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DA STOOPS TO SEQUEL AFTER MALIBU

Next Tuesday's GI Malibu S. at Santa Anita will have added significance for **Da Stoops** (Distorted Humor--Glamorous Lady, by Kingdom of Spain), as the three-year-old colt looks to end his racing career with a bang in the seven-furlong opening-day feature. Yesterday, Stonewall Farm announced that it had agreed to purchase Da Stoops, winner of the Sunshine Millions Dash S. earlier this year, and will stand the four-time stakes



Da Stoops
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winner at Becky Thomas's Sequel Stallions in Ocala, Florida. "Da Stoops has the speed, the conformation and the pedigree, for me the three key ingredients that make a stallion," said Da Stoop's trainer, Bob Baffert. "But his best attribute is his athleticism. He's got all the right parts and uses them very well." Added Thomas, "We can't wait to get him down here. Bob has told me what a talented and good-looking racehorse he is. Stonewall is suddenly making a big impact on the Florida market with yet another outstanding stallion prospect." Sequel is also standing the Stonewall Farm stallions Unforgettable Max and Frisco Star. On the board in 14 of his 15 starts, Da Stoops has banked \$625,906 thus far. In other Malibu news, Juddmonte's **Latent Heat** (Maria's Mon) worked a bullet six furlongs in 1:11 1/5 (best of 18) over Hollywood's Cushion Track.

**WEEKEND PEDIGREE
PERSPECTIVES**

by Alan Porter

Saturday, Hollywood Park

HOLLYWOOD FUTURITY-GI, \$441,500, HOL, 12-16, 2yo, 1 1/16m, 1:42, ft.

1--▲**STORMELLO**, 121, c, 2, by **Stormy Atlantic**

1st Dam: **Wilshewed**, by **Carson City**

2nd Dam: **So Cozy**, by **Lyphard**

3rd Dam: **Special Warmth**, by **Lucky Mike**

O/B-Al Eisman & William Currin (KY); T-William L Currin; J-Kent J Desormeaux; \$264,900. Lifetime Record: 7-3-0-2, \$545,100. * 1st GISW for sire (by Storm Cat).

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Yesterday my colleague Andrew Caulfield charted the remarkable rise of Stormy Atlantic. As related in that article, the Storm Cat son sired his first four crops while standing in Florida at fees ranging from \$3,000 to \$6,000, and his fifth crop--currently two-year-olds--in his first year in Kentucky, when standing at \$12,500.

In terms of class--as one might expect, given those fees--Stormy Atlantic got very little help for his mares. What a closer look reveals, however, is that several of his mates did supply him with clever pedigree patterns, and there is little doubt in our mind that those patterns, whether intentional or not, have been a major part of Stormy Atlantic's success story.



Stormello
Horsephotos

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UPCOMING MAJOR NORTH AMERICAN STAKES

<u>Date</u>	<u>Race</u>	<u>Track</u>
Dec. 26	GI Malibu	Santa Anita
	GIII Sir Beaufort	Santa Anita
Dec. 30	GI La Brea	Santa Anita
	GIII Frances Genter	Calder
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We can kick off with the first graded stakes winner from Stormy Atlantic's first crop, Atlantic Ocean. This \$1.9-million two-year-old-in-training sales purchase is out of a mare by Seattle Slew. Since Stormy Atlantic is



Gators N Bears,
who now stands at
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also out of a Seattle Slew mare, Atlantic Ocean has Seattle Slew 3x2 in her pedigree, and this two-time graded winner owns the honor of being the first winner at that level to carry a Seattle Slew double. That first crop contained four other stakes winners, including another with an interesting pedigree in multiple graded scorer Gators N Bears. He is out of a mare by Notebook, and that horse's

sire, Well Decorated, is a reverse Bold Ruler/Majestic Prince cross to Hail Atlantis, the dam of Stormy Atlantic (and herself winner of the GI Santa Anita Oaks).

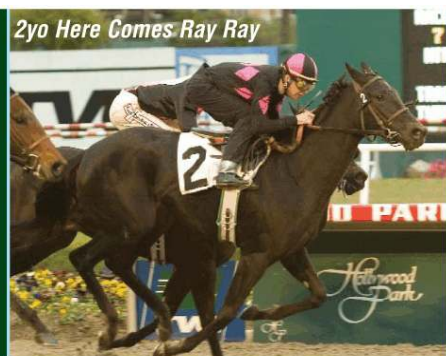
STORMELLO, c, 2004

Stormy Atlantic	Storm Cat	Storm Bird	Northern Dancer	
		Terlingua	South Ocean	
	Hail Atlantis	Seattle Slew	Secretariat	
		Flippers	Crimson Saint	
	Wilshewed 10-0-0-2, \$17,000 3Fls, 1GISW	Carson City	Mr. Prospector	Bold Reasoning
			Blushing Promise	My Charmer
So Cozy SW, 4-2-0-0, \$32,262 14Fls, 4SW		Lyphard	Coastal	
		Special Warmth 16Fls, 2SW	Moccasin	
			Raise a Native	
			Gold Digger	
			Blushing Groom (Fr)	
			Summertime Promise	
			Northern Dancer	
			Goofed	
			Lucky Mike	
			Piece of Pie	

