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New York Hero**
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☆ DUBAI WORLD CUP ☆

IPI TOMBE LEADS WORKOUTS IN DUBAI

Ipi Tombe (Zim) (Manshood {GB}), who is undefeated in two starts in Dubai, turned in an impressive 800-meter work Monday as she prepares for Saturday's \$2-million G1 Dubai Duty Free at Nad al Sheba. The South African-trained mare, who completed her task in :48.13, zipped through the final 400 meters in :22.72, easily better than her stablemate **Victory Moon (SAf)** (Al Mufti), who galloped earlier in the day. U.A.E Derby entrant **Victory Moon**, who ran second to Inamorato in the Mar. 8 Al Bastikya last time out, covered a half mile in :48.4, with a final quarter in :23.61.



Ipi Tombe in Dubai
Andrew Watkins photo

Also on the worktab:

- **Byzantium** (Derby)--800 meters in :47.30
- **Crimson Quest & Sei Mei** (World Cup) (worked together)--1000 meters in 1:01.11
- **Blizz Bless & Que Expression** (Duty Free) (worked together)--800 meters in :49.72
- **Cayoake** (Duty Free)--1000 meters in 1:00.77
- **Mr. John** (Mile)--800 meters in :49.62
- **My Cousin Matt** (Golden Shaheen)--800 meters in :47.42, final 400 meters in :23.57
- **Xtra Heat** (Shaheen)--galloped
- **Grey Memo** (Mile)--galloped

American patriot **Blue Burner** (French Deputy), who ran fifth in the G1 Donn H. at Gulfstream Feb. 22, eased through six panels in 1:14 yesterday and remains on course for Saturday's \$6-million Emirates Airline G1 Dubai World Cup. "He worked pretty good," said exercise rider Amin Azar, who is serving as trainer Bill Mott's assistant in Dubai. "He finished strong." According to Azar, Mott will not make the trip to Dubai.

☆ NEWS TODAY ☆

SENIOR SWINGER SOLD, MOVED TO BAFFERT BARN

Senor Swinger (El Prado {Ire}), who won his first two career starts before finishing fifth in the Mar. 15 G1 Florida Derby, has been sold by Bob Ackerman and Barry Golden to Bob and Beverly Lewis and will be transferred to trainer Bob Baffert's barn. Baffert was on hand yesterday to watch the colt gallop at Hawthorne Race Course before making the determination to purchase the gray for an undisclosed amount. "This has been an incredibly exciting ride," said Ackerman, who also bred the horse. "Barry and I have a stable of other horses. At this time, and for our programs, it was in our best interest to sell out. We still own his dam and his siblings and any further success he has should enhance our program. We'll always be cheering for him." After breaking his maiden by 6 1/2 lengths last fall under the care of trainer Mickey Goldfine, **Senor Swinger** added his name to the list of Classic prospects with a winning dead-heat effort against **Ten Cents a Shine** in a Gulfstream allowance in January. "We've been following the colt for a little while now," said Bob Lewis. "And Bob [Baffert] was nice enough to fly out last night to watch him work [this morning] and to watch him vet out. He called afterwards and said he was very impressed." According to Baffert, the colt will remain East. "We're planning to start him in the [G1] Wood Memorial if all looks good," Baffert told the *Bloodhorse*. "After that, we'll discuss the Kentucky Derby. But we're not looking past the Wood right now." Word of the transaction comes on the heels of two substantial blows to the Baffert stable last week. The prominent conditioner first saw G1 Kentucky Derby hopeful **Domestic Dispute** falter as the favorite in the GII San Felipe S. and finish fifth, then watched as his **Composure**--owned by the Lewis's--was forced into retirement due to a fractured sesamoid.

In Related News...

The retirement of Bob and Beverly Lewis' dual Grade I-winning filly **Composure** (Touch Gold) caused "real heartache," according to Bob Lewis, but on a positive note, the filly will kick off her new career as a broodmare next week with a visit to A.P. Indy.



Keeneland April Sales Success

Two of the country's leading three-year-old fillies – **ELLOLUV** and **LADY TAK** – were sold last year at Keeneland in April. Make plans now to attend the **April 15 Two-Year-Olds in Training Sale**. Preview days are Mondays, April 7 & 14.



PEDIGREE INSIGHTS

BY ANDREW CAULFIELD

Saturday, Turfway Park

LANE'S END S.-GII, \$500,000, TPX, 3-22, 3yo,
1 1/8m, 1:50 3/5, ft.

1--@#NEW YORK HERO, 121, c, 3, by Partner's Hero

1st Dam: Nin Two, by John Alden

2nd Dam: Snared, by Insubordination

3rd Dam: Captive Audience, by Native Dancer

(\$6,000 yrl '01 KEESEP; \$135,000 2yo '02 FTMMAY).

O-Paraneck Stable; B-Dark Hollow Farm & W Beatson (MD); T-Jennifer Pedersen; J-N Arroyo Jr; \$300,000.

Lifetime Record: 5-3-2-0, \$367,800.

Click for the [brisnet.com chart](http://www.brisnet.com/chart) or the [free brisnet.com catalogue-style pedigree](http://www.brisnet.com/catalogue-style/pedigree).

Take a look back at the top-priced colts at the 2001 American yearling sales and you may recall that nine of the top 10 were bought either by Demi O'Byrne, acting for the Coolmore partners, or by John Ferguson, recruiting for Sheikh Mohammed and the Godolphin team. Extend the search to include the 20 colts which realized at least \$1,800,000 and you'll find that these two buyers accounted for no fewer than 14 of them. As these colts are currently based either in Europe or the U.A.E, it's not so surprising that some of America's main stepping stones to the Kentucky Derby have been falling to colts which generally attracted much less attention at the yearling sales. The main exceptions to this rule have been Ocean Terrace, the GIII El Camino Real Derby winner who cost \$700,000 as a yearling, Region of Merit, the \$475,000 winner of the GIII Tampa Bay Derby, and Offlee Wild, a \$325,000 winner of the GIII Holy Bull S.

