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GREEN LIGHT FOR CHOISIR

Choisir (Aus) (Danehill Dancer {Ire}) will run in next Thursday's £250,000 G1 Darley July Cup at Newmarket, it was announced yesterday. Connections of the four-year-old, who completed the Royal Ascot sprint double of the G2 King's Stand S. and G1 Golden Jubilee S., have committed the Australian colt to the six-furlong contest. "He runs next week and is a bit tighter and more race-fit as the Darley July Cup will be his third run back," trainer Paul Perry's son Shannon commented yesterday. "Johnny Murtagh will ride him again and I'm hoping to win. I don't know what else he needs to do now to prove his title, the others are going to run out of races to catch him soon." Despite speculation that Choisir has been sold, Perry said from Geoff Wragg's Newmarket base--where the colt is being prepared--that, "I've just been told we're running and to get the horse there the best we can." He added, "The offers that they've got, if they've had any, would have come to Australia and I'm in Newmarket, so I wouldn't know about them." Choisir will face a rematch with **Airwave (GB)** (Air Express {Ire}), who came up a half length short as the favorite in the Golden Jubilee.

TOCSET BACK ON WORK TAB

Multiple Grade I winner **Tocset** (Awesome Again) returned to the work tab yesterday at Colonial Downs. The colt, knocked off the Triple Crown trail by an ankle injury, drilled three furlongs in :37. "It was a very good work," trainer John Scanlan told *The Blood-Horse*. "When he works, he does it easily. If you ask him to, he'll go in :34. He's doing as good as ever, if not better. Let's just say time did him well." Tocset has not started since outbattling Kafwain to win the GI Hollywood Futurity last December. Scanlan said the current plan is for Tocset to run in the Sept. 1 GIII Pennsylvania Derby and, if all goes well, in the GI Breeders' Cup Classic. In addition to the Futurity, Tocset won last year's GI Champagne S., GI Remsen S. and GIII Laurel Futurity.



Tocset *A Coglianese*

PHANTOM IS LIGHTS OUT AT WOODBINE

Phantom Light (Alphabet Soup) streaked to a four-length victory in yesterday's GIII Dominion Day H. at Woodbine, equaling the track record set by his sire in the 1996 Breeders' Cup Classic. The gray colt raced only twice last year, taking a Woodbine maiden in June before an eighth-place effort in the Prince of Wales S. He emerged nine months later to finish fourth in a sprint allowance in April, before back-to-back front-running wins in an Apr. 27 allowance and in the GIII Eclipse H. Coming off a dull fifth-place effort in a June 7 allowance, Phantom Light was 6-1 to return to the winner's circle yesterday. He seized the lead from the start of the 1 1/4-mile contest and spurred clear in upper stretch to win easily, stopping the clock in 2:01. "He was running so smoothly for me," said winning rider Todd Kabel. "When I hit the quarter-pole, I had a lot of horse underneath me. There was no way anybody was going to catch me. He was just full of run." Winning trainer Dan Vella added, "He's a very aggressive horse and as he developed and got better this year, we felt that he'd be a top handicap horse."

Tuesday, Woodbine

DOMINION DAY H.-GIII, \$226,000, WOX, 7-1, 3yo/up, 1 1/4m, 2:01 (ETR), ft.

1--**PHANTOM LIGHT**, 115, c, 4, by Alphabet Soup

1st Dam: Kirby Meadow (MSP, \$108,967), by Meadowlake

2nd Dam: Retinue, by Vice Regent

3rd Dam: Dancing Angela, by Dancer's Image

(\$57,163 yrl '00 CBSOCT). O-Stonach Stable; B-Adena Springs (ON); T-Daniel J Vella; J-T K Kabel; \$135,600. Lifetime Record: 9-4-1-0, \$343,710.

2--**Changeintheweather**, 117, c, 4, Gone West--Meteor Colony, by Pleasant Colony. O-Pin Oak Stable; B-Pin Oak Stud, LLC (KY); \$45,200.

