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WAR EMBLEM TO STAND IN JAPAN

Classic winner **War Emblem** (Our Emblem--Sweetest Lady, by Lord at War {Arg}) has been sold by The Thoroughbred Corporation to the Yoshida family of Japan for a price reported to be \$17 million, it was revealed yesterday. The colt is scheduled to stand stud at the Yoshida's Shadai Stallion Station on the island of Hokkaido in 2003.




War Emblem wins Haskell
Equi-Photo

"Prince Faisal, representing the family, thought this was a perfect opportunity," said Terence Collier, advisor to The Thoroughbred Corp. "There have been a number of North American breeders who have approached us, and at least three Japanese interests made bids on the horse, but we felt that the Yoshida family had the most attractive offer and it allowed us to go on and run in the Breeders' Cup in the name of The Thoroughbred Corporation." Collier added, "This was agreed upon this morning and the deal was signed. Obviously, it's subject to veterinary examination as to his suitability for stallion purposes, but we anticipate everything will go ahead smoothly." Shadai, hit hard this summer by the deaths of superstar sire Sunday Silence as well as End Sweep and El Conдор Pasa, are hoping War Emblem can fill some of the gap. The three-year-old captured the GI Kentucky Derby and GI Preakness before having his Triple Crown hopes dashed with an eighth-place finish in the GI Belmont S. He came back to win the GI Haskell Invitational H., but tired in his latest effort to run sixth in the Aug. 25 GI Pacific Classic. The three-year-old will make one more start in the Oct. 26 GI Breeders' Cup Classic. To date, he has seven wins from 12 starts and earnings of \$3,491,000. The Thoroughbred Corp. purchased 90 percent of the colt from Russell Reineman just weeks before his Kentucky Derby triumph for a reported \$900,000. "There have been a lot of Japanese hanging around the barn, so I knew something was up," trainer Bob Baffert said. "They're getting a great horse."

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THUNDERING THROUGH DAY 3

A filly by Thunder Gulch out of Andriana B. (Far North) brought a final bid of \$450,000 to top yesterday's third session of the Keeneland September Yearling Sale in Lexington. Hip #770, a chestnut half-sister to GSW Crafty C.T. and SW Carmen's Baby, was purchased by Robert Scanlon, agent, from the Taylor Made Sales Agency consignment. She had been a \$6,000 KEENOV weanling. "We thought she was going to be one of our top fillies and that she would probably bring about \$300,000 to \$500,000, so we were pleased," said Frank Taylor. "She is very balanced and athletic and has a nice back and shoulder. She really is the complete package." Bob and Beverly Lewis, the fifth leading buyers at the sale through the first three sessions after purchasing eight yearlings for a total of \$3,220,000 and an average of \$402,500, took home the top colt yesterday. The Lewises, with John Moynihan doing the bidding, went to \$400,000 for Hip #785, a son of Seeking the Gold out of Bethany (Dayjur). The second dam is Willamae (Tentam), who produced MGISW Will's Way and GISW Willa on the Move. "We particularly like the body conformation--it was just magnificent," Bob Lewis said. "It looks like he has all the qualities and attributes to be an athlete." He added, "The pedigree is outstanding. We place a great deal of importance on the pedigree, hopefully in as many of the horses we buy as possible. Everything we sought to buy, we were successful. Maybe it's because we hang in there." *More on Keeneland, p2*

 KEENELAND SEPTEMBER STATISTICS WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 11, 2002		
KEENELAND.		
CUMULATIVE	2002	2001
No. Offered	878	868
No. Sold	635	617
RNAs	243	251
% RNA (% change)	28% (-3%)	29%
Gross	\$127,713,500	\$173,514,500
Average (% change)	\$201,124 (-28%)	\$281,223
Median (% change)	\$130,000 (-16%)	\$155,000
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September a Pleasant Surprise...

Bloodstock agent John Moynihan, the buyer for Robert and Beverly Lewis, has been pleased with the way his sale has been going. "We got most of the horses that we picked very selectively," he said. "We zeroed in on just a few horses and most everything we zeroed in on, we bought."

But, he explained, he has been shopping mostly in the middle of the market. "We stayed away from the top of the market purposely because we didn't want to give a million dollars for a horse," he said, adding, "We did give \$975,000 for a Storm Cat [Tuesday], but she's by the top sire in the world. She has a great pedigree. Residually, she's worth quite a bit if she doesn't perform on the racetrack."

As for the prices at the sale, Moynihan said, "Obviously, we would like to buy them cheaper, but I don't think we're having to give as much for the same type of horses as we did the past two years."

Overall, Moynihan has been surprised by the strength of Keeneland September. "The depth of the buyers in this sale is definitely deeper than the other sales I have attended this year," he said. "Coming into this sale, compared to the other two sales and given the number of horses that were going to be sold, I expected it to be down even more than it has been. I am happily surprised that it is quite as good as it is. Given the current market conditions, I think Keeneland couldn't be happier and the consumers couldn't be happier. If I was a consignor, I would be thrilled to death."

What They're Saying At The Sales...

Donato Lanni, Hill 'n' Dale Sales Agency:

"We have a lot of clients who are ready for a realistic day, not thinking they are going to hit home runs. Our clients know we're here to sell horses...sellers have to be realistic, or they are going to own a racehorse. We all knew the market was going to be a little bit iffy, but we came here to sell."

"It seems that some horses are one bid over the reserve and some, after you set a reasonable reserve, bring a lot of money. I think scopes dictate. If you have just a couple of scopes, you have to set your reserve very, very low. If you have a lot of scopes, there is that much more potential for a higher price."

TOP FIVE COLTS

Hip#	Sire	Dam	Price
785	Seeking the Gold	Bethany	\$400,000
(\$6,000 wnl '01 KEENOV)			
Consigned by Taylor Made Sales Agency, Agent LXXXVIII Purchased by Robert & Beverly Lewis			
911	Awesome Again	Incinerate	\$340,000
(\$160,000 wnl '01 KEENOV)			
Consigned by Taylor Made Sales Agency, Agent LVII Purchased by Leo J. Hamel			
664	Exploit	Russian Bride	\$320,000
Consigned by Blandford Stud, agent Purchased by Robert & Beverly Lewis			
652	Cozzene	Rain Symphony	\$300,000
Consigned by Woods Edge Farm, agent Purchased by Martin Schwartz			
961	Touch Gold	Meandering	\$290,000
(\$47,000 wnl '01 KEENOV)			
Consigned by Taylor Made Sales Agency, Agent LXXXVIII Purchased by Mercedes Stable			

TOP FIVE FILLIES

Hip#	Sire	Dam	Price
770	Thunder Gulch	Andriana B.	\$450,000
Consigned by Taylor Made Sales Agency, agent for BryLynn Farm, Inc. Purchased by R. N. Scanlon, agent			
765	French Deputy	Affirmative Choice	\$300,000
(\$52,000 wnl '01 KEENOV)			
Consigned by Hill 'n' Dale Sales Agency, agent Purchased by B. Wayne Hughes			
926	Silver Deputy	Lady Affirmed	\$300,000
Consigned by Gainesway, Agent VII Purchased by North Hills Management			
644	Unbridled's Song	Proper Form	\$280,000
Consigned by Gainesway, Agent V Purchased by Reynolds Bell, Jr., agent			
867	Mt. Livermore	Exposed	\$270,000
Consigned by Taylor Made Sales Agency, Agent LXXXIX Purchased by Team Valor			

KEENELAND SEPTEMBER STATISTICS		
WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 11, 2002		
KEENELAND.		
SESSION TOTALS	2002	2001
No. Offered	346	360
No. Sold	258	264
RNAs	88	96
% RNA (% change)	25% (-7%)	27%
Gross	\$27,137,500	\$37,196,500
Average (% change)	\$105,184 (-25%)	\$140,896
Median (% change)	\$88,500 (-12%)	\$100,000

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AT THE SALES WITH...

