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**STREET CRY TOPS GLOBEFORM CHART**

With the three-year-olds readily dismissed by the international handicappers, **Street Cry (Ire)** (Machiavellian) was yesterday declared Globeform's Horse of the Year. Godolphin's colorbearer was handed a rating of 131 pounds on the basis of his victories in the G1 Stephen Foster H. and G1 Dubai World Cup. **Azeri** (Jade Hunter) was rated just two pounds below by virtue of her success in the G1 Breeders' Cup Distaff, which the Globeform website states makes her "one of the best fillies since Personal Ensign." While Street Cry attained a higher rating than last year's joint champions Sakhee and Tiznow, fewer horses topped a Globeform rating of 125 pounds compared to 12 months ago. Globeform suggested that "the best three-year-olds formed an average bunch," and added that they believe, "the Classic generation of 2002 is not a crop that we will be talking too much about in years to come." Ballydoyle's **High Chaparral (Ire)** (Sadler's Wells) heads the sophomore crop at 126 pounds, one above **Rock Of Gibraltar (Ire)** (Danehill), while **War Emblem** (Our Emblem) was rated at 124 pounds. However, Globeform remained unimpressed by High Chaparral's success in the G1 Breeders' Cup Turf, which they rate as "unimpressive." They also stated that War Emblem took "rather weak editions of the Kentucky Derby and Preakness S."

**PLEASANT COLONY DEAD**

**Pleasant Colony** (His Majesty), winner of the 1981 Kentucky Derby and Preakness, died in his paddock at Blue Ridge Farm in Upperville, Virginia on New Year's Eve. The 24-year-old was buried at Buckland Farm in Virginia, where he was born. Bred by the late Thomas Mellon Evans, the dark bay won two races at two, then blossomed at three, taking the G1 Wood Memorial and the G1 Woodward S. in addition to his two Classics. Pleasant Colony was 4-5 to complete his sweep of the Triple Crown in the Belmont S., but his late run came up short and he finished third. Named the champion three-year-old of '81, he retired to stud at Buckland in 1982 and sired more than 70 stakes winners. He moved from Buckland to Lane's End Farm in Kentucky in 1998 and stood there until being pensioned in the spring of 2000. His top performers included St. Jovite, who was Europe's Horse of the Year after taking the G1 Budweiser Irish Derby and the G1 King George VI and Queen Elizabeth Diamond S.; Eclipse Award winner Pleasant Tap; and Behrens, a three-time Grade I winner of \$3,243,500. The progeny of Pleasant Colony's 18 crops to race have earned more than \$50 million.



**Pleasant Colony**  
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**Globeform Ratings**

<b>Ch. Older Horse/9-10f Dirt</b>	
<b>Street Cry (Ire)</b> (Machiavellian)	GF131
<b>Top Female Dirt</b>	
<b>Azeri</b> (Jade Hunter)	GF129
<b>Top Miler</b>	
<b>Swept Overboard</b> (End Sweep)	GF128
<b>Top Sprinter</b>	
<b>Orientate</b> (Mt Livermore)	GF127
<b>Top 7f</b>	
<b>Left Bank</b> (French Deputy)	GF127
<b>Ch. 3yo/11-12fT</b>	
<b>High Chaparral (Ire)</b> (Sadler's Wells)	GF126
<b>Top Stayer</b>	
<b>Vinnie Roe (Ire)</b> (Definite Article {GB})	GF122

**Grade I Winners by Pleasant Colony**

<u>Horse</u>	<u>Broodmare Sire</u>
Behrens	Mari's Book
Cherokee Colony	Northfields
Colonial Affair	Nijinsky II
Colonial Waters	Hail to Reason
Denon	Northfields
Forbidden Apple	Northfields
Pleasant Stage	Stage Door Johnny
<u>Pleasant Tap</u>	Stage Door Johnny
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**Bill Oppenheim**



**EL PRADO TIME**

He kind of snuck up on us, like Thunder Gulch did in 2001, but the *Blood-Horse's* internet site confirms that El Prado has struck a mighty blow for Sadler's Wells' reputation as a sire of sires by finishing more than \$800,000 clear as North America's Leading Sire of 2002 with progeny earnings of \$6,966,265. Along with third-ranked freshman sire Awesome Again, he also put Adena Springs firmly on the map as a major stallion operation. Four other stallions registered over \$6 million in progeny earnings, although only \$63,000 separated second-ranked Dehere from fifth-ranked [Storm Cat](#), with Three Chimneys' pair of [Wild Again](#) and [Dynaformer](#) third and fourth, respectively. Dynaformer had also been fourth in 2001, when again Three Chimneys had two of the top four as [Rahy](#) had finished second to Thunder Gulch. End Sweep, [A.P. Indy](#), a revitalized [Gulch](#), Cryptoclearance and Broad Brush completed the 2002 Top Ten. A total of 30 sires had progeny earnings of \$4 million plus, and 78 had earnings of \$3 million or more.

