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T·R·I·P·L·E THREATS

KEENELAND MEET SHOWS GAINS Both attendance and handle increased at the 1999 Keeneland Spring Meet which ended Friday. Total attendance for the 15-day season at the Lexington, Kentucky oval was 195,938, an average of 13,063, up 5.9 percent from last year's meeting. Total handle, including full-card simulcasting at the track, was \$23,040,317, a daily average of \$1,536,021, up 9.9 percent. The leading jockey at the meet was Shane Sellers with 29 victories. Frank Brothers led all trainers with a meet-record 14 wins. Claiborne Farm was the top owner, sending out five winners.

DANZIG COLT TOPS FASIG-TIPTON TWO-YEAR-OLD SALE A bay colt by Danzig out of GSP Tourney (Forty Niner) brought a final bid of \$400,000 to top yesterday's Fasig-Tipton Preferred Two-Year-Olds in Training Sale at the Sports Spectrum in Louisville, Kentucky. Consigned by Bailey-Ellenberg Select, Jerry Bailey Sales Agency, agent, the colt went a quarter in a co-fastest :21 4/5 at the Under Tack Show Friday. He was purchased by John Moynihan, agent for Martin Cherry. A colt by Dispersal out of Tri Parted (Tri Jet), consigned by Jerry Bailey Sales Agency, agent, attracted the second-highest price of \$100,000. The half brother to SW Trion (On to Glory), named Tri Dispersal, was bought by Bob Baffert, agent.

Valhol's Owner Sues:

Valhol (Diazo)'s owner James Jackson sued the Arkansas Racing Commission yesterday, demanding that it release the \$300,000 winner's share of the purse from the disputed GII Arkansas Derby. Without that purse officially added to his account, Valhol may not get into the crowded Kentucky Derby field, which is limited to the top 20 money-earners (by graded-stakes purses). There are 23 horse still pointing for the race. "The racing commission in our estimation wrongfully withheld the purse," said Jackson's attorney Jeff Kuebler. "We're asking the court to enter injunctive relief to pay the purse to Mr. Jackson." The hearing will be held before Pulaski (Arkansas) County Circuit Judge John Plegge at 10 a.m. today. Plegge is expected to issue a ruling before the end of the day. How will Churchill officials react to a ruling? They were taking a wait-and-see attitude yesterday. "Our official response is that we will cross that bridge when we come to it," said Karl Schmitt Jr., Churchill's senior vice president of communications. "There is no response. It is a legal matter under review, so there is no comment." If the Arkansas court rules that the Arkansas Racing Commission must release the earnings and Valhol earns a starting spot in the field, it will create a whole new set of problems. With Valhol vaulting into the top 20, Ecton Park (Forty Niner) would fall out. Trainer Elliott Walden said yesterday that Ecton Park's owner, Mark Stanley, has hired a lawyer to investigate what options he has should his horse be eliminated from the field.

Because of the negative publicity surrounding Patin's alleged actions, Jackson has fired the jockey for the Kentucky Derby, but has not yet named a replacement.

Team Lukas Team Work:

Trainer D. Wayne Lukas sent his Derby duo of Cat Thief (Storm Cat) and Charismatic (Summer Squall) out to work at Churchill early yesterday morning. Cat Thief went five furlongs in 1:02 in company, while GII Coolmore Lexington S. winner Charismatic went the same distance in 1:02 4/5 on his own. The track was labeled "good" at the time of the breezes. "At this point, we are not looking for much, just something to open up their lungs a little bit," Lukas said. "This work is more mental. All the physical has been done." Lukas is particularly pleased with the progress of Charismatic. "There is no horse doing better than he is," he said.



FASIG-TIPTON PREFERRED 2YO SALE MONDAY, APRIL 26, 1999

TOTALS	1999
No. Sold	45
Gross	\$2,166,000
Average	\$48,133
Not Sold	40

STAKES CLOSINGS

TOMORROW, WEDNESDAY, APRIL 28:

05-01 \$1,000,000 *Kentucky Derby-I, CD, 3yo, 10f, (150000s)*

05-08 \$150/50,000a *Yerba Buena Breeders' Cup H.-III, GG, 3yo/up, 11fT, (150)*

05-16 \$100,000a *Eclipse-III, Wo, 3yo/up, 8.5f, (100)*





News cont.

