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GULFSTREAM CONTRACT CONFIRMED The Orient Corporation has confirmed that it has entered into an agreement with Frank Stronach's MI Venture, Inc. (Ventures) to sell Gulfstream Park. The sale price is \$95 million. Ventures is Magna International Inc.'s non-automotive group. "Orient Corporation and Higashi Nihon House Co. are pleased to have secured a purchaser who previously has made a substantial investment in the future of Thoroughbred racing," said Akihiro Terada, Orient's representative at Gulfstream Park. "We are confident Ventures will further strengthen Gulfstream's ranking as Florida's number one Thoroughbred track and one of the industry's national leaders."

RECORD DAY AT TATTERSALLS With a final bid of 200,000gns (\$336,538), the three-year-old filly **Stolen Tear (Fr)** (Cadeaux Genereux {GB}) became the highest-priced horse ever to sell at Tattersalls July Sales during the opening day of the annual auction in Newmarket, England yesterday. The impeccably bred chestnut, consigned by Gainsborough, was knocked down to Charlie Gordon-Watson after a prolonged bidding battle with John Needham of Elmhurst Bloodstock. The previous July Sales record price was 115,000gns (\$193,510) in 1988. While only one session was held on the first day of the 1998 sale, two sessions were held yesterday. The average rose 126 percent compared to last year's figure. The median rose 65 percent. The three-day auction runs through Thursday.

Tuesday, Newmarket, England:

PRINCESS OF WALES'S GREENE KING S.-G2, \$83,333, Newmarket, England, 7-6, 3yo/up, 1 1/2mT, 2:25.29 (NTR), gd.

1--@**CRAIGSTEEL (GB)**, 128, c, 4, by **Suave Dancer**

1st Dam: **Applecross (GB)** (MGSP-GB), by **Glint Of Gold (GB)**

2nd Dam: **Rynechra (GB)**, by **Blakeney (GB)**

3rd Dam: **Marypark (GB)**, by **Charlottown (GB)**

O/B-Sir David Wills; T-Henry Cecil; J-Kieren Fallon; \$50,320. *1/2 to **Inchroy (GB)** (Midyan), Hwt. 3yo-Scan, Ch. Stayer-Scan, GSW-Swe, MSW-Nor; Invermark (GB) (Machiavellian), G1SW-Fr, SW & G1SP-GB, \$228,381.

2--**Arctic Owl (GB)**, 131, g, 5, **Most Welcome (GB)**--**Short Rations (GB)**, by **Lorenzaccio (Ire)**. (\$15,560 yrl '95 TAOCT). O-The Owl Society; B-J M Greetham; \$18,590.

3--**Silver Rhapsody**, 125, f, 4, **Silver Hawk--Sister Chrys**, by **Fit To Fight**. (\$195,000 yrl '96 KEESEP). O-Lordship Stud; B-Jayeff "B" Stables (Ky); \$8,894.

Margins: 1, 1 1/4, NK. Odds: 13-2, 7-1, 9-1.

Also ran: **Sea Wave (Ire)**, **Bienamado**, **Zaajer**, **Capri (GB)**, **Secret Saver**.

Racing for the first time this year having rounded off last year with a win in a conditions event at Doncaster, Nov. 6, Craigsteel added a first Group win to a solitary Listed success when winning in track-record breaking fashion. Racing in second as stablemate **Capri (GB)** (**Generous {Ire}**) set a strong pace, Craigsteel raced in advance of favored **Sea Wave (Ire)** (**Sadler's Wells**) and **Silver Rhapsody**. As **Capri** began to fade, Craigsteel took up the running, striding out well with three furlongs to run. **Sea Wave** went in pursuit in second, followed by **Silver Rhapsody** but Craigsteel galloped relentlessly onward without showing signs of stopping. He was two lengths clear at the furlong marker where **Arctic Owl** came from the pack to deliver a challenge. Craigsteel ran on resolutely and passed the line a deserved winner as **Arctic Owl** never managed to get on terms. **Silver Rhapsody**, another **Henry Cecil** inmate kept on well to deprive **Sea Wave** of third. Winning trainer **Cecil** explained: "He will now go for the (G2) **Geoffrey Freer S.** (at Newbury, Aug. 14). He is a good horse but this was only his first run of the year because he has had a lot of problems with his feet, suffering from quarter cracks and so on. He does need give in the ground and that was a very good performance."

