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FLORIDA DERBY WRAP-UP The top three finishers in the GI Florida Derby may hook up again in the Apr. 10 GI Toyota Blue Grass S. at Keeneland after exiting Saturday's race in fine shape. The Florida Derby winner Vicar (Wild Again) was in great shape Sunday morning, jogging around the Gulfstream track. "He proved himself yesterday," said trainer Carl Nafzger. "Now he has to prove that he's the best of all of them." Wondertross (Chief's Crown), a fast-closing second on Saturday, is "moving forward," according to trainer Nick Zito. Cat Thief (Storm Cat), third in the Florida Derby, is all ready for the rematch, according to trainer D. Wayne Lukas. "He was raising hell in the test barn and he was raising hell this morning," Lukas said. "I was surprised at how well he pulled up because I thought, at the time, it was a tough race with them all going head to head. It makes me wonder if we got all there was from him, which we probably didn't." Fourth-place finisher Certain (Out of Place) will likely start in the Apr. 10 GII Arkansas Derby, although the Blue Grass remains a possibility. Grits'n Hard Toast (Bates Motel) came out of his ninth-place finish Saturday with a lung infection. "The first thing we are going to do is to treat him and get him back in tip-top shape," said trainer and part-owner T.V. Smith.

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HASSINGER Trainer Wally Dollase, who had worked as a private trainer for Prince Ahmed bin Salman's The Thoroughbred Corp., was relieved of those duties Saturday night, according to trainer Alex Hassinger, who said he will take over the majority of the horses. Dollase signed a three-year contract with The Thoroughbred Corp. in December, 1997. He trained the stable's Desert Hero (Sea Hero) to win the Feb. 28 GII San Rafael S. "Obviously, this is a great opportunity," said Hassinger, who handled juvenile champion Eliza while training for Allen Paulson. "I'd rather not comment on Wally. It's just one of those things."

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Sunday, Santa Anita:

SANTA ANITA OAKS-GI, \$250,000, SAX, 3-14, 3yo, f, 1 1/16m, 1:43 1/5, ft.

1--**EXCELLENT MEETING**, 117, f, 3, by General Meeting

1st Dam: Fitted Crown, by Chief's Crown

2nd Dam: Close Control, by Dunce

3rd Dam: Self Control, by Better Self

O-Golden Eagle Farm; B-Mr & Mrs John C Mabee (KY); T-Bob Baffert; J-K J Desormeaux; \$150,000.

Lifetime Record: MGISW, 10-6-3-1, \$1,043,824.

* Full to Crowning Meeting, SP, \$280,369.

2--**Tout Charmant**, 117, f, 3, Slewvescent--Charm a

Gendarme, by Batonnier. O-Walter Family Trust;

B-The Robert H Walter Family Trust (KY); \$50,000.

3--**Gleefully**, 117, f, 3, Septieme Ciel--Secret Threat, by

Mr. Leader. (\$60,000 yrl '97 KEESEP). O-Brown Carl

I; B-North Cliff Farms, Inc (KY); \$30,000.

Margins: NK, 6HF, 4. Odds: 0.10, 8.50, 57.10.

Also Ran: Fee Fi Foe, Rayelle, Wisa.

The Bob Baffert juggernaut rolled on. A day after stablemate Silverbulletday won the GIII Fair Grounds Oaks, Excellent Meeting was seeking her third straight Grade I win after taking the Dec. 13 Hollywood Starlet and the Feb. 13 Las Virgenes. The bay filly, off a tad slowly, angled out three wide down the backstretch to take the lead. She inched away from the field down the stretch and determinedly held off fellow Baffert trainee Tout Charmant in the final strides. "I think Kent rode this filly the way he rode Real Quiet last week (in the New Orleans H.)--with a little too much confidence," said Baffert assistant Eoin Harty. "He didn't give any credit to Tout Charmant, and I knew Tout Charmant had improved a lot since her last race (a second in the Las Virgenes). I don't think you can move at the five-eighths pole and think you're going to gallop away. Regardless of who's in it, a Grade I's a Grade I." Winning jockey Kent Desormeaux commented, "I put her in the position I put her in today because she was much the best and she got her picture taken." Jockey David Flores almost scored his second graded stakes win of the weekend on the less touted Baffert in the race. Saturday, he guided Prime Timber to victory against the previously unbeaten Exploit. On Tout Charmant yesterday, Flores said, "When I asked her today, she really responded and showed me another gear and I was like, 'Wow!' For a second there, I thought she was going to win it." There was a minus show pool of \$119,635.76 on the race, the largest of the 58-day old meet.

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Sunday, Fair Grounds:

LOUISIANA DERBY-GII, \$640,000, FGX, 3-14, 3yo, 1 1/16m, 1:43 2/5, ft.

1--@KIMBERLITE PIPE, 122, c, 3, by Take Me Out
 1st Dam: Rajas Secret, by Storm Bird
 2nd Dam: Jellapore, by Raja Baba
 3rd Dam: Two Rings, by Round Table
 (\$11,000 yrl '97 KEESEP). O-Prairie Star Racing & John D Gunther; B-William Lussky (KY); T-Dallas Stewart; J-R J Albarado; \$384,000. Lifetime Record: 10-4-0-1, \$483,083.

2--Answer Lively, 122, c, 3, Lively One--Twosies
 Answer, by Two's a Plenty. O/B-John A Franks (KY); \$128,000.

3--Ecton Park, 122, c, 3, Forty Niner--Daring Danzig, by Danzig. O-Stanley Mark H; B-E A Cox Jr (KY); \$70,400.

Margins: HD, HD, 2 1/4. Odds: 21.70, 1.80, 4.10.
 Also Ran: Valhol, General Challenge, Stellar Brush, Silver Chadra, Royal Hero.