Stormy Atlantic's second crop yielded six stakes winners, several with notable pedigrees. The best runner of this group, Grade II scorer Twice As Bad, is out of a mare by Diablo--a Hail to Reason (by Turn-to)/Bold Ruler (by Nasrullah) cross--with a second dam by Iron Constitution--a Nasrullah/Hail to Reason (by Turn-to) cross--and a third dam by Rexson--a Bold Ruler (by Nasrullah)/Turn-to cross. This really plays into the male line of Stormy Atlantic's broodmare sire, Seattle Slew, as Slew's sire, Bold Reasoning, is a Bold Ruler (by Nasrullah)/Hail to Reason (by Turn-to) cross. All Hail Stormy, a stakes winner of nearly \$260,000, is out of a mare by Hail the Ruckus, who is by Boldnesian (Bold Ruler/Nasrullah) out of a mare by a son of Hail to Reason, so again very similar to Bold Reasoning (Boldnesian out of a Hail to Reason mare). For good measure, the second dam of All Hail Stormy is by a son of Nijinsky II (genetic relative to Storm Bird, the grandsire of Stormy Atlantic), so his dam is virtually a reverse cross to Stormy Atlantic. Also worth mentioning here are Florida Keys and Ride Her Out: the dam of Florida Keys is by Saratoga Six, a reverse Bold Ruler/Raise a Native cross to Stormy Atlantic's dam. The dam of Ride Her Out is a reverse Buckpasser/Raise a Native cross to Coastal (sire of the second dam of Stormy Atlantic), and out of a mare by Barrera (reverse Raise a Native/Bold Ruler cross to the dam of Stormy Atlantic).

There are several more gems among the six stakes winners in Stormy Atlantic's third crop. Graded scorer Sea Siren has a granddam bred on a Northern Dancer/New Providence cross (the same cross as Storm Bird), while her third dam is a Northern Providence/Nearctic cross (reverse cross to Storm Bird). In a similar vein, Stormy Atlantic's other graded stakes winner from that cross, Indian Ocean, has Storm Bird's sister Oceana as her third dam, giving a 3x3 cross to the brother and sister. Stormy Venus, a stakes winner from that crop is out of a mare by Rahy (reverse Nasrullah/Hail to Reason cross to Bold Reasoning, the sire of Seattle Slew), with a second dam by a son of Northern Dancer, again something of an inversion of the cross which produced Stormy Atlantic, and Hot Storm, who has earned over \$785,000, is out of a mare by a son of Seattle Slew, giving that horse 3x3. Alan Porter cont. p3

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There were another four stakes winners, including graded scorers She Says It Best and Quite a Bride, in Stormy Atlantic's fourth crop, but the one we would particularly like to note is the NATC Futurity victor What's Your Edge. His dam is by Tactical Advantage (dam a Hail to Reason/Bold Ruler cross, the reverse of Bold Reasoning) and his second dam is by Alysheba. He's particularly interesting here, as he is a Raise a Native/Nantallah cross, like Stormy Atlantic's granddam, Flippers, with the Nantallah coming through Lt. Stevens (broodmare sire of Alysheba) and his sister, Horse of the Year Moccasin (dam of Flipper).

Coming right up to date, in his first Kentucky crop, Stormy Atlantic has four two-year-old stakes winners. Two of these, Stormello, who became his first Grade I winner when taking this weekend's Hollywood Futurity, and Miss Atlantic City, are out of mares by Carson City. There are actually already six stakes winners by sons of Storm Cat out of Carson City mares, and it's no surprise that this cross has worked, as Carson City is by Mr. Prospector out of a mare by Blushing Groom (both excellent foils for Storm Cat) and has a second dam by Nijinsky II, who we have mentioned is a genetic relative to Storm Cat's sire, Storm Bird. As far as Stormy Atlantic is concerned, Carson City is also out of a mare who is a Nasrullah/Northern Dancer cross, which is the reverse of the cross which, in extension, produced both Storm Cat and Stormy Atlantic.

Finally, we'll conclude with Stormy Atlantic's first champion, Leonnatus Anteas, who on Saturday night was honored with Sovereign Award as Canada's top two-year-old colt. He's out of a mare by Cure the Blues, who has both Hail to Reason and Bold Ruler (again, both in Seattle Slew's sire, Bold Reasoning), and whose second dam, Speedwell, is a three-parts sister to Storm Cat's broodmare sire Secretariat. We can also note that Leonnatus Anteas and Stormello are two of the four Stormy Atlantic stakes winners with Lyphard in the dam, and that Leonnatus Anteas's third dam is by Galivanter, a reverse cross to Moccasin, the third dam of Stormy Atlantic. **Alan Porter may be contacted at portpedigree@msn.com. Please cc TDN management at suefinley@thoroughbreddailynews.com.**

☆ NEWS TODAY ☆

FALLON COMMITTED TO RETURN Kieren Fallon spoke out yesterday about his future riding career, which is threatened by the trial into alleged race fixing set to begin in September. In an exclusive with *Racing Post*, Ballydoyle's retained jockey made it clear that he would return to the saddle if cleared in the high-profile case, which results from the City of London Police's longstanding investigation. "If people have written that was considering retirement because of the effect of all this, then they have got that wrong," he told the *Post*. "I never meant to say that, it was only taken that way. The point is that if Coolmore had appointed another jockey, I would have been finished. I did not say I had lost the stomach to go on. I promise you that I feel as well, if not better, than ever right now--physically and mentally. Next year, I will be better than ever. I have never been more hungry and I am determined to repay Coolmore for standing by me. I have ridden well over the last couple of years, but still made the odd mental error. But now I am going to be sharper than ever, because I will appreciate and enjoy being able to ride those good horses all the more." Fallon, who is currently serving a six-month suspension for testing positive for cocaine, received the full backing of Aidan O'Brien last week and continues to ride out at Ballydoyle. "Why would I continue riding out three lots every day if I was going to quit?" he asked. "I go out there every day in the pouring rain because I am part of the team. It means a great deal to receive public backing from Aidan, and I know that he is a good man. I am 41, but I can't talk about retiring. I have no aches and pains; I am in the best shape of my life. I could be like this for at least five more years."

