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MAKER SET TO PUT BEST FOOT FORWARD

Trainer Bobby Frankel hopes that his 16 other rivals for Saturday's 129th running of the GI Kentucky Derby meet their 'maker' when the California-based conditioner saddles heavily favored **Empire Maker** (Unbridled). Churchill Downs oddsmaker Mike Battaglia has installed the Juddmonte Farms' homebred as the 6-5 choice on the morning line, the strongest favorite since Arazi in 1992. Frankel continues to insist that the foot bruise which has plagued the son of



Empire Maker (foreground) breezes Sunday at Churchill *Horsephotos*

Broodmare of the Year Toussaud since his victory in the GI Wood Memorial Apr. 12 is a non-issue. "The horse is OK," Frankel assured. "If this was just a normal race, nobody would even know about this. This sort of thing happens all the time and things go forward. It really is no big deal. But the final decision is he's going to run. And he'll run his race." His ten-furlong journey will begin from post position number 12, exactly what Frankel and his rider were after. "I called Jerry [Bailey] and asked him what he'd like," Frankel said. "We figured that the posts between six and 11 would be taken by the time we got to go. So he said either 12 or five and he'd prefer 12." The conditioner confirmed that Empire Maker will be fitted with a three-quarter shoe and will be treated with Bute. (*Derby cont. pp2 & 3*)

THE KENTUCKY DERBY FIELD

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|----------------------|----------------------|
| 1 Supah Blitz | 10 Lone Star Sky |
| 2 Brancusi | 11 Domestic Dispute |
| 3 Sir Cherokee | 12 Empire Maker |
| 4 Atswhatimtalknbout | 13 Eye of the Tiger |
| 5 Peace Rules | 14 Ten Cents a Shine |
| 6 Funny Cide | 15 Outta Here |
| 7 Offlee Wild | 16 Ten Most Wanted |
| 8 Buddy Gil | 17 Scrimshaw |
| 9 Indian Express | |

LAFFIT PINCAY, JR. RETIRES

After riding a record 9,530 winners, Hall of Fame jockey Laffit Pincay, Jr. called it a career Tuesday on the advice of doctors. The 56-year-old Panamanian suffered a broken neck in a spill at Santa Anita March 1 and doctors have said his spine is not stable enough to allow him to ride again. "It's definitely a sad day for me," Pincay said. "The doctor recommended I never ride again. It's a very said day for me and [wife] Jeanine, but we always prepared ourselves for the worst. I'm very grateful to a lot of people who helped me throughout my career and I thank the fans for all their cards and well wishes and my friends for all their support." Pincay's race to surpass Bill Shoemaker's all-time win total of 8,833 generated national attention and rejuvenated his celebrated career. He recorded win number 8,834 aboard Irish Nip at Hollywood Park on Dec. 10, 1999 and his career continued unabated for the next four years. At the time of the spill, Pincay stood second in the Santa Anita jockey's standings and was winning at better than a 21-percent clip. Pincay began his riding career in his native Panama where he rode 446 winners. He came to the United States in 1966 to ride under contract for owner Fred Hooper and scored on his first U.S. mount, Teacher's Art on July 1, 1966 at Arlington Park. Pincay won seven Breeders' Cup races and was aboard 1984 Kentucky Derby and Belmont S. winner Swale, as well as Belmont winners Conquistador Cielo and Caveat. During his distinguished career, Pincay captured 44 riding titles, 41 on the Southern California circuit where he won a record nine Hollywood Gold Cups from 1971 to 2002. He earned five Eclipse Awards as the nation's outstanding jockey and was awarded a sixth in 1999 for "singular achievement." He was elected into racing's Hall of Fame in 1975. Fellow jockey Gary Stevens, preparing for his Kentucky Derby ride summed it up, telling the *Blood-Horse*, "He's the class of the class."



Laffit Pincay Jr. *Benoit photo*



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Saturday, Churchill Downs

KENTUCKY DERBY-GI, \$1,000,000a, 3yo, 1 1/4m

PP HORSE SIRE ODDS
 1 SUPAH BLITZ Mecke 50-1

O-Bee Bee Stables & Jacqueline Tortora; B-Bee Bee Stables Inc & Equitor Inc (FL); T-Emmanuel Tortora; J-Rosemary Homeister Jr. Lifetime Record: 15-2-7-3, \$437,330.

Last Start--2nd Apr. 5 Aventura S.

2 BRANCUSI Deputy Commander 30-1
 (\$100,000 wnlg '00 KEENOV; \$375,000 yrl '01 FTSAUG)

O-Michael B Tabor; B-Nancy Much (KY); T-Patrick Biancone; J-Tony Farina. Lifetime Record: 7-1-2-3, \$229,220.

Last Start--2nd Apr. 12 GI Toyota Blue Grass S.

3 SIR CHEROKEE Cherokee Run 15-1

O-Domino Stud of Lexington Inc; B-Domino Stud of Lexington LLC (KY); T-Michael Tomlinson; J-Terry Thompson. Lifetime Record: 10-3-3-0, \$393,975.

Last Start--WON Apr. 12 GI Arkansas Derby

4 ATSWHATIMTALKNBOUT A.P. Indy 12-1
 (\$900,000 2yo '02 FTFFEB)

O-B Wayne Hughes & Biscuit Stables LLC; B-R&R King Stables (KY); T-Ron Ellis; J-David Flores. Lifetime Record: 5-2-1-1, \$164,120.

Last Start--4th Apr. 5 GI Santa Anita Derby

5 PEACE RULES Jules 8-1
 (\$35,000 2yo '02 OBSMAR)

O-Edmund A Gann; B-Newchance Farm (FL); T-Robert Frankel; J-Edgar Prado. Lifetime Record: 8-5-1-1, \$1,124,990.

Last Start: WON Toyota Blue Grass

6 FUNNY CIDE Distorted Humor 15-1
 (\$22,000 yrl '01 FTNAUG)

O-Sackatoga Stable; B-WinStar Farm LLC (NY); T-Barclay Tagg; J-Jose Santos. Lifetime Record: 6-3-2-0, \$439,185.

Last Start: 2nd Apr. 12 GI Wood Memorial

7 OFFLEE WILD Wild Again 30-1
 (\$325,000 yrl '01 KEESEP)

O-Azalea Stable (Lansdon Robbins III); B-Dorothy A Matz (KY); T-Thomas V Smith; J-Robby Albarado. Lifetime Record: 6-2-1-1, \$182,785.

Last Start--3rd Toyota Blue Grass

8 BUDDY GIL Eastern Echo 8-1
 O-Desperado Stables; B-Billingsley Creek Ranch (KY); T-Jeff Mullins; J-Gary Stevens. Lifetime Record: 9-5-1-1, \$729,455.

Last Start: WON Santa Anita Derby

9 INDIAN EXPRESS Indian Charlie 12-1
 (\$4,500 yrl '01 FTKOCT)

O-Phil Chess; B-Highland Farms Inc (UT); T-Bob Baffert; J-Tyler Baze. Lifetime Record: 4-2-1-0, \$161,191.

Last Start--2nd Santa Anita Derby

10 LONE STAR SKY Conquistador Cielo 50-1
 (\$50,000 yrl '01 FTKJUL; \$190,000 2yo '02 OBSFEB)

O-Walter L New; B-Jaime S Carrion (FL); T-Tom Amoss; J-Shane Sellers. Lifetime Record: 10-3-3-1, \$480,735.

Last Start--4th Apr. 5 GI Illinois Derby

11 DOMESTIC DISPUTE Unbridled's Song 30-1

O-Winner & Bienstock; B-Gary Garber (KY); T-Patrick Gallagher; J-Alex Solis. Lifetime Record: 10-2-2-2, \$280,687.

Last Start: 3rd Apr. 19 GI Coolmore Lexington S.

12 EMPIRE MAKER Unbridled 6-5

O/B-Juddmonte Farms (KY); T-Robert Frankel; J-Jerry Bailey. Lifetime Record: 5-3-1-1, \$1,115,800.

Last Start: WON Wood Memorial

13 EYE OF THE TIGER American Chance 50-1

O/B-John D Gunther (KY); T-Jerry Hollendorfer; J-Eibar Coa. Lifetime Record: 5-2-1-2, \$122,209.