Kimberlite Pipe finished third, beaten just a half length by Ecton Park and Answer Lively, at 72-1 in the Feb. 21 Risen Star S., but was not given a big chance to repeat the effort as a longshot once again here. Proving the race was no fluke, however, the bay recovered after bobbling at the break, raced just off the early leaders, then found running room up the rail in deep stretch and proved toughest, taking the three-way photo for the victory. "He had a little trouble (in the Risen Star) and since then he has trained really forwardly," trainer Dallas Stewart said. "He moved up from that race. We thought he'd fire big here. He had a little trouble around the turn, but once he got clear he dug in and hung tough." The colt's next start has not been decided. Last year's champion two-year-old Answer Lively, the second choice, was never far from the lead while racing wide on both turns and finished well, but had to settle for second. Ecton Park saved ground from just off the pace, angled to the outside for the stretch drive, loomed boldly at the eighth pole, but couldn't get past the top two. The 9-10 choice General Challenge (General Meeting), unbeaten in his first three starts, lunged at the break and was last for a half, made a bid at the top of the stretch, but weakened in the drive and was fifth. "When you get left like that in a race like this, it leaves a lot to do," jockey Gary Stevens said. "He just got tired. He needs some experience." There was a foul claimed against the first two finishers lodged by the rider of fourth-place finisher Valhol (Diazo), a maiden making his second start at 107-1 who took the lead at the top of the lane and then was steadied while dropping back between horses in the final sixteenth, but the claim was not allowed.

◆ **P R E V I E W** ◆

Tuesday, Gulfstream Park:

BONNIE MISS S.-GII, \$200,000, 3yo, f, 1 1/16m

The field of five, from the rail out, will be: Marley Vale (Forty Niner), 117; Olympic Charmer (Olympio), 117; Three Ring (Notebook), 122; Gold From the West (West by West), 117; and Danzignthemoonlite (Quiet American), 114.

(News cont.)

BARRETT'S PREVIEW RESULTS Sweep the Country (End Sweep), who will sell Tuesday as hip number 156, turned in the fastest furlong work of Sunday's Training Preview for the Barretts March Sale of Selected Two-Year-Olds in Training in Pomona, California. From the consignment of Jerry Bailey Sales Agency, the two-year-old completed the drill in :10.16. The fastest quarter-mile work was turned in by hip number 48, a colt by Gulch--Net Dancer (Nureyev). The dark bay covered the distance in :21.68. He was consigned by Nick de Meric, agent. The sale begins Tuesday at 2 p.m.

DERBY FUTURES POOL TWO CLOSES In the final hours of Pool Two of Churchill Downs' Kentucky Derby Future Wager, the betting public made GI Florida Derby runner-up **Wondertross** (Chief's Crown) and GI Santa Anita Oaks winner **Excellent Meeting** (General Meeting) first and second choices for the May 1 Derby. The pool closed at 4:30 p.m. EST Sunday. Wondertross closed as the 8-1 favorite, with Excellent Meeting at 9-1. **Exploit** (Storm Cat), who suffered his first defeat in Saturday's GII San Felipe S. and was favored in Pool One, closed at 14-1 in Pool Two. Fans at racetracks and satellite wagering centers in Kentucky and 15 other states wagered \$178,811 during the four-day pool that opened on Thursday, March 11. Derby fans wagered \$88,283 during the final four-and-a-half hours of the pool on Sunday. Pool Two's mutuel handle was smaller than the \$267,748 wagered during the wager's first pool, which ran Feb. 18-21. Pool Three of the Kentucky Derby Future Wager is scheduled for April 8-11.

WINTER WEATHER CANCELS RACING Laurel and Turfway Parks were forced to cancel racing yesterday when a winter storm moved across the area. It was the first canceled race card at Turfway since Jan. 21. Live racing is scheduled to resume at the Kentucky track on Wednesday night with a first post time of 7 p.m. Racing at Laurel will also resume on Wednesday with various St. Patrick's Day festivities. Post time is 1:10 p.m.

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◆ FLORIDA ◆

Yesterday's Results:

DE LA ROSE H.-GIII, \$75,000, GPX, 3-14, 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16mT, 1:42 1/5, fm.

1--LOVERS KNOT (GB), 114, f, 4, by Groom Dancer

1st Dam: Nemea, by The Minstrel

2nd Dam: Donna Inez, by *Herbager

3rd Dam: Banja Luka, by Double Jay

O-Cheveley Park Farm; B-The Overbury Stud (GB);

T-Christophe Clement; J-J D Bailey; \$45,000.

Lifetime Record: GSW-Eng, 11-2-3-2, \$130,055.

2--Pleasant Music, 114, m, 5, Pleasant Tap--African

Music, by Stop the Music. (\$82,000 yrl '95 KEESEP;

\$185,000 2yo 1996 KEEAPR). O-Heiligbrodt Racing

Stable; B-Highclere & Wickes (KY); \$15,000.

3--Zinfandoll, 114, m, 5, Sky Classic--Gold Shadow, by

Mr. Prospector. O-Nichols Thomas L; B-Thomas L &

Maxine Nichols (KY); \$8,250.

Margins: HD, NO, 1. Odds: 1.60, 9.20, 16.70.

Also Ran: Circus Charmer, Bursting Forth, Roberta T.,

Mudslinger, I. C. Cindy. Scratched: Timely Broad.

The winner of the G2 Falmouth S. at Newmarket last

July, Lovers Knot ended her European campaign with

third-place finishes in both the Aug. 29 G2 Celebration

Mile and Oct. 17 G2 Challenge S., missing by only a

head in that performance. She made her U.S. bow in

the GIII Cardinal H. at Churchill in November and finished

fifth, then switched from trainer Michael Stoute's

stable to that of Chris Clement and was second by a

neck in the GIII Joe Namath H. over this course Jan. 20

and most recently fifth in the GIII Suwanee River H. on

Feb. 14. The crowd's choice to pick up her first Amer-

ican victory this time, the bay was taken up at the start

and rated off slow early fractions for a half, then

gunned up to take the lead on the final bend and

outgamed pacesetter Pleasant Music to the finish to

take the photo. "There was no pace," jockey Jerry

Bailey said. "I got her out down the backside...I didn't

know if she could win moving that early, but I knew

that she couldn't win sitting behind that slow pace. I

took a chance and it worked." This was the final start

for Lovers Knot, who will now return to her owner's

Cheveley Park Farm in England to be bred.

