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MENI REASONS TO SMILE

Pinhooker Murray Smith hit a big home run at yesterday's Keeneland April Sale of Two-Year-Olds in Training, with Hip 58, a colt from the first crop of Menifee, selling for \$950,000 to top the auction. Smith had



Hip 58 Horsephotos

bought the colt at Fasig-Tipton July last year for \$42,000. "This is by far my biggest day at a sale," she said. "I'm feeling pretty good right now." M&M Racing purchased the colt on behalf of James McIngvale. He will be trained by Bob Baffert. "He's a big, strong, really hardy kind of route-looking horse," said Baffert

associate J. B. McKathan. "A really good combination. The shape is what you're looking for in a big, nice three-year-old for next year. Speed is always good in a racehorse," he quipped. Menifee, runner-up in both the Kentucky Derby and Preakness in 1999, has had his first juveniles sell well this year. "We like Menifee because he was a hell of a horse," McKathan said when asked about the young stallion. "The fact of the matter is, in the way things are going today, the really top, top sires are dead. There's a big void in your classic kind of sires. Deputy Minister is old, and Seattle Slew, Unbridled and Mr. Prospector are all dead. When you get down to it, who's left? And so you're looking for the next big thing to fill that vacuum." **More on the topper, p3.**

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KEENELAND APRIL STATISTICS		
TUESDAY, APR. 15, 2003		
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SESSION TOTALS	2003	2002
No. Sold	128	102
RNAs	70	76
% RNA (% change)	35% (-19%)	43%
Gross	\$21,440,000	\$17,749,500
Average (% change)	\$167,500 (-4%)	\$174,015
Median (% change)	\$98,500 (-23%)	\$127,500

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By the Numbers...

Bucking the trend at recent two-year-old sales, the number of RNAs was reduced by 19 percent. The number sold this year to 128 from 102 with a corresponding rise in gross, \$21,440,000 yesterday compared to \$17,749,500 a year ago. But while the average dipped slightly--\$167,500 from \$174,015--the median was down substantially, with \$98,500 this year, as opposed to \$127,500 in 2002. "The middle was very solid and I am very happy about that," said Geoff Russell, Keeneland's director of sales. "The solid middle and the lower RNAs were two very pleasant surprises."

TATTERSALLS BREEZE-UP STARTS TODAY

Tattersalls' fastest-growing auction, the Breeze-Up Sale, begins at 5:45 p.m. this evening in Newmarket with a formidable act to follow. Spurred by an influx of Japanese buyers, last year's sale saw phenomenal trade when the turnover rose by 52 percent and the average increased by 44 percent. There were a handful of Japanese visitors watching as the lots breezed yesterday morning in baking sunshine alongside Newmarket racecourse, with further workouts scheduled for 9:30 a.m. today and tomorrow. Many of the vendors who fared well 12 months ago look to have invested more than ever in yearling purchases so they will be hoping the sale's progress continues. Jimmy George, Tattersalls' marketing director, was hopeful that the auction would continue its progress. "The sale obviously has a very hard act to follow," he acknowledged, "but the likes of classic winner Mr Dinos, leading older miler Nayyir and top sprinter Captain Rio have all shown that this is very much a sale on the upgrade." Selling begins tonight at 5:45 p.m., with breezes at 9:30 a.m. **Tattersalls cont. p4**

You can also pick up a copy of the TDN today at the Tattersalls Breeze-Up sale.

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OUTS FOR APRIL 15, 2003

22, 43, 58, 60, 69, 70, 88, 97, 120, 126, 137, 139, 141, 152, 154, 160, 165, 171, 185, 187

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Hip	Sire	Dam	Price (\$)
<u>58</u>	Menifee	Pacific City	950,000
(\$42,000 yrl '02 FTKJUL)			
<i>B-Brilliant Stables Inc, Morris Bros. & Elliott Walden (Ky)</i>			
Property of Murray Smith			
Purchased by M & M Racing			
<u>168</u>	Unbridled's Song	Belonging	875,000
(\$150,000 yrl '02 KEEOCT)			
<i>B-Joseph & William Stavola (Ky)</i>			
Consigned by Sequel Bloodstock (B Thomas), agt.			
Purchased by Robert & Beverly Lewis			
<u>8</u>	El Prado (Ire)	La Gueriere	850,000
(\$67,000 yrl '02 WIMJUL)			
<i>B-Wimborne Farm (Ky)</i>			
Consigned by Kirkwood Stables, Agent IX			
Purchased by Fleetwood/Northwest Management			
<u>62</u>	Elusive Quality	Pleas Write	700,000
<i>B-Ron Crockett Inc (Ky)</i>			
Consigned by Wavertree Stables (Ciaran Dunne), agent			
Purchased by Wesley Ward & Roger King			
<u>104</u>	Forest Wildcat	Starita	600,000
(\$140,000 yrl '02 KEESEP)			
<i>B-Liberation Farm & Oratis Thoroughbreds (Ky)</i>			
Consigned by Niall Brennan Stables, Agent I			
Purchased by J Paul Reddam			
<u>186</u>	Cape Town	Charming Gal	600,000
(\$80,000 yrl '02 FTKJUL)			
<i>B-Shields Thoroughbred Inc (Ca)</i>			
Consigned by Niall Brennan Stables, Agent I			
Purchased by Robert & Beverly Lewis			
<u>76</u>	Grand Slam	Sandy's Storm	525,000
(\$150,000 yrl '02 KEESEP)			
<i>B-James S Karp (Ky)</i>			
Consigned by Niall Brennan Stables, Agent I			
Purchased by Winsong Farms			
<u>48</u>	Forestry	Northern Sanction	500,000
<i>B-Lochlow Farm (Ky)</i>			
Consigned by Niall Brennan Stables, Agent I			
Purchased by Robert & Beverly Lewis			

<u>132</u>	Touch Gold	Wild Seven	500,000
<i>B-White Fox Farm (Ky)</i>			
Consigned by Robert N Scanlon, Agent XX			
Purchased by Robert & Beverly Lewis			
<u>178</u>	Machiavellian	Brocatelle (GB)	470,000
(480,000gns yrl '02 TATHOU)			
<i>B-Kilboy Estate (Ire)</i>			
Consigned by Robert N Scanlon, Agent XVI			
Purchased by Fusao Sekiguchi			

Song of the Sale...The second highest price of the sale was the \$875,000 attained by Hip 168, an Unbridled's Song half brother to Belong to Me purchased by Robert and Beverly Lewis. Marsha Naify was the underbidder. He will be trained by D. Wayne Lukas. "It's a great page and he has great stud potential," said Lukas. "John [Moynihan] and I both loved him and the Lewis' were good enough to entrust me with the checkbook. We got four of the five that we went after and I think we got the right ones." The handsome youngster was consigned by Becky Thomas of Sequel Bloodstock. "He, in my opinion, was at the top of our group and we had a very good group," said the Florida-based Thomas. "I couldn't be happier with who bought him and that's really big for us; they are big players and the colt has a great shot. Mr Lewis [is] an awesome representative of our industry." Thomas, who consigned the world-record colt at Barretts, was realistic about the market. "There were a lot of good horses in the sale and I think the good horses sold well," she said. "The ones that weren't as precocious, we let those ones go [at lower prices]. We've had a lower buyback here and that is very good for our sale."

Family Fabric...Hip 178, an Irish-bred colt by Machiavellian who was purchased by Fusao Sekiguchi for \$470,000, comes from one of the best families in the Stud Book. His dam Brocatelle (GB), a half-sister to both GI Breeders' Cup Mile hero Baratheia (Ire) and Classic heroine Gossamer (GB), brought a European record 1.7 million guineas at Tattersalls December in 2000 with this colt in utero. The bay himself sold for 480,000 guineas at Tattersalls Houghton last fall.



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Fundamentally, Smith Hits a Home Run...

Pinhooker Murray Smith stuck her pole in the water at last summer's Fasig-Tipton Kentucky July Sale and snatched up a \$42,000 colt from the first crop of Kentucky Derby and Preakness runner-up Menifee (Harlan). Smith will now be able to bait that hook several times over after the Apr. 29 foal brought a final bid of \$950,000 during yesterday's proceedings at Keeneland.

Based in Ocala, Florida for the last 13 years, where she rents a 20-stall barn from fellow consignor Nick de Meric, the 41-year-old Smith spent the better part of 25 years around and training show horses and ended up at Keeneland only by chance.