[Carson City](#) must be about the most consistent sire in North America; he was 12th on the General Sire List last year and 13th among juvenile sires. Gone West had a good year: he finished 14th on the GSL; his best American son (so far), [Mr. Greeley](#), was just one place behind in 15th; and Elusive Quality, in the end, did edge out [Distorted Humor](#) for freshman sire honors.

Given the earnings bias against sires with European runners (this also affected Storm Cat, though he was still Leading Juvenile Sire by over a million dollars), [Kingmambo's](#) ranking in 31st is perfectly respectable and, significantly, he had eight graded/group SWs last year (Storm Cat had 10; El Prado, by comparison, had three).

In the state races, Montbrook (39th GSL) edged out Notebook (43rd) as Florida's Leading Sire, while in Maryland, Not for Love (21st) is breathing down perennial Maryland leader Allen's Prospect's neck for top honors there; Not for Love had 11 SW and the earners of \$4.4 million last year. California's top sire was In Excess, 66th on the GSL, but 11th on the Juvenile Sire List; five of his eight 2002 SW were two-year-olds. He is seriously good in that department.

Among the younger brigade, there was confirmation that the third-crop sires of 2002 (first foals four-year-olds last year) are a strong bunch. Our Emblem (16th GSL) was one of eight third-crop sires who figured among the 78 with progeny earnings of \$3 million plus, which I reckon counts as a very strong performance. Derby and Preakness winner War Emblem supplied over 70 percent of Our Emblem's 2002 progeny earnings, so whether his name will be much in the news for the next little while will be problematical. Nevertheless, Our Emblem has proved his worth, and certainly merits his repatriation to Kentucky.

Hot on his heels for 2002 earnings was [Smart Strike](#) (18th GSL), who came to life big-time in the second half of the year and now looks a real bargain for those who snapped up the \$20,000 farm price for 2003. Third among third-crop sires was the amazing Judge T.C. (27th GSL), son of Judge Smells (by In Reality, in case you were scratching your head). He's now emigrated to McMahan's of Saratoga, in New York. Trailing these three surprise packages in 2002 progeny earnings, though not in overall stature, were the more familiar names of Forest Wildcat (30th, 12 SW), Hennessy (48th), Peaks and Valleys (50th), Unbridled's Song (71st) and Maria's Mon (72nd). But all eight broke the \$3-million mark last year and figure to become more and more prominent on the leading sires lists.

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**GOLDEN APPLES UNDERGOES SURGERY** Gary Tanaka's **Golden Apples (Ire)** (Pivotal {GB}), a top contender for an Eclipse Award after winning the GI Santa Ana H., GI Beverly D. S. and GI Yellow Ribbon S. last season, has undergone arthroscopic surgery to have chips removed from her ankles. The five-year-old mare came up with the problem last fall, but still finished out the year with a troubled fourth in the Oct. 26 GI Breeders' Cup F/M Turf and a close second in the Dec. 1 GI Matriarch S. She will spend about a month on the farm before returning to the track. "We'll point for the end of the year more than anything," trainer Ben Cecil told the *Daily Racing Form*. "That's when the races we want to run in are." He added, "It's a huge advantage that the Breeders' Cup is here [at Santa Anita] and we'll get a firm turf course."

Oppenheim cont.

Whether the group with first three-year-olds in 2002 includes eight stallions whose progeny are going to earn \$3 million in 2003 looks more problematical. In what has to be described as a stunning upset, Vinery's **Langfuhr** (40th GSL), whose best is the high-class Imperial Gesture, edged out Essence of Dubai and Sky Mesa's sire **Pulpit** (46th) as North America's leading second-crop sire of 2002. A small caveat here, though, is that, as far as I know, The Jockey Club still counts Canadian earnings as equivalent to U.S. earnings, even though the gap is something like 30 percent between the U.S. and Canadian dollars. In other words, while Wando is credited with earning \$362,337, if his owner came to spend his winnings in the U.S., he'd run out of money after something like \$270,000. That \$92,000 is more than the difference between Langfuhr and Pulpit, so I think we need an asterisk for that winner. Hopefully this absurd anomaly can be sorted out by the Powers, and Canadian money will be counted as what it's worth this year.