Pedigree expert Andrew Caulfield takes a look at Collier Hill (GB), the son of Dr Devious (Ire) who won the G1 Hong Kong Vase. Check out the [Columnists Archive](#) to read the article!

2002 LEADING SIRES IN U.S.A.

RANK	STALLION (SIRE)	SW's	EARNINGS \$
1	El Prado (Sadler's Wells)	12	6,942,318
2	DEHERE (Deputy Minister)	12	6,144,152
3	Wild Again (Icecapade)	8	6,111,745
4	Dynaformer (Roberto)	15	6,110,513
5	Storm Cat (Storm Bird)	18	6,084,749
6	End Sweep (Forty Niner)	5	5,904,730
7	A.P. Indy (Seattle Slew)	12	5,715,030
8	Gulch (Mr. Prospector)	8	5,686,915

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FROM THE DESK OF...
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NORTH AMERICAN VALUE SIRE

This column covers 32 stallions in North America, all priced under \$40,000, which I think represent very good value in this year's stallion marketplace. The selections in this column are entirely the writer's, and are based on criteria ranging from 'as objective as possible' to 'wholly subjective.' Obviously there are any number of other stallions one could make a case for, and readers are invited to submit 'nominations from the floor,' which we shall undertake to publish within the next few weeks.

The Thoroughbred horse market is just completing its third straight record year, with 16 key North American and European yearling and mixed sales grossing nearly \$1.45-billion. When the market heats up like this, often it's the oldies but goodies which tend to be left behind commercially, and consequently they often represent very good value to breed to. It's notable that nearly half (15/32) of the North American stallions reviewed in this issue had three-year-olds or older of 2006, whereas just over a third (9/32) of the European stallions we'll cover next week fit into that category. That suggests either a shortage of proven sires in Europe at or under the £30,000 mark (our cutoff there), or a lot of very promising young stallions--or both. The ratio of proven sires would be higher on both sides of the Pond, but there seemed little point in touting stallions who are already completely full, notably Arch (\$25,000) and Street Cry (\$30,000; they wanted to raise him to \$50k but offered seasons at \$30k to previous breeders, after which it's our understanding there were none left to sell at \$50k) in Kentucky, and Medicean (£30,000) and Dansili (£30,000) in Europe.

Reminder: Due to the Christmas holiday, there will be no TDN editions on Monday, Dec. 25 and Tuesday, Dec. 26.

Of the 32 stallions selected in North America, 25 stand in Kentucky, three in Florida, and two each in Maryland and Ontario. Let's begin with four OLDIES BUT GOODIES standing in Kentucky. First, Gulch, age 23 next year. He won seven Grade I races, including the Breeders' Cup Sprint, was named champion sprinter that year (1988), and has sired 60 stakes winners in 15 crops. He's now the cheapest he's ever been, at \$30,000, and, with six three-year-old stakes horses this year, has shown he's still well capable of knocking in the big winners. Quiet American is the sire of 39 SW, but more importantly, he's the damsire of 22, including Bernardini, Saint Liam, Whywhywhy, and Cherry Mix. At age 21 next year, he's one of only two outstanding living broodmare sires under the age of 22 (the other: Kingmambo, age 16 in 2007); to be able to breed to this good a broodmare sire for \$20,000 must be seriously tempting to the forward-thinking breeder. It's not like he's going to have a lot of well-bred fillies on the market from his recent crops, either. They're selling seasons in Belong To Me, age 18 next year, for just \$12,500; that's the cheapest he's been since moving to Kentucky for the 1998 breeding season. He has a great pedigree: by Danzig out of Belonging, by Exclusive Native out of Straight Deal; and his APEX ratings still hover around the 2.00 mark. He has seven SW and the earners of over \$3.2-million this year. Finally, Dehere, champion two-year-old in 1993 (making him 16 next year) and number two sire in North America (behind El Prado) in 2002. Looking just at his Northern Hemisphere figures (he has a 3.39 Southern Hemisphere APEX A Rating, according to stallions.com.au), Dehere had 30 SW in five crops when he first stood in North America; he then sired only three SW in his next four crops, sired in Japan. Through Aug. 1, 2006, his seven-year North American A Runner APEX rating was 1.91; his Japanese A Runner rating in the same period was 0.36. So he didn't work there, and will now be standing his second year back, having been repatriated to Ashford; on his previous form, his \$20,000 fee looks cheap. **Bill Oppenheim cont. p5**

Sovereign Award Winners

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Old Enough To Know...

Smoke Glacken won 10-of-14 lifetime and was champion sprinter of 1997. His key APEX numbers are right around the 2.00 mark, which makes him a righteous buy, as he's dropped \$5,000 to \$25,000 for 2007. He's 39th on the General Sire List (GSL), with 100 winners this year, including six SW. He's number 26 on the two-year-old sire list, with 16 two-year-old winners, including three SW. Stormy Atlantic was a six-furlong speedball who won minor stakes at Pimlico and Delaware, but became this year's champion sire of two-year-olds with Stormello's win in the GI Hollywood Futurity. He perhaps represents a triumph of pedigree over graded-stakes form (none), as his third dam is Moccasin and his fourth dam *Rough Shod II; this was one of the great sire families. He was going for \$30,000 before last weekend, and he's now being bred to tons of mares, but so what: he's a serious sire. Military has had tiny crops--he was bred to almost as many mares in 2006 as he had foals in his four crops of racing age--but he's a well-bred son of Danzig who has far outsired his race record. He still looks excellent value at \$10,000. Victory Gallop also still looks good value at \$10,000 for '07; his fee plummeted to that level for 2006, and he ranks 55th on the GSL, with 77 winners and the earners of over \$3.3 million this year.