Last Start: 2nd Coolmore Lexington

14 TEN CENTS A SHINE Devil His Due 50-1

O-Kenneth & Sarah Ramsey; B-H Ray Horn (OH); T-D Wayne Lukas; J-Calvin Borel. Lifetime Record: 6-2-1-0, \$80,120.

Last Start: 8th Toyota Blue Grass

15 OUTTA HERE Dehere 50-1
 (\$37,000 yrl '01 KEESEP)

O-Bill Currin & Al Eisman; B-Ralph C Wilson Jr Trustee (KY); T-William L Currin; J-Kent Desormeaux. Lifetime Record: 8-2-2-2, \$504,260.

Last Start: 4th Mar. 29 G2 UAE Derby

16 TEN MOST WANTED Deputy Commander 6-1
 (\$70,000 yrl '01 FTSAUG; \$145,000 2yo '02 FTFFEB)

O-James Chisholm, Michael Jarvis & Horizon Stable; B-Jim H Plemmons (KY); T-Wally Dollase; J-Pat Day. Lifetime Record: 5-2-1-1, \$373,460.

Last Start: WON Illinois Derby

17 SCRIMSHAW Gulch 15-1
 (\$125,000 yrl '01 KEEJAN; \$550,000 2yo '02 KEEAPR)

O-Robert & Beverly Lewis; B-Stan & Ingrid Stefanski (KY); T-D Wayne Lukas; J-Cornelio Velasquez. Lifetime Record: 5-3-0-1, \$308,879.

Last Start--WON Coolmore Lexington S.

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Derby Draw cont. from p1

Seven Remains the Popular Choice

The order in which connections would select their post positions was determined in a late morning draw in the Churchill Downs racing office and as expected, trainer T.V. Smith used the first pick on post position number seven for Azalea Stables' **Offlee Wild** (Wild Again). The winner of the GIII Holy Bull S. in January, the dark bay was a distant third to **Peace Rules** (Jules) in the GI Toyota Blue Grass S. at Keeneland Apr. 12. The \$325,000 Keeneland September yearling purchase is a 30-1 chance on the morning line. Peace Rules, winner of five of his last six starts including the GI Toyota Blue Grass Apr. 12, will depart from the five hole beneath jockey Edgar Prado. "Peace Rules is a quicker horse than Empire Maker and he'll be close to the early pace if he breaks well," Frankel said, expressing his pleasure with the draw. Owned by Edmund Gann, Peace Rules in pegged as the 8-1 co-third choice on the morning line.

Ten Most Wanted Makes the Big Time

Ten Most Wanted, one of two Derby entrants by Deputy Commander, is in with a big chance on Saturday and will start the 6-1 first alternative to Empire Maker. Jockey Pat Day, who took off his mounts yesterday at Churchill Downs, opted for the GII Illinois Derby winner over Offlee Wild and will be riding the colt for a third consecutive time. The veteran rider was also aboard for the dark bay's third-place finish in the GIII El Camino Real Derby Mar. 8. "Pat told me [after the El Camino Real] that he ran real greenly, but that we would have a fun summer with him," trainer Wally Dollase said yesterday. Ten Most Wanted will break from post position 16 in the auxiliary gate, which will also contain **Outta Here** (Dehere) to his inside and **Scrimshaw** (Gulch) to his outside.

Lewis' Hoping Lightning Strikes Twice

Four years ago, Beverly Lewis strode to the front of the Kentucky Derby museum and placed her green and gold colors on the hook beneath the number 17 for a chestnut colt called Charismatic. You know the rest of that story and yesterday, Mrs. Lewis chose post position 17 again for GII Coolmore Lexington S. winner **Scrimshaw** (Gulch). "I knew after this colt ran such a big race in the Lexington that we wanted to bring him to the Derby," she commented. "I was the lucky charm when we took this post for Charismatic." Trainer D. Wayne Lukas has given the call to jockey Cornelio Velasquez aboard the 15-1 shot.

Like Father, Like Son?

Race favorite Empire Maker is the only horse in the race by a winner of the Kentucky Derby, but there are five other horses whose sires took a stab at the Run for the Roses. The next best performance turned in by a sire of a 2003 Derby horse was that of **Indian Charlie**, who was third to Real Quiet in the 1998 renewal. **Gulch**, sixth in the 1987 edition, has in turn sired a Derby hero in **Thunder Gulch**. Fifth to the Michael Tabor colorbearer that year was **Mecke**, who was conditioned, like Supah Blitz, by Manny Tortora. **Unbridled's Song** ran as fast as he could and as far as he could under trying circumstances when fifth in the 1996 Derby while **Devil His Due** was 12th in 1992.

☆ SOPHOMORE SCENE ☆

Kafwain Out Four to Six Months

The Thoroughbred Corporation's **Kafwain** (Cherokee Run), declared Wednesday from the Kentucky Derby, will not return to the races until the fall, trainer Bob Baffert said yesterday. "He strained a tendon in his right foreleg," the conditioner explained. "It's just a tiny spot, not bad at all, and it can be treated. But he'll be out of action four to six months." Runner-up to stablemate Vindication in the Breeders' Cup Juvenile, the dark bay colt was coming into the Derby off a runner-up finish in the GII Louisiana Derby in March and a third-place effort in the GI Santa Anita Derby Apr. 5.

Day Takes Off Mounts

Veteran jockey Pat Day was released from his riding commitments Wednesday to receive treatment for back spasms. It was unclear whether he would fulfill his mounts on Thursday's card, though his agent "Doc" Danner did confirm that Day would return to the saddle for Friday's Kentucky Oaks card and Saturday's Kentucky Derby. Danner told the *Blood-Horse* that his client "wrenched his back while putting some trash in a bin at home" and that the injury was not related to a pair of spills Day has been involved in over the past weeks. The rider is scheduled to pilot **My Boston Gal** (Boston Harbor) in the Oaks and **Ten Most Wanted** (Deputy Commander) in the Derby.

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☆ RESULTS ☆

Wednesday, Ascot, Britain

BOVIS HOMES SAGARO S.-G3, £50,000, Ascot, 4-30, 4yo/up, 2m 45ydsT, 3:36.20, gd.

1--**SAVANNAH BAY (GB)**, 124, c, 4, by In The Wings (GB)

1st Dam: High Savannah (GB), by Rousillon

2nd Dam: Stinging Nettle (GB), by Sharpen Up (GB)

3rd Dam: Nettlebed (GB), by Hethersett (GB)

(45,000gns wnlg '99 TATDEC; 92,000gns yrl '00 TATOCT). O-Joe L Allbritton; B-Pegasus Racing Ltd; T-Brian Meehan; J-Frankie Dettori; £29,000. Lifetime Record: 12-3-2-3, £73,578. *1/2 to Lady in Waiting (GB) (Kylian), GSW & G1SP-GB, GSP-Ire, \$223,551.

*2--**Alcazar (Ire)**, 125, g, 8, Alzao--Sahara Breeze (Ire), by Ela-Mana-Mou (Ire). O-J Repard, F Melrose, O Pawle, M Stokes, R Black; B-J Repard; £11,000.

3--**Pole Star (GB)**, 125, g, 5, Polar Falcon--Ellie Ardensky (GB), by Slip Anchor (GB). (12,000gns yrl '99 TATDEC). O-D I Russell; B-Snailwell Stud Co Ltd; £5,500.

Margins: (NK, 1HF), 1. Odds: 7-2, 9-1, 9-2.

Also Ran: First Ballot (Ire), Spanish John, Taffrail (GB), Distant Prospect (Ire). Scratched: Orchestra Stall (GB).

*Alcazar finished first, but was dq'd and placed 2nd.

In a hugely controversial move, the Ascot stewards stripped Alcazar of his victory and handed the prize to Savannah Bay after a lengthy objection. Jockey Frankie Dettori claimed that the runner-up had been struck across the face by the whip of lcazar's rider Michael Fenton in the closing stages, which the officials accepted had cost the chestnut the race. Savannah Bay, who was adding to his previous stakes score in the G3 Prix de Lutece at Longchamp in September, was held up off the steady early exchanges before being delivered with a prolonged run on the outside. He appeared held by Alcazar as that rival gained first run inside the final furlong, but his challenge, which took him to within a head at the line, was judged to have been deliberately disrupted by Fenton's whip.

