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BUDDY-COME-LATELY

New faces on the "Road to the Roses" **Buddy Gil** (Eastern Echo) and **New York Hero** (Partner's Hero) were among the eight late nominees for the 2003 Visa Triple Crown and \$5-million Visa Triple Crown Challenge. Late nominations closed at midnight, Saturday, with the latest additions helping to push the number of nominees to a record-breaking 454. Buddy Gil put himself on the Classic trail with a game nose victory over **Atswhatimtalknbout** in the GII San Felipe S. Mar. 16, while **New York Hero** staged a 14-1 upset in the GII Lane's End S. six days later. **Defrere's Vixen** (Defrere), **Mr. Decatur** (Banker's Gold), **During** (Cherokee Run), **Herculated** (Louis Quatorze), **Mr. Amano** (Devil his Due) and **Fund of Funds** (Saint Ballado) were the other late nominees. The previous record of 452 was set in 1986, the introductory year of the common-nomination program that allowed horsemen to nominate at one time and for one fee to the GI Kentucky Derby, GI Preakness S. and GI Belmont S. Officials indicated the number of nominations could grow even higher through mail deliveries over the next few days. "We at Triple Crown Productions are extremely excited about these record-breaking numbers," said Thomas H. Meeker, president of Triple Crown Productions, as well as president and chief executive officer of Churchill Downs. "It reminds us once again that horsemen around the world remain keenly aware of the importance of the Visa Triple Crown and the \$5-million Visa Triple Crown Challenge. We look forward to the coming excitement surrounding the running of the Kentucky Derby, Preakness S., and Belmont S., and the new prospect for the first Triple Crown winner in 25 years." A record 446 early-bird nominations, at \$600 apiece, were received when that nomination period closed Jan. 25. The fee to nominate late was \$6,000.



Buddy Gil *Benoit photo*

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FINAL PREP FOR ATSWHATIMTALKNBOUT

Atswhatimtalknbout (A.P. Indy) tuned up for the GI Santa Anita Derby yesterday morning, going five furlongs in :58.80 over the Santa Anita main track. The move was second-fastest of 48 at the distance. If all goes well in Saturday's \$1 million event, the colt will be on a plane for Kentucky Apr. 8. "He's got a flight booked," trainer Ron Ellis said. "We'll get there right away and try to settle in and get him used to the track. Most races, I ship in three or four days ahead, no matter where we're going, but in a case like this, where it's the Derby and my horse takes a little while to get used to his surroundings, [I'll ship early]. I want to school him plenty of times, because [Derby Day] is a day that he could get shook up. We're just going to take him there and get him used to everything." The dark bay comes off a fast-closing second in the GII San Felipe S.

BAFFERT HOPEFULS TOP WORK TAB

Trainer Bob Baffert sent his trio of Santa Anita Derby candidates out for their final preps yesterday morning, and two of the three recorded bullet works. **Domestic Dispute** (Unbridled's Song), fifth in the Mar. 16 San Felipe after winning the Jan. 18 GII Santa Catalina S., went five furlongs in :58.60, while stablemate **Indian Express** (Indian Charlie) went three-quarters in 1:11.60. Indian Express, a bargain \$4,500 FTKOCT yearling, started his career in Panama, where he was a perfect two-for-two. The bay made his U.S. bow in the Mar. 22 San Pedro S. and finished fourth. He tries a distance beyond 6 1/2 furlongs for the first time Saturday. Also on Monday's tab at Santa Anita was **Kafwain** (Cherokee Run), who went five-eighths in :59.60. The dark bay, who lost his runner-up finish in the GII Louisiana Derby due to a positive test for clenbuterol, is a perfect two-for-two at Santa Anita, taking the GII Norfolk S. last October and the GII San Vicente S. Feb. 1.

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TDN TODAY

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Keeneland's April 15 Two-Year-Olds in Training Sale

Recent graduates include leading 3-year-old fillies **LADY TAK** and **ELLOLUV** and **CARSON HOLLOW**, winner of Saturday's Distaff Breeders' Cup H. (GII). Make plans now to attend the preview sessions on Mondays, April 7 and 14. The sale begins at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, April 15.



☆ RESULTS ☆

Sunday, Nakayama, Japan

MARCH S.-G3-JRA, ¥81,360,000, Nakayama, 3-30, 4yo/up, 1800m, 1:52.0, ft.