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Graduates of the two-year-old sales have been making an impressively strong impact, with graded wins going to Omega Code (\$350,000), Kafwain (\$720,000), Trust N Luck (\$200,000), Peace Rules (\$35,000), Alysweep (\$100,000) and New York Hero. The last-named colt, winner of the GII Lane's End S., was bought by Buzz Chace for \$135,000 at Fasig-Tipton's Midlantic sale. That \$135,000 is the highest price paid at auction for any of Partner's Hero's offspring, yet New York Hero will surely also have the distinction of being the cheapest buy to win one of the graded trials for the Derby, having sold for only \$6,000 as hip 2853 at Keeneland's September Yearling Sale.

In view of his yearling price, it almost goes without saying that New York Hero isn't exactly bred in the height of fashion. He is the result of a \$7,500 nomination to the first-season sire Partner's Hero, whose fee at Northview Stallion Station has since fallen to only \$5,000.

New York Hero showed on Saturday that he stays a mile and an eighth very well, but speed was definitely the main asset of Partner's Hero (and of Partner's Hero's very distinguished half sister, Safely Kept, who numbered the Breeders' Cup Sprint among her 24 victories). Partner's Hero was also good enough to contest the Breeders' Cup Sprint, shortly before his retirement, but he failed to improve his record, which finally stood at 33-8-5-5. His finest moments arguably came when he won the GII Kentucky Cup Sprint S. as a three-year-old; when he equalled Turfway Park's record of 1:08.2 for six furlongs in winning the Hansel S. at four; and when he finished a very close third to Banker's Gold in the GII Tom Fool H. As he never won beyond seven furlongs, he could be described as a typical product of the exceptional Danzig, sire also of such top-notch sprinters as Danehill, Green Desert, Anabaa, Agnes World, Langfuhr and Dayjur.

Although New York Hero ranks as Partner's Hero's best achievement so far, his first crop also includes Object of Virtue (Maryland Million Lassie S.) and the stakes-placed performers Senor Cielo Two, Wonderous Woman and Love You Madly. *(cont. p4)*

G1 CCA Oaks winner **TWEEDSIDE** wins the G3 Orchid Stakes by 5 1/2 lengths at Gulfstream Park on Sunday for owners Eugene & Laura Melnyk and trainer Todd Pletcher.

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Cherokee's Boy to Illinois Derby

Cherokee's Boy (Citidancer), runaway winner of the Deputed Testimony S. at Laurel Mar. 1, will make his next start in the GII Illinois Derby at Hawthorne Park Apr. 5, but is unlikely to contest the GI Kentucky Derby at Churchill Downs May 3, according to trainer Gary Capuano. "I'm not really looking at the [Kentucky] Derby with him," Capuano told the *Baltimore Sun*. "He'd have to do something really exceptional in the Illinois Derby for me to even think about it."

Lane's End Result Narrows Derby Field

Eugene's Third Son (Indian Charlie) and **Champali** (Glitterman), second and third, respectively, in last Saturday's GII Lane's End S. at Turfway, appear unlikely for the Kentucky Derby following efforts that indicated both colts had distance limitations. Eugene's Third Son recorded his most recent win in a nine-furlong allowance event at Gulfstream Feb. 22, while Champali scored most recently in the 1 1/16-mile John Battaglia S. at Turfway Mar. 1. On the undecided list, GII Hutcheson S. victor **Lion Tamer** (Will's Way), fourth in the Lane's End, may still make a start in the Derby. "Obviously, this was not the result we wanted," conceded trainer Todd Pletcher. "But we are not discouraged. The Derby is still in our thoughts. The question now is whether or not he needs another start before then."

Belle of Perintown out of Oaks

Belle of Perintown (Dehere), the dominating winner of the GII Silverbulletday S. at the Fair Grounds Feb. 15, will be out of action until early May after undergoing surgery to remove a bone chip from her ankle. The bay was injured during a third-place finish last time in the GII Fair Grounds Oaks Mar. 8. Trainer Eddie Kenneally remains hopeful that the filly will make a full recovery.

CURRENCY CONVERSIONS

	Unit/US\$	Unit/GB£
British pound	1.57316	1.00
Euro	1.06354	0.676039
Japanese Yen	0.00828877	0.00526869
U.S. dollar	1.00	0.635661

☆ NEWS CONT. ☆

WORLD CUP NIXES OPENING CEREMONY The Dubai World Cup Committee has announced the cancellation of the customary cultural ceremony preceding the seven-race World Cup Series Saturday. "I'm not making a big deal of it," WCC Chairman Les Benton told the *Thoroughbred Times*. "We are concentrating all our efforts on the international race meeting." The show's cancellation will allow for the day's races to begin a half hour earlier.

☆ RESULTS ☆

Sunday, Nakayama, Japan

FUJI TV SHO SPRING S.-G2-JRA, ¥105,180,000, Nakayama, 3-23, 3yo, 1800mT, 1:48.2, fm.

1--**NEO UNIVERSE (JPN)**, 123, c, 3, by **Sunday Silence**

1st Dam: **Pointed Path (GB)**, by **Kris (GB)**

2nd Dam: **Silken Way (Fr)**, by **Shantung (Fr)**

3rd Dam: **Boulevard (Ire)**, by **Pall Mall (GB)**

O-Shadai Race H.; B-Shadai Farm; T-Tsutomu Setoguchi; J-Mirco Demuro; ¥55,176,000. *1/2 to Fairy Path (Irish River {Fr}), GSW-Fr; Chokai Ryoga (Sunday Silence), SP-Jpn, \$940,290. Lifetime Record: 5-4-0-1.

2--**Sakura President (Jpn)**, 123, c, 3, Sunday Silence--Sedan Forever (Jpn), by Maruzensky (Jpn). O-Sakura Commers; B-Tanioka Stud; ¥22,336,000.