Bill Oppenheim



SEPTEMBER STILL GOING STRONG

Some friends of mine in Scotland play in a traditional music band called Jock Tamson's Bairns. On their most recent CD, they play a march called a Retreat, a very ordered, even dignified Retreat, like they used to do in the old days. Keeneland Book 1 had that kind of feel to it this week: average down nearly a third, but no panic, and a very positive development in that 8 percent more horses were getting sold than the previous summer. It still had the feel of a strong sale, for one very good reason: it is.

In statistical terms, what is actually happening is that prices at the top are falling much more than prices in the middle, and the middle market--which this week probably means all six-figure horses, from \$100,000 all the way up to the million--has remained quite strong. But the high individual sale in Book 1 fell 61 percent, from Van Nistlerooy's \$6.4-million price tag to this year's \$2.5-million salestopper. The number of seven-figure yearlings fell 42 percent, from 24 to 14.

Just as those big-number yearlings send the average shooting up when the market's going up, so these kinds of drops impact the average more adversely going down. High-priced horses determine swings in average, which is when using medians can be illuminating.

Let's see what categories outperformed the average's 31-percent drop. Gross revenues, for one: the Book 1 gross dropped 26 percent, exactly the same percent drop from the three summer sales, and the same drop as at Deauville, Europe's first major yearling sale. The gross outperformed the average because the clearance rate showed significant improvement: consignors clearly adjusted their collective thinking and, whereas only 54 percent of summer yearlings catalogued were listed sales, this year's Book 1 figure was 62 percent. That's eight points better than in the summer, and even slightly better than last year's 61 percent for Book 1.

The more familiar statistic, percentage sold of those offered, was also eight points higher than in the summer, 71 percent to 63 percent (figures provided by Racing Update).

The overall Book 1 gross finished at \$100,576,000, about what could be considered acceptable in pre-sale predictions. That puts the sale on course for a \$188-million total by the end of next week; whether the final gross is over or under that figure will tell us how much depth there is in the middle market. That figure of \$188 million would still be above the gross for the 1998 sale (\$169.8 million), and is still 45 percent above what is the really the base year for the current horse market, 1995 (\$130 million).

So far, the news for the six-figure middle market has been pretty good. The number of '6 1/2-figure yearlings' (\$500,000 up to \$1 million) dropped 20 percent, from 46 to 37, significantly below the drop in average. And, very importantly, I think, the Book 1 median drop was almost exactly the same, 19 percent, from \$210,000 to \$170,000. At this point in the sale, we could be justified in estimating that the 'real' horse market is down 20 percent from last year, more at the top. A lot of breeders and consignors could live with that result.

There's a long way to go in this sale, of course, before such suspicions can be confirmed or amended, but one of the issues which is on a lot of people's minds is 2003 stud fees. Horses like Kingmambo (hot) and the Taylor Made pair of Unbridled's Song (hot) and Saint Ballado (not), who both stood for \$40,000 in 2000, stood in 2002 for significantly more than they did when these yearlings were bred. That's the case with quite a few horses; stud fees in aggregate have probably gone up 15-20 percent since 2000, and there will be many popular studmasters if orderly retreats are commissioned on that expense item for breeders for 2003.

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KEENELAND SEPTEMBER:

\$700,000 colt

\$425,000 colt

Arch

2003 Fee: \$15,000 Live Foal



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Oppenheim cont.

The figures which appear below illustrate how stud fees have risen against yearling prices. For 2001 Book 1 yearlings, the average price was 6.42 times the average stud fee and 4 times the median, using production-year (1999) stud fees. For 2002 Book 1 yearlings, the multiples had dropped to 4.75 times the average (2000 fees) and to 3.08 times the median. Taking current-year fees (2001 fees for yearlings sold in 2001, etc), the average multiple dropped from 4.57 to 4.06, and the median multiple dropped from 2.88 to 2.50. This all demonstrates the margin for stud fees vs. yearling prices (a big component of profitability) is measurably dropping.

BOOK 1 KEENELAND SEPTEMBER STATISTICS

Keeneland September 2001 - Book 1

Price vs Covering Fee:

Average - 6.42

Median - 4.00

Price vs Current (2001) Fee:

Average - 4.57

Median - 2.88

Keeneland September 2002 - Book 1

Price vs Covering Fee:

Average - 4.75

Median - 3.08

Price vs Current (2002) Fee:

Average - 4.06

Median - 2.50

Finally, looking at Book 1 results by sire as well as the Top 60 for the sales season to date published in yesterday's *TDN*, a few sires stick out in the Who's Hot, Who's Not categories (ranking among top 60 in parentheses).

Four Who Are Hot...

Kingmambo (11) - 'Stood the Raise' with a median rise from \$155,000 (all sales last year) to \$285,000 (through Book 1, so could fall, as all of these could)

Unbridled's Song (13) - Ditto; average and median (\$170,000 to \$225,000) rose some, and has already had 39 sell.

Pulpit (16) - Sky Mesa came along at the right time; 15 averaged \$319,800 in Book 1.

Arch (21) - Nine sold so far have averaged \$258,556; last year 19 averaged \$35,458.

Four Who Are Not...

Deputy Minister (14) - Average has dropped from \$432,200 (all sales) last year to \$313,371 through Book 1 this year, median \$350,000 to \$200,000, but rallied with 15 averaging \$357,000 in Book 1.

Saint Ballado (33) - 22 have averaged \$191,364, with a \$135,000 median. All sales last year: 50 averaged \$432,047, median \$215,000.

Kris S. (35) - 15 to date (end Book 1) have averaged \$182,133, median \$150,000; last year all, 21 averaged \$347,369, median \$255,000.

Theatrical (Ire) (40) - 14 to date, average \$164,071, median \$112,500; last year all, 27 averaged \$309,461, median \$150,000.

☆ RESULTS ☆

Wednesday, Del Mar

DEL MAR FUTURITY-GII, \$250,000, DMR, 9-11, 2yo, 7f, 1:22 4/5, ft.

1--**@ICECOLD BEERATREDS**, 119, c, 2, by In Excess (Ire)

1st Dam: **Guilded Times**, by Crafty Prospector

2nd Dam: **Our Mahney**, by Olden Times

3rd Dam: **Likely Mite**, by Mito

O/B-Michael E Pegram (CA); T-Bob Baffert; J-D R Flores; \$150,000. Lifetime Record: 4-3-0-0, \$253,800. *Full to Inexcessive Speed, SW; and Controlled, MSW & GSP, \$325,248.

2--**Kafwain**, 119, c, 2, Cherokee Run--Swazi's Moment, by Moment of Hope. (\$170,000 yrl '01 KEESEP; \$720,000 2yo 2002 FTFFEB). O-The Thoroughbred Corporation; B-Dr & Mrs R S West (KY); \$50,000.

3--**Chief Planner**, 115, c, 2, General Meeting--Flag of Freedom, by Fappiano. O-Golden Eagle Farm; B-Mr & Mrs John C Mabee (CA); \$30,000.

Margins: 2, 2HF, NO. Odds: 5.70, 4.10, 3.80.

Also Ran: Friendly Mike, Outta Here, Bull Market, Total Advantage, Gentlemen's Club.

A winner in his first two starts, including the restricted Graduation S. July 31, Icecoldbeeratreds was coming off a fifth-place finish behind Kafwain in the Aug. 21 Gill Best Pal S. Looking to turn the tables, the Pegram homebred battled on the front end from the start and drove home to safely account for the Best Pal winner despite drifting in late, giving trainer Bob Baffert an unprecedented seventh consecutive win in the race.

Click for the: [brisnet.com chart](http://brisnet.com/chart) or the [brisnet.com catalogue-style pedigree](http://brisnet.com/catalogue-style/pedigree) or the [video race replay](http://video.race.replay).

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Wednesday, Maisons-Laffitte, France

PRIX D'ARENBERG-G3, €66,600, Maisons-Laffitte, 9-11, 2yo, 5 1/2fT, 1:05.90, gd.