1--**SMART BOY (JPN)**, 128, by Assatis

1st Dam: **Unravel (Jpn)**, by No Lute (Fr)

2nd Dam: **Alert (Jpn)**, by Northern Dictator

3rd Dam: **Queen Grand (Jpn)**, by Only for Life (GB)

O-Grand Bokujo Co. Ltd.; B-Grand Stud; T-Keizo Ito; J-N Ito; ¥42,602,000. Lifetime Record: 56-11-7-3.

2--**One More My Line (Jpn)**, 121, h, 5, Soccer Boy

(Jpn)--Royal Time (Jpn), by Nagurski. O-Kazuzo

Matsui; B-Shimokobe Farm; ¥17,172,000.

3--**Koolinger (Jpn)**, 123, c, 4, Forty Niner--Kool Arrival,

by Relaunch. O-S Hayashi; B-U Bokujo; ¥11,086,000.

Margins: 1/2, NO, 2 1/2. Odds: 7.50, 20.60, 18.30.

Smart Boy, winner of two G3 Antares S. and two G3 Heian S., was seventh in last year's G1 Japan Cup Dirt. The bay veteran went right to the lead, set all the fractions and held on to win by half length. "I knew that Koolinger was chasing us closely, but my horse responded gamely when I asked him," said winning jockey Naoto Ito. "He doesn't like to settle behind horses, but if he gets the lead from the start like he did today, he gives a great performance."

Saturday, Hanshin, Japan

MAINICHI HAI-G3-JRA, ¥81,210,000, Hanshin, 3-29, 3yo, 2000mT, 1:59.9, fm.

1--**@TAKARA SHAADI (JPN)**, 123, c, 3, by Shaadi

1st Dam: **Okura Dancer (Jpn)**, by Nice Dancer

2nd Dam: **Okura Makoto (Jpn)**, by Moutiers (Fr)

3rd Dam: **Mejiro Mangetsu (Jpn)**, by Solonaway (GB)

O-S. Ito; B-Koichi Sakai; T-Shozo Sasaki; J-Tetsuzo Sato; ¥42,497,000. Lifetime Record (JRA): 3-2-1-0.

2--**Utopia (Jpn)**, 126, c, 3, Forty Niner--Dream Vision

(Jpn), by Northern Taste. O-Makoto Kaneko;

B-Northern Farm; ¥17,142,000.

3--**Suzuka Dream (Jpn)**, 126, c, 3, Sunday Silence--

Wakia of Suzuka (Jpn), by Dance of Life. O-Keiji

Nagai; B-Inahara Bokujo; ¥11,071,000.

Margins: 1 1/4, 3 1/2, 1. Odds: 22.80, 15.20, 7.30.

(Mainichi Hai S. cont.)

Takara Shaadi, coming off a runner-up finish in the G3 Kyodo News Service Hai on Feb. 9, broke from the outside in the field of 13. Settled in mid-pack while racing wide, the colt overtook pacesetter Utopia in midstretch and won going away. "I couldn't believe it when I saw his odds, because I knew he would improve a lot from his last race," said winning rider Tetsuzo Sato. "I was able to settle him in a good position and he finished impressively." According to trainer Shozo Sasaki, Takara Shaadi will skip the Satsuki Sho and aim for the G2 Kyoto Shimbun Hai May 3 instead.

☆ NEWS TODAY ☆

KONA TO ENJOY GOLDEN STATE After a third-place finish in Saturday's GII Potrero Grande Breeders' Cup H. at Santa Anita, the nine-year-old **Kona Gold** (Java Gold) will be accorded a three-week vacation at trainer Bruce Headley's nearby farm. Headley indicated the gelding came out of the race in "fine" shape, but that he'd be allowed "to enjoy the clover and sunshine" before gearing up for a summer campaign at Del Mar.

SUSPENSION WON'T AFFECT SMITH'S AZERI MOUNT Despite a three-day suspension levied by Santa Anita stewards for his ride aboard a maiden claimer over the weekend, jockey Mike Smith will be allowed to ride last year's Horse of the Year **Azeri** (Jade Hunter) in Saturday's \$500,000 GI Apple Blossom H. at Oaklawn Park. "There's no problem there," Smith's agent, Bob Meldahl, told *Thoroughbred Times*. "I've already talked to the stewards, and they said it'd be no problem for [Smith] to take the days another time. He'll be riding Azeri Saturday, and he'll be riding at Santa Anita this week." The suspension stemmed from an incident in last Saturday's second race at Santa Anita, where Smith's mount won by 1 1/4 lengths, but interfered with another horse after drifting out through the stretch under left-handed urging. Stewards ruled that Smith failed to make sufficient effort to maintain a straight course.