Click for the [racingpost.co.uk chart](http://racingpost.co.uk/chart).

Tuesday, Kasamatsu, Japan

OGURI CAP KINEN-NAR-G2, ¥68,000,000, Kasamatsu, 4-29, 3yo/up, 2500m, 2:39.50, gd.

1--**KANETSU FLEUVE (JPN)**, 128, h, 6, by Paradise Creek

1st Dam: Rosita (Jpn), by Mill George

2nd Dam: Mellow Madang (Jpn), by Madang (Ire)

3rd Dam: Speed Kiyofuji (Jpn), by China Rock (GB)

O-Laurel Racing; B-Takase Farm; T-Shoji Yamamoto; J-Mikio Matsunaga; ¥40,000,000. Lifetime Record: Jpn-G1 SW, 30-10-6-5, ¥410,329,000.

2--**Regent Bluff (Jpn)**, 128, h, 7, Park Regent--Sally

Belle (Jpn), by Goodly (Fr). O-Akihiro Ohara;

B-Takashi Yoshida; ¥14,000,000.

3--**Appare Appare (Jpn)**, 125, c, 4, Bubble Gum Fellow

(Jpn)--Guidebook (Jpn), by Rugby Ball (Jpn). O-Yuichi Odagiri; B-Kinoshita Farm; ¥6,800,000.

Margins: 9, 4, 1HF. Odds: 1.70, 2.60, 5.70.

☆ CLASSIC CORNER ☆

Weld Bends in the End

Trainer Dermot Weld will run **Refuse to Bend (Ire)** (Sadler's Wells) in Saturday's G1 Sagitta 2000 Guineas at Newmarket unless the ground is firm, it was announced yesterday. The Rosewell House conditioner finally gave the go-ahead after a workout under big-race rider Pat Smullen at the Curragh yesterday. "I am in no hurry to make up my mind," he told *PA Sport*, before adding, "I gather the going is just on the fast side of good at the moment and that should be okay, but I will need to see what the weather is like before I decide for sure. If we do decide to run then he is ready--he is fit, his blood picture is right, everything is right." Last year's G1 National S. winner, the colt took the Listed Leopardstown 2000 Guineas Trial on his return Apr. 13, after which Weld suggested the bay would go for the G2 Derrinstown Stud Derby Trial. That May 11 event could be the target if the ground at Newmarket is firm. "One is a Classic and the other is a Group 2, but it's going to be a very tough race wherever he goes as there will be a lot of good horses in both races."

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O-Lo Ying-bin; B-Foxfield; T-John Size

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Consigned by Foxfield Trackside Farm (Tom Evans), Agent

MCDYNAMO, winner of the April 25

Royal Chase for the Sports of Kings (G1-NSA)

O-Michael J. Moran; B-Richard & Nathan Fox & Richard Kaster; T-Sanna N. Hendricks

Sold Keeneland September 1998 for \$82,000; Earnings now \$355,069.

Consigned by Mr & Mrs William Wofford; Purchased by Michael Moran



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Classic Corner cont.

Songlark Green Light

Songlark (GB) (Singspiel {Ire}) looks likely to run in Saturday's G1 Sagitta 2000 Guineas at Newmarket, it was announced yesterday. Godolphin Racing Manager Simon Crisford suggested yesterday that the runner-up in the G2 UAE Derby at Nad al Sheba Mar. 29 would form a two-pronged attack on the mile Classic alongside Lateen Sails (GB). "We will be running two horses in the race and at the moment I would say it's looking like possibly Songlark," Crisford said. "He travelled in well and Sheikh Mohammed will be having a look at him closely in the next 24 hours and then we'll make a final decision."

☆ PREVIEW ☆

Thursday, Saint-Cloud, France, post time: 3:55 p.m.

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

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER	WT
1	7	Domedriver (Ire)	Indian Ridge (Ire)	Bary	130
2	8	Bernebeau (Fr)	Green Tune	Fabre	123
3	2	Special Kaldoun (Ire)	Alzao	Smaga	123
4	3	Dandoun (GB)	Halling	J Dunlop	123
5	6	Al Namix (Fr)	Linamix (Fr)	Cherel	123
6	1	Zarewitsch (Ire)	Night Shift	Schiergen	123
7	4	Gaelic Lord (Fr)	Revoque (Ire)	de Balanda	123
8	9	Riverse Angle (GB)	Spinning World	Delzangles	123
9	10	Allez Olive (Ire)	Spectrum (Ire)	Branchu	123
10	5	Almond Mousse (Fr)	Exit To Nowhere	Rob Collet	120

Last year's sensation **Domedriver** faces a tough task on his return in attempting to defy a seven-pound penalty against talented rivals. That burden was picked up by his 3/4 of a length defeat of Rock of Gibraltar (Ire) in the G1 Breeders' Cup Mile at Arlington in October. Skillfully ridden that afternoon by Thierry Thulliez, who used his tactical speed to save vital ground on the inner, his performance was overshadowed by the post-race concentration on the poor luck of the runner-up. **Domedriver's** style is to close late off a fast pace, as he showed when winning the G2 Prix Daniel Wildenstein in clever fashion at Longchamp previously, and now the secret is out his rivals will seek to blunt his finest weapon in this contest. In the absence of a rabbit for the likely favourite, **Dandoun** may be able to take advantage of a notable pull at the weights. He looked better than ever when powering away with the Listed Doncaster Mile Mar. 20, and has the assistance of Olivier Peslier, an expert judge of pace.

Thursday, Churchill Downs, post time: 4:45 p.m. EDT

LA TROIENNE S.-GIII, \$100,000, 3yo, f, 7f

PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER	WT
1	Real Bear	Formal Gold	Werner	114
2	Final Round	Storm Cat	Arnold	116
3	Lovely Sage	Gentlemen (Arg)	Amoss	116
4	Stellar	Grand Slam	Ser	Ser
5	Just Bill Me	Master Bill	Hollendorfer	120
6	Fast Cookie	Deputy Minister	Mott	118
7	Crow Jane	Indian Charlie	Thornbury	116

Unbeaten in a pair of starts around one turn, **Lovely Sage** was fifth of sixth to Lady Tak in the GII Fair Grounds Oaks Mar. 8, but has been training steadily over the Churchill surface and can make amends. **Crow Jane** returned from a two-month freshening to finish a nose second in a Fair Grounds turf sprint Mar. 20, but came back to wire a Keeneland allowance field by five lengths Apr. 11, earning a field-best Beyer of 98. She's susceptible to the bounce, but has a bullet work since her win.

Friday, Churchill Downs

LOUISVILLE BREEDERS' CUP H.-GII, \$300,000, 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	WT
1	Red N' Gold	Tabasco Cat	Prado	112
2	You	You and I	Bailey	118
3	Fly Borboleta	Pulpit	Melancon	109
4	Majority Whip	Gulch	Day	112
5	Seven Four Seven	Colonial Affair	Peck	113
6	Take Charge Lady	Dehere	Sellers	119

Saturday, Churchill Downs

WOODFORD RESERVE TURF CLASSIC-GI, \$400,000, 3yo/up, 1 1/8mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	WT
1	Requete (GB)	Rainbow Quest	Prado	116
2	Epicentre	Kris S.	Solis	114
3	Rouvres (Fr)	Anabaa	Bailey	114
4	With Anticipation	Relaunch	Day	123
5	Patrol	Lear Fan	Velasquez	116
6	Perfect Drift	Dynaformer	Desormeaux	123
7	Even The Score	Unbridled's Song	Sellers	114
8	Century City (Ire)	Danzig	Valdivia Jr.	118
9	Honor In War	Lord at War (Arg)	Flores	114

The **brisnet.com** 'Race of the Day' is the GIII La Troienne S. at Churchill. For pps and a complete race analysis, click [here](#).

BREEDERS' CUP STAKES CLOSINGS

	CLOSES	TRACK	RACE	CONDITIONS	PURSE	RUNS
	5-4	PIM	Pimlico Distaff Breeders' Cup S. (GIII)	3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16m	\$150,000	5-16
5-4	PIM	Maryland Breeders' Cup H. (GIII)	3yo/up, 6f	\$200,000	5-17	

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Previews cont.