1--#**@PLEASURE PLACE (IRE)**, 120, f, 2, by Compton Place (GB)

1st Dam: Shifting Time (GB), by Night Shift

2nd Dam: Timely Raise, by Raise a Man

3rd Dam: Periquito, by Olden Times

(2,000gns yrl '01 DONSEP). O-Razza Dell'Olmo; B-John & Bill Dwan; T-Riccardo Menichetti; J-Thierry Jarnet; €33,000. Lifetime Record: 5 starts, 3 wins, 2 places, €62,025. *First group winner and stakes winner for freshman sire (by Indian Ridge {Ire}).

2--**Zinziberine**, 120, f, 2, Zieten--Amenixa (Fr), by Linamix (Fr). (\$60,000 wnl '00 KEENOV). O-Mme A Fabre; B-F B McEntee; €13,200.

3--**Traou Mad (Ire)**, 120, f, 2, Baratheia (Ire)--Pont Aven (Ire), by Try My Best. O-Robert C Strauss; B-Kilfrush Stud Ltd; €9,900.

Margins: NO, 1HF, NK. Odds: 8.80, 0.90, 2.50. Also ran: Vision Of Dreams (GB), Aversham (GB), Agapimou (Ire).

Purchased privately by agent Federico Barberini after being bought back at last year's Doncaster St Leger Yearling Sale, Pleasure Place was fourth on her debut at Rome May 5, then followed with two conditions wins at Naples June 20 and at Milan June 29. Her first venture to France was an unlucky third in the G3 Prix de Cabourg Aug. 3, but she made amends here with a brave wire-to-wire run while providing her sire with his first group race winner. Thierry Jarnet sent his charge straight to the front as Zinziberine and Traou Mad settled in the rear. The long-time leader still moved best of all approaching the final furlong, but looked in danger as Zinziberine made ominous progress on the wide outside. Jarnet got into drive mode inside the final furlong and was met with positive response as Pleasure Place just held on. "She is a nice filly," said trainer Riccardo Menichetti, "but I don't think she will be able to stay much further than this. There are Listed races in Italy, but she will more than likely return to France for her next start. I don't know where that will be...I need to have a look at the programme book." [Click here for the racingpost.com chart.](#)

Wednesday, Doncaster, Britain

ROTHMANS ROYALS PARK HILL S.-G3, £50,000, Doncaster, 9-11, 3/up, f/m, 14f 132ydsT, 3:05.26, gd.

1--**@ALEXANDER THREE D (IRE)**, 117, f, 3, by Pennekamp

1st Dam: Loon (Fr) (SW-Fr), by Kaldoun (Fr)

2nd Dam: La Java (Fr), by Rapace (Fr)

3rd Dam: Bella Bimba (Fr), by Silex (Fr)

(Ir£35,000 yrl '00 GOFORB). O-Mrs N O'Callaghan; B-James Egan & David Hanley; T-Barry Hills; J-Michael Hills; £30,000. Lifetime Record: 11-3-2-2, £83,268. *1/2 to La Piaf (Fr) (Fabulous Dancer), SW & GSP, \$220,364; and Golden Apples (Ire) (Pivotal {GB}), MGISW-US & GSP-Ire, \$1,150,107.

2--**Treble Heights (Ire)**, 117, f, 3, Unfuwain--Height Of Passion (GB), by Shirley Heights (GB). (135,000gns yrl '00 TATOCT). O-Owen Promotions Limited; B-M L Page; £11,500.

3--**Bright And Clear (GB)**, 117, f, 3, Danehill--Shining Water (GB), by Kalaglow (Ire). O-Khalid Abdullah; B-Juddmonte Farms; £5,750.

Margins: 1HF, NK, 3. Odds: 7-4, 10-1, 8-1.

Also ran: Damask Rose (Ire), Ishtak (GB), Lobatica (Ger), Missouri (GB), Frosty Welcome, Love Everlasting (GB).

Six starts as a juvenile yielded only one success for Alexander Three D, but that came in the Listed Zetland S. at Newmarket on her final start of 2001. Her sophomore campaign began with a fine third in the G3 Musidora S. May 14. Unplaced in the G1 Vodafone Oaks and the G2 Ribblesdale S. at Royal Ascot, the gutsy filly doubled her stakes tally with victory in the Listed Galtres S. Aug. 22 on her most recent start and secured a first group race win this time. Jockey Michael Hills, aboard the market choice, stored his filly in a midfield fifth behind a modest pace, but guided his mount into a more prominent position once into the home straight. Alexander Three D challenged for the lead at the three-furlong pole, went to the front a quarter mile out and drove home a decisive winner. Trainer Barry Hills said, "She is improving and she is a good tough sort. She stays very well and would be better with a stronger pace. The E.P. Taylor S. at Woodbine [Sept. 29] is a possibility for her next start." [Click here for the racingpost.com chart.](#)

Congratulations to the best customers in the world on Grade I and Grade II winners last weekend!

IMPERIAL GESTURE

Winner of the September 7 Gazelle H. (GI)

Sold Keeneland November 1999 for \$350,000; Earnings now \$641,816
O-Godolphin Racing Inc.; B-J R Gaines Thoroughbreds LLC & D McGehee (KY); T- Saeed bin Suroor
Consigned by John R. Gaines Thoroughbreds, Agent; Purchased by John Ferguson Bloodstock

VOODOO DANCER

Winner of the September 8 Palomar H. (GII)

Sold Keeneland September 1999 for \$200,000; Earnings now \$855,588
O-Green Hills Farm; B-Lazy E Ranch Inc. (KY); T-Christophe Clement
Consigned by Eaton Sales, Agent; Purchased by Matagorda Farm Inc., Agent



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☆ PREVIEW ☆

Thursday, Doncaster, Britain, post time: 3:25 p.m.
ROTHMANS ROYAL MAY HILL S.-G3, £40,000, 2yo, f, 1mT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER
1	6	Sister Bluebird (GB)	Bluebird	Meehan
2	3	Approach (GB)	Darshaan (GB)	Prescott
3	9	Bush Cat	Kingmambo	C Brittain
4	2	Buy The Sport	Devil's Bag	Meehan
5	8	Inchberry (GB)	Barathea (Ire)	Butler
6	10	Londonnetdotcom (Ire)	Night Shift	Channon
7	7	Nasij	Elusive Quality	E Dunlop
8	5	Ribbons And Bows (Ire)	Dr Devious (Ire)	Cyzer
9	1	Summitville (GB)	Grand Lodge	Given
10	4	Wondrous Story	Royal Academy	Gosden

All carry 121 pounds except Sister Bluebird, 124 pounds.

Londonnetdotcom has the credentials to secure the main prize based solely on her highly respectable second to top French filly Six Perfections (Fr) in the G3 Prix du Calvados at Deauville Aug. 23. On her only other start, she was a most competent maiden winner at Kempton July 10. **Sister Bluebird** was a short-head winner over **Ribbons And Bows** in the Listed Star S. at Sandown July 25, but may find it hard to concede that rival three pounds here as result of that success.

Thursday, Doncaster, Britain, post time: 2:15 p.m.

GNER PARK S.-G3, £50,000, 3yo/up, 1mT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER
1	5	Calcutta (GB)	Indian Ridge (Ire)	B Hills
2	4	Desert Deer (GB)	Cadeaux Genereux (GB)	Johnston
3	3	Duck Row	Diesis (GB)	Toller
4	2	Pulau Tioman (GB)	Robellino	M Jarvis
5	1	Tough Speed	Miswaki	Stoute
6	6	Golden Silca (GB)	Inchinor (GB)	Channon

All carry 126 pounds except Golden Silca, 123 pounds.

Thursday, Doncaster, Britain, post time: 2:50 p.m.