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PEDIGREE INSIGHTS

BY ANDREW CAULFIELD

Saturday, Nad al Sheba, Dubai

DUBAI WORLD CUP-G1, \$6,000,000, Nad al Sheba, 3-29, 3yo/up, 2000m, 2:00.48, ft.

1--▲**MOON BALLAD (IRE)**, 126, c, 4, by **Singspiel (Ire)**

1st Dam: **Velvet Moon (Ire) (GSW-Eng)**, by **Shaadi**

2nd Dam: **Park Special (Ire)**, by **Relkino (GB)**

3rd Dam: **Balilla (Ire)**, by **Balidar (Ire)**

(350,000gns yrl '99 TATOCT). O-Godolphin; B-Newgate Stud Co; T-Saeed bin Suroor; J-L Dettori; \$3,600,000. Lifetime Record: MG1SP-Eng, 10-5-3-1, \$4,299,726. *First G1SW for sire (by In The Wings {GB}).

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

The reason why Velvet Moon topped the broodmare section of Tattersalls' December Sales last year became crystal clear last Saturday, when her son, Moon Ballad, trounced the opposition in the Dubai World Cup.

Moon Ballad had won only at Group 2 and Group 3 levels prior to his dam's sale, but it always seemed to be just a matter of time before this excitable, free-running colt graduated to the big time. Now he has done that in a style which suggests he is going to be very tough to beat in the best races at up to 1 ¼ miles, whatever the surface, and Velvet Moon is looking very good value at the 875,000 guineas she cost Anthony Penfold.

Moon Ballad became very warm before his big win, and Timeform recorded at the end of last season "tongue tied last six starts [also visored first four occasions]: has hung/carried head awkwardly under pressure." He obviously has his quirks, probably inherited from his broodmare sire, Shaadi.

Shaadi, a \$900,000 son of Danzig, rewarded Sheikh Mohammed with victories in the Irish 2000 Guineas and St James's Palace Stakes in 1989, but again Timeform reported that he was quite hot-headed:

"One most likely explanation for Shaadi's drift in the betting at Royal Ascot was his pre-race demeanour," Timeform wrote. "He was on his toes, swishing his tail and in a lather before the parade began. It was much the same story during the parade for the Sussex S." It had also been the same story when Shaadi won his second start at two. After reportedly being upset by the sight of some sheep, "Shaadi's demeanour once he arrived at the paddock at Ascot certainly suggested all wasn't well with him. Sweating freely on a windy day, he refused to settle despite being led around by two attendants and wasted further energy as he moved freely to post." Sound familiar?

Timeform also had some interesting things to say about Velvet Moon during her distinguished racing career, which featured victories in the G2 Lowther S. over six furlongs at two and the Listed James Seymour S. over 1 ¼ miles at three. "Her high head carriage made her look a particularly awkward ride at times," they said at two, before recording that she "tends to get on edge and sometimes sweats: takes a good hold," at three.

It is possible that Shaadi isn't the sole source of this high nervous energy, because Velvet Moon's distinguished half-brother Central Park was also headstrong. "He often takes a good hold and is a front runner," Timeform related after this globe-trotting colt had performed admirably in several countries. A Group 3 winner at two in England, Central Park went on to win two Group 1 events in Italy, including the Derby, and a Group 2 in Germany, in addition to finishing an excellent fourth in the 1999 Dubai World Cup and a magnificent half-length second under a big weight in the Melbourne Cup over two miles.

Significantly, Central Park is bred along similar lines to Moon Ballad. Whereas Central Park was sired by In the Wings from Park Special, Moon Ballad is by In the Wings' son Singspiel out of a daughter of Park Special (who has been returned to In the Wings to produce Mellow Park, winner of the G3 Lancashire Oaks last year, and a colt which was bought by Demi O'Byrne for 675,000 guineas last October).

When dealing with horses with this tightly wound temperament, it is often best in the long term not to try to subdue them with force, and Godolphin has clearly arrived at the sound conclusion that it is best not to fight Moon Ballad. However, it is going to be interesting to see how well he will cope, say, if he is flown from familiar surroundings to the U.S. for a race.

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It has to be in his favour that Singspiel was one of the most successful globe-trotters of recent years. Singspiel's temperament allowed him to race in England, France, Canada, the USA, Japan and the UAE. With a top-class turf horse, In the Wings, as his sire and a champion dirt horse, Glorious Song, as his dam, Singspiel proved equally effective on both surfaces. Within a matter of months, he won the Canadian International, the Japan Cup and the Dubai World Cup.