Saturday, Churchill Downs

HUMANA DISTAFF H.-GI, \$200,000, 3yo/up, f/m, 7f

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	WT
1	Gold Mover	Gold Fever	Prado	119
2	Sightseek	Distant View	Bailey	116
3	Spring Meadow	Meadowlake	Stevens	117
4	Miss Lodi	Mr. Greeley	Albarado	114
5	Flaxen Flyer	Muhtafal	Desormeaux	111
6	Slews Final Answer	Seattle Slew	Velasquez	114
7	Palmarola (Arg)	Kitwood	Solis	115
8	Sixtyone Margaux	Cozzene	Day	113

Saturday, Churchill Downs

CHURCHILL DOWNS H.-GII, \$200,000, 4yo/up, 7f

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	WT
1	Peeping Tom	Eagle Eyed	Bridgmohan	116
2	Wiseman's Ferry	Hennessy	Melancon	117
3	Swift Replica	Struggler (GB)	Valenzuela	112
4	Pass Rush	Crown Ambassador	Day	117
5	R. Baggio	Chimes Band	Sellers	115
6	Aldebaran	Mr. Prospector	Bailey	120
7	Cappuchino	Capote	Coa	112
8	D'wildcat	Forest Wildcat	Solis	117
9	Binthebest	Binalong	Albarado	113
10	Twilight Road	Cahill Road	Desormeaux	115
11	Mountain General	Mountain Cat	L Meche	118
12	Lord Abounding	Lord Avie	Guidry	114
13	Proud Citizen	Gone West	Velasquez	119

☆ NEWS TODAY ☆

BREAK FOR WAR EMBLEM Japan's Shadai Stallion Station has at least temporarily stopped attempting to breed **War Emblem** (Our Emblem), according to the stud's spokesperson, Eisuke Tokutake, who said that out of the 350 mares to which the farm has attempted to breed to the Kentucky Derby winner, he has covered only seven. Four of them are in foal. "To try to breed to that many mares is hard work," Tokutake said through an interpreter. "After having to deal with all that, he looked very tired, both mentally and physically. We have stopped trying to breed him." Tokutake said that it is uncertain what the next step will be with War Emblem. The farm has four separate insurance policies covering the horse and is now negotiating with those companies. "We have tried over very best," Tokutake said. "Now we are seeking outside opinions, including those of the insurance companies. Personally, I do not know what will happen from here. We don't know if it's just a matter of time or if he will turn out to be a horse we cannot breed." War Emblem's disinterest or unwillingness to breed is the latest blow for the Yoshida family's Shadai operation, which saw three of their stallions die last year: Sunday Silence, End Sweep and El Condor Pasa. "We are of course in a big state of shock because we lost a few stallions last year and now we have this problem with War Emblem," said Tokutake. "We were hoping he would be the best stallion we would have this season and we were preparing the best mares for him. Now those mares will have to go to other stallions. It's a big disappointment."

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AFFIRMED: AN APPRECIATION

By Bill Finley

I am young to be curmudgeonly and haven't been around so long that I should be allowed to harken back to the good old days, but when the subject comes around to Affirmed and the evolution of the breed in the 25 years since he won the Triple Crown, I feel I must do just that.

There will never be another horse like him. There: I said it.

I was 17 and a marginal racing fan when Affirmed won the Kentucky Derby, the first I ever attended. I can't remember exactly why I was in his camp and not Alydar's, but I was an Affirmed guy, no doubt about it. There was no middle ground. Everyone liked one of the two, but not the other. It was no different then than rooting for your favorite baseball team. I wanted Affirmed to win the Kentucky Derby not because I had bet \$5 on him (a princely sum for a kid making \$22.50 a week on his paper route), but because I wanted my team, my horse, to prove that he was a winner, a champion. That he not only won the Triple Crown but did so after gutting it out against Alydar in the Belmont in perhaps the most exciting race in the sport's history was more than anybody could have asked for. I was sold, a fan for life.

You know what? This horse was cool. And horses just aren't that cool anymore. Nor will they ever compile that tangible accomplishments that Affirmed did. No one has won the Triple Crown since Affirmed in 1978. I have long believed that Triple Crown winners are going to come in dribbles over the next many years; that is, if they come at all. It's not a coincidence that no one has conquered this immense challenge in such a long time. Modern horses just aren't made to handle the difficulties posed by three races in five weeks and distances that are beyond the scope of all but the rarest horses.

Then again, Bobby Frankel, he of the magic touch, has a wonderful horse named Empire Maker who seems so far ahead of his competition that it's within the realm of imagination that come the first week in June he will be crowned the 12th Triple Crown winner. That would put him among the rarest of company, but pound for pound, accomplishment for accomplishment, he will never stack up favorably to Affirmed. Affirmed was a product of an era when greatness was earned, awarded only to a horse who proved himself over time, carried weight, met and beat the best and stayed around long enough for the sport to fall in love.

The Kentucky Derby will be the sixth lifetime start for Empire Maker. The 1978 Kentucky Derby was Affirmed's 14th career race.

Empire Maker won just once as a two-year-old and was third in his only stakes attempt. He was, for obvious reasons, not in the running for a championship. Affirmed, a champion at two, won seven races, six of them stakes, three of them Grade I stakes.

Though this a common complaint at this time of year, it does not look like—with the exception of Empire Maker—this is a particularly good crop. Let him win, they'll still be saying, 'But who did he beat?' That never happened with Affirmed. He had Alydar to bolster his reputation. Alydar was a great horse and likely would have won the Triple Crown had he not had the misfortune of being born the same year Affirmed was. Affirmed may not have been in the league of, say, a Kelso when it came to carrying weight, but he did win under 130 pounds in the 1979 Californian. Empire Maker will never carry 130 pounds in any race any time because horses just don't carry weight anymore. It's far too early to speculate how long Empire Maker will last or whether or not he will race at four. But it's hard to believe that he will ever be asked to match Affirmed for his durability and his ability to race at the highest level for so long. Affirmed made 29 starts over three years and won 22 races. (It would have been 23 if not for his disqualification in the Travers). He won 14 Grade I races, was a champion three straight years and a back-to-back Horse of the Year.

None of this is meant as a knock on Empire Maker. He could be as good a horse as anyone has seen in a long time, but he is a horse of the 21st century, when everything is so different than it was back when Affirmed made history. He probably won't be around that long or race that many times and you can bet that he'll never develop a serious rivalry with another horse.

Spectacular Bid may have been the last horse to fulfill the role of greatness in an era where greatness was hard to come by. But he didn't win the Triple Crown and Affirmed did, 25 years ago. It might as well have been 250 years ago, or so it sometimes seems.

He died January 12, 2001 at Jonabell Farm in Lexington, Kentucky, where he had stood since 1992.

What makes a horse truly special? Whatever is on your list, Affirmed qualifies in every category. It has been 25 years since his Derby, his Preakness, his Belmont, his most special accomplishments. I was an Affirmed guy then. I still am now.



★ NEW YORK ★

Schwartz Adds New Title--Grandpa:

New York Racing Association Chairman and Chief Executive Officer Barry K. Schwartz and his wife Sheryl became grandparents for the first time last Friday when their daughter Stephanie gave birth to a 6 pound 10 ounce baby girl, Jordan Shelby Ferdman, at New York Hospital/Cornell. "We left our apartment at 2:15 p.m., got settled in at the hospital by three and the baby was born at 5:49 p.m.," said the baby's father Michael Ferdman, founder of Firstborn Multimedia Inc. "This filly will run," he added. "When I take her to the park, it's likely going to be Belmont Park."

Yesterday's Results:

8th-AQU, \$46,000, Alw, NW2X, 3yo/up, 1 1/8m, 1:49 3/5, ft.