3--**Meiner Jager (Jpn)**, 123, c, 3, Mayano Top Gun (Jpn)--Miswaki Japan, by Phone Trick. O-K. Thoroughbred Club Ruffian; B-Yamagiwa Bokujo; ¥14,168,000.

Margins: 1 1/4, 2 1/2, 3/4. Odds: 2.80, 1.70, 27.60.

Neo Universe, prepping for the Apr. 20 G1 Japanese 2000 Guineas, settled in mid-pack early. He forged to the front in upper stretch, turned back the challenge of favored Sakura President and inched clear to win by 1 1/4 lengths. "I had a good feeling about him from the first time I rode him," said winning rider Mirco Demuro. "We broke from the outside and I was able to settle him behind the pace. I was very impressed with how he finished and I think he'll be suited by the distance in the 2000 Guineas."

(Japanese results cont. p4)

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Sunday, Hanshin, Japan

HANSHIN DAISHOTEN-G2-JRA, ¥123,580,000, Hanshin, 3-23, 4yo/up, 3000mT, 3:05.9, fm.

1--@**DAITAKU BERTRAM (JPN)**, 126, h, 5, by *Dance in the Dark (Jpn)*
 1st Dam: *Spring Never (Jpn)*, by *Sakura Yutaka 0 (Jpn)*
 2nd Dam: *Never Ichiban (Jpn)*, by *Never Beat (GB)*
 3rd Dam: *Miss Nanba Ichiban*, by *Harroway (GB)*
 O-Taiyo Farm Co. Ltd.; B-Miyabi Bokujo; T-Kojiro Hashiguchi; J-Yutaka Take; ¥65,106,000. * 1/2 to Daitaku Riva (Jpn) (Fuji Kiseki {Jpn}), MSW-Jpn, \$3,599,182.

2--**Coin Toss (Jpn)**, 126, h, 5, Sunday Silence--Re Toss (Arg), by Egg Toss. O-Hiroyoshi Usuda; B-Shadai Farm; ¥26,316,000.

3--**Fast Tateyama (Jpn)**, 126, c, 4, *Dance in the Dark (Jpn)*--Main Guest (Jpn), by Targowice. O-Y. Tsuji; B-Akita Bokujo; ¥16,158,000.

Margins: 1, 3/4, 2 1/2. Odds: 2.20, 3.50, 19.50.

Daitaku Bertram, runner-up in last year's G2 Stayers S., won the Manyo S. in January before a third-place effort in the G3 Diamond S. in February. Settled in mid-pack early, the bay rallied to take control midstretch and won going away. "I was worried I wouldn't find an opening in the stretch, but he gave a game performance," said winning jockey Yutaka Take.

Saturday, Nakayama, Japan

JIJI PRESS HAI FLOWER CUP-G3-JRA, ¥76,870,000, Nakayama, 3-22, 3yo, f, 1800mT, 1:49.5, fm.

1--@**MEINE NOUVELLE (JPN)**, 119, f, 3, by *Brian's Time*
 1st Dam: *Meine Pretender (NZ)*, by *Zabeel (NZ)*
 2nd Dam: *Giladah (Ire)*, by *Mill Reef*
 3rd Dam: *Nouvelle Star (Aus)*, by *Luskin Star (Aus)*
 O-K. Thoroughbred Ruffian; B-Big Red Farm; T-Ryuichi Inaba; J-Norihiro Yokoyama; ¥40,609,000. Lifetime Record: 4-3-0-1.

2--**Tosen Lily (Jpn)**, 119, f, 3, Amber Shadai (Jpn)--Mideon Lady (Jpn), by Anfield (Ire). O-Takaya Shimakawa; B-Nobuta Bokujo; ¥16,174,000.

3--**Siren's Song (Jpn)**, 119, f, 3, Sunday Silence--Sing Like Talk (Jpn), by Northern Taste. O-Shadai Race H.; B-Shadai Farm; ¥10,087,000.

Margins: 1 1/4, NK, NO. Odds: 4.40, 35.50, 1.80.

Meine Nouvelle had been off since taking the Hopeful S. last December. The filly raced near the back of the pack early, but moved into contention under the urging of jockey Norihiro Yokoyama at the top of the stretch. She took the lead with a powerful surge and was pulling clear late. "I wanted her to be a little closer, but she was very rank," Yokoyama explained. "But once I called on her, she rallied powerfully in the stretch."

Friday, Kochi, Japan

KUROFUNE SHO-G3-NAR, ¥30,000,000 to winner, Kochi, 3-21, 4yo/up, 1400m, 1:27.5, gd.

1--**NOBO JACK**, 128, h, 6, by *French Deputy*
 1st Dam: *Flight of Angels*, by *Afleet*
 2nd Dam: *Intently*, by *Drone*
 3rd Dam: *Naughty Intentions*, by *Candy Spots*

(\$115,000 wnlg '97 KEENOV; \$250,000 2yo '99 FTFEB). O-Ikebata Inc.; B-Mrs Lewis Ledyard; T-Hideyuki Mori; J-Masayoshi Ebina. Lifetime Record: 29-11-5-3, ¥444,800,000.

2--**Nobo True**, 128, h, 7, Broad Brush--Nastique, by Naskra. (\$110,000 yrl '97 KEESEP; \$200,000 2yo '98 FTFEB). O-Ikebata Inc.; B-Mr & Mrs J S Moss.

3--**Touchdown Pass (Jpn)**, 121, h, 6, Wassl Touch--Suzuka Belle (Jpn), by Artaius. O-Yamaguchi Sogyo Inc.; B-Yukio Hamamoto.

Margins: 2, 7, 2 1/2. Odds: 2.0, 1.60, 32.60.

