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**A DELIGHTFUL DOZEN FOR OAKS**

A field of 12 three-year-old fillies, headlined by California invader **Elloluv** (Gilded Time), has been entered for Friday's 127th running of the GI Kentucky Oaks at Churchill Downs. Elloluv was narrowly beaten by the talented Composure in the GI Las Virgenes S. and GI Santa Anita Oaks, but, with that rival retired, the bay filly dominated the rest of the sophomore fillies division with an impressive 3 3/4-length triumph in the GI Ashland S. at Keeneland Apr. 5. Elloluv will break from the one hole Friday and was installed the 5-2 morning-line favorite. Asked to compare his filly now with her appearance before the Ashland, trainer Craig Dollase must have worried the competition when he answered, "She's just as good--or better." Making her return to the division-leading fray, **Santa Catarina** (Unbridled) will try to take over for stablemate Composure. The Bob Baffert trainee was second behind champion Storm Flag Flying in the GI Frizette S. and third behind that filly and Composure in the Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies, but she's started only once since then, taking a Mar. 12 optional claimer by five lengths. She'll break from post 11 and is the 9-2 third choice in the morning line. **Lady Tak** (Mutakddim), co-second choice on the morning line at 4-1, is looking to rebound from the only loss of her six-race career, a runner-up finish in the Ashland. The filly, winner of the GII Fair Grounds Oaks, schooled in the paddock between races at Churchill Downs yesterday and afterwards, a confident trainer Steve Asmussen said, "The only way she could look any better is in the winner's circle." Also at 4-1 is MGSW **My Boston Gal** (Boston Harbor). Winless in her first two outings at three, the filly rebounded with a 1 1/4-length tally in the Apr. 10 GII Beaumont S. at Keeneland last time out. A late addition to the race was 50-1 shot **Tempus Fugit** (Alphabet Soup). The filly is trained by Ken McPeck, who explained, "I decided to [run] because she's gone 1 1/8-miles already and I'm not totally impressed by what's gone into the race." Tempus Fugit broke her maiden by 6 1/4 lengths racing nine furlongs at Keeneland in her last start Apr. 18.

*Kentucky Oaks field p. 2*

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**Kafwain Out of Derby**

When trainer Bob Baffert sent a pair of horses out to work at Churchill Downs yesterday, he had two Kentucky Derby hopefuls, but after **Indian Express** (Indian Charlie) and **Kafwain** (Cherokee Run) returned from their five-furlong drill only the former was left in the Classic. "He's out," Baffert said of Kafwain, apparently injured in the work. "He didn't cool out well and we started to look at what happened. We don't know exactly what's wrong, but it looks like a check ligament in his right front. We'll have him X-rayed to find out." A consistent performer, Kafwain was most recently third in the GI Santa Anita Derby. Baffert also announced yesterday that **Senor Swinger** (El Prado {Ire}) would bypass the Derby and run instead in Friday's GIII Crown Royal American Turf.



**Indian Express** Horsephotos

*Baffert Pleased with Indian Express's work p. 2*

**Frankel Downplays Favorite's Bruised Foot**

Derby favorite **Empire Maker** (Unbridled) had his right front foot examined by veterinarian Dr. Ken Reed yesterday after returning from a one-mile jog at Churchill Downs. "My vet doesn't think it's a real problem," trainer Bobby Frankel said, blaming a bruised foot suffered in the GI Wood Memorial for the commotion. "In fact, if this wasn't the Kentucky Derby and all the attention that goes with that, this would never be an issue. [Reed] recommended I walk him another day. He thinks that will take care of it. They said the track was a little hard this morning and it might have affected him. But I really think he's going to be OK. You can never be 100 percent sure in this business, but I'd say I'm 98 percent sure he'll be all right."



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Wednesday, Ascot, Britain, post time: 2:40 p.m.  
**BOVIS HOMES SAGARO S.-G3**, £50,000, 4yo/up, 2m 45ydsT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER	WT
1	8	Alcazar (Ire)	Alzao	Morrison	125
2	6	Distant Prospect (Ire)	Namaqualand	A Balding	125
3	1	First Ballot (Ire)	Perugino	Elsworth	125
4	7	Orchestra Stall (GB)	Old Vic (GB)	J Dunlop	125
5	5	Pole Star (GB)	Polar Falcon	Fanshawe	125
6	2	Taffrail (GB)	Slip Anchor (GB)	J Dunlop	125
7	3	Savannah Bay (GB)	In The Wings (GB)	Meehan	124
8	4	Spanish John	Dynaformer	Cole	121

Thursday, Saint-Cloud, France

**PRIX DU MUGUET-G2**, €100,000, 4yo/up, 1mT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	WT
1	7	Domedriver (Ire)	Indian Ridge (Ire)	Thulliez	130
2	8	Bernebeau (Fr)	Green Tune	Soumillon	123
3	2	Special Kaldoun (Ire)	Alzao	Boeuf	123
4	3	Dandoun (GB)	Halling	Peslier	123
5	6	Al Namix (Fr)	Linamix (Fr)	Bonilla	123
6	1	Zarewitsch (Ire)	Night Shift	Minarik	123
7	4	Gaelic Lord (Fr)	Revoque (Ire)	Gillet	123
8	9	Riverse Angle (GB)	Spinning World	Pasquier	123
9	10	Allez Olive (Ire)	Spectrum (Ire)	Thomas	123
10	5	Almond Mousse (Fr)	Exit To Nowhere	Maillot	120

Friday, Churchill Downs

**KENTUCKY OAKS-G1**, \$500,000a, 3yo, f, 1 1/8m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	ODDS
1	Elloluv	Gilded Time	Albarado	5-2
2	My Boston Gal	Boston Harbor	Day	4-1
3	Go for Glamour	Pine Bluff	Solis	20-1
4	Holiday Lady	Deputy Commander	Santos	20-1
5	Bird Town	Cape Town	Prado	10-1
6	Yell	A.P. Indy	Velazquez	8-1
7	Lady Tak	Mutakddim	Bailey	4-1
8	Atlantic Ocean	Stormy Atlantic	Flores	10-1
9	Tempus Fugit	Alphabet Soup	Sellers	50-1
10	In Case of Wind	In Case	Borel	50-1
11	Santa Catarina	Unbridled	Stevens	9-2
12	Island Fashion	Petionville	Valenzuela	30-1

All carry 121 pounds.

☆ SOPHOMORE SCENE CONT. ☆

**Baffert Happy With Indian Express**

Trainer Bob Baffert's **Indian Express** (Indian Charlie) and **Kafwain** (Cherokee Run) worked as a team yesterday, coming out right after the break with Indian Express staying a neck or head in front the whole trip. The colt, runner-up in the GI Santa Anita Derby, went along in splits of :12 1/5, :24, :35 4/5 and :47 4/5. He completed the five furlongs in :59 3/5 and galloped out six furlongs in 1:12 4/5. "That was his best work ever," Baffert said of Indian Express. "I'm getting kind of excited about him. He was in front the whole way, but that's his style. He looked good out there."

**Lone Star Sky In After Work**

**Lone Star Sky** (Conquistador Cielo) worked five furlongs yesterday in 1:00 3/5 under jockey Calvin Borel and, after the drill, connections announced the colt would start in Saturday's Kentucky Derby. Shane Sellers has the mount on the bay colt who is coming off fourth-place finishes in the GII Illinois Derby and GII Louisiana Derby. "I was looking for something where he did it on his own and judging from what I saw up front, he certainly did that," said trainer Tom Amoss, who will be saddling his first Derby starter. "This morning after the work, it was status quo, but an hour and a half later there were two major developments with Kafwain being declared and Empire Maker not having one of his best days," Amoss continued. "[Owner] Mr. [Buddy] New was aware of those developments and we decided to drop him in. Plus, how fortunate are we that a rider of the quality of Shane Sellers was available?"

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**Funny Cide Gets Serious**

**Funny Cide** (Distorted Humor), a game second behind Empire Maker in the GI Wood Memorial, worked five furlongs yesterday over the fast main track at Belmont Park. "The clockers got him in :58 2/5 for the five furlongs, but I had him :59 flat," commented trainer Barclay Tagg. Tagg caught the New York-bred gelding in splits of :12, :24 and :35 and galloping out in 1:11 3/5. "He went just perfectly," Tagg added. "It really was a perfect work for him. I'm satisfied he's ready." Funny Cide will be flown to Churchill Downs on Wednesday afternoon.