"I had a broken leg, so I couldn't ride at all," she explained. "I just happened to find my way to the January sale [in 1987]. A light came on in my head and I said to myself, 'This is where the money is.'"

Smith has taken different approaches to two-year-old sales and spent several years in partnerships with others. But she found herself having to compromise on her principles and decided to strike back out on her own.

"Being in a partnership was good on the one hand because it gave me the opportunity to buy horses, since I had no money at the time," she said. "But sometimes the partners were more interested in buying pedigree, whereas I basically look more for the individual and conformation. I strayed a bit from what I believe, but now it's back to basics. In this market, you need to focus on what you do best and buying individuals is my forte."

So, what was it about this son of the Carson City mare Pacific City that caught her eye at Newtown Paddocks?

"I like a big and scopy horse," she explained. "He had long loose walk from the side and looked very athletic. I liked his mechanics."

Even Euclid had some input.

"I was an A-student in geometry and he had the right frame--he was big and gangly. The right parts were there, he just needed to grow," she added.

Smith does all of the leg work down on the farm and would likely get up on her horses if it weren't for back surgery last September.

She has 16 horses she is preparing for breeze-up sales dotting the map this year. Smith tasted success in Florida this past February, selling a Doneraile Court colt for \$400,000 at the OBS Calder Sale and a Boston Harbor colt for \$300,000 at the Fasig-Tipton Sale. "We run a small operation," she said. "We go where the horses tell us to go."

Timing is everything. "He got better and stronger and peaked at the right time," she said. "He worked last week in the slop and did it very efficiently. I really like way he moved over the ground; he went in :21 2/5 and galloped out extremely well. I trained him the rest of last week and had him open gallop for second preview."

**KEENELAND APRIL
TOP SIX FILLIES**

Hip	Sire	Dam	Price (\$)
<u>95</u>	<u>Elusive Quality</u>	Soft Dawn	500,000
(\$55,000 yrl '02 OBSAUG) <i>B-K-S Stable & Steve C Snowden (Ky)</i> Consigned by Nick de Meric, Agent I Purchased by Fleetwood/Northwest Management			
<u>224</u>	<u>Siphon (Brz)</u>	Expedicionaria (Ven)	330,000
(\$55,000 yrl '02 FTKJUL) <i>B-J L Verenzuela (Ky)</i> Consigned by Leprechaun Racing, Agent Purchased by Toyomitsu Hirai			
<u>50</u>	<u>Distant View</u>	North Patterson	285,000
<i>B-Allan G Lavin (Ky)</i> Consigned by Niall Brennan Stables, Agent I Purchased by Eugene Melnyk			
<u>184</u>	<u>Silver Ghost</u>	Cerita	285,000
<i>B-Courtney & Congleton (Ky)</i> Consigned by Robert N Scanlon, Agent XIV Purchased by Randy Pellegrini			
<u>158</u>	<u>Stravinsky</u>	Audra	250,000
<i>B-Sanford R Robertson (Ky)</i> Consigned by William B Harrigan, Agent Purchased by J Paul Reddam			
<u>189</u>	<u>A.P. Indy</u>	Clever Monique	250,000
<i>B-Thomas-Lakin (Ky)</i> Consigned by Sequel Bloodstock (B Thomas), agent Purchased by Columbine Stable, C Beau Greely, agent			

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Pride of El Prado...

The nation's leading sire of 2002, El Prado (Ire) sired a \$1-million juvenile at Barretts and had another expensive one yesterday, with Hip 8 bringing \$850,000 from Stanley Fulton's Fleetwood/Northwest Management. The bay colt did so despite having a fractured sesamoid in his right hind leg that "everyone knows about," said Bobby McIntire on behalf of the partnership which had owned the colt. "It was out in the open from the get go. Everybody told us this horse has a problem and you will never be able to do anything with him." Surgery was intended for the youngster, but McIntire said the veterinarian, Paul Thorpe of Hagyard-Davidson-McGee, told him, 'Don't waste your money. A lot of other things will hurt him besides this.' Produced by GISW La Gueriere (Lord At War {Arg}), the colt was purchased for \$67,000 at the Wimbourne Farm dispersal last summer. Partners McIntire and J.P. Jones of Greenwich Cattle Company eventually sent the colt to Jane Dunn in South Carolina. Dunn broke the colt and sent him to Kip Elser's Kirkwood Stables for final sales preparation.

Not Dave and Busters...

Central Kentucky bloodstock agent Peter Bradley and consignor Nick de Meric, respected horsemen individually, are the driving force behind a co-ownership named D & B Ventures. "Nick and I are the co-managers," says Bradley, who adds that he has about 10 or 12 investors and a core of eight investors year in year out. "We see this as a good vehicle to get new people in the business," Bradley explains. "We try and keep everyone updated every couple of weeks. This way, they know when things are going right or wrong and they get a feel for the ups and downs in the market. We've found it's a good way to get new people involved in the business." Bradley says their goal is to buy "10 to 20 yearlings every year" which are to be resold at the two-year-old sales. And the group is off to a good start. From a four-horse consignment, purchased at various yearling sales a year ago for a combined \$317,000, the team realized gross receipts yesterday of \$1.03 million. "We were on the winning team today," Bradley said.

What They're Saying At The Sales...

Niall Brennan, consignor

"We are very happy and our better horses sold very well. Some of them did not sell, but that is how the market is. We felt confident that we had some really nice stock coming up here. The buyers were here and people really like to buy here--it's April, it's a little later and the horses are a little more mature. The RNAs seem to be down and that is a very good sign. It's probably a combination that this was a very good catalogue and people were realistic with their reserves. If you don't have any vet work you're in trouble...it's that simple. If people like the horses, the vet work is done. If they don't like them then the horses are not being vetted. We had to announce that [hip 48] had a little chip that we only found out about this morning. That probably hurt his price so you have to factor that in, but he still sold very well. Overall we are very happy."

Mike Ryan, bloodstock agent

"Four or five of the colts in our consignment sold very well. Our Forest Wildcat [Hip 104] sold very well and the Cape Town [186] was tremendous physically and sold very well. The bottom of the market is desperate and the mid-ranges of the market are very tight and I think they're the buyers we're missing. There's a lot of useful horses that didn't find homes. We had the usual buyers, but the buying population was a little thin. We're depending on the same handful of buyers."

Geoff Russell, Keeneland Director of Sales

"We try to adjust every year for what people are looking for. It's the kind of sale that consignors like because of when it is. They don't have to force their horses to do what they are not meant to do, which gives them more time for development. I was very happy with the results. There was a lot of money at Barretts that didn't get spent. The question was would it still be here six weeks later. There were different players here today. The ones that did come out did come to play."

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FROM THE DESK OF...
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MORE TRIAL SECONDS FOR 2ND-CROP SIRE

After progressing from a Beyer 108 in the GI Florida Derby to 111 in his GI Wood Memorial win Saturday, everybody else may be playing for places behind Empire Maker. In addition to these impressive Beyers, one other thing he has got is the pedigree to get 10 furlongs. His Group 1-winning half brothers Chester House (Mr. Prospector) and Chiselling (Woodman), both got 10 furlongs, so there's no way a son of Unbridled won't, even though two other group-winning siblings, Honest Lady (a Seattle Slew filly who was second in the Breeders' Cup Sprint) and Decarchy (Grade II-winning miler by Distant View) didn't. What a mare, eh, Toussaud? I feel certain, in any case, the distance will not stop Empire Maker, as it has stopped many a Florida Derby and/or Wood winner before.

Besides Empire Maker emerging as the overwhelming Kentucky Derby favorite, the other big story among the 2003 Classic generation continues to be the performance of the sires whose first crops are three this year--what are called 'second-crop' sires. Four horses had cracked the million-dollar barrier in progeny earnings as freshman sires last year: [Distorted Humor](#) (Forty Niner) had been locked in a struggle with [Elusive Quality](#) (Gone West) all last fall, but with the disqualification of Elusive City from two wins in Europe for bad tests, Distorted Humor was leading freshman sire, with 2002 progeny earnings of just over \$1.3 million. Awesome Again (Deputy Minister) was less than \$50,000 behind in second, propelled by Toccet's \$755,000-earnings, with Elusive Quality third, but less than \$20,000 behind Awesome Again. [Tale of the Cat](#) (Storm Cat, four stakes winners) edged Elusive Quality (six stakes winners) as leading sire of winners, 24-23, and also had progeny earnings over \$1 million, over \$200,000 clear of [Grand Slam](#) and Touch Gold in fifth and sixth.

