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FASIG • TIPTON RESULTS

BROCCO COLT SETS FASIG-TIPTON

RECORD "If you're going to be a bear," trainer Bob Baffert said yesterday, "be a grizzly bear." Baffert growled loudest of all at Tuesday's final session of the Fasig-Tipton Calder Two-Year-Olds in Training Sale in Florida, bidding a sales-record \$1.1 million on behalf of Aaron and Marie Jones for hip number 275, a son of Brocco--Dazzling Dixie (Dixieland Band). The bay colt was purchased for \$47,000 at last year's Keeneland September Yearling Sale by the partnership of Brian Kalmar, his father Dale, Tony Bowling and Bobby Dodd. Brian Kalmar, originally from Utah where his family was in residential construction, bought a farm in Ocala, Florida two years ago and is now a full-time horsemen. "We were able to get him at Keeneland because he was by Brocco and he was just a big, growthy, clumsy colt at the time," Kalmar said after turning the nifty profit. The sales-topper, who bested the Fasig-Tipton Calder record of \$1 million set last year, worked a quarter mile in :21.2 at the Feb. 21 Under Tack Show. The purchase marked the end of a successful sale for Baffert, who said, "We liked three horses at the sale and bought all three. It's nice to be in that position." Of the record two-year-old, the charismatic trainer added, "He's an outstanding individual." The underbidder on the colt was Katsumi Yoshida. John Oxley paid \$950,000 for the second high-priced two-year-old of the session, hip number 265, a colt by Miswaki--Cousin Margaret (Topsider). "I thought he could go for as much as one million," Oxley admitted. "Time will tell if he was worth it, but he has the looks and balance of a top-class horse." John Ward will train the dark bay, who was from the consignment of Robert Scanlon, agent. *Fasig-Tipton Sales results cont. p. 2*

FASIG-TIPTON TOP FIVE COLTS

Hip#	Sire	Dam	Price
275	Brocco	Dazzling Dixie	\$1,100,000
		(\$47,000 yrl '98 KEESEP)	
	Consigned by Welcome Gate Farm, agent Purchased by Aaron & Marie Jones		
265	Miswaki	Cousin Margaret	\$950,000
		(\$90,000 wnlg '97 FTKNOV)	
	Consigned by Robert N. Scanlon, agent Purchased by John C. Oxley		
313	Seattle Slew	French Binnana	\$825,000
	Consigned by Nick de Meric, agent Purchased by Roger King		
269	Twining	Crystal n Pennies	\$590,000
	Consigned by Nick de Meric, agent Purchased by Pegasus Bloodstock USA		
192	Thunder Gulch	A Gal for Gordo	\$500,000
		(\$170,000 yrl '98 FTSAUG)	
	Consigned by Bailey-Ellenberg Select, Jerry Bailey Sales Agency, agent Purchased by Dr. Dermot O'Byrne		

FASIG-TIPTON TOP FIVE FILLIES

Hip#	Sire	Dam	Price
130	Cherokee Run	Song of Syria	\$875,000
		(\$100,000 yrl '98 KEESEP)	
	Consigned by Mark Casse, agent Purchased by Stonerside Stable LLC		
262	Belong to Me	Concentric	\$700,000
		(\$105,000 yrl '98 FTKJUL)	
	Consigned by Robert N. Scanlon, agent Purchased by Dr. Dermot O'Byrne		
205	Dixieland Band	Andestine	\$625,000
	Consigned by McKathan Bros, agent Purchased by Blue Moon Racing		
190	Deputy Minister	Afleet Fatale	\$500,000
	Consigned by Wycombe House Stud, John Woelfel, agent Purchased by California Bloodstock		
323	Holy Bull	Goldminess	\$400,000
		(\$250,000 yrl '98 FTSAUG)	
	Consigned by Quality Farms, Inc. Eddie Woods, agent Purchased by Chester & Mary Broman		

STAKES CLOSINGS

TODAY, WEDNESDAY, MARCH 3:

- 03-13 \$750,000 Florida Derby-I, GP, 3yo, 9f, (3000)
- 03-13 \$250,000 San Felipe-II, SA, 3yo, 8.5f, (250)
- 03-13 \$100,000 Fort Lauderdale H.-III, GP, 3yo/up, 8.5ft, (100)
- 03-13 \$100,000 Swale-III, GP, 3yo, 7f, (100)
- 03-14 \$250,000 Santa Anita Oaks-I, SA, 3yo, f, 8.5f, (100)
- 03-16 \$200,000 Bonnie Miss-II, GP, 3yo, f, 8.5f, (250)



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◆ NEWS TODAY ◆


NO REPEAT FOR MALEK? Malek (Chi) (Mocito Guapo {Arg}), winner of the 1998 GI Santa Anita H., may pass Saturday's Big 'Cap, said trainer Dick Mandella, who is unsure if the timing of the race fits into his horse's schedule. "There's a small chance we won't run him, if everyone else goes," Mandella said. "Our thinking is, that with this horse, it might not be the right thing to do with him when we're trying to get him ready for the Dubai World Cup." Malek has made two starts this year, finishing second in both the Jan. 10 GI San Pasqual and the Feb. 7 GI San Antonio. Mandella will definitely start Event of the Year (Seattle Slew) and the GI Donn H. winner Puerto Madero (Chi) (Gallantsky) in the Big 'Cap, believing that the latter can handle what will be a rigorous schedule between now and Dubai. "Mr. (R.D.) Hubbard said that as long as the horse was in good shape and I didn't think the race would be detrimental to him, then we should consider the Santa Anita H. He came home (from Gulfstream Park) and I could hardly keep him on the ground. It would serve no purpose not to run." In other Santa Anita H. developments, Silver Charm (Silver Buck) worked five furlongs in :57 Monday, the fastest work at the distance among 44 horses. Jockey Gary Stevens was aboard. "He's very aggressive right now," Stevens said. "That's something we haven't seen in a while. I'm just crossing my fingers that I didn't do too much with him."

OBS-MARCH CATALOGS AVAILABLE Catalogs are now available for the Ocala Breeders' Sales Company's 1999 March Sale of Selected Two-Year-Olds in Training to be held Tuesday and Wednesday, Mar. 30 and 31. Both continuous sessions begin at 10 a.m. A total of 557 juveniles have been catalogued for the sale. The Under Tack Previews are set for 9 a.m. Saturday, Mar. 20 (Hips 1-278) and Sunday, Mar. 21 (Hips 279-557). The regular Under Tack Show gets under way at 9 a.m. Saturday, Mar. 27 and continues at 9 a.m. Sunday, Mar. 28.

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Fasig-Tipton Results cont. from p. 1

The top-priced filly of Tuesday's session was hip number 130, a daughter of Cherokee Run--Song of Syria (Damascus). Consigned to the sale by Mark Casse, agent, the filly brought a final bid of \$875,000 from Stonerside Stable LLC. "She is a very nice filly," said John Adger, agent for Stonerside. "I like her pedigree. Hopefully, if she turns out to be a stakes winner, she would be a welcome addition to the broodmare band." Adger added, "Hopefully, she will mature early. I like Cherokee Run and the broodmare family. I like the way she looks." The filly will be trained by Bob Baffert. Yesterday's session began with the sale of multiple graded stakes winner Chip (Norquestor). The six-year-old mare, consigned by Carolyn Hine, was purchased for \$480,000 by Abracadabra Farms. The second-session average of \$177,823 was up 21.8 percent from last year's corresponding figure of \$146,044. The two-day average of \$182,811 shot up 32.7 percent from the 1998 figure of \$137,712. The median increased 34 percent from \$97,000 in 1998 to \$130,000 in 1999. A total of 115 horses were reported as not sold.