FIRST 4YO'S 2006:

The leading Freshman sires of 2004 were two more of those Florida stallions who regularly upstage their better-known, Kentucky-based counterparts and rapidly get snapped up to relocate, a la Stormy Atlantic. For the most part, the immigrants from Florida do seem to be making the transition to the big leagues, and that has certainly been the case for the 1-2 from 2004, Successful Appeal and Yes It's True. We've talked before about how North American sprint-mile form appears to be underrated in graded-stakes terms, at least as it prefigures sire success: Yes It's True did win one Grade I sprint, the Frank DeFrancis, but Successful Appeal won four Grade IIs, no Grade Is.

Other top sires who were top sprinter-milers, but not Grade I winners: Distorted Humor, Elusive Quality. Anyway, Successful Appeal is evidently a 'choosy' breeder, so he doesn't have the big foal crops and earnings as some of the other top 'first foals 2002'



Successful Appeal

sires, but with a 3.20 A Runner Index (August 1, 2006), a whopping 4.87 two-year-old ABC Index, and 5.69 percent A Runners/foals, he's an unqualified success, and therefore very cheap at \$25,000, if he likes your mare. Yes It's True is less choosy, and ranks 28th on the GSL with 92 winners, including 13 SW this year.

He's also in the top 10 on the juvenile sire list, with 17 two-year-old winners, including four two-year-old SWs. At \$35,000, he's the most expensive horse on this 'cheapie' list. In what is a quite important sire group, also including Giant's Causeway, Fusaichi Pegasus, More Than Ready, Dixie Union, and Argentine sire sensation Bernstein, there is one other true 'cheapie' from this group I'd like to mention:

Cape Canaveral, back down to \$7,500 for next year. He was fifth on that hot 2004 freshman sire list, and has gone on to record a 2.81 mid-year A Runner Index, and 2.60 for two-year-old ABC Runners. He has five SWs and the earners of \$2.2 million this year, and I just think he has good numbers for a sire at this stud fee level.



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He only ran four times over three seasons, winning three, and is by Mr. Prospector out of Seaside Attraction, who was by Seattle Slew out of Kamar. It's a five-star pedigree, that's for sure.

Bill Oppenheim cont. p6



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FIRST 3YO'S 2006:

About this time last year, Tiznow was riding high as the Leading Freshman Sire of 2005, while Point Given was competing for the title of 'coldest sire on the planet,' coming in at number 33 on the freshman sire list with just two first-crop winners. How times have changed: Tiznow has worked his way back out of the '30s to clamber back up to 16th among 2006 sophomore sires; meanwhile, Point Given is the number two sophomore sire, and actually ranks just outside the top 30 on this year's juvenile sire list, with four two-year-old stakes winners. Strategic Mission is another son of Mr. Prospector himself, but he was a half-brother to Sultry Sun and Solar Splendor who showed good eight- to nine-furlong grass form before recording his only stakes win in the GIII Fort Marcy H. as a six-year-old. Nonetheless, he had three stakes winners from 17 foals in his first crop, including top grass three-year-old Showing Up, which earns him a trip to Gainesway and a \$10,000 fee for 2007. For lovers of the \$5,000 stallion, how can you do better than King Cugat? By Kingmambo out of a Majestic Light half-sister to Seeking the Gold and Fast Play, he has 27 winners and the earners of over \$1.2 million this year, including Grade III winner Kingship, and Seaside Retreat.

FIRST 2YO'S 2006 AND 2007:

As mentioned last week, in discussing number three freshman sire Pure Prize and Whywhywhy, trying to pick winners in these categories is a little bit like taking the saw out on the limb with you. Having said that, this year's freshman sires have displayed very good form. Currently 1-2-4 on the freshman sires list; Street Cry (nominally \$50,000 now, but not available), Johannesburg (\$65,000), and Officer (\$40,000) are all very successful, but now all are at or above the \$40,000 threshold (all sires that cost that much should be successful). Orientate (5th, \$20,000), Include (6th, \$25,000), Yonaguska (7th, \$10,000), and Jump Start (9th, \$10,000) are all doing very well and merit their 2007 fees.

For actual value among the top 10, I was thinking of two more of those Florida stallions, both scheduled to stand for \$7,500: eighth-ranked freshman sire Three Wonders, a son of Storm Cat who was a minor Grade III winner on the track (13 winners, one SW, four more stakes-placed); and 11th-ranked Graeme Hall, a dual Grade II-winning son of Dehere, who has 14 winners, including two SWs). Having really gone out on the limb with Whywhywhy last week among sires whose first two-year-olds will be running next year, I wanted to mention Kafwain as well. A very good two-year-old, when he won the GII Norfolk and ran second to Vindication in the GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile, he was really only nosed out by Whywhywhy for commercial honors among his sire group. *Insta-Tistics* reports he had 73 yearlings through the ring, 51 sold, for an average of \$77,204, and a median of \$45,000, representing four and a half times his \$10,000 stud fee (Whywhywhy was \$79,489 and \$50,000, from a \$7,500 fee). So, I thought Kafwain was only beaten a dirty nose in that heat, but when I said this to new Darley American nominations chief Charlie Boden, we received our first 'nomination from the floor:' number 10 freshman sire E Dubai. From just 43 named foals, he now has 11 winners, two SWs, and another two stakes-placed. Oh, and by the way, he's another son of Mr. Prospector. Connections of 2007 freshman sire Aldebaran (\$30,000), champion sprinter of 2003 and Mr. Prospector's last really top-class son to go to stud, will be hoping that old magic will still work one more time. They will certainly be encouraged by the number of sons of his on this list.