(Pedigree Insights cont. from p2)

Despite his name, New York Hero was bred in Maryland and his broodmare sire, John Alden, spent his stallion career there. As a winner of only one stakes race from 34 starts, this well-connected son of Speak John struggled for support in his early years at stud, but he did very well with his son Little Bold John, an earner of nearly \$2,000,000, and his Grade III-winning daughter My Treasure. A previous good winner out of a John Alden mare was Funontherun (GII San Rafael S.).

Insubordination, the sire of New York Hero's second dam Snared, isn't exactly a household name, either, although he ranked among the leading juvenile colts of 1969. He made little impact as a stallion. Perhaps the best aspect of New York Hero's pedigree is the fact that Snared is a half sister to Bold Captive. This stakes-winning mare produced no fewer than five stakes winners, headed by Skywalker (GI Santa Anita Derby and GI Breeders' Cup Classic), Pac Mania (GII Malibu S.) and Nidd (G3 Prix de la Porte Maillot).

FOALING NEWS:

LARAMIE MOON (ARG), 16, Laramie Trail--Reprise (Arg) (Rigolo {Arg})

Foal born Feb. 6, a filly by Gulch.

Will be bred back to Seeking the Gold.

Owned by Henry Pabst, Sr.

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Yesterday's Results:

7th-GPX, \$48,000, Alw, 4yo/up, 5f (off turf), :58, ft.
1--**BOBBY'S BUCKAROO**, 122, g, 7, **Tricky Creek--Liba, by Conquistador Cielo**. (\$6,000 yrl '97 KEEJAN).
O-M Gill; B-Wafare Farm (KY); T-Mark Shuman.
Lifetime Record: SW, 45-11-10-4, \$411,489.
* 1/2 to Fighting Fast (Fighting Fit), SW, \$106,120.
2--**Straight A**, 118, h, 6, Honor Grades--l'm
Unapproachable, by Distinctive Pro.
3--**Love My Mountain**, 116, c, 4, Rocky Mountain--My
Own True Love, by Regal and Royal.
Margins: 3/4, 2 3/4, 1HF. Odds: 0.70, 3.00, 6.50.

Gulfstream Results cont. p2

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Gulfstream Results cont.

A tired second versus \$50,000 claimers Jan. 5, Bobby's Buckaroo faced a very good group of \$80,000 optional claimers Feb. 8 and acquitted himself nicely, finishing a head second to Storm Craft and beating GISP Heavyweight Champ. The gelding had raced on the turf just once in 44 starts prior to this test and was most likely entered in the event the race was switched to the main track. By good planning or good luck, that's just what happened, and the seven-year-old started as part of a scratch-depleted field of five as the heavy favorite. Away in good order along the inside, he raced with Love My Mountain along the backstretch and into the turn, but looked like he might relent as that foe put a head in front turning for home. Battling back, Bobby's Buckaroo reclaimed the lead in the final panel and held sway late over the game Straight A.

5th-GPX, \$39,600, Alw, NW2X, 4yo/up, f/m, 1 1/8m (off turf), 1:53 4/5, ft.

ASPEN FLOWER (f, 4, Robyn Dancer--Eastside Flyer, by Lord Avie), claimed for \$18,000 out of a winning performance Mar. 9, was a main-track-only entrant, but secured a starting position when the field was whittled down to only four after rain on Sunday forced the race from the turf. The crowd's 8-5 second pick was the controlling speed early, leading the way through sensible fractions before edging three-lengths clear of betting favorite Manhattan Skyline (Spinning World), who was making her first start on the dirt. Lifetime Record: 24-5-5-3, \$106,650. O-M Gill. B-Eugene O'Connor (FL). T-Mark Shuman.

★ **CENTRAL** ★

Sunday's Late Results:

10th-DED, \$41,000, Alw, NW2L, (S), 4yo/up, f/m, 6 1/2f, 1:21 1/5, ft.

EXPLOSIVE STARLET (f, 4, Recognized--Tiny Explosive, by Time to Explode), a 3 1/4-length winner against statebreds in her Dec. 6 bow, kicked off her 2003 campaign with a sharp victory as the crowd's 8-5 pick. Sent to the fore early, the chestnut drew clear after the half and won by 6 1/4 lengths. Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, \$41,400.

O-S S Farms. B-S S Farms Sanit Sirikol (LA). T-David Campanile.

The **brisnet.com** 'Race of the Day' is the \$35,000 11th race at Sunland Park. For pps, click [here](#).

★ **AMERICAN-BRED WINNERS** ★

IN JAPAN:

South Deputy, c, 3, French Deputy--Joying (MSP), by Storm Cat. Nakayama, 3-22, novice race, 6f. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-1, \$54,545. O-Hisashi Namba; B-John O'Meara & Bill Prichard; T-Yoshiyasu Takahashi. *Went wire-to-wire and scored by four lengths.

Bump a Head, c, 3, Honor Grades--Thunderlake, by Meadowlake. Chukyo, 3-23, Novice Race, 5f. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$42,149. O-Koji Maeda; B-John Phillips & Pam Gartin; T-Yoshihito Dazai. *\$200,000 2yo '02 KEEAPR. **Sat just off the pace before rallying powerfully in the stretch to just get up for neck win.

Raijin O, c, 3, Wekiva Springs--Marriotta, by Raise a Native. Hanshin, 3-23, Plate Race, 6f. Lifetime Record: 9-2-2-2, \$202,066. O-Koji Maeda; B-Dr. Andy Elser; T-Shoji Yamamoto. *\$20,000 wnlg '00 KEENOV; \$33,000 yrl '01 KEESEP; \$190,000 2yo '02 BESMAR. **Broke on top, set all the fractions and held on late for a half-length tally.

Inside Trick, h, 6, Phone Trick--Hero's Hurrah (MSW, \$211,038), by Hero's Honor. Chukyo, 3-22, Plate Race, 5f. Lifetime Record: 18-2-2-2, \$172,727. O-Mitsuhiko Adachi; B-Richard L. Golden; T-Yasuhiro Nemoto. *\$55,000 yrl '98 KEESEP; \$150,000 2yo '99 FTFFEB. **Won by two lengths.