 FASIG-TIPTON CALDER STATISTICS TUESDAY, MARCH 2, 1999			
SESSION TOTALS			
	1999	1998	
No. Sold	124	136	
Gross	\$22,050,000	\$19,862,000	
Average	\$177,823	\$146,044	
CUMULATIVE TOTALS			
	1999	1998	
No. Sold	180	191	
Gross	\$32,906,000	\$26,303,000	
Average	\$182,811	\$137,712	
Median	\$130,000	\$97,000	

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◆ PREVIEW ◆

Today, Santa Anita, post time 4:07 p.m. PST

BALDWIN S.-Gill, \$100,000, 3yo, a6½fT

PP HORSE	TRAINER	JOCKEY	ODDS
1 Queensland Star (Ire)	Vienna	Stevens	15-1
2 Outstanding Hero	Gregson	Delahoussaye	4-1
3 Admire the Flag	C Dollase	Nakatani	6-1
4 National Saint	Baffert	Desormeaux	8-1
5 Impressive Grades	Zucker	Black	3-1
6 Diggitt (Ire)	Vienna	Gomez	15-1
7 Actin Time	Frankel	Solis	10-1
8 Chomper (Ire)	Shulman	McCarron	20-1
9 Sea Twister	J Mayberry	Flores	20-1
10 Mujadene (Ire)	Pinfield	Valdivia	15-1
11 Thunder Dragon (Ire)	West	Pincay	12-1
12 Valley Don	Harrington	Sorenson	20-1
13 American Spirit	Baffert	Ramsammy	8-1

Sires: Queensland Star (College Chapel {GB}), Outstanding Hero (Sea Hero), Admire the Flag (Avenue of Flags), National Saint (Saint Ballado), Impressive Grades (Honor Grades), Diggitt (Waaajib {Ire}), Actin Time (Noactor), Chomper (Mujtahid), Sea Twister (Ghazi), Mujadene (Mujadil), Thunder Dragon (Zieten), Valley Don (Valley Crossing), American Spirit (Storm Boot). All carry 114 pounds, except Admire the Flag and Sea Twister, who carry 117.

Sea Twister won his first two starts early last year, including the Westchester S. at Hollywood in May. He then showed speed but faded to seventh against top two-year-olds in the Gill Hollywood Juvenile Championship July 19 and the Gill Best Pal S. at Del Mar Aug. 14. Off since, the chestnut colt has been working well and appeared to relish the Santa Anita turf with a Feb. 18 five-furlong work over the surface in a bullet 1:00. Thunder Dragon ran third in the G2 Lowther S. at York last August before finishing eighth in the G2 Champagne S. at Doncaster Sept. 11 last time out. Making his stateside debut, the Irish-bred appears to be the classiest of the European runners in the field. Impressive Grades won first time out over the Santa Anita main track Jan. 2, then came back to run second behind GII San Rafael S. third-place finisher Capsized Jan. 22. He makes his turf debut here.

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.

Today, Gulfstream Park, post time 5:08 p.m. EST

HERCOMESTHEBRIDE S.-Gill, \$75,000, 3yo, f, 9fT

PP HORSE	TRAINER	JOCKEY	ODDS
1 Seducer	Clement	Santos	4-1
2 Wild Heart Dancing	Standridge	Migliore	8-1
3 Pico Teneriffe	Pletcher	Bailey	2-1
4 Starship Lillian	Dwoskin	Nunez	30-1
5 Tres Coronas	Hough	Davis	10-1
6 European Rose	Wolfson	Velazquez	8-1
7 Danzignthemoonlite	Bond	Chavez	12-1
8 Perfect Sting	Byrne	Day	3-1
9 Princess Franny	Perry	Velez	20-1
10 Maasai Dance (Ire)	Arnold	Sellers	20-1
AE Here I Go	Walden	Sellers	8-1
AE Head Count	Howard	Day	8-1

Sires and Weights: Seducer (Housebuster), 118; Wild Heart Dancing (Farma Way), 112; Pico Teneriffe (Red Ransom), 116; Starship Lillian (Iam the Iceman), 112; Tres Coronas (Chief's Crown), 112; European Rose (Nureyev), 112; Danzignthemoonlite (Quiet American), 112; Perfect Sting (Red Ransom), 116; Princess Franny (Formal Dinner), 112; Maasai Dance (Suave Dancer), 112; Here I Go (Mr. Prospector), 114; Head Count (Forty Niner), 112.

