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**SURGERY FOR BADGE OF SILVER**

Badge of Silver (Silver Deputy), sixth as the favorite in Sunday's GII Louisiana Derby, will undergo minor throat surgery in the next few days, but is expected to make his next start in the Apr. 5 GII Illinois Derby. "He sounded like a freight train," trainer Ronny Werner told the (New Orleans) *Times-Picayune* yesterday. "He was blowing. You've got to listen to your horse. He didn't bleed and he's sound. This morning he's at the front of the stall bright-eyed. Once they get their air back, they're fine." Badge of Silver will undergo a myectomy in his stall. The colt raced to prominence with a 10-length victory in the GIII Risen Star S. The Louisiana Derby was his first loss in four starts.



**Badge of Silver**  
*Lou Hodges Jr*

**BELLE DU JOUR SEEKING GOLD**

The connections of top Australian sprinter **Belle du Jour (Aus)** (Dehere) have accepted an invitation to run in the \$2-million G1 Dubai Golden Shaheen, a 1200-meter event at Nad al Sheba Mar. 29. The five-year-old mare's connections, trainer Clarry Connors and owners John Singleton, Gerry Rose and Bob Hawke, made the decision yesterday. She is scheduled to ship to Dubai next Tuesday. "It's an all-expenses paid trip and you can bet your booty I'll be there," Connors told *aapracing.com*. "She's jumping out of her skin. We're ready to take on the world." A champion at two in Australia, Belle du Jour captured the G1 Newmarket H. over the weekend. She is scheduled to be bred to Danehill this autumn (Southern Hemisphere time), but may start in Europe in the summer prior to heading to the breeding shed. Connors added, "At this stage it hasn't been worked out if she goes on to England for a couple of races in June and July or returns home."

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**Is He Special?**

Juddmonte's **Special Rate** (Pulpit) makes his first start against winners this afternoon in the fourth race at Santa Anita, an \$80,000 optional claimer going a mile. The half brother to MGSWs Sightseek and Tates Creek came from off the pace to dead-heat with Private Chef for the win Feb. 16. He is 9-5 on the morning line for his first two-turn test. Bobby Frankel trains the Triple Crown nominee, who will break from post two with Pat Valenzuela aboard. Special Rate will have to deal with **During** (Cherokee Run), who missed by just 3/4-length to Atswhatimtalknbut in a 1 1/16-mile allowance Feb. 20. Owned by Jim McIngvale, the dark bay hails from Bob Baffert's barn and will be ridden for the first time by Gary Stevens. Breaking from post four, During is the 7-5 morning-line favorite.

**Senor Swinger Ready For Action....But Where?**

"He's the reason I came to Florida this winter." Those were the words of trainer Mickey Goldfine as he prepares **Senor Swinger** (El Prado {Ire}) for his stakes debut this weekend. A dead-heat allowance winner at Gulfstream Park Jan. 31, the gray colt is being pointed for a start in this Saturday's GI Florida Derby, but Goldfine admitted that an iffy weather forecast in South Florida could result in a change of plans. "We are definitely going to cross enter him at Tampa," the conditioner confirmed, referring to Sunday's GIII Tampa Bay Derby on Florida's Gulf Coast. "It really all depends on how we think the racetrack is [at Gulfstream] before we decide. If it's slippery, we'll think about shipping out." Despite his colt's relative inexperience, Goldfine, whose father Lou saddled Shecky Greene to a sixth-place finish in the 1973 Kentucky Derby, remains optimistic for this weekend and beyond. "This horse does everything right and trains good," he explained. "He's got an awful lot of talent and he is very smart. When he worked last week [6f in 1:11 4/5], that was as good as any horse I've ever seen." Owned by his breeder Robert Ackerman and Barry Golden, Senor Swinger is scheduled to have his final Kentucky Derby prep in the GII Illinois Derby at Hawthorne Apr. 5.

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**'Ats' Ellis' Derby Ticket**

Impressive Santa Anita allowance winner **Atswhatimtalknbout** (A.P. Indy) has emerged from his Sunday morning work in good order and is set to take on some more accomplished foes in Sunday's GII San Felipe S. at Santa Anita. But trainer Ron Ellis admitted yesterday that he may not have the screws fully tightened for this test. "Last time was the first time that we really asked him to run and he really put it all together," the conditioner said. "We've been trying to take it easy on him since [the Feb. 20 allowance win]. After this, it's 20 days to the Santa Anita Derby and four weeks to the Derby. This is the last chance we'll have to give him a break. We probably won't ask him to run his hardest [on Sunday]."