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.

3rd-GPX, \$38,000, Alw, 4/up, f/m, 6 1/2f, 1:17 2/5, ft.

SCOOT YER BOOTS (f, 4, Seeking the Gold--Whirl

Series {SP}, by Roberto), a 1/2 to Fiercely (Danzig),

MGSP, \$108,952; and Furiously (Danzig), GISW,

\$457,228, has been raced sparingly, but has yet to

make a mistake in her limited appearances. A winner

twice over this track last season, the bay then was

sidelined for three months before taking a Belmont

allowance test June 19 in her final start at three. She

returned after nearly eight months on the bench to

score by 5 1/4 lengths in a Gulfstream allowance Feb.

7. The 3-10 chalk to make it five-for-five, the Mill

House homebred followed pacesetter Lily O'Gold (Slew

o'Gold) to the stretch before powering to the lead and

pulling away to best that rival by 3 1/4 lengths. Life-

time Record: 5-5-0-0, \$104,400.

O/B-Mill House (KY). T-Claude McGaughey III.

10th-GPX, \$32,000, Alw, 3yo, f, 6f, 1:11 3/5, ft.

BETTY'S STAR (f, 3, Pentelicus--Grand Betty {SP}, by

Copelan), a winner of her debut last June at

Monmouth, ran second in the Colleen S. in her third

outing before a third-place effort in the GIII Sorority. Off

since that Aug. 15 effort, the filly was off at 4-1 and

led every step of the way while eking out a head win.

Betty's Star is a half sister to Positive Energy (Rubiano),

SW, \$138,617. Lifetime Record: GSP, 5-2-2-1, \$67,000.

O/B-Two Sisters Stable (FL). T-Joseph H Pierce Jr.

5th-GPX, \$32,000, Alw, 4/up, 1 1/8mT, 1:49 4/5, fm.

WEATHERBIRD (c, 4, Kingmambo--Token Dance {GSW

& GISP, \$386,483}, by Sovereign Dancer) had been off

the board only once in nine turf tries, but recorded his

only victory in a maiden race at Belmont last July. The

runner-up in his last three outings, including a Feb. 22

Gulfstream allowance after a three-month layoff last

time out, the 1/2 to Gator Dancer (Pleasant Colony),

GSW, \$224,460, was 3-5 to break the streak and did

so, rallying from the back of the pack to take over at

the top of the stretch and win ridden out by 2 3/4

lengths. Lifetime Record: SP, 14-2-5-3, \$95,339.

O/B-Fox Ridge Farm, Inc. (KY). T-Patrick J Kelly.

7th-GPX, \$30,000, Msw, 3yo, f, 6f, 1:12 1/5, ft.

LADY CRUELLA (f, 3, Capote--Mary's Spirit, by Mr.

Prospector), a \$110,000 KEESEP yearling, made her

third start going seven furlongs at Gulfstream Feb. 21

and set the pace before tiring to be third. Dropping

back to six furlongs, the gray battled on the front end

from the start, grabbed a short lead coming into the

stretch and held on to take it by a half as the even-

money chalk. Lifetime Record: 4-1-1-2, \$29,850.

O-H&D Stable. B-J & W Stavola, Inc. (NJ). T-H G Motion.

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11th-GPX, \$30,000, Msw, 3yo, f, 6f, 1:13, ft.
 + WEST'S SECRET (f, 3, West By West--Half Secret, by Upper Nile), a 1/2 to Top Secret (Afleet), MGSW & MGISP, \$997,647; and Tate (Afleet), MSW & GSP, \$199,787, prepped at Payson Park for her debut and was off at 5-1. The bay rated in fourth for a half, launched a bid on the far turn and closed stoutly in the stretch to catch front-running 15-10 favorite Harbour Cat (Storm Cat), also making her first start, and win it by a head. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$18,000.
 O/B-John H. Peace (KY). T-George R Arnold II.

Another Minus Show Pool at Gulfstream:

Gulfstream Park, which saw a minus show pool in Saturday's GIII Swale S., added another yesterday when 3-10 favorite Scoot Yet Boots (Seeking the Gold) captured the third race for her fifth win from five career starts. The minus pool was \$71,682.70, the second largest in Gulfstream history.

◆ **NEW YORK** ◆

Yesterday's Results:

TOBOGGAN H., \$81,500, AQU, 3-14, 3yo/up, 7f, 1:20 4/5, ft.

1--#WOULDN'T WE ALL, 114, h, 5, Woodman--Dream Launch (SP), by Relaunch. (\$160,000 2yo 1996 FTFFEB). O-Kimmel Caesar P & Solondz Philip J; B-Jayeff B Stables (KY); T-John C Kimmel; J-R Migliore; \$48,900. Lifetime Record: GSP, 17-7-2-3, \$243,875. *1/2 to Western Dreamer (Gone West), SW & GISP, \$164,233.

2--Brushed On, 115, c, 4, Broad Brush--Monoprint, by Conquistador Cielo. O-Outlaw Biker Stable. \$16,300.

3--Esteemed Friend, 120, g, 5, Gulch--Charlotte Amalie (Fr), by Gay Mecene. (\$300,000 yrl '95 KEESEP).

O-Liu Chi Ki & Imperio Joseph. \$8,965.

Margins: 2 3/4, 2, 2 1/4. Odds: 2.20, 4.80, 2.10.

