

### ROCK SOLID

**Rock Of Gibraltar (Ire)** (Danehill), sent off the 4-5 favourite, produced a fluent performance in the G1 St. James's Palace S. at Royal Ascot yesterday to beat stable companion **Landseer (GB)** (Danehill) by 1 3/4 lengths and continue the dominance of Irish trainer Aidan O'Brien. The colt has now equalled the run of five consecutive Group 1 successes achieved by the "Iron Horse" Giant's Causeway in 2000 and he is just one off the record held by Mill Reef, who took six in a row from 1971-1972. In addition to his one-two in the St. James's Palace S., O'Brien won yesterday's G3 Coventry S. with **Statue of Liberty** (Storm Cat). *Additional coverage from opening day at Royal Ascot p. 2.*



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### Tuesday, Royal Ascot, England

**ST. JAMES'S PALACE S.-G1**, £290,000, Royal Ascot, 6-18, 3yo, c, 1mT, 1:40.91, gd.

- 1--**ROCK OF GIBRALTAR (IRE)**, 126, c, 3, by Danehill  
**1st Dam: Offshore Boom (Ire) (SP-Ire)**, by Be My Guest  
**2nd Dam: Push a Button (Ire)**, by Bold Lad (Ire)  
**3rd Dam: River Lady**, by Prince John  
 O-Sir Alex Ferguson & Susan Magnier; B-Joe Crowley & Mr and Mrs A P O'Brien; T-Aidan O'Brien; J-Michael Kinane; £168,200. Lifetime Record: G1SW-GB, Ire & Fr, 10-8-1-0, £860,388.
- 2--**Landseer (GB)**, 126, c, 3, Danehill--Sabria, by Miswaki. (115,000gns wnlq '99 TATDEC; 260,000gns yrl '00 TATHOU). O-Michael Tabor & Susan Magnier; B-Rockwell Bloodstock; £63,800.
- 3--**Aramram**, 126, c, 3, Danzig--Felawnah, by Mr. Prospector. O-Sheikh Ahmed bin Rashid Al Maktoum; B-Darley Stud Management Inc; £31,900.  
 Margins: 1 3/4, 4, NK. Odds: 4-5, 13-2, 20-1.  
 Also ran: Dupont (GB), Where Or When (Ire), Bowman, Sahara Desert (GB), King Of Happiness, Camp Commander (Ire).

### A PRINCE OF A CONTEST

**Nayef (Gulch)** is on a retrieval mission in today's G1 Prince of Wales's S. at Royal Ascot after his disappointing third behind Rebelline (Ire) and **Bach (Ire)** (Caerleon) in the G1 Tattersalls Gold Cup at The Curragh May 26. That came on unsuitably soft ground and he is better judged on his success on a faster surface in the G1 Dubai Sheema Classic at Nad al Sheba Mar. 23. Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum's colors have been carried to success in the Prince of Wales's S. by Muhtarram in 1994 and 1995, and with the ground now firmly in his favour, Nayef can provide his owner with the hat trick. **Banks Hill (GB)** (Danehill) seeks to become the first filly to win the race since Bosra Sham in 1997, but she was also below par when third last time behind Best of the Bests (Ire) and **Poussin (Ire)** (Alzao) in the G1 Prix d'Ispahan at Longchamp May 19. She will benefit from the fast pace and sound conditions which she encountered when powering away with the G1 Breeders' Cup Fillies and Mare Turf at Belmont Park in October. Godolphin will seek to extend their 100-percent record in this contest since it was elevated to Group 1 status in 2000 with **Grandera (Ire)** (Grand Lodge). Unlike Dubai Millennium (GB) and Fantastic Light before him, he is not the stand-out horse of his stable at this stage of the season, but he has considerable scope for a progression into the top ranks. Last year, he produced highly creditable efforts on a sound surface for trainer James Fanshawe when third in the G1 Prix du Jockey Club (French Derby) at Chantilly in June, second in the G1 Eclipse S. at Sandown in July and to Sakhee in the G1 International S. at York the following month. Beaten 3 1/4 lengths by Narrative (Ire) in the G3 Dubai City of Gold at Nad al Sheba Feb. 24, he ran too freely when fifth in the G1 Queen Elizabeth II Cup at Sha Tin Apr. 21. Everything fell into place last time when winning the G1 Singapore Airlines International Cup at Kranji May 11 and he must go close. *Full field p. 8*



Nayef (left) at Nad al Sheba  
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NO EXCUSE IN QUEEN ANNE - P2 ... DOMINICA TAKES THE STAND - P3 ... STATUESQUE COVENTRY - P4

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**A Consistent Rock...**

Rock of Gibraltar continues to prove himself a talented and versatile performer. He acts on testing ground, as he proved when taking the G1 Grand Criterium at Longchamp on Arc day and the G1 Irish 2000 Guineas at The Curragh May 25, and to a lesser extent, in the G1 Dewhurst S. at Newmarket last October. However, he is equally effective on a faster surface, on which he beat Hawk Wing in the G1 2000 Guineas at Newmarket May 4. He is unbeaten at Group 1 level, and counts an unlucky defeat by Landseer in last year's G3 Coventry S. among his two career defeats. According to jockey Michael Kinane, "He's a real colt and he's improved--you could set your watch by him. He's very dependable and is a serious colt and loves his racing. He enjoys himself coming racing and gets above himself and you'd have to run him often because he gets fresh and overwell." In yesterday's St. James's Palace S., Rock of Gibraltar travelled easily off the early pace set by Ballydoyle "rabbit" **Sahara Desert (GB)** (Green Desert) with only one behind before making smooth progress through the pack. Still on the bridle as **Dupont (GB)** (Zafonic) hit the front turning into the straight, he was eased to the tail of Landseer as he made his manoeuvre inside the final quarter of a mile. Kinane was confident enough to pull his whip through as he loomed upsides that colt, but he did not need that aid as Rock of Gibraltar strode past with 250 yards remaining and away under a hand ride. Part owner Sir Alex Ferguson commented, "I can't say I was apprehensive today, but I was more hopeful than confident as it was a good field there, but the Guineas form has held up. What it shows you about the horse is that he can travel on any ground and that is important--that and his determination. It's got better and better." Trainer Aidan O'Brien, winning his third consecutive renewal of this, said, "He has a lot of options and we'll wait and see how he is, but obviously the like of the G1 Sussex S. [at Goodwood July 31] and all those races are there for him. He's a horse with an awful lot of speed and I don't think any trip from six furlongs up would bother him. He races with a lot of class."



**The Queen arriving for the Queen Anne S. yesterday**  
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**No Excuse Needed Needs No Excuses...**

**No Excuse Needed (GB)** (Machiavellian) denied **Tillerman (GB)** (In the Wings {GB}) in a thrilling finale to yesterday's G2 Queen Anne S., the opening race of the Royal Ascot meeting. The win provided trainer Sir Michael Stoute with his third consecutive success in the event. Despite a second-place finish in the G1 Sussex S. and a win in the G2 Celebration S. at Goodwood last August, the four-year-old No Excuse Needed had proved disappointing this term; 15th in the G1 Dubai Duty Free at Nad al Sheba Mar. 23 and fourth in the G1 Lockinge S. at Newbury May 18. Stoute, who saddled Kalanisi (Ire) to win in 2000 and Medicean (GB) to follow up last year, was delighted. "Things went wrong for him in Dubai--he pulled up sore as he'd ripped a plate off," he said. "We had a hold-up before the Lockinge and he had a bit of a rushed preparation for that, so of late, things haven't gone right for him. He is a very smart horse and he's always been pretty decent--he travelled really well today." Looking for his first group victory of 2002, No Excuse Needed was held up towards the rear as **Bests of the Bests (Ire)** (Machiavellian) cut out the running. Switched wide to avoid the tightening pack in front, he made smooth progress down the outside to hit the front with 400 yards remaining as the leader started to falter and **Nayyir (Ire)** (Indian Ridge {Ire}) made his move. Quickening past that colt, he was taken over to the stands' side rail and from there he dug deep to deny the late challenge of Tillerman. Jockey Johnny Murtagh explained, "I was following Frenchman's Bay, but I could see that he wasn't going to get much of a run, so I just moved around the outside and he has done everything really smooth. From there, he was really galloping with his head down and I thought I had it on the line." Stoute, who was recording his 41st Royal Ascot success with this Queen Anne win, may send his pupil to the G1 Sussex S. at Goodwood July 31 or step up to 10 furlongs, "Maybe he'll go to the Sussex, but I'm fairly sure he can get 10, so we'll have to stop and think about it. He's a horse I like and he's a nice character who is genuine." **Chart p. 3**

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**Dominica Takes a Stand...**

**Dominica (GB)** (Alhaarth {Ire}) became the first three-year-old filly to win the G2 King's Stand S. since Marwell (GB) in 1981 and the 10th sophomore to do so since 1980 when she held off the late rattle of **Continent (GB)** (Lake Coniston {Ire}) in the closing stages yesterday. Dominica had showed the "blinding speed" that trainer Marcus Tregoning talked about when winning the G3 Cornwallis S. at this track on good to soft ground in October, but had not been seen since. That was a deliberate ploy as Tregoning explained, "She's as game as anything and it's so nice to see a filly so relaxed before a race like this. The idea was to bring her here fresh as she wasn't ready, so it would have been a grave mistake to run her before. She's only tiny, but she has a very big heart." Dominica broke well and grabbed the rail position early as **Smokin Beau (GB)** (Cigar {GB}) blazed the trail in front. Passing that front-runner by the halfway marker, she was pushed out to assert and had done enough as Continent closed in late and the favourite **Kyllachy (GB)** (Pivotal {GB}) charged on the outside. Jockey Martin Dwyer paid tribute to the filly, "She had done plenty at home and she's a really tough little filly and had done well since last year. I made all on her in the Cornwallis last year so I knew she'd go from the front, and I thought there would be a few that needed to be held up and come with a run. She really stuck her head out and battled." Tregoning added, "She likes cut in the ground and eventually the G1 Prix de l'Abbaye [at Longchamp Oct. 6] is a real possibility for this filly. She could run really well in a race like that. I think five [furlongs] is her best trip."