Pico Teneriffe, the winner of last year's GIC Natalma S. at Woodbine, came off a 2½-month lay-off to score a commanding 5¾-length victory in the Gill Sweetest Chant S. over the Gulfstream turf Jan. 18. Seducer has won three times and finished second twice in five career turf starts. She took the Hollywood Wildcat S. two back at Calder Nov. 22 and was most recently a wide second in the Jan. 1 Tropical Park Oaks. Perfect Sting finished fourth in the GII Alciabiades S. two back and came back to win Keeneland's Green River S. by 3½ lengths in her first turf start Oct. 29. She hasn't been out since, but could run big if Pat Byrne has her ready.

FOALING NEWS:

VENISE, 14, Nureyev--Virunga (Fr) (Sodium {GB})

Foal born 2-11-99, a filly by Southern Halo.

Will be bred back to Woodman.

Boarded at Clovelly Farms, Ky.

Owned by Allez France Stables Limited.

Accomplishments: Dam of Verveine (Lear Fan), Hwt Older Mare-Fr 7-9.5f, MGSW-Fr, GSP-HK, \$277,756-Fr & N.A.; Vetheuil (Riverman), GSW-Fr, SW-N.A., \$317,432.

Best Pal's breeder JOHN MABEE, winner of the Eclipse Award for Outstanding Breeder of 1998, will be the Guest Moderator TONIGHT at 6 p.m. Eastern on

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◆ FOREIGN ◆

Japanese Stakes Results:

LAUREL R.C. SHO NAKAYAMA HIMBA S.-G3-Jpn, \$723,476, Nakayama Racecourse, Japan, 2-28, 4yo/up, f/m, 9fT, 1:48.4, fm.

1--**@NARITA LUNA PARK (JPN), 117, f, 4, by Brian's Time**

1st Dam: Luna Park (Jpn) (GSP-Jpn), by Northern Taste

2nd Dam: Cyclas, by Sword Dancer

3rd Dam: Cycle, by Cyclotron

O-Hidenori Yamaji; B-Hayata Farms; T-Masaki Okubo;

J-Tetsuzo Sato; \$378,389. Lifetime Record: 15-4-3-1.

*1/2 to Pegasus (Jpn) (Rivlia), MSW-Jpn, \$933,091.

2--**Mejiro Dober (Jpn), 128, m, 5, Mejiro Ryan (Jpn)--**

Mejiro Beauty (Jpn), by Partholon (GB). O-Mejiro

Shoji; B-Mejiro Stud; \$152,726. *Ch. 2yo & 3yo

Filly-Jpn.

3--**Hokko Beauty, 117, m, 5, Gulch--Contredance, by**

Danzig. (\$140,000 yrl '95 KEEJUL). O-Koichi Yabe;

B-Kennelot Stables, Ltd. (Ky); \$98,670.

Margins: 2, 3/4, 1/2. Odds: 22.80, 2.20, 42.00.

Narita Luna Park, coming off a fifth-place effort in the

Jan. 30 Kyoto Himba Tokubetsu, settled just off the

early pacesetters before charging through an opening

on the rail in the stretch and drawing off to her first

graded stakes victory. Winning jockey Tetsuzo Sato

said, "We broke cleanly and sat off the pace. Around

the final turn, she really wanted to run. I think she'll

improve from here." Two-time champion and the

highweight in the race Mejiro Dober couldn't match

strides with the winner late and finished second.

ARLINGTON CUP-G3-Jpn, \$685,554, Hanshin Race-
course, Japan, 2-28, 3yo, 8fT, 1:35.8, fm.

1--**EISHIN CAMERON, 128, c, 3, by With Approval**

1st Dam: Above the Salt, by Master Derby

2nd Dam: Salt in My Stew, by Dr. Blum

3rd Dam: Cream in My Coffee, by Tompion

(\$110,000 yrl '97 KEESEP). O-Toyomitsu Hirai;

B-Happy Hill Farm (Ky); T-Masanori Sakaguchi;

J-Yutaka Take; \$362,104. Lifetime Record: 6-4-2-0.