CHURCHILL COMPLETES CALDER PURCHASE

Churchill Downs Incorporated announced yesterday that it has completed its acquisition of Calder Race Course. Under the terms of the agreement with KE Acquisition Corp., a private holding company which has owned Calder since 1991, Churchill paid approximately \$86 million in cash for all of the outstanding stock of Calder Race Course Inc. and Tropical Park Inc. Kenneth Dunn and his current management team will continue to oversee operations at Calder.

Triple Threats cont.

Bob Baffert Outlines Filly Plans:

"There is no chance we will enter **Silverbulletday** (Silver Deputy) in the Derby," trainer Bob Baffert said yesterday. "I don't want to subject her to something like that. I want to keep her around. I'll feel more pressure trying to win the Oaks than the Derby. If I don't win the Oaks, the press will really be blasting me and I'll deserve it." As for his other standout filly, **Excellent Meeting** (General Meeting), Baffert has not made any final decisions. "With her, you don't want to go through something where you're saying I should have done this or that," he said. "You want to be aggressive, but you've also got to keep your head. She's a great filly and is at the top of her game. If we run her in the Oaks against Silverbulletday, it's going to be an unbelievable Oaks."

Certain Sure-footed over Churchill Surface:

Working over a sloppy Churchill strip Monday morning, **Certain** (Out of Place) went six furlongs in 1:13 4/5 and galloped out seven-eighths in 1:28 2/5. "He'll handle most any surface," said trainer Leo Azpurua, Jr. Another horse broke off to work as the colt approached the five-eighths pole, but the unexpected company didn't seem to cause any trouble and **Certain** just followed what turned out to be a maiden filly around the turn and down the stretch. "We didn't expect that other horse to drop in there," said Azpurua, "but it wasn't really a problem. My horse got to do his business the way I'd hoped. He's very manageable." As for his Derby status, the trainer said, "We'll see how he does now. We'll see if he eats up and how he's feeling tomorrow morning, if he's feeling sharp--both mentally and physically. We'll see how his legs are. I'll be checking with both owners (Monday) and then again (Tuesday). Then we'll make our decision on running or not."

Additional Derby Breezes:

Ecton Park (Forty Niner) worked in company and with blinkers over a track still called "good" yesterday morning, going five-eighths in 1:02....**K One King** (Apalachee) went the same distance in 1:02 2/5...**First American** (Quiet American) went five-eighths in 1:03.

◆ **M I D W E S T** ◆

Kentucky Derby Signal to Ohio:

According to the *Harness Tracks of America* newsletter, a compromise has been reached which will allow all Ohio race tracks to take full-card simulcasts--including the Kentucky Derby--from Churchill Downs. The original problem stemmed from the fact that Turfway Park did not want Lebanon Raceway and River Downs, which are in its market area, to take its signal, and from an Ohio rule that states if one track gets an out-of-state signal, all Ohio tracks must have access to it. But Lebanon and River Downs have agreed not to take Turfway's signal while allowing other Ohio tracks to take Turfway if they choose. Northfield Park, which under Ohio law can't take a full card from Churchill because of time constraints with neighboring Thistle-down, will simulcast the Derby through its connection with Stampede Park in Canada.

◆ **E A S T** ◆

Yesterday's Result:

3rd-HIA, \$16,500, Msw, 3yo, f, 6f, 1;11 4/5, ft. + TASSO PURSE (f, 3, Tasso--Cutpurse {MSW, \$124,319}, by Cutlass), the 9-1 third choice in her debut, wired the field, coming home four lengths the best of 12-1 shot Proud Enough (Proud Birdie). The winner was a \$7,500 OBSOCT weanling and a \$10,500 OBSAUG yearling. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$10,900. O-D Liberty Stable. B-Emerald Pastures Corp. Inc. (Fl). T-Rossi Albino.

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◆ FOREIGN ◆

Japanese Stakes Results:

NEW ZEALAND TROPHY YONSAI S.-G2-Jpn, \$1,005,596, Tokyo Racecourse, Japan, 4-25, 3yo, 7fT, 1:23.4, yl.

1--@**ZACHARIAH (GB), 123, c, 3, Zafonic--June Moon (Ire), by Sadler's Wells.** (\$168,000 yrl '97 TAHOU). O-Hidekazu Date; B-Blue Blood Investments; T-Yoshitaka Ninomiya; J-Hitoshi Matoba; \$528,940. Lifetime Record: 4-3-0-1.

2--**Jewelry Sword (Jpn), 123, c, 3, Tony Bin (Ire)--Sapphire Blue (Jpn), by Maruzensky (Jpn).** O-Shadai Race Horse; B-Northern Farm; \$211,977.