TATTERSALLS JULY STATISTICS

TUESDAY, JULY 6, 1998



SESSION TOTALS	1999	1998
*No. Sold	92	44
Gross	\$1,864,255	\$393,834
Average	\$20,263	\$8,950
Median	\$9,423	\$5,721

*Statistics reflect two 1999 sessions and only one 1998 session.

STAKES CLOSINGS

TODAY, WEDNESDAY, JULY 7:

07-17 \$150,000 **Hollywood Oaks-II, Hol**, 3yo, f, 9f, (200)

07-18 \$250,000 **Sunset H.-II, Hol**, 3yo/up, 12ft, (300)





Tuesday, Newmarket, England:

CHARLES HEIDSIECK CHAMPAGNE CHERRY HINTON S.-G2, \$60,737, Newmarket, England, 7-6, 2yo, f, 6fT, 1:11.77, gd.

1--#@**TORG AU (IRE)**, 121, f, 2, by Zieten

1st Dam: **Snoozy Time (GB)**, by Cavo Doro (Ire)

2nd Dam: **Woddy Time (GB)**, by Gratitude (GB)

3rd Dam: **Siesta Time (GB)**, by Ommeyad (GB)

(\$21,840 wnlg '97 TADEF; \$21,320 yrl '98 TAOCT).

O-The Tt Partnership; B-B Kennedy; T-Giles Bravery;

J-Gary Stevens; \$36,619. *1/2 to Dream of Fame

(Ire) (Pretorius {Ire}), MSP, \$395,631.

2--**Hoh Dear (Ire)**, 121, f, 2, Sri Pekan--Miss Kristin (Ire), by Alzao. (\$42,781 yrl '98 GOOC1). O-Highclere Thoroughbred Racing Ltd; B-Denis & Cathal Brosnan; \$13,542.

3--**Flowington (Ire)**, 121, f, 2, Owington (GB)--Persian Flower (GB), by Persian Heights (GB). (\$3,360 wnlg '97 TADEF; \$2,995 yrl '98 GOOC1). O-Linane Racing; B-Anamoine Ltd; \$6,490.

Margins: 1 1/4, 3, 1 1/4. Odds: 12-1, 3-1, 33-1.

Also ran: Presentation (Ire), Forever Midnight (Ire), Fairy Gem (Ire), Indeedyedo (GB), Tara's Girl (Ire), Areydha (GB), Never Diss Miss (GB), Love You Too (GB), Zestril (GB).

The sun-drenched crowd on the Newmarket July course were treated to a vintage Gary Stevens ride, leading from pillar to post for his first course win on the 12-1 chance Torgau. In her previous start, the filly recovered from a slow start to finish a good sixth in the June 16 G3 Queen Mary S. at Royal Ascot. There were no such problems at the start here as Torgau broke well and won unchallenged in impressive fashion. As the field raced towards the final quarter, Torgau skipped into a two-length lead as favored Hoh Dear went in pursuit. Running on strongly Torgau never looked in any danger as Stevens gave a somewhat surprised look over his shoulder as his mount passed the post unchallenged. An understandably delighted Giles Bravery, with only nine horses in his Newmarket stable, said: "My only instructions to the jockey were 'Good Luck.' It's amazing, incredible even, that he could go out on a horse not having ridden the course much and lead on her like that. The man (Gary Stevens) is a an incredible talent as the world knows. I don't suppose I can use him again, we've got such a good record together (1 for 1), why ruin it? Training racehorses is unbelievably idiotic. You lose all your money, which you may not have had anyway, you are owned by the banks, you never get enough horses and no one ever pays you. Then, once in about six years, you have a day like today and you've got to say that is what makes it all worthwhile. It's fantastic."

◆ P R E V I E W ◆

Today, Newmarket, England:

GREENE KING FALMOUTH S.-G2, \$96,154, 3yo/up, f/m, 1mT

PP	HORSE (Sire)	TRAINER	WT
1	Ma-Arif (Ire) (Alzao)	Gosden	118
2	Celtic Cross (GB) (Selkirk)	Stoute	127
3	Hasty Words (Ire) (Polish Patriot)	B Hills	118
4	Presumed (Dynaformer)	Makin	118
5	Hula Angel (Woodman)	B Hills	124
6	Balisada (GB) (Kris {GB})	Wragg	124
7	Ronda (GB) (Bluebird)	Laffon-Parias	118
8	Choirgirl (GB) (Unfuwain)	Gosden	118
9	Cape Verdi (Ire) (Caerleon)	bin Suroor	133