GNER DONCASTER CUP-G3, £100,000, 3yo/up, 2 1/4mT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER	WT
1	3	Jardines Lookout (Ire)	Fourstars Allstar	A Jarvis	130
2	7	Boreas (GB)	In The Wings (GB)	Cumani	127
3	2	Bosham Mill (GB)	Nashwan	Wragg	127
4	4	Cover Up (Ire)	Machiavellian	Stoute	127
5	1	Darasim (Ire)	Kahyasi (Ire)	Johnston	127
6	5	Persian Punch (Ire)	Persian Heights (GB)	Elsworth	127
7	6	Travelmate (GB)	Persian Bold (Ire)	Fanshawe	127
8	8	Unleash	Benny The Dip	Prescott	113

Thursday, Longchamp, France, post time: 2:45 p.m.

PRIX D'AUMAILE-G3, €66,000, 2yo, f, 1mT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER
1	4	High Praise	Quest For Fame (GB)	Gosden
2	8	Loving Pride	Quiet American	Head-Maarek
3	5	Mystic Melody	Seattle Slew	Fabre
4	2	Alba Verde (Fr)	Midyan	Demercastel
5	1	Danse De Sable	Marchand De Sable	Beguigne
6	3	The Wise Lady (Fr)	Ganges	Nigge
7	7	Welcome Millenium (Fr)	Kendor (Fr)	Rouget
8	6	Acago	Royal Academy	Head-Maarek

All carry 121 pounds.

Loving Pride will start with a favourite's chance based on her fourth-place finish in the G3 Prix du Calvados at Deauville Aug. 23. Before that she was highly impressive on her debut, winning the Listed Prix Yacowlef Aug. 4. The provincially trained **Welcome Millenium** may have a say in the finish and goes to post with a perfect three-for-three record. She won two conditions events on her first two starts at Marseille Borely June 5 and at La Teste de Buch July 4 before gaining black type when winning the Listed Criteium de Bequet at La Teste de Buch Aug. 11.

Thursday, Longchamp, France, post time: 3:45 p.m.


PRIX DU PETIT COUVERT-G3, €66,000, 3yo/up, 5fT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER	WT
1	5	Porlezza (Fr)	Sicyos	de Nicolay	126
2	2	Six Acts	Night Shift	Rouget	125
3	1	Just Time (GB)	Emperor Jones	Lautner	125
4	8	Dananev (Fr)	Goldneyev	Laffon-Parias	125
5	6	Maybe Forever (GB)	Zafonic	Laffon-Parias	123
6	4	Fomalhaut	Spinning World	Bary	123
7	7	Ziria (Ire)	Danehill Dancer (Ire)	Laffon-Parias	120
8	3	Best Walking (Ger)	Big Shuffle	Hefter	120

☆ NEWS TODAY ☆

SAKHEE'S STUD FEE SET G1 Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe champion **Sakhee** (Bahri--Thawakib {Ire}, by Sadler's Wells) will begin his stud career next season at a fee of £20,000, it was announced yesterday. Last week, Godolphin announced that the five-year-old stallion will retire to Shadwell's Nunnery Stud in England at the end of this racing season. In addition to last year's Arc, Sakhee won the G1 Juddmonte International S. and was second in the G1 Breeders' Cup Classic. Expected to defend his title in the Arc, he most recently ran second in the G3 Prix Gontaut-Biron.

BREEDERS' CUP STAKES CLOSINGS

	CLOSES	TRACK	RACE	CONDITIONS	PURSE	RUNS
	9-12	BM	Bay Meadows	Breeders' Cup H. (GIII)	3yo, 1 1/8mT	\$200,000
9-12	ASD	Matron	Breeders' Cup H.	3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/8m	\$60,000	9-22
9-18	AP	Sea o'Erin	Breeders' Cup Mile	3yo/up, 1mT	\$150,000	9-29
9-18	WO	Grey	Breeders' Cup S. (GIIC)	2yo, 1 1/16m	\$250,000	10-6
9-19	ASD	Gold	Breeders' Cup H.	3yo/up, 1 1/8m	\$60,000	9-29

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MAGIC WEISNER POSITIVE WITH WEST NILE

Magic Weisner (Ameri Valay), second behind War Emblem in the GI Preakness and GI Haskell Invitational, has tested positive for West Nile Virus, according to *Blood-Horse*. The three-year-old gelding has been receiving treatment at New Bolton Center in Pennsylvania since Sept. 2, when he was admitted with severe neurological problems. His prognosis is good for a complete recovery. "You can't guarantee a 100-percent recovery, and it may take a month or two," Maryland veterinarian Bob Vallance told *Blood-Horse*. "But that's what we're hoping for and expecting. He's not completely free of signs of the disease. There's still instability in his hind legs. But his front end is normal. His appetite is good and he's acting like himself. There's been fairly rapid recovery the past two or three days."

505 FARM AUCTION FRIDAY The 505 Farm and Training Center in Lexington, Kentucky will be sold at auction at 2 p.m. on Friday. The property has been divided into three tracts: 147.412 acres with a six-furlong training track and 20-stall training barn; a 114.836-acre tract with 26 stalls in four barns, three employee residences, a breeding shed and many fields and paddocks; and a 165.345-acre track with 68 stalls in five barns. The auction will be handled by Biederman Real Estate. "We are proud and honored to have been chosen by Marsha Naify, the daughter of 505's founder Marshal Naify, to bring this beautiful farm to auction," said auctioneer Tom Biederman. "This property has it all--location, improvements, soils and history."

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AMERICAN-BRED WINNERS IN BRITAIN:

***Mahroos**, g, 4, **Kingmambo**--Mur Taasha, by Riverman. Epsom, 9-11, Ford Magic Classified S. (Cond), 3yo/up, 10f 18ydsT, \$12,839 to winner. O-Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid al Maktoum; B-Shadwell Farm Inc; T-John Gosden.

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☆ EAST ☆

Yesterday's Results:

5th-PIM, \$25,000, Msw, 2yo, 1 1/16mT, 1:48, fm.
DAN'S ADVANTAGE (c, 2, **Tactical Advantage--Suggestion {SW}**, by **Local Talent**), third in his Aug. 1 debut at Laurel, was fifth in his second outing Aug. 16. Making his turf and route debut, the dark bay colt was on the lead early and dropped back nearing the lane before rallying wide at midstretch en route to a 2 1/4-length win at 2-1. Oath of Office (Silver Deputy) was second. The winner was a \$23,000 OBSAUG yearling and a \$42,000 OBSMAR two-year-old. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-1, \$17,750.
O/B-S Mansfield & K Davis (FL). T-Gary Capuano.



FRESHMAN FOCUS

First-crop progeny to watch: Thursday, September 12

Sire (Sire's Sire), Farm, 1999 Fee, #2yos/Winners/SW

Race #-track, race type, distance, runner, odds (if available)

AGO (Danzig), Swifty, \$4K, 14/0/0

6-AP, Msw, 1mT, Paris Past, \$9K KEE SEP yrl, 8-1

CORONADO'S QUEST (Forty Niner), Claiborne, \$60K, 54/4/0

6-AP, Msw, 1mT, Allspice, 8-1

DEPUTY COMMANDER (Deputy Minister), Airdrie, \$20K, 97/3/0

6-AP, Msw, 1mT, Bayani, \$77K KEE SEP yrl, 20-1

FORMAL GOLD (Black Tie Affair (IRE)), Gainesway, \$15K, 71/4/0

5-TP, Msw, 1m, Union Street, \$115K FTK JUL yrl

GRAND SLAM (Gone West), Ashford, \$30K, 130/10/0

5-TP, Msw, 1m, Four Majors, \$350K FTS AUG yrl

6-AP, Msw, 1mT, Grand Model, \$80K KEE JUL yrl, 12-1

INDIAN CHARLIE (In Excess (IRE)), Vinery, \$10K, 82/7/1

6-AP, Msw, 1mT, Illini Queen, \$5K KEE SEP yrl, 12-1

PYRAMID PEAK (Mt. Livermore), Darby Dan, \$8K, 8/0/0

5-TP, Msw, 1m, Le Jester, \$32K KEE SEP yrl

STAKES CLOSINGS

TOMORROW, FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 13:

9-20 \$150,000 **Violet H.-III, Med, 3yo/up, f/m, 8.5fT (100)**

9-21 \$100/100,000 **Bay Meadows Breeders' Cup H.-III, BM, 3yo/up, 9fT (100)**





☆ DEL MAR ☆

Yesterday's Results:

LIVE THE DREAM H., \$76,425, DMR, 9-11, 3yo/up, 1mT, 1:34, fm.

