

# A Final Preview of the Best On Offer

by **DEBRA GINSBURG**

This year's catalogue of 159 yearlings represents one of the best ever for the Del Mar Yearling Sale. The following is a preview of the best that each consignment has to offer.

Julie Adair has two fillies entered, both sired by the nation's leading freshman sire, Swiss Yodeler (Pepper Oaks Farm).

Kathy Berkey has a half-brother to California champion filly Jetin Excess, sired by freshman sire Western Fame (Applebite Farms). This large consignment also features a Memo (Chi) (Ridgeley Farm) colt that is a full brother to stakes winner Guillermo and 1999 Del Mar graduate Miss Santa Ana (5-3-1-1) a half-brother to \$320,791-earner Rio Oro, as well as colts by Unaccounted For and Banker's Gold.

Blooming Hills is selling a Memo half-brother to \$472,317-earner and 1996 sale graduate Filigree, who hails from the family of champions Real Quiet, Crowned Prince, Caracolero and Kentucky Derby-Preakness winner Majestic Prince; a Bertrando (River Edge Farm) filly from the family of a duo of Del Mar graduates, namely Miss L Attack (1991) and Red (1995); a California-bred colt by British Horse of the Year Dayjur; and an Avenue of Flags (Golden Eagle Farm) filly from the family of graded stakes winner High Tech Friend.

Bruno DeBerdt's consignment features a Bertrando filly from the family of California champion Answer Do and a Nineelevn (Lov Acres Ranch) colt out of a half-sister to last year's California Cup Sprint winner Ceeband.

Representing Golden Eagle Farm is a full sister to stakes-winner and grade I-placed Minor Details (General Meeting—Sparkling Star) from the family of California champion Career Collection; a filly from the first crop of Event of the Year who is a half-sister to California champion and multimillionaire Nostalgia's Star; an Event of the Year half-brother to Noble and Nice and New Advantage who hails from the family of French champion Thrill Show; a Gener-

al Meeting filly out of grade I winner Annual Reunion from the family of Full Moon Madness; and a General Meeting colt that hails from the family of German champion and grade I Arlington Million winner Silvano (Ger).

Harris Farms is selling a General Meeting colt that is the first foal of California champion Controlled; a full brother to \$166,660-earner Hot Market (Cee's Tizzy—Time to Plant); and a Tinnners Way half-brother to Cal Cup Starter Sprint winner Heightenedawarenes.

Andy Havens' consignment features a Cal-bred West by West colt out of a full sister to multiple California champion and Kentucky Oaks victress Fran's Valentine (dam of the multiple grade I winner With Anticipation); a colt from the first crop of Mazel Trick from the family of California champion Something Lucky; an Avenue of Flags filly from the family of Preakness-Belmont winner Tabasco Cat; Cal-bred colts by Distinctive Cat (Applebite Farms), Affirmed and Illinois Storm (Ponzo Equine Center); and fillies by Swiss Yodeler.

Colts from Free House's (Vessels Stallion Farm) first crop highlight Mary Knight's consignment. One descends from the family of California champion Don B's Princess and the other is from the family of the Eclipse Award Champion Sprinter of

1977, What a Summer. There are also two colts and two fillies by In Excess (Ire) (Vessels Stallion Farm), including a full brother to Fire Sale Queen and a half-sister to J. R. Holmes. There is a Rhythm (Diamond F Ranch) colt from the family of grade III winner Victorious Type, a Bertrando colt from the family of top California sprinter Kingdom Found, a Cee's Tizzy (Harris Farms) colt who is a full brother to 2001 Cal Cup Matron winner Cee Dreams, and yearlings from the first crops of Malibu Moon and Crafty Friend.

Malibu Valley Farms is selling a Cal-bred filly by champion Devil's Bag, the internationally influential sire of Japanese Horse of the Year Taiki Shuttle and 37 other stakes winners.



*Leanessa, the sale topper in 1999 at \$200,000, wins for the fourth time in only eight starts at Hollywood Park on July 4, 2002. Her full brother, hip #65, is being offered this year under the consignment of River Edge Farm Inc., Agent.*

Meadowcreek Ranch's consignment includes a Smokester (Cardiff Stud Farms) filly from the family of California stallion Compelling Sound and \$453,830-earner Shywing, and a colt by resident freshman sire Twin Spires.

A Rahy colt from the family of champions Successor and Bold Lad highlight the Otter Creek Farm consignment, which also includes a Cal-bred Smart Strike filly from the family of recent grade I winner E. Dubai and a Cal-bred Unaccounted For colt from the family of champion Before Dawn.