For the first three months of the season--Gulfstream and Santa Anita--it was Touch Gold, with three GSWs (the now-retired Composure, Midas Eyes, and Region of Merit) who came to the fore, along with Tale of the Cat, who was beginning to get quality as well as quantity. By this time last week, Tale of the Cat had surged to the lead among this highly competitive group. Only the weekend before, Deputy Commander had GI Illinois Derby winner Ten Most Wanted and Indian Charlie had GI Santa Anita Derby runner-up Indian Express.

Then, last weekend, Deputy Commander, Indian Charlie, and Distorted Humor all had horses run second in the three major Derby trials: Brancusi (Deputy Commander) chased Peace Rules home in the GI Toyota Blue Grass, in the process running what looked to many veteran observers, including this one, a very good Derby trial. The Blue Grass is traditionally much more speed-favoring than the Derby, and frequently horses placed in the Blue Grass win or run big at Churchill.

Eugene's Third Son (Indian Charlie), previously second in the GI Lane's End at Turfway, looked all over the winner of the Arkansas Derby, until the 55-1 shot Sir Cherokee swooped; and Funny Cide (Distorted Humor) ran a good second to Empire Maker in the Wood.

Funny Cide's second put Distorted Humor back on top once again among this contentious crowd, knocking Tale of the Cat and Elusive Quality back a place each to second and third. The Three Ministers--Touch Gold, Awesome Again, and Deputy Commander--stayed in fourth, fifth, and sixth, though Brancusi's second in the Blue Grass closed the gap between Awesome Again, in fifth, and Deputy Commander in sixth, from \$127,000 to less than \$600. Indian Charlie has now moved into seventh, only \$13,000 ahead of Grand Slam, in eighth. Grand Slam is about \$250,000 clear of ninth-placed Partner's Hero, and is one of eight second-crop sires, then, with cumulative progeny earnings over \$1,375,000. Grand Slam, incidentally, had just his second stakes winner last weekend, but also has five runners who are graded stakes-placed, and another three stakes-placed. That means that 10 of his 31 winners have earned black type. That's pretty good for a horse who only ranks eighth in his group. *cont. p7*

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Meanwhile, Among More Established Sires...

As well as this group of sires is doing, you'd almost forget that there are plenty of good three-year-olds by more established sires. Besides Unbridled being the sire of the probable Derby (and possible Triple Crown) winner, veteran [Wild Again](#)--upset winner of the inaugural Breeders' Cup Classic and perennial Top 10 sire--sired the third-placed horse in two of the three weekend preps: Offlee Wild ran third in the Blue Grass (Pat Day will choose between him and Ten Most Wanted for the Derby, we presume), and Christine's Outlaw ran third in the Arkansas Derby. The upset winner of that race, Sir Cherokee, is the second good three-year-old colt to emerge from this crop of Cherokee Run. He's also represented by Kafwain, of course.

In fact, it's interesting to consider whether these hot second-crop sires will be so prominent over the next year or two. These are horses who have one or more legitimate Classic contenders in their first crops, but the commercial world dictates that breeders often go from one first-crop sire to the next. For example, in 2003 earnings only (I looked these up on [bloodhorse.com](#)), Deputy Commander ranks 21st on the General Sire List, Tale of the Cat 31st, Touch Gold 40th, Indian Charlie 43rd.

Remember the 'F98' group of sires that I've been so high on? Unbridled's Song, Maria's Mon, [Hennessy](#), [Forest Wildcat](#), [Smart Strike](#), etc. Their three-year-olds this year are from their third crop. Here's where they are on the current General Sire List: Unbridled's Song 30, [Hennessy](#) 50, [Honour and Glory](#) 61, [Forest Wildcat](#) 64, [Smart Strike](#) 70, Maria's Mon, can't find him. Mind you, it's early in the year: [Storm Cat](#) is number 89.

The Second Ten, and Beyond...

Three horses outside those top eight second-crop sires are movers or potential movers. [Coronado's Quest](#) has dropped from eighth at the end of last year to 14th now, has only four winners so far this year. But he did have three stakes winners last year, and one of them, Battle Chant, is a big tip for Thursday's G3 Craven S., a major 2000 Guineas prep. A significant mover already is Wild Rush, up from 27th at the end of last year to 20th now, with 12 winners, including two stakes winners, this year. And [Swain](#) had the winner of the G3 Greenham and the Leopardstown 1000 Guineas Trial (L), both over seven furlongs, last weekend. As a North American sire, he's now up to 45th, from 54th at the end of last year. He could actually have something to say about how much longer Blushing Groom will actually survive as a male line.

LEADING NORTH AMERICAN SECOND-CROP SIRES BY CUMULATIVE EARNINGS

SIRE	YOB	SIRE'S SIRE	3YO	RNRS	WNRS	WNRS	EARNINGS	GSW	SW	SP	LOC
Distorted Humor	1993	Forty Niner	69	38	22	40	1,984,162	2	4	2	KY
Tale of the Cat	1994	Storm Cat	119	59	34	51	1,952,011	0	5	4	KY
Elusive Quality	1993	Gone West	79	47	26	48	1,905,736	3	8	4	KY
Touch Gold	1994	Deputy Minister	86	45	12	22	1,632,236	3	3	2	KY
Awesome Again	1994	Deputy Minister	77	39	15	25	1,456,684	1	2	1	KY
Deputy Commander	1994	Deputy Minister	103	55	21	28	1,456,100	1	1	4	KY
Indian Charlie	1995	In Excess (Ire)	91	48	25	33	1,389,942	0	1	7	KY
Grand Slam	1995	Gone West	140	74	31	44	1,376,339	0	1	9	KY
Partner's Hero	1994	Danzig	68	36	20	33	1,119,947	1	2	3	MD
Souvenir Copy	1995	Mr. Prospector	114	56	27	36	1,060,925	0	1	1	KY
Stormy Atlantic	1994	Storm Cat	60	28	15	31	1,051,213	1	3	2	KY
Swiss Yodeler	1994	Eastern Echo	53	33	23	36	1,045,424	0	2	4	CA
Skip Away	1993	Skip Trial	108	48	20	30	858,530	0	2	7	KY
Coronado's Quest	1995	Forty Niner	58	27	16	21	834,169	1	3	2	KY
Favorite Trick	1995	Phone Trick	83	41	15	22	830,157	0	2	3	KY
Formal Gold	1993	Black Tie Affair (Ire)	74	38	24	31	805,057	0	1	2	KY
Concerto	1994	Chief's Crown	50	30	18	32	794,870	0	2	3	FL
Double Honor	1995	Gone West	73	49	33	51	758,589	0	0	2	FL
Banker's Gold	1994	Forty Niner	66	31	15	20	695,237	0	2	1	KY
Wild Rush	1994	Wild Again	91	44	17	27	691,919	0	2	1	KY



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LOTS TO OFFER The two-day Tattersalls Breeze-Up Sale will feature a number of well-bred individuals. [Lot 145](#), a Fasliyev (Nureyev) colt who shares his granddam with champion Peintre Celebre (Nureyev), was the dearest yearling on offer, having realised €150,000 at Deauville in August, while [Lot 67](#), a Croco Rouge (Ire) (Rainbow Quest) half brother to three winners, appears from Eddie O'Leary's Lynn Lodge Stud, as he did when making 85,000gns at the Tattersalls Houghton Yearling Sale. Lynn Lodge Stud, as agent for Dr. Tony Ryan's Lyons Demesne, also consigns [Lot 151](#), a blue-blooded Rainbow Quest colt from the family of Bosra Sham, who was bought back for 65,000gns at the Houghton. Four two-year-olds by champion Sadler's Wells include [Lot 38](#), a half brother to G1 Prix de Diane heroine Rafha (GB) (Kris {GB}) offered from Con Marnane's Bانشa House Stables, as is [Lot 72](#), a well-connected Danehill colt. Malcolm Bastard, who sold last year's 180,000gns top lot, has 19 catalogued, including [Lot 48](#), a Singspiel (Ire) colt from the family of Mtoto, and [Lot 74](#), a Royal Applause (GB) (Waajib) colt who cost €85,000 at Goffs as a yearling. Meanwhile offerings from Willie Browne's Mocklershill Stables, responsible for 28 of the 187 catalogued, include [Lot 49](#), a Pivotal (GB) colt who could show a good advance on his 27,000gns yearling cost, and [Lot 167](#), a Grand Lodge filly bought for 47,000gns at the October Yearling Sale. "By common consent, this is the best breeze-up catalogue ever seen in Europe and there has been considerable interest since the catalogue was printed, not only domestically but from overseas as well," Jimmy George, Tattersalls' marketing director, said Tuesday.