The eagerly awaited return of **Cape Verdi** provides the focus of attention on the first day of the July Meeting at the beautiful Newmarket July course. An expensive failure when supplemented for last year's Epsom Derby in her last start, Cape Verdi will be best remembered for her scintillating display when winning the English 1000 Guineas in her only other outing last season. **Balisada** and **Hula Angel**, representing the younger generation, will provide able opposition. Balisada won the G1 Coronation S. in good style at Royal Ascot, June 16, ahead of **Choirgirl**, **Presumed** and **Hula Angel**, and will have a major chance on that formline. Hula Angel can be forgiven that disappointing run and is better judged on her superb win in the G1 Irish 1000 Guineas at The Curragh, May 23. She has twice finished ahead of stablemate Hasty Words and is obviously the stable choice. An interesting challenger is the French-trained **Ronda** who comfortably won the G3 Prix de Sandringham at Chantilly, June 6, and had previously finished second in the G2 German 1000 Guineas at Dusseldorf, May 2.

Today, Newmarket, England:

TNT INTERNATIONAL AVIATION JULY S.-G3, \$51,282, 2yo, c/g, 6fT

PP	HORSE (Sire)	TRAINER
1	Our Ambition (Ire) (Great Commotion)	Meehan
2	City On A Hill (Rahy)	Loder
3	Lord Pacal (Ire) (Indian Ridge {Ire})	Callaghan
4	Mull Of Kintyre (Danzig)	A O'Brien
5	Sir Nicholas (GB) (Cadeaux Generaux {GB})	Noseda
6	Master Fay (Ire) (Fayruz {GB})	Hannon
7	Digital Image (GB) (Presidium {GB})	Hannon

All carry 122 pounds except City On A Hill at 125.

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◆ FOREIGN ◆

Japanese Stakes Results:

HAKODATE KINEN-G3, \$695,031, Hakodate, Japan, 7-4, 3yo/up, 1 1/4mT, 2:02, fm.
 1--#**@JO BIG BANG (JPN)**, 110, c, 4, Sunday Silence--Jo Saver (Jpn), by Northern Taste. O-K Ueda; B-Hokkaido Narashino Bokujo; T-Masanao Tsubo; J-Hiromasa Tamogi; \$366,619. Lifetime Record: 10-4-1-2.
 2--**Eishin Guymon**, 121, h, 6, Seattle Dancer--Meadow Mist, by Irish River (Fr). O-Toyomitsu Hirai; B-Keswick Stables (VA); \$144,387.

3--**Kamino Cremona (Jpn)**, 112, h, 6, Amber Shadai (Jpn)--Showa Roman (Jpn), by Coined Silver. O-Kazushige Kobayashi; B-Showa Bokujo; \$93,214. Margins: 3 1/2, NK, NK. Odds: 13.40, 18.10, 85.90.
 Jo Big Bang emerged victorious in his first graded-stakes attempt. The bay colt, sent off as the sixth choice in a field of 16, stalked the pace while in third, accelerated along the rail and widened through the stretch to win going away.

RADIO TAMPA SHO-G3, \$646,263, Fukushima, Japan, 7-4, 3yo, 1 1/8mT, 1:50, fm.

1--**SILK GUARDIAN (JPN)**, 119, c, 3, Hector Protector--Kachita Girl (Jpn) (SP), by Morning Frolic. O-Silk Co Ltd; B-Hosei Farm; T-Susumu Yano; J-Yoshitomi Shibata; \$341,394. Lifetime Record: 11-3-4-1.
 2--**Admire Kaiser (Ire)**, 119, c, 3, Rainbow Quest--Alexandrie, by Val de l'Orne (Fr). O-Riichi Kondo; B-N P Bloodstock Ltd; \$135,979.
 3--**Clockwork (Jpn)**, 114, f, 3, Real Shadai--Keiwan Marion (Jpn), by Gay Mecene. O/B-Tohoku Racehorse Farm Inc; \$84,806.
 Margins: NK, HD, 3/4. Odds: 5.10, 5.00, 8.70.

