



## HEADLINE NEWS

### PERFECTION OUTFOOTS THE QUEEN

The only way that **Above Perfection** (In Excess {Ire}) was going to win yesterday's GIII Las Flores H. at Santa Anita was to flat outrun recent Grade I winner and odds-on favorite **Kalookan Queen** (Lost Code) and that's exactly what she did. A perfect two-for-two to begin her career, the dark bay filly was purchased privately following her second start and added a third consecutive score in June, but really showed her mettle when tested for class for the first time in the GI Prioress S. at Belmont Park last July 4. That afternoon, the diminutive filly locked horns with a fellow sophomore filly speedball named Xtra Heat, the duo racing nearly side-by-side for three-quarters of a mile, with the subsequent three-year-old filly champ just a neck too good. Sidelined off a narrow victory in the Fleet Treat S. for Cal-breds at Del Mar 18 days later, Above Perfection returned to be fifth as the favorite in the GI La Brea S. over course and distance Dec. 29, but rebounded to take the Orinda H. at Golden Gate Fields in her latest effort Jan. 21. Kalookan Queen outbroke her younger rival and carried a narrow lead past the half-mile pole, as the pair opened up on their two overmatched rivals. Above Perfection rode the rails into the stretch to lead narrowly after a half in :43 2/5, edged clear leaving the eighth pole and held sway. "My filly broke well and I got her to settle," winning rider Corey Nakatani explained. "I kind of expected Kalookan Queen to come up to me. If that happened, I was going to take the race to her and make it a two-horse race from there. My filly did what she needed to do to win the race. She was impressive." Bruce Headley, trainer of the runner-up, was nonetheless pleased with the performance of his pupil, winner in her last start of the GI Santa Monica H. "She's a great filly [Kalookan Queen], but that's a great filly that beat her. It was just her day today." The winner has an invitation to the G1 Dubai Golden Shaheen Mar. 23. "Probably not, but it's possible," said trainer Darrell Vienna of making the long journey. To view the race, choose your modem speed:

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### A FROLIC-Y EXACTA IN DAVONA DALE?

The Florida road to the Kentucky Oaks shifts into high gear today, as a field of nine has been assembled for the GII Davona Dale S. **Smok'n Frolic** (Smoke Glacken) is easily the most decorated member of the bunch, having won three stakes events last season, two of those graded. The grey filly charged from off the pace to score an easy victory in the GIII Tempted S. at Aqueduct in her penultimate start of the year and is making her first start since closing her freshman campaign with a gate-to-wire success in the GII Demoiselle S. at the Big A Nov. 24. Trainer Todd Pletcher grudgingly chose this spot for her seasonal debut. "Ideally, I would have liked to run her at seven furlongs for the first start of the year," he explained. "But I want to get a start into her prior to the [GII] Bonnie Miss S. [Mar. 15], which is our main goal." **Stormy Frolic** (Summer Squall) could complete the chalky exacta. A different commodity since adding blinkers last summer, the bay comes into this event having won three of her last four starts, including a 6 3/4-length victory in the off-the-turf Tropical Park Oaks on New Year's Day. Her only blemish during that streak is a four-length second to **Ms. Brookski** (Montbrook) in the Dec. 8 Three Ring S. While trainer Carl Nafzger has chosen to wait for the Bonnie Miss for stable star Belterra, he is represented in today's test by **Take The Cake** (Fly So Free), upset winner of the GIII Forward Gal S. Jan. 27. She is getting two turns for the first time this afternoon.

Sunday, Gulfstream Park, post time: 5:08 p.m. EST

DAVONA DALE S.-GII, \$100,000, 3yo, f, 1 1/16m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER	ODDS
1	French Satin	French Deputy	Standridge	20-1
2	Smok'n Frolic	Smoke Glacken	Pletcher	5-2
3	Blissful Kiss	Kissin Kris	White	12-1
4	Aly Quatorze	Louis Quatorze	Zito	5-1
5	Ms Brookski	Montbrook	Combest	6-1
6	Miu Miu	Kris S.	Mott	6-1
7	Colonial Glitter	Glitterman	McGee	12-1
8	Take the Cake	Fly So Free	Nafzger	8-1
9	Stormy Frolic	Summer Squall	Wolfson	7-2

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## ☆ GULFSTREAM ☆

### Yesterday's Results:

**9th-GPX, \$36,000, Alw, 4/up, 1 1/16m, 1:44 4/5, gd. **BASEBALL CHAMPION** (c, 4, [Wild Again](#)--Pennant **Champion**, by Mr. Prospector) broke his maiden at Belmont this past September, but disappointed when third and fourth in his first two tries against winners Oct. 6 and Nov. 15. The regally bred colt was given some time off following an Aqueduct allowance victory Nov. 30 and returned to action with a runner-up result over course and distance Feb. 7. Favored at 4-5 this time, the dark bay was last for the opening half, commenced a rally while wide on the far turn and skipped clear late to record a six-length success. The winner's granddam is the great Personal Ensign. Lifetime Record: 8-3-1-1, \$87,530. O-Ogden Phipps. B-Phipps Stable (KY). T-Claude McGaughey III.**