**ROYAL ASCOT 2002**  
**ASCOT CELEBRATE RECORD ATTENDANCE**  
 Royal Ascot yesterday enjoyed record-Tuesday attendance of 51,055, an increase of 8.8 percent on last year's crowd of 46,924 and ahead of the previous record of 50,609 set in 2000. Douglas Erskine-Crum, Ascot's Chief Executive, commented, "It is a great start to the week."

**Tuesday, Royal Ascot, Britain**

**QUEEN ANNE S.-G2**, £135,000, Royal Ascot, 6-18, 3yo/up, 1mT, 1:40.66, gd.

- 1--**NO EXCUSE NEEDED (GB)**, 128, c, 4, by Machiavellian  
 1st Dam: Nawalet, by Zilzal  
 2nd Dam: Greenland Park (Ire), by Red God  
 3rd Dam: Centre Piece (GB), by Tompion  
 O-M bin Rashid Al Maktoum; B-Gainsborough Stud Management Ltd; T-M Stoute; J-J Murtagh; £78,300. Lifetime Record: G1SP-GB, 10-4-1-0, £237,830.
- 2--**Tillerman (GB)**, 128, h, 6, In The Wings (GB)--Autumn Tint, by Roberto. O-Khalid Abdullah; B-Juddmonte Farms; £29,700.
- 3--**Tough Speed**, 128, h, 5, Miswaki--Nature's Magic, by Nijinsky II. (\$230,000 yrl '98 KEESEP). O-Saeed Suhail; B-Iron County Farms Inc; £14,850.  
 Margins: SHD, 3, SHD. Odds: 13-2, 11-1, 12-1.  
 Also ran: Nayyir (GB), Century City (Ire), Umistim (GB), Swallow Flight (Ire), Best Of The Bests (Ire), Frenchmans Bay (Fr), Priors Lodge (Ire), Vicious Knight (GB), Atavus (GB).

**Tuesday, Royal Ascot, Britain**

**KING'S STAND S.-G2**, £135,000, Royal Ascot, 6-18, 3yo/up, 5fT, 1:00.89, gd.

- 1--**DOMINICA (GB)**, 119, f, 3, by Alhaarth (Ire)  
 1st Dam: Dominio (Ire) (SW & GSP-GB), by Dominion (GB)  
 2nd Dam: La Tuerta (GB), by Hot Spark (Ire)  
 3rd Dam: Smarten Up (GB), by Sharpen Up (GB)  
 O-Major & Mrs R B Kennard; B-Stowell Hill Ltd and Major & Mrs R B Kennard; T-M Tregoning; J-M Dwyer; £78,300. Lifetime Record: 5-3-0-2, £107,627.
- 2--**Continent (GB)**, 128, g, 5, Lake Coniston (Ire)--Krisia (GB), by Kris (GB). (40,000gns HRA '00 TATAUT). O-Lucayan Stud; B-Juddmonte Farms; £29,700.
- 3--**Kyllachy (GB)**, 128, c, 4, Pivotal (GB)--Pretty Poppy (GB), by Song (GB). (36,000gns yrl '99 DONSEP). O-Thurloe Tbreeds V; B-Wheelersland Stud; £14,850.  
 Margins: HD, HF, NK. Odds: 16-1, 16-1, 11-10.  
 Also ran: The Trader (Ire), Indian Prince (Ire), Olivia Grace (GB), Jessica's Dream (Ire), Smokin Beau (GB), Bahamian Pirate, Misty Eyed (Ire), Monkston Point (Ire), Indian Spark (GB), Vita Spericolata (Ire), Pomfret Lad (GB), Anna Elise (Ire).

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**O'Brien Strikes Again...**

Michael Kinane chose to ride **Statue of Liberty** (Storm Cat) in favour of **Spartacus (Ire)** (Danehill) in this edition of the G3 Coventry S. and that decision proved correct as his colt outbattled **Pakhoes (Ire)** (College Chapel {GB}) to extend trainer Aidan O'Brien's tally to four Coventrys in the last six years. Having taken a Cork maiden Apr. 1 from the smart Petite Histoire (Ire), he was laid out for this and showed the benefit of that plan under a masterful ride from Kinane, who explained, "He's a lovely big colt and the penny hasn't fully dropped with him yet. I think he has the makings of a lovely big colt when everything comes together. He has loads of scope and loads of stamina in his pedigree and not just a short-runner--he's a horse with nice potential." Held up, but travelling well towards the rear early, he was switched off as **Royal Beacon (GB)** (Royal Applause {GB}) led overall in the centre of the track. He needed minimal encouragement to close on the leading group, but Kinane made sure he was alert by slapping him down the neck at the halfway. That did the trick as Statue of Liberty quickened to challenge the long-time leader and hit the front with 250 yards remaining. Driven out to hold off the determined Pakhoes from there, he was firmly on top of the game runner-up as they pulled clear of the remainder. "He always seemed very good at home and always had a lot of natural ability and an awful lot of class," said O'Brien. "He's only had the one run and he's still a baby, but he's a beautiful horse. He was always very natural and we always thought this was a very nice colt from day one. Whereas this horse could turn into a six-furlong Middle Park horse, we thought Spartacus would stay and get a mile at the end of the year. Hopefully, if he stays well, he should have a big future." Paddy Power quote him at odds of 20-1 for next year's G1 2000 Guineas at Newmarket.

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**Tuesday, Royal Ascot, Britain**

**COVENTRY S.-G3**, £60,000, Royal Ascot, 6-18, 2yo, 6fT, 1:15.73, gd.

- 1--#**@STATUE OF LIBERTY**, 124, c, 2, by **Storm Cat**  
 1st Dam: **Charming Lassie**, by **Seattle Slew**  
 2nd Dam: **Lassie Dear**, by **Buckpasser**  
 3rd Dam: **Gay Missile**, by **Sir Gaylord**  
 (\$1,300,000 yrl '01 KESEP). O-Michael Tabor & Susan Magnier; B-W S Farish & W S Kilroy; T-Aidan O'Brien; J-Michael Kinane; £34,800. Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, £42,775. \*1/2 to Sovereign Sage (Sovereign Dancer), SP, \$178,436; Brulay (Rubiano), GSW, \$190,714; Lemon Drop Kid (Kingmambo), Ch. Older Horse, MGISW, \$3,245,369.
  - 2--**Pakhoes (Ire)**, 124, c, 2, College Chapel (GB)--Park Charger (GB), by Tirol (Ire). (130,000gns yrl '01 TATOCT). O-Bertram R Firestone; B-Lodge Park Stud; £13,200.
  - 3--**Kawagino (Ire)**, 124, g, 2, Perugino--Sharakawa (Ire), by Darshaan (GB). O-K J Pike; B-Neville O'Byrne; £6,600.
- Margins: NK, 3HF, 1 3/4. Odds: 5-2, 16-1, 33-1.  
 Also ran: Coconut Penang (Ire), Royal Beacon (GB), Membership, Tizzy May (Fr), Sir Edwin Landseer, Spartacus (Ire), Tacitus (Ire), Western Fling, Surbiton, Wise Petorius (Ire), Logistical (GB), The Kiddykid (Ire), Leitrim Rock (Ire).

**ROYAL ASCOT 2002 - HIGHLIGHTS**  
**WELD HOPEFUL OF GOLD**

Dermot Weld yesterday spoke of his hopes for **Vinnie Roe (Ire)** (Definite Article {GB}) in tomorrow's £220,000 G1 Ascot Gold Cup. Quoted the 9-4 favourite with Coral Eurobet, the four-year-old heads the 17 confirmed runners in the 2 1/2-mile contest. "He's in great form and it all depends on whether he stays," said Weld. "If he stays, he'll be very hard to beat. He's not bred to stay and he has a lot of pace. Maybe its ambitious to run him, but we all enjoy him and let's hope he runs a big race."

IT'S THAT DANEHILL FACTOR AGAIN!

ROCK OF GIBRALTAR beats LANDSEER, for a DANEHILL  
**1-2** in the **St. James's Palace Stakes - Gr.1** at Royal Ascot yesterday.

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☆ TODAY AT ROYAL ASCOT ☆

Wednesday, Royal Ascot, Britain, post time: 3:45 p.m.

PRINCE OF WALES'S S.-G1, £250,000, 4yo/up, 1 1/4mT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER	WT
1	6	Bach (Ire)	Caerleon	A O'Brien	126
2	11	Cape Town (Ire)	Desert Style (Ire)	Hannon	126
3	7	Carnival Dancer (GB)	Sadler's Wells	Stoute	126
4	1	Chancellor (Ire)	Halling	B Hills	126
5	8	Desert Deer (GB)	Cadeaux Genereux (GB)	Johnston	126
6	10	Freefourinternet	Tabasco Cat	Meehan	126
7	3	Grandera (Ire)	Grand Lodge	Bin Suroor	126
8	2	Indian Creek (GB)	Indian Ridge (Ire)	Elsworth	126
9	4	Nayef	Gulch	Tregoning	126
10	9	Paolini (Ger)	Lando (Ger)	Wohler	126
11	13	Poussin (Ire)	Alzao	Lellouche	126
12	14	Sydenham	A.P. Indy	bin Suroor	126
13	12	Banks Hill (GB)	Danehill	Fabre	123
14	5	Golden Silca (GB)	Inchinor (GB)	Channon	123

Wednesday, Royal Ascot, Britain, post time: 2:30 p.m.