Twospecial, m, 6, Two Punch--Flaps Up, by Timeless Moment. Himeji, 3-18, Ichikawa Tokubetsu, 7.5f. Lifetime Record: 43-3-5-3, \$332,521. O-Kazuko Yoshida; B-Lucas Racing, Inc; T-Hiroyoshi Matsuda. *\$350,000 2yo '99 BESMAR.

IN BRITAIN:

+ **Straw Poll, c, 2, Dixieland Band**. See "Europe" for more info.

Sconced, g, 8, Affirmed--Quaff (SW & GSP-Fr & US, \$228,614), by Raise a Cup. Newcastle, 3-24, Hcp, 4yo/up, 2m 19ydsT. B-Whitewood Stable Inc. *21,000gns HRA '98 TATIRE.

Mutabari, g, 9, Seeking the Gold--Cagey Exuberance (MGSW, \$765,017), by Exuberant. Wolverhampton, 3-24, Hcp, 3yo/up, 7f (AWT). B-L D Burbank. *1/2 to Graceful Minister (Deputy Minister), MSW, \$446,446; Burbank (Wild Again), MSW, \$746,126. **\$100,000 wnlg '94 KEENOV; \$175,000 yrl '95 FTSAUG; 8,500gns HRA '97 TATJUL.

IN AUSTRALIA:

Deerhill, g, 7, Bet Big--Back Stage Music, by Stage Door Johnny. Doomben (Brisbane), 3-22, Hcp, 3yo/up, 1 3/8mT. B-The Oaks Horse Farm Corp.



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AWESOME AGAIN (Deputy Minister), Adena, \$50K, 148/13/2
4-TAM, Msw, 1 1/8mT, Doll to Call, \$17K KEE SEP yrl, 4-1
HALORY HUNTER (Jade Hunter), Rockin Rvr, \$8K, 97/6/0
4-TAM, Msw, 1 1/8mT, Halo's Pleasure, \$3K OBS APR 2yo, 20-1
ROMANOV (IRE) (Nureyev), Walmac, \$13K, 51/2/0
3-MNR, Msw, 1m, Liliana L, \$3K KEE SEP yrl



LAGARDERE HONOURED France Galop have announced that the memory of Jean-Luc Lagardere is to be commemorated by the re-naming of one of the season's feature events. The Jean-Luc Lagardere Grand Criterium will be the new title of Longchamp's premier juvenile contest for colts on Arc afternoon. The re-naming of the seven-furlong race, won last year by Hold That Tiger, is a tribute to France's pre-eminent owner/breeder and former president of the ruling body, who passed away in mid-March. France Galop also announced that a new president will be elected Apr. 3, naming the current deputies Serge Landon and Charles-Henri Moussac as candidates for the temporary appointment.

★ **BRITAIN** ★

LESTER NOMINEES ANNOUNCED

Britain's jockeys will once again decide the winners of the annual Lesters Awards, for which the nominees were announced yesterday. Nearly 350 jockeys will decide which of Kieren Fallon, Kevin Darley, Richard Hughes and Seb Sanders will be honoured with the Flat Jockey of the Year award, amongst others, at the 13th Awards Dinner in London Apr. 13.

Yesterday's Results:

2.15 Newcastle, Mdn, £6,695, 2yo, f, 5fT, 1:05.24, gd.
+ **STRAW POLL** (c, 2, **Dixieland Band**--Golden Opinion {Ch. 3yo Filly-Fr & Eng, G1SW-Eng, GSW & G1SP-Fr, \$368,407}, by Slew o' Gold), well-supported as the 4-5 favourite, broke well and effortlessly cruised to the front by the halfway marker. Strongly pressed by Marcus Eile (Ire) (Daggers Drawn) in the closing stages, he was driven out to hold on to a fast-diminishing short head margin at the line, with four lengths back to the third. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, £4,352.
O-Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum; B-Darley; T-Mick Channon.

★ **FRANCE** ★

FRANCE PRAYS FOR SANTIAGO

France's racing community was yesterday awaiting news of the condition of Delphine Santiago, involved in an accident at Bordeaux on Saturday. The country's premier female rider fell in the last race on the card, injuring her back, which required emergency surgery at a local hospital in the early hours of Sunday morning. Although the procedure was reported to have gone to plan, doctors warn that a firm prognosis is impossible until later in the week. Santiago, who has ridden four winners so far this term, was ranking in the top 30 in the jockeys' title at the time of the fall.

Tuesday, Saint-Cloud, post time: 3:15 p.m.

PRIX LA CAMARGO-Listed, €41,000, 3yo, f, 1mT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER
1	6	Musical Chimes	In Excess (Ire)	Fabre
2	3	Maiden Tower (GB)	Groom Dancer	Pantall
3	5	Jamaicaine (GB)	Emperor Jones	Chappet
4	7	Amazon Beauty (Ire)	Wolfhound	Lellouche
5	9	Valtar (Fr)	Tot Ou Tard (Ire)	Porzier
6	4	Great News (Fr)	Bering (GB)	Laffon-Parias
7	8	Danse Francaise (Fr)	Bering (GB)	Pantall
8	2	Fidelio's Miracle	Mountain Cat	Pantall
9	10	Semire (Fr)	Mizoram	Barbe
10	1	Welcome Millenium (Fr)	Kendor (Fr)	Rouget

All carry 126 pounds.

Yesterday's Results:

LE VASE D'ARGENT-Listed, €38,000, Toulouse, 3-24, 4yo/up, 1 1/4mT, 2:02.20, gd.