☆ PREVIEW ☆

Wednesday, Newmarket, Britain, post time: 2:15 p.m.
WEATHERBYS EARL OF SEFTON S.-G3, £50,000,
 4yo/up, 1 1/8mT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER
1	3	Desert Deer (GB)	Cadeaux Genereux (GB)	Johnston
2	5	Olden Times (GB)	Darshaan (GB)	J Dunlop
3	1	Pablo (GB)	Efisio (GB)	B Hills
4	2	Potemkin (Ire)	Ashkalani (Ire)	Hannon
5	4	Priors Lodge (Ire)	Grand Lodge	Tregoning
6	7	With Reason	Nashwan	Loder
7	6	Cuddles (Fr)	Anabaa	C Brittain

All carry 122 pounds, except Cuddles at 119.

☆ RESULTS ☆

Tuesday, Newmarket, Britain

SHADWELL STUD NELL GWYN S.-G3, £50,000,
 Newmarket, 4-15, 3yo, f, 7fT, 1:26.76, gd/fm.

1--**@KHULOOD**, 121, f, 3, by [Storm Cat](#)

1st Dam: **Elle Seule (GSW-Fr)**, by **Exclusive Native**

2nd Dam: **Fall Aspen**, by **Pretense**

3rd Dam: **Change Water**, by **Swaps**

O-Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid al Maktoum; B-Shadwell Farm LLC; T-John Dunlop; J-Richard Hills; £29,000. Lifetime Record: 4-3-0-0, £51,298. * 1/2 to Mehthaaf (Nureyev), Hwt. 3yo-Ire at 7-9f, G1SW-Ire, MGSW-Eng & MG1SP-Fr, \$381,798; Elnadim (Danzig), Hwt. 3yo & Older Horse-Eng at 5-7f, G1SW-Eng, \$322,945; and Ashraakat (Danzig), MSW & GSP-Eng.

2--**Cala (Fr)**, 121, f, 3, Desert Prince (Ire)--Badawi, by Diesis (GB). O-Sheikh Marwan al Maktoum; B-Darley Stud Management Co Ltd; £11,000.

3--**Hector's Girl (GB)**, 121, f, 3, Hector Protector--Present Imperfect (GB), by Cadeaux Genereux (GB). (60,000gns wnlg '00 TATDEC; 75,000gns yrl '01 TATOCT) O-Naz Ahamad; B-The Overbury Stud; £5,500.

Margins: 2, NK, HD. Odds: 15-8, 14-1, 2-1.

Also Ran: Hold To Ransom, Ego (GB), Sister Bluebird (GB), Garmoucheh, Miss Assertive (GB).

Richard Hills executed a perfectly judged ride from the front to establish Khulood as a live contender for the G1 1000 Guineas May 4. Allowed to stride on in similar fashion to when she broke the Rowley Mile's seven-furlong record in the Listed Oh So Sharp S. here in October, the flashy chestnut was never in danger of relinquishing her uncontested lead. "She broke well and has an awful lot of speed," Hills commented. "She's very highly strung and went quick early and then settled down a bit, but quickened well from two out. I hope she'll get the extra furlong in the Guineas, and I think as long as she stays cool she definitely will." Trainer John Dunlop was suitably impressed with the filly, who was quoted as low as 8-1 for the mile Classic afterwards. "She recorded a fair time and enjoyed the fast ground," the conditioner said. "They left her alone, which was rather unfortunate as one is still not sure whether she will get the mile, having so much speed. She changed her legs dramatically in the final furlong, but picked up again and came home well. She should get a mile." [Click for the racingpost.co.uk chart](#) or the [free brisnet.com catalogue-style pedigree](#).

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☆ SOPHOMORE SCENE ☆

Eugene's Third Son off Derby Trail

Serengeti Stable's **Eugene's Third Son** (Indian Charlie), second in last Saturday's GII Arkansas Derby, was knocked off the GI Kentucky Derby trail Monday after it was revealed that the colt had suffered a broken splint bone in his right front leg. After Saturday's effort, trainer Patrick Byrne had indicated the GI Preakness S. was the next likely spot for the colt, but that a go in the Kentucky Derby was still on the table. The bay underwent surgery Monday afternoon at Dr. Bill Baker's clinic in Versailles, Kentucky. "Dr. Baker said we've got an excellent prognosis," commented Byrne. "We'll reevaluate in 30 days, but he said he didn't see why, with normal healing, that he can't be back under tack and jogging in five or six weeks." Byrne said that Saratoga's GI King's Bishop S. will be an immediate aim, with the GI Breeders' Cup Sprint the primary goal.

Champali Works; Next Race Undecided

A disappointing third in the GII Lane's End S., Lloyd Madison Farm's **Champali** (Glitterman) worked five panels Tuesday at Churchill Downs in :59.80 in preparation for either Saturday's GII Coolmore Lexington S. at Keeneland or the Apr. 29 GIII Derby Trial S. at Churchill. Champali won the GIII Iroquois S. going a flat mile at Churchill last November, the same distance as the Derby Trial. "Whichever race he goes in, I just want him to be at his best, and he looked good out there this morning," said trainer Greg Foley. "He was tired after the Lane's End, but he has really come back around in the past couple of days. His coat looks good and he's feeling good. We'll get with the owners and see what they want to do." Entries for the Coolmore Lexington will be taken Thursday.

Missed Work Means Derby Trial for Midas Eyes

Edmund Gann's **Midas Eyes** (Touch Gold) was forced to miss a work at Hollywood Sunday because of heavy rain, prompting trainer Bobby Frankel to rule the colt out of this Saturday's GII Coolmore Lexington S., according to the *Daily Racing Form*. Frankel said the colt, who looked brilliant in a 9 1/4-length romp in the GIII Swale S., would instead be pointed towards the Apr. 26 Derby Trial S. at Churchill. "I missed the work, so I'm not going to run in the Lexington," Frankel said. "We'll just have to wait for the Derby Trial."

☆ CLASSIC CORNER ☆

Dream Delayed

Connections of **Oasis Dream (GB)** (Green Desert) have announced that the colt will miss the G1 2000 Guineas at Newmarket May 3 and French equivalent May 11. Last year's G1 Middle Park S. winner could be aimed at the G1 Irish 2000 Guineas at The Curragh May 24. "He has just taken his time to come, but he is fine and will hopefully have a summer campaign," owner Prince Khalid Abdullah's racing manager Teddy Beckett told *PA Sport*. "There is nothing definite in mind for him at the moment. I suppose Ireland would be a possibility, but no more than that." Beckett also confirmed that **Intercontinental (GB)** (Danehill) will have her prep for the G1 1000 Guineas at Newmarket May 4 at Maisons-Laffitte Friday. Connections of the G1 Grand Criterium third sidestepped yesterday's G3 Nell Gwyn S. due to the equine flu outbreak in Newmarket and will prep her in a six-furlong conditions race, in which she will face a maximum of nine rivals. Meanwhile, Saturday's G3 Lane's End Greenham S. winner **Muqbil** (Swain {Ire}) was reported to have "come out of his race well," according to Angus Gold, racing manager to owner Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid al Maktoum, who stressed that a final decision on his participation in the mile Classic depends on the performance of **Maghanim (GB)** (Nashwan) in either of tomorrow's G3 Macau Jockey Club Craven S. or Listed bet365 Feilden S. Dermot Weld has also delayed a decision on whether Sunday's Listed Leopardstown 2000 Guineas Trial S. winner **Refuse to Bend (Ire)** (Sadler's Wells) runs in the Newmarket Classic, stating that an announcement will be made a week before the contest.