JERSEY S.-G3, £75,000, 3yo, 7fT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER	WT
1	10	Meshaheer	Nureyev	bin Suroor	129
2	4	Redback (GB)	Mark of Esteem (Ire)	Hannon	129
3	7	Millennium Dragon (GB)	Mark of Esteem (Ire)	M Jarvis	126
4	13	Twilight Blues (Ire)	Bluebird	Meehan	126
5	5	Approval (GB)	Royal Applause (GB)	Hannon	123
6	14	Compton Dragon	Woodman	Butler	123
7	8	Hidden Dragon	Danzig	A O'Brien	123
8	15	Ho Choi (GB)	Pivotal (GB)	Perratt	123
9	12	Irony (Ire)	Mujadil	Osborne	123
10	2	Just James (GB)	Spectrum (Ire)	Noseda	123
11	1	Kataholic (GB)	Bluegrass Prince (Ire)	Ham	123
12	3	Online Investor (GB)	Puissance (GB)	Cox	123
13	6	Royal Quarters (Ire)	Common Grounds (GB)	Meehan	123
14	11	Seihali (Ire)	Alzao	Stewart	123
15	9	Steenberg (Ire)	Flying Spur (Aus)	Tompkins	123
16	16	Jazan (Ire)	Danehill	C Brittain	118

Millennium Dragon could not have been more impressive in winning a conditions event May 5 and Listed King Charles II S. at Newmarket 20 days later. He is a colt on the upgrade and will be hard to stop here. Compton Dragon is an interesting prospect dropped back in trip after being beaten a length by Hero's Journey (GB) in the Listed Heron S. at Kempton June 1. He was seventh in the G1 2000 Guineas at Newmarket May 4, where Redback was third and Twilight Blues fifth, but he was forced to race on the stands' side and may have been disadvantaged there. Redback bids to bounce back from a disappointing effort when ninth in the G1 Poule d'Essai des Poulains (French 2000 Guineas) at Longchamp May 12, but that may have come too soon after his Newmarket exertions.

Wednesday, Royal Ascot, Britain, post time: 3:05 p.m.

QUEEN MARY S.-G3, £60,000, 2yo, f, 5fT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER
1	2	Dusty Dazzler (Ire)	Titus Livius (Fr)	Turner
2	1	Floppie Disk (GB)	Magic Ring (Ire)	Pickering
3	5	Fovant (GB)	Night Shift	Tregoning
4	19	Gaelic Princess (GB)	Cois Na Tine (Ire)	K Ryan
5	16	Hectherine (Ire)	Hector Protector	Creighton
6	13	Ivania (GB)	First Trump (GB)	A Berry
7	17	Katdogawn (GB)	Bahhare	Hannon
8	3	Musical Key (GB)	Key of Luck	Tompkins
9	10	Never a Doubt (GB)	Night Shift	B Hills
10	14	On the Brink (GB)	Mind Games (GB)	T Easterby
11	18	Presto Vento (GB)	Air Express (Ire)	Hannon
12	15	Proud Beauty (Ire)	Danehill	A O'Brien
13	4	Queen's Victory (GB)	Mujadil	Channon
14	11	Rag Top (Ire)	Barathea (Ire)	Hannon
15	12	Red Galaxy (Ire)	Tagula (Ire)	A Berry
16	9	Romantic Liason (GB)	Primo Dominie (GB)	Meehan
17	8	San Luis Rey (GB)	Zieten	Ramsden
18	7	Speed Cop (GB)	Cadeaux Genereux (GB)	I Balding
19	6	Wimple	Kingmambo	C Brittain

All carry 120 pounds.

Fovant bids to provide the Marcus Tregoning-Martin Dwyer partnership with a follow-up success after Dominica (GB) yesterday. She was impressive when winning a Newbury maiden June 6 last time and has the required acceleration for this test. Trainer Richard Hannon saddles two unbeaten fillies in Rag Top and Presto Vento, both Listed winners. The former may be the better, having shaped with promise when winning the Listed Swordlestown Sprint S. at Naas June 3 last time. Proud Beauty, from the Aidan O'Brien stable responsible for the Coventry S. winner yesterday, must be feared despite only finishing runner-up in a Leopardstown maiden May 30 last time.

ROYAL ASCOT 2002 ODDS  
PRINCE OF WALES'S S.-G1, 4yo/up, 1 1/4mT

Horse	*Odds
Banks Hill	5-2
Nayef	10-3
Grandera	11-2
Desert Deer	11-2
Bach	15-2
Poussin	12-1
Paolini	12-1
Carnival Dancer	14-1
Indian Creek	25-1
Chancellor	28-1
Sydenham	66-1
Golden Silca	66-1
Freefourinternet	66-1
Cape Town	66-1

\*William Hill odds.



☆ ROYAL ASCOT PREVIEW ☆

Thursday, Royal Ascot, Britain, post time: 3:45 p.m.  
**GOLD CUP-G1**, £220,000, 4yo/up, 2 1/2mT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	WT
1	17	Akbar (Ire)	Doyoun (Ire)	R Hills	128
2	16	Chimes at Midnight	Danzig	No rider	128
3	5	Give Notice (GB)	Warning (GB)	Pat Eddery	128
4	10	Hatha Anna (Ire)	Sadler's Wells	Spencer	128
5	2	Invermark (GB)	Machiavellian	M Hills	128
6	3	Jardines Lookout (Ire)	Fourstars Allstar	Kinane	128
7	14	Moon Emperor (GB)	Emperor Jones	Fortune	128
8	9	Persian Punch (Ire)	Persian Heights (GB)	R Quinn	128
9	13	Rainbow High (GB)	Rainbow Quest	Hughes	128
10	8	Royal Rebel (GB)	Robellino	Murtagh	128
11	1	Solo Mio (Ire)	Sadler's Wells	Fallon	128
12	4	Bosham Mill (GB)	Nashwan	Holland	126
13	15	Vinnie Roe (Ire)	Definite Article (GB)	Smullen	126
14	6	Wareed (Ire)	Sadler's Wells	Dettori	126
15	7	Warrsan (Ire)	Caerleon	Robinson	126
16	11	Welsh Border (GB)	Zafonic	J Mackay	126
17	12	L'Evangile (GB)	Danehill	J Quinn	123

**O'Brien Cautious Over Johannesburg...**

Aidan O'Brien yesterday warned that **Johannesburg** (Hennessy) will need the run in Saturday's G1 Golden Jubilee S. at Royal Ascot. Last year's GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile winner and champion juvenile returns to sprinting in the six-furlong contest, having finished eighth behind War Emblem in the GI Kentucky Derby at Churchill Downs May 4 last time. "He's very well since his last run--the only problem is our ground has been very soft and very heavy, and we haven't had a chance to do much sharp work with him," said O'Brien. "Really we're just coming here hoping that he will be sharp enough and he's going to find a big difference from running over a mile and a quarter last time, but whatever he does, we think he will come on a lot for the run. He needs to start and with the other races like the G1 July Cup [at Newmarket July 11] and all those races coming up he needs to run now. He always had a lot of natural speed and it's always come very easy to him to go very fast, so we're just hoping that he runs a big race and comes on for the run."

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☆ RESULTS ☆

Saturday, Buenos Aires, Argentina

**GRAN PREMIO GRAN CRITERIUM-G1**, \$28,000, San Isidro, 6-15, 2yo, 1600mT, 1:33.81, fm.

1--**@#EDDINGTON (ARG)**, 121, c, 2, by Contested Bid

1st Dam: Topsy, by Fort de France (Arg)

2nd Dam: Arbulus, by Liloy (Fr)

3rd Dam: Buck the Tide, by Buckpasser

O/B-Rio Claro; T-A F Gaitan; J-A M Ramirez; \$20,000.

2--**Some Talk (Arg)**, 121, c, 2, Handsome Halo (Arg)--Avian Talk (Arg), by Confidential Talk. O-Gaviota de Mar; B-Las Matildes; \$4,600.

3--**Fail Me Not (Arg)**, 121, c, 2, Handsome Halo (Arg)--Part Girl (Arg), by Mat-Boy (Arg). O-Aleluya; B-Del Piano, Hector Alejandro; \$2,200.

Margins: 2 1/2, 1/2, 1 1/2. Odds: 6.60, 99.99, 6.00.

In a field of 16 colts with no clear favorite, Eddington showed that this could be his day right from the paddock where he was looking extremely good and in his best form. While Cupper and Fail Me Not led the race from the start setting a fast pace, Angel Ramirez kept Eddington hidden in the middle, but not far from the leaders. Once in the final stretch, he moved to the outside and asked him to go on for a 2 1/2-length win. This was Eddington's fourth start, and first graded win. He broke his maiden over five furlongs at San Isidro, and then was fifth in the G1 Chevalier at San Isidro Apr 20.

☆ NEWS TODAY ☆

**BREEDERS' CUP FORMS INTERNATIONAL**

**ALLIANCES** The National Thoroughbred Racing Association and Breeders' Cup Ltd. yesterday announced several agreements which will strengthen the Breeders' Cup World Thoroughbred Championships ties to the international racing community. The Breeders' Cup has entered into an agreement with Ascot Racecourse and Longchamp in which the three organizations will market and promote each others events. "Our alliance with Ascot and Longchamp will enable us to capitalize on the Breeders' Cup World Thoroughbred Championships' growing reputation as an international sporting event of the highest caliber," said D.G. Van Clief, Jr., president of Breeders' Cup Ltd. "From a business perspective, this partnership also strengthens our relationship with Longchamp's operator France Galop, which has simulcast the Breeders' Cup for the past five years, and our ability to offer our current and future sponsors an opportunity to reach a global audience through affinity marketing." The agreement also created a new award, the Ambassador's Cup, which will be presented to horses winning select Ascot races and a Breeders' Cup World Thoroughbred Championship race. If won, the award will be presented by U.S. Ambassador to Great Britain, William Farish.