The speedy Wouldn't We All took back-to-back route allowance races to end 1998, then finished third in the GIII Aqueduct H. and fifth after setting the early pace in the nine-furlong GIII Stymie H. last out Feb. 7, both over the winterized inner track. Shortening up to a sprint as the second choice returning to the main oval, the chestnut shot right to the front from his inside post, was pressured through a half in :44 4/5, opened it up turning for home and held sway to the wire to run his record over the surface to four-for-four. "He really likes this track and I knew he'd run well with the moisture in the track," said Loretta Lusteg, assistant to trainer John Kimmel.

7th-AQU, \$44,000, Alw, 4yo/up, f/m, 7f, 1:24, ft.
STORMY DANCER (m, 5, Gate Dancer--Cautivante, by Hostage) captured a \$20,000 claiming event by five lengths in her latest Mar. 11 and was haltered by trainer Juan Serey. Stepping up in her first start under new management, the 1/2 to Peace Baby (Hold Your Peace), MGSP, \$199,996, was on the attack from the outset, had a half-length lead after a half and edged clear down the lane to post a 1 3/4-length tally as the 8-5 favorite. Lifetime Record: 35-8-7-1, \$139,735.
 O-Riccio James A. B-Equi June (FL). T-Juan Serey.

6th-AQU, \$42,000, Alw, 3yo, f, 6 1/2f, 1:17 2/5, ft.
IDENTIFIABLE (f, 3, Caller I. D.--Lake Minipi, by Far North), fourth in her career opener at Churchill last June, was out of action for the rest of the year, coming back to break her maiden over the Aqueduct inner track Feb. 13. The 1/2 to Little Annie O (Meadowlake), MSP, \$153,685; and Kelsey's Creek (Meadowlake), SW-Per, let go at 7-1 in her first try against allowance foes, set the pace, shook off a challenge at the head of the lane and drew clear late to make it two in a row by two lengths. Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-0, \$50,260.
 O-Humphrey G W Jr. B-Cambus Kenneth Farm (KY). T-George R Arnold II.

9th-AQU, \$40,000, Msw, 3yo, f, 7f, 1:22 4/5, ft.
RAPIDAMENTE (f, 3, Dixieland Band--I'm Splendid {MGISW, \$627,013}, by Our Native), the 4-5 favorite after finishing second in her debut at Gulfstream Park Feb. 17, broke sharply from the far outside in this 10-horse field, stalked the pace to the stretch, then drove to the lead and cruised clear to earn a convincing 6 1/4-length victory. The winner is a 1/2 to Indy Vidual (A.P. Indy), GISP, \$225,092. Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, \$29,700.
 O/B-Caesar P Kimmel (KY). T-John C Kimmel.

Aristotle Works:

Paraneck Stable's Aristotle (Two Punch) got his first feel for Aqueduct's main track, working five furlongs in 1:00 2/4 Sunday morning. The three-year-old starts next in Sunday's GIII Gotham S.

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◆ MIDWEST ◆

Yesterday's Results:

10th-FGX, \$60,000, Alw, 3, 1m (off turf), 1:38 4/5, ft.
 1--RUSHING BRUSH, 116, c, 3, Broad Brush--Lady On the Run (MGSW, \$255,636), by Bailjumper.
 O-Fitzhugh Farm; B-Robert E Meyerhoff (MD);
 T-Richard W Small. Lifetime Record: SP, 9-3-4-1, \$95,920. *Full to Broad Gains, GSW, \$423,192.
 2--Bonapaw, 118, c, 3, Sabona--Pawlova, by Nijinsky II.
 3--Dancing Latino, 118, g, 3, Le Danseur--Pamagroton, by Groton.

Margins: HF, HD, 9. Odds: 1.50, 5.70, 1.80.

Rushing Brush tried turf for the first time in her most recent effort and finished second by a head as the odds-on choice in a similar test. The slight choice to make amends here, the dark bay sat third while Bonapaw led by as many as eight lengths through six furlongs, but kept coming at the early leader down the lane, getting up in the final strides for the narrow victory.

◆ So. CALIFORNIA ◆

Sunday's So. California Work Tab:

Dushyantor (Sadler's Wells) worked seven furlongs in 1:26 1/5 over the main Hollywood track Sunday. French champion jockey Olivier Peslier will ride the six-year-old in his '99 debut in the GII San Luis Rey S. Mar. 21. Also aiming for the San Luis Rey, Kessem Power (NZ) (Kessem {NZ}) drilled six furlongs at Hollywood in 1:13 1/5, Alvo Certo (Brz) (Tsunami Slew) worked seven furlongs in a bullet 1:24 3/5 at Hollywood and Fragrant Mix (Ire) (Linamix {Fr}) worked one mile in 1:40 4/5 over the main Santa Anita track...Malek (Chi) (Mocito Guapo {Arg}), preparing for the Mar. 28 G1 Dubai World Cup, worked one mile in 1:38.7 under Alex Solis one hour before Sunday's first race at Santa Anita...Unbeaten Straight Man (Saint Ballado) worked a half mile in :47 at Santa Anita...Mud Route (Strawberry Road {Aus}) went seven furlongs in a bullet 1:25... Ladies Din (Din's Dancer) breezed a half mile in :49...Apr. 3 GI Santa Anita Derby hopeful Love that Red (Highland Park) worked seven furlongs in 1:27... Hawksley Hill (Ire) (Rahy) drilled seven furlongs on the turf (dogs up) in 1:17 1/5...Honest Lady (Seattle Slew) drilled five furlongs in :59 3/5...Lethal Instrument (Gulch) worked three furlongs in :38 1/5...GI Kentucky Oaks winner Keeper Hill (Deputy Minister) went four furlongs in :49...Stop Traffic (Cure the Blues) drilled a half mile in :50 4/5.

Fiji's '99 Debut Delayed:

Eclipse champion Fiji (GB) (Rainbow Quest) will make her '99 debut in the GII Santa Barbara H. on Apr. 17 instead of Saturday's GII Santa Ana H. "She's okay, but we got a little behind with her," said trainer Neil Drysdale. "She missed a couple of works, and what's the expression? We got behind the eight ball?"