**Derby Pool 2: Still Searching for a Favorite**

The second Kentucky Derby Future Wager, which opens its four-day run on Thursday, reflects the muddled state of affairs with less than eight weeks to the Run for the Roses. **Atswhatimtalknbout** (A.P. Indy), **Peace Rules** (Jules) and the mutuel field are listed as 10-1 co-favorites on Churchill handicapper Mike Battaglia's morning line. Four horses are listed as 12-1 second choices: **Empire Maker** (Unbridled), **Kafwain** (Cherokee Run), **Ocean Terrace** (Saint Ballado) and **Trust N Luck** (Montbrook). "The morning line in this pool is not going to mean much because so many important horses are running this weekend in major Kentucky Derby preps," Battaglia commented. "The favorite for this pool will most likely be determined by the results of the races run during the pool--not those which were run prior to it." Racing this weekend includes Saturday's GI Florida Derby at Gulfstream Park and Sunday's GII San Felipe and GIII Tampa Bay Derby. As many as 11 horses in the pool are expected to see action. The list of 24 wagering interests includes eight horses not in the original pool. The pool opens at noon ET on Thursday and continues through 6:30 p.m. on Sunday. The third and final KDFW pool is scheduled for Apr. 3-6.

**Domestic Dispute Preps for San Felipe**

Trainer Bob Baffert was on hand Monday to watch his star pupil **Domestic Dispute** (Unbridled's Song), winner of the GII Santa Catalina S., work six furlongs in 1:11 2/5 at Santa Anita. The Gary Garber-owned colt, who was accompanied by regular exercise rider Dana Barnes, is scheduled to make his next start in the GII San Felipe S. Sunday. Remarking on the colt's energy after the move, Baffert told the *Blood-Horse*, "Look at him. He went in :58 and two and he's acting like that. He looks ready to me." The chestnut has won two of seven lifetime starts for earnings of \$224,320.

**2003 Kentucky Derby Future Wager Official Field - Pool Two**

#	Name	Sire	MLOdds
1	<b>Aristocat*</b>	<a href="#">Tale of the Cat</a>	30-1
2	<b>Atswhatimtalknbout</b>	<a href="#">A.P. Indy</a>	10-1
3	<b>Badge of Silver</b>	<a href="#">Silver Deputy</a>	20-1
4	<b>Champali*</b>	<a href="#">Glitterman</a>	20-1
5	<b>Composure* (f)</b>	<a href="#">Touch Gold</a>	15-1
6	<b>Domestic Dispute</b>	<a href="#">Unbridled's Song</a>	15-1
7	<b>Empire Maker</b>	<a href="#">Unbridled</a>	12-1
8	<b>Funny Cide</b>	<a href="#">Distorted Humor</a>	30-1
9	<b>Great Notion*</b>	<a href="#">Elusive Quality</a>	20-1
10	<b>Inamorato*</b>	<a href="#">Tale of the Cat</a>	20-1
11	<b>Indy Dancer</b>	<a href="#">A.P. Indy</a>	20-1
12	<b>Kafwain</b>	<a href="#">Cherokee Run</a>	12-1
13	<b>Lion Tamer</b>	<a href="#">Will's Way</a>	15-1
14	<b>Man Among Men</b>	<a href="#">Gentlemen (Arg)</a>	30-1
15	<b>Ministers Wild Cat</b>	<a href="#">Deputy Minister</a>	20-1
16	<b>Ocean Terrace*</b>	<a href="#">Saint Ballado</a>	12-1
17	<b>Offlee Wild</b>	<a href="#">Wild Again</a>	30-1
18	<b>Peace Rules</b>	<a href="#">Jules</a>	10-1
19	<b>Region Of Merit*</b>	<a href="#">Touch Gold</a>	30-1
20	<b>Senor Swinger</b>	<a href="#">El Prado (Ire)</a>	15-1
21	<b>Supah Blitz*</b>	<a href="#">Mecke</a>	15-1
22	<b>Ten Cents A Shine</b>	<a href="#">Devil His Due</a>	20-1
23	<b>Trust N Luck</b>	<a href="#">Montbrook</a>	12-1
24	<b>All Other 3-year-olds</b>		10-1

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



**3YO WARM-UPS CONTINUE**

If Peace Rules (Jules), a horse trainer Bobby Frankel didn't give much chance to, could dust off Kafwain (Cherokee Run) and previously unbeaten Badge of Silver (Silver Deputy) in the GII Louisiana Derby, how good must Juddmonte's Empire Maker (Unbridled), Frankel's first string, be? We'll find out this weekend, when the major Derby preps continue with Saturday's GI Florida Derby at Gulfstream and Sunday's GII San Felipe at Santa Anita. Empire Maker takes on GI Fountain of Youth winner Trust N Luck at Gulfstream.