 **FOALING NEWS**

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 **NORTH AMERICA** 

THOROUGHBRED CHAMPIONSHIP TOUR

MOVES FORWARD The Thoroughbred Championship Tour, a new racing series proposed by the Thoroughbred Owners and Breeders Association, moved one step closer to fruition yesterday as representatives of the boards and management of TOBA met with their counterparts at the National Thoroughbred Racing Association to explain their concept and business plan. It has been reported that a group of prominent owners would be willing to invest a large portion of the start-up costs of the TCT, a venture many think can be implemented as early as 2004. The aim of the TCT, a series of races divided into six divisions that would be linked to the Breeders' Cup, is to expand interest in horse racing by providing the public with an easily understood series of stakes races, which, in turn, would benefit those involved in Thoroughbred racing. "It was a positive, productive first meeting," said TOBA's past Chairman Stuart Janney. "There will be additional follow-up sessions to explore the future possibilities of working together to grow interest and exposure for the sport." NTRA Commissioner Tim Smith added, "We were impressed with the hard work, research and preparation that went into the TCT plan, and with the offer of new investment capital by the TOBA/TCT group. Their motivation, like ours, is to improve the scheduling and presentation of the best in summer and early fall racing." The next meeting will be scheduled in approximately three to four weeks.

STAKES CLOSINGS

TODAY, WEDNESDAY, APRIL 16:

04-25 \$100,000a Hawthorne H.-III, Hol, 3yo/up, f/m, 8.5f (100)

04-26 \$300,000 Texas Mile-III, LS, 3yo/up, 8f (0)

04-26 \$150,000 Calder Breeders' Cup H., Crc, 3yo/up, f/m, 8.5fT (150)

TOMORROW, THURSDAY, APRIL 17:

04-26 \$200,000a San Francisco Breeders' Cup Mile-II, BM, 3yo/up, 8fT (150)

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★ **EAST** ★

Yesterday's Results:

7th-PHA, \$25,916, Msw, 4yo/up, 6 1/2f, 1:18 2/5, ft. +HEATH'S GO BLUE (c, 4, [Evansville Slew](#)--Colombia, by Farma Way), debuting with Lasix as a heavily supported 4-5 pick, was never far back in fifth, moved to take command on the turn and powered clear of the rest to win going away by six lengths. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$15,960. O-Heath Dreyfuss. B-E & D Enterprises (PA). T-Scott A Lake.

★ **KEENELAND** ★

Truth or Dare for Belterra:

Making her second start of the year and her first beyond two turns, Robert T. Manfuso's **Belterra** (Unbridled) will try to get back on track in this afternoon's \$100,000 Doubledogdare S. at Keeneland. The bay, who won the GII Golden Rod S. over Take Charge Lady as a two-year-old, made just three starts in 2003 and won only once, a Churchill allowance race in June. In her 2003 debut, she finished third to Gold Mover and Harmony Lodge, respectively, after breaking slowly in the Hurricane Bertie S. sprinting 6 1/2 furlongs at Gulfstream Mar. 16. The Carl Nafzger trainee should appreciate the added distance here and is the 8-5 morning-line favorite with jockey Jose Santos in the irons.

★ **SO. CALIFORNIA** ★

Hollendorfer Gears Up for Hollywood Assault:

Trainer Jerry Hollendorfer, who has long been a major player on the Northern California circuit, is planning to ship a large string of horses down the coast for Hollywood Park's 65-day Spring/Summer meet that kicks off Apr. 23. Hollendorfer, who has sent runners to Arlington Park the past two summers, might stable as many as 40 horses at Hollywood, the largest number he has ever raced on a regular basis in Southern California. "Racing in Southern California is the toughest in America," said Hollendorfer, "and I'm looking forward to the challenge. Let's put it this way: I'm going to do what I can do down there."

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Racetracks operated by Churchill Downs Incorporated (CDI), including Hollywood Park, Churchill Downs and Calder Race Course, will revert back to their standard practice of accepting wagers up until the starting gate opens on both on-track and simulcast horse races. The practice was altered after the Breeders' Cup Ultra Pick 6 scandal last fall, so that wagering ended at zero minutes to post, or some 90 seconds before the gates actually opened. "CDI implemented interim wagering security measures last fall to maintain customer confidence," said John R. Long, CDI's executive vice president and chief operating officer. "Since that time, the tote vendors that process our pari-mutual wagers have made positive improvements to their security systems."

★ ON THE RADAR ★

WEDNESDAY'S ENTRIES

5th-GPX, Msw, a9fT, post time: 2:47 p.m. EDT
STONE CAT (c, 3, Storm Cat--Miss Caerleona {Fr} {GSW-US & SP-Fr, \$260,663}, by Caerleon) B-Stonerside Stable LLC (Ky).

Stone Cat, sent off as the 4-5 pick in his bow, rallied from last of 10 to get up to be a good fourth over Calder's lawn Dec. 29. Trainer Bill Mott will treat the \$2.4 million FTSAUG yearling with Lasix for this test.

9th-GPX, Msw, a9fT, post time: 4:36 p.m. EDT
+ CAMPAIGN CASTLE (c, 3, Deputy Minister--Lady Affirmed {GSW & GISP, \$313,037}, by Affirmed) B-Harbor View Farm (Ky)

Trainer Todd Pletcher is hitting with a snazzy 23 percent of his firsters and is respresented here by Eugene and Laura Melnyk's Campaign Castle. The gray, purchased for \$550,000 as a KEESEP yearling, should like the green stuff, as his dam won the GIII Athenia H. over Aqueduct's sod. He will get Lasix for his debut.

2nd-KEE, Msw, 4 1/2f, post time: 1:45 p.m. EDT
+ COLD TRICK (c, 2, Mazel Trick--Frigidette {SW}, by It's Freezing) B-Windwoods Farm (Ky).

Trainer D. Wayne Lukas got the babies in his barn off to a good start when his Fashion Girl (Tactical Cat) won over trip and track last Sunday, and he sends out another youngster by a freshman sire here with Cold Trick. A half to two stakes winners--including MGSW Windsor Castle (Lord Carson)--Cold Trick sold for \$175,000 as a KEENOV weanling and for \$290,000 as an FTKJUL yearling. He ripped through three furlongs in :35 flat from the gate at Santa Anita Mar. 23 and prepped for this one with a three-panel breeze over a sloppy Churchill track Apr. 7. Jockey Jerry Bailey gets the mount.

★ AMERICAN-BRED WINNERS ★

IN BRITAIN:

Sabre D'Argent, c, 3, Kris S. See "Britain"
Flying Faisal, h, 5, Alydeed--Peaceful Silence, by Proper Reality. Folkestone, 4-15, Hcp, 3yo/up, 6fT. B-C S W Stables. *\$10,000 yrl '99 KEESEP; 16,000gns 2yo '00 DONMAR.

IN FRANCE:

Kew Palace, g, 6, Kris S.--All My Charm, by Stage Door Johnny. Maisons-Laffitte, 4-15, Hcp, 5yo/up, 1 5/8mT. B-Haras Santa Maria de Araras.

IN HONG KONG:

Bullish Luck, c, 4, Royal Academy--Wild Vintage, by Alysheba. Sha Tin, 4-13, Hcp., 1600mT. B-Max & Isabel Morris. *50,000gns yrl '00 TATOCT.