Yesterday's Results:

CRYSTAL WATER H., \$136,000, SAX, 3-14, (S), 4yo/up, 1mT, 1:34 3/5, fm.

1--NATIVE DESERT, 120, g, 6, Desert Classic--Miss C. Native, by Princely Native. O-Rubio Miguel; B-Watarida Fred (CA); T-Juan Garcia; J-D R Flores; \$81,600. Lifetime Record: 36-13-5-7, \$677,668.
 2--Navel Academy, 116, c, 4, Slewpy--Summertime Silver, by True Colors. O-Beckett Beckett & Little. \$27,200.

3--Butler On Duty, 116, h, 5, Wheatly Hall--Maid's Day Off, by Lothario. O-Stillman Kay. \$16,320.
 Margins: 2HF, 1 1/4, HD. Odds: 3.70, 5.90, 17.10.

Fourth in this event last year, Native Desert started this season with a third-place finish in the GII San Marcos H. going 1 1/4 miles, but was off at 26-1 in the Feb. 15 GII San Luis Obispo H. at 1 1/2 miles in his latest and never got into the race, finishing sixth. Dropping back in distance and facing fellow Cal-breds this time, the veteran gelding had just one horse beaten after a half, but moved into contention on the far turn to catch Navel Academy in the stretch and draw clear. The 15-10 favorite Cavonnier (Batonnier), making his turf debut, was steadied behind horses going into the far turn and caught in traffic at the top of the stretch. He never got untracked and finished sixth.

3rd-SAX, \$57,780, Alw, 4yo/up, f/m, 6 1/2f, 1:16 2/5, ft.

LEADING LIGHT (f, 4, Mr. Leader--Manhattan Miss {Ire} {SP-Ire}, by Artaius), claimed for \$40,000 after running third at Santa Anita two starts back Jan. 24, came right back for her new connections and took a \$50,000 claiming event in her latest attempt Feb. 11. The 1/2 to Black Dimention (Ire) (Sallust {Ire}), SW & GSP-Ity, off at 9-1 taking a jump up the class ladder, closed from fifth to get up in the final sixteenth and hang on for a half-length score. Lifetime Record: 15-4-0-2, \$103,876. O-Blau & Pellman & Schechter, et al. B-Domino Stud of Lexington, Inc (KY). T-Vladimir Cerin.

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Australian Stakes Results:

COOLMORE CLASSIC-G1, \$318,125, Rosehill (Sydney), 3-13, 3yo/up, f/m, 7 1/2fT, time: n/a, gd.

1--**CAMINO ROSE (AUS)**, 120, m, 5, Sea Road (Aus)--Monarose (Aus), by Lord Silver Man (NZ). O-G R Elrington & Partners; B-Glen Avon Lodge; T-Marc Conners; J-C Brown; \$216,325.

2--**Bonanova (NZ)**, 119, f, 4, Star Way (GB)--St. Klaira (Aus), by Bletchingly (Aus). O-Neville Beggs & Partners Syndicate; \$57,262.

3--**Rainbow Bubbles (Aus)**, 117, f, 3, El Moxie--Gayle's Glance (Aus), by Bletchingly (Aus). O-B L, Mrs E M & D L Larter; \$25,450.

Margins: SNK, 1 1/4. Odds: 16-1, 4-1, 16-1.

Camino Rose gave rookie trainer Marc Conners his inaugural Group 1 win in Australia's only Group 1 event for fillies and mares, and Conners' father Clarry cried openly. "He's only got 12 in work and it's not like he's getting the young up-and-coming horses," he said. "He gets hand-me-down horses from other trainers." Camino Rose was runner-up in the Coolmore Classic last year.

VRC SIRES PRODUCE S.-G1, \$302,218, Flemington (Melbourne), 3-13, 2yo, 7fT, time: n/a, gd.

1--**TESTA ROSSA (AUS)**, 122, c, 2, Perugino--Bo Dapper (Aus), by Sir Dapper (Aus). O-J M & Mrs G Cappelin; B-Mr & Mrs J Knight; T-Dean Lawson; J-E Cassar; \$196,442.

2--**Dangerous (Aus)**, 122, c, 2, Danehill--Antwerp (NZ) (MSW-Aus), by Sir Tristram (Ire). O-Woodlands Stud Syndicate; \$60,444.

3--**Downing Street (Aus)**, 122, c, 2, Danehill--Nuwirah, by Pleasant Colony. O-Killarney Pastoral Syndicate, A Harcourt & K Lim; \$27,200.

Margins: 2 1/4, 1 3/4. Odds: 6-4, 5-2, 6-1.

Boom colt Testa Rossa ended his two-year-old season with an effortless win, but his connections emphatically deny they'll pay the \$100,000 late entry for the G1 Golden Slipper Mar. 27. "He's off to the paddock if I have to drive him there myself," said trainer Dean Lawson. "A lot of people were saying he's had a lot of racing, he's over the top. Nine times out of 10 they'd be right, but this horse is very tough."

RANVET S.-G1, \$254,450, Rosehill (Sydney), 3-13, 3yo/up, 1 1/4mT, time: n/a, gd.

1--**DARAZARI (IRE)**, 128, h, 6, Sadler's Wells--Darara (Ire) (G1SW-Fr, \$142,470), by Top Ville (Ire). O-Darazari Syndicate; B-H H The Aga Khan's Studs S C; T-Bruce Wallace; J-G Boss; \$173,060. *1/2 to Dariyoun (Shahraastani), Ch. Imp. Older Horse-Spa, MSW-Fr, SW-Spa, \$175,775-Fr; Kilimanjaro (GB) (Shirley Heights {GB}), GSP-Eng.

*2--**Tie The Knot (Aus)**, 128, g, 4, Nassipour--Whisked (Aus), by Whiskey Road. O-Mrs O P Tait & J G Nivison; \$45,810.