3--**Taiki Treasure, 123, c, 3, Miswaki--Royal Bride, by Blushing Groom (Fr).** O-U. Taiki Farm; B-Taiki Farm (Ky); \$135,221.

Margins: 1/2, NK, 1. Odds: 5.80, 70.00, 30.40.

Zachariah, who suffered the first defeat of his short career last time out with a third-place effort in the Mar. 13 Nanohana S., broke from the outside in the 18-horse field for this effort. Jockey Hitoshi Matoba rated the colt in mid-pack and when he asked him in deep stretch, Zachariah responded with a powerful late kick along the rail. Trainer Yoshitaka Ninomiya, winning this race for the second year in a row, targeted the May 16 G1 NHK Mile Cup as his charge's next start. "The seven furlongs was no problem for him," commented Matoba. "Thinking ahead to his next start, I wanted to have him run in behind other horses. I think he learned a lot from this race and I look forward to trying a mile with him."

SILK ROAD S.-G3-Jpn, \$690,720, Kyoto Racecourse, Japan, 4-25, 4yo/up, 6fT, 1:08.7, fm.

1--**MEINER LOVE, 126, c, 4, by Seeking the Gold**
 1st Dam: Heart of Joy (MGSW, \$743,297), by Lypheor
 2nd Dam: Mythographer, by Secretariat
 3rd Dam: Arachne, by Intentionally (\$375,000 yrl '96 KEEJUL). O-K. Thoroughbred Club Ruffian; B-Mr. & Mrs. John C. Mabee (Ky); T-Ryuichi Inaba; J-Mikio Matsunaga; \$364,403. Lifetime Record: 15-5-4-1.

2--**Agnes World, 123, c, 4, Danzig--Mysteries, by Seattle Slew.** (\$1,050,000 yrl '96 KEEJUL). O-Takao Watanabe; B-Calumet Farm (Ky); \$143,490.

3--**Sound World (Ire), 123, c, 4, Indian Ridge (Ire)--Secret Sunday, by Secreto.** O-Yuichi Masuda; B-Michael Smurfit; \$92,625.

Margins: 2, 1 1/4, 1/2. Odds: 5.30, 6.00, 13.20.

Silk Road S. cont.

Meiner Love ended 1998 with a win in the Dec. 20 G1 Sprinters S., but was off the board in two 1999 starts, an 11th-place outing in the Jan. 10 G3 Garnet S. and a fifth-place effort in the Apr. 10 G3 Hankyu Hai. Never far back, the colt rallied at midstretch and drew away easily. "He didn't relax as much as I'd hoped, but he still ran a good race," said winning rider Mikio Matsunaga. "Even though he is a big colt, he has a lot of speed."

AMERICAN-BRED WINNERS IN JAPAN:

+**Indiana Curve, f, 3, A.P. Indy--Antique Auction (MSW, \$202,284), by Geiger Counter.** Niigata, 4-24, maiden race, 7fT. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$42,596.

O-Nihon Diners Club; B-Fontainebleau Farm, Inc.; T-Tsutomu Setoguchi. *Off slowly, the filly raced near the back of the pack before displaying a brilliant turn of foot in the stretch en route to a 3/4-length win. "She did not get a clear break and it took her a little while to get into the race, but when I pushed her, she responded," said winning rider Jotaro Horai.

Symboli Indy, c, 3, A.P. Indy--Gaelic Tune, by Danzig. Kyoto, 4-25, Marguerite S. (Listed stakes), 8fT. Lifetime Record: 4-3-1-0, \$318,216. O-Symboli Farm; B-Symboli Stud; T-Kazuo Fujisawa. *Looking for his third straight win, settled in third position and battled down the stretch to earn a neck victory. "When I asked him he took a while to respond, but he never gave up," said winning rider Norihiro Yokoyama. "He hadn't raced in four months, so I think he'll improve for this run."

Eishin Aiken, c, 3, Boundary--Math, by Devil's Bag. Fukushima, 4-25, novice race, 8.5f (dirt). Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$46,855. O-Toyomitsu Hirai; B-Ramona Holt Thomson; T-Akira Nomoto. *\$47,000 yrl '97 KEESEP; \$380,000 2yo '98 KEEAPR.

**Stormed down the stretch to a 2 1/2-length victory. "He still has some problems at the gate, but the longer distances will help him," said winning rider Akiyoshi Nomoto.