Moon Ballad--who is following his sire's example by improving with age--is a member of Singspiel's first crop, which numbered only 36 named foals. His second, which numbers 47 foals, is headed by Songlark, a Group 3 winner on turf in France who went close to winning the G2 UAE Derby on dirt. Another of Singspiel's stakes winners, Bourbonnais, was fifth in the UAE Derby, running well enough to suggest he'll do well when returned to turf.

The comparatively small size of these first two crops, coupled with the fact that Singspiel's progeny have been scattered far and wide, has made it somewhat difficult to notice the scale of his achievements. A quarter of his first-crop named foals won at two--a fine achievement for a horse who didn't become a Group winner until he was four. Among them were Agog, who earned a Listed win and a Timeform rating of 112 at three; Secret Singer, who was rated 113 after finishing second in the G1 Prix Lupin; and Lohengrin, who was rated 112 on the International Classifications for 2002 and has won a Group 2 race in Japan this year.

This first crop also produced the black-type winning fillies Muklah (a Listed winner at two) and Authoress, plus the talented handicappers Funfair and Blagovest. Watch out too for In Time's Eye, a good prospect for this year judging by his second to High Chaparral in the G3 Derrinstown Derby Trial. All in all, this was a high-quality collection.

Although many members of Singspiel's second crop are still untried, those that have run include Zaide, who was transferred to Hong Kong after finishing an excellent second in the G3 Horris Hill S., Sweet Folly, who was runner-up in a Listed race in France last month, Songlark and Bourbonnais.

Although Singspiel has been at a numerical disadvantage so far, it won't be long before this half-brother to Rahy is competing on a level footing with his prolific rivals. He has 78 two-year-olds in his third crop and he covered 125 mares in 2001, 144 in 2002 and is again heavily subscribed this year, despite his fee having risen from £15,000 to £25,000. If Moon Ballad and Songlark continue to shine, that fee may have to rise again--just as In the Wings' fee has climbed to €40,000 (roughly £26,666) from a figure of only IR£8,000 as recently as 1996.

Incidentally, the rise of this father-and-son team (and of El Prado in the USA) needs digesting by those who criticise Sadler's Wells as a sire of sires. And American breeders should note that In the Wings, Singspiel and El Prado have all sired at least one major dirt performer.

(Sophomore Scene cont. from p1)

TEN CENTS A SHINE HEADED TO OAKLAWN

Ten Cents A Shine (Devil His Due), a disappointing eighth in the Mar. 16 GII San Felipe S., worked a mile in 1:38 2/5 at Santa Anita Sunday morning. The three-year-old gained attention after a victorious dead-heat effort against Senor Swinger in a Gulfstream allowance test Jan. 31, but could do no better than sixth in the Feb. 15 GI Fountain Of Youth S. He goes next in the Apr. 12 GII Arkansas Derby. "He'll leave for...Churchill Downs...on Tuesday, and from there he'll go on to Hot Springs," owner Ken Ramsey told *The Blood-Horse*. "We think the Arkansas Derby will be the best for him competition-wise and a good spot where he can get a good confidence builder and go forward to the [Kentucky] Derby."

FOALING NEWS

INDIA DIVINA (CHI), 9, Roy--Santalina (Chi) (Carral {Fr})
 Foal born Feb. 13, a filly by Forestry.
 Will be bred back to Forestry.
 Owned by Barry K Schwartz.
 Boarded at Stonewell Farm, NY.
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Calder Elects Four into Hall of Fame:

Calder Race Course will induct four new members into the Calder Hall of Fame during the opening week-end of its 2003 season. The ceremony will take place, Saturday, Apr. 26. Chapos Springs (horse), Mary Russ (jockey), Martin D. Wolfson (trainer), and John Franks (owner/breeder) have been selected by a panel consisting of members of Calder's administrative, racing, marketing and publicity departments, along with members of the local racing media. A winner's circle ceremony will be held following the day's second race to introduce this year's inductees. The Calder Hall of Fame is centrally located on the second floor of the grandstand.