There were two more big wins for second-crop sires over the weekend: the Touch Gold filly Composure beat Elloluv (Gilded Time) in the GI Santa Anita Oaks, and trainer Bob Baffert, who once again looks loaded with good three-year-olds, is still talking about her possibly going for the Kentucky Derby; and a Godolphin three-year-old by [Tale of the Cat](#), Inamorato, won a prep race for the UAE Derby impressively, spanking the South African-bred UAE Guineas winner Victory Moon. They clearly think they might have the real deal this time. Coolmore certainly hopes so, since they stand the sire. You won't be shocked to hear that the *Blood-Horse* website now shows Tale of the Cat and Touch Gold as 1-2 so far this year among second-crop sires.

Just on the subject of sons of Storm Cat, for the second straight year an unsung first-crop son of his has made big waves at Barretts. Last year it was Atlantic Ocean, a filly by then Bridlewood stallion (now at Jay Sikura's Hill 'n' Dale in Kentucky) Stormy Atlantic. This year, at a new world record \$2.7-million, it was a colt from the first crop of the Neil Drysdale-trained Sea of Secrets. After he won the GII San Vicente as a

three-year-old, Coolmore bought in for a lot of money, but then, just like Tale of the Cat, he failed to live up to expectations, though he did trounce Artax by eight lengths over 7 1/2 furlongs one day at Hollywood Park, running a Beyer 110. Thus, he ended up at Walmac rather than Ashford. Suffice to say his book will be full this year.

**Grandson of Riverman Wins Champion Hurdle...**

The first three races at Cheltenham yesterday were all two-mile Grade 1s. The opening Supreme Novices' Hurdle was won by the Irish-trained (Eddie O'Grady) favorite Back in Front, a six-year-old son of the 1982 Saratoga yearling and 1984 Italian Derby second Bob Back, who is by Roberto out of a Carry Back mare. Back in Front is Turn-to 'top and bottom,' as he's out of a mare by multiple champion jump sire Strong Gale, by Lord Gayle, by Sir Gaylord.

The second race was the Arkle, for Novice Chasers, and again the favorite won impressively. This was the French-bred six-year-old, Azertyuiop (that is the top line on a French typewriter, we are told), trained by Paul Nicholls and by Baby Turk, the 1986 Grand Prix de Deauville winner by Northern Baby--who was always a very good sire of jumpers in America.

Yesterday's championship race, the Champion Hurdle, was won equally impressively by the nine-year-old Rooster Booster, winning his fifth straight from five tries this year. He had risen from handicap company, having broken a long succession of placings under high weights in handicap company with a win in a Group 3 at Cheltenham last year. Rooster Booster is a grandson of Riverman; his sire Riverwise, who was out of the Sassafras mare, Village Sass, only ran four times, all over jumps, and never ran into the placings. He's had only a handful of winners as a jumps sire, but none of that was of any consequence to Rooster Booster. He ran away from the outsider Westender (by In The Wings) and the favorite, Rhinestone Cowboy (by Be My Native) just the same.

*Bill Oppenheim cont. p. 5*



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**WEEKEND PEDIGREE  
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*by Alan Porter*

**Saturday, Fair Grounds**

**FAIR GROUNDS OAKS-GII**, \$350,000, FGX, 3-8, 3yo, f, 1 1/16m, 1:44 1/5, ft.

1--@**LADY TAK, 121, f, 3, by Mutakddim**

**1st Dam: Star of My Eye, by Lucky North**

**2nd Dam: Dangerous Star, by Dark Star**

**3rd Dam: \*Dangerous Dame, by \*Nasrullah**

(\$7,500 yrl '01 KEESEP; \$75,000 2yo 2002 KEEAPR). O-Heiligbrodt Racing Stable; B-John Franks (FL); T-Steven M Asmussen; J-D J Meche; \$210,000. Lifetime Record: 5-5-0-0, \$355,920.

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Fair Grounds staged its Oaks and Derby on consecutive days at the weekend, and both attracted undefeated horses who started as short priced favorites. The pair met very different fates. The GII Louisiana Derby headliner Badge of Silver, now scheduled for throat surgery, finished sixth after looking certain to win at the head of the stretch. In the Oaks there was a happier outcome for the public's choice Lady Tak, who added another impressive win to her resume, scoring by 3 1/2 lengths from the very accomplished Atlantic Ocean.