1--**#KARAMAN (FR)**, 123, c, 4, Kaldoun (Fr)--Luzaloya (Fr), by Alzao. (FF140,000 yrl '00 DEAOCT). O-C Serre; B-G Delassus; T-David Smaga; J-Dominique Boeuf; €19,000.
2--**Civil Courts (Fr)**, 123, g, 5, Kaldoun (Fr)--Small Partie (Fr), by Fabulous Dancer. €7,600.
3--**Chantoiseau (Fr)**, 123, c, 4, Noblequest (Fr)--Madrange (Fr), by Mad Captain (GB). €5,700.
Margins: 1HF, NK, SHD. Odds: n/a.
Also ran: On Reflection (Fr), Tikzane (Fr), Reine du Desert (Fr), Politics, Teenie Band (Fr), Illumbe (Fr), Queen's Colours (GB). Also ran (not classified): Gun'N Roses (Fr), Jafar (Spa), Lady Ying (Fr).

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(French report cont.)

1.15 Compiegne, Cond, €26,000, 3yo, c/g, 1mT, 1:43.40, vsf.
 + **KENACKY (FR)** (c, 3, Linamix {Fr}--Kentucky Kaper {GSW, \$127,947}, by The Prime Minister) was sent off the 11-5 joint favourite, alongside last year's Listed Prix Isonomy third Maxwell (Fr) (Anabaa), on the basis of home reputation. That pair had the race between them throughout, with Kenacky passing early pacesetter Maxwell on the turn into the straight. Despite running greenly, he was always in control of that rival in the closing stages, needing only a hand ride to secure a 3/4 of a length score, with six lengths back to the third. Lifetime Record: 1 start, 1 win, €13,000.
 O-The Lagardere Family; B-Jean-Luc Lagardere; T-Andre Fabre.

1.45 Compiegne, Cond, €26,000, 3yo, f, 1mT, 1:45.80, vsf.
 + **PALMOTIA (FR)** (f, 3, Mtoto {GB}--Palafairia {Fr} {MSW & GSP-Fr}, by Always Fair), sent off the 5-4 favourite to follow the winning debut of her stable companion Kenacky (Fr) in the previous race, broke well and soon led. As with Kenacky, Christophe Soumillon did not need the persuader, merely having to shake her up to repel the challenge of Grenoble (Fr) (Marignan) in the closing stages and record a comfortable 2 1/2-length score. Lifetime Record: 1 start, 1 win, €13,000.
 O-The Lagardere Family; B-Jean-Luc Lagardere; T-Andre Fabre.

★ EUROPEAN-BRED WINNERS ★

IN JAPAN:

Midtown (Ire), c, 4, **Danehill**--Soie de Rose, by Slew o' Gold. Nakayama, 3-23, Kochi S., 8fT. Lifetime Record: 6-5-0-0, \$610,496. O-Carrot Farm; B-Kay Shigeta; T-Nobuhiro Suzuki. *Won by 2 1/2 lengths.

 **FOALING NEWS**

MASADA, 7, Pleasant Tap--Mertensia (Green Forest) Foal born Feb. 6, a colt by Lemon Drop Kid. Will be bred back to Belong to Me. Owned by Robert Evans. Boarded at Taylor Made Farm, Ky. Accomplishments: MSW of \$267,139.

SARATOGA FLOWER, 10, Saratoga Six--Flora D'Ora (Stage Door Johnny) Foal born Feb. 6, a colt by Saint Ballado. Will be bred back to Gulch. Owned by Pollock Farms. Boarded at Taylor Made Farm, Ky. Accomplishments: SW of \$148,725.



AUSTRALASIA



NORTHERLY SET FOR SYDNEY DEBUT Northerly (Aus) (Serheed) demonstrated he will have no trouble handling Sydney's clockwise racing direction for the first time when he steps out on Saturday at Rosehill in the A\$400,000 G1 Ranvet S. (2000m). Few are prepared to take on the Western Australian star as he targets his 10th Group 1 victory. Northerly, who arrived in Sydney yesterday, worked at Warwick Farm on Friday under regular rider Patrick Payne. "I'm very happy with how he went," trainer Fred Kersley said. "More importantly Patrick was happy with the way he ran. He gave them a bit of a start early. Probably he was four lengths off the lead, and then he came home strongly along the rails. The point of the exercise was for him to be given a solid test, and that's what he had. I'm happy." Payne said: "He's still learning how to change legs on the corners, but he felt very comfortable. I am much more confident that he will handle the Sydney way of going in a race now he's had this trial. He felt that good."

WHAT'S DOING DOWN UNDER

By **BRONWYN FARR**



NORTHERLY LIKELY TO STAY SOUTHERLY

Connections of Northerly (Aus) are besieged with tempting offers to race abroad, but the pin-up Australian galloper is unlikely to race in the Northern Hemisphere with breeder and part-owner Neville Duncan reluctant to subject Northerly to the risks associated with long distance travel.

Although Australasian horses such as Japan Cup winner Horlicks, dual Hong Kong Sprint winner Falvelon and the indomitable Strawberry Road have fared admirably offshore, the road is littered with casualties of travel sickness, such as Japan Cup contender Saintly.

Duncan argues that Northerly need not prove himself on foreign tracks because Australia's Cox Plate is a world-class race. "I've given a lot of thought to overseas; I've read what the papers say and how we should throw caution to the wind. But it is not their horse, it is not their risk and I won't risk the horse's well-being. We're happy on our own ground. He can get quite agitated," said Duncan.

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(What's Doing Down Under cont.)

"Moonee Valley does not suit him and the Cox Plate is world class. Dubai would be fantastic and he would love it there, but I don't feel it is worth the risk." BHB chief executive and expatriate Australian Greg Nichols has stated the time has come for Northerly to appear in Europe; the Singaporeans want him and Hong Kong seems convinced he'll be there Apr. 27 for the Queen Elizabeth II Cup. BHB racing manager Nick Cheyne, who was with trainer Fred Kersley when Northerly won the St. George S. in February, was trying to persuade him that if the gelding went to Singapore, he'd be halfway to England.