**10th-GPX, \$34,000, Alw, 3yo, a1m70yd, 1:42 2/5, gd. **NOKOMA** (c, 3, [Pulpit](#)--Eliza Blue, by Icecapade) got back on track with this game effort. Fourth in his debut to MGSP Monthir (Gulch), the dark grey colt then broke his maiden going 1 1/16 miles at Belmont Oct. 13 before missing by a neck to Saarland in the Gill Remsen S. at Aqueduct Nov. 24. The 1/2 to Brought to Mind (Ruthie's Native), MGISW, \$894,437, was given a brief freshening and returned to action Jan. 19 in the Gill Holy Bull S., where he spun his wheels in finishing fourth to Booklet and Harlan's Holiday. Back in allowance company as the 7-5 second choice, Nokoma rated several lengths from the front and began to advance approaching the far turn. He got into tight quarters and had to wait for running room, but came through willingly along the rail in the stretch to post a 3/4-length tally over the dead-heating duo of Doc Wild (Wild Again) and Puck (Mr. Greeley). A head further back in fourth was 6-5 favorite Monthir. Nokoma's half-sister produced Japanese champion Kurofune. Lifetime Record: GSP, 5-2-1-0, \$94,060. O-M Tabor. B-John R Gaines Thoroughbreds & William Condren (KY). T-Todd A Pletcher.**


**12th-GPX, \$32,000, Msw, 3yo, 1 1/16m, 1:46, gd. **ICANSEECLEARLYNOW** (c, 3, [A.P. Indy](#)--Ifyoucouldseemenow {MGSW & MGISP, \$475,572}, by Tunerup) outbattled Foreign Authority (French Deputy) to graduate from the maiden ranks. Second to SW Easyfromthegitgo at Churchill Nov. 16, the dark bay colt faltered as the favorite when third in a pair of local seven-furlong tests Jan. 12. and Jan. 26 and was let go at 6-1 in his two-turn bow. Icanseeclearlynow showed good speed from the start while three wide and made his move approaching the stretch. He was joined by Foreign Authority from the outside and the pair fought it out to the wire, with Icanseeclearlynow winning by a nose despite being bumped inside the eighth pole. Lifetime Record: 5-1-1-2, \$35,230. O/B-Jan, Mace & Samantha Seigel (KY). T-P J McGee.**

**7th-GPX, \$32,000, Msw, 3yo, 1 1/16m, 1:46 1/5, gd. **MR. MELLON** (c, 3, [Red Ransom](#)--Mackie {GSW & GISP, \$164,579}, by Summer Squall), a \$950,000 KEESEP yearling, got it done in his third effort in convincing fashion. His debut came last October when he overcame a tough trip to finish third at Keeneland going seven furlongs. That effort was followed by a three-month layoff, coming back Jan. 26 at Gulfstream to run fourth, also at seven furlongs. Stretching out to two turns for the first time, the even-money favorite was kept off the pace during the early going by jockey Pat Day. The Triple Crown nominee came three wide on the far turn and pulled away easily under a hand ride to win by four lengths. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-1, \$25,480. O-WinStar Farm & Thomas F Van Meter II B-T F Van Meter & Vinery (KY). T-W Elliott Walden.**

**3rd-GPX, \$32,000, Msw, 3yo, 7f, 1:22 3/5, sy. **FAST DECISION** (c, 3, [Gulch](#)--Demi Souer, by Storm Bird), a \$210,000 FTSAUG yearling purchase, was off slowly in his Jan. 19 debut going one furlong shorter, but finished well to be fourth without threatening the winner. Adding fresh Lasix for this effort, the dark bay broke alertly this time around and chased favored firster Aeneas (Capote) from second while preventing that rival from getting to the rail. He began to edge clear in upper stretch and pulled away late to score by 2 1/2 lengths from his less-experienced foe. The winner is out of a half sister to 1995 two-year-old champion Dehere. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$20,800. O-P Karches. B-E P Evans (KY). T-Christophe Clement.**

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## ★ UNITED ARAB EMIRATES ★

Sunday, Nad al Sheba, post time: 9:30 pm

**MOONHELL MILE-Prestige**, \$200,000, 3yo, f, 1600m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER	WT
1	Imperial Gesture (USA)	Langfuhr (Can)	bin Suroor	128
2	Seba (GB)	Alzao (USA)	bin Suroor	128
3	Dr Quackenbush (USA)	Deposit Ticket (USA)	Seemar	123
4	E B's Sweep (USA)	End Sweep (USA)	McLaughlin	123
5	Test the Rest (USA)	Take Me Out (USA)	Frazier	123

Godolphin's **Imperial Gesture** makes her three-year-old debut in this event. The bay has not raced since finishing second at 53-1 to her stablemate, newly crowned champion **Tempera (USA)**, in the GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies Nov. 24. Frankie Dettori has the mount.