☆ PREVIEW ☆

Friday, Gulfstream Park, post time: 4:54 p.m. EST

**SPECTACULAR BID S.-GIII**, \$100,000, 3yo, 6f

PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER	WT
1	Paris Adventure	Northern Afleet	Hills	116
2	Hear No Evil	Carson City	Hatchett	120
3	Super Fuse	Lite the Fuse	Ciardullo	120
4	Formal Charade	Formal Dinner	Ziadie	116
5	Silver Squire	Silver Ghost	Kimmel	120
6	Coach Jimi Lee	Roar	DiVito	120
7	Crafty Guy	Crafty Prospector	Robb	120
8	First Blush	French Deputy	H A Jerkens	116
9	Laughing Luke	Mister Jolie	Heard	116

Saturday, Gulfstream Park

**APPLETON H.-GII**, \$150,000, 3yo/up, 8fT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	WT
1	Bail Out The King	Kingmambo	Day	114
2	Krieger	Lord At War (Arg)	Coa	115
3	Illusionary	Woodman	Guidry	113
4	Autonomy (Ire)	Doyoun (Ire)	Douglas	113
5	Baptize	Dynaformer	Prado	115
6	Hail The Chief (GB)	Be My Chief	Chavez	115
7	Good Boy Sam	Technology	Aguilar	113
8	Marquette	Spectacular Bid	Turner	113
9	Red Sea (GB)	Barathea (Ire)	Velasquez	113
10	North East Bound	D'Accord	Velez, Jr.	116
11	Saint Verre	Saint Ballado	Santos	113
12	Balto Star	Glitterman	Velazquez	118
AE	Point Prince	Youmadeyourpoint	Cruz	112
AE	Maumee (Ire)	Indian Ridge (Ire)	Chavez (2)	112

The freshman sire contest between the surprise sprinters Elusive Quality (Gone West) and Distorted Humor (Forty Niner) really did go right down to the wire. Having been headed by Distorted Humor in the last couple of weeks after leading for much of the fall, Elusive Quality rallied to take the title by just \$15,000, as both accrued over \$1.3 million in first-crop progeny earnings. Awesome Again, who had Toccet making his case from coast to coast, ran a very promising third, less than \$60,000 behind, and Ashford's Tale of the Cat finished fourth, also with earnings over \$1 million.

12-Furlong Stars...

Speaking of Kaldounevees and **Hernando**--which we were a couple of weeks ago--in this era of competitive stud fees and Europe's resurgent stallion ranks, I'm struck by the number of high-quality 12-furlong stars available at very reasonable fees this year. Four Arc winners and another four-time Group 1 winner all stand for the equivalent of \$32,000 or under, and all four of the recent Arc winners were rated in the 130s by Timeform. Those ratings are the equivalent of horses who run Beyer numbers in the 120s, but instead of being by sires like Skip Trial (**Skip Away**), Black Tie Affair (Formal Gold) and Robin des Bois (**Gentlemen**)--American horses who ran in the 120s recently--these are horses by sires like Sadler's Wells (Montjeu and Beat Hollow), Nureyev (Peintre Celebre) and Grand Lodge (Sinndar).

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**Oppenheim cont.**

Included among these five are the 1-2-3 in the 2000 Epsom Derby: **Sinndar** (2000 Arc), **Sakhee** (2001 Arc) and **Beat Hollow** (four-time Group 1 winner). I don't know that these three can hope to emulate the famous 1984 French Derby 1-2-3 of **Darshaan**, **Sadler's Wells** and **Rainbow Quest** at stud, but their subsequent race-course form was of similar (if not superior) standard to that great trio's. Then there's the spectacular 1997 Arc winner **Peintre Celebre** and the 1999 Arc winner **Montjeu**. Well, you'd breed to every one of those horses if you had enough mares, I reckon. Here are the details:

**Peintre Celebre**, 1994 Nureyev – 1997 Arc, Timeform 137 @ 3yo: €25,000, Coolmore (Ire), 1st 3yos 2003

**Montjeu**, 1996 Sadler's Wells – 1999 Arc, Timeform 137 @ 3yo & 4yo: €30,000, Coolmore (Ire), 1st yearlings 2003

**Sinndar**, 1997 Grand Lodge – 2000 Arc, 1st 2000 Epsom Derby, Timeform 134 @ 3yo: €30,000, Giltown (Ire), 1st yearlings 2003

**Sakhee**, 1997 Bahri – 2001 Arc, 2nd 2000 Epsom Derby, Timeform 136 @ 4yo: £20,000, Shadwell (GB), To Stud 2003

**Beat Hollow**, 1997 Sadler's Wells – 3rd 2000 Epsom Derby, four-time Group 1 winner: £15,000, Banstead Manor (GB), To Stud 2003

If you can't quite afford even these reasonable tariffs, you might want to consider what 'got close' to these. I've mentioned four of the last six Arc winners: 1998 Arc winner **Sagamix** (Timeform 129) stands at France's Haras de Logis for just €3,800, and the 2002 winner, **Marienbard**, has gone to stud in Japan. The 2000 Derby fourth, **Best of the Bests**, subsequently a Group 1 winner of the **Prix d'Ispahan** (9 1/4f) in 2002, has joined the **Dalham Hall** roster, with a ticket of just £5,000.