**Offlee Wild Works**

**Offlee Wild** (Wild Again), third in the GI Toyota Blue Grass, breezed five furlongs at Churchill Downs yesterday in :59 1/5. Jockey Robby Albarado was up for the work. "Robby was extremely happy with the work," said trainer T.V. Smith. "And if he's happy, I'm happy." The colt, upset winner of the GIII Holy Bull S., was sidelined by a bacterial infection earlier in the spring and the Blue Grass was his first start in two months. "We've been playing catch-up all spring and I hope we've caught up," Smith explained. "But he's ready now. If he's not, he never will be. I could train him for two more months and he wouldn't be any better than he is right now. We won't have any excuse Saturday. It's up to him."

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**Sir Cherokee Drills**

GII Arkansas Derby winner **Sir Cherokee** (Cherokee Run) worked five furlongs yesterday at Churchill Downs in 1:00 3/5. Derby rider Terry Thompson was in the irons. "Today, we were not worried about a time. We just wanted to stretch his legs out and keep him relaxed," Thompson explained. "The time was probably pretty slow, but that was our whole objective for him to pick it up the last quarter and gallop out nice around the turn. He felt great and they have got him ready to run." Trainer Michael Tomlinson had expected Sir Cherokee to work slower. "It was a little faster than I wanted to go, but I was really pleased with the way he finished," Tomlinson commented. "That is what I was looking for. His last quarter was sub 24 seconds and he galloped out strong. We have done our job. Now it is up to Terry and the horse."

**Supah Half Mile Blitz**

**Supah Blitz** (Mecke), fourth in the GI Florida Derby and most recently second in the Aventura S., drilled a half mile yesterday at Churchill Downs with Derby jockey Rosemary Homeister, Jr. in the irons. He completed the work in :46 4/5 and galloped out five furlongs in 1:00 2/5. "He went along easy and he came back good," said trainer Manny Tortora. "The work looked a little fast, but this track is faster than Calder. I would equate this work to a :47 or :48 at Calder." Clockers caught Supah Blitz in splits of :12 3/5, :24 3/5 and :35 3/5.

**Eyeing the Derby**

Trainer Jerry Hollendorfer announced yesterday that **Eye of the Tiger** (American Chance), second in the GII Coolmore Lexington S., will run in the Kentucky Derby. If he makes it to the gate, the bay colt will be Hollendorfer's first Derby starter, but not the trainer's first Derby week hopeful. Hollendorfer's Event of the Year and Globalize were both injured in the days before Derbys past. "The colt is doing fabulous and we have the opportunity to run, so we're going to take it," the conditioner commented.

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**SMITH, HINE NAMED TO HALL OF FAME** Mike Smith, regular rider of 2002 Horse of the Year Azeri, and the late Sonny Hine, trainer of champion Skip Away, have been elected to the National Museum of Racing's Hall of Fame. Also in the Hall's class of 2003 are equine stars Precisionist and Dance Smartly. This year's Hall of Fame induction ceremony will take place Aug. 4 at the Fasig-Tipton Sales Pavilion in Saratoga Springs, New York. Hine purchased Skip Away in his wife's name and campaigned him through three championship seasons, including a Horse of the Year title in 1998. Hine also conditioned 1981 champion sprinter Guilty Conscience. He passed away in 2000. Smith has won 10 Breeders' Cup races and in a resurgent season last year, rode both Azeri and juvenile champion Vindication to Breeders' Cup victories. The New Mexico native was also the regular rider for champion Holy Bull, as well as Preakness winner Prairie Bayou, two-time Breeders' Cup Mile winner Lure, Coronado's Quest, Heavenly Prize, Sky Beauty and Inside Information. Precisionist, named champion sprinter after winning the Breeders' Cup Sprint in 1985, was voted into the Hall of Fame in the male Thoroughbred category. Racing in the colors of his breeder, the late Fred Hooper, Precisionist won six Grade I races and was one of five horses to sweep the Charles Strub Series in California. He was trained by Ross Fenstermaker and, in a return to the races after an unsuccessful stud career, by John Russell and Bill Donovan. He won 20 of 46 races and earned over \$3 million. Canadian sensation Dance Smartly, the newest female Thoroughbred Hall of Famer, became the only filly to sweep her country's Triple Crown in 1991. That season, she also won the Molson Export Million and the Breeders' Cup Distaff. During three seasons, she won 12 of 17 starts. Her earnings of \$3,263,836 stood at the time as the all-time record for a filly or mare in North America.

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## ☆ CLASSIC CORNER ☆

**Khulood Flies the Flag**

Shadwell's blue-and-white silks look likely to be carried solely by the John Dunlop-trained **Khulood** (Storm Cat) in Sunday's G1 Sagitta 1000 Guineas at Newmarket. Owner Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid al Maktoum will rely on the winner of the G3 Nell Gwyn S. for his fifth win in the Classic, while Listed Masaka S. winner **Nasij** (Elusive Quality) will likely wait for the following Sunday's G1 Poule d'Essai des Pouliches (French 1000 Guineas) at Longchamp. "The one I'm looking forward to and hoping and being apprehensive about is Khulood," said trainer John Dunlop. "She's a lovely filly but will she be good enough to get the full mile against those two very good French fillies [Six Perfections and Intercontinental]?"

**Channon Trio Attack Guineas**

Mick Channon will be three-handed in the 2000 Guineas with **Zafeen (Fr)** (Zafonic), **Checkit (Ire)** (Mukaddamah) and **Jay Gee's Choice (GB)** (Barathea {Ire}). Zafeen was runner-up behind Muqbil in the G3 Greenham S. at Newbury Apr. 12, while Checkit was third in the G3 Preis des Gestut Wiesenhof at Krefeld Apr. 13. "It's a very open Guineas and you only have to look at the number of entries to see we all think it's worth having a go," Channon told *Racing Post*.

**Fallon Sizes up Audience**

Kieren Fallon has given the lowdown on the William Haggas-trained **Audience (GB)** (Zilzal) ahead of Saturday's G1 Sagitta 2000 Guineas at Newmarket. High-clere Thoroughbred Racing's unbeaten colt, who took a Newmarket conditions race in October, has been a significant market mover in recent days. "I rode him twice, once about two weeks ago and his work was okay and you wouldn't get excited," Fallon explained. "I rode him the other day and got excited. The 2000 Guineas is very open. He is in great form, he's a horse that's working well and I hope he'll run a big race."

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### SHOW TIME

Now the talking stops. After a Grade I tuneup Friday in the Kentucky Oaks, the English 2000 Guineas and the Kentucky Derby are contested on Saturday, and the English 1000 Guineas on Sunday.

I'm on the Empire Maker bandwagon for the Derby, because he has the best nine-furlong numbers in the race and, crucially, he is bred to stay the trip. There's no shortage of contenders coming into the race using the same routes that have been effective before, most notably Ten Most Wanted, coming into the race off a big Beyer number in the new-look GII Illinois Derby, like War Emblem did last year. It could be a huge day for Airdrie stallion Deputy Commander, who, besides Ten Most Wanted, also has GI Toyota Blue Grass second Brancusi in the lineup. Then there's Wayne Lukas, the dean of American trainers, bringing in Scrimshaw off a win in the GII Coolmore Lexington, which he'd previously used as a springboard for Charismatic and last year's Derby second, Proud Citizen. And don't worry about Scrimshaw only running a Beyer 99 in the Lexington; Proud Citizen ran a 95 to win last year's Lexington, then improved to 108 in the Derby. Not to mention Blue Grass winner Peace Rules and Santa Anita Derby winner Buddy Gil. So, no shortage of contenders to complete the trifecta under Empire Maker.

### *Hold That Tiger Heads English 2000...*

France's top race for two-year-old colts, the G1 Grand Criterium, was dropped from one mile to seven furlongs in 2001 and moved to Arc day. It's worked--at least for trainer Aidan O'Brien. The inaugural running of the new-look Grand Criterium was won by Rock of Gibraltar, who promptly went on to win the G1 Dewhurst 13 days later. So, after he came back at three to win the English 2000, the Irish 2000, the St. James's Palace, the Sussex, and the Prix du Moulin to

break Mill Reef's record with seven consecutive Group 1 wins, at least the defenders of the new-look Grand Criterium can point out that it was in the inaugural running of that very race that Rock of Gibraltar's record-breaking streak began.

