP)

Consigned by Straightaway Farm, agent

Purchased by Moreton Binn \$400,000 **Crafty Prospector Delagating** 210 (\$170,000 yrl '98 FTSAUG)

Consigned by Eisaman Equine, agent Purchased by John C. Kimmel, agent

\$375,000 Meafara Relaunch 21 Consigned by Tony Bowling & Bobby Dodd, agent Purchased by Narvick International

OBS-CALDER TOP FIVE FILLIES

Price Dam Hip# Sire \$475,000 **Rapt Attention Out of Place** 65 Consigned by Shadybrook Farm (Michael Yates), agent

Purchased by Joan Wakefield, agent

\$350,000 **Tabasco Cat** Wood So 144 Consigned by Niall Brennan, agent Purchased by Katsumi Yoshida

\$350,000 Fit and Ready Tabasco Cat 222 (\$65,000 yrl '98 KEESEP)

Consigned by Desmond Castle Farm, Inc., agent Purchased by Moreton Binn

\$310,000 Pushy **Twining** 61 Consigned by Murray Smith, agent

Purchased by Todd Pletcher, agent

\$275,000 **Dancing Sue** Valid Appeal 206 (\$80,000 yrl '98 OBSAUG)

Consigned by Hartley/De Renzo Thoroughbreds, agent Purchased by B N Stable



OBS SELECTED 2YO SALE TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 1999

1998 SESSION TOTALS 1999 153 160 No. Sold \$12,564,000 \$16,454,000 Gross \$82,118 \$102.838 Average \$64,000 \$65,000 Median



(News cont.)

GOLD CUP TOPS HAWTHORNE STAKES

SCHEDULE The GIII Hawthorne Gold Cup, newly enriched to \$500,000, tops a \$2.275 million stakes schedule announced yesterday by Hawthorne Race Course President Thomas Carey and Racing Secretary Gary Duch. The 63rd running of the Gold Cup is scheduled for Oct. 9. In addition to the Gold Cup, there are two other graded races on the 21-event program. The \$250,000 GIII Hawthorne Derby will be run on Oct. 10 and the \$150,000 GIII Robert F. Carey Memorial H. will be run on July 24. The 108-day Hawthorne meet begins on July 1 and runs through Nov. 28. Racing will be conducted on a five-day per week basis with Monday and Tuesday the designated dark days.

◆ FOREIGN ◆

AMERICAN-BRED WINNER IN ENGLAND:

Deviletta, f, 3, Trempolino--Polish Devil, by Devil's Bag. Lingfield, 2-9, Call Sales & Marketing Maiden S., 3yo/up, 6f (AWT), \$5,919 to winner. O-Sheikh Mohammed; B-Calumet Farm; T-John Gosden. *\$180,000 yrl '97 FTSAUG.

Champagne Out of World Cup:

The 1998 Melbourne Cup runner-up Champagne (NZ) (Zabeel {NZ}) has not been training well and will be forced to miss next month's G1 Dubai World Cup. New Zealand-based trainer Laurie Laxon, who will not run her charge in Saturday's Waikato Draught Sprint at Te Rapa, said, "Her work simply wasn't up to scratch and everything hinged on her running on Saturday if she was to tackle the Australian Cup and Dubai World Cup."

◆ EAST ◆

Bothe Sues Meadowlands:

Meadowlands announcer John Bothe has sued the New Jersey track where he has worked for 20 years, according to yesterday's Harness Tracks of America newsletter. Bothe claims he is a compulsive gambler and the track is discriminating against him by asking him to handicap races on its nightly television show, thus raising the possibility that he could slip back into gambling habits.

♦ MIDWEST

Silver Goblin Returns:

Silver Goblin (Silver Ghost) makes his 1999 debut Thursday at Oaklawn Park. The eight-year-old grey gelding won the 1994 GIII Omaha Gold Cup, 1994 GIII Fairmont Derby and 1995 GII Razorback H. and finished second to two-time Horse of the Year Cigar in the 1995 GI Oaklawn H. Off for nearly two years, Silver Goblin returned to run four times last year, winning back-to-back Lone Star Park allowance races before ending the year with a runner-up finish in the Bob Johnson Memorial S. last June. The veteran runner has won 16 of 25 starts for earnings of \$1,076,895.

♦ INDUSTRY INFO

Jockey Club Issues Live Foal Reports:

The Jockey Club has mailed preprinted Live Foal Reports to all owners of mares bred in 1998. This is the second step in the registration process for foals of 1999 and should be completed within 30 days after the birth of the foal.