Wide margin victories have become the norm for Lady Tak: she scored by 11 3/4 lengths on her debut; by 3 1/4 in an allowance race and took the Thelma S. by five in her first added-money test. Her only other outing prior to this event resulted in a 2 3/4-length win over stakes winners Allspice and My Trusty Cat in the Tiffany Lass S.

Bred in Florida by John Franks, Lady Tak was knocked down to veteran Illinois pinhooker Bob Cunningham for just \$7,500 at the Keeneland September Sales. Returned to the same venue for the April Two-Year-Olds in Training Sale, she realized 10 times her initial purchase price, fetching \$75,000.

Her sire Mutakddim is a son of Seeking the Gold out of Oscillate, a Seattle Slew half sister to champion two-year-old and GI Travers S. winner Rhythm and the very successful young Maryland sire Not for Love, both sons of Mutakddim's grandsire Mr. Prospector. The top-priced Seeking the Gold yearling of his crop, at \$200,000, Mutakddim campaigned in Europe and showed himself to be a smart performer at around a mile. He gained a stakes victory in the seven-furlong John of Gaunt S., was beaten only a short head in the G3 Supreme S. over the same trip and took thirds in the G2 Sandown Mile and G3 Prix Perth.

Retired to stud at Hill 'n' Dale Farm in Lexington, Kentucky, Mutakddim has made a decidedly useful start to his stud career. From his first two crops in the Northern Hemisphere, he was represented by 74 foals, four of which won stakes, including Hattiesburg, a graded-stakes winner of over \$540,000; and Miss Noire, a multiple stakes winner in Canada. Lady Tak is the leader of the 27 starters and 14 winners to date from Mutakddim's third U.S. crop. Mutakddim's five North American stakes winners have all been fillies, but that is not the whole story. Mutakddim has also been shuttling to Argentina and has been a tremendous success in that country. There his first two crops have already produced 11 stakes winners, three of them Group 1 winners. Five of these stakes winners are colts, including the Group 1 scorer Lac Azur and the Group 2 winner Exmut.

Lady Tak's dam, Star of My Eye, was sold in foal to Littlebitlively for only \$4,900 at the 2002 Fasig-Tipton Kentucky February Sale. Despite this price tag, the 13-year-old mare has a very respectable pedigree. A winner of \$86,974 in only 16 starts, Star of My Eye is by Lucky North (a Northern Dancer son from the family of In Reality). Star of My Eye's dam Dangerous Star was unplaced in her only start, but was a sister to the Kentucky Oaks heroine Hidden Talent (ancestress of runners such as Broad Brush, Capote and Exceller), and to the Matron S. victress Heavenly Body (from whom descend numerous stakes winners, including European champion Sakhee and the Grade I-winning River Memories). ***Pedigree Perspectives cont. p. 5***

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*(Pedigree Perspectives cont. from p. 4)*

Dangerous Star didn't quite equal the achievements of her siblings as blue hens, but she is the dam of stakes winners Alegria de Deanna and Perilous Star and granddam of stakes winners Pikepass, Patrick, Cannanna and Take a Flight.

Lady Tak is a product of the ubiquitous Mr. Prospector/Northern Dancer cross. This cross has produced at least 14 stakes winners for Mutakddim's sire Seeking the Gold, among them Group/Grade I winners Heavenly Prize, Flanders, Oh What a Windfall, Lujain, Meiner Love, Dubai Millennium and Dream Supreme. There is an additional reason to try Mutakddim with Northern Dancer mares, as he is one of the relatively few stallions who descend from a notable Northern Dancer daughter, in his case, Dance Number, a Grade I winner by Northern Dancer out of champion Numbered Account. The Northern Dancer duplication appears in three of Mutakddim's Northern Hemisphere stakes winners and at least six of his Southern Hemisphere stakes winners. Four of his Argentine black-type scorers are out of mares by Southern Halo, whose dam is by Northern Dancer, so having the unusual pattern of inbreeding to Northern Dancer via daughters.

There is an additional reason why a double of Northern Dancer might have worked well for Lady Tak. Her third dam Dangerous Dame is by Nasrullah (by Nearco) out of a mare by a son of Hyperion. This is a similar cross to Northern Dancer's sire, Nearctic (by Nearco out of a mare by Hyperion), while Nasrullah's dam, Mumtaz Begum, is a 3/4-sister to Mahmoud, sire of Almahmoud, the granddam of Northern Dancer.