*1--**D'WILDCAT, 117, c, 4, Forest Wildcat--D'Enough (SP, \$115,547), by D'Accord.** (\$600,000 2yo 2000 OBSMAR). O-Fog City Stable; B-New Farm (KY); T-R B Hess Jr; J-K J Desormeaux; \$45,585. Lifetime Record: MGSW, 12-4-2-2, \$380,044.

2--**Devine Wind, 117, h, 6, American Chance--Hail Babe, by Within Hail.** (\$55,000 yrl '97 KESEEP). O-Englander Richard A. \$15,195.

3--**Kachamandi (Chi), 117, h, 5, Royal Danzig--Pura Tora (Chi), by Puro Toro (Chi).** O-Miraleste Inc, Nakkashian & Roberts. \$9,117.

Margins: (1, NK), 1. Odds: 3.10, 4.20, 4.00.

*Devine Wind finished first, but was DQ'ed and placed second.

D'wildcat hasn't crossed the finish line first since taking the Gill Swale S. by 10 1/2 eye-catching lengths 18 months ago, but had been awarded the win after being hit by his opponent's whip when finishing a neck behind Snow Ridge in the May 4 Gill Churchill Downs H. The chestnut, who was sidelined for a year after his Swale score, had also been second in the July 6 Gill Triple Bend Breeders' Cup H. and, after running sixth in the July 27 Gill Bing Crosby Breeders' Cup H., most recently had run third making his turf debut in an optional claimer over this course Aug. 19. The fourth choice in this six-horse field, he tracked front-running Devine Wind to the stretch, then was steadied twice as he tried to drive past his drifting rival and missed by a length. But the stewards took a look at the tape and, once again, D'wildcat was moved into first.

CALIFORNIA EQUINE RETIREMENT FOUNDATION H., \$75,000, DMR, 9-11, 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:09 4/5, ft.

1--**PALMAROLA (ARG), 117, m, 5, Kitwood--Pescara (Arg) (MGSW & G1SP-Arg), by Fitzcarraldo (Arg).** O-Preston Stable Llc & Sutherland; B-Haras Vacacion (ARG); T-Richard Mandella; J-A Solis; \$42,480. Lifetime Record: MGSW & G1SP-Arg, 10-5-3-1, \$143,551.

2--**Fancee Bargain, 114, m, 6, Candi's Gold--Bargain Annie, by Bargain Day.** O-G & G Stables. \$18,360.

3--**Wild Tickle, 117, f, 4, Roar--Really Wild, by Wild Again.** (\$47,000 wlng '98 KEENOV). O-Bell Richard A. \$8,496.

Margins: HF, 4, 3HF. Odds: 0.60, 6.80, 4.80.

California Equine Retirement Foundation H. cont.

Palmarola ended her stint in Argentina with a 12-length romp vs. Group 3 company in January of 2001. She made her U.S. bow in an Aqueduct allowance test going a mile last Nov. 6, missing by a neck with a solid second-place effort, then was third in a nine-furlong allowance at the Big A 17 days later before going to the shelf once again. The dark bay has started just once since, cruising to a 4 1/2-length victory in a seven-furlong optional claimer at Hollywood June 9. Back after yet another break here, the imported mare was head-and-head for the lead through a half in :44 4/5, opened up a little daylight in the stretch and dug in gamely to post the narrow score.

6th-DMR, \$60,000, Alw/Opt. Clm. (\$80,000), NW1X, 3yo, 1 1/16mT, 1:41 3/5, fm.

SPLENDID TIMES (c, 3, Gilded Time--Venetian Red, by Blushing Groom {Fr}), a \$49,000 OBSMAR juvenile, broke his maiden in his second try on the turf at Hollywood July 14, then stretched out off that 5 1/2-furlong event and was a close-up fourth going a mile and a sixteenth at Del Mar Aug. 11. Sent right to the front this time, the 14-1 outsider had a clear lead at the eighth pole, but was all out to hold off the late surge of 6-5 Tradition Rocks (Spinning World) for a neck victory. Lifetime Record: 9-2-0-1, \$72,500.

O-Kruse David R & Linda. B-Highland Farms, Inc (KY). T-Bruce L Jackson.

☆ WEST ☆

Yesterday's Results:

7th-BMX, \$37,100, Alw/Opt. Clm. (\$40,000), NW2X, 3yo/up, 6f, 1:09, ft.

NOT FOR ME (ARG) (h, 5, Equalize--Noix {Arg} {GSP-Arg}, by Farnesio {Arg}), a Group 3 winner in his native country, was off the board in his first three U.S. outings, but returned from an eight-month layoff to post a rallying half-length score at 14-1 here. The winner is a full to Pecan Pie (Arg), GSW-Arg. Lifetime Record: GSW-Arg, 10-3-2-0, \$49,030.

O-Gary A Tanaka. B-El Turf (ARG). T-A Pico Perdomo.

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, an (S) will be used for state-bred races, a (C) will be used for maiden-claiming races and an (R) will be used for other restricted races. Purses for Canadian races are in Canadian dollars.



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ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

2nd-WOX, \$69,900, NW1X, 3yo/up, 1mT, 1:36 1/5, fm.

EL GENERAL (c, 3, El Prado {Ire}--Valid Victress {SW}, by Valid Appeal) Lifetime Record: 7-2-1-0, \$72,640. O-Stonach Stable. B-Adena Springs (KY). T-Malcolm Pierce. *1/2 to Perfect Sting (Red Ransom), Ch. Turf Mare, MGISW, \$2,202,042.

7th-DEL, \$51,600, Opt. Clm. (\$75,000), NW4X, 3yo/up, f/m, 1m, 1:41, ft.

REGAL COUNTESS (f, 4, Regal Search--Insight to Hope, by Copelan) Lifetime Record: MSP, 23-7-4-2, \$157,248. O/T-Allen Iwinski; B-John B Ingleson (KY). *\$125,000 2yo 2000 OBSMAR; \$17,000 wlng '98 KEENOV.

9th-MNR, \$41,600, 9-10, 3yo/up, 1 1/16m, 1:45, ft.

IRISH SILENCE (h, 8, Seattle Song--Nara, by Green Forest) Lifetime Record: SW, 48-10-7-4, \$305,524. O-Donald D Orbovich. B-Delaney Austin (NY). T-Jami C Poole. *1/2 to Irish Daisy (Allen's Alydar), SW & MGSP, \$364,197.

8th-MNR, \$25,000, 9-10, NW2L, 3yo/up, 6f, 1:12, ft.

A GLORY HOLME (h, 5, A Real Holme--Heady Heights, by Run Johnny Run) Lifetime Record: 21-2-3-3, \$45,576. O/T-Richard L Moore. B-Betty S Pearson (FL).

MAIDEN WINNERS:

Mo Cash, f, 2, Formal Dinner--Cinnamon Princess, by Exuberant. RKM, 9-11, 5 1/2f, 1:09 4/5. B-Verbarctic Farm (Fl).

Girls' Glory, f, 2, Honour and Glory--Engaging Girl, by Gulch. APX, 9-11, (C), 7f, 1:28.09. B-Simpatico Partnership (Ky).

Makin a Fortune, c, 2, Makin--Mary Had a Lot (SP), by Double Zeus. DEL, 9-11, (C), 1m, 1:44 3/5. B-Spencer F Young (Va). *\$30,000 yrl '01 FTMOCT. **1/2 to A Lot of Mary (Clever Champ), MSW, \$388,320; Full to Native Heir, MSW, \$291,346.