STAKES CLOSINGS

TOMORROW, WEDNESDAY, APRIL 2:

- 04-11 \$200,000 *Maker's Mark Mile-II, Kee, 4yo/up, 8fT (200)*
 - 04-13 \$250,000 *Commonwealth Breeders' Cup-II, Kee, 3yo/up, 7f (250)*
 - 06-28 \$175,000 *Arlington Classic-II, AP, 3yo, 8.5fT (300 EB)*
 - 07-20 \$250,000 *American Derby-II, AP, 3yo, 9.5fT (300 EB)*
 - 08-16 \$400,000 *Secretariat-I, AP, 3yo, 10fT (300 EB)*
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Lumpkins Breaks Turfway Record:

Jockey Jason Lumpkins collected his 110th victory of the Turfway Park Winter/Spring Meet in yesterday's fourth race, breaking Kris Prather's record for most wins at a Turfway meeting. In addition to running away with the track's riding title, Lumpkins won seven stakes races, won five races on a card six times and picked up his 2,000th career win at the meet. "I'm very excited to have broken the record," Lumpkins said yesterday. "I knew coming into the meet I was close to my 2,000th victory and I was glad to get that here. I'd like to thank [trainer] Bernie Flint and [trainer] Greg Foley for giving me the opportunity to ride their good horses."


Linda Conley McGaughey Passes Away:

Linda Ann Conley McGaughey, who was the first American woman to represent the British sales company Tattersalls Ltd., died Friday after a lengthy illness. She was 59. A native of Florida, McGaughey spent four decades in racing, at various times working for The Jockey Club, Fasig-Tipton Company and Kenington Sales Company, which she helped create and where she served as vice president of sales. McGaughey is survived by her husband, Neal McGaughey, four step-children, 10 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. Services will be held today at W.R. Milward Mortuary in Lexington.

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IN JAPAN:

Maltese Kaiser, c, 3, [Gentlemen \(Arg\)](#)--Affirmed Halo, by Affirmed. Nakayama, 3-30, Novice Race, 9f. Lifetime Record: 9-1-3-2, \$131,500. O-Yoshio Fujita; B-Yoshio Fujita; T-Masahiro Horii. *Reeled in the pacesetter down the stretch and just got up to win by a head.

Yuwa Manhattan, c, 3, [Kingmambo](#)--Dariela, by Manila. Nakayama, 3-29, Novice Race, 9f. Lifetime Record: 5-1-0-0, \$53,167. O-Yuwa Inc.; B-Brookdale Thoroughbreds, Inc.; T-Masahiro Horii. *\$190,000 wnlg '00 KEENOV; \$100,000 yrl '01 KEESEP. **Was hard pressed to take the early lead and held sway late to win by 1 1/4 lengths.

Hannah Rose, f, 3, [Mr. Greeley](#)--Sweetly Decorated, by Well Decorated. Nakayama, 3-30, Novice Race, 6f. Lifetime Record: 3-1-1-1, \$71,667. O-Suzuko Araki; B-C. L. Kidder J.Griggs, Highfield & N. Robenalt; T-Fumio Koga. *\$32,000 yrl '01 KEESEP. **Displayed a brilliant turn of foot in the stretch to win by 3/4 lengths.

Hoshino Beckham, c, 3, [Two Punch](#)--Sea Halo, by Halo. Nakayama, 3-29, Plate Race, 6f. Lifetime Record: 5-2-0-2, \$125,833. O-Hatsutarō Hoshino; B-Richard Truax; T-Fumio Koga. *\$120,000 2yo '02 KEEAPR. **Settled in fourth early, he gained command in the stretch and drew off to a 1 1/4-length tally.

Suzu Japan, c, 3, [Wild Rush](#)--Sue's Temper (SW), by Temperance Hill. Nakayama, 3-29, Yamazakura Sho, 9fT. Lifetime Record: 6-2-3-0, \$258,583. O-Yoshio Komurasaki; B-Lochness & Fred Bower; T-Kazuo Konishi. *Raced in mid-pack early, angled to the outside for the drive and forged to the front at midstretch en route to a 1 1/2-length victory.

Greeley Land, f, 4, [Mr. Greeley](#)--Miss Dreamland, by Naevus. Nakayama, 3-30, Funabashi S., 6fT. Lifetime Record: 11-4-2-2, \$576,667. O-Bandam Company; B-Jonabell Farm Inc, Rick Avare & DWB Management; T-Yoshitaka Ninomiya. *1/2 to Dream Run (Cherokee Run), GSW, \$450,714. **\$35,000 wnlg '99 KEENOV. ***Came from just off the pace with a powerful late rush to hit the wire a nose in front.

Orizaba, h, 5, [Seattle Slew](#)--Minister's Song, by Deputy Minister. Hanshin, 3-30, Plate Race, 9f. Lifetime Record: 16-4-1-1, \$290,000. O-Hiroshi Sugiyama; B-Opendale; T-Yuji Ito. Won by 2 1/2 lengths.