The betting seems to be that last year's Grand Criterium was a better race than last year's Dewhurst. Last year's winner, again O'Brien-trained, was Hold That Tiger, a \$1.1-million weanling by Storm Cat and a half brother to Belmont S. winner Editor's Note. He was ridden in France by Kieren Fallon, and came with a thundering run from three furlongs out to cut down the unbeaten Italian colt La Vie Dei Colori (winner last Sunday of the Italian 2000, so that looks good) and the Andre Fabre-trained Intercontinental, a sister to Dansili and Banks Hill, who is among the favorites for Sunday's English 1000. But Hold That Tiger did not attempt to emulate Rock of Gibraltar, rather he was sent west, to Arlington Park for the Breeders' Cup Juvenile. Over nine furlongs this time, he again broke dead last, and swooped the field to finish third, behind Vindication and Kafwain.

Having run such a promising race over nine-furlong at two, and being a half brother to a Belmont winner, Hold That Tiger seemed a logical candidate for the Kentucky Derby. But the Coolmore team evidently decided some time ago that Newmarket is the target, and Hold That Tiger is a strong favorite to become O'Brien's third English 2000 winner in the last eight years. As has been discussed exhaustively, his lack of a run this year is no impediment to victory: six of the last seven English 2000 Guineas winners were making their seasonal debuts.

You'd think the Dewhurst winner would be the Guineas second favorite, but last year's shock 25-1 Dewhurst winner Tout Seul is in fact only fourth favorite, at around 10-1. The second favorite is the Godolphin number one, Lateen Sails, who they acquired from Prince Khalid Abdullah after he won his only start, a one-mile maiden at Newmarket in October when trained by Henry Cecil.

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Lateen Sails beat a highly rated O'Brien colt in Powerscourt, but the time boys went crazy over his final sectionals (they do sectional times at Newmarket, but not too many other places). Timeform gave him a 106 with a big 'P,' which is seriously good for a maiden race. Channel 4 showed Lateen Sails' win in the Dubai Trials the other day, and once again the colt showed he has definitely got a top gear. The only worry would be whether a mile might be a bit short for him; but maybe not.

Diesis's stature as a sire of sires rests on Halling, but if Lateen Sails wins the 2000, his sire Elmaamul will get his name added to that lamentably short list. By Diesis out of the Roberto mare Modena--herself a half sister to Zafonic and Zamindar--Elmaamul is a half brother to Oaks winner Reams of Verse. Bought by Sheikh Hamdan as a yearling in 1988, he ran third in the 1990 Epsom Derby to Quest For Fame (from Rainbow Quest's first crop), and subsequently won two Group 1s over 10 furlongs; the Eclipse, and the Phoenix Champion S.

Elmaamul stood in Kentucky in 1991, then was brought to England, where he stood through 1999. With only three A Runners in his first eight crops (0.52 A Runner Index), it's not surprising he was sent out to Italy after the 1999 season. But after three seasons there (2000-02), he's back in England for 2003, thanks to the promise shown by 2002 two-year-olds Lateen Sails and Salcombe. Lateen Sails, incidentally, is out of a Green Desert mare, which is maybe partially why he has that turn of foot. We'll see Saturday.

Third favorite for the 2000 is Refuse to Bend, a Sadler's Wells half brother to 2002 Melbourne Cup winner Media Puzzle. He is unbeaten in three starts. After breaking his maiden, he was stepped up to Group 1 company to contest the National S. last year, and became the first horse to beat Van Nistlerooy; that form has been devalued somewhat since Van Nistlerooy was subsequently only third in the G2 Royal Lodge before finishing well in arrears in the Breeders' Cup Juvenile. Refuse to Bend came out this year and won the Leopardstown 2000 Guineas Trial (L) pretty easily at 4/7. It's understandable that his trainer should wonder whether a half brother to a Melbourne Cup winner by Sadler's Wells could beat milers, but if he does run, he's another pretty serious Irish challenger.

Tout Seul, a cheaply bought yearling by Sleepytime's brother, Ali-Royal (by Royal Academy) out of a Groom Dancer mare, registered a faster speed figure beating Tomahawk in the Dewhurst than did Hold That Tiger in

winning the Grand Criterium. His trainer, Fulke Johnston-Houghton, trained Ribocco, Ribero, Habitat, and Ile de Bourbon in his younger days, so it's not like he doesn't know how to handle a good horse. Tout Seul ran seven times at two for five wins and two seconds, culminating in his shock Dewhurst win. He also has two very interesting pedigree wrinkles: the great Nijinsky II/Blushing Groom cross; and his second dam is by Danzig, therefore he's inbred to Northern Dancer through Nijinsky II and Danzig. That combination is working big-time the other way up--Danzig over Nijinsky II--as Dansili, Banks Hill, and Intercontinental demonstrate.

Trial winners Muqbil (Swain, G3 Greenham), Hurricane Alan (Mukaddamah, G3 Craven), and Indian Haven (Indian Ridge, Listed Free H.) all provide worthy opposition, along with Zafeen (Zafonic) and twice-raced Audience (Zilzal), the mount of Kieren Fallon, in the absence of a Michael Stoute challenger. But the first four in the betting look plenty tough enough to me. I'll be surprised if the winner isn't one of them. Mind you, I am surprised regularly...

***The 1000: French Invasion...***

Plenty of observers, this one included, think Sunday's English 1000 Guineas is a really hot renewal. Five fillies, two of them trained in France, are generally quoted at 10-1 and under, and, again, I'll be surprised if something outside the top five wins.

These are:

***Six Perfections (Celtic Swing--Yogya, by Riverman)***

The best horse yet sired by the top-class racehorse Celtic Swing and out of an unraced half sister to none other than Miesque, Six Perfections was beaten first time out at five furlongs, but has won all four starts since. She was named champion two-year-old filly in Europe after an impressive win the in G1 Prix Marcel Bousac on Arc day, and came back this year to win the Prix Imprudence (L) earlier this month over Campsie Fells, who franked the form with a win in Sunday's G3 Prix Vanteaux. Generally 11-4 favorite.

***Soviet Song (Marju - Kalinka, by Soviet Star)***

Owned by the 1,400-strong Elite Racing Club and trained by James Fanshawe, this filly is unbeaten in three starts last year. In the first of them, she beat Airwave over six furlongs and in the third, she won the G1 Fillies' Mile. Her speed figures are not as fast as Six Perfections, but she is an unbeaten Group 1 winner, last year's champion two-year-old filly in England, and must be a tough nut to crack. One of three co-second favourites, trading at about 9-2. **cont. p. 7**

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**Russian Rhythm** (*Kingmambo--Balistroika, by Nijinsky II*)

Ran only over six furlongs last year, but always looked like a Guineas filly. She came from a truly impossible position to win last year's G2 Lowther at York, but was outgunned by avowed sprinter Airwave (Air Express) in the G1 Cheveley Park. Trained by a master in Sir Michael Stoute, and a big threat, also around 9-2.

**Intercontinental** (*Danehill--Hasili, by Kahyasi*)

The aforementioned full sister to Dansili and Banks Hill, she has never won a stakes race. But she's never been beaten by a filly either. She's won three minor races at six and seven furlongs, and ran third, behind Hold That Tiger and Italian 2000 winner Le Vie Dei Colori, in the G1 Grand Criterium. Trainer Andre Fabre has plenty of Newmarket Guineas trophies on his mantle: he knows what it takes to win there. The third co-second favorite, also around 9-2.

**Mezzo Soprano** (*Darshaan - Morn of Song, by Blushing Groom*)

The Godolphin filly, now about 10-1 for the Guineas, but the outright favorite for the Oaks (in which the top five in the betting are owned by either Godolphin or Coolmore). She won her only start last year, for Fabre in France, then won the UAE 1000 Guineas in Dubai last month. So she's done nowt wrong, as they say up north.

There are plenty of lively double-figure outsiders, too, headed by trial winners **Khulood** (G3 Nell Gwyn; she's just a Storm Cat half sister to champion sprinter Elnadim and Irish 1000 Guineas winner Mehthaaf) and **Tante Rose** (G3 Fred Darling; by Barathea out of the good sprinter My Branch, by Distant Relative). Aidan O'Brien has two of those touted for the Oaks, Quarter Moon's full sister **Yesterday**, and the Darshaan filly **L'Ancrese**. Yesterday was third to Luvah Girl (Alzao), in last year's G2 Rockfel S., the fillies' equivalent to the Dewhurst.