FROM THE RECENT PAST:

Last week I mentioned Tapit, who I thought sold extremely well, among sires who had their first foals in 2006. This sire crop includes Smarty Jones, Speightstown, and Medaglia d'Oro for starters, so there's no shortage of potential stars to choose from in the higher stud fee ranges. Johar has dropped from \$20,000 to \$15,000 for 2007, and I think that makes him a really good buy. **Bill Oppenheim cont. p7**

NEW FOR 2007 — BEST OF THE BESTS

(Machiavellian–Sueboog {Ire}, by Darshaan {GB})

**Group 1 winner and Group Stakes Winner on Dirt and Turf
Now the sire of 16 winners!**



"Windfields has landed Best of The Bests, who transfers from Dalham Hall in England. He's by Machiavellian, also sire of Street Cry, and I would say did very well with his first crop in Europe this year: he's 15th on the European freshman sire list, and has 16 winners, three of whom are stakes-placed. He looks good value (at) C\$5,000."

—Bill Oppenheim, TDN

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Johar's by Gone West, who has been such a terrific sire for Mill Ridge. Even though they misfired on Commendable--the first son of Gone West they stood--this fellow brings stronger credentials to the table. Yes, he's out of a great two-turn Lear Fan mare Windsharp; yes, he never won under a mile and 14 of his 16 starts were on turf. Yes, he doesn't have the conventional 'market' profile. He might make a sire anyway: he did dead-heat with High Chaparral in the 2003 GI Breeders' Cup Turf, and he has been given every chance by a top outfit at stud. Sophomore sires City Zip (sixth on the second-crop earnings list this year) and Five Star Day (eight 2006 SWs) prove Carson City can be a credible sire of sires, and Cuvee, another son of Carson City, was arguably just as good a racehorse as either one of them. He's been a bit of a forgotten man, but he went into the 2003 GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile at Santa Anita an even-money shot, having run Beyers of 103 and 101 in his two previous starts; a 7 1/2-length win in the 6 1/2-furlong GII Saratoga Special, in the slop, and an 8 1/4-length win in the one-mile GI Champagne S. No, he never won again, having raced wide and folded behind Action This Day at Santa Anita, and he didn't win in three starts at three. However, top stallions Raise A Native, Sharpen Up, Diesis, and Johannesburg either never ran or never won at three either. That did not stop them from making good sires. Cuvee stands for \$10,000, and is the fifth stallion mentioned in this column in the last two weeks who will be standing at Gainesway in 2007; I guess that makes them next year's 'value farm.'

How about a few stallions who have not yet had a foal, nor even covered a mare? Four of each. This year's first-time covering sires are headed by Ghostzapper, Saint Liam, Afleet Alex and Rock Hard Ten, and the November sales also featured excellent commercial performances--from good books of mares--by Roman Ruler (Hill 'n' Dale), Purge (Vinery) and Forest Danger (Taylor Made). But here's an interesting brain-wave about the Claiborne stallion Eddington, who actually went to stud with a similar profile to a top Claiborne stallion who raced about 25 years ago, Private Account.

Trained by Angel Penna, Sr., for the Phipps family, Private Account had been a good three-year-old, winning the then-GIII Jim Dandy and finishing a remote third to General Assembly in the GI Travers S.. He improved in Florida as a four-year-old to win two top Grade I mile-and-a-quarter races, the Widener at Hialeah and the Gulfstream Park H. Eddington, who was bought by the Lavins for \$450,000 as a yearling for Pete Wilmott, and was trained by Mark Hennig, was a good three-year-old, winning a Grade III and running third in three Grade Is--Wood, Preakness S. and Travers S. Subsequently third in the nine-furlong GI Donn (Private Account had been beaten in the nine-furlong GII Seminole, then run at Hialeah), Eddington went on to win two top 9 1/2-furlong races, the now-GII Gulfstream Park H., and the GI Pimlico Special. The resemblances, connections are hoping, will not end there. We touted Dromoland's Eurosilver in these pages last year, simply because so many professionals had said how much they liked him, and, sure enough, The Jockey Club reports he covered 179 mares last year (Eddington was 121, by the way). Winner of the GII Breeders' Futurity at two and second to Saint Liam in the GI Stephen Foster at four in the Fustok colors, this son of Unbridled's Song is likely to sustain that commercial appeal. Two other horses with European form who look like really good buys are Lane's End's Mingun (106 mares in 2006), a good-looking Grade III-winning half-brother to Kingmambo by A.P. Indy whose Grade I form (fourth to Falbrav in the GI Juddmonte International at three and fourth to Leroidesanimaux in the GI Citation at four) actually makes him look like a really interesting proposition for no money (\$7,500); and Powerscourt (100 mares), who actually did win back-to-back runnings of the GI Arlington Million, but was disqualified the first time, in part of Jamie Spencer's nightmare year at Ballydoyle, during which Antonius Pius also threw away the GI French 2000 Guineas with Spencer aboard. I mention this not to criticize the jockey, but to note that stallion handicappers will regard Powerscourt as if he had won the race twice. Given Sadler's Wells's comeback as a sire of sires, his \$10,000 ticket for 2007 is only about £5,000, and that looks pretty cheap.