Silk Guardian earned his first graded-stakes triumph with this hard-fought victory. The chestnut colt had finished third in the G2 Spring S. Mar. 21 before running seventh in the Apr. 18 G1 Satsuki Sho (Japanese 2000 Guineas). Silk Guardian rated in midpack, split rivals turning for home and outlasted Admire Kaiser's furious rally to have his picture taken. Winning trainer Susumu Yano said, "He is a powerful colt. I am really proud of his performances in [both] the Spring S. and the Japanese 2000 guineas. He is improving quickly."

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.

European Stakes Results:

PRIX DU CARROUSEL-Listed, \$39,553, Maisons-Laffitte, France, 7-6, 4yo/up, 1 7/8mT, 3:20.70, sf.
 1--**KASHWAN (SPA)**, 127, h, 5, Unfuwain--Kalawelsh (Fr), by Kalaglow (Ire). O-Enrique Sarasola; B-Cuadra Arabian; T-Elie Lellouche; J-Davy Bonilla; \$22,329. *Ch. 2yo & 3yo-Spa, MGSP-Fr. **1/2 to Persian Ruler (GB) (Don Roberto), GSW-Fr, \$116,787.
 2--**Turbotiere (Fr)**, 120, f, 4, Turgeon--Victoria Dee (Fr), by Rex Magna (Fr). \$7,656.
 3--**Shaya (GB)**, 123, h, 5, Nashwan--Gharam, by Green Dancer. \$5,742.
 Margins: 2, NO, 20. Odds: 1.50, 1.00.

AMERICAN-BRED WINNER IN ENGLAND:

+ **Race Leader**, c, 2, **Gone West--Dubian (GB)** (Ch. Older Mare-Ity, G1SW-Ity, GSW-Ire, G1SP-GB & Ire, \$107,045-GB & Ire), by High Line (GB). Newmarket, 7-6, Strutt & Parker Maiden S., 2yo, 7fT, \$8,566 to winner. O-Mohammed Obaida; B-Gainsborough Farm Inc; T-Barry Hills; J-Michael Hills. *1/2 to Sayyedati (GB) (Shadeed), Hwt. 2yo Filly-Ire, Twice Hwt. Older Mare-GB at 7-9.5f, MG1SW-GB, G1SW-Fr & Ire, GISP-USA, SP-Jpn, \$1,383,707; Golden Snake (Danzig), G1SW-Fr, SW & GSP-GB, \$137,193.

AMERICAN-BRED WINNER IN FRANCE:

Juan Les Pins, c, 3, **Green Dancer--Ostora**, by Blushing Groom (Fr). Maisons-Laffitte, 7-6, Prix d'Ellon, 3yo, 1 5/8mT, \$14,354 to winner. O-J R de Aragao Bozano; B-Haras Santa Maria de Araras; T-Alain de Royer-Dupre.

NTRA Champions on FOX
 Current Standings - July 6

<u>HORSE</u>	<u>POINTS</u>	<u>LAST START</u>
Behrens	34	1st-Suburban H.
Real Quiet	22	1st-Hollywood Gold Cup
Free House	20	2nd-Pimlico Special
Puerto Madero (Chi)	20	4th-Hollywood Gold Cup
Silver Charm	16	4th-Stephen Foster H.
Budroyale	12	2nd-Hollywood Gold Cup
Event of the Year	12	4th-Mervyn Leroy H.
Sir Bear	10	1st-Metropolitan H.

Upcoming Races (Points): GI Whitney H., SAR, 8-1 (20-12-8); GI Pacific Classic, DMR, 8-29 (20-12-8)

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◆ EAST ◆

Bothe Leaves Meadowlands Mike:

John Bothe has resigned his position as announcer at the Meadowlands Racetrack and has dropped his lawsuit against the New Jersey track. His resignation is effective Sept. 9.

Yesterday's Results:

7th-DEL, \$33,600, Alw, 3yo/up, a1 1/16mT, 1:45, fm.

SHARP FACE (c, 3, Trempolino--Spectacular Face {GSP-Fr, \$112,686}, by Spectacular Bid), second in his first start last November, returned this year to win a Pimlico maiden May 21 and a Monmouth allowance June 5 before finishing second last time out June 23. Favored at 4-5, the dark bay raced well back after bearing out at the start, rushed up to vie for the lead nearing the stretch and edged clear late to win by one length. Lifetime Record: 5-3-2-0, \$63,450.

O-F E Dixon Jr. B-Fares Farm, Inc. (KY). T-John R S Fisher.