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**WEEKEND PEDIGREE PERSPECTIVES**  
*by Alan Porter*

**Saturday, Churchill Downs**

**DERBY TRIAL S.-GIII**, \$167,400, CDX, 4-26, 3yo, 1m, 1:36 1/5, ft.

**1--MIDAS EYES, 122, c, 3, by Touch Gold**

**1st Dam: Bayou Plans (MSW, \$309,229), by Bayou Hebert**

**2nd Dam: Better Plans, by Architect**

**3rd Dam: Fact Or Fancy, by In Reality**

O-Edmund A Gann; B-Jacks or Better Farm Inc (FL);

T-Robert Frankel; J-J D Bailey; \$103,788. Lifetime

Record: 4-3-1-0, \$217,928. **Click for the [brisnet.com](#)**

**[chart](#) or the [free brisnet.com catalogue-style pedigree](#).**

Since virtually everything which trainer Bobby Frankel touches seems to be turning to gold at the moment, it is appropriate that one of his stable stars is called Midas Eyes. This lightly raced three-year-old has been developing fast since finishing second to multiple stakes winner Super Fuse when debuting at Calder last August. Midas Eyes came back to break his maiden by eight lengths two weeks later, but was then sold to Frankel's owner, Edmund Gann, and wasn't seen out again until the GIII Swale S. on March 15 at Gulfstream Park. In that event, Midas Eyes led throughout to score by 9 1/4 lengths from subsequent graded-stakes winner Posse, and he impressed again in this weekend's GIII Derby Trial S., taking the initiative from the start and winning by a comfortable 2 1/2 lengths from the accomplished Champali, with the third horse more than 13 lengths further back. Despite the name of his of most recent stakes win, Midas Eyes won't be seen in the G1 Kentucky Derby, or for that matter, the G1 Preakness, his next target being announced as the G1 Metropolitan Mile.

Midas Eyes is a member of the first crop sired by G1 Belmont S. and G1 Haskell S. victor Touch Gold. Along with Awesome Again (sire of Grade I winner Toccet) and Deputy Commander (sire of Kentucky Derby candidates Ten Most Wanted and Brancusi), Touch Gold is one of a trio of second-season sons of Deputy Minister who have made their mark in a very short time. In addition to Midas Eyes, Touch Gold's first crop also include the now-retired Composure, whose victories included the G1 Santa Anita Oaks and G1 Las Virgenes S.; GIII Tampa Bay Derby winner Region of Merit; and the graded-stakes placed pair of Powerful Touch and Flirt with Fortune. **Cont. p. 8**

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*(Pedigree Perspectives cont. from p. 8)*

Although Touch Gold recorded his Grade I triumphs at a mile and an eighth and a mile and a half, we shouldn't be surprised that he can sire as speedy a runner as Midas Eyes, as he himself showed considerable pace on a number of occasions. At three he won a six furlong allowance race at Santa Anita in 1:09 4/5, and the following year came within a fifth of a second of the Churchill Downs track record for a mile. He also administered an 8 ½-length beating to the year's champion sprinter, Smoke Glacken, in the GII Lexington S. at 8 ½ furlongs.

Midas Eyes' female line is a typical example of a good family returning to form after a couple of quiet generations. His dam, Bayou Plans, was a very effective runner in Illinois-bred stakes company, winning four stakes events at Arlington Park and Hawthorne, and earning just over \$300,000. Bayou Plans, the only foal produced by her dam, is also the only stakes winner to appear in Midas Eyes' first three dams, but things improve considerably under his fourth dam, Fool's Gold II.

Fool's Gold could have scarcely been more regally bred since she was by a Horse of the Year, Tom Fool, out of a sister to another Horse of the Year, Swaps. She was also a half sister to three other good stakes winners in Outing Class (Hopeful S., Dwyer H. and Saranac H.), Tutankhamen (Manhattan H., Donn H.) and O'Hara (Sunset H.).

Campaigned in England, Fool's Gold II won a recognized Oaks Trial, the Musidora S. At stud, she bred only two winners from her seven foals, but one was the stakes winner In All Honesty (by In Reality), a sister to Midas Eyes's third dam Fact or Fancy, and she appears as second dam of three other black-type scorers, including the GIII Longfellow H. winner Gilded Age.

Gilded Age may have had something to do with Bayou Plans' dam, Better Plans, visiting Bayou Plans' sire, Bayou Hebert. At the time, Gilded Age was one of the more impressive runners on Better Plans' pedigree page, and since he was by Tom Rolfe, this may well have encouraged the breeding of Better Plans to Bayou Hebert, who is by Tom Rolfe's son, Hoist the Flag. This also means that Midas Eyes is bred on a very similar cross to Touch Gold's daughter, Composure, who is out of a mare by Alleged, another son of Hoist the Flag. The influence of Tom Rolfe-line mares generally seems to have been a beneficial one for Deputy Minister and his sons: Deputy Minister has two graded-stakes winners out of mares by Alleged, and two stakes winners, one graded, out of Hoist the Flag mares, while Deputy Minister's son, Silver Deputy, sired twice Champion Silverbulletday out of a Tom Rolfe mare.

There are two other potentially important strains in the pedigree of Bayou Plans. This first is Tom Fool, who we have mentioned as the sire of her third dam, Fool's Gold II. Touch Gold is inbred 3 x 3 to Northern Dancer at the top and bottom of the pedigree, and his

dam is by Tom Fool's son, Buckpasser. When a stallion has close inbreeding, as does Touch Gold, it can often pay to send mares which duplicate some of the strains sitting between the inbreeding, and this is achieved here with the Tom Fool double. In addition, Buckpasser is by Tom Fool out of a mare by War Admiral, while Fool's Gold is by Tom Fool, and has a third dam by War Admiral.

The second notable strain is that of the mare Bellesoeur, who is in Midas Eyes' dam as the granddam of Mr. Leader (sire of Bayou Plans' broodmare sire, Architect). Bellesoeur linebreeding also turns up in the pedigree of another current three-year-old star by a son of Deputy Minister, Ten Most Wanted. He is out of a mare by Criminal Type, a horse whose granddam is by Beau Gar (out of Bellesoeur), and who is by a son of Swaps (sister to Midas Eyes' fifth dam). To complete the links between Midas Eyes and Ten Most Wanted, we can note that In Reality, sire of the third dam of Midas Eyes, also sired the granddam of Ten Most Wanted.

☆ CLASSIC CORNER cont. ☆

**Fallon Plays Weatherman**

Kieren Fallon explained that **Russian Rhythm** (Kingmambo), his mount in Sunday's G1 Sagitta 1000 Guineas, would be inconvenienced by further rain after the going description was changed to good on Monday. He maintains the connection with the Cheveley Park Stud-owned filly despite the presence in the lineup of **Hector's Girl (GB)** (Hector Protector), third in the G3 Nell Gwyn S. at Newmarket Apr. 15 and also trained by Sir Michael Stoute. Explaining that Russian Rhythm had given him "a really good feel" in her work, he added, "Hector's Girl has progressed over the winter and done very well. She was unlucky in the Nell Gwyn and has come out of her race really well and gone on to work well on Sunday. Both fillies need top of the ground and if it rains you'd be in trouble."

**Summitville Not Quite Ready To Peak**

Trainer James Given has noted a sound of caution for followers of last year's G3 May Hill S. winner **Summitville (GB)** (Grand Lodge), who returns in Sunday's 1000 Guineas. "She's a middle-distance horse and she's going to want 10 or 12 furlongs," Given said. "We've always felt that we're going to run in the Guineas because it's there and we can and we hope that she runs well, but the expectation will be higher for later in the year." Nevertheless, Given added that he was "very pleased" with the way the filly had developed, explaining, "She's not the most furnished of fillies, she's tall and a bit leggy, but her work at home and on a racecourse gallop has all been very pleasing."



★ EAST ★

★ CENTRAL ★

**Yesterday's Results:**

**9th-CDX, \$50,640, Alw, Opt. Clm.** (\$62,500),  
NW3\$X, 3yo/up, f/m, 7f, 1:22 2/5, ft.

1--**SO MUCH MORE, 116, f, 4, Chimes Band--List**  
**O'Gold, by Slew o' Gold.** O/B-William Schettine (KY);  
T-Niall M O'Callaghan. Lifetime Record: 9-4-1-2,  
\$134,094.

2--**Meteor Miracle, 118, f, 4, Twining--Northern Meteor,**  
by Northern Dancer.

3--**Southern Surprise, 120, f, 4, Northern Prospect--**  
Diamond Dream, by Harperstown.

Margins: 2, 2HF, HD. Odds: 2.30, 2.50, 11.00.