### STARS OUT AT NAD AL SHEBA

In addition to the 2002 debuts of **Sakhee (USA)** (Bahri) and **Imperial Gesture (USA)** and the G3 Dubai City of Gold S., tonight's card at Nad al Sheba also features a maiden race with several eye-catching pedigrees. Run over 1600 meters on sand, the third race on the card has drawn **Dubai Fall (Ire)** (Mr. Prospector {USA}), a half-sister to **Charnwood Forest (Ire)** and **Medaaly (GB)** and a granddaughter of blue hen mare **Fall Aspen (USA)**. **Dubai Fall** finished fourth in her sole previous start last October going six furlongs at Arlington. Trained by Eoin Harty, she will face debutant **Mutawaged (USA)** (Gulch {USA}), a grandson of champion **Salsabil (Ire)** from the Saeed bin Suroor stable.

## ★ FRANCE ★

Sunday, Cagnes-sur-Mer, post time: 3:00 p.m.

**GRAND PRIX DU CONSEIL GENERAL DES ALPES**

**MARITIMES-Listed**, €74,000, 4yo/up, 1 9/16mT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER	WT
1	9	Foundation Spirit (Fr)	Hernando (Fr)	Doumen	130
2	11	Mon Legionnaire (Fr)	Marignan (USA)	Prod'homme	126
3	2	Mount Elbrus (GB)	Barathea (Ire)	Pantall	122
4	4	Karis (Fr)	Darshaan (GB)	Rouget	122
5	7	Waverly (Fr)	Sicyos (USA)	Gallorini	122
6	8	Aloes (Fr)	Freedom Cry (GB)	Caget	122
7	6	Villa Carlotta (GB)	Rainbow Quest (USA)	Clement	122
8	3	Dona Bella (Fr)	Highest Honor (Fr)	Bollack-Badel	121
9	1	Breknen Le Noir (Fr)	Pelder (Ire)	Barbe	119
10	5	Excenevex (Fr)	Selkirk (USA)	Valiani	119
11	10	Jomana (Ire)	Darshaan (GB)	Pantall	118

Sunday, Cagnes-sur-Mer, post time: 2:00 p.m.

**PRIX POLICEMAN-Listed**, €37,000, 3yo, 10f 165ydsT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER	WT
1	10	Inesperado (Fr)	Zayyani (Ire)	Laurent-Joye	128
2	2	Sandwedge (Fr)	Marchand de Sable (USA)	C Boutin	123
3	11	Sharp Native (USA)	Diesis (GB)	Rob Collet	123
4	1	Lost Bay (Fr)	Lost World (Ire)	Scandella	123
5	9	Direct Play (GB)	Muhtarram (USA)	Martin	123
6	5	Bahamian Star (GB)	Bahamian Bounty (GB)	Rob Collet	123
7	7	Great Pretender (Ire)	King's Theatre (Ire)	Rob Collet	123
8	6	Proci Volo (Fr)	Volochine (Ire)	Van Handenhove	123
9	8	Ivy League (Ire)	Doyoun (Ire)	Pantall	120
10	4	Mariotte (Fr)	Loup Solitaire (USA)	Khozian	120
11	3	Itama (USA)	Tabasco Cat (USA)	Clement	120

## ★ BRITAIN ★

Yesterday's Results:

**2.45 Lingfield, Littlewoods Bet Direct Winter Derby Trial Conditions S. (Class B)**, £25,975, 3yo/up, 1 1/4m (AWT), 2:05.34, stn.

**ADIEMUS (GB)** (c, 4, **Green Desert {USA}**--**Anodyne {GB}**, by **Dominion {GB}**), the 3-1 market choice, was ridden with patience in eighth place from the outset as **Wannabe Around (GB)** (**Primo Dominie {GB}**) led and made smooth progress from the quarter-mile pole as **Laissezaller (USA)** (**End Sweep {USA}**) went into a clear lead. He was ridden along to challenge approaching the final furlong and kept on well for pressure, quickening close home, to beat **Laissezaller** by a cozy three parts of a length. Lifetime Record: 8-4-1-2, £49,490.

O-G Lansbury; B-Stanley Estate & Stud Company; T-Jeremy Nosedá; J-Shane Kelly.

**1.15 Lingfield, £5 Minimum Stake On 0800 329393 Median Auction Maiden S. (Class F) (Div 1)**, £2,850, 3yo, 1m (AWT), 1:41.16, stn.

**NICKLETTE (GB)** (f, 3, **Nicolotte {GB}**--**Cayla {GB}**, by **Tumble Wind {USA}**) broke well from the gate to dislodge the lead with **Just Emerald (GB)** (**Emarati {USA}**) and seized the outright initiative with three furlongs to go. The 13-8 favourite was pushed into a two-length lead at the eighth pole and was driven out in the closing stages to hold the late rally of **Diamond Dagger (GB)** (**Sabrehill {USA}**) by a half length. Lifetime Record: 5-1-1-1, £3,303.

O/B-Mrs A M Upsdell; T-Conrad Allen; J-Martin Dwyer.

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