4th-DEL, \$29,300, Msw, 3yo/up, f/m, a1mT, 1:41, fm. + SERENGETI DAY (f, 3, Alleged--Lassie Dear {GSW}, by Buckpasser) came blasting through the heat to break her maiden as the even-money choice in her debut. The bay filly was off a step slowly, steadied near the three-eighths pole, circled the field turning for home and drew off as much the best by 5 1/4 lengths. She is a 1/2 to Weekend Surprise (Secretariat), MGSW & MGISP, \$402,892, 1992 Broodmare of the Year; Spectacular Spy (Spectacular Bid), MSW, \$138,335; Al Mufti (Roberto), GISP-SAf & GSP-Ger; Wolfhound (Nureyev), GISW-Fr, Eng; Foxhound (Danzig), SW & MGSP-Fr. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$17,400.

O/B-W S Farish III & W S Kilroy (Ky). T-Neil J Howard.

1st-DEL, \$29,000, Msw, 2yo, 5 1/2f, 1:05 1/5, ft. + TOURING CAT (c, 2, Tour d'Or--Tune in to the Cat, by Tunerup), a \$16,000 OBSAPR juvenile purchase, paid for himself with this debut victory. The full to Cat On Tour, GSW, \$125,272, was bumped at the start, but recovered quickly. The 5-1 shot launched his bid on the turn and was clear by 2 3/4 lengths under the wire. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$17,400. O-Plumstead Stables. B-Hilmer C Schmidt (FL). T-Robert J Seeger.

◆ MIDWEST ◆

No License for Patin:

The Louisiana State Racing Commission has refused to renew jockey Billy Patin's license, according to *Harness Tracks of America* newsletter. Patin was suspended five years by the Arkansas Racing Commission for carrying an electrical device during his winning ride aboard Valhol in the Gil Arkansas Derby. A temporary restraining order allowed him to continue riding at Evangeline Downs where he ranks third in the riders' standings. Patin's license expired last Thursday.

◆ INDUSTRY INFO ◆

New Keeneland Entry Fee Policy:

Beginning with the 1999 November Breeding Stock Sale, consignors will have an additional month to pay the first half of the entry fee for Keeneland's sales. Instead of requiring payment when horses are entered, Keeneland will bill consignors for half of the fee. Payment is due 30 days after the entry deadline. The balance will be deducted from sales proceeds.

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ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

5th-DEL, \$33,000, 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:09 4/5, ft. QUITE REVEALING (f, 4, Glitterman--Sheza MyCissy {SP}, by Smead) Lifetime Record: 12-4-1-0, \$69,400. O-Anthony Petruzzello. B-Michael Celendano & Pamela Hamilton (FL). T-Steve Klesaris.

8th-PHA, \$22,100, 3yo, f, 5 1/2f, 1:04 1/5, ft. LUCKY PEEK (f, 3, Beyond the Mint--Double Peek, by Spring Double) Lifetime Record: 8-2-2-2, \$44,025. O-Paul E Labe Sr. B-Labe Paul (PA). T-Scott A Lake. Maiden winners p. 6

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WRITERS UP

BECKER BACK WHERE HE BELONGS

By *Andy Belfiore*

Trainer Mike Becker shouldn't be anywhere near a racehorse. The metal rods which hold his spine together just aren't made to handle a hard knock from a thousand-pound animal.

"If a horse gets to playing around and bumps me accidentally, I could be on the operating table that night," he said.

Despite that fact, Becker, now 40, has five horses at Monmouth Park this summer. He has worked with harness horses and thoroughbreds since high school. Seven years ago, he was headed home after another morning at Pompano Raceway in Florida when an 18-wheeler ran a red light, smashing into him as he drove through the intersection. He is lucky to be alive. "The accident pretty much destroyed my lower back," Becker said. "The last five discs in my lower back were crushed."

Miraculously, Becker was not immediately paralyzed. But his condition deteriorated after the accident and he found himself on the operating table.

"It got to the point where I couldn't walk," he said. "I knew I was in bad shape. I had the first surgery in March of '93.

"The second surgery, in October, didn't go as planned. Afterwards, I was paralyzed. I lost (the use of) both my arms."

Doctors had told him there was about "a 500,000,000-to-1" chance that this would happen. At first, they thought his arms, which had been raised over his head during the operation, had just fallen asleep. It turned out the nerves to his arms had been deprived of oxygen during the surgery.