**FROM THE DESK OF...**  
**Bill Oppenheim**



**THE AIDAN TRAIN**

A year ago on the opening Tuesday of Royal Ascot, Rock of Gibraltar was supposed to win the Coventry--the top early-season six-furlong race for two-year-olds--but got going too late and stablemate Landseer won it. Until yesterday, the two Danehill colts had met only once since, when Rock of Gibraltar won last season's Dewhurst, with Landseer second. This year, the two colts collared the three major European 2000 Guineas races, Rock of Gibraltar defeating stablemate Hawk Wing in England, then coasting home in Ireland, while Landseer won the French version.

Yesterday Aidan O'Brien's grip on the top European races for three-year-old colts tightened even further, as Rock of Gibraltar won the St. James's Palace S. handily over his stablemate, with four lengths back to the third, Aramram (by Danehill's sire, Danzig). Aidan's two best milers are a long way in front of the rest of the European three-year-old miling colts.

As we saw about 10 days ago, Aidan's three-year-old 12-furlong colts are a long way in front of at least the rest of their contemporaries in England and Ireland, too: High Chaparral and Hawk Wing were a staggering 12 lengths in front of third-placed Moon Ballad in the Epsom Derby. There are two very good three-year-old 12-furlong colts in France, the French Derby 1-2 Sulamani and Act One (who was the only 2001 two-year-old Group 1 winning colt in England, Ireland, or France not trained by Aidan O'Brien). Those two aside, the top four colts in O'Brien's barn are so far in front of the rest of their contemporaries it's almost embarrassing.

It's striking that these four colts were not among the world's most expensive as yearlings in 2000. Rock of Gibraltar was a private purchase (Mr. and Mrs. Aidan O'Brien are co-breeders), but High Chaparral was a 270,000 gns yearling at Tattersalls' Houghton; Landseer was 260,000 gns at the same sale; and Hawk Wing was a \$300,000 Saratoga yearling. It's easy to be jealous of success, but the fact is the Coolmore team's Demi O'Byrne and Paul Shanahan are consistently finding the right horses. Everybody, including them, find plenty that don't go on to greatness, but these two judges, and their team, are finding more of the right ones than anybody else. Their record, combined with Aidan and his team, looks mighty impressive.

Oh, and the Coventry yesterday? Aidan O'Brien, of course, for the fourth time in six years. This was an expensive one, though. He's called Statue of Liberty, and he's a half brother, by Storm Cat, to Lemon Drop Kid from Lane's End's best family (Weekend Surprise). He cost \$1.3 million at Keeneland last September.

**Machiavellian Week**

Last Saturday, Dubai World Cup winner Street Cry murdered his field in his first start since, the GI Stephen Foster H. at Churchill Downs. Monday, French 2000 Guineas second Medecis cruised in the G3 Prix de la Jonchere. And yesterday, the very salty four-year-old No Excuse Needed won his second Group 2, the one-mile Queen Anne S. Machiavellian, Machiavellian.

So far it's been a pretty good week for Machiavellian, who is Europe's leading sire (worldwide Northern Hemisphere-sired earnings, excluding Japan) over Sadler's Wells and Danehill. That's if you count Street Cry's Dubai World Cup earnings, and even if you don't he's right up there with Coolmore's Big Two. **Bill Oppenheim cont. p. 9**



**EXCEPTIONAL FIRST FOALS BY BEHRENS**

*Pleasant Colony-Hot Novel, by Mari's Book • Fee: \$20,000 LF 9/1*



Colt out of **PLENTY OF GRACE**



Filly out of **Da Bounboun**



Colt out of **LOVE YOU BY HEART**



## WEEKEND PEDIGREE PERSPECTIVES

*by Alan Porter*

**Saturday, Hollywood Park**

**CHARLES WHITTINGHAM H.-GI**, \$350,000, HOL, 6-15, 3yo/up, 1 1/4mT, 2:01 2/5, fm.

1--**DENON**, 116, c, 4, by Pleasant Colony

1st Dam: **Aviance (Ire) (G1SW-Ire)**, by Northfields

2nd Dam: **Minnie Hauk**, by Sir Ivor

3rd Dam: **Best In Show**, by Traffic Judge

O-Flaxman Holdings Ltd & Gann; B-Flaxman Holdings (KY); T-R Frankel; J-G K Gomez; \$210,000. Lifetime Record: GSW & MG1SP-Fr, 10-4-1-2, \$615,716. \*1/2 to Chimes of Freedom (Private Account), G1SW-Eng & Ire, \$503,431; Imperfect Circle (Riverman), SW & G1SP-Eng, \$117,448; Privately Held (Private Account), SP, \$159,241; & PiquetnoI (Private Account), G1SP-Fr.

When one considers the stature of Ribot as a racehorse and a sire, it's something of a shock to realize that his male line is now hanging by a thread in North America, and is little stronger in other parts of the world. That point can be illustrated by a survey of the upcoming Keeneland July and Fasig-Tipton July Yearling catalogs, where we can note that of over 800 horses cataloged, only four are from the once flourishing Ribot line.

If North American breeders are going to continue to have the services of horses descending in male line from Tesio's mighty "Il Piccolo," they are going to have to rely upon two sons of His Majesty, a horse whose sire line has flourished to a considerably greater extent than that of his more talented brother Graustark. The two sons in question are Cormorant and Pleasant Colony. Cormorant is represented by the 1994 GI Kentucky Derby winner Go for Gin, and Go For Gin's son, Albert the Great, a winner of over \$3,000,000 who is just completing his first season at stud. Pleasant Colony, who took the GI Kentucky Derby and GI Preakness S. on his way to a title as champion three-year-old, has several sons at stud, but the ones with the most potential for continuing the Ribot line would appear to be Pleasant Tap (whose four Fasig-Tipton yearlings are the only Ribot-line horses in this year's Kentucky summer yearling sales) and Behrens, a winner of over \$4,500,000 who is currently completing his second season at stud.

Pleasant Colony last covered in 1999, so there are other sons out there who might still be added to the stallion ranks, and one of the most likely of these is Denon, winner this weekend of the GI Charles Whittingham H. at Hollywood Park. The offspring of Pleasant Colony are often not the earliest maturers, but Denon, who began his career in France, was

forward enough to take a nine-furlong maiden on his two-year-old debut and then finish second, beaten a half-length, in the G3 Prix Thomas Bryon over a mile. At three, Denon continued to progress. In France he captured the G3 Prix de Fontainebleau and then finished third in the G1 Poule d'Essai des Poulains. Two more French starts brought a second in the G1 Prix Jean Prat and a fourth in G3 Prix Guillaume d'Ornano. Shipped to North America and the barn of Bobby Frankel, Denon made his North America debut a winning one, taking the GI Hollywood Derby.

Denon had been less impressive this season in his first two starts, failing to make the frame in two mile-and-a-half graded contests, but he quickly made amends when brought back to 10 furlongs for the Whittingham. Denon's tendency to be rather more precocious and less staying inclined than many Pleasant Colony's almost certainly stems from his dam Aviance. An Irish-trained daughter of the Northern Dancer stallion Northfields (who sired good winners over all sorts of distances), Aviance won just twice in six starts, but one of those wins came in the G1 Heinz "57" Phoenix S., a six-furlong contest for two-year-olds. Although she is a three-parts sister to Chief Contender, a Sadler's Wells colt who won the marathon G1 Prix du Cadran, Aviance's legacy has also tended towards speed. To Private Account, another horse who was generally an influence for later maturity and stamina, she threw Chimes of Freedom, a G1SW over six furlongs at two and over a mile at three, at which age she was weighted as the best of filly of her generation in England and France.

Aviance is also the dam of another sharp filly in Riverman's daughter Imperfect Circle. A Listed winner over six furlongs at two, Imperfect Circle was also second in the G1 Cheveley Park S., England's premier event for juvenile filly sprinters. Imperfect Circle has also made a flying start to her stud career. Bred to Nureyev, she produced as her first foal Spinning World. Successful in four G1/GI events at a mile, including the 1997 GI Breeders' Cup Mile, Spinning World has made a promising start with his first crop of runners, which are three-year-olds of 2002.

Aviance's dam Minnie Hauk, a daughter of Sir Ivor, also displayed far more speed than stamina, as did her siblings Monroe (herself dam of champion European two-year-old Xaar), Malinowski and Gielgud, who were Group winners at distances from five furlongs to a mile. In addition to her talented sister and brothers, Minnie Hauk was a half sister to several other notable runners and producers. These include the GI Kentucky Oaks winner Blush With Pride, dam of three graded-stakes winners; Sex Appeal, dam of champions El Gran Senor and Try My Best; Nijinsky's Best, dam of GISW Yagli; and Show Lady, granddam of Australian G1SWs and sires Umatilla and Hurricane Sky.

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***(Pedigree Perspectives cont. from p. 8)***

The cross of Pleasant Colony over Northern Dancer line mares which Denon represents has produced at least 31 of Pleasant Colony's 67 stakes winners, including seven Grade I scorers. The cross with mares by Denon's broodmare sire, Northfields, has been especially fruitful, despite Northfields spending the majority of his stud career in Europe. This has produced six stakes winners including Denon, and other G1/GI winners St. Jovite and I'm Very Irish. In addition, GI1 winner Powder Bowl, is by Pleasant Colony out of a mare by Northfields' son Northjet.

The affinity between Pleasant Colony and Northern Dancer probably owes a lot to the similarity between the pedigrees of Lady Angela (dam of Northern Dancer's sire Nearctic) and Alibhai, the broodmare sire of His Majesty. We can also note that Nearctic's sire Nearco, is bred on something of a reverse cross (Pharos/Havresac II) to Ribot, sire of His Majesty, perhaps not surprising since both were the result of matings planned by Federico Tesio. The more specific Pleasant Colony/Northfields affinity might be attributable to common ancestors shared by Double Jay (broodmare sire of Pleasant Colony) and Occupy (broodmare sire of Northfields).