+ Monetary Star, c, 2, Monetary Gift--Starwink (SW), by Star Spangled. GLD, 9-10, 4f, :50 1/5. B-Michael & Olga Palushaj (Mi).

Judge Swiss, c, 2, Swiss Yodeler--Reconquista (SW), by Saros (GB). DMR, 9-11, (S), (C), 5 1/2f, 1:05 2/5. B-Patricia Youngman & Granton Bloodstock (Ca). *\$4,500 yrl '01 BESOCT; \$25,000 2yo 2002 BESMAY. **10th winner for freshman sire (by Eastern Echo).

Dan's Advantage, c, 2, Tactical Advantage--Suggestion (SW), by Local Talent. PIM, 9-11, 1 1/16mT, 1:48. B-Sherry R Mansfield & Kenneth H Davis (Fl). *\$23,000 yrl '01 OBSAUG; \$42,000 2yo 2002 OBSMAR.

Valley of the Gods, f, 2, Valley Crossing--Rapture, by Double Zeus. DEL, 9-11, (C), 6f, 1:14. B-D O'Neill (Pa). *1/2 to Two Wood (Baederwood), SP, \$151,415.

Perfectly Pretty, f, 3, Bertrando--Lasting Beauty, by Storm Cat. BMX, 9-11, 6f, 1:09 3/5. B-Mr & Mrs Martin J Wygod (Ca).

Hillside Run, c, 3, Jacodra--Social Hill, by Best Turn. GLD, 9-10, (S), 6f, 1:16 3/5. B-Kristine M Kaufeld DVM (Mi).

Tio Lupe, c, 3, Jeblar--La Adelita, by Sky Classic. APX, 9-11, (S), 1mT, 1:38 3/5. B-Salvador Hernandez (Ill).

Brook the Wind, c, 3, Montbrook--Legendary Hit, by Gold Legend. PIM, 9-11, 6f, 1:13 3/5. B-E Wirth (Fl).

New York Minute, c, 3, Mr. Greeley--Babe's Joy (MSW, \$208,462), by King of the Sea. CTX, 9-11, 4 1/2f, :53 1/5. B-Needham/Betz Thoroughbreds Inc (Ky). *\$33,000 yrl '00 KEESEP; \$50,000 2yo 2001 FTFEB. **1/2 to Rowher (Vanlandingham), GSP, \$188,492.

First Draft, f, 3, Othello--Beseya (SW, \$262,822), by Cajun Prince. DMR, 9-11, (S), 1mT, 1:36. B-Dion Recachina & John Forsythe (Ca). *1/2 to Pert Laura (Desert Wine), SW, \$288,772.

Flashy Thunder, f, 3, Thunder Gulch--Flashy N Smart (GSW & GISP, \$358,476), by Smarten. WOX, 9-11, 1 1/4mT, 2:05 2/5. B-Terra Farms Ltd (On).

Dear Fellow, c, 4, Sea Hero--Brave and True, by Fappiano. MNR, 9-10, (S), (C), 6f, 1:13 1/5. B-Paul Mellon (Va). *\$13,000 yrl '99 KEESEP.

Exhibit, m, 5, Known Fact--Lady Mulvagh, by Brent's Prince. TPX, 9-11, (C), 6 1/2f, 1:20 2/5. B-Mr & Mrs Donald Todd (Ky).

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DERBY WINNERS TO CLASH IN ARC PREP The G2 Prix Niel, Longchamp's prep for their autumn showpiece, the G1 Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe, will feature a match-up between English and Irish Derby winner **High Chaparral (Ire)** (Sadler's Wells {USA}) and French Derby hero **Sulamani (Ire)** (Hernando {Fr}). High Chaparral was reported on course for mile-and-a-half contest by trainer Aidan O'Brien, who stressed that the final decision on his participation depends on final tests carried out on the colt. He takes on Sulamani, returning for the first time since winning the G1 Prix du Jockey-Club at Chantilly June 2. Trainer pascal Bary told *PA Sport*, "Sulamani worked well last Tuesday and he pleased me a lot. He doesn't need a lot of work to reach a good level." Bary is also planning on running **Volantis (Ire)** (Bluebird {USA}) as a pacemaker for his French Derby winner. Trainer Richard Hannon looks increasingly likely to re-route **Nysaeen (Ire)** (Sadler's Wells {USA}) from Saturday's G1 Rothmans Royals St Leger at Doncaster to the Niel as conditions continue to dry out at Town Moor.

DUBLIN TO THE CURRAGH David Loder will send the unbeaten **Dublin (Ire)** (Carson City {USA}) to take on **Van Nistelrooy (USA)** (Storm Cat {USA}) in Sunday's G1 National S. at The Curragh. Godolphin's colt will bid to go one better than last year's runner-up Naheef (Ire), having emulated that colt in winning the G3 Vintage S. at Goodwood July 31. Aidan O'Brien has left five in the seven-furlong contest, headed by the similarly unbeaten Van Nistelrooy, who will be attempting to add to his course successes in the Listed Tyros S. July 27 and G2 Futurity S. Aug. 24. Dermot Weld has left in the impressive Gowran maiden winner **Refuse to Bend (Ire)** (Sadler's Wells {USA}), while John Oxx may be represented by Tipperary maiden winner **Hanabad (Ire)** (Cadeaux Genereux {GB}).

MIXED RESULTS AT ST LEGER As expected, trade picked up on the second day of Doncaster Bloodstock Sales' St Leger Yearling Sales, but there was no repeat of the increase in average witnessed on the first day. Of the 100 lots offered, 93 were sold, grossing 1,486,900gns. The average of 15,988gns was down from the figure of 18,104gns recorded 12 months ago, while the median was 11,500gns, down from last year's figure of 15,000gns. Hip 267, a half-sister to the stakes-placed Ivania (GB) by Primo Dominie (GB) from Furnace Mill Stud, topped the session--and the sale, so far--by attracting a final bid of 68,000gns from McKeever St Lawrence. Fresh from celebrating the success of homebred **Somnus (GB)** (Pivotal {GB}) in the afternoon's St Leger Yearling S. at the racecourse over the road, Catridge Farm Stud sold the joint top-priced colt at the evening session. That was hip 278, a son of Royal Applause (GB) out of Bliss (Ire) (Statoblest {Ire}) who is herself a half-sister to stakes winner Smittenby (Ire). The yearling was purchased by Blandford Bloodstock for 54,000gns. That figure matched that paid by Havana Horse UK for hip 245, Camas Park Stud's Danehill Dancer (Ire) colt out of Courtier (GB) (Saddlers' Hall), a descendant of Par Excellence (Can), Canada's champion two-year-old filly of 1979. Doncaster Bloodstock Sales' Managing Director Henry Beeby described business at the second session as "a lively trade."

ST LEGER-TOP 3 LOTS

Hip#	Sex	Sire	Dam	Price
267	filly	Primo Dominie (GB)	Antonia's Choice (GB)	68,000gns
		Consigned by Furnace Mill Stud Purchased by McKeever St Lawrence		
245	colt	Danehill Dancer (Ire)	Courtier (GB)	54,000gns
		Consigned by Camas Park Stud Purchased by Havana Horse UK		
278	colt	Royal Applause (GB)	Bliss (Ire)	54,000gns
		Consigned by Catridge Farm Stud Purchased by Blandford Bloodstock		

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★ BRITAIN ★

ARCTIC OWL RETIRED

Arctic Owl (GB) (Most Welcome {GB}), the eight-year-old who won the 2000 renewal of the G1 Irish St Leger, has been forced into retirement after reinjuring a tendon, it was reported yesterday in the *Thoroughbred Times*. The bay gelding, owned by The Owl Society, won three other group events and most recently had notched a conditions victory at Royal Windsor Aug. 24. He concludes his career with 10 wins in 23 starts, with four seconds, five thirds and lifetime earnings of \$511,466.