B·R·E·E·D·E·R·S EDITION

MAIDEN WINNER:

Gaelic Ransom, f, 4, Red Ransom--Gaelic Nymph, by Irish River (Fr). PHA, 2-9, a1m70yd, 1:44. B-Evans Edward P (Va). *\$21,000 HRA 1998 FTNNOV.

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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WEEKEND PEDIGREE PERSPECTIVES by Alan Porter

GULFSTREAM PARK BREEDERS' CUP H.-GI, \$200,000, GPX, 2-6, 3yo/up, 1 3/8mT, 2:10 3/5 (NCR), fm. 1--YAGLI, 121, h, 6, by Jade Hunter

1st Dam: Nijinsky's Best, by Nijinsky II 2nd Dam: Best In Show, by Traffic Judge 3rd Dam: Stolen Hour, by Mr. Busher O/B-Allen E Paulson (Ky); T-W I Mott; J-J D Bailey; \$120,000. Lifetime Record: 18-8-6-2, \$1,145,070.

The consistent Yagli had earned over a million dollars going into last weekend's GI Gulfstream Park Breeders' Cup H., but he had never captured a Grade I event. Here, with the help of pacemaking stable companion Rice, Yagli corrected that situation and set a new track record in the process.

Coincidentally, the Gulfstream Park H. was one of two Grade I events captured by Yagli's sire, Jade Hunter. A son of Mr. Prospector--Jadana (Ire) (Pharly {Fr}), Jade Hunter was unplaced in three starts in England at two. Jade Hunter returned to the U.S. at three and showed much better form, winning a maiden race at Hialeah and allowance contests at Hialeah, Gulfstream and Saratoga. He also came close to victory in two graded stakes, going down by a nose to Personal Flag in the GI Widener H. and by a neck to Sir Leon in the GII Seminole H. At age four, Jade Hunter looked destined for stardom after his first two starts brought him victories in the GI Donn H. and Gulfstream Park H.

Retired to Allen Paulson's Brookside Farms, Jade Hunter has never acquired a fashionable status, but he has actually carved out a very respectable record. In his his first six crops, he has produced 22 stakes winners including, in addition to Yagli, fellow Grade I scorers Stuka and Diazo; other graded winners Halory Hunter, Jade Flush, Best Friend Stro and A. P. Grand Prix; Canadian Grade I winner Classic Result; and Australia graded winners So Keen and Procrastinate.

Jade Hunter's broodmare sire, Pharly, is a son of Lyphard, which means that Jade Hunter is bred on a version of the extremely successful Mr. Prospector/Northern Dancer cross. What is interesting is to note how well Jade Hunter has responded to further

strains of Northern Dancer. Northern Dancer duplications appear in seven of Jade Hunter's 22 stakes winners. What is particularly striking is that they are found in five of 10 graded winners, and five of his seven North American graded stakes winners.

Northern Dancer through Nijinsky II seems a particularly strong factor here, appearing in the dams of graded winners Yagli, Stuka, Best Friend Stro and Classic Result, as well as the \$381,000 earner Vinista. This shouldn't come as any great surprise as inbreeding to Northern Dancer through Nijinsky II and other son strains appears to work extremely well, with the Nijinsky II/Lyphard pairing leading the way. Of course, Nijinsky II also has an affinity for Mr. Prospector, the sire of Jade Hunter. Mr. Prospector with any Northern Dancer stallion gives an opposite sex duplication of Native Dancer, but Mr. Prospector and Nijinsky II are also linked by similarities in the distaff side of their pedigrees. Mr. Prospector's third dam, Miss Dogwood, is bred on a similar Bull Dog/Blue Larkspur cross to Nijinsky II's broodmare sire, Bull Page. In addition, Mr. Prospector also carries the Kentucky Derby and Belmont winner Johnstown in his pedigree, while Nijinsky Il's granddam is by Omaha, a Triple Crown winner who is very closely related to the dam of Johnstown.

Of course we shouldn't overlook the influence of Yagli's female line. His granddam, Broodmare of the Year Best in Show (Traffic Judge), is a granddaughter of Alibhai. He is often seen in combination with Northern Dancer, probably because he is very closely related to Lady Angela, dam of Northern Dancer's sire, Nearctic.