***(Bill Oppenheim cont. from p. 7)***

Second-crop sire Alhaarth, bred and raced by Sheikh Hamdan, by the recently deceased Unfuwain, and standing at the sheikh's Irish stud, Derrinstown, took another jump forward when the three-year-old filly Dominica scored an upset win in the G2 King's Stand S. over five furlongs. She not only beat olders, she also did it in her first start of the year. Yes, she had the good trip, but even so, another impressive training performance by the former Dick Hern assistant, Marcus Tregoning, and another big win for Alhaarth. Considering he also has 11-furlong Lingfield Derby Trial winner Bandari in this crop, he's showing versatility as a sire as well as getting the class. Kyllachy, by the equally impressive and successful third-crop sire, Pivotal (by Polar Falcon, by Nureyev), had a nightmare trip and did well to finish third.

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**"Road to the World Thoroughbred Championships"**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Race</u>	<u>Channel</u>
7-14	Swaps S.	ESPN2
7-21	Delaware H. Kent Breeders' Cup S. Delaware Oaks Coaching Club American Oaks	ESPN2
7-27	Test S. Diana H. King George VI & Queen Elizabeth Diamond S.	ESPN
7-28	Go for Wand H.	ESPN2
8-4	Haskell Invitational H. Jim Dandy S.	ESPN2
8-10	Sword Dancer H.	ESPN
8-17	Arlington Million Beverly D. S. Alabama S.	ESPN
8-18	Iselin H. Monmouth Breeders' Cup Oaks	ESPN ESPN
8-23	Personal Ensign H.	ESPN2
8-24	Travers S. King's Bishop S.	ESPN
8-25	Pacific Classic Ballerina H.	ESPN
9-8	Garden City Breeders' Cup H. Woodward S. Atto Mile Irish Champion S. Grosser Preis von Baden	ESPN2
9-15	Matron S. Ruffian H. Jerome H. Kentucky Cup	ESPN
9-29	Washington Park H. Sea O'Erin Breeders' Cup H. Turf Classic Invitational Jockey Club Gold Cup Flower Bowl Invitational H. Diadem S. Queen Elizabeth II S. Canadian International E.P. Taylor S.	NBC
10-6	Goodwood Breeders' Cup H. Oak Leaf S. Overbrook Spinster S. Shadwell Turf Mile Grey Breeders' Cup S. Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe	ESPN2
10-12	Queen Elizabeth II Challenge Cup	ESPN

A # will distinguish first-time stakes-winners, a @ will indicate first-time graded stakes-winners, a ▲ will denote a first-time Grade/Group 1 winner, a + will denote winners who are first-time starters. Post times are listed in local time.



**DRYSDALE APPEALS BAN** Trainer Neil Drysdale is appealing to the Illinois Racing Board to overturn the 45-day suspension and \$2,500 fine he received from Chicago circuit stewards in the wake of the disqualification of last month's GIII Hawthorne Derby winner Flying Dash (Ger) for medication violations. The board on Monday granted Drysdale's requests for a referee sample of the positive tests for clenbuterol and promazine sulfoxide to be sent to an independent accredited laboratory for re-testing and a hearing before the board. Clenbuterol and promazine sulfoxide are permitted in Illinois for training purposes, but are prohibited race-day medications.

**DOUBLE HONOR COLT TOPS OBS OPENER** The session topper came early in yesterday's first session of the Ocala Breeders' Sales Company's June Sale of Two-Year-Olds and Horses of Racing Age in Florida, when the second horse through the ring brought a final bid of \$310,000, a record for the sale. The dark bay, from the first crop of graded stakes winner Double Honor, worked a bullet three furlongs in :33.2 at the June 15 under tack show. He is out of Camptown Miss (Carr de Naskra) and was from the consignment of Farnsworth Farms, agent. William Condren made the winning bid. The other six-figure lot at yesterday's auction was hip number 168, a son of freshman sire Elusive Quality, who brought a final bid of \$130,000. The colt, out of Loose Park (Stop the Music), is a half brother to GII Black-Eyed Susan S. winner Chamrousse. Consigned by Gabriel Dixon, agent, he was purchased by Anthony Gordon, agent for Alfred Hemlock. The sale's final session gets underway today at 11 a.m.

**NEW WAGER ANNOUNCED FOR BREEDERS' CUP** Bettors can look forward to the unveiling of a new wager when the Breeders' Cup arrives at Arlington Park on Oct. 26. The National Thoroughbred Racing Association and Breeders' Cup Ltd. yesterday announced the debut of a wager called Head2Head which will match two horses against each other in a "race within a race." The new wager challenges fans to predict which of two designated horses will finish in front of the other in a given race. Plans call for the bet to be offered on each of the eight championship races. Breeders' Cup will also offer "Europe versus America," wagers on the day's three turf races. "This wager gives newcomers a simple way to join in the game: pick one horse to outrun the other," said Ken Kirchner, senior vice president of product development for the NTRA. "We also think that Head2Head has a lot of potential with sports bettors who are accustomed to similar proposition bets in football, basketball and other sports. The objective is to introduce a fun, new wager with the potential to allow fans to cash many tickets during the course of the day." The Head2Head wager still needs the approval of the Illinois Racing Board.

Fans will get a leg up on the Breeders' Cup picks with the announcement that the NTRA and Equibase Company will offer a notification service to inform users via a once-daily e-mail of entries, results and workouts for the leading contenders in all eight championship divisions. Fans can register for the free service, which will track approximately 25 horses per division, through [www.ntra.com](http://www.ntra.com) or [www.equibase.com](http://www.equibase.com). Among the horses included in the service will be the top 10 horses listed on the Breeders' Cup's new international rankings system. An international panel of racing officials will produce weekly rankings for the world's top 10 Thoroughbred runners in each division, beginning the week of June 10. Rankings will be determined by a weighted analysis of the horses' performances in select graded stakes from around the world.

	<b>OBS JUNE SALE</b>	
	<b>TUESDAY, JUNE 18, 2002</b>	
<b>SESSION TOTALS</b>	<b>2002</b>	<b>2001</b>
No. Sold	122	108
Gross	\$2,597,600	\$2,029,600
Average	\$21,292	\$18,793
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<b>STAKES CLOSINGS</b>		
<b>TODAY, WEDNESDAY, JUNE 19:</b>		
06-29	\$250,000 <i>Beverly Hills H.-I, Hol, 3yo/up, f/m, 10fT (250)</i>	
06-30	\$200,000 <i>Cinema Breeders' Cup H.-III, Hol, 3yo, 9fT (200)</i>	
07-06	\$150,000 <i>Dance Smartly-III, Wo, 3yo/up, f/m, 9ft (150)</i>	

☆ **NEW YORK** ☆

**Permanent Trophy for Phipps H.:**

F. Gorevic & Son have donated a George IV Silver Gilt Cup and Cover to serve as the permanent trophy for the GI Ogden Phipps H., which will be held on June 22 this year at Belmont Park. Made in 1822 in Birmingham, England, the cup is valued at more than \$20,000. F. Gorevic & Son provide most of the owner trophies for the New York Racing Association and the late Ogden Phipps had often been involved in selecting trophies for NYRA stakes. Charles Gorevic and his son Roger donated the specific trophy because of Phipps' fondness for it. A special base was made for the cup which will have the winning horse's name engraved on it each year.



☆ EAST ☆

**Yesterday's Results:**

**8th-CRC, \$30,000, Alw, 2yo, 5 1/2f, 1:04 2/5, ft.**  
**HEAR NO EVIL (c, 2, Carson City--Nizy, by Cox's Ridge)**, a half-brother to Home on the Ridge (Homebuilder), SW & GSP, \$340,565; and Dizzy Nizy (Eskimo), SP, \$158,400, missed by a half-length in his May 11 debut, but came back to post a front-running score over course and distance May 25. The 2-1 second choice sped to the front and never looked back en route to a 9 1/2-length victory. Lifetime Record: 3-2-1-0, \$41,590.  
 O/B-Jacks Or Better Farm Inc (FL). T-James Hatchett.

**1st-CRC, \$22,000, Msw, 3&4yo, f, 6 1/2f, 1:18 2/5, ft.**  
**FRISKY CHEERLEADER (f, 3, Roar--Special Power {SW, \$173,854}, by Lines of Power)**, a \$10,000 KEESEP yearling purchase, was claimed for \$12,500 when finishing second in her career debut at Tampa Mar. 23. Bumped at the start, the 6-1 shot ranged up to take command on the turn and drew off by five lengths. She is a 1/2 to Special Request (Sovereign Dancer), MSW & GSP, \$207,902. Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, \$14,424.  
 O-Beth Muirhead. B-W S Farish (KY). T-Enrique Alonso.

**7th-PHA, \$19,000, Msw, 3yo, f, 1mT, 1:40 4/5, fm.**  
**MAGNET (f, 3, Seeking the Gold--Irish Linnet {MGSW, \$1,220,179}, by Seattle Song)** returned from a three-month layoff to make her turf debut at Delaware May 29 and dueled for the lead before tiring to third. Forced to go wide from post nine, the 1/2 to Blushing Irish (Rahy), SW, \$113,136, was forwardly placed, seized the lead at the quarter pole and crossed the line 1 1/4 lengths clear as the 8-5 favorite. Lifetime Record: 5-1-1-1, \$20,980.  
 O-Fox Hill Farms Inc. B-David Garvin (KY). T-John C Servis.