Yesterday's Results:

£200,000 ST LEGER YEARLING S. (RESTRICTED COND), £287,500, Doncaster, 9-11, 2yo, 6fT, 1:11.60, gd.

1--**#SOMNUS (GB), 123, g, 2, Pivotal (GB)--Midnight's Reward (GB), by Night Shift (USA)**. O-Legard Sidebottom & Sykes; B-Lady Legard; T-Tim Easterby; J-Ted Durcan; £143,750. Lifetime Record: 4-3-0-0, £156,990.

2--**Mister Links (Ire), 130, c, 2, Flying Spur (Aus)--Lady Anna Livia (Ire), by Ahonoora (GB)**. £57,500.

3--**Crimson Silk (GB), 123, g, 2, Forzando (GB)--Sylhall (GB), by Sharpo (GB)**. £28,750.

Margins: HF, SHD, HF. Odds: 10-1, 4-1, 14-1

Also ran: Airwave (GB), Monsieur Bond (Ire), Cumbrian Venture (GB), All Nines (GB), Striking Ambition (GB), Blue Patrick (GB), Polar Force (GB), Miss Mirasol (GB), Coconut Penang, Sanbenito (Ire), Steelaninch (GB), Monsieur Boulanger (GB), Semenovskii (GB), The Lord (GB), Our Teddy (Ire), Presto Vento (GB), Gems Bond (GB), Dame De Noche (GB). Scratched: Steel Blue (GB).

Fifth on his debut in a Ripon maiden, Somnus has not looked back since winning a competitive maiden at York July 13 before clocking a good time when successful in a nursery handicap at Ripon Aug. 27. He posted a career-best effort here with a determined late drive to secure the valuable prize at the expense of G2 Gimcrack S. second Mister Links. The eventual winner tracked the leaders of the stands-side group as Cumbrian Venture held the overall lead on the far side, but started his main effort upon passing the quarter-mile marker. Jockey Ted Durcan got more serious at the furlong marker as Mister Links and Crimson Silk battled for the lead and Somnus showed gritty determination inside the last 100 yards to assert a half-length superiority nearing the line.

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4.55 Doncaster, Cantor Fitzgerald UK Charitable Relief Fund Classified S. (Class C) (Cond), £13,920, 3yo/up, 10f 60ydsT, 2:09.52, gd.

COUNSEL'S OPINION (IRE) (g, 5, Rudimentary {USA}--Fairy Fortune {GB}, by Rainbow Quest {USA}) was positioned in third as Danelor (Ire) (Danehill {USA}) made the running, but moved into second at the top of the stretch run. The 9-2 second choice was ridden to the front with two furlongs to go, was safely clear at the eighth pole and ran on well thereafter to beat Chai Walla (GB) (In The Wings {GB}) by a decisive 1½ lengths. Lifetime Record: 16-4-1-3, £49,358. O-Mrs J Roberts; B-Mrs B Keogh; T-Chris Wall; J-Richard Mullen.

3.00 Epsom, Ford Magic Classified S. (Class C) (Cond), £12,720, 3yo/up, 10f 18ydsT, 2:10.52, gd.

MAHROOS (USA) (g, 4, Kingmambo {USA}--Mur Taasha {USA}, by Riverman {USA}) was settled in a tracking fourth as Harnour (GB) (Desert King {Ire}) set a modest pace, closing on the leaders once into the home straight. The 7-2 joint favourite was ridden to the front at the quarter pole, but required strong driving thereafter to fend off the challenge of Persian King (Ire) (Persian Bold {Ire}) by 1 1/4 lengths. Lifetime Record: 3-2-1-0, £16,770.

O-Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid al Maktoum; B-Shadwell Farm Inc; T-John Gosden; J-Willie Supple.

3.55 Doncaster, McKeever St Lawrence Conditions S. (Class C), £12,320, 2yo, 7fT, 1:35.37, gd.

MAGHANIM (GB) (c, 2, Nashwan {USA}--Azdihaar {USA}, by Mr. Prospector {USA}), second to Almushahar in his debut in a hot Newmarket maiden Aug. 23, was settled in second as Pinkerton (GB) (Alzao {USA}) set the early pace. Taking the lead after two furlongs, he was two-lengths clear at halfway. The 4-5 favourite was pushed along at the quarter-mile marker, quickened further clear at the distance and stretched out in impressive style in the closing stages to easily account for Magistretti (USA) (Diesis {GB}) by 2½ lengths and was immediately quoted at 20-1 (from 40-1) by bookmakers William Hill for next season's G1 2000 Guineas. "Richard [Hills] had to make quite a lot of use of him," said winning trainer John Dunlop, "and it's interesting that he thought he is just a miler. He's a nice horse, and it will be interesting to see how Almushahar runs on Friday [in the G2 Champagne S]." Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, £9,536.

O-Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid al Maktoum; B-Shadwell Estate Company Ltd; T-John Dunlop; J-Richard Hills.



(British Results cont.)

4.25 Doncaster, Thoroughbred Breeders' Association Maiden S. (Class D), £11,100, 2yo, 1mT, 1:38.73, gd. SILVER GILT (GB) (c, 2, Silver Hawk {USA}--Memory's Gold {USA}, by Java Gold {USA}) was positioned behind the front rank in fourth as Chinkara (GB) (Desert Prince {Ire}) made the running and made smooth headway to challenge approaching the final quarter mile. The well backed 11-10 favourite was ridden to the front with 1 ½ furlongs to go and ran on strongly for his rider's urgings in the latter stages to beat Unigold (USA) (Silver Deputy {Can}) by a comfortable 1 1/4 lengths. The winner is a half to Ronda (GB) (Bluebird {USA}), GSW-Fr & Eng, GISP-US, SP-Ger, \$227,639. Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, £9,773. O-The Duke Of Roxburghe & Lord Hartington; B-Side Hill Stud & Floors Farming; T-John Gosden; J-Jimmy Fortune.

2.25 Epsom, Queen Elizabeth Foundation Charity EBF Median Auction Maiden S. (Class E), £7,560, 2yo, 7fT, 1:25.49, gd. AMOUNT (GB) (f, 2, Salse {USA}--Quota {GB} {SP-Eng}, by Rainbow Quest {USA}) was reserved off the pace in fourth as the fast breaking Giggle (GB) (Mtoto {GB}) set a good pace. Taking closer order under pressure once into the home straight, the 10-11 punters' choice challenged on the outside at the quarter pole, accelerated to the front approaching the final furlong and was ridden out in the closing stages to safely account for Henri Martin (GB) (Inchinor {GB}) by two lengths. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-1, £5,441. O-Khalid Abdullah; B-Juddmonte Farms; T-Amanda Perrett; J-Wendyll Woods.

1.55 Epsom, EBF Maiden S. (Class D), £7,525, 2yo, 1m 114ydsT, 1:50.82, gd. BAHAMIAN DANCER (IRE) (c, 2, Bering {GB}--Fantastic Flame {Ire}, by Generous {Ire}) a 23,000gns TATDEC weanling and a 90,000gns TATOCT yearling, moved smoothly in fourth as Financial Future (GB) (Barathea {Ire}) set the pace, but closed on the leaders approaching the final quarter mile. The 8-11 market choice challenged on the bridle with 1 ½ furlongs remaining, quickened to the lead at the distance and stretched clear in the closing stages to easily defeat Theatre Time (USA) (Theatrical {Ire}) by five lengths. Lifetime Record: 4-1-1-0, £7,583. O-Lucayan Stud; B-C E S Racing Ltd; T-Jeremy Nosedá; J-Shane Kelly.