**Previews cont.**

**Saturday, Santa Anita**

**SAN PASQUAL H.-GII**, \$150,000, 4yo/up, 1 1/16m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	WT
1	Kudos	Kris S.	Solis	119
2	Freedom Crest	To Freedom	Valdivia, Jr.	115
3	Cottage (Arg)	Ibero (Arg)	Smith	114
4	Fleetstreet Dancer	Smart Strike	T Baze	112
5	Kela	Numerous	Nakatani	115
6	Congaree	Arazi	Bailey	121
7	Hot Market	Cee's Tizzy	Desormeaux	116
8	Piensa Sonando (Chi)	Gallantsky	Pincay, Jr.	118
9	Nose The Trade (GB)	Cyrano de Bergerac (Ire)	Flores	115
10	Mercenary	Roar	V Espinoza	113
11	Euchre	Personal Flag	Valenzuela	116

☆ RESULTS ☆

**Thursday, Ellerslie, New Zealand**

**ZABEEL CLASSIC-G1**, NZ\$150,000, Ellerslie

(Auckland), 1-2, 1 1/4mT, 3yo/up, 2:04.52, fm.

1--**HAIL (NZ)**, 129, g, 5, by **Stark South**

1st Dam: **Valley Court (NZ)**, by **Pompeii Court**

2nd Dam: **Te Kawa (NZ)**, by **Syntax (NZ)**

3rd Dam: **Winning Ways (NZ)**, by **Messmate (GB)**

O-Messrs A J Cunningham & R B Marsh; B-Fayette Park Stud Ltd; T-Bruce & Stephen Marsh; J-Greg Childs; NZ\$93,750.

2--**Miss Potential (Aus)**, 122, f, 4, **Dolphin Street (Fr)**--**Richfield Rose (NZ)**, by **Crested Wave**. O-A W Borrie; B-Mr B Borrie; NZ\$30,000.

3--**Doyle (NZ)**, 129, g, 7, **Dance Floor--Shelley Lack (NZ)**, by **Prince Echo (Ire)**. O-Mrs N E & P E Izzet; B-Mrs J Broome; NZ\$15,000.

Margins: 1 1/4, SNK. Odds: 1.10, 8.10, 12.20.

Also ran: **Zirna (NZ)**, **Greene Street (NZ)**, **Hello Dolly (NZ)**, **Deebie Belle (NZ)**, **Icey Red (NZ)**, **Just Aqua (NZ)**, **For Love (NZ)**, **Regency (NZ)**, **Gallant Son (NZ)**, **Vega Sicilia (NZ)**.

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 **NORTH AMERICA** 

**OLD TRIESTE EUTHANIZED** Old Trieste (A.P. Indy--Lovlier Linda, by Vigors) was euthanized Thursday due to acute laminitis. His first foals are two-year-olds of 2003. Racing in the colors of Gary Bizsantz's Cobra Farm, Old Trieste bounced back from a loss in the GI Kentucky Derby to reel off three impressive victories, taking the GII Affirmed H. by 4 1/2 lengths and the GII Swaps S. by 12 lengths before defeating his elders by five in the GII Del Mar Breeders' Cup H. in September of his three-year-old season. The handsome chestnut didn't run again until the following May, winning the GII Californian H. by seven lengths. He retired to Jonabell Farm in 2000 with a record of 14-6-1-3 and earnings of \$847,944. "I feel very fortunate to have raced a horse with such brilliance and class," said Bizsantz. "We are blessed to have three crops to look forward to and I anticipate seeing several of his youngsters display the characteristics and talent that made Old Trieste such a special racehorse." Produced by the Grade I-winning Lovlier Linda, Old Trieste was a half brother to Irish Group 3 winner Perigee Moon. He will be buried at Cobra Farm near Lexington, Kentucky.

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**HANDLE, ATTENDANCE UP AT NYRA** The New York Racing Association closed the 2002 racing season with moderate gains in total commingled handle and attendance for a third consecutive year. The daily average handle on NYRA races rose by 3.5 percent, to \$10,604,210 from \$10,244,920 the previous year. The 2001 figures include Breeders' Cup day, which was held at Belmont Park. Including incoming simulcasting, the daily average was up by 3.8 percent to \$11,148,641. Daily average on-track attendance was up marginally last year, to 9,145 from the '01 figure of 9,062. "The results for the year are very gratifying," commented Terry Meyocks, president and chief operating officer of NYRA. "When you take into account our totals this year are compared to a year in which we hosted the Breeders' Cup, I would have to say our results compare even more favorably." The 2002 racing season marked the first full season for NYRA's takeout reduction program. Since its inception on July 25, 2001, a total of \$54 million has been returned to bettors in the form of higher mutuel payouts.