Northerly now has Sunline's all-time record earnings of \$11 million in sight, but Kersley and Duncan are cautious men by nature, not prone to making bold predictions. After all, Duncan's sole ambition was to win the G1 Railway S. in Western Australia--and eight subsequent Group 1 wins have been the stuff of fantasy for the pragmatic breeder.

"My whole ambition was to breed, but not necessarily own the Railway S. winner and I thought, well, we had done it, it was all over, and anything from there was just a bonus," Duncan recalled. Northerly won the Railway S. in December 2000 and Duncan revealed the star's emergence gave his struggling Oakland Stud a reprieve. The WA pharmacist was trying to make the Marybrook Stud viable, but despite being leading WA vendor for three years and producing a string of stakes winners, Duncan began to wonder if to was all worthwhile. His wife Susan encouraged him to persevere.

"I was initially unable to make the stud show a return and I was going to pull the pin and just take two or three mares and their progeny; we had to balance the books. I was worried about the cost of following dreams," Duncan said.

Duncan offered Kersley and another friend a quarter share in each of two Serheed yearlings. "If you reckon I should, then I will," said Kersley, but the other man could not be convinced to take a quarter share in the gadabout youngster named Northerly. So Duncan rang Kersley and said, "You've got a half share in Northerly and none of the other."

Needless to say, the other Serheed turned out to be a moderate performer and Kersley obtained 50 percent of Northerly for the princely sum of A\$9,000. His earnings today are A\$8,860,950 with 19 wins and seven placings from 39 starts.

"I've never trained one half as good and I don't think I've seen one better. I am in awe of his ability," summed up 62-year-old Kersley. Northerly's first clash with Sunline, when he defeated the mare in the 2001 G2 Feehan S., was memorable for Duncan. "We were well short of our top, but we went across and I wanted to look at Sunline. They looked like David and Goliath in the mounting yard. She was so macho, so masculine and he looked like a little kid, he was so immature. He was three lengths off Sunline in the straight, 150 meters out, and he started to get by her. It was awesome.

Heart of a Champion..

"Northerly defies the normal horse psyche. Having owned horses for a while, you watch them put their cue back in the rack. But he does things that other horses don't, you watch his body language and some horses hammered by him have never performed at their best again. He psyches them out. Even in the mounting yard, he is very arrogant. As a foal he was full of himself, he was one of the larrikins.

"We are sellers, but his front legs were less than perfect and he couldn't get into the sale," said Duncan. Northerly was almost sold to Hong Kong property developer Robert Ng Chee Siong and his father, Singapore magnate Ng Teng Fong two years ago for about A\$800,000, but Northerly could not pass a veterinary test.

"It's been two years longer than I thought, I always regard his last run as his last run. He was my first runner in the Railway S.," said Duncan. "Every time he comes around the corner, you say, today is the day he will say it is all too hard. How many times can he dig deep?"

**BREEDERS' EDITION
AMERICA**

STAKES RESULTS:

GULF COAST H., \$150,000, DED, 3-23, 4yo/up, 1 1/16m, 1:44 1/5, ft.

1--**NO ITS NOT, 114, h, 5, Is It True--Russian Rhapsody, by Seattle Song.** (\$15,000 yrl '99 TEXAUG). O-Racing Stables; B-Michael & Victoria Ashford (KY); T-Dale Angelle; J-B J Hernandez; \$90,000. Lifetime Record: 36-13-8-5, \$262,577.

2--**Parrott Bay, 115, h, 6, A.P. Indy--Agotaras, by Saratoga Six.** \$30,000.

3--**Ask the Lord, 120, h, 6, Lord At War (Arg)--Acquisitive, by Slew o' Gold.** (\$90,000 yrl '98 KEESEP). \$16,500.

Margins: 1 1/4, NK, HF. Odds: 15.90, 30.30, 1.90.

AU REVOIR S., \$50,000, DED, 3-23, (S), 3yo, 5f, :59, ft.

1--**#MIKE 'N DOC, 117, c, 3, Toolighttoquit--Running Rachel, by Slewacide.** O-Crosby Vinton; B-George M McCormick II & Mike Fetters (LA); T-Ann Watermeier; J-K D Clark; \$30,000. Lifetime Record: 7-3-1-1, \$75,405.

2--**One Tough Raiser, 115, c, 3, I'ma Hell Raiser--One Tough Beth, by Sunny's Halo.** \$10,000.

3--**Spritely Walker, 117, c, 3, Skywalker--Knightly Spritely, by Knightly Dawn.** \$5,500.

Margins: 1, 3HF, 2HF. Odds: 2.60, 14.40, 0.80.

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ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

4th-HAW, \$45,880, Opt. Clm. (\$75,000), NW2\$6MX, 4yo/up, 6 1/2f, 1:18 4/5, ft.

BAKER ROAD (h, 6, Rubiano--Victor's Prize {MSW, \$142,416}, by Victoriata) Lifetime Record: MSW, 38-8-9-8, \$324,302. O-Diamond Racing Inc, H Hughey, H Kempler & L Nykaza. B-Berkshire Farms Inc (IL). T-Leo G Gabriel Jr. *\$3,500 HRA '00 OBSJAN.

9th-DED, \$43,000, 3-23, 4yo/up, f/m, 5f, :59 1/5, ft.

RAYMOND'S DREAM (m, 5, Prospect Bay--Miss Claratus {SW}, by Horatius) Lifetime Record: MSW, 20-9-8-2, \$181,515. O-Barbara J Wennik. B-Raymond Wennik (KY). T-Chad Hassenpflug.

9th-FGX, \$32,000, Opt. Clm. (\$75,000), NW3X, 4yo/up, a5 1/2fT, 1:04 2/5, fm.

G. W.'S DEPUTY (h, 5, French Deputy--Social Set, by Raised Socially) Lifetime Record: SW, 22-8-3-2, \$165,756. O-Glen C Warren. B-Michael T Barnett & Longleaf Pine Farm (KY). T-Andrew Leggio Jr. *\$52,000 wIng '98 KEENOV; \$75,000 yrl '99 KEESEP.