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His only Grade I win came in the Kentucky Derby, but Adena Springs' new sire Giacomo isn't priced as if he's Awesome Again or Ghostzapper: he was a solid, journeyman racehorse who won a Grade II this year, placed in another five Grade I/Grade II races, ran fourth in this year's GI Breeders' Cup Classic, and earned over \$2.5 million. He's by a very solid sire in Holy Bull from a completely respectable family, and deserves to be popular at his \$12,500 fee. I like that fee this year: in fact, all four of the retiring stallions that strike me as really good value stand for \$12,500. Sharp Humor progressed from being a good New York-bred two-year-old to win the GII Swale and give Barbaro a fright in the GI Florida Derby this spring. He joins his sire, Distorted Humor, at WinStar for that \$12,500 ticket, and if he isn't sold out already, he soon will be. Two East Coast sprinters who emerged from the GI Breeders' Cup Sprint make a lot of appeal also at \$12,500, especially as I am now convinced sprinters are underrated by the graded-stakes system. War Front, by Danzig out of Starry Dreamer, won the GII Vanderbilt at Saratoga this year, and ran second in five other graded sprints in New York, including to Silver Train in the GII Tom Fool; to Pomeroy in the GI Forego; and to Henny Hughes in the GI Vosburgh, mercilessly cut back to six furlongs this year from its traditional seven. He goes to Claiborne. Pomeroy, who is by Danzig's son Boundary out of a Seeking the Gold mare, was bred by Seth Hancock's Cherry Valley Farm. He won three top graded sprints at Saratoga: the GI King's Bishop (seven furlongs) at three; the six-furlong GII A.G. Vanderbilt at four; and the seven-furlong GI Forego this year. He's drop-dead gorgeous, ran a Beyer 114 in his Vanderbilt win (equivalent to Timeform 126, by my calculations), and looks sure to be a real big name in Florida, also at \$12,500, at Cloverleaf Farm.

IN THE PROVINCES:

Maryland racing may be in the doldrums, but the state--for the moment--still has the best sires in the Atlantic region, and two of the state's leading farms have interesting young sires. Northview has Domestic Dispute, a dual Grade II-winning (Santa Catalina, Strub) son of Unbridled's Song who ran Beyers of 106-107-108 in three consecutive Grade II races in California as a four-year-old in 2004. That averages out to 107, equals about Timeform 119, which is very promising for a \$5,000 Maryland stallion. The breeders thought so, too. He covered 126 mares in 2006, his second year at stud. Country Life Farm also has a very interesting \$5,000 stallion in Oratory, a son of Pulpit who stood his first season in 2006, and also proved popular, covering 108 mares. Parked at Country Life by Darley, he won three and was second in the other two of his five career starts--all at three--for Bernardini's trainer Tom Albertrani.

BRIS Speed Ratings

Top Weekly Stakes Races

Horse	Sire	Race	BRIS Speed
Hesanoldsalt	Broad Brush	Fred W. Hooper H.-G3	108
Bishop Court Hill	Holy Bull	Gravesend H.-G3	106
Weigelia	Safely's Mark	Kenny Noe Jr. H.-G3	105
Diligent Prospect	Diligence	Klaq H.	102
Devilment	Peaks and Valleys	Buddy Diliberto Memorial H.	99
Sassy Love	Valley Crossing	Geisha H.	99
Stormello	Stormy Atlantic	Hollywood Futurity-G1	95
Stormin Away	Skip Away	Val Royal S.	95
Skirt Alert	Prospector Jones	New Mexico Racing Commission H.	94
Perfect Harmony	Dance Brightly	Cocodrie S.	93
Romance Is Diane	In Excess (Ire)	Hollywood Starlet S.-G1	93
Romeo Wilson	Jack Wilson	Johnie L. Jamison H.	93
Devil's Preacher	Pulpit	W. L. McKnight H.-G3	92
Potra Clasica (Arg)	Potrillon (Arg)	Connie Ann S.	91
Sidcup	Running Stag	Prairie Bayou S.	91
Victory Pool	Victory Gallop	Gold Beauty S.	91
Florida Keys	Stormy Atlantic	Black Mountain H.	89
Safari Queen (Arg)	Lode	La Prevoyante H.-G3	89
Kimua Baby	Zarbyev	Gardenia S.	82
I Got a Dream	The Deputy (Ire)	Jim Edgar Illinois Futurity	81
Makin Copy	Makin	Eleanor M. Casey Memorial S.	70

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Oratory ran a Beyer 114 in what turned out to be his final career start, an almost five-length win in the GII Peter Pan S. at Belmont in 2005. And finally, we head to the storied Windfields Farm in Ontario. Whiskey Wisdom, a perennial top five-sire in Canada, is just about Wild Again's best son at stud now that Wild Rush is in Japan. He's beautifully bred (out of Primarily, by Lord At War); was beaten only once in his six career starts, when third (unfortunately DQ'd to fourth) behind Skip Away and Deputy Commander in the 1997 GI Breeders' Cup Classic; has an APEX A Runner Index of 2.13 and a two-year-old index of 3.37; and stands for only C\$3,500. What a deal! Windfields has also landed Best of The Bests, who transfers from Dalham Hall in England. He's by Machiavellian, also sire of Street Cry, and I would say did very well with his first crop in Europe this year. He's 15th on the European freshman sire list, and has 16 winners, three of whom are stakes-placed. He looks good value, on that basis, at C\$5,000.