"It took a year before I could be by myself in my house," he said. "But I was lucky. Nobody guaranteed I would get better. I had great doctors and nurses and therapists and everybody worked real hard."

But it wasn't just his arms that Becker wanted back. He wanted to return to the racetrack. "I wanted to be back with the horses--I didn't care what it took," he said. "All my life I'd been getting up at 5 a.m., coming to the track, working seven days. When that was taken away, it was like taking my breath away."

As part of his rehabilitation, Becker, a native of northern New Jersey, volunteered at the Winslow Therapeutic Riding Academy in Warwick, New York, which offers physical therapy on horseback for kids with problems.

"It was the only way the doctors would let me near a horse," he said. "I was a volunteer, but I also had a selfish goal, to see if I could work with horses again. I wasn't sure I could pick up a brush.

"The kids scared me I was afraid I would do something wrong and maybe get them hurt. But they would just come up and take me by the hand. I cried the first day I was there. I call it God's workshop, and I always told them I would try to pay them back for their help."

It wasn't long before Becker had that chance. He won a lawsuit against the trucking company which was involved in the accident. Dick Kumble, his financial advisor, became a good friend as well. The two decided to buy a racehorse together.

That horse was Influent. Before he ever started for his new owners, Becker pledged 2 percent of his winnings to the Winslow Academy. A \$54,000 purchase, Influent went on to win six stakes races and more than \$850,000.

"We thought he'd be a nice \$30,000 claimer," Becker laughed. "But with the money from Influent, Winslow was able to buy land and build a barn. They had been turning away about 500 kids a year...for the next 10 years, about 5,000 kids will benefit from what Influent did."

Sadly, Dick Kumble died just before Influent's last race, a victory in the 1997 Grade 1 Man o'War at Belmont Park. Influent was injured while training for his comeback last fall and was retired. That's when Becker decided it was time to train on his own.

The trainer still isn't 100 percent. "I don't have the strength I used to have, and I'm always in pain, but there is stuff I can do today that I couldn't do yesterday," he said.

He relies on "his arms and hands," Monica Lockridge and Barbara Stevens, to do much of the work.

The charity work also continues. Matt Cooper, a Make A Wish "kid," owns 5 percent of one of Becker's horses, Atawhirl. Winslow gets 3 percent of all of his horses earnings through the Dick Kumble Memorial Fund. Influent has been donated to the Thoroughbred Retirement Foundation and will be at the opening of their new facility in Kentucky this fall.

Becker, who had a solid meet at Turfway over the winter, hitting the board with nine of his 12 starters and winning three races, is off to a slow start at Monmouth. He'd like to pick up an owner or two. But after all he has been through, it doesn't get Becker down.

He's not Lou Gehrig surrounded by fans at Yankee Stadium, just a guy surrounded by his horses on the Monmouth backstretch, but he insists, "I'm the luckiest person on the face of the earth."

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WEEKEND PEDIGREE PERSPECTIVES

by Alan Porter

BEVERLY HILLS H.-GI, \$250,000, HOL, 7-3, 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/4mT, 2:00 1/5, fm.

1--**VIRGINIE (BRZ)**, 118, m, 5, by Legal Case (Ire)

1st Dam: Misty Moon (Brz), by Baronius (Brz)

2nd Dam: Fashion Dancer, by Dancer's Image

3rd Dam: Fashion Plate, by Cohoes

O-Rio Claro Thoroughbreds; B-Haras Sao Jose e Expedictus (Brz); T-Richard Mandella; J-L Pincay Jr; \$150,000. Lifetime Record: Ch. 3yo Filly-Brz, 10-9-1-0, \$360,372.

Coming into the GI Beverly Hills H., the Brazilian filly Virginia had won eight of her nine starts. Her only defeat had been behind the pro tem divisional leader Tranquility Lake, who beat her into second in the GI Santa Barbara H. At the weekend, however, Virginia reversed that result by coming from behind and wearing down Tranquility Lake to gain revenge by a half-length.

Although Virginia was bred in Brazil, her pedigree has some very familiar strains close up. Her sire Legal Case (Alleged--Maryinsky, by Northern Dancer) raced in Europe winning the G1 Dubai Champion S. at three and the G1 Premio Roma at four. The dam is by the Brazilian horse Baronius, but her dam Fashion Dancer (Dancer's Image--Fashion Plate, by Cohoes) is by a disqualified Kentucky Derby winner out of a half sister to the Matron S. victress Swiss Cheese. The fifth dam Athenia was a talented three-quarters sister to Menow and is also the granddam of Sir Ivor.

