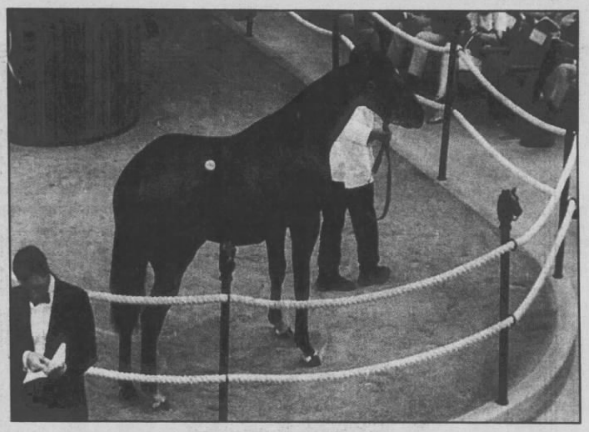
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Left, Thoroughbred yearling Fred West poses for potential buyers in Fasig-Tipton's Saratoga sales-barn area. Right, Fred goes on the block as a tuxedoed auctioneer's spotter checks his notes. Photos by Karen Preston.

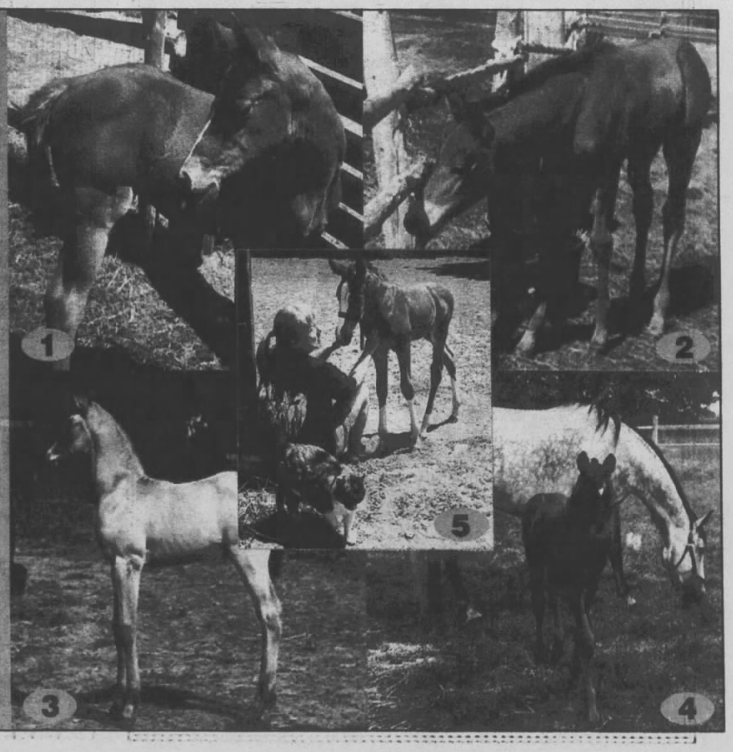
From Thoroughbred nursery to yearling sale: The first year in a young racehorse's career

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He was born April 5, 1994, on Mrs. Miles Valentine's farm in Unionville, PA. At the tender age of sixteen months, he bid farewell forever to the green fields and carefree days of his babyhood. He was handed over to sales agent Walnut Green (brothers Richard I.G. and Russell Jones), loaded on a trailer, driven to Saratoga Springs, NY, and deposited in a stall at the green barns of the sales paddock of the Fasig-Tipton Company. The paddock stands not a half-mile from the main gate of Saratoga Race Course. For the Thoroughbred yearling Fred West, a solidly built

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BABES OF SPRING '95



1. Sugars Levis Fiddle, May 1995, 5 weeks old. Delivered by C-section, her dam was put down immediately after the birth. Sugar is doing well at Gagnon's Coffee Cup Farm, Cadyville, NY.
2. One Tuff Fiddle, owned by Gagnon's Coffee Cup Farm, is Sugars' half brother. Both are by Nuther Boy Fiddle.
3. Beau, a beautiful Morab colt, is owned by Finally Farm.
4. Classie (World Class), a Hanoverian colt, was born June 11, 1995. He is proudly owned by Jeri Murray, Schoharie, NY.
5. Karina Courtmanche, West Haven, CT, and her filly Katie's Expression (Bella). Bella is by L.A. Express, a Canadian Sport Horse/Hanoverian stallion.

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