So Much More, returning from an unsuccessful try on the grass, relished the dirt of Churchill Downs and prevailed over a solid group of allowance rivals. The chestnut showed an affinity for this track when she took her second straight over non-winners of two in late November and continued her good form when a close-up second after stepping up in class at Gulfstream Jan. 12. Trainer Niall O'Callaghan tried her on the sod in her latest Feb. 24, but a poor eighth-place showing ensured a return to the main track. Away to a bumpy start, she soon sped up to join the pacesetters and was in prime striking position as she left the turn from a four-wide position. Second choice Meteor Miracle gave game chase late, but couldn't get to the winner, who had kicked clear in mid-stretch.

**STAKES CLOSINGS**

**TODAY, WEDNESDAY, APRIL 30:**

- 05-03 \$1,000,000 **Kentucky Derby-I, CD, 3yo,**  
10f (150000s)
- 05-10 \$500,000 **Lone Star Derby-II, LS, 3yo, 9f (0)**
- 05-10 \$150,000 **Mervyn LeRoy H.-II, Hol, 3yo/up, 8.5f**  
(150)
- 05-10 \$400,000 **Jim Murray Mem'l H., Hol, 3yo/up,**  
12fT (400)
- 05-17 \$150,000 **Marine-II, Wo, 3yo, 8.5f (150)**
- 05-19 \$250,000a **Selene-I, Wo, 3yo, f, 8.5f (250)**

**TOMORROW, THURSDAY, MAY 1:**

- 06-08 \$500,000 **Labatt Woodbine Oaks, Wo, 3yo, f, [S],**  
9f (250)
- 08-30 \$300,000e **NATC Futurity, Del, 2yo, [R], 6f (100)**
- 08-30 \$300,000 **NATC Futurity, Del, 2yo, f, [R], 6f (100)**

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**Yesterday's Results:**

**9th-DEL, \$37,000, Alw, NW1X, 3yo/up, 6f, 1:10 1/5,**  
ft.

**DENNIS' DEMONS (g, 4, Diablo--My Heathers Chance,**  
by Conte Grande {Fr}), a half to Key Chance (Key To  
The Kingdom), GSP, \$199,131, knocked off his maiden  
over the inner at Aqueduct Jan. 26 and returned just  
over three months later to make it two in a row. The  
8-5 chalk tracked the pacesetter in the Cups (Two  
Punch) in second, then cleared that rival with ease to  
register the victory by 4 1/2 expanding lengths. Life-  
time Record: 3-2-0-0, \$48,300.

O/B-Joanna Reisler (FL). T-Tim F Ritchey.

**6th-DEL, \$36,000, Msw, 3yo/up, f/m, 1m, 1:42, ft.**

**BROAD HOPES (f, 3, Broad Brush--Fondly Remembered**  
{GISP, \$358,060}, by Skywalker) finished a non-threat-  
ening sixth in both of her career starts at Gulfstream  
earlier this winter, including her latest Feb. 16, but the  
addition of Lasix this time out led handicappers to offer  
considerable respect, sending the filly off as the 3-1  
second choice. The hobbled stumbled at the start and  
was forced into an early tracking position under jockey  
Ramon Dominguez. A strong outside rally, however, put  
her within striking distance leaving the turn, and she  
ran down pace factor She's Rosalie Jane (Sir Cat) for  
the half-length score. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-0,  
\$22,280.

O-Augustin Stable. B-George Strawbridge Jr (KY).

T-Jonathan E Sheppard.

**1st-FEX, \$28,400, Msw, 3yo/up, 5f, :56 4/5, ft.**

+ **WILD WILLARD (c, 3, Wild Zone--Juicy {SP}, by**  
**Notebook),** a \$19,000 KEENOV weanling and \$35,000  
CBSSEP yearling, was hammered down to odds of 6-5  
and looked the part completely, quickly opening up a  
daylight lead on the field and galloping home a nine-  
length winner. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$18,840.

O-M G & N Ricci. B-Gardiner Farms Limited (ON).

T-Ralph J Biamonte.

☆ **THAT'S A WRAP** ☆

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## ★ NEW YORK ★

### State-bred Stakes Races Enjoy Purse Increase:

New York-bred stakes races received a boost yesterday as NYRA announced that the purses of all \$75,000 state-bred stakes upcoming at Belmont Park and Saratoga would enjoy an increase of \$25,000 each, pushing the purse total of each race to \$100,000. "We're pleased to be able to raise these purses, especially in the light of the increased quality of the New York breeding program over the past several years," said NYRA Racing Secretary and Handicapper Mike Lakow. "It is part of our commitment to the New York breeding industry, which plays an important role in our ability to provide quality year-round racing." The raise affects the Bouwerie, Kingston, Mount Vernon and Evan Shipman Stakes during the Belmont Spring meet, the West Point and Yaddo Stakes at Saratoga, and the Gen. Douglas MacArthur, Ashley T. Cole, Schenectady, Bertram F. Bongard and Joseph A. Gimma Stakes at the Belmont Fall meet.

## ★ INDUSTRY INFO ★

### Tournament Raises \$45,000 for NTRA Charities:

Monday's NTRA Charities/Kentucky Derby Museum Golf Classic and silent auction at Valhalla Golf Club in Louisville, Kentucky raised approximately \$45,000 for NTRA Charities, Ronald McDonald House Charities and the Kentucky Derby Museum's Backside Learning Center and Endowment Fund. Ike Van Meter, a member of team Morehead Properties, took home the event's grand prize; five hours of flying time on a NetJets aircraft, after making a hole in one on the 14th hole. The Kentucky Derby Museum's Backside Learning Center, scheduled to open this fall, will house a library and career academy to provide the track's backstretch workers with educational opportunities such as English as a second language classes and seminars to enhance employees' interpersonal and life skills. Ronald McDonald House Charities provides the comforts of home to families whose children are being treated at nearby hospitals.

### Affirmed Sculpture Completed:

Hall of Fame hero Affirmed, the last horse to win the Triple Crown and victor of a staggering 14 Grade I races, has been memorialized with a bronze sculpture at Darley at Jonabell to correspond with the 25th anniversary of his historic Triple Crown sweep. By renowned Equine artist Gwen Reardon, the half-life-size sculpture will remain in storage until renovations at Darley at Jonabell, now underway, are completed. Lou and Patrice Wolfson's Harbor View Farm, who bred and raced Affirmed, commissioned the piece.

## ★ AMERICAN-BRED WINNERS ★

### IN BRITAIN:

Millybaa, f, 3, Anabaa See "Britain"

Weqaar, f, 3, [Red Ransom](#) See "Britain"



## FRESHMAN FOCUS

### First-crop progeny to watch: Wednesday, April 30

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

**EXPLOIT** (Storm Cat), Taylor Made, \$25K, 84/1/0  
3-LS, Msw, 4 1/2f, +Cinemagic, \$32K KEE SEP yrl, 9-2  
**GOOD AND TOUGH** (Carson City), Lakland, \$6K, 42/1/0  
8-HOL, Msw, 4 1/2f, +Lady Deathstrike, \$70K BAR MAR 2yo  
**MAKHBAR (GB)** (Rudimentary), High Gate, \$1000, 1/0/0  
5-ATL, Msw, 5 1/2fT, Wild Mak, 30-1  
**MAZEL TRICK** (Phone Trick), Airdrie, \$13K, 86/0/0  
4-AQU, Msw, 4 1/2f, +Lasik, \$50K SAR AUG yrl  
**ORCHID'S DEVIL** (Forty Niner), , , 27/6/0  
8-STP, Alw, 6f, Diablo Contento, \$6K WAS DEC yrl, 8-5



## SOPHOMORE SPOTLIGHT

### First-time starters/stakes runners: Wednesday, Apr. 30

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

**CONFIDE** (Phone Trick), Walmac, \$5K, 131/12/1  
3-LS, Msw, 4 1/2f, +Queen Trigger, \$35K OBS OCT wnl, 7-2  
**SWISS YODELER** (Eastern Echo), Pepper Oaks, \$3K, 101/24/2  
8-HOL, Msw, 4 1/2f, +Alpenwald



## FOALING NEWS

### MULTIPLY, 11, Easy Goer--Add (Spectacular Bid)

Foal born Mar. 7, a colt by Pulpit.

Will be bred back to E Dubai.

Owned by Gracefield Equine and Hargus & Sandra Sexton.

Boarded at Gracefield, Ky.

Accomplishments: Dam of Desert Hero (Sea Hero), GSW & GISP, \$324,400.

### PROUD ENTRANCE, 17, At the Threshold--Proudest Cagey (Proudest Roman)

Foal born Mar. 10, a filly by Brahms.

Owned by Tony Salmeron & Kevin Gusinow.

Boarded at Walmac International, Ky.