☆ MIDWEST ☆

**Monday's Late Results:**

**2nd-PRM, \$23,000, Msw, 2yo, 4 1/2f, :54, ft.**  
**+EYE O YOU (c, 2, You and I--Isolated Lady, by Sovereign Dancer)**, a 7-1 shot, saved ground after getting forced in at the break, came through along the inside turning for home and prevailed by 1 1/2 lengths over favored Borntobelucky (End Sweep). Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$13,800.  
 O/B-Woodsfield Farm (KY). T-Mark S Bader.

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☆ FOREIGN ☆

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**AMERICAN-BRED WINNER IN BRITAIN:**

\***Purring, f, 3, Mountain Cat--Memory's Gold**, by Java Gold. Thirsk, 6-18, Sinclair Maiden S., 3yo, 7fT, \$6,706 to winner. O-Lord Hartington & The Duke of Roxburghe; B-Lord Hartington; T-Mark Johnston.  
 \*1/2 to Ronda (GB) (Bluebird), GSW-Fr & GB, GISP-US, GSP-Ger, \$227,639.

**AMERICAN-BRED WINNER IN FRANCE:**

\***Gulf News, c, 3, Woodman--Balanchine** (Hwt 3yo-Ire at 11-13.5f, G1SW-GB & Ire, GSP-Fr, \$850,380), by Storm Bird. Maisons-Laffitte, 6-18, Prix Birum (Cond), 3yo, c/g, 1 1/4mT, \$13,796 to winner. O-Sheikh Maktoum bin Rashid al Maktoum; B-Gainsborough Farm LLC; T-Andre Fabre.

BREEDERS' EDITION

**STAKES RESULTS:**

**EXCLUSIVE PRALINE H., \$43,195, CRC, 6-18, 3yo/up, 6f, 1:10, ft.**

1--**TOUR OF THE CAT, 119, c, 4, Tour d'Or--Tune in to the Cat, by Tunerup.** (\$18,000 2yo '00 OBSAPR). O-Double G Stable; B-C V S Sales Company (FL); T-Myra Mora; J-A Cabassa Jr; \$27,917. Lifetime Record: MGSP, 19-5-7-4, \$301,991. \*Full to Cat on Tour, GSW, \$125,272.

2--**Built Up, 114, c, 4, Homebuilder--Toned Up**, by Herat. (\$4,100 yrl '99 FTMOCT; \$10,000 2yo '00 FTMJUL). \$7,639.

3--**Uncle Rocco, 114, h, 5, Robyn Dancer--Maniweta**, by Cherokee Fellow. \$4,202.  
 Margins: NO, 3 3/4, 1 1/4. Odds: 0.80, 3.30, 9.50.

**ALBUQUERQUE DERBY, \$42,100, ALB, 6-17, 3yo, 1 1/16m, 1:45 1/5, ft.**

1--**#STORMY FOREVER, 120, c, 3, Storm Boot--Forever Fine (SP), by Sunshine Forever.** (\$13,000 yrl '00 KEESEP). O-Stan E Fulton; B-Frank Justice (KY); T-Johnie L Jamison; J-M S Fuentes; \$25,260. Lifetime Record: 9-3-3-1, \$109,511.

2--**Nino Alegre, 120, c, 3, Far Out East--Saros Joy**, by Saros (GB). \$8,420.

3--**Shlukwa, 120, c, 3, Stalwart--Amomentsview**, by Super Moment. \$4,210.

Margins: 1HF, 4 3/4, 6 1/4. Odds: 0.80, 6.50, 17.60.



**ALLOWANCE RESULTS:**

**7th-DEL, \$45,000**, Opt. Clm. (\$50,000), 3yo/up, 6f, 1:11 1/5, ft.

**ONCE RICH (c, 4, Rizzi--Our Miss Imo, by Northern Prospect)** Lifetime Record: 18-5-3-2, \$125,540. O-Michael J Gill. B-Mockingbird Farm Inc (FL). T-Mark Shuman.

**3rd-PRM, \$32,275**, (S), 6-17, 3yo/up, 6f, 1:10 1/5, ft.

**PLAZAS LIL WAKI (c, 4, Waki Warrior--Plaza Mayor {Arg}, by Gran Secreto {Arg})** Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, \$36,7550. O-Bobby J Hammer. B-Phyllis E Barton (IA). T-Suzanne G Evans.

**9th-FEX, \$31,000**, 3yo/up, f/m, 6 1/2f, 1:19 1/5, ft. **FLYING TABRIZ (m, 5, Turkoman--Wiki Lea, by Tasso)** Lifetime Record: 30-3-3-4, \$102,932. O-Janet Jeanpierre. B-Louvy Farm (PQ). T-Daniel Wills.

**5th-CRC, \$28,000**, Opt. Clm. (\$25-22,500), 3yo/up, f/m, 1m, 1:40 3/5, ft. **AMY 'N JILL (f, 4, With Approval--Misty Panorama, by Sir Ivor)** Lifetime Record: 8-3-1-1, \$56,695. O-Seven Oaks Farm. B-Seven Oaks Farm & Jack Hanson Et Al (FL). T-Ronald B Spatz. \*Full to Final Approval, SW, \$129,710; and To Be Approved, SW, \$111,350.

**6th-PRM, \$25,000**, 6-17, 3yo/up, a1m70yd, 1:43 1/5, ft. **BOINK (c, 3, War Machine--Nichols Hills, by Our Native)** Lifetime Record: 4-3-0-0, \$27,725. O-Susan J Berg. B-Jim R Wells (OK). T-Harvey L Berg.

**8th-MNR, \$25,000**, 6-17, 3/up, f/m, 5.5f, 1:06 2/5, ft. **SOLOIST (f, 3, Kentucky Jazz--One Up North, by \*Vent du Nord)** Lifetime Record: 9-3-2-2, \$54,058. O-Kim Boggs. B-Francine Derby (FL). T-T Gail Morrow.

## FOALING NEWS

**MINING MY BUSINESS**, 9, Mining--Really Blue (Believe It)  
 Foal born 5-28, a colt by Seattle Slew.  
 Owned by Robert & Lawana Low.  
 Boarded at Denali Stud, KY.  
 Accomplishments: Dam of Real Cozzy (Cozzene), GSW & MGISP, \$464,840.

**DONNA DOO**, 11, Spend a Buck--Nasty Affair (Nasty and Bold)  
 Foal born 6-4, a colt by More Than Ready.  
 Will be bred back to More Than Ready.  
 Owned by James T. Scatuorchio.  
 Boarded at Vinery, KY.  
 Accomplishments: SW, \$142,239.

**MAIDEN WINNERS:**

+ **Red Moon Rising**, f, 2, **Migrating Moon**--Faith Healer, by Dr. Blum. CRC, 6-18, (C), 5 1/2f, 1:07 3/5. B-Robin Berger-Roby (FL). \*\$6,500 wlng '00 OBSOCT; \$13,000 2yo '02 OBSAPR.

**Lets Just Do It**, f, 2, **Roy**--Lutz, by Full Partner. DEL, 6-18, 5f, :59 3/5. B-Cecil O Seaman (Ky). \*\$8,500 yrl '01 FTKOCT. \*\*Won by 5 1/2 lengths.

+ **Eye O You**, c, 2, **You and I**--Isolated Lady, by Sovereign Dancer. PRM, 6-17, 4 1/2f, :54. B-Woodfield Farm (Ky).

**Redi Hot**, c, 3, **Carr de Naskra**--Marfa's Best, by Marfa. PHA, 6-18, (C), 6 1/2f, 1:19 2/5. B-James D Conway & Payson Stud Management Inc (Ky). \*\$7,000 yrl '00 KEEJAN; \$4,500 yrl '00 FTKOCT; \$9,000 2yo '01 FTMMAY.

**Six Zeroes**, f, 3, **Hold for Gold**--Lady Ghislaine, by Diesis (GB). PHA, 6-18, (C), 1 1/16mT, 1:47. B-Everest Stables Inc (Ky). \*1/2 to Lager (Pleasant Tap), MGSW, \$546,907.

**Frisky Cheerleader**, f, 3, **Roar**--Special Power (SW, \$173,854), by Lines of Power. CRC, 6-18, 6 1/2f, 1:18 2/5. B-W S Farish (Ky). \*\$10,000 yrl '00 KEESEP. \*\*1/2 to Special Request (Sovereign Dancer), MSW & GSP, \$207,902.

**Magnet**, f, 3, **Seeking the Gold**--Irish Linnet (MGSW, \$1,220,179), by Seattle Song. PHA, 6-18, 1mT, 1:40 4/5. B-David Garvin (Ky). \*1/2 to Blushing Irish (Rahy), SW, \$113,136.

**Cherokee Gold**, c, 3, **Storm Creek**--Field of Gold, by Tasso. MNR, 6-17, 1mT, 1:36. B-Lloyd G Wickboldt (FL).

**Golden Monarch**, f, 3, **Wavering Monarch**--In Special Form, by Yukon. DEL, 6-18, (C), 6f, 1:12 3/5. B-Louise Cline (Ky). \*\$17,000 yrl '00 KEEJAN; \$25,000 2yo '01 OBSJUN. \*\*1/2 to Captive (Lord Avie), SP, \$250,900.

**Striking Picture**, f, 4, **Smart Strike**--Sea View Picture, by Pirate's Bounty. MNR, 6-17, 5f, 1:00 2/5. B-Phil T Owens (Ky). \*\$47,000 yrl '99 KEESEP; \$25,000 HRA '02 BESMAY.