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*(Bill Oppenheim cont. from p. 3)*

There were also winners on the undercard for leading British trainers Martin Pipe and Jonjo O'Neill, and for leading Irish owner J.P. McManus, who raced the legendary Istabraq. Just 50,000 or so were at the races, with your correspondent and a few million more in front of their televisions. And I used to think you had to go south in the winter to get good racing! Three more Group 1s today, the longer novice championships (2m5f hurdle and 3m 'chase) and a seriously good renewal of the two-mile Queen Mother Champion Chase. Then the meet's centerpiece, the 3m 2 1/2f Cheltenham Gold Cup, in which last year's winner, Best Mate, bids to become the first horse in over 30 years to win the Gold Cup twice; that's tomorrow's feature.

<b>2003 Kentucky Derby Hopefuls Where They're Heading</b>	
<b>Horse (Sire)</b>	<b>Next Start</b>
Aristocat ( <a href="#">Tale of the Cat</a> )	3-16 Tampa Bay Dby
Atswhatimtalknabout ( <a href="#">A.P. Indy</a> )	3-16 San Felipe
Badge of Silver (Silver Deputy)	4-5 Illinois Dby
Brancusi (Deputy Commander)	San Felipe
Champali (Glitterman)	3-22 Lane's End
Composure (Touch Gold)	undecided
Domestic Dispute (Unbridled's Song)	San Felipe
Empire Maker ( <a href="#">Unbridled</a> )	3-15 Florida Dby
Funny Cide ( <a href="#">Distorted Humor</a> )	4-12 Wood or Blue Grass
Great Notion ( <a href="#">Elusive Quality</a> )	undecided
Inamorato ( <a href="#">Tale of the Cat</a> )	Mar. 29 UAE Dby
Indy Dancer ( <a href="#">A.P. Indy</a> )	Florida Derby
Kafwain (Cherokee Run)	Apr. 5 SA Dby or Wood Mem'l
Lion Tamer (Will's Way)	Lane's End
Man Among Men ( <a href="#">Gentlemen (Arg)</a> )	San Felipe or SA Dby
Ministers Wild Cat (Deputy Minister)	unknown
Ocean Terrace (Saint Ballado)	Santa Anita Dby
Offlee Wild ( <a href="#">Wild Again</a> )	undecided
Peace Rules (Jules)	Blue Grass or 4-19 Lexington
Region Of Merit (Touch Gold)	Fl Dby or TB Dby
Senor Swinger (El Prado {Ire})	Fl Dby or TB Dby
Supah Blitz (Mecke)	Florida Derby
Ten Cents A Shine ( <a href="#">Devil His Due</a> )	San Felipe
Trust N Luck (Montbrook)	Florida Derby

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**Colita to Gotham:**

Team Valor's **Colita** (Grindstone), a two-time New York winner, is due to return to New York Friday for a shot at Sunday's Gill Gotham S. at Aqueduct. "Now that the Gotham will be run around two turns we feel this is our colt's best opportunity to prep for the [GI] Wood Memorial [Apr. 12]," said Team Valor Co-Principal Barry Irwin. Colita worked five furlongs in 1:01, the fastest of 17 moves Saturday at Palm Meadows in Florida. Jockey Jorge Chavez will fly in from South Florida to partner the colt.

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 first-time starters, an (S) will be used for state-bred races.

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**Goodrich Heads Arlington; Sexton takes over at Churchill:**

Clifford C. Goodrich, who held an interim position as executive vice president of Arlington Park since Dec. 10, 2002, assumed duties of president of the Chicago-area oval and senior vice president of Churchill Downs Incorporated's Illinois operations yesterday. Simultaneously, former Arlington President Steven Sexton will take over full-time duties as president of Churchill Downs in Louisville and Ellis Park in Henderson, Ky. Sexton had remained at Arlington since last December to assist in the smooth transition of leadership. "Arlington's management team and employees greatly appreciate Steve's dedication and hard work during his time with us, and we greatly look forward to continuing our relationship with him in his next position at Churchill Downs," said Richard L. Duchossois, chairman of the board at Arlington and CDI's largest shareholder. Concerning Goodrich's appointment, Duchossois added, "Cliff Goodrich brings a wealth of industry experience and a 'hands-on' approach to management that is a perfect complement to our leadership style and operational philosophy at Arlington Park."