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NORTH AMERICAN TOP VALUE SIRE FOR 2007 (Under \$40,000)

SIRE	YR	HIS SIRE	1ST		FARM	#mares bred '06	FEE	2000-2006-----			Career
			FLS	ST				2007	A	ABC	2YO
BELONG TO ME	1989	DANZIG	1995	KY	LANE'S END	62	12500	2.02	1.83	1.38	5.27
BEST OF THE BESTS	1997	MACHIAVELLIAN	2004	ON	WINDFIELDS	n/a	5000				
CAPE CANAVERAL	1996	MR. PROSPECTOR	2002	KY	OVERBROOK	27	7500	2.81	1.56	2.6	4.55
CUVEE	2001	CARSON CITY	2006	KY	GAINESWAY	136	10000				
DEHERE	1991	DEPUTY MINISTER	1996	KY	ASHFORD	103	20000	1.41	1.48	2.04	4.6
DOMESTIC DISPUTE	2000	UNBRIDLED'S SONG	2006	MD	NORTHVIEW	126	5000				
E DUBAI	1998	MR. PROSPECTOR	2004	KY	DARLEY	84	15000				
EDDINGTON	2001	UNBRIDLED	2007	KY	CLAIBORNE	121	25000				
EUROSILVER	2001	UNBRIDLED'S SONG	2007	KY	DROMOLAND	179	12500				
GIACOMO	2002	HOLY BULL	2008	KY	ADENA SPRINGS		12500				
GRAEME HALL	1997	DEHERE	2004	FL	WINDING OAKS	66	7500				
GULCH	1984	MR. PROSPECTOR	1990	KY	LANE'S END	67	30000	2.35	1.71	1.3	6.26
JOHAR	1999	GONE WEST	2006	KY	MILL RIDGE	41	15000				
KAFWAIN	2000	CHEROKEE RUN	2005	KY	DARLEY	133	10000				
KING CUGAT	1997	KINGMAMBO	2003	KY	LANE'S END	40	5000	3.06	1.02	0.95	
MILITARY	1994	DANZIG	2001	KY	GLENCREST	79	10000	2	2.1	3.53	5.75
MINGUN	2000	A.P. INDY	2007	KY	LANE'S END	106	7500				
ORATORY	2002	PULPIT	2007	MD	COUNTRY LIFE	108					
POINT GIVEN	1998	THUNDER GULCH	2003	KY	THREE CHIMNEYS	78	30000	2.5	1.88	0.91	
POMEROY	2001	BOUNDARY	2008	FL	CLOVERLEAF		12500				
POWERSCOURT	2000	SADLER'S WELLS	2007	KY	ASHFORD	100	10000				
QUIET AMERICAN	1986	FAPPIANO	1993	KY	DARLEY	90	20000	1.54	1.56	0.98	5.48
SHARP HUMOR	2003	DISTORTED HUMOR	2008	KY	WINSTAR FARM		12500				
SMOKE GLACKEN	1994	TWO PUNCH	1999	KY	GAINESWAY	69	25000	2.11	1.95	1.82	5.17
STORMY ATLANTIC	1994	STORM CAT	2000	KY	HILL 'N' DALE	191	30000	1.9	1.5	1.52	3.39
STRATEGIC MISSION	1995	MR. PROSPECTOR	2003	KY	GAINESWAY	86	10000				
SUCCESSFUL APPEAL	1996	VALID APPEAL	2002	KY	WALMAC	101	25000	3.2	2.5	4.87	5.69
THREE WONDERS	1997	STORM CAT	2004	FL	HIDDEN POINT	68	7500				
VICTORY GALLOP	1995	CRYPTOCLEARANCE	2001	KY	WINSTAR	137	10000	2.58	2	2.03	4.44
WAR FRONT	2002	DANZIG	2008	KY	CLAIBORNE		12500				
WHISKEY WISDOM	1993	WILD AGAIN	1999	ON	WINDFIELDS	23	3500	2.13	2.1	3.37	5.75
YES IT'S TRUE	1996	IS IT TRUE	2002	KY	THREE CHIMNEYS	112	35000	3.16	2.17	2.71	5.81

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TAMPA BAY BANS SEVEN JOCKEYS; PROBE ONGOING

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Tampa Bay Downs ruled off seven jockeys effective Dec. 19 because of what management called an "ongoing investigation" being conducted by the Thoroughbred Racing Protective Bureau. Officials at the track on Florida's Gulf Coast said Jorge G. Bracho, Derek C. Bell, Luis A. Castillo, Jose H. Delgado, Terry D. Houghton, Joseph C. Judice, and Ricardo A. Valdes have been refused access to the facility "for an indefinite period of time based on its rights as a private property owner." Tampa Bay general manager Peter Berube said the track took the action as a result of the TRPB investigation and is fully cooperating. He said the track "has no further comment at this time." On Dec. 15, Calder Race Course in South Florida banned jockey Rene Douglas and offered no comment on the reason. Calder management also noted the track is private property, and management can take such action. It isn't known if the action taken by Tampa Bay and Calder management is related. At Tampa, the banned jockeys are among the leaders at the meet that began Dec. 9. Through Dec. 17, Bracho had won two races, Bell three races, Castillo one race, Delgado one race, and Houghton two races.

★ AMERICAN-BRED WINNERS ★

IN BRITAIN:

Intersky Sports, g, 2, **Chester House--Nightlong** (GB), by Night Shift. Southwell, Britain, 12-19, Hcp, 2yo, 7f (AWT). B-Joseph Lacombe Stables Inc. *\$20,000 yrl '05 KEESEP. **1/2 to Quick Blue (Cure the Blues), GSW, \$480,679.