Eagle Valley, c, 3, Deputy Minister--To the Lighthouse (SW, \$346,219), by Majestic Light. Tokyo, 4-25, novice race, 7f (dirt). Lifetime Record: 6-1-1-2, \$84,356. O-Masato Kaneko; B-Christiana Stables; T-Sakae Kunieda. *Full to Henlopen, MGSP, \$139,077. **\$290,000 yrl '97 KEEJUL. ***Coming off a four-month layoff, took charge at the start and was never threatened in a four-length tally.

"Considering the layoff, he broke very sharply and took the lead easily," said winning rider Yukio Okabe.



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American-bred Winners in Japan cont.

+ **Three San Niner**, f, 3, **Forty Niner--San**, by Danzig. Kyoto, 4-24, maiden race, 6f (dirt). Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$42,596. O/B-Nagai Shoji Inc.; T-Norihito Fujioka. *Raced just off the pace before powering to the front at midstretch and pulling clear to a six-length victory. "She was never intimidated by being behind horses and I think she's only going to improve from here," commented rider Tetsuya Kobayashi.

Kanetsu World, c, 3, **Iron Courage--Badgettland Rose**, by Tom Rolfe. Tokyo, 4-24, novice race, 8f (dirt). Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-1, \$61,555. O-Kanetsu Kyosoba Inc.; B-Arlene & W R O'Neill; T-M Minamida. *\$4,000 yrl '97 KEEJAN. **Rallied from just off the pace in deep stretch to get up for a 3/4-length win. After the race, rider Yoshitomi Shibata admitted, "He was working hard to take the lead in the stretch. I think he likes turf better than the dirt."

Hishi Deed, c, 4, **Alydeed--Moon o' Gold**, by Slew o' Gold. Fukushima, 4-25, plate race, 6f (dirt). Lifetime Record: 16-2-2-4, \$200,618. O-Masaichiro Abe; B-Nelson McMakin; T-Akira Nomoto. *\$50,000 wnlg '95 KEENOV; \$95,000 yrl '96 FTSAUG.

Nishino Cinderella, f, 4, **Forty Niner--Le l'Argent** (GSW, \$628,653), by What a Pleasure. Tokyo, 4-25, plate race, 7fT. Lifetime Record: 5-2-1-0, \$131,128. O-Nishiyama Farm; B-Fares Farm; T-Hiroaki Sugiura.

American Boss, c, 4, **Kingmambo--Redeemer**, by Dixieland Band. Tokyo, 4-24, Banshu S., 8fT. Lifetime Record: 13-4-1-4, \$535,705. O-Abiru Fudosan Inc.; B-Candyland; T-Fuyuki Tago. *\$250,000 yrl '96 KEEJUL. **Duelled for the lead and inched clear to a neck win.

Gaily Egret, f, 4, **Storm Cat--Lite Light** (MGISW, \$1,231,596), by Majestic Light. Kyoto, 4-24, Australia Trophy, 7fT. Lifetime Record: 8-4-0-2, \$444,918. O-Morihiro Nishitani; B-Green Gates Farm; T-Yutaka Masumoto. *Well back early, jetted through an opening on the rail in the stretch and just got up for a half-length tally. "We were lucky to find an opening and she gave a brilliant performance on the rail," said winning rider Yutaka Take.

People Hero, c, 4, **Woodman--Mozartiana**, by Nijinsky II. Tokyo, 4-24, plate race, 12fT. Lifetime Record: 7-2-2-2, \$199,282. O-Haruyuki Nomura; B-Swettenham Stud, Ballydoyle Stud & RonCon Ltd.; T-Yoichiro Asano.

Taiki Galaxy, g, 5, **Lomond--Kauai Princess** (SP-Ire), by General Assembly. Urawa, 4-22, Multihero S., 7f (dirt). Lifetime Record: 14-3-0-0, \$154,431. O/B-Taiki Farm; T-Sakae Kunieda.

Raise Suzuran, h, 5, **Woodman--Sintanous**, by Danzig. Tokyo, 4-24, Oasis S. (Listed stakes), 8f (dirt). Lifetime Record: 23-7-3-1, \$1,139,480. O-Shuhei Suzuki; B-Howard Keck; T-Sueo Masuzawa. *\$280,000 2yo '96 BESMAR. **Went wire-to-wire and held on for a neck win over the sloppy track. His time of 1:34.6 was a tick off the stakes record.