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**Yesterday's Results:**

**8th-AQU, \$56,000, Alw, NW4X, 4yo/up, a1m70yd, 1:40 4/5, my.**  
**1--RESOLVE, 116, h, 5, Future Storm--Ashley Secret, by Dr. Carter.** (\$6,000 wIng '98 BESOCT). O-Roddy Valente, Jared Abbruzzese & Robert J Baron; B-H & E Ranch Inc (AZ); T-Bruce N Levine. Lifetime Record: MSW, 19-8-5-0, \$189,024.  
**2--Judge's Case, 118, h, 6, Montbrook--Extra Case, by Upper Case.** (\$20,000 2yo '99 OBSJUN).  
**3--My Request, 116, h, 6, Norquestor--My Three Mothers, by Two Punch.** (\$40,000 2yo '99 FTMMAY). Margins: 2 1/4, HF, 3. Odds: 1.45, 8.00, 2.20.

A multiple stakes winner in Arizona, Resolve was claimed for \$50,000 out of an eighth-place effort over the Del Mar lawn and went back to the main track in his first start for his new connections. He won that contest, a \$100,000 optional claimer at Santa Anita Oct. 2. Staying at the same level next out, the grey was haltered again Oct. 24 and found himself eastward bound. The favorite in his first start back, he took the lead after a half and extended his advantage down the lane.

**5th-AQU, \$44,000, Alw, NW2L, 4yo/up, a1m70yd, 1:42, my.**  
**CELTIC PARK (c, 4, Silver Deputy--Cuz's Star, by Galaxy Libra {Ire})** was taken for \$40,000 in his first test against winners in his most recent start Dec. 18, a race in which he finished a non-threatening seventh. The 9-1 outsider stepped up in class here and showed he belonged, quickly opening up a daylight advantage on the field and gamely rebuffing a determined challenge from Right Too Refuse (Lost Code) in the final panel to earn the half-length victory. Lifetime Record: 6-2-1-0, \$42,640.  
 O-Paul P Pompa Jr. B-Runnymede Farm Inc (KY).  
 T-Rene A Araya.

★ EAST ★

**Yesterday's Results:**

**5th-LRL, \$25,000, Msw, 3yo, f, 5 1/2f, 1:06 1/5, gd. + DARLENE'S DAUGHTER (f, 3, Oh Say--Darlene's Friend {SW, \$102,676}, by Hay Halo),** debuting with Lasix, contested the early pace up the backstretch before drawing clear of the pack to register the easy 7 1/2-length triumph as a 9-2 chance. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$14,250.  
 O/B-William P Hill (MD). T-Wayne M Bailey.

 **SOPHOMORE SPOTLIGHT**

**First-crop progeny to watch: Friday, January 3**

*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, 182/10/0  
 9-PHA, Msw, 6f, +Singapore Deputy, \$15K EAS MAY 2yo, 10-1
- DOUBLE NINER** (Forty Niner), Double D, \$, 32/1/0  
 1-DED, Msw, 7f, Katie's Miracle, \$5K FTK OCT yrl, 12-1
- GENTLEMEN (ARG)** (Robin des Bois), Walmac, \$30K, 126/9/1  
 4-FG, Msw, 1 1/16mT, Gentlemen J J, 5-2
- GOLD TOKEN** (Mr. Prospector), Questroyal, \$5K, 79/3/0  
 9-PHA, Msw, 6f, Blue's Prospector, 8-1
- NORTHERN AFLEET** (Afleet), DBL Diamond, \$5K, 78/9/0  
 9-GP, Stk, 6f, Paris Adventure, \$120K OBS APR 2yo
- PARTNER'S HERO** (Danzig), Northview, \$8K, 112/14/1  
 9-PHA, Msw, 6f, Senor Cielo Two, 5-2
- SKIP AWAY** (Skip Trial), Hopewell, \$50K, 180/12/2  
 6-FG, Msw, 1 1/16mT, Skiperoo, \$65K FTS AUG yrl, 12-1
- STORM BROKER** (Storm Cat), Country Life, \$4K, 96/10/0  
 3-CT, Msw, 6 1/2f, Rainbow's Glo, \$19K EAS DEC yrl, 10-1
- SWAIN (IRE)** (Nashwan), Shadwell, \$35K, 122/5/1  
 4-FG, Msw, 1 1/16mT, Lucky Chap, 12-1
- TOUCH GOLD** (Deputy Minister), Adena, \$30K, 169/9/1  
 2-LRL, Msw, 1 1/16m, +Divvy, \$80K KEE SEP yrl, 10-1

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★ MIDWEST ★

**Yesterday's Results:**

**LOUISIANA H.**, \$75,000, FGX, 1-2, 4yo/up, 1 1/16m, 1:44 4/5, ft.

1--**CONNECTED**, 113, h, 6, **Twining**--Auto Dial (GSW, \$384,845), by Phone Trick. O-Helen C & Helen K Alexander; B-Helen C Alexander (KY); T-David Carroll; J-L Melancon; \$45,000. Lifetime Record: 29-9-3-8, \$523,295. \*Full to Paging, SP, \$159,810.