Shonan Time, m, 7, [Gilded Time](#)--Pennbrook's Lady, by Nasty and Bold. Hanshin, 3-29, Chushun Tokubetsu, 6fT. Lifetime Record: 27-4-1-5, \$480,417. O-Tetsuhide Kunimoto; B-Frank Penn, Jr.; T-Yokichi Okubo. *1/2 to Go for Glory (Yukon), GSW, \$379,348. **\$52,000 wnlg '96 KEENOV; \$105,000 2yo '98 KEEAPR. ***Stalked the pace from second and battled down the stretch to eke out a head victory.

IN BRITAIN:

Ayun, f, 3, [Swain \(Ire\)](#) See "Britain"



EUROPE



GREAT EXPECTATIONS AT DONNY Doncaster Bloodstock Sales' two-day Breeze-Up Sale gets underway this afternoon, and the sales company is already certain that history will be made. That confidence is due to the exploits of **Red Power (Ire)** (Intikhab), who will become the first two-year-old winner to be sold at a Breeze-Up when he goes into the ring as [hip 167](#). Consigned by Callas Stables, the colt captured the Brocklesby S. at the track over the road last Thursday. The sale also has made strides in terms of quality this year, offering a Sadler's Wells for the first time and a Danzig ([hip 158](#) and [hip 159](#), respectively). Both colts are consigned by Fergus Stud. The former is out of Madame Est Sortie (Fr) (Longleat), dam of the G1 Prix de Diane and GI E.P. Taylor S. runner-up Mousse Glacee (Fr), and the latter is out of Spring Pitch (Storm Cat), a half-sister to Selkirk. Further quality is infused by the representatives of some of the world's leading stallions, such as Alzao, Danehill, Grand Lodge, Machiavellian and Woodman, in the 250-lot sale, providing optimism that the record price of 70,000 guineas set in 1997 can be broken. "The quality of this year's Doncaster Breeze-Up is undoubtedly the best ever and the individuals will also be as good as ever," Henry Beeby, managing director of DBS, commented. "I saw a number of entries recently, including the Danzig and Sadler's Wells, and they are the kind of horses that are hard to fault." Lots will be breezed at the racecourse from 10 a.m. on both days, with bidding beginning at 2:30 p.m. Catalogue and updates can be found on www.dbsauctions.com.



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Yesterday's Results:

Bath, 3.45, Mdn, £5,785, 3yo/up, 1m 5ydsT, 1:40.35, fm.

AYUN (f, 3, Swain {Ire})--Oumaldaaya {GSW-Ity, SW-GB}, by Nureyev, placed in two out of four maidens last year, was sent straight to the front and was gifted an uncontested lead until reaching the final quarter mile. From there she gradually pulled clear from her rivals and was not extended to beat Desert Flame (GB) (Desert Prince {Ire}) by an eased-down five lengths. The winner is a 1/2 to Haami (Nashwan), GSW-Ire, MSW-GB, GSP-Ger & US, \$205,193. Lifetime Record: 5-1-1-1, £5,645.

O-Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid al Maktoum; B-Shadwell Farm LLC; T-John Dunlop.

★ FRANCE ★

PLACAIS IN SCOOTER ACCIDENT

Jockey Olivier Placais, stable jockey for Andre Fabre when Christophe Soumillon is not available, is likely to be out of action for some time after suffering head injuries in a scooter accident at Chantilly Saturday evening. Placais was taken to Senlis City Hospital near Chantilly with a head trauma, but his injuries are not life-threatening. He will remain under observation in hospital for the time being and will need to be examined by one of France-Galop's doctors upon his release before being allowed to resume race-riding.

★ EUROPEAN-BRED WINNERS ★

IN HONG KONG:

The World Of Love (GB), g, 3, Compton Place (GB)--

Miss Loving (GB), by Northfields. Sha Tin, 3-29, plate race, 1200m. B-Whitsbury Manor Stud. *18,000gns yrl '01 DONSEP. **Formerly Burgess.

Morpheus (GB), c, 4, Halling--Vilany (GB), by Never So Bold (Ire). Sha Tin, 3-29, Hcp, 1600m. B-Mrs P A Clark. *1/2 to Bad Boy (GB) (Primo Dominie {GB}), SW-Ity. **52,000gns yrl '00 TATOCT.