Accomplishments: Dam of Proud Man (Manlove), MGSW, \$455,067.



★ BRITAIN ★

**BANDARI AT THE READY**

**Bandari (Ire)** (Alhaarth {Ire}), who returns in Friday's G2 Sagitta Jockey Club S., may drop back to 10 furlongs according to conditioner Mark Johnston. Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid al Maktoum's four-year-old has never raced over that trip, instead being campaigned over a mile and a half and beyond as a sophomore, when he won the G3 Gordon S. at Goodwood in July and G2 Great Voltigeur at York in August before finishing third in the G1 St Leger at Doncaster the following month. "I watched Bandari work this morning and for the first time it came into my mind that he could come back to a mile and a quarter," Johnston said yesterday. "There were times last year, in the run up to the St Leger, that people were saying that he would be ideally suited by a mile and three quarters. After the Leger, we decided that a mile and a half was the trip, but this morning he was so sharp--sharper than ever before--and it might be possible to run him over a mile and a quarter." The Middleham trainer also confirmed that **Zindabad (Fr)** (Shirley Heights {GB}) would bid to win back-to-back renewals of the G2 Yorkshire Cup at York May 15. He was last seen when 14<sup>th</sup> in the G1 Dubai Sheema Classic at Nad al Sheba Mar. 29, but Johnston is hopeful he can leave that form behind. "I hope Zindabad can win again," he said yesterday. "He ran very disappointingly in Dubai, getting flattened on the home turn. We hope he is as well as ever." He also described last year's Listed Chesham S. winner **Helm Bank (GB)** (Wild Again) as an intended runner in the G2 Dante S. at York May 14.

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**JUBILEE FOR CONTINENT**

David Nicholls yesterday announced that **Continent (GB)** (Lake Coniston {Ire}) will reappear in the G1 Golden Jubilee S. at Royal Ascot June 21. Last year's G1 July Cup and G1 Prix l'Abbaye winner will avoid carrying a penalty in lesser contests according to the conditioner. "It is hard to have a 10-pound penalty in the spring," he explained. "The handicapper says three pounds for a length, so you are starting off on a bad leg really." He also revealed that **Bahamian Pirate** (Housebuster), runner-up to his stable companion in the July Cup last year, "seems in really good order" and will return in Saturday's G3 Palace House S. at Newmarket before running in the G2 Duke Of York S. at York May 13. He will be joined in the latter contest by **Captain Rio (GB)** (Pivotal {GB}). Nicholls revealed that the four-year-old, impressive in winning the Listed Testimonial S. at The Curragh in October on his preferred easy conditions, "would get away with good-to-firm on a track like York because they look after the ground so well."

**VICTORY FOR KING GEORGE**

**Victory Moon (SAf)** (Al Mufti) will run in the G1 King George VI and Queen Elizabeth Diamond S. at Ascot July 26, connections have announced. Having enjoyed considerable success at Nad al Sheba this spring, where he won the UAE 2000 Guineas Feb. 13 and G2 UAE Derby Mar. 29, the sophomore will travel to Britain May 8 before being based with Andrew Balding. "Victory Moon won on dirt in Dubai, but I think he's a better horse on grass and I'm very much looking forward to coming to England," conditioner Mike de Kock told *Racing Post*. "Andrew [Balding] has bent over backwards to help us, by offering a stall in his yard and use of his gallops." Victory Moon could use the G1 Queen Anne S. at Royal Ascot June 17 as a prep race for the midsummer showpiece.

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**Two Group Winners in two days for INDIAN RIDGE**

INDIAN CREEK won Bet attheraces Gordon Richards Stakes (Gr.3) - Mrs Rebecca Philipps

CAMPSIE FELS won Prix Vanteaux (Gr.3) - Bred by Darley Stud Management Co. Ltd.

**Another Group Winner for DESERT PRINCE**

FRANCE won Rock of Gibraltar EBF Tetrarch Stakes (Gr.3) - Bred by Meon Valley Stud

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**YORK HAIL NEW EXPERIENCE**

Officials at York racecourse yesterday announced record prize money of £3.8 million for the 2003 season as they prepare for the track's opening meeting May 13, when the new £20-million Ebor Stand will be unveiled. That afternoon's racing will feature the Duke Of York S., upgraded from Group 3 to Group 2 status for the first time and boasting an increased purse from £60,000 to £100,000. York's premier meet, the three-day Ebor Festival Aug. 19-21, will also offer total prize money of £1.95 million. "Last season saw York races rise to the very top of the rankings and we remain committed to developing excellence," Chief Executive and Clerk of the Course William Derby said yesterday. "All this and an investment of £20 million in a new grandstand--it promises to be another thrilling season." York also announced that 59 entries remained in the £145,000 G2 Tote Dante S. May 14, headed by the Aidan O'Brien-trained **Brian Boru (GB)** (Sadler's Wells), one of 16 Ballydoyle representatives.

**Yesterday's Results:**

**EBF LANSDOWN FILLIES' S.-Listed**, £32,000, Bath, 4-29, 3yo/up, f/m, 5f 11ydsT, 1:01.11, fm.  
 1--**#CROESO CROESO (GB)**, 126, m, 5, **Most Welcome (GB)--Croeso-I-Cymru (GB)**, by **Welsh Captain (Ire)**.  
 O-Mrs Richard Evans; B-Richard Evans Bloodstock; T-John Spearing; J-Seb Sanders; £19,140. Lifetime Record: 19-7-0-2, £48,548.  
 2--**Dragon Flyer (Ire)**, 126, f, 4, Tagula (Ire)--Noble Rocket (GB), by Reprimand (GB). £7,260.  
 3--**Olivia Grace (GB)**, 126, m, 5, Pivotal (GB)--Sheila's Secret (Ire), by Bluebird. £3,630.  
 Margins: HD, HD, 2. Odds: 20-1, 14-1, 4-9.  
 Also Ran: Speed Cop (GB), Bali Royal (GB), Hufflepuff (Ire), Cyclone Connie (GB).

This race was created to provide sprinting fillies with another opportunity in the stakes calendar, but attracted a poor turnout, with handicapper and course specialist Croeso Croeso scoring on her stakes debut. Held up in rear by Seb Sanders throughout the fast opening exchanges, she was brought wide off the final turn, avoiding the tightening that claimed the chance of 4-9 favourite Olivia Grace. Responding to pressure in the drive to the line, her challenge proved well-timed as she nosed out Dragon Flyer in the shade of the post. Croeso Croeso, who had scored five times last season, including twice at this track, had beaten only one home in the Ayr Gold Cup H. in September on her last start.

**Nottingham, 2.20, Mdn**, £6,720, 3yo, 6f 15ydsT, 1:14.25, gd.  
**MILLYBAA (f, 3, Anabaa--Millyant {GB} {Hwt. Older Mare-Ire at 5-7f, MGSW-Fr, GSW-Eng, MGSP-Ire}, by Primo Dominie {GB})**, sixth in a juvenile maiden at Windsor on her only other start, was positioned in a tracking seventh initially, but came under pressure at halfway. The 7-2 second choice was ridden along to challenge at the eighth pole and ran on strongly in the latter stages to beat Go Polar (GB) (Polar Falcon) by a cozy 1 3/4 lengths. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, £4,368. O/B-Chris Mills; T-Rae Guest.

**★ "TDN Rising Star" ★**

**Nottingham, 4.25, Mdn**, £6,460, 3yo, f, 1m 54ydsT, 1:46.31, gd.  
 + **MISS IVANHOE (IRE) (f, 3, Selkirk--Robellino Miss {MSP}, by Robellino)** employed a watching brief behind the front rank in seventh and made smooth progress once into the long home straight. The 5-1 debutante was ridden along to challenge at the quarter-mile marker, led approaching the final furlong and was pushed clear thereafter to beat Phi Beta Kappa (Diesis {GB}) by a highly impressive five lengths. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, £4,199.  
 O-The Eclipse Partnership; B-N J Forman Hardy; T-Geoff Wragg.

**Bath, 4.35, Mdn**, £5,905, 3yo, 10f 46ydsT, 2:11.00, fm.  
**WEQAAR (f, 3, Red Ransom--Thawakib {Ire} {GSP-Eng, \$117,839}, by Sadler's Wells)** showed some promise in three juvenile maiden outings last back end and the 7-4 second favourite was asked to track the leaders in third here before moving into second with three furlongs remaining. The half-sister to G1 Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe winner Sakhee (Bahri), Hwt. Older Horse-Fr & Eng at 11-14f, Hwt. Older Horse-Eng at 9.5-11f, G1SW-Eng & Fr, GISP-US & UAE, \$2,631,663-US, Eng & Fr, was ridden to take the lead at the quarter-mile marker, but needed strong driving in the closing stages to bravely fend off the persistent challenge of Skiff (GB) (Fleetwood {Ire}) by a half length. Lifetime Record: 4-1-1-1, £6,584.  
 O-Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid al Maktoum; B-Shadwell Farm Inc; T-John Dunlop.