**STAKES CLOSINGS**

**TODAY, WEDNESDAY, MARCH 12:**

3-15 \$1,000,000 **Florida Derby-I, GP, 3yo, 9f (25000s)**  
3-22 \$200,000 **Pan American H.-II, GP, 3/up, 12fT (200)**  
3-22 \$150,000 **Bourbonette Breeders' Cup, TP, 3yo, f, 8f (100)**  
3-23 \$200,000 **Orchid H.-II, GP, 3yo/up, f/m, 12fT (200)**  
4-27 \$1,800,000 **Audemars Piguet Queen Elizabeth II Cup-G1, ST, 3yo/up, 2000mT (0)**

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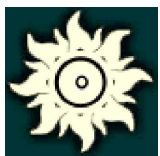
3-22 \$150,000 **Santa Ana H.-II, SA, 4/up, f/m, 9fT (150)**  
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**Glory Quest**, g, 6, **Quest for Fame (GB)--Sonseri (Ire)**, by Prince Tenderfoot. Southwell, 3-11, Hcp, 3yo/up, 1 1/2m (AWT). B-Adelphian Ltd & Gainesway Farm. \*22,000gns yrl '98 TATOCT.

 **SOPHOMORE SPOTLIGHT**

**First-crop progeny to watch: Wednesday, Mar. 12**

*Sire (Sire's Sire), Farm, 1998 Fee, #foals of racing age/Winners/SW Race #-track, race type, distance, runner, odds (if available)*

- ACCEPTABLE** (Capote), Wafare, \$8K, 53/7/0  
5-AQU, Msw, 1 1/8m, J. Alfred Prufrock, \$22K FTF FEB 2yo
- DISTORTED HUMOR** (Forty Niner), Winstar, \$13K, 128/21/4  
8-AQU, Alw, 6f, July Child
- DOUBLE HONOR** (Gone West), Farnsworth, \$, 137/29/0  
4-CT, Alw, 4 1/2f, College Honor, \$310K OBS JUN 2yo, 10-1
- FAVORITE TRICK** (Phone Trick), Walmac, \$30K, 138/15/2  
8-AQU, Alw, 6f, Fredericksburg, \$45K KEE APR 2yo
- GRAND SLAM** (Gone West), Ashford, \$30K, 244/31/1  
8-AQU, Alw, 6f, Casanova Slammer
- ORDWAY** (Salt Lake), Claiborne, \$5K, 73/11/1  
7-GG, Msw, 1 1/16mT, Comprador, \$10K BAR MAY 2yo, 10-1
- SKIP AWAY** (Skip Trial), Hopewell, \$50K, 180/20/2  
8-GP, Alw, 1 1/8mT, Christmas Away, \$75K OBS MAR 2yo, 6-1
- SOUVENIR COPY** (Mr. Prospector), Hopewell, \$20K, 195/22/1  
2-GG, Alw, 6f, Jaciro, \$100K BAR MAY 2yo, 6-5
- TOUCH GOLD** (Deputy Minister), Adena, \$30K, 169/10/1  
5-AQU, Msw, 1 1/8m, Touching Gold, \$4K KEE SEP yrl
- TYCHONIC (GB)** (Last Tycoon {Ire}), Black Oak, \$4K, 50/3/0  
7-GG, Msw, 1 1/16mT, Tygemini, 20-1

**FOALING NEWS**

**HOLLYWOOD WILDCAT**, 13, Kris S.--Miss Wildcatter (Mr. Prospector)

Foal born Mar. 9, a colt by Danehill.

Will be bred back to Danehill.

Owned by Margie & Irving Cowan.

Boarded at Ballydoyle, Ireland.

Accomplishments: Ch. 3yo Filly, MGISW, \$1,432,160.

Dam of War Chant (Danzig), GISW, \$1,130,600; Double Cat (Storm Cat), SW & GSP, \$153,247; and Ministers Wildcat (Deputy Minister), SW & GSP, \$112,050.



EUROPE



★ FRANCE ★

**Yesterday's Results:**

**Maisons-Laffitte, 2.50, Cond**, €26,000, 4yo/up, 5.5fT, 1:06.06, vsf.

**SWEDISH SHAVE (FR) (h, 5, Midyan--Shavya {GB}, by Shavian {GB})**, third in the Listed Prix Contessina on his final start last year, settled in second after breaking smartly from the gate. The 33-10 second choice eased to the front at the quarter-mile marker, was clear at the distance and only needed minor encouragement thereafter to defeat Danseuse d'Etoile (Fr) (Highest Honor {Fr}) by an easy five lengths. Lifetime Record: GSW-Ger, SW & GSP-Fr, 22 starts, 6 wins, 12 places, €156,413. O-Sten Thynell; B-Societe Sogir; T-Richard Gibson.