Princely Horse (GB), g, 4, Mark Of Esteem (GB)--Princesse Legere, by Alleged. Sha Tin, 3-29, Hcp, 2000mT. B-Theakston Stud. *30,000gns wnl '99 TATDEC; 60,000gns 2yo '01 TATAPR.

Blue Stitch (GB), c, 4, Selkirk--Possessive Artiste (GB), by Shareef Dancer. Sha Tin, 3-29, Hcp, 1600m. B-Rockwell Bloodstock. *37,000gns yrl '00 TATOCT.

Mendoza (Ire), g, 5, Goldmark--Sure Flyer (Ire), by Sure Blade. Sha Tin, 3-29, Hcp, 1800mT. B-Miss J Chaplin. *Formerly Sure Mark (GB). **GSP-Ire. *9,000gns wnl '98 TATDEC; Ir£7,000 yrl '99 TATIRE.**



WRITERS UP

WINNING THE WORLD OVER

by Sean Cronin & Dave Keena

Trainer Dermot Weld has proved to be one of Europe's trendsetting globetrotters, sending out Go And Go (Ire) to win the GI Belmont S. in 1990 and Vintage Crop (Ire) to become the first European-trained winner of the G1 Melbourne Cup in 1993.

He enjoyed another landmark season last year when securing his second G1 Melbourne Cup with **Media Puzzle** (Theatrical {Ire}), who followed in the hoofprints of Vintage Crop to take 'the race that stops a nation.' **Vinnie Roe (Ire)** (Definite Article {GB}) compounded the Rosewell House trainer's Australian celebrations by filling fourth place at Flemington.

Add to that the late surge of **Irresistible Jewel (Ire)** (Danehill) that landed Royal Ascot's G2 Ribblesdale S. in June and the impressive win of **Refuse To Bend (Ire)** (Sadler's Wells) in Ireland's premier juvenile event, the G1 National S., at The Curragh in September and the Irish trainer has a full tank of gas with which to face the prospects of 2003's journey.

Of Classic hope Refuse To Bend, he said, "He'll run in the 2000 Guineas Trial at Leopardstown Apr. 13, and that will tell us whether or not he is a 2000 Guineas horse or if he will be what I think he is and that's a Derby horse. He has developed well over the winter and he is nicely forward. Obviously he is going to improve for the run and it will tell us which way to go with him. If he pleases me on the 13th he will go for the [G1 English 2000 Guineas May 3]."

Weld added, "He's a very laid back individual and I was satisfied with the way he worked after racing at Leopardstown on Saturday. He needed it and that has set him up for his first race. He's a hard horse to get fit and ideally he would prefer good ground."

Irresistible Jewel's campaign may be geared to Santa Anita Breeders' Cup meet in October.

"She was a very good mare last year when she won the G2 Ribblesdale S. and ran well in the G1 Japan Cup," Weld said. "She's not in training yet, but she'll come back in next week and her races are all going to come in the second half of the year. Hopefully she will be good enough to run in the Fillies' and Mares' race at the Breeders' Cup meeting."

A tilt at a third Melbourne Cup is not out of the question, and Weld may have more than one barrel loaded when aiming at Flemington in November.

"Media Puzzle will be trained with that race in mind and he won't be seen until mid-summer," the Irish-bred horseman said. "**Lowlander (GB)** (Fuji Kiseki {Jpn}), bought out of John Oxx's yard (for 125,000 guineas) last year, is another possible for the Melbourne Cup."

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But it is unlikely that Vinnie Roe will be travelling to Australia again this year.

"Vinnie Roe had a hard race in the Melbourne Cup, but he was the champion stayer in Europe last year," Weld said. "He has won three St Legers and I'm hoping that we'll try and win a fourth this year. Ideally I'd like to train him for the Arc because he has shown a lot of pace in his races. We'll make up our minds in May whether to train him for the Ascot Gold Cup or give him a bit more time and train him for the Arc.

"I've an open mind, but at the moment I'd rather go for the Arc than go back to Australia with him. If we get a wet autumn he could run a big race in the Arc."

He added, "Both Media Puzzle and Vinnie Roe could start off in the Saval Beg S. at Leopardstown June 4."

BREEDERS' EDITION AMERICA

ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

7th-FGX, \$42,000, (S), 4yo/up, 1mT, 1:40 1/5, fm.

MR. SULU (h, 5, Rail--Genesis Effect, by I'm a Lyre)

Lifetime Record: MSW, 26-5-3-6, \$268,498. O-A L McMurray & Josie Carroll. B-A L McMurray Jr (LA). T-Josie Carroll.