*Britain Report cont. p5*

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**Britain Report cont.**

**Bath, 3.05, Mdn, £5,745, 2yo, 5f 11ydsT, 1:02.11, fm.**

**SOONEST (IRE) (c, 2, Intikhab--Oklahoma {GB}, by Shareef Dancer),** second in a hot maiden at Newmarket Apr. 17, was soon positioned in a stalking fourth and made his bid on the outside at halfway. The 2-5 favourite, a Ir£64,000 GOFNOV weanling and 38,000gns TATOCT yearling purchase, eased to the front approaching the final furlong and was pushed clear in the closing stages to comfortably account for Bahama Reef (Ire) (Sri Pekan) by two lengths. Soonest represents the third winner for his freshman sire (by Red Ransom). Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, £5,398. O-Noodles Racing; B-Corrin Stud; T-Richard Hannon.

**Nottingham, 2.55, Cond, £4,455, 2yo, 5f 13ydsT, 1:01.83, gd.**

**+ ATTRACTION (GB) (f, 2, Efisio {GB}--Flirtation {GB}, by Pursuit Of Love {GB})** soon raced in second and made progress to join issue with the leader at halfway. The 15-8 second favourite was sent to the front approaching the final furlong and was pushed clear in the closing stages to defeat Avid Spell (Expelled) by an easy five lengths. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, £3,119. O-Duke Of Roxburghe; B-Floors Farming; T-Mark Johnston.

**Wednesday, Ascot, post time: 2:10 p.m.**

**CAREY'S SWINLEY S.-Listed, £32,000, 3yo, f, 1mT**

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER
1	2	Fantasize (GB)	Groom Dancer	Stoute
2	1	Heavenly Bay	Rahy	C Brittain
3	4	Karathaena (Ire)	Barathea (Ire)	J Hills
4	3	Khaizarana (GB)	Alhaarth (Ire)	E Dunlop
5	5	Summer Spice (Ire)	Key Of Luck	Hannon

All carry 123 pounds.

**Wednesday, Ascot, post time: 3:50 p.m.**

**SODEXHO PAVILION S.-Listed, £32,000, 3yo, 6fT**

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER	WT
1	2	Baron's Pit (GB)	Night Shift	Hannon	130
2	5	Avonbridge (GB)	Averti (Ire)	Charlton	127
3	7	Striking Ambition (GB)	Makbul (Ire)	Bravery	127
4	4	Coconut Penang (Ire)	Night Shift	Millman	123
5	8	Fiddlers Reach	Kingmambo	Meehan	123
6	9	Folio (Ire)	Perugino	Musson	123
7	3	Somnus (GB)	Pivotal (GB)	T Easterby	123
8	1	The Lord (GB)	Averti (Ire)	Turner	123
9	6	Red Galaxy (Ire)	Tagula (Ire)	Arbuthnot	118

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**Yesterday's Results:**

**Rome, 4.50, Cond, €19,125, 4yo/up, 6fT, 1:08.50, gd.**

**GUGGENHEIM (ARG) (h, 5, Mutakddim--Gouache {Arg}, by Southern Halo),** fourth in the Listed Premio Signorino at this track on his most recent outing Mar. 30, was positioned in third in the early stages but came under pressure at halfway. The 39-100 punters' choice was kicked into the lead at the quarter-mile marker and was pushed clear late on to beat St Paul House (GB) (Machiavellian) by an impressive three lengths and will now point to the G3 Premio Tudini over course and distance May 25. Lifetime Record: 7 starts, 4 wins, 1 place, €42,320.

O-Razza Dormello Olgiata; B-La Quebrada; T-J B Udaondo.



AUSTRALASIA



**COOLMORE LOWERS 2003 FEES**

Coolmore Australia has lowered stud fees for all of their stallions for the 2003 breeding season in the Southern Hemisphere. Additionally, the Hunter Valley-based nursery has added four new sires to their roster for this year, Danehill Dancer (Ire), Johannesburg, Rock of Gibraltar (Ire) and Tale of the Cat. For more information, go to [www.coolmore.com](http://www.coolmore.com).



**Australian Stud Fees for 2003**

Stallion	2003 Fee (A\$)
<b>Danehill Dancer (Ire)</b> (Danehill)	27,500
<b>Fasliyev</b> (Nureyev)	22,000
<b>Fusaichi Pegasus</b> (Mr. Prospector)	93,500
<b>Galileo (Ire)</b> (Sadler's Wells)	49,500
<b>Giant's Causeway</b> (Storm Cat)	93,500
<b>High Yield</b> (Storm Cat)	16,500
<b>Johannesburg</b> (Hennessy)	27,500
<b>King of Kings (Ire)</b> (Sadler's Wells)	11,000
<b>Mull of Kintyre (Ire)</b> (Danzig)	6,600
<b>Orpen</b> (Lure)	7,700
<b>Peintre Celebre</b> (Nureyev)	24,750
<b>Rock of Gibraltar (Ire)</b> (Danehill)	132,000
<b>Royal Academy</b> (Nijinsky II)	27,500
<b>Spinning World</b> (Nureyev)	16,500
<b>Tale of the Cat</b> (Storm Cat)	22,000
<b>Thunder Gulch</b> (Gulch)	22,000

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**A DANDY TIME AT NEWMARKET**

**Dandify (Aus)** (Danehill), a multiple Group 2 winner of A\$752,020 during her racing days, was hammered down for a final bid of \$725,000 to top yesterday's opening session of the Inglis Australian Broodmare Sale in Newmarket, Sydney. Out of the champion Australian mare of 1992/1993, the full sister to MGSW Manner Hill (Aus) was consigned to the sale in Invermien Pty. Ltd. and was purchased by Nemeris Lodge. She was covered this past October by Octagonal (NZ), but failed to get in foal. The second highest price of the session was the \$360,000 paid for G1SW **Pontal Lass (Aus)** (Marauding {NZ}), sold as part of the dispersal of bloodstock from Newhaven Park Stud. Already the dam of GSW & MG1SP Quays (Aus) (Royal Academy), the 10-year-old mare was purchased by Jon Freyer Bloodstock. Also from that dispersal, Damon Gabbedy's Belmont Bloodstock went to \$330,000 for **Beam (Aus)** (Scenic {Ire}). The seven-year-old is out of champion two-year-old filly Bint Marscay (Aus), making her a half sister to G1SW Bollinger (Aus) as well as GSWs Mannington (Aus) and Sheraton (Aus) and was sold carrying a foal by Fasliyev. A total of 45 mares were sold from the Newhaven dispersal for gross receipts of \$3,080,500. Overall, day one of the sale saw 170 horses sell for \$9,957,500 and an average of \$58,574. The sale continues this morning at 10 a.m.

**INGLIS AUSTRALIAN BROODMARE SALE  
TUESDAY'S TOP FIVE LOTS**

Hip	Name	Covering Stallion	Price (A\$)
<u>211</u>	<b>Dandify (Aus)</b>	<b>Not in foal</b>	<b>725,000</b>
	<i>(5, Danehill--Mannerism {Aus}, by Amyntor {Fr})</i>		
	Consigned by Invermien Pty Ltd. Purchased by Nemeris Lodge		
<u>108</u>	<b>Pontal Lass (Aus)</b>	<b>Not in foal</b>	<b>360,000</b>
	<i>(10, Marauding {NZ}--Pier, by Riverman)</i>		
	Consigned by Newhaven Park Stud Ltd. (dispersal) Purchased by Jon Freyer Bloodstock		
<u>85</u>	<b>Beam (Aus)</b>	<b>Fasliyev</b>	<b>330,000</b>
	<i>(6, Scenic {Ire}--Bint Marscay {Aus}, by Marscay {Aus})</i>		
	Consigned by Newhaven Park Stud Ltd. (dispersal) Purchased by Belmont Bloodstock		
<u>212</u>	<b>Lilande (Aus)</b>	<b>Not in foal</b>	<b>325,000</b>
	<i>(9, Marscay {Aus}--Ladyeri {Aus}, by Salieri)</i>		
	Consigned by Invermien Pty Ltd Purchased by Arrowfield Stud		
<u>80</u>	<b>Dewamar (Aus)</b>	<b>Carnegie (Ire)</b>	<b>310,000</b>
	<i>(10, Marscay {Aus}--Dewan Diddy, by Dewan)</i>		
	Consigned by Dalmore Purchased by DGR Thoroughbreds		

**BREEDERS' EDITION  
AMERICA**

**ALLOWANCE RESULTS:**

**8th-DEL, \$37,000, NW1X, 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:11 1/5, ft.**

**MISSJUDGING AMY (f, 3, Judge T C--Rose to the Moment {SP}, by Belong to Me)** Lifetime Record: 6-3-1-1, \$52,600. O-The Elkstone Group. B-Liberation Farm & Oratis Thoroughbreds (KY). T-Michael V Pino. \*\$8,500 FTKOCT yearling.