SHORT HAIR (c, 4, Holy Bull--Little Fuzzy {SW}, by Turn and Count), taken for \$50,000 out of a Big A claiming event in late October, paid dividends two starts later with an entry-level allowance score Dec. 7. A head runner-up in his 2003 bow at this level Feb. 19, he faltered badly in his latest to be seventh by 10 3/4 lengths as the 8-5 chalk. The bay retained the faith of the public, however, and went to post here as the 5-2 second choice. Short Hair, away in good order, hooked up with favored Hydrogen (Pleasant Colony) from the beginning and kept on in tandem with that one throughout before asserting by a length in the dying strides. The victor, a \$55,000 KEENOV weanling and \$40,000 FTFEB two-year-old, is a half to It'sali'lknownfact (Known Fact), SW & GISP, \$338,684. Lifetime Record: 14-4-2-4, \$135,590.

O-Paul P Pompa Jr. B-Richard, John & William Condon, Helen Condon Powell, Et Al (KY). T-Rene A Araya.

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5th-AQU, \$44,000, Alw, NW1X, 3yo/up, f/m, 1mT, 1:38, fm.

FARAWAY LEGEND (f, 4, Mr. Greeley--Las Manitas {MSP, \$225,737}, by Faraway Son) missed by double-digit lengths in a pair of two-year-old starts sprinting over Aqueduct's main track in the fall of 2001, but lit up the board seven months later when trying grass and two turns for the first time, paying a hefty \$63 to win at Belmont last June. A decent fourth when facing winners on Independence Day prompted her connections to try the July 29 Gill Lake George S., where she didn't disgrace herself in a fifth-place performance at the Spa. Off since that one, the bay looked none the worse for wear nine months later and took plenty of respect from the public as the 8-5 pick. Well placed by regular jockey Richard Migliore just off the pacesetters, she moved out three wide leaving the turn and was all out in the closing strides to get past Magnificent Val (Pioneering) by a nose on the wire, with 137-1 longshot Budapest Girl (Hansel) another length back in third. The victress, a \$40,000 KEESEP yearling, is a half to C B Account (Personal Flag), MSW, \$198,043; and Look of the Lynx (Forest Wildcat), SW, \$258,739. Lifetime Record: 6-2-0-0, \$60,240.

O-Ronald & Patricia E Nicholson & B Flay & G A Seelbinder. B-G A Seelbinder & Liberation Farm (KY). T-James J Toner.

7th-AQU, \$44,000, Alw, NW1X, 3yo/up, 1mT, 1:36 4/5, fm.

GHAZELLE (h, 5, Ghazi--Irish Vinegar, by Irish Tower), a maiden winner over Fair Grounds's sod Mar. 19, made her first start in New York since last summer a victorious one as a 7-2 chance. The \$20,000 KEESEP yearling sped out from the gate and was five lengths in front by the time they ran a half mile. Tiring slightly in the drive, she still had enough to fend off Millenium Ghost (Silver Ghost) by a length to secure the win. Lifetime Record: 9-2-1-2, \$54,800.

O-LGS Honeywell Stables. B-Cecil O Seaman (KY). T-Bruce N Levine.

STAKES CLOSINGS

TODAY, THURSDAY, MAY 1:

06-08 \$500,000 Labatt Woodbine Oaks, Wo, 3yo, f, \$, 9f (250)

08-30 \$300,000e NATC Futurity, Del, 2yo, \$, 6f (100)

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★ "TDN Rising Star" ★

4th-AQU, \$41,000, Msw, 2yo, f, 4 1/2f, :52, ft.
 + BIKINI WIGGLE (f, 2, [Salt Lake](#)--Exotic Beauty, by Java Gold), a \$100,000 FTKOCT yearling and \$215,000 FTFEB two-year-old purchase, took the majority of the crowd's money as the 6-5 chalk, which looked like a steal by the time she crossed the wire a much-the-best winner. Sent to the fore by jockey John Velazquez, the chestnut shook loose turning for home and quickly opened up a commanding lead on the field, steaming under the wire a 7 3/4-length victress. Her time of :52 flat for the 4 1/2 panels was two ticks off the track record. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$24,600.
 O-Win & Place Stable. B-Keith & Kyle Crupper (KY). T-Anthony W Dutrow. [Click for the brisnet.com chart.](#)

★ CENTRAL ★

Yesterday's Results:

6th-CDX, \$45,025, Alw, Opt. Clm. (\$62,500), NW3\$X, 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16mT, 1:42, fm.
 1--**GUANA (FR), 117, f, 4, Sillery--Great Connection, by Dayjur.** O-Thomas F Van Meter II, D Hendrickson & M Lowenbaum; B-Mme Patricia Morange (FR); T-W Elliott Walden. Lifetime Record: SW & GSP-US, SP-Fr, 12-4-2-1, \$130,390.
 2--**May Gator**, 117, f, 4, Green Alligator--Thesixthofmay, by Classic Account.
 3--**Traci's Wild**, 117, f, 4, Langfuhr--Wild for Traci, by Wild Again. (\$52,000 yrl '00 KESEP).
 Margins: 1 1/4, 1 1/4, HD. Odds: 1.10, 1.70, 6.80.
 Guana, winner of Arlington's Flawlessly S. last June and runner-up in the Gill Lake George S. at Saratoga July 29, concluded her three-year-old campaign with a ninth over a yielding Keeneland turf course in the Gill Valley View S. Oct. 19. Sixth, beaten just two lengths, in a Gulfstream allowance Feb. 5, the bay had a wide trip when third in a similar test at Keeneland Apr. 12 and was favored to get the job done this time. She was difficult to load and was last of five in the early stages, but put in a sustained run to wear down pacesetter May Gator in the final sixteenth.

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Central Report cont.

9th-CDX, \$45,320, Alw, NW2X, 3yo/up, f/m, 1mT, 1:35 3/5, fm.

MANHATTAN SKYLINE (f, 4, [Spinning World](#)--Crystal Cream, by Secretariat), a \$550,000 KEENOV weanling who saw her value drop to \$200,000 as a KEEJUL yearling, won two of four through a lightly raced three-year-old season and settled for the runner-up spot in both of her 2003 starts, her latest coming in an off-the-turf affair against Gulfstream allowance foes Mar. 24. The well-supported 4-5 pick launched a bid from a mid-pack position and staved off the late challenge of Sweet Deimos (GB) by a neck despite drifting late. The winner is a half to Perfectly Clear (Woodman), SW, \$131,209. Lifetime Record: 7-3-3-0, \$97,435. O-B Lunsford. B-Farfellow Farms Ltd (KY). T-W Mott.

8th-CDX, \$33,460, Alw, NW1X, 3yo, f, 7f, 1:23, ft. SPOKEN FUR (f, 3, [Notebook](#)--Siberian Fur, by Siberian Express) was a strong 6 1/4-length winner at Keeneland Apr. 6 and continued to improve with this well-earned victory. The gray gave up several lengths on the leaders after being bumped at the break and was still well out of contention while racing in seventh into the turn. Asked for best from there, she powered to the front with a five-wide move and showed grit to best fellow closer Meet Me at Midnight (General Meeting) by a neck. Post-time favorite Stellar (Grand Slam), second in last year's Gil Adirondack S. and making her first start in eight months, tired to third after setting the pace. Lifetime Record: 6-2-1-2, \$62,940. O-William R Ryan, George A Smith & W E Johnston. B-George A Smith & Dr W E Johnston (FL). T-A Smith.

★ EAST ★

Yesterday's Results:

8th-DEL, \$36,000, Msw, 3yo/up, f/m, 5f, :59, ft. + TWICKIN (f, 3, [Two Punch](#)--Indian Fashion {MSW & MGSP, \$264,916}, by General Holme), a \$135,000 FTMMAY two-year-old, fired two bullets works leading up to this one that helped ensure healthy 9-5 odds, the second choice of the betting public. After breaking alertly from an inside post, Twickin never left the outcome in doubt, holding a four-length lead turning for home and accounting for favored Consistently (Storm Boot) by 2 1/2 lengths under the wire. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$21,600. O/B-Russell B Jones Jr (PA). T-Tim F Ritchey.

5th-ATL, \$20,000, Msw, 3yo/up, 5 1/2fT, 1:04 1/5, fm.