European Stakes Result:

PRIX SERVANNE-Listed, \$42,068, Chantilly, France, 4-26, 3yo/up, 5 1/2fT, 1:06.80, gd/sf.

1--**PINMIX** (FR), 130, c, 4, **Linamix** (Fr)--**Pinaflore** (Fr) (SW-Fr), by **Formidable**. O/B-Jean-Luc Lagardere; T-Andre Fabre; J-Thierry Jarnet; \$22,652. *1/2 to **Pinfloron** (Fr) (Caerleon), SW-Fr, GSW-U.S., \$653,904.

2--**Nuclear Debate**, 130, g, 4, **Geiger Counter--l'm An Issue**, by Cox's Ridge. \$7,766.

3--**Pays to Win**, 130, g, 4, **Septieme Ciel--Aglasini** (Ire), by **Ahonoora** (GB). \$5,825.

Margins: HF, HF, NK. Odds: 2-1, 21-4, 20-1.

AMERICAN-BRED WINNERS IN FRANCE:

Green Rose, f, 3, **Green Dancer--Rixe River** (SP-Fr), by **Irish River** (Fr). Chantilly, 4-26, **Prix de Chaalis** (Cond), 3yo, f, 1 1/2mT, \$11,326 to winner. O/B-Baron Van Gysel; T-Frederic Head.

Shabby Chic, f, 3, **Red Ransom--Style Setter** (SP), by **Manila**. Chantilly, 4-26, **Prix de la Chapelle-en-Serval** (Cond), 3yo, f, 1 1/4mT, \$14,562 to winner. O-F J L Branere; B-W S Farish; T-Jean de Roualle. *\$125,000 yrl '97 KEESEP.

AMERICAN-BRED WINNER IN ENGLAND:

Alsahib, g, 6, **Slew o'Gold--Khwlah** (GSP-Ity, SP-Ger), by **Best Turn**. Southwell, 4-26, **Leicester Claiming S.**, 4yo/up, 1 1/2m (AWT), \$3,439 to winner. O-S Channing Williams; B-Shadwell Estate Co. Ltd. & Shadwell Farm Inc. T-William Muir.

Swedish Jockey Challenge:

Stockholm's Taby Racecourse will host an international jockeys' challenge June 8. The "Lester Piggott International Jockeys Challenge" will match nine riders from around the world, with Piggott, who won the very first Jockeys' Challenge at Taby in 1979, presenting the trophy. Californians Kent Desormeaux, Corey Nakatani and Laffit Pincay Jr. have accepted invitations, as have Europe's Pat Eddery, who rode in the 1979 series, and Olivier Peslier.

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◆ PEDIGREE INSIGHTS ◆

BY ANDREW CAULFIELD

DERBY TRIAL S.-GIII, \$114,800, CDX, 4-24, 3yo, 1m, 1:37 4/5, ft.

1--#@PATIENCE GAME, 116, c, 3, by Woodman
 1st Dam: Starboard Tack, by Seattle Slew
 2nd Dam: Hangin On a Star, by Vice Regent
 3rd Dam: Hangin Round, by Stage Door Johnny

DESERT KING E.B.F. TETRARCH S.-G3, \$65,481, The Curragh, Ireland, 4-25, 3yo, 7fT, 1:35.20, sf.

1--#@MAJOR FORCE, 123, c, 3, by Woodman
 1st Dam: Ready for Action, by Riverman
 2nd Dam: Anya Ylina, by Bold Reasoning
 3rd Dam: Goofed, by *Court Martial

There was some good news and some bad news last week for Woodman. The bad news was that his champion son Way of Light, last year's top juvenile in France, could finish only a disappointing fifth in his trial for the French 2000 Guineas. However, this setback (which may well prove only temporary) was amply compensated for by impressive wins by two of Woodman's other three-year-old sons, with Patience Game taking the GIII Derby Trial on the main track at Churchill Downs and Major Force the G3 Tetrarch S. by six lengths on turf at The Curragh. For good measure, Woodman was also responsible for the first two, Campo Catino and Twickenham, in a Listed race in Ireland Sunday and for Raise Suzuran, winner of the Listed Oasis S. in Tokyo Saturday.

The Preakness has been mentioned as a possible target for the rapidly improving Patience Game, who represents an excellent start to the broodmare career of Starboard Tack, an unraced daughter of Seattle Slew. One of Woodman's previous matings with a Seattle Slew mare resulted in Hishi Akebono, a champion sprinter and miler in Japan, and this pairing has again worked well.