*2--**Bio Master, 121, c, 3, Strolling Along--Welsh**

Garden (Ire), by Welsh Saint (GB). (\$120,000 wnlg

'96 KEENOV). O-Harumi Tanaka; B-Dermot Cantillon

(Ky); \$144,249.

3--**Tai Crusher (Jpn), 121, c, 3, Commander in Chief**

(GB)--Tai Ran Ran (Jpn), by Royal Ski. O-Meitai

Kogyo; B-Meitai Bokujo; \$89,971.

Margins: 1 1/2, NO, 1 3/4. Odds: 2.10, 4.40, 81.80.

*DQ from first and placed second.

ARLINGTON CUP-G3-Jpn results cont.

Eishin Cameron ran second behind 1998 Japanese juvenile champion Admire Cozzene in the G1 Asahi Hai Sansai S. last December and was runner-up in his '99 debut, the Feb. 7 G3 Kisaragi S. The colt would have been second in a third straight graded event, but for the disqualification of Bio Master who was first under the wire. Eishin Cameron, always close, was rallying down the stretch when Bio Master came out and forced him to check. "We broke well and had the leader measured the whole way," said winning rider Yutaka Take. "I thought I was in the ideal position and felt my horse was ready to deliver his challenge when we came into the stretch."

AMERICAN-BRED WINNER IN ENGLAND:

Green Bopper, g, 6, Green Dancer--Wayage, by Mr.

Prospector. Southwell, 3-1, Pyrenees H., 3yo/up,

1 3/8m (AWT), \$5,940 to winner. O-Wetherby

Racing Bureau 35; B-Lucy Bassett; T-G Woodward.

*1/2 to Secrage (Secreto), Hwt. filly-lty at 2, GSW-lty,

GSP-Eng, \$128,831. **\$80,000 yrl '94 KEESEP.

AMERICAN-BRED WINNER IN ITALY

Zakros, c, 4, Lost Code--Explodent Design, by

Explodent. Napoli, 3-1, Premio Sperlonga (Cond.),

4yo/up, 1mT, \$4,667 to winner. O-Scuderia C.

Anacleria; B-William C Miller & Robert McCann; T-G

Mangiapia. *\$10,000 yrl '96 KEESEP.

◆ MIDWEST ◆

Delta Downs Raises Purses:

Delta Downs will raise purses across the board, effective Mar. 4. Thoroughbred purses will be raised \$1,000 each. Total handle has risen substantially during the track's first 27 race days, precipitating the purse increase.

◆ SO. CALIFORNIA ◆

Upgrades at Del Mar:

The Del Mar Fairgrounds will spend approximately \$14.9 million in capital improvement projects over the next five years to upgrade infrastructure and facilities on its 400-acre property. Among the upgrades of approximately \$3.3 million to be completed in 1999 are the complete resurfacing of the main track utilized for the annual Del Mar Thoroughbred meet.

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ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

5th-HAW, \$29,000, (S), 3yo/up, a1m70yd, 1:45 1/5, sy.

MINISTER RON (c, 4, The Prime Minister--Moneymakin Mommy, by Top Command) Lifetime Record: 18-3-1-5, \$73,763. O-Asiel Stable. B-J M Levitch (IL). T-Richard P Hazelton.

9th-PHA, \$22,155, 4yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:09 4/5, ft.

BOBBYREA (m, 5, Classic Account--Wind Abeam, by Rollicking) Lifetime Record: 23-9-3-3, \$154,032. O-Fox Hill Farms Inc. B-David W Brooks (Ga). T-John C Servis.

8th-PHA, \$22,100, 3yo, f, a1m70yd, 1:42, gd.

VICENZA (f, 3, Lord Carlos--Natmar, by Silver Badge) Lifetime Record: 11-2-2-2, \$42,199. O-Woodvale Farm. B-Mr & Mrs Charles A Cuprill (Pa). T-Charles A Cuprill.

MAIDEN WINNERS:

Mr. Reignmaker, c, 3, Majestic Light--Azusa (MSW, \$189,272), by Flying Paster. BMX, 2-28, 1 1/16mT, 1:48 2/5. B-Nicoletti & Quinn Stable (Ky). *\$87,000 yrl '97 KEESEP.