+ FINANCE THE CAT (c, 3, [Storm Cat](#)--Refinancing, by *Forli), a half to Hal's Pal (GB) (Caerleon), MGSW & GISP, \$579,848, went postward as the 8-5 chalk in his career debut. Forcing the issue from the start, the chestnut hooked up with 51-1 Piotrus' Baby (Danzatame) in the stretch and reached the wire in a dead heat with that rival, with 5 3/4 lengths back to the third. Finance the Cat was a \$300,000 KEENOV weanling, a \$150,000 KEESEP yearling and a \$400,000 OBSFEB two-year-old. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$7,900. O-Lewis Pattitucci & Carl Bowling. B-Gaines-Gentry Thoroughbreds & Andover Way Partnership Llc (KY). T-Joseph Orseno.

Tuesday Night Results:

7th-MNR, \$21,700, Msw, 3yo, f, 5 1/2f, 1:07 2/5, ft. + TORDUE (f, 3, [Holy Bull](#)--Really A Meadowstar, by Meadowlake) was dismissed at 13-1 for her career opener, but belied those odds by leading every step en route to a 2 3/4-length tally. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$12,586. O-Joel Slavens Racing Stable. B-J Mack Robinson (KY). T-Douglas G Haehn.

★ SO. CALIFORNIA ★

Yesterday's Results:

8th-HOL, \$46,640, Msw, 2yo, f, 4 1/2f, :51 3/5, ft. + WACKY PATTY (f, 2, [Formal Dinner](#)--As a Day in June, by Fly So Free), a \$16,000 OBSJAN two-year-old purchase, turned in some solid breezes over the local main track, including a bullet half mile in :46 4/5 Apr. 17. Sent off the 2.30-1 second choice to get the job done first up, the Florida-bred filly showed good early speed from her inside post, set solid fractions into the stretch and inched away late to defeat Kind Lena (Seneca Jones) by 2 1/2 lengths, with another length back to favored She'sgotgoldfever (Gold Fever). Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$26,400. O/T-James K Chapman. B-D W Frazier MD & Suzanne Sharra Maxwell (FL).

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★ AMERICAN-BRED WINNERS ★

IN BRITAIN:

Morson Boy, c, 3, **Lear Fan**--Esprit d'Escalier, by Diesis (GB). Pontefract, 4-30, Hcp, 3yo, 12f 8ydsT.

B-G A Seelbinder. *1/2 to Gastronomical (Sunshine Forever), GSW & MGISP, \$468,000.

Mahasi, c, 3, **Woodman**. See "Britain."

Golden Fact, g, 9, **Known Fact**--Cosmic Sea Queen (SP), by Determined Cosmic. Pontefract, 4-30, Hcp, 3yo/up, 1m 4ydsT. B-S David Plummer. *MSP-Ire.

**\$22,000 wnlg '94 KEENOV; \$35,000 yrl '95 KEESEP.

 **FRESHMAN FOCUS**

First-crop progeny to watch: Thursday, May 1

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

MAZEL TRICK (Phone Trick), Airdrie, \$13K, 86/0/0

3-AQU, Msw, 4 1/2f, +Juventus, \$75K OBS FEB 2yo
1-BM, Msw, 4 1/2f, +One Trick Pony, \$57K KEE SEP yrl

OLD TRIESTE (A.P. Indy), Dead, \$, 44/0/0

4-HOL, Msw, 4 1/2f, +Trieste's Honor, \$85K KEE SEP yrl

WILD EVENT (Wild Again), Bridlewood, \$8K, 47/0/0

4-HOL, Msw, 4 1/2f, Eventfull, \$47K BAR MAR 2yo

 **SOPHOMORE SPOTLIGHT**

First-time starters/stakes runners: Thursday, May 1

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

FORMAL GOLD (Black Tie Affair {IRE}), Gainesway, \$15K, 130/24/1
9-CD, Stk, 7f, Real Bear, \$75K OBS FEB 2yo, 8-1

GENTLEMEN (ARG) (Robin des Bois), Walmac, \$30K, 126/12/1
9-CD, Stk, 7f, Lovely Sage, \$260K E '03 KEE JAN, 5-1

GOLD TOKEN (Mr. Prospector), Questroyal, \$5K, 79/9/0
3-AQU, Msw, 4 1/2f, +Golden Diamond

GRAND SLAM (Gone West), Ashford, \$30K, 244/38/3
9-CD, Stk, 7f, Stellar, \$700K KEE APR 2yo, 5-1

INDIAN CHARLIE (In Excess {IRE}), Airdrie, \$10K, 149/30/1
9-CD, Stk, 7f, Crow Jane, \$45K KEE SEP yrl, 5-1

OPS SMILE (Caveat), Bonita, \$5K, 55/5/0
5-ATL, Msw, 5 1/2fT, +Stone Face, 10-1

SWISS YODELER (Eastern Echo), Pepper Oaks, \$3K, 101/24/2
4-HOL, Msw, 4 1/2f, +Happy Yodeler

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★ EUROPE ★

INTERNATIONAL FLAVOUR AT ASCOT Royal Ascot's Group 1 events have attracted entries from around the globe, it was announced yesterday. Godolphin dominate the 53 entries for the £350,000 G1 Prince of Wales's S. June 18 with a team of 16 headed by **Moon Ballad (GB)** (Singspiel {Ire}), the impressive winner of the G1 Dubai World Cup at Nad al Sheba Mar. 29 and **Sulamani (Ire)** (Hernando {Fr}), who took the G1 Dubai Sheema Classic on the same card. South Africa is represented in the list for the 10-furlong contest and the previous day's G1 Queen Anne S. by the Mike de Kock-trained **Victory Moon (SAf)** (Al Mufti), who also starred at Nad al Sheba, winning the UAE 2000 Guineas Feb. 13 and G2 UAE Derby Mar. 29, and the Geoff Woodruff-trained **Eventuail (Arg)** (Candy Stripes). David Oughton has entered last year's G1 Hong Kong Cup winner **Precision (Fr)** (Anabaa) in both races and the grey is one of six from the Chinese territory. Ireland's hopes of success at the Royal meeting will be boosted by the entry of the Aidan O'Brien-trained **High Chaparral (Ire)** (Sadler's Wells) and **Hawk Wing (Woodman)** in both contests, while Andreas Wohler is responsible for the German contingent in **Paolini (Ger)** (Lando {Ger}). Hong Kong is also represented by **Firebolt (Ire)** (Flying Spur {Aus}) and **All Thrills Too (Aus)** (St Covet {Aus}) in the G1 Golden Jubilee S. on the Saturday of the Royal meeting. **Morluc (Housebuster)** may be a rare U.S.-trained contender for the six-furlong sprint, while Australia is represented by Silver Arrow Series winner **Choisir (Aus)** (Danehill Dancer {Ire}). Heading the European entries are the John Gosden-trained **Malhub (Kingmambo)**, who took the race last year, and **Belle du Jour (Aus)** (Dehere), now with Dermot Weld. "The entries for our Group 1 races are as strong as ever including no fewer than 53 from Godolphin and 48 from Ballydoyle," commented Clerk of the Course Nick Cheyne. "This is the first year for the Queen Anne as a Group 1 and the quality of entries reflects that."

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★ BRITAIN ★

Yesterday's Results:

CAREY'S SWINLEY S.-Listed, £32,000, Ascot, 4-30, 3yo, f, 1mT, 1:46.60, gd.

1--#**FANTASIZE (GB), 123, f, 3, by Groom Dancer**

1st Dam: Belle et Deluree, by The Minstrel

2nd Dam: Sophisticated Girl, Stop the Music

3rd Dam: Close Control, by Dunce

O/B-Cheveley Park Stud; T-Sir Michael Stoute; J-Richard Hughes; £19,040. Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-0, £24,641. *1/2 to Musical Prospect (Tank's Prospect), Ch. Miler-Slov, SW-Slov; Dazzle (GB) (Gone West), GSW & G1SP-GB, \$153,159.

2--**Heavenly Bay, 123, f, 3, Rahy--Bevel, by Mr. Prospector.** £7,040.

3--**Khaizarana (GB), 123, f, 3, Alhaarth (Ire)--Ta Rib, by Mr. Prospector.** £3,520.

Margins: HF, 1HF, 3. Odds: 5-4, 16-1, 11-4.

Also ran: Summer Spice (Ire), Karathaena (Ire).