Patience Game cost The Thoroughbred Corporation \$250,000 at Keeneland in September and has now won the last two of his four starts, proving himself a worthy member of a highly successful family.

Although Starboard Tack never raced, she has the distinction of being a half sister to Comet Shine. This Fappiano colt won the Summer S. and Cup and Saucer S. in 1993 to become Canada's champion two-year-old colt, and Starboard Tack is also a half sister to the Grade II-placed Sky Colony. As Comet Shine and Sky Colony were both suited to the turf, this could also be an option for Patience Game later in his career.

This preference for turf runs through the Derby Trial winner's background. His second dam, the Vice Regent mare Hangin On A Star, defeated the males on turf in the 1987 Breeders' S., the final leg of the Canadian Triple Crown. Understandably, she disliked being hit in the face with dirt, something which was inevitable with her preference for coming from off the pace. Hangin On A Star's Breeders' S. win came over 1 1/2 miles, as did Seattle Slew's win in the Belmont S., so there is plenty of stamina in Starboard Tack's background.

Patience Game's third dam, Hangin Around, was by Stage Door Johnny, another winner of the Belmont. Hangin Around failed to win a single dollar in five starts, but more than made amends after she retired to stud. Hangin On A Star was Hangin On's fourth major winner in Canada, following Mr. Macho, Rainbow Connection and Archdeacon (GIC Prince of Wales S.).

Rainbow Connection was a champion at two and three and has proved equally proficient as a broodmare, notably producing Rainbows For Life, a Canadian champion at two and four years, and Colour Chart, a multiple Group winner at up to 1 1/2 miles in France before achieving several Grade-I placings in the U.S.

It's worth pointing out that Colour Chart was sired by Mr. Prospector, the sire of Woodman, so once again the indications are that Patience Game will be suited by a bit further to travel.

Major Force's win against a field that included two previous Group winners established him as a candidate for either the Irish or French 2000 Guineas, and he has the right pedigree credentials. His second dam, Anya Ylina, was a half sister to Lyphard and Nobiliary (GI Washington D.C. International) and Major Force is a product of the same Woodman-Riverman cross which produced Hector Protector (French 2000 Guineas) and Bosra Sham (1000 Guineas).

4 STAKES WINNERS IN 24 HOURS

- USA** Derby Trial Stakes - Gr.3, Churchill Downs.
1ST - PATIENCE GAME - main aim is the Preakness Stakes - Gr.1.
- IRELAND** Desert King EBF Tetrarch Stakes - Gr.3, The Curragh.
1ST - MAJOR FORCE - next stop the French or Irish 2,000 Guineas - Gr.1.
 Victory Note EBF Mooresbridge Stakes - L.R., The Curragh.
1ST - CAMPO CATINO - runs next in the Tattersalls Gold Cup - Gr.1.
2ND - TWICKENHAM
- JAPAN** Oasis Stakes - L.R., Tokyo.
1ST - RAISE SUZURAN

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WHAT'S DOING DOWN UNDER



By Bronwyn Farr

A time will come in the not too distant future when Australia will rely on homebred sires instead of northern hemisphere-based shuttle stallions, Arrowfield Stud Managing Director John Messara has somewhat controversially declared. Messara made his bold prediction on the eve of a bumper Easter yearling sale where seven of the top 10 sires (by average) were U.S.-bred.

The progeny of Danehill and Zabeel (NZ) have indisputably dominated Australia's just-concluded autumn racing carnival and it is interesting to note that Messara was one of the catalysts behind Danehill's first visit to Australia in 1990 and Arrowfield-bred Sir Tristram's heir apparent Zabeel.

The publicly listed New South Wales-based stud, which severed ties with Coolmore in 1994-95, is easily the second-biggest Thoroughbred operation here after Coolmore. Most significantly, Arrowfield has forged solid links with Shadai Farm, standing Fuji Kiseki (Jpn) and Timber Country and sending mares to Sunday Silence. Industry observers believe Arrowfield's association with Shadai will ultimately lead to greater market participation here by the Japanese.

Messara points to Danehill sire-son Danzero (Aus), a Golden Slipper winner out of Star Kingdom (Ire) line mare Confidentially (Aus), to support his prediction there'll be a shift in emphasis. Danzero's first crop has been well received--we'll hear more about the likes of Bluedanu (Aus), Danglissa (Aus), Marechal (Aus) and Dane Beauty (Aus) in the spring.