3--**Nahayan (NZ)**, 112, f, 3, Zabeel (NZ)--Meadoway (NZ), by Star Way (GB). O-B A Collins, S J & T J McKee; \$20,360.

Margins: SHD, NK. Odds: 10-1, 1-3, 8-1.

*Tie The Knot finished first, but was DQ'ed to second.

Tie The Knot was denied his sixth Group 1 win at Sydney's Rosehill racetrack with Thoroughbred Racing Board (TRB) stewards upholding a protest and awarding this weight-for-age event to imported stayer Darazari. The odds-on favourite, Tie The Knot was first past the post by a short head, but Darazari's jockey Glen Boss protested, alleging interference from the top of the straight to the 150-meter mark. Stewards deliberated for 25 minutes before upholding the protest. In a packed stewards' room, Boss leaped from his chair, punched the air and whooped as Tie The Knot's rider, Shane Dye, remained unrepentant over his controversial ride and insisted, "I believe I rode a good competitive race on Tie The Knot, I didn't do anything wrong, I would go out and do exactly the same thing in the next race under similar circumstances." Darazari had not visited the winner's circle since July, 1996 when he took the G2 Prix Maurice in France. He was game runner-up in the Hong Kong International Vase and finished third to Tie The Knot in the G1 Chipping Norton S. a fortnight ago. The two could meet again in the G1 Mercedes Classic at Rosehill Mar. 27.

SO. HEMISPHERE WINNER BY U.S. SHUTTLE SIRE: King Kariba, g, 3, Is It True--Lady Kariba (Aus) (G1SW), by Zabaleta. Ascot (Perth), 3-13, Cabaret Lounger H., 3yo, 5 1/2fT, \$3,468 to winner. B-Heytesbury Stud; T-V A Brockman.

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Golden Slipper Update:

Bidding for a history-making fifth Golden Slipper win, jockey Shane Dye yesterday confirmed he'll partner outstanding colt **Redoute's Choice (Aus)** (Danehill), currently 5-2 favourite for the AUS\$2.5 million (\$1,556,760) race Mar. 27. Dye flew to Melbourne Friday to partner the Blue Diamond S. winner in a track work. Dye and former jockey turned trainer Ron Quinton have four Slipper wins apiece.

Quinton was devastated after his Slipper hope **Easy Rocking (Aus)** (Barathea {Ire}) beat only one home in the G2 Todman Slipper Trial Saturday and the colt will undergo further veterinary tests this week. **Align (Aus)** (Night Shift) won the Trial easily and is now first in the order of entry for the Slipper.

Clarry Conners unleashed **Let's Rock Again (Aus)** (Chief's Crown) to win the Reisling Slipper Trial, but connections must decide whether to pay a AUS\$100,000 (\$62,270) late entry fee for this filly after allowing her nomination to lapse at second acceptance stage. She won gamely, but the slow time of 1:11.17 goes against her.

Heading the current betting for the Slipper are: **Redoute's Choice**, 5-2; **Shogun Lodge (Aus)** (Grand Lodge), 5-1; **Align**, 7-1; **Catbird (Aus)** (Danehill), 9-1; and **Fappiano's Son (Aus)** (Dolphin Street {Fr}), 10-1.

One To Watch at Inglis Australian Easter Sale:

A bay colt by Nureyev from Miss Bold Appeal (Valid Appeal) will go under the hammer as Lot 104 on the first day of the Inglis Australian Easter Sale in Sydney April 6 and it is widely predicted the colt will fetch more than AUS\$1 million (\$622,704). The colt is offered by Victorian stud Roselands, whose general manager Lynden Burns purchased Miss Bold Appeal, the dam of triple Grade I winner Jersey Girl (Belong To Me), for AUS\$300,000 (\$186,810) in April, 1997 at the Inglis Broodmare auction as one of three mares offered by John T.L. Jones. The mare was sold back to Richard Santulli for AUS\$2.6 million (\$1,619,030), Burns said. "I really believe the Nureyev colt is important to the future of breeding in Australia, from an international level," Burns said. "If this colt can attract the overseas buyers to our sale then it is a great step ahead. When you take into account a Nureyev yearling sold in 1998 for \$5.4 million (U.S.), which was a European record, then AUS\$1 million is hardly out of the question for a colt which has a ready-made stallion pedigree anywhere in the world."



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Woodlands Stud Named Aussie Breeder of the Year:

Woodlands Stud, owned by Jack and Bob Ingham, won the Australian Breeder of the Year Award at the Black Type Dinner in Melbourne last week. Based on the number of stakes-winning horses rather than an individual horse, Woodlands claimed the award producing 24 individual stakes winners in the 1997-98 season including Group 1 winners Dodge (Aus) (Canny Lad {Aus}) and Dracula (Aus) (Quest for Fame {GB}).

No Bookmaker's License for Waterhouse:

Rob Waterhouse last week withdrew his application to the New South Wales Thoroughbred Racing Board (TRB) for a bookmaker's license. The former rails bookmaker was warned off by the Australian Jockey Club in 1984 in the wake of the Fine Cotton affair, but had his ban lifted by the TRB last September on the condition that he not seek to apply for a license. Last month he sought to challenge the TRB's authority to refuse a license and submitted his application. The TRB gave Waterhouse 14 days to withdraw his application or face the prospect of the TRB reviewing its decision to let him back on track as an ordinary racegoer.

AMERICAN-BRED WINNERS IN UAE:

Prompt Delivery, c, 4, Zilzal--Bold 'n Determined (MGISW, \$949,599), by Bold and Brave. Nad al Sheba, 3-14, H'cap, 1m. O-Sheikh Saeed bin Maktoum al Maktoum; B-Gainsborough Farm Inc.; T-S L Anderson. *1/2 to Happy Holiday (Turkoman), GSW-Arg.

Ramp and Rave, h, 5, Ramplett--Turbonative, by Sitzmark. Nad al Sheba, 3-14, condition race, 7f. O-Sheikh Ahmed bin Rashid al Maktoum; B-Fox Fire Farms, Inc.; T-D J Selvaratnam. *\$2,000 yrl '95 OBSAUG; \$11,500 2yo '96 OBSAPR.