Runaway Victor, c, 3, Runaway Groom--Presence Galore, by Deputy Minister. FGX, 3-1, 1m (off turf), 1:40. B-BJB Thoroughbreds (IL).

Scale, g, 3, Sultry Song--Porizkova, by Polish Navy. FGX, 3-1, 1m (off turf), 1:39 1/5. B-Kirkham-Ewing Partnership & Claiborne Farm (Ky).

+ Beaming Sunshine, f, 3, Zalipour--Mrs. Peel, by Little Current. GPX, 3-1, (C), 6f, 1:11 2/5. B-Rosamond Hardy (FI). *\$7,500 2yo 1998 OBSAPR.

Compressed, f, 4, Green Forest--Affirm the Gold, by Golden Act. TAM, 3-2, 6f, 1:13. B-Marvin Little Jr & James Iselin (Ky). *\$22,000 yrl '96 KEESEP; \$45,000 2yo 1997 FTFEB.

Golden Hussy, f, 4, Prospector's Halo--My Lady Dot, by Always Gallant. GPX, 3-1, 7f, 1:25. B-Cable Lisa A (FI). *\$8,500 2yo 1997 OBSJUN.

Taliquill, f, 4, Talinum--Quill Joy, by Harry's Secret Joy. HAW, 3-2, (S), 6f, 1:14 1/5. B-Earl Washington (IL).

Puppet Master, g, 4, Woodman--November Sunrise, by Danzig. PHA, 3-2, 7f, 1:24 3/5. B-Ballet Stable (FI). *\$120,000 wing '95 KEENOV; \$475,000 yrl '96 KEEJUL.

WEEKEND PEDIGREE PERSPECTIVES

by Alan Porter

Sunday, Santa Anita:

SAN RAFAEL S.-GII, \$200,000, SAX, 2-28, 3yo, 1m, 1:36 2/5, ft.

1--#@DESERT HERO, 116, c, 3, by Sea Hero

1st Dam: Multiply, by Easy Goer

2nd Dam: Add, by Spectacular Bid

3rd Dam: Number, by Nijinsky II

(\$575,000 yrl '97 KEESEP). O-The Thoroughbred Corporation; B-Vinery & Hargus Sexton (KY); T-Wallace Dollase; J-C S Nakatani; \$120,000. Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, \$147,000.

When he retired to stud in 1988, Polish Navy appeared to have all the credentials for sire success. A son of Danzig out of a half-sister to Buckpasser, he won the GI Champagne S. and GI Cowdin S. at two, as well as the GI Woodward S. and GII Jim Dandy S. at three. Sadly, however, Polish Navy got off to a poor start to his stud career, and at the end of the 1991 breeding season he was exported to Japan.

Typically, once Polish Navy had left the country his record began to improve. In 1992, his three-year-old Ghazi captured the GI Secretariat S. while two-year-old Sea Hero scored a 5 3/4-length victory in the GI Champagne S. Of course, the following year Sea Hero recorded a long-awaited GI Kentucky Derby triumph for his owner, the late Paul Mellon, and later in the season he annexed the GI Travers S.

That Sea Hero should turn out to be the best of his sire's offspring comes as no surprise to students of pedigree patterns. We have written on more than one occasion that inbreeding and linebreeding to genetic relatives from the La Troienne family is just about the most powerful factor for upgrading (or maintaining) ability in the modern North American Thoroughbred. Viewed in this light, the mating which produced Sea Hero was a wonderful one. Polish Navy's granddam, Busanda, was by War Admiral out of a daughter of La Troienne. Sea Hero's dam, Glowing Tribute, is a granddaughter of Searching, who is also by War Admiral out of a daughter of La Troienne. Thus, Sea Hero had the three-quarters related Busanda/Searching 3 x 3 in his pedigree.

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Pedigree perspectives cont.