"Danzero serves to demonstrate that in future we should head toward self-sufficiency in stallions," says Messara. "Selecting the best of the local crop of Danehill or other successful stallions here has to be the way in which we begin to minimize the outflow of capital from our industry."

Messara says Australia can move from an "investment phase" to an "import competing phase" using the best performed sons of shuttle sires.

"It makes sense because it is a way of retaining valuable bloodlines through those sons most adept at racing under Australian conditions," he says, pointing out that stallions regarded as "colonial" such as Snippets (Aus) and Zabeel ultimately emerged.

It is vital to have continued access to significant new sirelines emerging in the northern hemisphere and Messara cited Unbridled's Song and End Sweep, from different arms of the Mr. Prospector line, as examples.

Prominent bloodstock agent James Bester, a marketing consultant to Coolmore Australia, counters it is time to forget about the origins of stallions.

"I never think in terms of whether a stallion is colonial or northern hemisphere, it isn't an 'us' and 'them' thing," said Bester, adding that Star Kingdom and Sir Tristram, Australasia's most prepotent lines before Danehill dominated, were imported from Ireland decades ago. "I don't endorse (Messara's stance) at all, but I am not taking issue with it. We have to continue to bring in the very best stallions we can, irrespective of their origin or whether they are homebred. It is absolutely irrelevant if they are the best bloodlines performance-wise and commercially. We have to continue to do what we can to compete on a global level."



Patrick Hogan, studmaster at New Zealand's Cambridge Stud, anticipates a dozen Zabeel foals will be born in the northern hemisphere this spring, with 30 more bred to northern hemisphere time available here.

"About this time last year I was under enormous pressure to stand Zabeel in the northern hemisphere, and comments made to me that Zabeel was idle in the paddock for seven or eight months got me thinking," Hogan said. "I have adamantly said all along this horse is not going out the gate, he is not leaving my farm. I said it with Sir Tristram and I want to say it with this horse. It suits me to be that way. So I thought I would do it in reverse to everyone else and let the mares come to Zabeel."

Hogan offered Zabeel at his '98 fee of AUS\$40,000 (US\$24,908) and mares including Passefleur (NZ), dam of Melbourne Cup winner Jezabeel (NZ); Tree Of Life (GB), dam of Martree (Aus); and Brilliantdeduction, the dam of stakes-winning two-year-old Countess Christie (Aus) and are among 40 in foal.

"Zabeel handled it very well, he is very fertile and very relaxed," said Hogan. "I will do it next year if there are no problems with our season. In my opinion, three or four mares will end up in Japan, two or three to the U.S. and three or four to England; I think it is important they foal down to their spring."

"It is going to be great, suddenly Zabeel's progeny will appear in the northern hemisphere and let's hope he can do what he has done down here and win a Derby or an Oaks with at least one of them."

Zabeel currently leads the Australasian sires' table with about AUS\$9 million (\$5.6 million), followed by Danehill with about \$8.5 million (\$5.3 million) and three months of the season remaining.

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 Vinery Australia will sponsor a live Internet broadcast of the Magic Millions Select Yearling Sale from the Gold Coast June 7. The Magic Millions January sale was broadcast via the Internet and was a major success, drawing viewers from all over the world, according to Niall Power of Equine World, which helped produce and screen the event. The June sale video can be accessed from the home pages of Vinery (www.vinery.net), Equine World (www.equineworld.net) or Streaming Media Australia (www.streamingmedia.com.au).

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STAKES RESULTS:

GEORGE ROYAL S., \$36,443, HST, 4-25, 3yo/up, 6 1/2f, 1:15 1/5, ft.
 1--**MIKE K**, 118, h, 5, Restless Con--Up Her Sleeve, by Secreto. O-Breakaway Stable; B-Perry & Thompson (BC); T-Allan Jack; J-G L Olguin; \$22,739. Lifetime Record: 9-7-0-1, \$119,570.
 2--**Knave**, 118, h, 5, Bold Laddie--Mistletoe N Holly, by Cormorant. (\$5,875 yrl '95 BRCAUG). \$7,580.
 3--**Liberty Road**, 115, h, 6, Fortunate Prospect--Setting Trick, by Tom Rolfe. (\$40,000 2yo 1995 OBSFEB; \$110,000 HRA 1996 BESJUL). \$3,850.
 Margins: 3/4, 6 3/4, 1. Odds: 1.05, 0.75, 6.10.