SOPHOMORE SPOTLIGHT

First-crop progeny to watch: Wednesday, April 16

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

ELUSIVE QUALITY (Gone West), Gainsborough, \$10K, 165/26/8
 2-BM, Msw, 6f, +Tributetothatcher, \$33K KEE SEP yrl, 2-1
FAVORITE TRICK (Phone Trick), Walmac, \$30K, 138/16/2
 4-KEE, Msw, 6 1/2f, +Coin Trick, 8-1

GRAND SLAM (Gone West), Ashford, \$30K, 244/35/1
 2-KEE, Msw, 4 1/2f, +Limehouse, \$140K FTS AUG yrl, 5-2
INDIAN CHARLIE (In Excess (Ire)), Airdrie, \$10K, 149/27/1
 7-AQU, Alw, 1m, Fashionista, \$15K FTK OCT yrl

KING OF KINGS (IRE) (Sadler's Wells), Ashford, \$35K, 186/18/1
 9-GP, Msw, 1 1/8mT, Ireland's Eye, 12-1

LASTING APPROVAL (With Approval), Walmac, \$7K, 42/5/0
 4-KEE, Msw, 6 1/2f, Must Approve, \$25K KEE SEP yrl, 15-1

SWAIN (IRE) (Nashwan), Shadwell, \$35K, 122/9/1
 9-GP, Msw, 1 1/8mT, Shire, 2-1

5-GP, Msw, 1 1/8mT, Sir Lochinvar, \$72K KEE SEP yrl, 5-1
TOUCH GOLD (Deputy Minister), Adena, \$30K, 169/12/3

2-KEE, Msw, 4 1/2f, +Platinum Prince, \$24K KEE OCT yrl, 8-1
TRAITOR (Cryptoclearance), Meadowbrook, \$6K, 62/8/0

5-GP, Msw, 1 1/8mT, West Point Gent, \$9K KEE JAN yrl, 15-1

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First-crop progeny to watch: Wednesday, April 16

*Sire (Sire's Sire), Farm, 1999 Fee, #2yos/Winners/SW
Race #-track, race type, distance, runner, odds (if available)*

- CRYPTO STAR** (Cryptoclearance), Murmur, \$4K, 41/0/0
4-PIM, Msw, 4 1/2f, +Nagem Nagem Nagem, \$2K EAS DEC yrl, 8-1
- DONERAILE COURT** (Seattle Slew), Buck Pond, \$8K, 74/0/0
4-PIM, Msw, 4 1/2f, +Absolute Rocks, \$60K OBS FEB 2yo, 7-2
- HOLZMEISTER** (Woodman), Millennium, \$3K, 29/0/0
4-PIM, Msw, 4 1/2f, +Alli's Dream, \$4K TEX DEC wnl, 5-2
- MAZEL TRICK** (Phone Trick), Airdrie, \$13K, 86/0/0
2-KEE, Msw, 4 1/2f, +Cold Trick, \$290K FTK JUL yrl, 2-1



CHAPARRAL HEADS CUP ENTRY High Chaparral (Ire) (Sadler's Wells) heads 42 remaining entries for the June 6 G1 Vodafone Coronation Cup at Epsom. The race is the first leg of the new Summer Triple Crown and Grand Slam. Last year's Epsom and Irish Derby and Breeders' Cup Turf winner was one of the five entries from Ballydoyle that also included **Hawk Wing** (Woodman). Godolphin, bidding for their third renewal, holds 11 entries, headed by last year's G1 Prix du Jockey-Club winner **Sulamani (Ire)** (Hernando {Fr}), who was impressive in winning the G1 Dubai Sheema Classic at Nad Al Sheba Mar. 29. Also on the Coronation Cup roster are the multiple Group 1-winning **Nayef** (Gulch) from the Marcus Tregoning stable, and **Islington (Ire)** (Sadler's Wells), who represents Sir Michael Stoute. Among the other British-trained notables is last year's G2 Great Voltigeur S. winner **Bandari (Ire)** (Alhaarth {Ire}), who was reported to have "done well over the winter" and who, according to conditioner Mark Johnston, is "looking better than ever at the moment." Among the international contingent is **Bright Sky (Ire)** (Wolfhound), winner of the G1 Prix de Diane Hermes and G1 Prix de l'Opera, and last year's G1 Hong Kong Vase winner **Ange Gabriel (Fr)** (Kaldounevees {Fr}), runner-up to Sulamani in the Sheema Classic on his first start of 2003. "We could not have wished for a better set of entries for the 2003 Vodafone Coronation Cup, and we look forward to one of the best races for older horses of recent years," commented Stephen Wallis, managing director at Epsom racecourse.

READY MIX Vahorimix (Fr) (Linamix {Fr}), who holds the unique record of winning two G1 races without being first past the post in either event, is nearing race fitness after proving infertile at stud. The winner of the G1 Poule d'Essai des Poulains (French 2000 Guineas) and G1 du Haras de Fresnay-le-Buffard-Jacques Le Marois was retired to the late Jean-Luc Lagardere's Haras du Val Henry at the end of his racing career, but has been returned to original trainer Andre Fabre. "As everybody knows, he is back in training and is now doing well with Monsieur Fabre," said Lagardere Family racing manager Roland de Longevialle. "He will point to an allowance race at the end of the month for his return. One never knows how they come back after such a long time and having been bred to some mares, but we are hopeful he can do well."

★ **CLASSIC CORNER** ★

FAIR TRIAL OFF

Trade Fair (GB) (Zafonic) will not run in Thursday's G3 Macau Jockey Club Craven S., it was announced yesterday. Conditioner Roger Charlton said the firm ground at Newmarket was a factor in the decision to sidestep the mile trial for the G1 2000 Guineas May 3, but added, "[Trade Fair] had a slightly sore shin after his work this week and it makes more sense to go straight to the 2000 Guineas at Newmarket. I'm pleased with his progress and he has been working well."

RUSSIAN RHYTHM ON COURSE FOR GUINEAS

Cheveley Park Stud's **Russian Rhythm** (Kingmambo), who worked at Newmarket Sunday, may have another racecourse workout this week if the ground is not too firm. Last year's G2 Lowther S. winner will go into the Classics without a prep, according to managing director Chris Richardson, who explained, "She still needs to come in her coat as she's a bit wintery. The plan is still to go straight for the 1000 Guineas [G1, Newmarket, May 4]."

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★ BRITAIN ★

FALLON SCOOPS AWARD

Champion jockey Kieren Fallon was honoured again at the 13th Lesters Ceremony in London on Sunday evening. Receiving the Flat Jockey of the Year award, as voted for by members of The Jockeys Association, Fallon was retaining the title along with Tony McCoy, who picked up his seventh Jump Jockey of the Year award. Paul Hanagan was named Apprentice Jockey of the Year, while Joanna Badger retained her Lady Jockey of the Year title. While Darryll Holland was awarded Flat Ride of the Year for his ride on Just James (GB) in a Newmarket handicap last May, Pat Eddery received the Flat Jockey Special Recognition award. The 11-time champion was honoured for his career achievements spanning the last three decades.

Wednesday, Newmarket, post time: 2:50 p.m.
VICTOR CHANDLER EUROPEAN FREE H.-Listed,
 £32,000, 3yo, 7fT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER	WT
1	2	Membership	Belong to Me	C Brittain	136
2	4	Sir Edwin Landseer	Lit De Justice	Cole	133
3	3	Baron's Pit (GB)	Night Shift	Hannon	130
4	1	Indian Haven (GB)	Indian Ridge (Ire)	D'Arcy	127
5	6	Greek Revival	Royal Academy	B Hills	125
6	5	Tizzy May (Fr)	Highest Honor (Fr)	Hannon	125

Membership, third in last year's G2 Gimcrack S. at York, faces a stern task giving weight to all rivals and may struggle to see out the seven furlongs. **Greek Revival**, a son of 1000 Guineas heroine Las Meninas (Ire), took a Lingfield nursery over this trip on the polytrack in November under top weight last time and rates the biggest threat.

Yesterday's Results:

NGK SPARK PLUGS ABERNANT S.-Listed, £32,000, Newmarket, 4-15, 3yo/up, 6fT, 1:13.87, gd/fm.
 1--**NEEDWOOD BLADE (GB), 134, h, 6, Pivotal (GB)--Finlaggan (GB), by Be My Chief.** (33,000gns yrl '99 TATOCT; 9,800gns 2yo '00 DONHIT). O-R L Bedding; B-Major C R & Mrs Philipson; T-Brian MacMahon; J-Seb Sanders; £18,560. Lifetime Record: 26-7-3-3, £124,277. *1/2 to Islay Mist (GB) (Distant Relative {Ire}), GSW-US, \$201,683.
 2--**Resplendent Cee (Ire), 130, c, 4, Polar Falcon--Western Friend, by Gone West.** £7,040.
 3--**Ashdown Express (Ire), 134, g, 4, Ashkalani (Ire)--Indian Express (GB), by Indian Ridge (Ire).** £3,520.
 Margins: 1 1/4, SHD, 2. Odds: 11-4, 11-1, 12-1.
 Also ran: Bishops Court (GB), Tedburrow (GB), Vision Of Night (GB), Smokin Beau (GB).

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NGK Spark Plugs Abernant S. cont.