The key to Virginia's pedigree may lie with some distinctive inbreeding in the pedigree of Maryinsky. She is by Northern Dancer (Nearctic--Natalma, by Native Dancer), and her granddam *Rich Relation (*Midas II--Sybil's Sister {GB}, by Nearco {Ity}) is a three-quarters sister to Nearctic (Nearco--Lady Angela, by Hyperion) and also has a very similar pedigree to that of the tremendous tap-root mare Nangela. Nearctic represents the cross of Nearco (by Pharos) over Hyperion (by Gainsborough) and Rich Relation the reverse. Virginia's broodmare sire Baronius is by Falkland (GB) (Right Royal {Fr}--Argentina {GB}, by Nearco). This smart stayer was a grandson of Owen Tudor (Hyperion {GB}--Mary Tudor {Fr}, by Pharos {GB}) and his dam Argentina was by Nearco (by Pharos) out of a mare by Gainsborough. So Falkland's own closest inbreeding, to Gainsborough and Pharos--who both appear together--reinforces the close inbreeding in the dam of Virginia's sire, Legal Case. This recalls Olin Gentry's old adage "return to the sire the best blood of his dam" a formula which has certainly worked well here.

PEDIGREE SHORTS:

We mentioned Nangela as being related to the duplicated ancestors in the pedigree of Virginia. She also turned up in her own right in the tail-female line of **Morning Pride (Ire)** (f, 2, Machiavellian--Wilayif, by Danzig), who looked like a filly with a future when taking the G3 Prix du Bois by three lengths. Wilayif actually has Nearctic 3x4 (once through Nangela) with Nearctic's relative Great Niece in the fifth generation. Morning Pride herself is 4x4 to Natalma and is yet another stakes winner by Machiavellian out of a Northern Dancer-line mare.

Inbreeding and linebreeding to genetic relatives from the Boudoir II family seems to have considerable ability to upgrade. The latest example is **Lambana (m, 5, Image of Greatness--Flowing Melody, by Eternal Prince)**, winner of the Rockingham Park Breeders' Cup H. Image of Greatness's second dam is by Your Host, a three-quarters brother to Flower Bowl. On the distaff side Lambana has Your Host's sister full sister Your Hostess via Majestic Prince. Image of Greatness has sired only two other unrestricted stakes winners, of which one also has Your Hostess and the other has a reverse cross of Alibhai and Mahmoud, sire and broodmare sire of Your Hostess.

MAIDEN WINNERS:

- + **Touring Cat**, c, 2, **Tour d'Or--Tune in to the Cat**, by Tunerup. DEL, 7-6, 5 1/2f, 1:05 1/5. B-Hilmer C Schmidt (Fl). *\$16,000 2yo '99 KEEAPR. **Full to Cat On Tour, GSW, \$125,272.
- + **Serengeti Day**, f, 3, **Alleged--Lassie Dear (GSW)**, by Buckpasser. DEL, 7-6, a1mT, 1:41. B-W S Farish III & W S Kilroy (Ky). *1/2 to Weekend Surprise (Secretariat), MGSW & MGISP, \$402,892, 1992 Broodmare of the Year; Spectacular Spy (Spectacular Bid), MSW, \$138,335; Al Mufti (Roberto), GISP-SAF & GSP-Ger; Wolfhound (Nureyev), G1SW-Fr, Eng; Foxhound (Danzig), SW & MGSP-Fr.
- Luby Do**, g, 3, **Miracle Heights--Won Per Scent**, by Air Forbes Won. PRM, 7-6, 6f, 1:11 4/5. B-Shady Bend Thoroughbreds (Ia).
- Slew Design**, g, 3, **Slewdledo--Canadian Prospect**, by Legal Prospector. PRM, 7-6, 6f, 1:12 2/5. B-Boyd Preston (Wa).
- Boldly Honor**, f, 4, **Norquestor--Bold Integrity**, by Bold Forbes. CTX, 7-5, 4 1/2f, :53. B-Stephen Quick (Md).
- Reasonable Rumor**, h, 5, **Roberto Reason--Dark Rumor**, by Weird Emperor. FEX, 7-6, a7fT, 1:24 1/5. B-Lucy De Yarhi (Fl).



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