MOUNTAIN VIEW S., \$25,000, EMD, 4-25, 4yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:09 2/5, ft.
 1--**ROPERSANDWRANGLERS**, 118, m, 6, Endow--Silent Suprise, by Silent Screen. (\$2,000 wlng '93 CALSEP). O-Klokstad Billie; B-Michael Bill G (CA); T-Bud Klokstad; J-F A Gonsalves; \$13,750. Lifetime Record: 21-14-2-2, \$274,325.
 2--**Singing Year**, 114, m, 6, Half a Year--Candlelight Song, by Seattle Song. \$5,000.
 3--**Purls Legend**, 119, f, 4, Local Talent--Purl One, by Give Me Strength. \$3,750.
 Margins: 1 1/4, 2 1/4, 2. Odds: 0.40, 3.90, 8.80.

ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

6th-HAW, \$47,600, 3yo/up, 1 1/16m, 1:42, ft.
COACH HICKS (g, 6, Sun Power--Short an Stuff, by Super Hit) Lifetime Record: SW, 38-12-6-7, \$291,741.
 O-Frank Mancari. B-James M Levitch (II). T-Michael L Reavis.

1st-HAW, \$44,640, 3yo/up, 1 1/16m, 1:43 3/5, ft.
PADDY'S SPY (c, 4, Spy Signal--Tokyo Flight, by Wajima) Lifetime Record: SW, 27-4-6-4, \$175,072.
 O-McWilliams Dennis. B-Moen Kris M (IL). T-M R Yanez.

8th-DEL, \$32,900, 3yo/up, a1m70yd, 1:41 1/5, ft.
CLARION BLAST (g, 4, Robin Des Pins--Recent Memories, by Turkoman) Lifetime Record: 25-6-4-2, \$93,215.
 O-S J B Stable Jr. B-Galbreath/Phillips Racing Partnership (KY). T-Frank A Passero Jr.

7th-DEL, \$32,600, 3yo, 6f, 1:10 1/5, ft.
JOVIAL BRUSH (c, 3, Broad Brush--Wings of Jove {GISW, \$127,959}, by Northern Jove) Lifetime Record: MSP, 10-3-3-1, \$77,928. O/B-R E Meyerhoff (MD). T-R W Small. *Full to Broad Smile, MGSW, \$405,285.

8th-HAW, \$29,000, 3yo/up, a1m70yd, 1:39 3/5, ft.
DUST ON THE BOTTLE (c, 4, Temperance Hill--Princely Proof {MSW & GISP, \$594,287}, by Princely Pleasure) Lifetime Record: 18-3-5-3, \$84,900. O/B-Sharon L Hild (AR). T-Glenn L Hild.

5th-HAW, \$27,000, (S), 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:11 2/5, ft.
SHE'S CRAFTY (f, 4, Verzy--Crafty Skater, by Overskate) Lifetime Record: 10-4-2-0, \$41,000. O-John G Hillebrand Jr. & John G Hillebrand IV. B-Bluestem Farm Inc. (IL). T-Hugh H Robertson.

9th-PHA, \$24,390, 3yo/up, f/m, 6 1/2f, 1:17, ft.
FIELDS REWARD (m, 5, Hagley's Reward--Field Bet, by Bet Big) Lifetime Record: 16-4-1-2, \$59,780. O-Gee Three Stables. B/T-Edward T. English (PA).

MAIDEN WINNERS:

Ruckus All Night, f, 3, Brief Ruckus--Tequila Nights, by Hooched. HIA, 4-26, a1 1/16mT, 1:42. B-Hubert & Docia Pilcher (Fl).
I Promise, g, 3, Clever Trick--Squaw Talk (MSP), by Gulch. PHA, 4-26, a1m70yd, 1:43 1/5. B-BBA Ireland (Ky). *\$21,000 wlng '96 KEENOV; \$35,000 yrl '97 OBSAUG.
Southern Cure, f, 3, Cure the Blues--Appealing Jeanne, by Valid Appeal. SUF, 4-26, 6f, 1:12 2/5. B-Sabine Stable (Ky).
On Demand, g, 3, Kingmambo--Reassert (SW), by Assert (Ire). PHA, 4-26, (C), 6 1/2f, 1:18 4/5. B-G W Humphrey Jr & Pamela H Firman (Ky).
Miner's Wish, c, 3, Miner's Mark--Lynn's a Dream (MSW, \$225,301), by Shananie. PHA, 4-26, 5 1/2f, 1:05. B-Gilbert G Campbell (Fl).
Additional Maidens in tomorrow's TDN.



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