Thursday, Doncaster, post time: 3:55 p.m. JRA LONDON OFFICE'S 10TH ANNIVERSARY KYOTO SCEPTRE S.-Listed, £26,500, 3yo/up, f/m, 7fT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER	WT
1	4	Mauri Moon (GB)	Green Desert (USA)	Wragg	122
2	5	Torosay Spring (GB)	First Trump (GB)	Fanshawe	122
3	2	Curfew (GB)	Marju (Ire)	Fanshawe	118
4	9	Desertion (Ire)	Danehill (USA)	Prescott	118
5	13	Enchanted (GB)	Magic Ring (Ire)	Margarson	118
6	3	Follow Flanders (GB)	Pursuit Of Love (GB)	Candy	118
7	11	Goldeva (GB)	Makbul (GB)	Hollinshead	118
8	10	Hideaway Heroine (Ire)	Hernando (Fr)	J Hills	118
9	6	Kelsey Rose (GB)	Most Welcome (GB)	Evans	118
10	8	Mamounia (Ire)	Green Desert (USA)	B Hills	118
11	1	Overload (USA)	Forest Wildcat (USA)	Egerton	118
12	15	Roundtree (Ire)	Night Shift (USA)	Hannon	118
13	12	Shiny (GB)	Shambo (GB)	C Brittain	118
14	14	Silent Crystal (USA)	Diesis (GB)	Nosedá	118
15	7	Starfan (USA)	Lear Fan (USA)	Gosden	118

Thursday, Doncaster, post time: 4:25 p.m. SCARBOROUGH S.-Listed, £25,000, 2yo/up, 5fT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER	WT
1	13	Bishops Court (GB)	Clantime (GB)	Ramsden	138
2	5	Whitbarrow (Ire)	Royal Abjar (USA)	Millman	137
3	11	Needwood Blade (GB)	Pivotal (GB)	McMahon	135
4	1	Golden Bounty (GB)	Bahamian Bounty (GB)	Hannon	134
5	6	Saddad (USA)	Gone West (USA)	Stoute	134
6	9	Vita Spericolata (Ire)	Prince Sabo (GB)	Wainwright	133
7	4	Autumnal (Ire)	Indian Ridge (Ire)	Meehan	130
8	7	Misty Eyed (Ire)	Paris House (GB)	Dutfield	130
9	2	Olivia Grace (GB)	Pivotal (GB)	Mills	130
10	8	Proud Boast (GB)	Komaite (USA)	Rees	130
11	10	Safranine (Ire)	Dolphin Street (Fr)	Stokell	130
12	12	Madame Maxine (USA)	Dayjur (USA)	Meehan	129
13	3	Simianna (GB)	Bluegrass Prince (Ire)	A Berry	129

★ IRELAND ★

Yesterday's Results:
6.00 Galway, Cantor Fitzgerald UK Charity Relief Race (Cond), €23,140, 2yo, 1m 100ydsT, 1:56.90, sf. (DH)--ZABY (IRE) (c, 2, Cadeaux Genereux {GB}--Braari {USA} {SW-Eng}, by Gulch {USA}) Lifetime Record: 4-2-0-2, €59,290. O-Mrs John T Murphy; B-Shadwell Estate Company Ltd; T-Kevin Prendergast; J-P Cosgrave.
(DH)--BLUE CORRIG (IRE) (g, 2, Darnay {GB}--Myristica {Ire}, by Doyoun {Ire}) Lifetime Record: 4-1-3-0, €17,610. O/B-R Forristal; T-Frances Crowley; J-Pat Smullen.



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(Irish 6.00 Galway cont.)

Zaby got his second career victory and Blue Corrig knocked off his maiden after three consecutive second-place finishes in this brilliantly contested event. The former raced in sixth as Wise Mover (Ire) (Mujadil {USA}) led, making smooth progress into second approaching the final quarter mile, where Blue Corrig (Ire) eased to the front. Zaby, the even-money favourite, was ridden along to challenge once into the short straight. He hooked up for a battle with the 2-1 second choice Blue Corrig at the eighth pole and was driven out in the closing stages to share victory with that rival on the line.

★ FRANCE ★

Yesterday's Results:

2.15 Maisons-Laffitte, Prix French Fox (Mdn),

€17,000, unraced 2yo, 6fT, 1:13.20, gd.

+ **MODUS VIVENDI (GB) (c, 2, Zafonic {USA}--Monroe {USA} {GSW-Ire}, by Sir Ivor {USA})**, a full brother to Xaar (GB), Hwt. 2yo Colt-Eng & Fr, Hwt. 3yo-Eng, Ire & Fr at 9.5-11f, G1SW-Eng & Fr, G1SP-Ire, \$593,956, always moved smoothly in third as Star Melody (Fr) (Saumarez {GB}) made the running from Baviera (GB) (Seattle Slew {USA}), but took closer order with a quarter-mile remaining. The beautifully bred 6-4 favourite challenged on the bridle at the eighth pole and quickened clear in impressive style in the closing stages to easily account for Roystonea (GB) (Polish Precedent {USA}) by an impressive and unextended 1 1/2 lengths. In addition to being a full to Xaar, the winner is a half to Esquire (GB) (High Line {GB}), GSP-Ire & Ger; Ile de Jinsky (USA) (Ile de Bourbon {USA}), SW & GSP-US, \$134,841; Masterclass (USA) (The Minstrel), GSW & G1SP-Fr, SP-US, \$262,600; Diese (USA) (Diesis {GB}), GSW-Fr, \$110,366. Lifetime Record: 1 start, 1 win, €8,500.

O-Khalid Abdullah; B-Juddmonte Farms; T-Andre Fabre; J-Mathias Sautjeau.

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★ MAIDEN WINNERS ★

Bahamian Dancer (Ire), c, 2, Bering (GB)--Fantastic Flame (Ire), by Generous (Ire). Epsom, Britain, 9-11, EBF Maiden S. (Class D), 2yo, 1m 114ydsT, £7,525. B-C E S Racing Ltd. *23,000gns wnl '00 TATDEC; 90,000gns yrl '01 TATOCT.

Blue Corrig (Ire), g, 2, Darnay (GB)--Myristica (Ire), by Doyoun (Ire). Galway, Ireland, 9-11, Cantor Fitzgerald UK Charity Relief Race (Cond), 2yo, 1m 100ydsT, €23,140. B-R Forristal.

Maghanim (GB), c, 2, Nashwan (USA)--Azdihaar (USA), by Mr. Prospector (USA). Doncaster, Britain, 9-11, McKeever St Lawrence Conditions S. (Class C), 2yo, 7fT, £12,320. B-Shadwell Estate Company Ltd.

Amount (GB), f, 2, Salse (USA)--Quota (GB) (SP-Eng), by Rainbow Quest (USA). Epsom, Britain, 9-11, Queen Elizabeth Foundation Charity EBF Median Auction Maiden S. (Class E), 2yo, 7fT, £7,560. B-Juddmonte Farms.

Silver Gilt (GB), c, 2, Silver Hawk (USA)--Memory's Gold (USA), by Java Gold (USA). Doncaster, Britain, 9-11, Thoroughbred Breeders' Association Maiden S. (Class D), 2yo, 1mT, £11,100. B-Side Hill Stud & Floors Farming. * 1/2 to Ronda (GB) (Bluebird {USA}), GSW-Fr & Eng, GISP-US, SP-Ger, \$227,639.

+ **Modus Vivendi (GB), c, 2, Zafonic (USA)**--Monroe (USA) (GSW-Ire), by Sir Ivor (USA). Maisons-Laffitte, France, 9-11, Prix French Fox (Mdn), unraced 2yo, 6fT, €17,000. B-Juddmonte Farms. *Full to Xaar (GB), Hwt. 2yo Colt-Eng & Fr, Hwt. 3yo-Eng, Ire & Fr at 9.5-11f, G1SW-Eng & Fr, G1SP-Ire, \$593,956; 1/2 to Esquire (GB) (High Line {GB}), GSP-Ire & Ger; Ile de Jinsky (USA) (Ile de Bourbon {USA}), SW & GSP-US, \$134,841; Masterclass (USA) (The Minstrel), GSW & G1SP-Fr, SP-US, \$262,600; Diese (USA) (Diesis {GB}), GSW-Fr, \$110,366.

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