Incidentally, for a broodmare who was still producing as recently as 1989, Best in Show has already left a remarkable legacy. When Yagli captured the Gulfstream Park Breeders' Cup H., he joined Blush With Pride (Blushing Groom {Fr}), Xaar (GB) (Zafonic), Aviance (Ire) (Northfields), Chimes of Freedom (Private Account), Spinning World (Nureyev), Chief Contender (Ire) (Sadler's Wells), Umatilla (NZ) (Miswaki), Hurricane Sky (Aus) (Star Watch {Aus}), Try My Best (Northern Dancer) and El Gran Senor (Northern Dancer) as the 11th Group 1 or Grade I

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winner to descend from her. Note too, that all of these, with the exception of Blush With Pride, have Northern Dancer in their pedigrees, and Blush With Pride herself has already produced Group/Graded stakes winners Smolensk (Danzig) and Better With Honour (Deputy Minister) to Northern Dancer line stallions.

PEDIGREE SHORTS

Keep an eye out for Scoot Yer Boots (f, 4, Seeking the Gold--Whirl Series, by Roberto). The lightly raced half sister to Grade I winner Furiously took her record to four-for-four when winning at Gulfstream Park last weekend. Scoot Yer Boots is a product of a cross which has always looked good on paper, but has only just begun to deliver the goods--Mr. Prospector

Roberto. In this particular pedigree the pair give Nashua 4 x 4 through the closely related Gold Digger (dam of Mr. Prospector) and Bramalea (dam of Roberto).

Success examples of inbreeding to the Rough Shod Il family seem to be appearing ever more frequently. The latest example we have noted is in Stylish Rosie (m, 6, Dreadnought--Pure Satin, by Cutlass), who took her record to five wins in six starts with a victory in the Paseana S. at Oaklawn Park. Stylish Rosie has Rough Shod II 3 x 5, as dam of her grandsire, Lt. Stevens, and third dam of her broodmare sire, Cutlass. Note too, that Stylish Rosie's sire is inbred 3 x 3 to Nasrullah, and her broodmare sire is inbred 3 x 3 to My Babu, whose dam is a very close relative to Nasrullah.

We note a most clever inbreeding in the pedigree of the GIII Brown Bess H. heroine Call Me (GB) (m, 6, Most Welcome {GB}--Stylish Sister {GB}, by Great Nephew {GB}). A \$1,480 yearling, Call Me is by a grandson of Northern Dancer. A look at the pedigree of the dam of Call Me shows the sisters Sybil's Sister/Lady Sybil 3 x 3. Sybils' Sister and Lady Sybil just happen to be three-parts sisters to Nearctic, the sire of Northern Dancer. The granddam, Ragirl, also has the close genetic relatives Ambiorix and My Babu close up in her pedigree (in the third and second

generations, respectively). Ambiorix is a half-brother to the dam of Turn-to, and My Babu is out of a very close genetic relative to Turn-to. It is, therefore, no surprise to see Turn-to appearing in the distaff side of Call Me's pedigree.



FATEFUL BEAUTY, 10, Turkoman--Poster Beauty (Codex)

Foal born 1-26-99, a filly by Dixieland Band. Will be bred back to You And I.

Owned by/boarded at Stonewall Farm, Granite Springs, NY.

Accomplishments: Dam of David (Mt. Livermore),

LADY CARLA (GB), 6, Caerleon-Shirley Superstar (GB) (Shirley Heights {GB})

Foal born, 1-26-99, a colt by Gone West.

Will be bred back to Zafonic.

Owned by Wafic Said.

Boarded at Lordship Stud, Newmarket.

Accomlishments: G1SW-Eng, \$351,492.

LAMPLIGHT, 7, Spectacular Bid--Arabic (*Nijinsky II) Foal born 1-26-99, a filly by Gilded Time. Will be bred back to Nurevev.

Boarded at Grass Valley Farm, Paris, Ky. Accomplishments: SW, \$110,010.

THRILLING DAY (GB), 6, Groom Dancer--Pushoff (Sauce Boat)

Foal born 1-26-99, a colt by Sky Classic.

Will be bred back to Diesis (GB).

Boarded at Winter Quarter Farm, Lexington, Ky.

Owned by Bloomsbury Stud.

Accomplishments: GSW-U.S. & Eng, \$190,346.

ANOTHER SPARKLE, 6, Son Of Briartic--Sparlette (*Spartakus)

Foal born 1-27-99, a filly by Candy Stripes.

Will be bred back to Candy Stripes.

Owned by and boarded at Taylor Made Farm,

Nicholasville, Kentucky.

Accomlishments: SW, \$105,862. First foal.



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