2--**Intern**, 110, h, 7, Dynaformer--Medicine Woman, by Dr. Blum. (\$300,000 yrl '97 KEESEP). O-Louie J Roussel III. \$15,000.

3--**Horrible Evening**, 116, h, 5, Evening Kris--Horrible Gift, by Pappa Riccio. (\$5,200 yrl '99 FTMOCT). O-Morton Fink & Gene A Voss. \$8,250.

Margins: 2 1/4, 3/4, 1 3/4. Odds: 3.90, 14.80, 3.50.

Connected came running in the stretch to earn his first victory since the GIII Fayette H. at Keeneland Oct. 27, 2001. The chestnut made four starts last spring and was given a vacation following a seventh in the GI Stephen Foster H. June 15. He returned without blinkers Nov. 2, running third in a Churchill allowance, and posted a similar result in the Tenacious H. over course and distance Dec. 8. Content to let Horrible Evening dictate the pace up front, the newly turned six-year-old launched his run on the outside turning for home, made the lead in midstretch and pulled away late.

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**Yesterday's Results:**

**7th-SAX**, \$70,000, Alw, Opt. Clm. (\$125,000), C, 4yo/up, f/m, 1mT, 1:34 4/5, fm.

1--**NUNATALL (GB)**, 117, f, 4, **Night Shift--Nunatak**, by **Bering (GB)**. O-Gann Edmund A; B-Raffin Stud (GB); T-Robert Frankel. Lifetime Record: GSW, 11-4-2-2, \$194,912.

2--**Garden in the Rain (Fr)**, 119, m, 6, Dolphin Street (Fr)--Marcotte (GB), by Nebos (Ger).

3--**Bush Triumph**, 121, m, 5, Trempolino--Lubbock, by Strawberry Road (Aus).

Margins: NO, 2HF, 1. Odds: 2.00, 7.40, 5.70.

Nunatall won two in a row during a trip to New York last year, taking a Belmont allowance in June and the GIII Lake George S. at Saratoga in July, but she hadn't been out since running fourth in the GI Garden City Breeders' Cup H. at Belmont Sept. 8. Second for a half, she grabbed the lead as they raced into the stretch and gamely held off the runner-up to take a tight photo.

**2nd-SAX**, \$61,000, Alw, Opt. Clm. (\$100,000), NW3X, 4yo/up, a6 1/2fT, 1:13 1/5, fm.

1--**ECSTATIC**, 118, c, 4, **Rahy--Lilac Charm**, by **Deputy Minister**. (\$57,000 wlng '99 KEENOV; \$150,000 yrl '00 KEESEP; \$400,000 2yo '01 FTFEB). O-The Thoroughbred Corporation; B-George Brunacini, Gainsborough Farm & Robert N Clay (KY); T-Bob Baffert. Lifetime Record: MGSP, 15-4-3-2, \$222,960.

2--**Our New Recruit**, 122, c, 4, Alphabet Soup--Delta Danielle, by Lord Avie. (\$40,000 wlng '99 KEENOV; \$47,000 yrl '00 KEESEP; \$120,000 2yo '01 BESMAR).

3--**El Cielo**, 119, g, 9, El Prado (Ire)--Only Above, by Great Above. (\$13,000 wlng '94 KEENOV; \$200,000 2yo '96 OBSFEB).

Margins: 3/4, 1HF, 1. Odds: 5.50, 3.00, 0.60.

Ecstatic, third in the GIII Kentucky Cup Sprint in mid-September, was nosed out of a victory against \$80,000 optional claimers at Hollywood Dec. 4 as the 8-5 pick. Let go a longer odds here as the old warhorse El Cielo took the lion's share of the crowd's money, the Bob Baffert trainee was away in good order and went to the lead in tandem with Our New Recruit. Those two fended off a challenge by Jentzen (Miswaki) after crossing over the main track, but it was Ecstatic who wanted it most in the final furlong to earn the victory. Nine-year-old El Cielo hopped at the start and wound up a solid third.

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**So. Cal Report cont.**

**4th-SAX, \$50,000, Msw, 3yo, f, 1m, 1:38 1/5, ft. GO FOR GLAMOUR (f, 3, Pine Bluff--Seeking the Cure, by Seeking the Gold) ran third in a sprint on the Del Mar dirt in her career opener and had made three subsequent starts on turf, finishing second in her last two, including a tough nose loss at Hollywood Dec. 7. Favored at 4-5 in her return to the main track, the dark bay recovered quickly after bobbling at the start, tugged her way into contention and drew off smartly to graduate by three lengths. Lifetime Record: 5-1-2-1, \$55,900.**

O-Columbine Stable. B-Andrea Singer Pollack Revocable Trust (KY). T-C Beau Greely.