## FRESHMAN FOCUS

**First-crop progeny to watch: Wednesday, June 19**

*Sire (Sire's Sire), Farm, 1999 Fee, #2yos/Winners/SW  
 Race #-track, race type, distance, runner, odds (if available)*

**DEPUTY COMMANDER** (Deputy Minister), Airdrie, \$20K, 97/0/0  
 3-BEL, Msw, 5 1/2f, Classy Commander, \$60K FTK JUL yrl  
**TOMORROWS CAT** (Storm Cat), Questroyal, \$10K, 53/0/0  
 3-BEL, Msw, 5 1/2f, +Tomorrows Empress



**SAKHEE HEADS KING GEORGE ENTRY** Sakhee (USA) (Bahri {USA}) may take on G1 Epsom Derby winner **High Chaparral (Ire)** (Sadler's Wells {USA}) and G1 Prix du Jockey Club (French Derby) winner **Sulamani (Ire)** (Hernando {Fr}) in the G1 King George VI And Queen Elizabeth Diamond S. at Ascot July 27, it was revealed yesterday. Godolphin's five-year-old, who heads the 51 remaining entries at yesterday's stage, has the Ascot showpiece as his main target. Godolphin provided another 12 entries in the list, while trainer Aidan O'Brien accounted for 17, including Epsom Derby runner-up **Hawk Wing (USA)** (Woodman {USA}). "All the Classic and top older middle-distance horses are on course for the King George at this stage," said Ascot's Clerk of the Course Nick Cheyne.

Wednesday, Royal Ascot, post time: 5:30 p.m.

**CHESHAM S.-Listed, £40,000, 2yo, 7fT**

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER	WT
1	11	Tomahawk (USA)	Seattle Slew (USA)	A O'Brien	128
2	1	Helm Bank (GB)	Wild Again (USA)	Johnston	126
3	5	Bahamian Dancer (Ire)	Bering (GB)	Nosedata	124
4	2	Fellow Ship (GB)	Elmaamul (USA)	B Hills	124
5	10	Gap Year (USA)	Majestic Light (USA)	Osborne	124
6	9	Major Speculation (Ire)	Spectrum (Ire)	Butler	124
7	12	Pinkerton (GB)	Alzao (USA)	Hannon	124
8	4	Prince Nureyev (Ire)	Desert King (Ire)	Millman	124
9	3	River Celebre (Ire)	Peintre Celebre (USA)	B Hills	124
10	7	Bravo Dancer (GB)	Acatenango (Ger)	Channon	119
11	8	Celtic Sapphire (Fr)	Celtic Swing (GB)	Johnston	119
12	6	Tintawn Gold (Ire)	Rudimentary (USA)	Outfield	119

**Yesterday's Results:**

**DUKE OF EDINBURGH H. (CLASS B), £55,000, Royal Ascot, 6-18, 3yo/up, 1 1/2mT, 2:31.79, gd.**

1--**THUNDERING SURF (GB), 126, h, 5, Lugana Beach (Ire)--Thunder Bug (USA), by Secreto (USA).** O/B-C N & Mrs J C Wright; T-John Jenkins; J-Richard Hughes; £31,900. Lifetime Record: 24-4-3-5, £113,990.

2--**Holy Orders (Ire), 135, g, 5, Unblest (GB)--Shadowglow (GB), by Shaadi (USA).** £12,100.

3--**Counsel's Opinion (Ire), 122, g, 5, Rudimentary (USA)--Fairy Fortune (GB), by Rainbow Quest (USA).** £6,050. Margins: NK, 2, 3/4. Odds: 11-1, 10-1, 14-1.

Also ran: Red Carnation (Ire), Night Sight (USA), Takamaka Bay (Ire), Jabaar (USA), Media Puzzle (USA), Tamiami Trail (Ire), Dawari (Ire), Anikitos (GB), Jokesmith (Ire), Inducement (GB), Compton Commander (GB), Pulau Pinang (Ire), Garden Society (Ire), Demi Beau (GB), Averted View (USA), Solo Flight (GB), Herodotus (GB).

Thundering Surf returned to the scene of his finest success in a handicap on Shergar Cup day to provide another big pay-day for trainer John Jenkins. Settled in sixth on the rail early as Averted View (USA) (Distant View {USA}) took them along, jockey Richard Hughes was determined to keep his charge on the inner, but that avenue was closed in the straight. Switched wide inside the final quarter of a mile, he hit the front with 250 yards remaining before holding off the challenge of Holy Orders in the closing stages. "He'd been working well and the ground had been a bit quick for him recently so the recent rain helped. Ascot's been a lucky place for me," said Jenkins.

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**KINANE AND DWYER ON TOP**

While jockey Michael Kinane met expectations with an opening day double at Royal Ascot yesterday, it was fellow rider Martin Dwyer who spoiled the party with his own 254-1 brace to join him at the top of the table for the London Clubs Trophy. Dwyer preceded Kinane's double with success on **Dominica (GB)** (Alhaarth {Ire}) in the G2 King's Stand S. As the 1-2 favourite Kinane was looking comfortable after successes aboard **Rock of Gibraltar (Ire)** (Danahill {USA}) in the G1 St James's Palace S. and **Statue of Liberty (USA)** (Storm Cat {USA}) in the G3 Coventry S., Dwyer levelled the score in the closing Balmoral H. on **Zargus (GB)** (Zamindar {USA}). "Today was important--to get him [Rock of Gibraltar] started and get that on the board, but with Ascot you never know," commented Kinane. He made no secret of the fact that he is looking to the Ballydoyle juvenile team for further ammunition. "I'm hopeful that the two-year-olds are nice and they should be strong throughout the week, so hopefully through them we can get a result." Dwyer's afternoon was tainted by a one-day whip ban for his ride on Zargus [for using his whip above shoulder height] while Pat Eddery picked up a three-day suspension for irresponsible riding of a minor nature on Indian Prince (Ire) in the G2 King's Stand S. Jockey Jamie Spencer was also banned for his use of the whip above shoulder height on Kyllachy (GB) in the same race.



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**BALMORAL H. (CLASS B)**, £50,000, Royal Ascot, 6-18, 3yo, 5fT, 1:01.65, gd.

1--**ZARGUS (GB)**, 112, c, 3, **Zamindar (USA)--My First Romance (GB)**, by **Danehill (USA)**. (110,000gns yrl '00 TATOCT). O-Mrs Monique V Bruce Copp; B-Bearstone Stud; T-William Muir; J-Martin Dwyer; £29,000. Lifetime Record: 6-2-2-0, £35,372. \* 1/2 to Romantic Myth (GB) (Mind Games {GB}), GSW-GB.

2--**Fire Up The Band (GB)**, 114, c, 3, **Prince Sabo (GB)--Green Supreme (GB)**, by **Primo Dominie (GB)**. £11,000.

3--**Agnetha (Ger)**, 133, f, 3, **Big Shuffle (USA)--Aerleona (Ire)**, by **Caerleon (USA)**. £5,500. Margins: NK, 3/4, 1. Odds: 14-1, 7-1, 20-1.

Also ran: **Simianna (GB)**, **Noble Nick (GB)**, **Maskaya (Ire)**, **Emerald Fire (GB)**, **Good Girl (Ire)**, **Mubaah (GB)**, **Hufflepuff (Ire)**, **Waterside (Ire)**, **Mitsuki (GB)**, **Golden Bounty (GB)**, **Locharia (GB)**, **Helen Bradley (Ire)**, **Mariinsky (GB)**, **J M W Turner (GB)**, **Caribbean Coral (GB)**, **Silken Sash (Ire)**, **King Harson (GB)**, **Welsh Emperor (Ire)**, **Master Robbie (GB)**, **Wicked Uncle (GB)**, **Hollybell (GB)**, **Rum Destiny (Ire)**, **Parisian Elegance (GB)**, **We're Stonybroke (Ire)**, **Izmail (Ire)**.

Zargus finished 1 1/4 lengths behind Fire Up The Band when the pair last met in a competitive Newmarket handicap May 25 last time, but a two-pound swing reversed that form here. Racing in mid-division under Martin Dwyer early on the stands' side as the group was taken along by Noble Nick (GB) (Primo Dominie {GB}), he was brought with his challenge inside the final 1 1/2 furlongs as Fire Up The Band was committed at the head of affairs. It took until the final strides for Zargus to wear him down, but he had enough to overhaul his rival late as the topweight Agnetha closed for a highly creditable third.

A # will distinguish first-time stakes-winners, a @ will indicate first-time graded stakes-winners, a ▲ will denote a first-time Grade/Group 1 winner, a + will denote winners who are first-time starters.

**FERGUSON PAYS TRIBUTE TO O'BRIEN**

Having watched **Rock Of Gibraltar (Ire)** (Danehill) beat **Landseer (GB)** (Danehill) by 1 3/4 lengths in yesterday's G1 St James's Palace S. at Royal Ascot, Sir Alex Ferguson paid tribute to Aidan O'Brien's training method. Ferguson, the manager of Manchester United Football Club, drew parallels with his own experience when asked about the Ballydoyle handler's success, explaining, "In my managing career, I have had to make sacrifices in order to do the best I can. You don't like having to do it and I missed a lot of my family growing up, but it is what you have to do, and you can see from Aidan's dedication to what he does that he feels the same way about it."

★ BRITAIN ★

**KINANE TALKS OF "EXCEPTIONAL" HAWK WING**

Michael Kinane yesterday spoke of his hopes for **Hawk Wing (USA)** (Woodman {USA}), runner-up in the G1 2000 Guineas at Newmarket May 4 and G1 Epsom Derby June 8. Aidan O'Brien's colt will race over 10 furlongs for the G1 Eclipse S. at Sandown July 6, having found stablemates **Rock Of Gibraltar (Ire)** (Danehill) and **High Chaparral (Ire)** (Sadler's Wells {USA}) too strong over eight and 12 furlongs, respectively. According to Kinane: "I still believe he is an absolutely exceptional colt and he just needs a little bit of fast ground to be at his best. He got beat by a very good colt at Epsom on slower ground than I would have liked."