**Maisons-Laffitte, 2.20, Cond**, €22,000, 3yo, 5 1/2fT, 1:09.01, vsf.

**GYMNOTE (FR) (f, 3, Cardoun {Fr}--Gentle Woman {Fr}, by Solicitor {Fr})**, fifth on her only start this term, tracked the front rank in third and came under pressure approaching the final furlong. The 53-10 chance challenged with 100 yards remaining and kept on best to deny Laurinne (Fr) (Grape Tree Road {GB}) by three-parts of a length. Lifetime Record: 8 starts, 2 wins, 3 places, €21,550.

O-Louis Peyraud; B-Bernard de la Motte Saint-Pierre; T-Maxime Cesandri.

**Maisons-Laffitte, 3.20, Mdn**, €17,000, unraced 3yo, c/g, 1 1/8mT, 2:05.04, vsf.

+**LOOK HONEY (IRE) (c, 3, Sadler's Wells--Middle Prospect, by Mr. Prospector)** was positioned behind the front rank in the early stages and was asked for more soon after turning for home. The 71-10 chance quickened to challenge approaching the final furlong, led soon after and was pushed clear in the closing stages to easily beat Art Moderne (Woodman) by four lengths. Acquired as a yearling for FF400,000 at the DEAAUG sale, he is a half brother to Creaseinherjeans (Pleasant Tap), SW-US, \$128,580. Lifetime Record: 1 start, 1 win, €8,500.

O-Halil Aygun; B-Orpendale; T-Carlos Lerner.

*Post times are given in local time.*



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★ BRITAIN ★

**YEAR OF THE ROOSTER**

Unbeaten since winning the closing event at last year's festival, the nine-year-old gelding **Rooster Booster (GB)** (Riverwise {Fr}) recorded the third-largest winning margin in G1 Champion Hurdle history when recording an emphatic 11-length triumph in yesterday's £300,000 feature event on the first day of Cheltenham's National Hunt Festival. The race began in controversial circumstances when reigning champion **Hors La Loi III (Fr)** (Cyborg {Fr}) remained at the start line after refusing to participate. The eventual winner, starting as the 9-2 second favourite, was reserved towards the rear in the early stages as **Intersky Falcon (GB)** (Polar Falcon) set a strong gallop, but moved ominously well onto the heels of the leaders with three hurdles to traverse. He eagerly took command at the entrance to the home straight and was pushed clear by jockey Richard Johnson to rapturous applause after safely negotiating the final flight for a highly impressive success from **Westender (Fr)** (In the Wings {GB}) and the Susan Magnier-owned novice **Rhinestone Cowboy (Ire)** (Be My Native). Rooster Booster is offered at 5-1 by bookmakers William Hill to repeat the dose next year.



AUSTRALASIA



**METAL STORM FILLY TOPS MAGIC MILLIONS**

A filly from the penultimate crop by Metal Storm (Aus) sold for A\$150,000 to top the Premier Session of the Magic Millions Yearling Sale in Perth, West Australia yesterday. The auction company, as agent, signed the ticket for **Lot 47**, a full sister to Kalatiara (Aus), a Group 2 winner in Australia who went on to capture the GIII Royal Heroine H. at Hollywood Park. The bay filly was offered by Mungrup Stud. In all, 82 lots sold Tuesday for an aggregate of A\$1,991,000 and an average price of A\$24,280. The clearance rate was 67 percent. "It was a very strong sale tonight," said Magic Millions Managing Director David Chester. "The average climbed dramatically on last year's sale, which was a great result." Chester was confident that the sale would continue to exceed expectations. "I'm expecting a very strong session [Wednesday]," he continued. "There's no doubt a lot of vendors will reassess their reserves and aim to meet the market. I'm definitely expecting the current clearance rate [67.21 percent] to pick up during the second session." The sale has attracted buyers from all parts of Australia as well as Malaysia. "We have a very strong buying bench from Malaysia here in Perth, by far the best in Australia," Chester continued. "Interest from the leading buyers in the Eastern States was also very positive with a number of leading trainers and agents from Victoria, New South Wales and South Australia in attendance." The sale continues today at 4:30 p.m. For complete results and on-line catalogues, go to [www.magicmillions.com.au](http://www.magicmillions.com.au).



**FOALING NEWS**

**SILVERBULLETDAY**, 7, Silver Deputy--Rokeby Rose (Tom Rolfe)  
 Foal born Mar. 9, a filly by Storm Cat.  
 Will be bred back to Storm Cat.  
 Owned by Michael Pegram.  
 Boarded at Hill 'n' Dale Farm, KY.  
 Accomplishments: Ch. 2yo Filly, Ch. 3yo Filly, MGISW, \$3,093,207.