It appears that Vinery & Hargus Sexton had been doing some pedigree research when they decided to breed their unraced Easy Goer mare Multiply to Sea Hero in his first season at stud. Multiply's sire, Easy Goer (Alydar) is out of Champion Relaxing (Buckpasser), who had La Troienne 4 x 4 in a very similar pattern to Sea Hero, once as granddam of Busanda, and once as dam of Big Hurry (dam of Searching in Sea Hero). Therefore, the resultant Sea Hero--Multiply mating gives Busanda/Searching 4 x 4 x 5, with Searching's dam, Big Hurry, 5 x 6.

This mating paid an excellent return as the Sea Hero--Multiply colt realized \$575,000 at the 1997 Keeneland September Yearling Sales, the highest of Sea Hero's 30 first-crop yearlings. Named Desert Hero by his new owners The Thoroughbred Corporation, the colt was kept off the track at two by a toe infection. In his belated debut, a 6½-furlong Santa Anita maiden in early February, Desert Hero skated home by two lengths. From there, it was straight into graded-stakes competition for Sunday's GII San Rafael S., where Desert Hero put up a remarkable display for a lightly raced colt, overcoming serious trouble to beat the highly rated Prime Timber (Sultry Song) by a neck.

In recording this victory, Desert Hero became the first stakes winner for his sire, and yet another stakes winner with notable inbreeding or linebreeding to genetic relatives.

PEDIGREE SHORTS

One of the leading New York-bred sprinters of the moment is Kashatreya (h, 5, Daring Groom--Douce Carotte, by Caro), winner of Sunday's Hollie Hughes H. at Aqueduct. By a son of Blushing Groom and with a second dam by Nijinsky II, Kashatreya is yet another horse to benefit from the relationship between Spring Run (dam of Blushing Groom's sire, Red God) and Flaming Page, the dam of Nijinsky II, who both carry Menow and Bull Dog. In addition, Kashatreya also carries linebreeding to the mare Anchor's Ahead and her brother, War Relic. The Nijinsky II/Red God combination also captured the G1 Chipping Norton S. at Warwick Farm in Sydney, Australia, courtesy of Tie the Knot (Aus) (g, 5, Nassipour -- Whisked {Aus}, by Whiskey Road). The sire is a grandson of Red God and the broodmare sire is a son of Nijinsky II.

The latest Australian juvenile sensation is the G1 Blue Diamond S. winner Redoute's Choice (c, 2, Danehill--Shantha's Choice, by Canny Lad). Now favorite for the G1 Golden Slipper S., Redoute's Choice owns a pedigree with a number of familiar patterns. His granddam Dancing Show is by Nijinsky II, which means Northern Dancer appears 3 x 4 with his dam, Natalma, 4 x 4 x 5. There are two crosses of Tom Fool to combine with Nijinsky II's dam, Flaming Page (both carrying Menow and Bull Dog), and Busanda and Mr. Busher, three-parts sister and brother from the La Troienne family are 5 x 6. In addition, Redoute's Choice is at least the fifth stakes winner by Danehill out of a Bletchingly line mare, a combination which probably works because of the very close relationship between Petitioner (granddam of Danehill's sire, Danzig) and Last Judgement (granddam of Bletchingly).

Tuzla (Fr) (m, 5, Panoramic {GB}--Turkeina {Fr}, by Kautokeino {Fr}), winner of the GII Buena Vista H., has developed into one of the West Coast's leading older mares. At first glance, the great-granddaughter of Blushing Groom appears to have a rather outcross pedigree, but there are at least two very clever genetic relationships. First, the three-quarters related Spring Run and Tom Fool are 5 x 5. Secondly, and less obviously, Tuzla has two other genetic relatives as Aimee (granddam of Blushing Groom) and Red Briar (third dam of Tuzla's broodmare sire, Kautokeino) are also 5 x 5.

The nature of Salt Lake's pedigree dictates that most of his offspring have somewhat outcross pedigrees. This is also true of Dash of Salt (f, 4, Salt Lake--Jettapart, by Tri Jet) who won the Marigold H. at Turfway Park last weekend. None the less, she does have an interesting pedigree, with Tom Fool 6 x 4 x 4, and Hipparete, a sister to Tom Fool's sire, Menow, in the fifth generation.

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