AMERICAN-BRED WINNER IN ITALY:

Haig Point, h, 7, Dahar--Foutry Glories (GB), by Nonoalco. Pisa, 3-14, Premio Cassa Di Risparmio, 4yo/up, 1 3/8mT, \$1,545 to winner. O-SC Fert; B-A Paulson; T-G Vericelli.

AMERICAN-BRED WINNER IN HONG KONG:

Best of the Best, c, 4, Rahy--Tuscan Tune, by Fappiano. Sha Tin Racecourse, 3-13, The Century S. O-Alexander Lee Chun Hung; B-Edward P Evans; T-Wong Tang-ping. *\$11,000 yrl '96 KEEJAN.

FOALING NEWS:

DANCE ON DESTINY, 10, Green Dancer--Lady Offshore (Sir Ivor)

Foal born 2-7-99, a colt by Housebuster. Will be bred back to Affirmed. Boarded at Jonabell Farm, Lexington, Ky. Owned by Jonabell Farm.

Accomplishments: Dam of Dance Diane (Affirmed), SW.

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STAKES RESULTS:

BATTLER STAR H., \$106,300, FGX, 3-14, (S), 3yo, f, 6f, 1:11 3/5, ft.

1--#**SHEER SABLE**, 117, f, 3, Gold Legend--Northern Lombardi (MSW, \$113,599), by Lombardi. O/B-Greg P Navarro (LA); T-Samuel Breaux; J-K P Leblanc; \$63,780. Lifetime Record: 8-4-2-0, \$120,881.

2--**Sizzlin South**, 115, f, 3, A Corking Limerick--Icelandic Dancer, by Eskimo. (\$5,000 yrl '97 TEXAUG). \$21,260.

3--**Midge Too**, 114, f, 3, Regal Conquest--Midge One, by Judge Lex. \$11,693.

Margins: HF, 2 1/4, HF. Odds: 3.10, 4.60, 8.30.

HOT SPRINGS S., \$50,000, OPX, 3-14, 4yo/up, 6f, 1:11, sy.

1--**E J HARLEY**, 117, h, 7, Beat Inflation--Kitonia, by Northern Jove. O-Giles Wilbur M; B-Martin Ella Jean (AR); T-David R Vance; J-J Lopez; \$30,000. Lifetime Record: 31-11-7-3, \$331,675.

2--**Magic Doe**, 113, c, 4, Fast Gold--Whispering Dawn, by Elocutionist. \$10,000.

3--**Chindi**, 117, h, 5, El Prado (Ire)--Rousing, by Alydar. \$5,000.

Margins: NO, HF, 1 1/4. Odds: 1.60, 13.20, 1.40.

SAM HOUSTON OAKS, \$25,600, HOU, 3-13, 3yo, f, 1m, 1:40, ft.

1--#**FESS**, 120, f, 3, Festin (Arg)--T Z P Express, by Settlement Day. (\$9,500 2yo 1998 OBSJUN).

O-Brewster Clark O & Shellabarger Paul; B-Stepping Stone Farm & LGF Stable (KY); T-Randy Oberlander; J-T D Gondron; \$15,000. Lifetime Record: 7-3-1-1, \$34,424.

2--**Red Rita**, 120, f, 3, Red Attack--Bon Rita, by Bon Mot (Fr). \$5,600.

3--**Quick Grey**, 120, f, 3, El Prado (Ire)--Raise a Mission, by Raise a Bid. (\$23,000 2yo 1998 TEXMAR). \$2,750.

Margins: NK, 1 1/4, NO. Odds: 16.10, 3.70, 10.10.

ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

1st-**HAW**, \$53,340, 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:11 1/5, ft.

LEONARD'S ZEN (m, 5, Zen--That's An a One, by That's a Nice) Lifetime Record: MSW, 23-7-5-7, \$264,459. O-Asiel Stable. B-Pike Leonard Sr (IL). T-Richard P Hazelton.

5th-**FGX**, \$45,000, 4yo/up, f/m, 1m, 1:37 4/5, ft.

HERITAGE OF GOLD (f, 4, Gold Legend--Lyphard Gal, by Lyphard) Lifetime Record: 10-5-1-1, \$106,980. O-Garey Jack. B-Hofmann Georgia E (KY). T-Steven M Asmussen.



4th-BMX, \$44,532, 4yo/up, 1 1/16m (off turf), 1:42 3/5, sy.

FASTFOOT FREDDIE (g, 4, Man From Eldorado--Pirate's Coquette, by Pirate's Bounty) Lifetime Record: 12-2-4-1, \$81,909. O-Tigertail Ranch. B-Wygod Martin J Mr & Mrs (CA). T-Don Porter.

8th-BMX, \$42,657, 4yo/up, 1 1/16m (off turf), 1:42 4/5, sy.

NARROW POWERS (g, 6, Cutlass Reality--Psychic Power {SW}, by Triple Bend) Lifetime Record: SP, 43-11-5-3, \$82,480. O-Sangara K K. B-Harris Farms, Inc (CA). T-Lonnie Arterburn. *1/2 to Snow Blink (Snow Chief), MSW & GSP, \$183,508.

7th-FGX, \$38,000, 4yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:11 2/5, ft. IDES BEWARE (m, 5, Lac Ouimet--Princess Monique, by Reef Searcher) Lifetime Record: 28-5-6-4, \$105,181. O/B-Elvin Ortego (LA). T-Samuel D Soileau.

6th-GPX, \$32,000, 4yo/up, 6f, 1:11 1/5, ft. FORTUNATE STREAK (c, 4, Fortunate Prospect--Dance Song, by Run Dusty Run) Lifetime Record: 12-2-3-2, \$48,100. O-Michael H Sherman. B-Farnsworth Farms (FL). T-Jacinto Herrera. *1/2 to Southern Tradition (Family Doctor), MGSW, \$379,125; and Ski Dancer (Baldski), MGSW & MGISP, \$578,344.