Winner of the Listed Bentinck S. over course and distance last October, Needwood Blade started this campaign with a fourth place finish in the Listed Cammidge Trophy, again over six furlongs, at Doncaster Mar. 22. He improved on that latest formline with a dogged display to earn a deserved second stakes success. Jockey Seb Sanders employed waiting tactics in midfield as Resplendent Cee led, but moved his mount closer soon after halfway. The eventual winner exhibited a fine burst of acceleration to challenge at the eighth pole, led soon after and ran on strongly up the hill to earn the victory. Resplendent Cee kept on well once headed to just hold the late flourish of Ashdown Express for second.

Newmarket, 4.00, Cond, £12,300, 2yo, 5fT, 1:02.51, gd/fm.

+**HUNTING LODGE (IRE) (c, 2, Grand Lodge--Vijaya {SW & MGSP-Fr, MGSP-US, \$218,264}, by Lear Fan),** a 290,000gns TATDEC weanling, struggled with the pace as 5-6 favourite Signor Panettiere (GB) (Night Shift) set scorching early fractions and was well adrift and under pressure at the halfway mark. The 4-1 chance was driven to close on the weakening front rank approaching the final furlong and kept on well in the closing stages to wrest a 1 1/4-length win from Fine Silver (Ire) (Intikhab) nearing the line. "He wants six furlongs, but he was ready to run," conditioner David Loder said of his first juvenile winner of 2003. "He fell out of the stalls but they went very fast and fell in a hole and his stamina came into play. I was quite impressed as he's a horse that will be running over seven later in the season but is showing enough speed to race over five now." Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, £7,626. O-Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid al Maktoum; B-Horse Breeding Company; T-David Loder.

Newmarket, 3.25, Mdn, £8,340, 3yo, c/g, 7fT, 1:28.15, gd/fm.

AMMENAYR (IRE) (c, 3, Entrepreneur {GB}--Katiyfa {Ire} {SW-Fr}, by Auction Ring), sixth in an extended-mile maiden at Wolverhampton Jan. 24 on his only previous start, tracked the leader in third until coming under pressure at the quarter-mile marker. The 50-1 longshot seized the initiative at the eighth pole and was driven out late on to hold the strong bid of My Mellors (Woodman) by a head. The winner, a Ir£60,000 GOFORB yearling, is a half brother to Katiykha (Ire) (Darshaan {GB}), Hwt. Older Mare-Ire & Eng at 14 + f, MSW-Ire & SP-Ity, \$140,559. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, £5,421.

O-Mrs L M Askew; B-Lynch-Bages Ltd; T-Terry Mills.

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Newmarket, 5.10, Mdn, £8,300, 3yo, 1 1/4mT, 2:10.69, gd/fm.
 + **SABRE D'ARGENT (c, 3, Kris S.--Sterling Pound {GSW-US, \$152,018}, by Seeking The Gold)**, a half brother to Exchange Rate (Danzig), GSW, \$479,803, was settled in third for much of the race, but came under pressure at the quarter-mile marker. The \$1 million KEESEP yearling, favored at 4-5, was driven to challenge approaching the final furlong, quickened to the front soon after and burst clear late on to beat the game Financial Future (GB) (Barathea {Ire}) by an impressive 3½ lengths. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, £5,395. O-Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid al Maktoum; B-Philip Freedman; T-David Loder.

Newmarket, 4.35, Mdn, £8,120, 3yo, 1 1/2mT, 2:37.03, gd/fm.
RISK TAKER (GB) (c, 3, Rainbow Quest--Post Modern, by Nureyev), closely related to G1 Oaks winner Reams Of Verse and third in a one-mile Doncaster maiden in the second of two juvenile starts, was reserved off the pace in the early stages. The 4-6 punters' choice eased to the front with three furlongs remaining and was allowed to cruise effortlessly to the wire for an unextended 18-length win. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-1, £6,794. O-Khalid Abdullah; B-Juddmonte Farms; T-Barry Hills.

Folkestone, 4.45, Mdn, £5,425, 3yo/up, 1 1/2mT, 2:44.01, gd/fm.
CHORAL CHIMES (JPN) (f, 3, Sunday Silence--Polent {GB}, by Polish Precedent), second in a mile maiden at Yarmouth on her second start last September, soon held a two length lead until making the home turn. The 11-10 favourite was kicked even further ahead at the entrance to the straight and gradually eased clear from the eighth pole for a comprehensive five-length win over Swiftmix (GB) (Linamix {Fr}). Lifetime Record: 3-1-1-0, £4,680. O-Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid al Maktoum; B-Darley Stud Management LLC; T-David Loder.

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★ FRANCE ★

Yesterday's Results:

PRIX MATCHEM-Listed, €41,000, Maisons-Laffitte, 4-15, 3yo, c/g, 1 1/8mT, 1:56.90, sf.

- 1--**#VADALIX (FR), 128, c, 3, by Linamix (Fr)**
 1st Dam: **Vadsa Honor (Fr) (SW-Fr), by Highest Honor (Fr)**
 2nd Dam: **Vadsa, by Halo**
 3rd Dam: **Rainbow's Edge, by Creme dela Creme**
 O-Lagardere Family; B-Jean-Luc Lagardere; T-Andre Fabre; J-Christophe Soumillon; €20,500. Lifetime Record: 3 starts, 2 wins, 1 place, €36,300. *Full to Vahorimix (Fr) (Linamix {Fr}), Hwt. 3yo Colt-Fr at 7-9 1/2f, MG1SW-Fr, \$414,444.
- 2--**Marshall (Fr), 128, c, 3, Anabaa--Monitrice (Fr), by Groom Dancer. €8,200.**
- 3--**Desert Swing (Fr), 128, c, 3, Simon Du Desert (Fr)--Sophie La Belle (Fr), by Fabulous Dancer. €6,150.**
 Margins: SNK, 2, 3/4. Odds: 3.10, 1.40, 5.10.
 Also ran: Cat Chat (Fr), Nilometer (Fr), Paging The King (Fr).

Fifth over 7½ furlongs at Deauville on his only juvenile start, Vadalix was stepped up to 10 furlongs for his sophomore debut and obliged in determined style to break his maiden. Asked to tackle stakes company for the first time here, he again showed a willing attitude to deny the strong late bid of Marshall. The eventual winner tracked the keen Desert Swing and Marshall from the outset, but overtook the latter at halfway. He joined the leader at the quarter-mile marker, led approaching the final furlong and was driven out in the closing stages to deny the challenge of Marshall by a fast-diminishing short-neck. "Obviously, this is a talented horse. His brother, Vahorimix (Fr), won this race two years ago, and he went on to win two G1 races." commented racing manager Roland de Longevialle. "I don't know if this sibling will be as capable of doing so well but, having now won a Listed race, we can think of better things. The G1 Prix Lupin [Longchamp May 11] could be a possibility and also the G1 Prix Jean-Prat [June 1]."

Maisons-Laffitte, 2.45, Cond, €55,000, 4yo, 1 3/8mT, 2:16.94, sf.

LOST BAY (FR) (c, 4, Lost World {Ire}--Baie Des Anges {Ire} {MSW-Belg}, by Pas De Seul {GB}), second in three Listed events last year and winner of two races from four starts this term, most lately at Lyon Parilly Mar. 23, he was settled in third before moving into second at the top of the stretch run. The 29-10 second choice was ridden to the front at the quarter-mile marker and was driven out to the line to hold the bid of Spray Gun (Ire) (Octagonal {NZ}) by a short-neck. Lifetime Record: MSP-Fr, 19 starts, 6 wins, 11 places, €136,911. O-Ecurie Grand Bleu; B-Bel Becq; T-Christian Scandella.



Maisons-Laffitte, 1.45, Cond, €26,000, 3yo, c/g,
1 5/8mT, 2:55.30, sf.

TINAKI (FR) (c, 3, Kendor {Fr}--Tinerana Memories {Ire}, by Don't Forget Me {Ire}) shook off the maiden tag at the third attempt after winning a Maisons-Laffitte conditions event Mar. 18 and led at a steady pace until upping the tempo once turning for home. The 5-2 second choice was pushed along at the quarter-mile marker, was safely clear at the distance and ran on well thereafter to beat 6-5 market pick Dimonix (GB) (Linamix {Fr}) by a comfortable three lengths. Lifetime Record: 4 starts, 2 wins, 0 places, €22,000. O/B-Ecurie Bader; T-Bernard Secly.