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**BREEDERS' EDITION  
AMERICA**

**ALLOWANCE RESULTS:**

**7th-HAW, \$30,000, NW2X, 4yo/up, f/m, a1m70yd, 1:46 2/5, ft.**

**BARNEY'S MISTRESS (m, 5, Dynaformer--Chief Mistress {SW, \$186,285}, by Hail Emperor) Lifetime Record: SP, 28-3-5-6, \$152,639. O-Martin Abt, Greg Derybowski & Hat Trick Racing Stable. B-Nick Polydoros, Greg Derybowski, Martin Abt & Grover Sheperd (KY). T-Dee Poulos. \*1/2 to Chief Meadowlake (Meadowlake), SP, \$203,308; Cecilia's Crown (Chief's Crown), GSP, \$169,909.**

**8th-HAW, \$30,000, NW2X, (S), 3/up, f/m, 6f, 1:12 1/5, ft. MONEY RIVER (m, 5, Evansville Slew--China Bee, by Sham) Lifetime Record: 21-3-3-2, \$84,045. O-Full House Stable. B-William Kelly (IL). T-Thomas F Tomillo.**

**9th-MNR, \$28,200, 3-10, NW3L, 3/up, 6f, 1:12 4/5, my. D. J. TYLER (c, 4, Prospectors Gamble--Bunburner, by Friend's Choice) Lifetime Record: 10-3-4-0, \$65,982. O/B-Courtland E Gibson (KY). T-David W Asbury. \*1/2 to Oye Yoye Yoye (Blushing John), SP, \$284,133.**

**8th-SUF, \$22,000, NW2\$6MX, 4/up, f/m, 6f, 1:11, ft. LUCKY ALEXANDRA (f, 4, Master Bill--Nathalie's, by Pass the Line) Lifetime Record: 27-8-1-3, \$81,220. O-Kenneth Perro. B-Angel Medina (FL). T-Joseph L Signore Sr.**

**7th-SUN, \$21,400, NW2L, 3/up, f/m, 5 1/2f, 1:05, ft. DAD SMOKED CIGAR (f, 4, Dare and Go--Your Moon {SW, \$284,780}, by Ormonte) Lifetime Record: 8-2-0-1, \$23,318. O/B-W Jackson (KY). T-Gary Cross.**

**MAIDEN WINNERS:**

**Megoman, c, 3, Traitor--Pierce Arrow, by Carr de Naska. HAW, 3-11, a1m70yd, 1:45 2/5. B-Jayvee Stable (Ky).**

**BREEDERS' EDITION  
EUROPE**

**CONDITIONS RESULTS:**

**ITALY, Rome, 4.00, €19,125, 3yo, 1 3/8mT, time: n/a, gd/fm.**

**ROYAL DUKE (IRE) (c, 3, Ali-Royal {Ire}--Vibrant Hue, by Exclusive Native) Lifetime Record: 6 starts, 3 wins, 2 places, €34,170. O-Agricola Dorna di Montaltuzzo SRL; B-Frank Moran; T-Roberto Brogi.**

**FRANCE, Maisons-Laffitte, 3.55, Cond, €18,000, 4yo/up, 1 1/8mT, 2:08.02, vsf.**

**SILENCE OF WINDS (GB) (g, 6, Rainbow Quest--Sweetly {Fr}, by Lyphard) Lifetime Record: 21 starts, 6 wins, 7 places, €89,651. O-Mme Vanda Capitte; B-Niarchos Family; T-Jean-Marc Capitte. \*1/2 to Common Grounds (GB) (Kris {GB}), G1SW-Fr, \$101,944; and Lightning Fire (GB) (Kris {GB}), SW & MGSP-Fr; and full to Angel In My Heart (Fr), GSW-Fr & MGISP-US, \$525,988.**

**FOALING NEWS**

**DEBUTANTE DANCER, 21, Noble Dancer (GB)--For a Lark (Quack)**

Foal born Jan. 14, a filly by Touch Gold. Will be bred back to Exploit.

Owned by Glencrest Farm LLC & J.R. Querbes. Boarded at Glencrest Farm LLC.

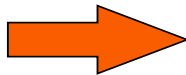
Accomplishments: SW & MGSP, \$202,550. Dam of Debutante Trick (Clever Trick), MSW & MGSP, \$436,910; and Memory Call (Blushing John), Ch. Imp. Filly-Pan, SW-Pan.

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