Fantasize leads 1000 Guineas contender Russian Rhythm in her work on the Newmarket gallops, but she enjoyed her own slice of glory in this contest to register her first stakes score. Favoured here on the form of her Leicester maiden score in October, which had been boosted by the G3 Fred Darling S. success of the third-placed Tante Rose (Ire), she took a lead from Summer Spice (Ire) (Key of Luck) throughout the early stages. Left in front as that rival back-pedaled at the quarter-mile marker, she was not asked to extend by Richard Hughes despite the late attentions of Heavenly Bay, who was flattered by the final margin. "She had been doing good work, but we thought that she would need the run," commented Chris Richardson, managing director to owners Cheveley Park Stud. "She is a nice filly and this is Groom Dancer's third stakes winner this year."

SODEXHO PAVILION S.-Listed, £32,000, Ascot, 4-30, 3yo, 6fT, 1:15.45, gd.

1--**STRIKING AMBITION (GB), 127, c, 3, by Makbul (Ire)**

1st Dam: Lady Roxanne (GB), by Cyrano de Bergerac (Ire)

2nd Dam: Red Lory (GB), by Bay Express (Ire)

3rd Dam: Powderhall (GB), by Murrayfield (GB)

(7,000gns wnlg '00 TATDEC; 28,000 yrl '01 DONSEP). O-Peter Webb; B-Lord Huntingdon; T-Giles Bravery; J-Darryll Holland; £18,560. Lifetime Record: 5-3-0-1, £46,082.

2--**Avonbridge (GB), 127, c, 3, Averti (Ire)--Alessia (GB), by Caerleon.** £7,040.

3--**Baron's Pit (GB), 130, c, 3, Night Shift--Incendio (GB), by Siberian Express.** £3,520.

Margins: 1, 1 1/4, 1 1/4. Odds: 12-1, 7-4, 7-1.

Also Ran: Fiddlers Reach, Somnus (GB), Coconut Penang (Ire), Red Galaxy (Ire), Folio (Ire), The Lord (GB).

Sodexho Pavilion S. cont.

Striking Ambition had finished eighth behind Somnus (GB) (Pivotal {GB}) when drawn away from all the action on the far side in the St Leger Yearling S. at Doncaster Sept. 11. After proving his speed with an authoritative score in the six-furlong Listed Prix Saraca at Saint-Cloud in November, he was tried over a mile on his return in the Listed International Trial S. on Lingfield's polytrack Apr. 5, but failed to stay when third. Dropped back to this stiff six, he travelled easily in front under Darryll Holland and quickened decisively inside the final quarter as Avonbridge closed under Steve Drowne.

Ascot, 5.00, Cond, £20,850, 4yo/up, 1mT, 1:43.74, gd.

SERIEUX (GB) (c, 4, Cadeaux Genereux {GB}--Seranda {Ire} {SP-Fr}, by Petoski {GB}), third in a conditions event at Warwick Apr. 21 on his seasonal bow, was held up in rear in the early stages and maintained that position until turning into the home straight. The 10-1 chance made headway from the quarter-mile marker, was ridden approaching the final furlong and was driven out late on to get the better of With Reason (Nashwan) by a half-length. The winner was a FF340,000 DEADEC weanling, 180,000gns TATHOU yearling, and 46,000gns TATAUT two-year-old. Lifetime Record: 10-3-1-1, £52,850.

O-Mrs S L Whitehead; B-Petra Bloodstock Agency Ltd; T-Amanda Perrett.

Ascot, 4.25, Cond, £17,750, 2yo, 5fT, 1:03.96, gd.

SPANISH ACE (GB) (c, 2, First Trump {GB}--Spanish Heart {GB}, by King Of Spain {GB}), second on his debut at Kempton Apr. 19, was positioned in a stalking second until making his challenge at the quarter-mile marker. The 11-4 chance found it tough to get past long-time leader Cop Hill Lad (GB) (Atraf {GB}), but kept on strongly to deny that rival by a head in the final strides. Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, £12,599.

O/B-Farleigh Court Racing Ptrnshp; T-Andrew Balding.

Pontefract, 4.35, Mdn, £8,500, 3yo, 10f 6ydsT, 2:14.11, gd/fm.

MAHASI (c, 3, Woodman--Lingerie {GB}, by Shirley Heights {GB}), second in a competitive maiden at Newmarket Apr. 15, soon raced in third and was pushed to the front with a half mile to race. The 8-13 market choice was driven along at the entrance to the straight as Sir Sidney (GB) (Shareef Dancer) challenged and was all out in the closing stages to deny that rival by a hard fought two lengths. The winner is a 3/4 brother to Limnos (Jpn) (Hector Potector), MGSW-Fr, \$191,886; and Shiva (Jpn) (Hector Protector), 2x Hwt Older Mare-GB at 9.5-11f, Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, £5,940.

O-Niarchos Family; B-Flaxman Holdings Ltd; T-Henry Cecil.



Pontefract, 2.20, Mdn, £8,420, 2yo, 5fT, 1:03.93, gd/fm.

RUSSIAN VALOUR (IRE) (c, 2, Fasliyev--Vert Val {SW-Fr}, by Septieme Ciel), third on his freshman debut at Newcastle Apr. 22, broke well and soon raced at the head of affairs at a good pace. The 4-6 choice was pushed along when tackled by Danesmead (Ire) (Danehill Dancer {Ire}) soon after turning for home and drew clear of that rival inside the final furlong for an easy 3½-length success. Russian Valour becomes the first winner for his freshman sire (by Nureyev). Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-1, £6,054.

O-A Latter & Partners; B-Gestut Sohrehof; T-Mark Johnston.

★ ITALY ★

Thursday, Milan, post time: 5:20 p.m.

PREMIO BAGGIO-Listed, €53,550, 3yo, f, 1 1/4mT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER	WT
1	10	Angelica (Ity)	Perugino	Pinzauti	121
2	11	Boy Express (GB)	Air Express (Ire)	L Camici	121
3	8	Brain Storm (Ire)	Sri Pekan	Romano	126
4	4	Bukat Timah (GB)	Inchinor (GB)	Bary	121
5	1	De Blanc (Ire)	Revoque (Ire)	Quinlan	121
6	3	Filicudi (Ire)	King's Theatre (Ire)	A & G Botti	121
7	5	Holy Moon (Ire)	Hernando (Fr)	A & G Botti	121
8	12	Lady Nadine (GB)	Alzao	Guarnieri	121
9	6	Madison County (Ity)	In The Wings (GB)	Caruso	121
10	2	Mohawk Mountains (GB)	Emperor Jones	B Grizzetti	121
11	13	Mrs Seek (GB)	Unfuwain	Colella	121
12	14	Storming Star (Ity)	Shantou	Wall	121
13	7	Thursday's Child (Ity)	Namaqualand	Menichetti	121
14	9	Zolletta (Ire)	Brief Truce	Gasparini	121

★ FRANCE ★

Yesterday's Results:

4.30 Compiègne, Cond, €16,000, 4yo/up, 1mT, 1:43.37, hy.

VAHORIMIX (FR) (h, 5, Linamix {Fr}--Vadsa Honor {Fr} {SW-Fr}, by Highest Honor {Fr}), returning to the track for the first time since the 2001 G1 Queen Elizabeth II S. after failing at stud, was sent off the 1-2 favourite to take this ideal confidence booster. Settled in fifth by Julien Auge throughout the early stages, the grey travelled easily before being eased to the front passing the quarter-mile marker. Lengthening clear from there, the G1 Prix Jacques le Marois and G1 Poule d'Essai des Poulains winner was firmly on top at the line, where he registered a six-length success over Kadence (Fr) (Kaldoun {Fr}). Lifetime Record: Hwt. 3yo Colt-Fr at 7-9.5f, MG1SW-Fr, 10 starts, 5 wins, 3 places, €400,623.

O-The Lagardere Family; B-Jean-Luc Lagardere; T-Julien Auge.