**7th-DEL, \$37,000, NW1X, 3yo, f, 1m, 1:40 1/5, ft.**  
**SKEEMO (f, 3, Meadowlake--L'Esquimau, by Arctic Tern)** Lifetime Record: 6-2-0-2, \$55,010. O-I Win 00. B-Robin & Ted Stepanoff (PA). T-Allen Iwinski. \*\$20,000 yrl '01 KEESEP.

**7th-FEX, \$36,200, Opt. Clm. (\$40-36,000), NW3X, 3yo/up, 5f, :58 3/5, ft.**  
**PINEDALE STAR (c, 4, Iskandar Elakbar--Romantic Star, by Balzac)** Lifetime Record: 16-3-2-3, \$102,055. O/B-Frank Zupet (ON). T-Darrin Palman.

**8th-HAW, \$30,000, NW2X, (S), 3yo/up, f/m, 1mT, 1:34 3/5, fm.**  
**KATE THE GREAT (f, 4, Doc's Leader--Pretty Naskra, by Sir Naskra)** Lifetime Record: 10-3-1-1, \$61,948. O/B-Three Barr (IL). T-Michele Boyce.

**8th-CRC, \$30,000, Opt. Clm. (\$40-35,000), NW3X, 3yo/up, 6f, 1:11 1/5, ft.**  
**BARNACLE STEVE (c, 4, Open Forum--Carr Star, by Carr de Naskra)** Lifetime Record: MSP, 18-4-2-5, \$123,229. O-James R Lewis Jr. B-Mockingbird Farm Inc (FL). T-E Tortora. \*\$70,000 2yo '01 OBSFEB.

**6th-PRM, \$29,693, 4-28, Opt. Clm. (\$25,000), NW2X, (S), 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:12, ft.**  
**ONLY AT NIGHT (f, 4, Olympio--Ani Moon {SP}, by Garthorn)** Lifetime Record: SP, 10-3-3-1, \$81,365. O-Suzanne Evans & Maggie Moss. B-Freeburn Stables, Verne H Winchell & Blue Square Partnership (IA). T-Suzanne G Evans.



**INGLIS AUSTRALIAN BROODMARES  
TUESDAY, APRIL 29, 2003**

<u>SESSION TOTALS</u>	<u>2003</u>
No. Offered	256
No. Sold	170
RNAs	86
% RNA	33.6%
Gross (A\$)	9,957,500
Average	58,574

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**4th-HAW, \$28,000**, NW1X, (S), 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16m, 1:50 4/5, ft.

**PRINCESS PASTER** (f, 3, **Prince Cox--Nasty Paster**, by **Flying Paster**) Lifetime Record: 6-2-1-1, \$40,104.

O-James D Denney. B-J B Stables Inc (IL). T-Pamela A Little.

**5th-PRM, \$23,000**, 4-28, Opt. Clm. (\$25,000), NW2\$X, 3yo/up, f/m, a1m70yd, 1:43 2/5, ft.

**TOYSINTHEATTICUS** (f, 4, **Atticus--May We {SP}**, by **Carson City**) Lifetime Record: 5-3-0-1, \$44,200.

O-Young Stables Lee Young & J & K Hall. B-Centaur Farms Inc (KY). T-Ronald Campisano. \*\$100,000 yrl '00 KEESEP.

**8th-PHA, \$21,924**, NW2X, 4yo/up, f/m, a1m70yd, 1:43 4/5, ft.

**CRAFTY 'N SMOOTH** (f, 4, **Crafty Prospector--Pretty Ribbons**, by **Capote**) Lifetime Record: 13-5-0-0,

\$50,385. O-James W Equils. B-Mueller Farm (KY). T-Randy Allen. \*\$100,000 yrl '00 KEESEP; \$40,000 HRA '02 BESMAY.

**ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:**

+ **Touchy**, f, 2, **Favorite Trick**--She's Always Right (SW), by Metfield. CDX, 4-29, (C), 4 1/2f, :52 2/5. B-John T L Jones Jr & Troy Seale (Ky).

**Exciting Trick**, c, 3, **Favorite Trick**--Excitations, by Jolie's Halo. PRM, 4-28, a1m70yd, 1:44 2/5. B-Gulf Coast Farms Bloodstock Lp (Ky). \*\$42,000 2yo '02 BESMAY.

**Lauraelises Sister**, f, 3, **Tactical Advantage**--Elise's Valentine (SP), by American Standard. CRC, 4-29, 1m, 1:43 3/5. B-David F Kegley (Fl). \*\$55,000 2yo '02 OBSMAR.

**Drakensberg**, h, 5, **Meadowlake**--Close At Hand, by Mt. Livermore. FEX, 4-29, 5f, :57 4/5. B-Smithgate Farm & Patricia A Martin (On).

**Number One Hammer**, h, 5, **Migrating Moon**--Tasty Blue, by Native Charger. MNR, 4-28, a1m70yd, 1:47 1/5. B-Ups & Downs Farm & Jimmy Slack (Fl). \*\$12,000 wlng '98 OBSOCT.

The **brisnet.com** 'Race of the Day' is the 6th race at Churchill Downs, a \$62,500 Optional Claimer For pps and a complete race analysis, click [here](#).

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**BREEDERS' EDITION  
EUROPE**

**ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:**

**Dame De Noche (GB)**, f, 3, **Lion Cavern--Goodnight Kiss (GB)**, by Night Shift. Nottingham, Britain, 4-29, Mdn, 3yo, f, 1m 54ydsT. B-Woodditton Stud Ltd. \*Full to Dublin Lion (GB), SW-Jpn, \$373,055. \*\*14,000gns wnlng '00 TATDEC; 21,000gns yrl '01 DONSEP.



**FOALING NEWS**

**SUBORNED**, 11, Ascot Knight--Exclusive Witness (Our Native)

Foal born Mar. 12, a filly by Tiznow.

Will be bred back to Cherokee Run.

Owned by Taylor Made Farm, Patrick Payne, Eduardo Terrazas, Nobu Araki, & Baysore Stable.

Boarded at Taylor Made Farm, Ky.

Accomplishments: Dam of Trailthefox (Foxtrail), GSW, \$380,472.

**BELLE CHERIE**, 7, Belong to Me--Belle Nuit (Dr. Carter)

Foal born Mar. 13, a colt by Gone West.

Will be bred back to Coronado's Quest.

Owned by Belle Meadow Farm & Lael Stable.

Boarded at Sanborn-Chase, Ky.

Accomplishments: MGSW of \$426,861.

**CAMPAGNARDE (ARG)**, 16, Oak Dancer (GB)--Celine (Arg) (Lefty)

Foal born Mar. 13, a filly by A.P. Indy.

Will be bred back to Dixie Union.

Owned by Diamond A Racing Corp.

Boarded at Diamond A Farms, Ky.

Accomplishments: Ch. 3yo Filly-Arg, GISW-US & Arg, \$499,225-US. Dam of Rize (Theatrical {Ire}), GSW & GISP, \$575,990.

**DESERT ORCHID**, 14, Saros (GB)--La Jolla Pearl (Ruthie's Native)

Foal born Mar. 13, a filly by Unbridled's Song.

Will be bred back to Mt. Livermore.

Owned by Mr & Mrs Martin Wygod.

Boarded at Diamond A Farms, Ky.

Accomplishments: MSP of \$347,648. Dam of Hoovergetthekeys (Mt. Livermore), MGSW, \$380,080.

**ADVANCING STAR**, 10, Soviet Star--Fair Advantage (Raja Baba)

Foal born Mar. 18, a filly by A.P. Indy.

Will be bred back to A.P. Indy.

Owned by/boarded at Summer Wind Farm.

Accomplishments: MGSW & MGISP, \$794,470.