Several offspring by resident stallion Bertrando headline River Edge Farm's consignment. These include a colt from the family of multiple California champion Smooth Player and a full brother to 1999 and 2000 sale toppers Leanness and Ranch Hand, respectively; a colt from the family of multiple grade I winner Memories of Silver; a half-sister to two stakes winners; and a colt from the family of multiple grade II winner Queenie Belle. This consignment also offers a Cee's Tizzy colt from the family of End Sweep and champion Tempted.

Debbie Sands is selling a Smokester colt from the family of California champion and multiple grade I winner Princess Karenda; a full brother to stakes-winning Del Mar grad Excessive Prayer (In Excess—River Sunday); an In Excess half-brother to California Derby winner I'm a Jewel; and a Cal-bred Valiant Nature filly from the family of champion sprinter Safely Kept. There are also yearlings by Wild Gold (Pegasus Ranch) and Latin American (Hanson Stock Farm), the latter the sire of recent group I winner in Argentina, Oh Take (Brz).

Tommy Town Thoroughbreds is offering a full brother to stakes-winning 2000 Del Mar graduate Vito Corleone (Memo—Fort Silver) who hails from the family of California champion Super Diamond. Resident stallions Vaudeville and Valid Wager are represented well, the former by a colt and a filly and the latter by three colts. There are also Cal-breds by such solid East Coast sires as Honor Grades, Unbridled's Song and Thunder Gulch—the latter has a colt from Secretariat's family. Also selling are yearlings both by freshman sire Deputy Minister and from Mazel Trick's first crop.

Colleen Turpin's consignment features a colt from Mud Route's (Special T Thoroughbreds) that hails from the family of Full Moon Madness; a Batonnier colt from the family

of \$292,060-earner Cotton Bloomers; and an Olympio (JZ Stock Farm) half-sister to 2001 Cinderella Stakes winner Magic Smoke.

West 12 Ranch is selling a Turkoman (Circle H Ranch) half-sister to Del Mar graduate and multiple stakes winner Warren's Whistle from the family of Swain and three other champions, as well as a Free House colt who is a half-sibling to 1996 sale graduate, General Jake (\$131,829).

Woodbridge Farms' consignment features a High Brite (Harris Farms) filly from the family of California champion Work the Crowd; a well-related filly by freshman sire Tychonic (GB) (Black Oak Farm); and a Cal-bred Cherokee Run colt from the family of 1982 Horse of the Year Conquistador Cielo; a colt by freshman sire Awesome Again from the family of multiple champion Susan's Girl; and a Western Fame colt from Secretariat's immediate family.

A full sister to champion Del Mar graduate and California champion sprinter Go Go (Falstaff—Creston Farms) highlight Yearsley Bloodstock's consignment. Knocked down for \$25,000 at the 1998 Del Mar Sale, Go Go is now a multiple

graded stakes winner with earnings of \$616,565. There are also colts by Free House and Event of the Year that both descend from the family of Mira Loma Thoroughbred Farm stallion What a Spell; a Flying Continental (Harris Farms) colt from the family of California Broodmare of the Year Good Thought and champion Barbizon; a Cal-bred filly by 1996 Preakness winner Louis Quatorze; and Cal-bred fillies both by freshman sire Indian Charlie and from the first crop of Bianconi.

Blue Sky Training Center has a Cee's Tizzy colt. McKee Bloodstock is selling a Cal-bred Wekiva

Springs filly. Special T Thoroughbreds has an Avenue of Flags filly from the family of inaugural Breeders' Cup Sprint champion Eillo. Valley Creek Farm is selling a General Meeting filly from the family of Canadian champion Legarto. Gayle Van Leer is selling a Bold Badgett youngster out of stakes-winning Margaret's Native. This is the sire of recent grade II winner Disturbingthepeace and the colt on offer is a full sibling to Market Garden, winner of the July 21 Solano County Juvenile Filly Stakes.

The aforementioned preview demonstrates that the quality of yearlings catalogued this year paves the way for another successful sale for both buyer and consignor. See you at Del Mar.



*Go Go, a multiple graded stakes winner who was knocked down for \$25,000 at the 1998 Del Mar Yearling Sale, wins the July 7 Great Lady M. Handicap to bring career earnings so far to \$616,565. Her full sister, hip #141, is being consigned by Yearsley Bloodstock, Agent for Chris J. Ray.*