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**Yesterday's Results:**

**5.40 Thirsk, Sinclair Mason Maiden S. (Class D),** £6,920, 3yo, 7fT, 1:24.50, gd.

**PURRING (USA) (f, 3, Mountain Cat {USA}--Memory's Gold {USA}, by Java Gold {USA})** set a good pace from Branston Tiger (GB) (Mark Of Esteem {Ire}) and continued to lead into the home straight. The 4-6 market choice came under pressure at the quarter-mile marker, was safely clear at the distance and ran on well thereafter to record an impressive 2½-length success over Branston Tiger. The winner is a half sister to Ronda (GB) (Bluebird {USA}), GSW-Fr & GB, GISP-US, GSP-Ger, \$227,639. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-1, £5,186. O-Lord Hartington & The Duke Of Roxburghe; B-Lord Hartington; T-Mark Johnston; J-Joe Fanning.

**2.50 Thirsk, Lee & Priestley Cancer Research Median Auction Maiden S. (Class E) (Div 1),** £4,875, 2yo, 7fT, 1:26.80, gd.

**KENTUCKY BLUE (IRE) (c, 2, Revoque {Ire}--Delta Town {USA}, by Sanglmore {USA}),** a lr£12,000 GOF OCT yearling purchase, was positioned in fourth place as Furniture Factors (Ire) (Magic Ring {Ire}) led and made smooth progress from the three-furlong pole. The 4-5 favourite was ridden to the front at the quarter-mile marker and was pushed clear in the closing stages to beat Just Say Yes (Ire) (Bahhare {USA}) by a cozy 1½ lengths. Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, £4,781. O-C H Stevens; B-Eclipse Thoroughbreds Inc; T-Tim Esterby; J-Willie Supple.

**3.20 Thirsk, Lee & Priestley Cancer Research Median Auction Maiden S. (Class E) (Div 2),** £4,875, 2yo, 7fT, 1:26.20, gd.

**NAAHY (GB) (c, 2, Bahamian Bounty {GB}--Daffodil Fields {GB}, by Try My Best {USA})** was soon at the head of affairs in advance of Blonde Streak (USA) (Dumaani {USA}) and continued in front as the field turned for home. The 4-9 punters' choice was pushed along approaching the final furlong and quickened clear late to defeat We'll Meet Again (GB) (Bin Ajwaad {Ire}) by an easy two lengths. The half to Pappa Reale (GB) (Indian Ridge {Ire}), 2x Hwt Older Mare-Ity at 5-7f, MSW-Ity, \$274,623, was a 36,000gns TATOCT yearling purchase. Lifetime Record: 3-1-1-1, £5,532. O-Kuwait Racing Syndicate 2001; B-Red House Stud; T-Mick Channon; J-Ted Durcan.

★ FRANCE ★

**Yesterday's Results:**

**1.45 Maisons-Laffitte, Prix Birum (Cond),** €29,000, 3yo, c/g, 1 1/4mT, 2:06.20, gd.

**GULF NEWS (USA) (c, 3, Woodman {USA}--Balanchine {USA} {Hwt. 3yo-Ire at 11-13.5f, G1SW-GB & Ire, GSP-Fr, \$850,380}, by Storm Bird {Can})** was positioned in second from the outset as Feathergod (Fr) (Nashwan {USA}) led and moved closer to the leader once into the home straight. The 6-4 choice was ridden along at the quarter-mile marker, challenged approaching the final furlong and ran on well thereafter to lead inside the final 100 yards, recording a length victory over Sphinx Bleu (USA) (Gulch {USA}). Lifetime Record: 4 starts, 2 wins, 1 place, €24,247. O-Sheikh Maktoum bin Rashid al Maktoum; B-Gainsborough Farm LLC; T-Andre Fabre; J-Olivier Peslier.

**4.30 Maisons-Laffitte, Prix Aricie (Cond),** €26,000, 4yo/5yo, f/m, 1 1/4mT, 2:06.80, gd.

**FORGE NEUVE (FR) (f, 4, Tel Quel {Fr}--Toujours Juste {Fr}, by Always Fair {USA}),** a full to Terre A Terre (Fr), G1SW-Fr & UAE, G1SP-HK, \$1,673,993, soon raced in second behind the early pace and moved closer to the front soon after turning for home. The 9-5 market choice was ridden into the lead approaching the final furlong and kept on well late to account for Garita (Fr) (Lost World {Ire}) by a length. Lifetime Record: 11 starts, 4 wins, 4 places, €63,345. O/B-Mme Henri Devin; T-Eric Libaud; J-Thierry Jarnet.

**3.25 Maisons-Laffitte, Prix Quintette (Cond),** €18,000, 3yo, f, 1mT, 1:39.40, gd.

**LA BELLE SIMONE (IRE) (f, 3, Grand Lodge {USA}--Belle Origine {USA}, by Exclusive Native {USA})** was reserved in 10th as Acarla (Fr) (Akarad {Fr}) set the pace, but came under pressure soon after turning for home. The 13-5 shot made progress from the quarter-mile marker, was ridden to challenge at the distance and ran on strongly in the closing stages to deny the strong finish of Adalgisa (USA) (Spinning World {USA}) by three-parts of a length. The winner is a half to Lavinia Fontana (Ire) (Sharpo {GB}), 2x Hwt. Older Mare-Ity at 5-7f, Hwt. Older Mare-Ire at 5-7f, \$372,048. Lifetime Record: 3 starts, 2 wins, 1 place, €15,247. O-6 C Racing Ltd; B-Denis Brosnan; T-Alain de Royer-Dupre; J-Christophe Soumillon.

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**3.55 Maisons-Laffitte, Prix Cavallo (Cond), €18,000, 3yo, c/g, 1mT, 1:40.10, gd.**  
**DESERT RING (FR) (c, 3, Bering {GB}--Desert Kaya {Fr} {SW-Fr}, by Bikala {Ire})** settled in third before moving into second as Freddy Crystal (Fr) (Northern Crystal {GB}) led and was ridden along at the quarter-mile marker. The 6-4 choice edged into a slight lead approaching the final furlong, was headed by Spinning Wild (USA) (Spinning World {USA}) soon after, but rallied gamely in the closing stages to secure a short head success from that rival in the very last stride. Lifetime Record: 3 starts, 1 win, 1 place, €10,300. O/B-Jean-Luc Lagardere; T-Andre Fabre; J-Olivier Peslier.

★ U.S. PREMIERES ★

**Today at Monmouth Park**

**6th Race, \$37,000, Allowance, Opt. Clm. (\$50,000), 3yo/up, 1 1/16mT**  
**SOFTLY TREAD (IRE) (f, 4, Tirol {Ire}--Second Guess {Ire}, by Ela-Mana-Mou {Ire})** returned off a nine-month layoff to steal the show in the G3 Gladness S. at The Curragh in April 2001, but could not kick it up a notch for her next start, the May 27 G1 Irish 1000 Guineas where she finished a distant seventh. Following a pair of seconds in late summer, including Doncaster's Listed Sceptre S. Sept. 13, the bay closed out 2001 with flat fourth in the G2 Sun Chariot S. at Newmarket Oct. 6, her final race for trainer James Fanshawe. The filly, who will receive Lasix for her stateside debut, will be asked to stretch past a mile for the first time in her career. Lifetime Record: GSW, 7-3-2-0, \$84,403. O-Lael Stables. B-Churchland Stud (Ire). T-C Clement.

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★ MAIDEN WINNERS ★

**Naahy (GB), c, 2, Bahamian Bounty (GB)--Daffodil Fields (GB), by Try My Best (USA).** Thirsk, Britain, 6-18, Lee & Priestley Cancer Research Median Auction Maiden S. (Class E) (Div 2), 2yo, 7fT, £3,413 to winner. B-Red House Stud. \*1/2 to Pappa Reale (GB) (Indian Ridge {Ire}), 2x Hwt. Older Mare-Ity at 5-7f, MSW-Ity, \$274,623. \*\*36,000gns yrl '01 TATOCT.

**Kentucky Blue (Ire), c, 2, Revoque (Ire)--Delta Town (USA), by Sanglamoire (USA).** Thirsk, Britain, 6-18, Lee & Priestley Cancer Research Median Auction Maiden S. (Class E) (Div 1), 2yo, 7fT, £3,413 to winner. B-Eclipse Thoroughbreds Inc. \*Ir£12,000 yrl '01 GFOFCT.

**Desert Ring (Fr), c, 3, Bering (GB)--Desert Kaya (Fr) (SW-Fr), by Bikala (Ire).** Maisons-Laffitte, France, 6-18, Prix Cavallo (Cond), 3yo, c/g, 1mT, €9,000 to winner. B-Jean-Luc Lagardere.

**Purring (USA), f, 3, Mountain Cat (USA)--Memory's Gold (USA), by Java Gold (USA).** Thirsk, Britain, 6-18, Sinclair Maiden S. (Class D), 3yo, 7fT, £4,498 to winner. B-Lord Hartington. \*1/2 to Ronda (GB) (Bluebird {USA}), GSW-Fr & GB, GISP-US, GSP-Ger, \$227,639.

**ROYAL ASCOT 2002 - HIGHLIGHTS**

Date	Race	Conditions
June 19	G1 Prince of Wales' S.	4yo/up 1 1/4m
	G3 Jersey S.	3yo 7f
	G3 Queen Mary S.	2yo (f) 5f
June 20	G1 Gold Cup	4yo/up 2 1/2m
	G2 Ribblesdale S.	3yo (f) 1 1/2m
	G3 Norfolk S.	2yo 5f
June 21	G1 Coronation S.	3yo (f) 1m
	G2 King Edward VII S.	3yo (c/g) 1 1/2m
	G3 Queen's Vase	3yo 2m
June 22	G1 Golden Jubilee S.	3yo/up 6f
	G2 Hardwicke S.	4yo/up 1 1/2m

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