★ AMERICAN-BRED WINNERS ★

**IN DUBAI:**

**Channel Four, c, 3, Gold Fever--Run to Reign, by Sovereign Dancer. Nad al Sheba, 1-2, maiden, 1600m. O-Channel 4; B-Hugh Harlinton; T-S Seemar. \*\$5,000 wnlg '00 KEENOV; \$8,000 yrl '01 KEESEP; \$7,500 yrl '01 FTKOCT.**

**Biographer, c, 4, Sadler's Wells--Blue Note (MGSW-Fr, \$125,610), by Habitat. Nad al Sheba, 1-2, maiden, 2000m. O-Malih Lahej al Basti; B-Darley Stud Management LLC; T-J Sadler. \* 1/2 to Zieten (Danzig), G1SW-Eng, MGSW-Fr, SP-Jpn, \$560,835; Blue Duster (Danzig), Hwt. 2yo Filly-Eng, G1SW-Eng, \$276,291.**

**Afghan, g, 5, Hennessy--Affirm the Gold, by Golden Act. Nad al Sheba, 1-2, hcp., 2400m. O-Sheikh Rashid bin Mohammed al Maktoum; B-Marvin Little Jr & James Iselin; T-J Sadler. \*\$600,000 yrl '99 KEESEP.**

**Tala Ya, g, 5, Storm Bird--Fly to the Moon, by Blushing Groom. Nad al Sheba, 1-2, hcp., 1200m. O-Sheikh Rashid bin Mohammed al Maktoum; B-Gainsborough Farm Inc; T-M Al Kurdi.**

**Curule, h, 6, Go for Gin--Reservation, by Cryptoclearance. Nad al Sheba, 1-2, cond., 1600m. O-Sheikh Saeed bin Maktoum al Maktoum; B-Allan G Lavin Jr, Kevin Lavin, Carl Pollard & James Bohanon; T-K McLaughlin. \*GSP-US & MGSP-UAE. \*\*\$62,000 yrl '98 KEESEP; \$325,000 2yo '99 FTFEB.**

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**ASIA**



**CURULE EYES MAKTOUM CHALLENGE Curule**

(Go for Gin) will aim for the opening race in the Maktoum Challenge at Nad Al Sheba in three weeks after an impressive return to the races in yesterday's DRC Carnival Trophy. The six-year-old had not been out since running third in the G3 Godolphin Mile in March. One of Godolphin's first Kentucky Derby entrants when he ran seventh in the 2000 Classic, he went on to be second in the GII Jim Dandy S. and was the runner-up in the 2001 edition of the Godolphin Mile. Looking for his first victory since 2000 in yesterday's race, Curule sat off the pace and overtook **Estimraar** (Holy Bull) in the final strides to win by a neck. "He will certainly improve, he is old enough to take the runs and I wouldn't call it tough for him," said jockey Willie Supple.

★ EUROPEAN-BRED WINNERS ★

**IN DUBAI:**

**Jamrr (Ire), h, 6, Baratheia (Ire)--Ela Romara (GB) (MGSW & G1SP-Eng, \$134,946), by Ela-Mana-Mou (Ire). Nad al Sheba, 1-2, hcp., 1600m. O-Sheikh Rashid bin Mohammed al Maktoum; B-Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid al Maktoum; T-M Al Kurdi. \*3/4 to Foyer (GB) (Sadler's Wells), GSW-Eng, \$115,870; and Earlene (Ire) (In the Wings {GB}), MGSW-Fr & GSP-Ire, \$123,775.**

**BREEDERS' EDITION  
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**STAKES RESULTS:**

**JUST A LITTLE KISS H., \$45,285, CRC, 1-2, 3yo/up, f/m, 5fT, :56 1/5, gd.**

**1--FLYING BIRDIE, 117, m, 5, Birdonthewire--Mickioso, by Medieval Man. O-Alter's Racing Stable; B-Berens Garazi & Glenda Muhtar (FL); T-H Alter; J-E M Coa; \$29,171. Lifetime Record: 21-11-2-3, \$320,662.**

**2--Petrina Above, 115, m, 8, Great Above--Elegant Pat, by Tri Jet. \$8,057.**

**3--Love Kiss, 115, m, 5, Gone West--Hero's Love, by Hero's Honor. \$4,432.**

Margins: 2, 3/4, HF. Odds: 2.50, 3.10, 5.90A.

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**ALLOWANCE RESULTS:**

7th-AQU, \$44,000, NW1X, (S), 3yo, 1m, 1:38 4/5, my.

**GO ROCKIN' ROBIN** (c, 3, **Distorted Humor**--Flag Support, by Personal Flag) Lifetime Record: MSP, 10-2-2-4, \$102,789. O-Herbert T & Carol A Schwartz. B-McMahon Thoroughbreds & Win Star Farm LLC (NY). T-Scott M Schwartz.