STAKES CLOSINGS

TOMORROW, THURSDAY, DECEMBER 21:
12-30 \$250,000 **La Brea-I, SA**, 3yo, f, 7f (250)
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Sire (Sire's Sire), 2003 Farm, 2003 Fee, #foals of racing age/Winners/SW Race #-track, race type, distance, runner, odds (if available)

- BUDDHA** (Unbridled's Song), Hill 'N' Dale, \$18K, 133/8/0 5-DED, Msw, 1m, +Buddha Bondurant, \$14K FTK FEB yrl, 10-1
- ILE ST. LOUIS (CHI)** (Hussonet), Old Glory Stables, 9/0/0 5-DED, Msw, 1m, Ile St Jaycee, 8-1
- YONAGUSKA** (Cherokee Run), Vinery, \$10K, 106/26/1 6-SUN, Msw, 5 1/2f, Two Bit Grit, \$140K FTF FEB 2yo, 4-1

Second-crop starters to Watch: Wednesday, Dec. 20 (1st-time starters and stakes runners)

Sire (Sire's Sire), 2002 Farm, 2002 Fee, #foals of racing age/Winners/SW Race #-track, race type, distance, runner, odds (if available)

- BRAHMS** (Danzig), Vinery, \$10K, 168/46/5 6-LRL, Msw, 6f, +Casey's Music, \$120K KEE SEP yrl, 4-1

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ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

9th-PHA, \$26,750, NW1\$YX, 3yo/up, f/m, 7f, 1:23 4/5, ft.

BALDOMERA (m, 5, Doneraile Court--Pleasure Card, by Lil Fappi) Lifetime Record: MSW & MGSP, 34-7-5-9, \$313,390. O/B-Hidden Lane Farms, Inc (KY). T-Guadalupe Preciado.

8th-PHA, \$22,000, NW2X, 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16m, 1:44 3/5, ft.

STYLISH YANKEE (f, 3, Yankee Victor--Affair At Dawn, by Black Tie Affair {Ire}) Lifetime Record: SP, 13-3-3-2, \$90,592. O/T-Raphael B Kissoon. B-Schelford Farm (KY). \$15,000 2yo 2005 FTMMAY.

7th-TAM, \$16,900, Opt. Clm. (\$32,000), NW2X, 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16mT, 1:42 1/5, fm.

MARIEVAL (f, 3, El Prado {Ire}--Adorahy, by Rahy) Lifetime Record: 11-3-0-1, \$63,587. O-J R Cummins. B-Gallagher's Stud (NY). T-Joan Scott. *\$350,000 yrl '04 KEESEP; \$40,000 HRA 2006 FTKFEB.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Topper's Smiling, f, 2, Old Topper--Bearly Smiling (SP, \$208,456), by Smile. HOL, 12-18, (S), (C), 6 1/2f, 1:17 2/5. B-Tommy Town Thoroughbreds, LLC (CA). *1/2 to Beat the Chalk (Valid Wager), SW, \$175,370.

Rose's Tiger, c, 2, Tiger Ridge--Frisolous Fergie, by Vanlandingham. TAM, 12-19, 1 1/16mT, 1:43. B-My Jo Lee Stable II Inc. (FL). *\$24,000 2yo 2006 OBSMAR.

PHILLY RECORD FOR PENNINGTON

Frankie Pennington set the record for most wins in a single season at Philadelphia Park yesterday. The 19-year-old rider broke the previous record of 255 with a victory in Tuesday's seventh race. "It's quite a thrill," said Pennington. "To accomplish something like this so early in my career is hard to imagine. Obviously a lot of hard work, but I won't argue with the results."

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HANDICAP RESULTS:

BRITAIN, Lingfield, 1.30, 12-19, £7,000, 2yo, 7f(AWT), 1:24.27, st.

SHARPAZMAX (IRE) (c, 2, Daggers Drawn--Amour Toujours {Ire}, by Law Society) Lifetime Record: 4-3-0-0, £9,310. O-Weldspec Glasgow Limited; B-Tim Bourke; T-Peter Makin. *€17,000 wnlg '04 GOFNOV; 22,000gns yrl '05 TATOCT.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Grande Caiman (Ire), c, 2, Grand Lodge--Sweet Retreat (GB), by Indian Ridge (Ire). Lingfield, Britain, 12-19, Mdn, 2yo, 1m (AWT). B-Sweet Retreat Syndicate. *€65,000 yrl '05 DEAAUG.

Air Bag (Fr), f, 2, Poliglote (GB)--Avrilana (Fr), by Deep Roots (Ire). Deauville, France, 12-19, Cond, 2yo, f, 7½f (AWT). B-Pat & Corine Barande Barbe. *1/2 to Anarchiste (Fr) (Northern Park), MSP-Fr, \$254,096.

Catamarino (GB), c, 2, Selkirk--Petronilla (SP-Fr), by Lyphard. Deauville, France, 12-19, Cond, 2yo, 1 3/16m (AWT). B-George Strawbridge.

Green Tango (Fr), c, 3, Majorien (GB)--Miss Bonfosse (Fr), by Hard Leaf (Fr). Deauville, France, 12-19, Cond, 3yo, 1½m(AWT). B-Mme A & Mlle A Dyvrande.

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Take the Bluff (Pine Bluff), 4f, :48.62, 1/4

FAIR GROUNDS

Gaff (Maria's Mon), 4f, :49.80, 20/45

GULFSTREAM PARK

Laity (Pulpit), 4f, :48.00, 6/28

HOLLYWOOD PARK

Ball Four (Grand Slam), 5f, 1:01.80, 18/27

Latent Heat (Maria's Mon), 6f, 1:11.20, 1/15

PALM MEADOWS

Keyed Entry (Honour and Glory), 3f, :39.00, 13/16

SANTA ANITA

Sailors Sunset (Petionville), 3f (tr), :36.60, 1/1

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