Maisons-Laffitte, 2.15, Cond, €26,000, 3yo, f,
1 5/8mT, 2:55.20, sf.

+ LURIYYA (FR) (f, 3, Valanour {Ire}--Liwana {Ire}, by Dr Devious {Ire}) was sent to the lead after the opening exchanges and set a considerate pace until kicking on with three furlongs remaining. The 11-10 favourite was pushed along approaching the final quarter mile, was clear at the eighth pole and was eased down nearing the line to easily account for Foudre Folle (Fr) (Dr Devious {Ire}) by three lengths. Lifetime Record: 1 start, 1 win, €13,000. O-H H The Aga Khan; B-H H The Aga Khan's Studs SC; T-Alain de Royer-Dupre.

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IN HONG KONG:

Kalimantan (GB), g, 4, Vettori (Ire)--Arap (Ire), by Arazi.
Sha Tin, 4-13, Hcp., 1400m (AWT). B-Hesmonds Stud Ltd. *9,000gns yrl '00 TATOCT.



AUSTRALASIA



KUROFUNO TO ARROWFIELD Arrowfield Stud, located in New South Wales, announced yesterday that champion **Kurofuno** (French Deputy--Blue Avenue, Classic Go Go) will be joining their roster as a shuttle stallion for the 2003 Southern Hemisphere season. With his stud fee set at A\$16,500 (GST inclusive), he will be limited to 120 mares. Bred by Nicholas M. Lotz in Kentucky, Kurofuno won four of six starts as a three-year-old, including victories in the G1 Japan Cup Dirt and G1 NHK Japan Mile Cup on his way to Champion Dirt Horse honors in Japan. "Kurofuno was a terrific racehorse, capable of undeniable brilliance, and he comes from a sire line that has worked here in Australia," said Arrowfield's John Messara. The gray, who retired to stud in Japan in 2002, is out of the stakes-winning mare Blue Avenue and is a full brother to Bella Bellucci, MGSW & MGISP, \$511,820.

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ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

6th-HAW, \$38,080, Opt. Clm. (\$35-30,000), NW1X,
3yo, f, a1m70yd, 1:47 3/5, ft.

SILVER DOLLAR GIRL (f, 3, Bold Revenue--Kentucky Mist, by Drone) Lifetime Record: 9-2-1-2, \$52,306. O-Robert D Irwin Racing Stable Ltd. B-Thomas J Kutrovacz (IL). T-Robert D Irwin. *\$6,000 wlng '00 KEENOV; \$4,500 yrl '01 OBSAUG; \$30,000 2yo '02 OBSAPR.

4th-HAW, \$32,000, Opt. Clm. (\$35-30,000), NW3X,
3yo/up, f/m, 6 1/2f, 1:18 3/5, ft.

WHYTE DAYSE (f, 4, Is It True--Seattle Spring, by Silver Deputy) Lifetime Record: 14-6-3-1, \$134,440. O-Par Racing Stable. B-Westwind Farm (KY). T-Jerry L Gryczewski. *\$55,000 yrl '00 KEESEP.

8th-HAW, \$28,000, NW1X, 3yo/up, 6f, 1:11 3/5, ft.

CAT CRUSHER (c, 4, Patton--Sweetee Pi, by Mining) Lifetime Record: 19-4-1-6, \$62,900. O-Paul Cumberland. B-Brereton C Jones (KY). T-Michele Boyce. *\$23,000 wlng '99 KEENOV.

7th-HAW, \$28,000, NW1X, (S), 3yo, 6f, 1:13 1/5, ft.

LINK TO ORDWAY (c, 3, Ordway--Link to Erin, by Linkage) Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-1, \$35,260. O-Lothenbach Stables Inc. B-Mt Joy Stables Inc (IL). T-Chris M Block. *\$22,500 yrl '01 KEESEP. **1/2 to Link To Jimmy (The Name's Jimmy), SW, \$211,949; and Fager's Island (Storm Boot), SW, \$129,234.

9th-MNR, \$25,000, 4-14, NW2L, 3yo, f, 5 1/2f,
1:06 4/5, ft.

JOERONOHMOE (f, 3, Personable Joe--Justanotherbigtime {MSP}, by Just the Time) Lifetime Record: 5-2-3-0, \$36,506. O/B-Karen Tilden (WA). T-Bill Beamer.

8th-PHA, \$20,880, NW1X, 3yo, 6f, 1:11 1/5, ft.

JAMES (c, 3, Valley Crossing--Please Mong, by Deputed Testimony) Lifetime Record: 14-3-3-2, \$37,240. O-A C K Stable. B-Bonita Farm & Margaret McManus (MD). T-Andrew B Carter.

10th-TAM, \$19,500, 3yo/up, 1 1/16mT, 1:43, fm.

TOTAL ANILATION (h, 6, Lord At War {Arg}--Little Password {SP}, by Verbatim) Lifetime Record: 30-8-8-2, \$174,062. O-Steve Richardson. B-Clarkland Farm (KY). T-Joseph P Cheeks. *\$67,000 yrl '98 KEESEP. **1/2 to Onceinablueamoon (Al Mamoon), MGSW, \$429,024.



ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Leopard Lady, f, 3, **Frisco View**--Sharpe's Ferry (SP), by Pass the Tab. MNR, 4-14, 6f, 1:13. B-Phil & Karen Matthews (FI). * \$5,000 yrl '01 OBSAUG.

Quattro Latro, g, 3, **Polish Numbers**--Julie Loder, by Bucksplasher. HAW, 4-15, (S), 1 1/16m, 1:51 1/5. B-Dr Joel Zamzow (II). * \$28,000 2yo '02 FTMMAY.

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ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Fellow Ship (GB), g, 3, **Elmaamul**--Genoa (GB) (SP-Eng), by Zafonic. Folkestone, Britain, 4-15, Mdn, 3yo/up, 7fT. B-R D Hollingsworth.

SO. HEMISPHERE WINNERS BY EURO STALLIONS:

Al Samoud (Aus), f, 2, **Desert Prince (Ire)**--All Stormy (Aus) (SP-Aus), by Storm At Sea (Aus). Moonee Valley (Melbourne), 4-9, 2yo, f, hcap, 5fT. B-Meringo Stud Farm.

Diffraction (Aus), g, 2, **Spectrum (Ire)**--Pushy Dancer (NZ) (SP-Aus), by Seattle Dancer. Ascot (Perth), 4-12, 2yo, hcap, 5fT. B-Swettenham Stud, Mr R E Sangster & J Magnier.

Shirazamatazz (Aus), g, 3, **Barathea (Ire)**--Gourmet (Aus), by Estaminet (GB). Ascot (Perth), 4-12, Melvista S.-Listed, 3yo, c/g, 1 3/8mT. B-Oakland Park Stud & Mrs S M Duncan.

Sound Action (Aus), f, 3, **Vettori (Ire)**--Dance With Royalty (NZ), by Palace Music. Flemington (Melbourne), 4-12, 3yo, f, hcap, 1 1/8mT. B-Markham Arabian Pty Ltd.

Livingstone (NZ), g, 3, **Woodborough**--Charmhaven Lass (NZ), by Westminster (NZ). Riccarton (Christchurch), 4-12, 3yo/up, hcap, 7fT. B-G M & Mrs G M Hewson.

Latte (Aus), f, 4, **Anabaa**--Laffy, by Highland Blade. Flemington (Melbourne), 4-12, 4yo/up, f/m, hcap, 7f 35ydsT. B-Reavill No.1 Partnership.

Single Sun (NZ), g, 4, **Desert Sun (GB)**--Single Edition (NZ), by Ring The Bell (NZ). Ellerslie (Auckland), 4-12, 3yo/up, hcap, 6fT. B-R C Murphy.

Eminent Cheval (Aus), g, 5, **Mukaddamah**--Pyraene (Aus), by Marscay (Aus). Doomben (Brisbane), 4-12, 3yo/up, hcap, 6fT. B-G Harvey. *SP-Aus.

Sadarar (Aus), g, 5, **Rock Hopper (GB)**--Our Rita (GB) (MSP-GB, \$120,738), by Hallgate (GB). Canterbury (Sydney), 4-9, 3yo/up, hcap, 7f 165ydsT. B-J Crisp.

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		Superpower (Arg) (Southern Halo), Stanislas (Forest Wildcat)	click here	click here
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