8th-LRL, \$36,000, Opt. Clm. (\$75,000-\$65,000), NW3\$3MX, 4yo/up, 5 1/2f, 1:03 2/5, gd.

**SHAKE THE DICE** (h, 5, **Boundary**--Option Contract, by Forty Niner) Lifetime Record: 27-10-7-5, \$268,590. O-Robert L Cole Jr. B-Ogden Mills Phipps (KY). T-Scott A Lake. \*\$20,000 yrl '99 KEESEP.

8th-FGX, \$30,000, NW1X, 4yo/up, f/m, a1 1/8mT, 1:53 3/5, fm.

**WOOD YOU LEAVE** (f, 4, **Lost Soldier**--Wood So {MGSW, \$530,155}, by Baederwood) Lifetime Record: 9-2-0-3, \$83,303. O/B-John Franks (FL). T-Bobby C Barnett.

7th-LRL, \$26,000, NW1X, 4yo, f, 1 1/16m, 1:46 4/5, gd.

**SINGING SWORD** (f, 4, **Allen's Prospect**--Boldest Blade, by Highland Blade) Lifetime Record: 5-2-1-0, \$44,460. O-R Finney, J Moore & J Walter. B-Redmond C S Finney & Francis Xavier Poggi (MD). T-Timothy Tullock Jr. \*\$19,000 yrl '00 FTMOCT. \*\*1/2 to Saratoga Games (Carnivalay), MSW, \$370,450.

7th-SUN, \$21,100, NW2L, 3yo, 6 1/2f, 1:17 1/5, ft.  
**OCEAN AFFAIR** (c, 3, **Ocean Crest**--Stepping Out, by Black Tie Affair {Ire}) Lifetime Record: 6-2-0-0, \$17,310. O-Todd Horton & Randy Guilkey. B-WinStar Farm LLC (KY). T-Roy L Marcom Jr.

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**Afternoon Dreams**, f, 3, **Afternoon Deelites**--My Nanny, by Quack. FGX, 1-2, 1 1/16mT, 1:46 4/5. B-Breton C Jones (Ky). \*\$145,000 yrl '01 KEESEP. \*\*SP.

\*\*\*1/2 to Main Topic (Topsider), MSW, \$209,133.

**Toga's Triumph**, f, 3, **Ballistic Billy**--Time for Saratoga, by Saratoga Six. AQU, 1-2, (S), 1 1/16m, 1:49. B-David Cassidy (NY).

**Stormin Bid**, f, 3, **Devon Lane**--Counterfeit Bid, by Sheikh Albadou (GB). SUN, 1-2, (S), 5 1/2f, 1:04. B-Jeff Keckley (NM).

**Dyna Del**, f, 3, **Dynaformer**--Dance With Del, by Sword Dance (Ire). FGX, 1-2, 1 1/16mT, 1:47. B-William LS Landes III (Ky). \*\$7,000 yrl '01 KEESEP.

**Tavy's Plan**, f, 3, **Game Plan**--Tavy Blue (MSW, \$183,332), by Blue Serenade. GGX, 1-2, 6f, 1:10 1/5. B-Rainier Stables & Lea & Lea (Wa).

**Lunarco**, c, 3, **Interco**--Cielo's Eclipse, by Conquistador Cielo. SAX, 1-2, (S), (C), 6 1/2f, 1:17. B-Bill M Thomas (Ca). \*\$13,000 2yo 2002 BESJAN.

**Le Matin**, c, 4, **Matty G**--La Empressa, by Flying Paster. SAX, 1-1, (C), 1 1/16m, 1:45. B-Ridder Thoroughbred Stable (Ky).

**Duke's Crossing**, c, 4, **Valley Crossing**--Princess Luisa, by Chicago. AQU, 1-2, (S), 1 1/16m, 1:47 2/5. B-John J Hulak Jr (NY). \*1/2 to Hay Cody (Hay Halo), MSW, \$303,605. \*\*Won by DQ.

**SHUTTLE WINNER IN AUSTRALASIA:**

#**@Ubiquitous** (NZ), g, 2, **Tale of the Cat**--Zahra (NZ), by Zabeel (NZ). Ellerslie (Auckland), 1-2, Eclipse S.-G3, 2yo, 6fT. B-Mr R W E Moore.

**BREEDERS' EDITION  
EUROPE**

**ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNER:**

**Voluptuous** (GB), f, 3, **Polish Precedent**--Alzianah (GB) (GSP-Fr, \$101,915), by Alzao. Southwell, Britain, 1-2, Mdn, 3yo/up, 6f (AWT). B-Sheikh Amin Dahlawi. \*25,000gns yrl '01 DONSEP.

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