6th-HAW, \$29,000, 3yo/up, a1m70yd, 1:41 2/5, ft. NORTY BERNIE (h, 6, Skip Trial--Willing and Young {SP}, by Classic) Lifetime Record: 26-4-5-3, \$83,141. O-F Trainor & M L Reavis. B-Arthur I Appleton (FL). T-Michael L Reavis.

9th-HAW, \$27,000, (S), 3yo/up, a1m70yd, 1:42 3/5, ft.

J. B.'S GHOST (c, 4, Silver Ghost--Cue the Groom, by Blushing Groom (Fr)) Lifetime Record: 7-2-1-2, \$41,300. O-Carfagno J McNeil J Scott G & Granitz A. B-Hill 'n' Dale Farms (Il). T-Anthony J Granitz.

8th-OPX, \$25,000, 4yo/up, 1 1/16m, 1:46 3/5, sy. HUMBLE DR. JAY (c, 4, Key Deputy--Humble One, by Eminency) Lifetime Record: 6-3-0-0, \$25,860. O/B/T-James E. Danaher (AR).

7th-PHA, \$22,100, 3yo, f, 6 1/2f, 1:17 1/5, my. NOBLE AFFAIR (f, 3, Melodisk--Lady Bluemont, by Noble Title) Lifetime Record: 6-2-0-2, \$26,083. O/B-James L Driver (PA). T-Dennis R Mills.

8th-PHA, \$22,000, 4yo/up, 1 1/16m, 1:43 2/5, my. FARM SAVER (g, 4, Cormorant--Ducky Duchesse, by Raise a Bid) Lifetime Record: 20-6-2-4, \$122,764. O-Richard J Giacopelli. B-James T. Wright (NY). T-Anthony Sciametta Jr.

MAIDEN WINNERS:

+ **Wecanbeheroes, c, 3, Belong to Me--Deleterious, by Noble Nashua. AQU, (S), 3-14, 6f, 1:11 4/5. B-Connors & Raine (Ny).**

Lady Cruella, f, 3, Capote--Mary's Spirit, by Mr. Prospector. GPX, 3-14, 6f, 1:12 1/5. B-Joseph & William Stavola, Inc (Nj). *\$110,000 yrl '97 KEESEP. Sham's Valay, c, 3, Carnivalay--Sham Passion (SP), by Sham. PHA, 3-14, 5 1/2f, 1:05 2/5. B-Robert Seeger (Pa).

Mr Inc., c, 3, Corporate Report--Brattice Cloth (SP, \$143,930), by L'Enjoleur. OPX, (C), 3-14, 1 1/8m, 1:55 4/5. B-Robert B Berger (Ky). *\$20,000 wlng '96 KEENOV; \$21,000 2yo 1998 TEXMAR.

Free Safety, c, 3, Defensive Play--Mitten's Kitten, by Free Up. HAW, (S), 3-14, 6f, 1:11 2/5. B-Birge Eileen (Il).

Rapidamente, f, 3, Dixieland Band--I'm Splendid (MGISW, \$627,013), by Our Native. AQU, 3-14, 7f, 1:22 4/5. B-Caesar P Kimmel (Ky). *1/2 to Indy Vidual (A.P. Indy), GISP, \$225,092.

Maroon Pride, g, 3, Fight Over--Pinon Pride, by Blade. HOU, (S), 3-13, 5 1/2f, 1:07 3/5. B-Kellie Creek Farm Inc (Tx). *\$17,000 yrl '97 TEXAUG. **1/2 to Power Of Opinion (Lines Of Power), SW, \$161,902.

Patriot's Charm, f, 3, First Patriot--Remember Charm, by Charming Turn. TAM, 3-14, 6f, 1:15. B-William M Rickman (Fl).

Wandering, c, 3, Harlan--Gypsy Sweetheart, by D'Accord. SAX, 3-14, (C), 7f, 1:24 1/5. B-Elbert J Smith (Ky). *\$19,000 yrl '97 FTKOCT; \$85,000 2yo 1998 OBSMAR.

Rich in Silver, c, 3, Kona Tenor--Bluffer's Blossom, by Big Bluffer. GPX, (C), 3-14, 6f, 1:12 4/5. B-Shamrock Stud Farm, Inc (Fl).

Goodgollymisspolly, f, 3, Lil E. Tee--Polly's Rumor (MSW, \$121,540), by Spread the Rumor. OPX, 3-14, 6f, 1:14. B-Ran Ricks (Ok).

Little Lee, c, 3, Montbrook--Exploriano, by Fappiano. GPX, (C), 3-14, 6f, 1:12 2/5. B-Bryan J Howlett & Henry A Roberts (Fl). *\$32,000 yrl '97 OBSAUG. **1/2 to Excise (Ogygian), SP, \$210,118.

Champion, g, 3, Old Stories--Chapman Lady, by Staff Writer. BMX, (C), 3-14, 6f, 1:10 2/5. B-E & H Howard (Wa). *\$2,000 wnl '96 WASDEC.

+ **West's Secret, f, 3, West By West--Half Secret, by Upper Nile. GPX, 3-14, 6f, 1:13. B-John Peace (Ky). *\$75,000 wlng '96 FTKNOV. **1/2 to Top Secret (Afleet), MGSW & MGISP, \$997,647; and Tate (Afleet), MSW & GSP, \$199,787.**

Totally Hip, g, 4, Dynaformer--Wings of a Storm, by Storm Bird. FGX, (C), 3-14, 1 1/16m, 1:46 2/5. B-N R & R S Kaster, et al (Ky).

Sir Sidney, g, 4, Manila--Cabo Breeze, by Drone. BMX, 3-14, (C), 1m, 1:37 1/5. B-Harvey Goldhammer (Ca).