AUSTRALASIA



SILK TOPS SECOND DAY AT INGLIS Nine-year-old **Satin 'N' Silk (NZ)** (Zabeel {NZ}--Lacework {NZ}, by Star Way {GB}), who is a full sister to Group 3 winner Sybeel (NZ), led the way with a A\$290,000 final bid to top yesterday's second session of the Inglis Australian Broodmare Sale in Newmarket, Sydney. Lot 534, purchased by Gaden Park of Queensland, was consigned by agent Phillippa Duncan Bloodstock Party Ltd, who also offered the second top price of the day. Lot 547, a four-year-old bay mare by Quiet American out of the Northern Dancer mare South Sea Dancer, secured A\$220,000 for her connections, who were acting on behalf of The Pines Stud. A full sister to champions Storm Bird and Northernette, multiple-stakes placed **South Sea Dancer** has produced graded stakes winner and Grade I placed Signal Tap. Bidding for today's third and last session will commence at 10:00 a.m.

INGLIS AUSTRALIAN BROODMARE SALE WEDNESDAY'S TOP FOUR LOTS

Hip	Name	Covering Stallion	Price (A\$)
534	Satin 'N' Silk (NZ) <i>(9, Zabeel {NZ}--Lacework {NZ}, by Star Way {GB})</i>	Carnegie (Ire)	290,000
Consigned by Phillippa Duncan Bloodstock Pty Ltd. Agt. Purchased by Gaden Park			
547	South Sea Storm <i>(4, Quiet American--South Sea Dancer, by Northern Dancer)</i>	Giant's Causeway	220,000
Consigned by Phillippa Duncan Bloodstock Pty Ltd. Agt. Purchased by Tony Bott			
366a	Thunderstorms (Aus) <i>(6, Thunder Gulch--Who Can Say {NZ}, by Sovereign Edition {Ire})</i>	Fusaichi Pegasus	200,000
Consigned by Coolmore Australia, agent Purchased by Springfield Stud			
444	Virage <i>(9, Kenmare {Fr}--Emancipation {Aus}, by Bletchingly {Aus})</i>	Carnegie (Ire)	200,000
Consigned by Segenhoe Stud, agent Purchased by Limerick Lane			



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<u>SESSION TOTALS</u>	<u>2003</u>
No. Offered	268
No. Sold	162
RNAs	106
% RNA	39.5%
Gross (A\$)	6,334,000
Average	39,099

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ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

6th-AQU, \$43,000, NW1X, (S), 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:11 1/5, ft.

QUEEN OF SARATOGA (f, 4, Signal Tap--Superetta, by Saratoga Six) Lifetime Record: 18-5-3-2, \$132,845. O-Saul J & Max Kupferberg. B-Questroyal Stud LLC & Gavin Murphy (NY). T-John Parisella. *\$1,400 wlng '99 FTMDEC; \$8,000 yrl '00 FTMOCT.

6th-DEL, \$40,000, NW2X, 3yo, 6f, 1:10 3/5, ft. MT. CARSON (c, 3, Lord Carson--Mt. Gibson Gold, by Cox's Ridge) Lifetime Record: SW, 8-3-2-1, \$130,950. O/B-David P Reynolds (KY). T-Rodney Jenkins.

7th-DEL, \$37,000, NW1X, 3/up, f/m, 1m, 1:40 2/5, ft. BIJOU BELLE (f, 4, Cryptoclearance--Polish Angel, by Polish Navy) Lifetime Record: 15-7-1-2, \$102,640. O-Antonini Guerino. B-CaroLin Stables Inc (FL). T-Allen Iwinski.

7th-PIM, \$36,000, Opt. Clm. (\$75-65,000), NW3\$9MX, 3yo/up, f/m, 1mT, 1:38 1/5, fm. LADY LINDA (m, 5, Torrential--La Cucina {Ire}, by Last Tycoon {Ire}) Lifetime Record: MSP, 19-5-3-5, \$150,413. O/B-Domino Stud of Lexington (KY). T-Mary E Eppler. *1/2 to Sir Cherokee (Cherokee Run), GSW, \$393,975.

5th-BMX, \$34,979, NW1X, 3yo, 6f, 1:10 2/5, ft. JETS FAN (c, 3, Gold Token--Sarah's Lady {SW, \$144,637}, by Saratoga Six) Lifetime Record: 5-3-2-0, \$54,850. O-Rancho San Miguel Bennett & Domush. B-Dr Jackie D Huckabay (KY). T-Brent Sumja. *\$20,000 yrl '01 FTMOCT.

8th-PRM, \$30,000, 4-29, Opt. Clm. (\$30,000), NW2\$X, 4yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:10, gd. SUPREME DISCOVERY (f, 4, Supremo--Discovered Secret, by Lost Code) Lifetime Record: MSW, 15-9-2-1, \$198,250. O-Robert L Moore. B-McDowell Farm (AR). T-Steve Hobby. *\$3,500 yrl '00 KEEJAN.

5th-PRM, \$29,693, 4-29, Opt. Clm. (\$25,000), NW2X, (S), 3yo/up, 6f, 1:10 2/5, my. CANAVEROUS (c, 4, Canaveral--Best Ability, by Best Turn) Lifetime Record: 8-4-0-0, \$76,353. O-Norman L & Pam Crossley. B-Norman L Crossley (IA). T-David D McShane.

6th-PIM, \$26,000, NW1X, 3yo, 1 1/16m, 1:45 3/5, ft. SIGINT (c,3, Wekiva Springs--Miss Pocket Court, by Court Trial) Lifetime Record: 7-2-1-0, \$38,850. O-Charles Eckman, Et Al. B-Hartley/De Renzo Thoroughbreds LLC (FL). T-Lisa Jimenez.

9th-MNR, \$25,000, 4-29, NW2L, 3yo/up, 1m, 1:41 2/5, ft.

KING'S TALE (c, 4, Kingmambo--Secretary's Story, by Secretariat) Lifetime Record: 21-2-3-1, \$55,026. O-Richard A Englander. B-Edward P Evans (KY). T-John W Baird. *1/2 to Colonial Secretary (Pleasant Colony), MSW & MGSP, \$393,422; and Tucumcari (Cherokee Colony), MSW, \$364,978.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Piotrus' Baby, c, 3, Danzatame--Miss Leeann, by Cure the Blues. ATL, 4-30, 5 1/2fT, 1:04 1/5. B-Vivian Holiowiak (NJ). *Won in dead heat.

Montana Banana, f, 3, Formal Gold--Undervalued, by Cox's Ridge. HOL, 4-30, (C), 6f, 1:09 3/5. B-Seth Klarman (NY). *\$5,500 yrl '01 KEEJAN; \$12,000 yrl '01 CALAUG.

Marlin Dance, f, 3, Marlin--Raise 'n Dance (SW & GSP, \$116,907), by Raise a Native. PRM, 4-29, 5 1/2f, 1:05. B-Diane E Safarik & Roberta L Leckbee (Ky). *\$16,500 yrl '01 IOWSEP.

Cat On the Grass, c, 3, Z Z Cat--Dancingonthegrass, by Dom Dancer. HAW, 4-29, (S), 6f, 1:13 1/5. B-Dr R Bockel & Dr T Driscoll (Ill). *\$1,400 yrl '01 ILLOCT.

Lady Bi Bi, f, 4, Lord Avie--Shambidextress, by Sham. AQU, 4-30, (S), 1 1/16mT, 1:46 2/5. B-Tri-County Stables (NY).

Cecilia's Girl, f, 4, Miswaki--Oh'cecilia (Ire) (GSP-Ire), by Scenic (Ire). AQU, 4-30, (S), 1 1/16mT, 1:45 3/5. B-John Mahon (NY). *\$9,000 HRA '03 KEEJAN.

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ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Walkamia (Fr), f, 3, Linamix (Fr)--Walk on Air (Ire), by Cure the Blues. Compiagne, Britain, 4-30, Cond, 3yo, 1mT. B-Jean-Luc Lagardere. *Full to Walk on Mix (Fr), GSW & G1SP-Fr, \$152,364.

Coranglais (GB), g, 3, Piccolo (GB)--Antonia's Folly (GB), by Music Boy (GB). Pontefract, Britain, 4-30, Mdn, 3yo/up, 6fT. B-Slatch Farm Stud. *23,000gns yrl '01 DONSEP.



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<u>CUMULATIVE TOTALS</u>	<u>2003</u>
No. Offered	523
No. Sold	336
RNAs	189
% RNA	36%
Gross (A\$)	16,589,500
Average	49,374

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