9th-FGX, \$37,000, NW2X, 4yo/up, 1mT, 1:41 1/5, fm.

HOLY CONFLICT (h, 6, Lord At War {Arg}--Quillesse

{SW-Fr}, by Fulmar) Lifetime Record: 28-6-4-5, \$178,775. O-J S Cubed Stables. B-William A Carl(KY). T-Gene A Cilio.

8th-GGX, \$34,125, 3-30, Opt. Clm. (\$62,500), NW2X, 4yo/up, 1 1/16mT, 1:42 2/5, fm.

STUDIO TIME (c, 4, Gone West--Ratings {MGSW &

GISP, \$448,641}, by Caveat) Lifetime Record: 8-4-0-0, \$61,684. O-Augustin Stable. B-George Strawbridge Jr (KY). T-Neil Drysdale. *1/2 to Recording (Danzig), GSW, \$134,224.

9th-PHA, \$27,080, NW3\$3MX, 4yo/up, 7f, 1:24 1/5, ft.

NIGHT CALLER (h, 7, Phone Trick--Sleepy Time, by

Turkoman) Lifetime Record: MSW, 56-11-12-16, \$422,639. O-E & G Stables. B-Robert E Masterson (KY). T-John S McCaslin. *1/2 to Pleasant Breeze (Pleasant Tap), MGSW & MGISP, \$1,271,680.

8th-PHA, \$21,600, NW1X, 3yo, 6 1/2f, 1:19 2/5, ft.

RAISE THE STRIPES (c, 3, Pembroke--Steady Gaze, by

Storm Bird) Lifetime Record: 3-2-1-0, \$27,200. O-Scott Carlsen Racing Stable. B-Sanford R Robertson (KY). T-Leslie Saunders. *\$4,700 wlng '00 KEENOV; \$13,000 2yo 2002 FTMMAY.

10th-PHA, \$21,600, NW1X, 4yo/up, 5 1/2f, 1:05 3/5, ft.

RUN AWAY ARTIE (c, 4, Run Softly--Artiste {Ire}, by

Artaius) Lifetime Record: 15-3-1-2, \$72,480. O-Gumpster Stable. B-Glen Gray Farm (NY). T-Patricia Farro. *\$10,000 yrl '00 FTMOCT. **1/2 to Allegan (Alleged), MGSP-Eng; Latin Quarter (Zilzal), MSP-Den.

8th-SUF, \$21,560, NW2\$3MX, 4yo/up, 6f, 1:13 1/5, my.

CHILLING SWEEP (h, 7, End Sweep--Just Chill, by

Stalwart) Lifetime Record: SP, 42-10-6-6, \$147,599. O-Frankie G Davis. B-Harry T Mangurian Jr (FL). T-Aurelio P Valdes. *\$7,500 2yo 1998 OBSJUN.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Cat Alert, f, 3, Tabasco Cat--Gold N Delicious (GSW & GISP, \$529,108), by Gold Alert. FGX, 3-31, 1mT, 1:40 4/5. B-John Franks (Fl).

Zarro, c, 3, Zarbyev--Rose Inn (SP), by Lost Opportunity. FGX, 3-31, (S), 1m, 1:40. B-Bobby J Jenkins (La). *SP.

Volley, h, 5, [Belong to Me](#)--Noche Bella, by Cox's Ridge. MNR, 3-30, 1 1/8m, 1:54 4/5. B-Hugh Harlinton (NY). *\$85,000 wlng '98 KEENOV; \$125,000 yrl '99 FTSAUG. **1/2 to Stormy Ambition (Eastern Echo), MSW, \$223,473.

BREEDERS' EDITION EUROPE

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Spanish Gold (GB), f, 3, Vettori (Ire)--Spanish Heart (GB), by King Of Spain (GB). Wolverhampton, Britain, 3-31, Mdn, 3yo, 1m 100yds (AWT). B-Farleigh Court Racing Partnership.



FOALING NEWS

PROSPECTRESS, 8, Mining--Seductive Smile (Silver Hawk)

Foal born Feb. 11, a colt by Theatrical (Ire).

Will be bred back to El Prado (Ire).

Owned by Bob & Soo Thomas.

Boarded at Hill 'n' Dale, Ky.

Accomplishments: GSW of \$235,997.

TARZENA, 10, Exuberant--June's Weapon (Cannonade)

Foal born Feb. 11, a filly by Adcat.

Will be bred back to El Corredor.

Owned by Gallagher Stud.

Boarded at Denali Stud, Ky.

Accomplishments: MSW of \$249,556.