9th-MNR, \$31,700, 3-23, NW4L, 3yo/up, f/m, 1m, 1:40 2/5, ft.

TRICKY MIRAGE (f, 4, Tricky Creek--Velvet Mirage, by Piker) Lifetime Record: 17-4-3-3, \$82,121. O/B-Elry M Groves (WV). T-Gerald D Bast Jr.

8th-FGX, \$30,000, Opt. Clm. (\$40,000), NW2X, 4yo/up, f/m, a1 1/16T, 1:45 4/5, fm.

ATLANTIC FURY (f, 4, Wild Again--Search the Sea {SW, \$176,636}, by Seeking the Gold) Lifetime Record: SW, 15-3-1-3, \$274,388. O/B-Sam-Son Farms (ON). T-Mark Frostad.

9th-PHA, \$28,644, NW2X, 4yo/up, 6f, 1:10, ft.

ROD (h, 5, Kissin Kris--Why Jan {MSW, \$308,440}, by Noble Title) Lifetime Record: 24-8-1-1, \$98,508. O-Home Team Stables. B-Donald P Saville (PA). T-Scott A Lake. *\$50,000 yrl '99 FTMOCT. **1/2 to Wonderlan (Copelan), GSP, \$100,896.

1st-HAW, \$28,000, NW1X, 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:13, ft.

NATIVE TRINKET (f, 4, Dove Hunt--Miss Gem, by Exclusive Gem) Lifetime Record: 16-3-1-4, \$68,070. O-Asiel Stable. B-Don & Pam Mattox (FL). T-Richard P Hazelton. *\$15,000 yrl '00 OBSAUG. **1/2 to Meadow Gem (Meadow Flight), GSW, \$208,012.

8th-SUF, \$22,000, NW2\$3MX, 4yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:12 4/5, ft.

SPECIAL JULE (f, 4, Jules--Dixieland Special, by Dixieland Band) Lifetime Record: SW, 14-6-4-0, \$86,300. O-Yasou Stable Trust. B-Arthur I Appleton (FL). T-C Assimakopoulos.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Smiling Skip, c, 3, **Hickman Creek**--Smiling Cop, by Smile. DED, 3-23, (S), 1m, 1:43. B-R Sullivan Jr (La).

Apple Juice Tea, f, 3, **In Excess (Ire)**--Danish Dessert, by Regal Classic. SAX, 3-23, (S), (C), 6f, 1:11 4/5. B-Ron E Gomez (Ca). *\$52,000 yrl '01 CALAUG.

Smackle, c, 4, **Wild Again**--Cottage Flower (SW, \$167,670), by Pentelicus. MNR, 3-23, 6f, 1:14 2/5. B-Robert G Wehle (Ky). *\$400,000 yrl '00 KEESEP.

Brendabettysue, m, 5, **Evansville Slew**--Noiseless, by Silent Screen. DED, 3-23, 1m, 1:43 2/5. B-Gary McDonald (Ky). *\$5,000 yrl '99 KEEJAN.

SHUTTLE WINNERS BY U.S. SIRE:

Cosmic Dude (Aus), g, 2, **Distorted Humor**--Choral Group (Aus), by Palace Music. Cheltenham (Adelaide), 3-22, Hcp, 2yo, 6f 120ydsT. B-P Anastasiou & Grand Lodge Thoroughbreds.

Al Jameel (NZ), c, 2, **Tale of the Cat**--Canny Asset (Aus), by Marscay (Aus). Kembla Grange (New South Wales), 3-22, Hcp, 2yo, 6fT. B-Fairdale Stud Ltd.

Dehero (Aus), g, 3, **Dehere**--Am Wild, by Wild Again. Canterbury (Sydney), 3-22, Eskimo Prince S.-Listed, 3yo, c/g, 5 1/2fT, A\$45,500 to winner. B-Halatex Pty Ltd & W A Gibson.

Super Groove (Aus), g, 3, **Dehere**--Tyrises (Aus), by Last Tycoon (Ire). Moonee Valley (Melbourne), 3-22, Hcp, 3yo, 6fT. B-J B Cummings & D Tan Chin Nam.

Lookalike (Aus), g, 3, **Irgun**--Flag Carrier (Aus), by Bite The Bullet. Randwick (Sydney), 3-19, Mdn, 3yo, 5 1/2fT. B-Kingmaker Park Pty Ltd.

**BREEDERS' EDITION
EUROPE**

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNER:

Craiova (Ire), c, 4, **Turtle Island (Ire)**--Velvet Appeal (Ire), by Petorius (Ire). Newcastle, Britain, 3-24, Mdn, 3yo/up, 7fT. B-Glashare House Stud. *52,000gns wInlg '99 TATDEC; 130,000gns yrl '00 TATHOU.

SHUTTLE WINNERS BY EUROPEAN SIRE:

Great Anna (Aus), f, 3, **Anabaa**--Great Vintage (NZ), by Sir Tristram (Ire). Moonee Valley (Melbourne), 3-22, Hcp, 3yo, f, 7f 130ydsT. B-G Tsoi.

Keltic Verse (Aus), f, 4, **Ashkalani (Ire)**--Stockwell Poetess (Aus), by Our Poetic Prince (Aus). Sandown (Melbourne), 3-19, Hcp, 4yo/up, f/m, 1mT. B-Nranng Investments.

King's Touch (Aus), g, 4, **King's Theatre (Ire)**--Touching You (Aus), by Broad Reach (NZ). Randwick (Sydney), 3-19, Hcp, 3yo/up, 1 1/8mT. B-L J Fleming.

Back In Style (Aus), g, 4, **Mukaddamah**--Call Me Kareena (Aus), by Spectacular Spy. Randwick (Sydney), 3-19, Hcp, 3yo/up, c/g, 7fT. B-H G & M G Cope Pty Ltd.