3--**Dance to Destiny**, 115, c, 4, Mr. Prospector--Dance Smartly, by Danzig. O/B-Sam-Son Farms (ON); \$24,860.

Margins: 4, NK, 1HF. Odds: 6.45, 3.10, 4.95.

Also Ran: No Comprende, Attest, Florida Reount, Dream Launcher, Unbridled Vision, Indy Lead, Kiss a Native. Scratches: Malmaison

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Sunday, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

GP A.B.C.P.C.C-G1, R\$80,100, Hipodromo da Gavea, 6-29, 2yo, 1mT, 1:34 2/5, fm.

1--▲AY CARAMBA (BRZ), 121, c, 2, by Roi Normand
1st Dam: Onerfortheroad (Brz) (G1SW-Brz),
by Ghadeer (Fr)

2nd Dam: Court Lady (Brz), by Locris (Fr)

3rd Dam: Redbrick (GB), by Crepello (GB)

O/B-Haras Doce Vale; T-Adail Oliveira; J-M Aureli.
R\$34,383. Lifetime Record: 4-3-1-0.

2--Leroidesanimaux (Brz), 121, c, 2, Candy Stripes--
Dissemble (GB), by Ahonoora (Ire). O/B-Stud TNT.
R\$11,253.

3--Brazov (Brz), 121, c, 2, Roi Normand--Imperatriz Vivi
(Brz), by St. Chad (GB). O-Stud Capitaio; B-Haras
Santa Ana do Rio Grande. R\$7,815.
Margins: 3, HF. Odds: 4.10, 2.20.

Monday, Valparaiso Sporting Club, Chile

CLASICO COPA DE PLATA-ITALO TRAVERSO

PASQUALETTI-G1, CIP3,500,000 to winner, Valparaíso
Sporting Club, 6-30, 2yo, c/f, 1500m, 1:28 4/5, ft.

1--SANDERMAN (CHI), 123, c, 2, by Auguri (Chi)
1st Dam: Sor Luna (Chi), by Sadlers Congress (Ire)
2nd Dam: Sor Amor (Arg), by Fallowed (Arg)
3rd Dam: Frau Helen (Arg), by Frari (Arg)

O-Stud La Estrella; B-Haras El Sheik; T-S Romero; J-O
Meneses. Lifetime Record: 5-3-1-0.

2--US Open (Chi), 123, c, 2, Holiday Spirit--Lorissa
(Chi), by Louis Le Grand. O-Stud Chicago; B-Haras
Mocito Guapo.

3--Gaucho Florido (Chi), 123, c, 2, Private Game--
Perfectible (Arg), by Candy Stripes. O-Stud Palmira;
B-Haras Palmira.

Margins: 3HF, 1HF, NK. Odds: 2.70, 2.00, 6.10.

TDN TODAY

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WEEKEND PEDIGREE
PERSPECTIVES

by Alan Porter

Saturday, Belmont Park

MOTHER GOOSE S.-GI, \$300,000, BEL, 6-28, 3yo, f,
1 1/8m, 1:50 2/5, ft.

1--▲@#SPOKEN FUR, 121, f, 3, by Notebook

1st Dam: Siberian Fur, by Siberian Express

2nd Dam: Siksika, by Quack

3rd Dam: Salmon Lake, by Tom Fool

O-Amerman Racing Stables; B-George A Smith & Dr
W E Johnston (FL); T-Robert Frankel; J-J D Bailey;
\$180,000. Lifetime Record: 8-4-1-2, \$265,880.

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Although the GI Mother Goose S. lacked some of the
divisional leaders such as Bird Town and Lady Tak,
established top-class form was still well represented.
The six-horse field included Final Round, a graded-
stakes winner who had been an excellent third to Bird
Town and Lady Tak in the GI Acorn S. on her most
recent start; Yell, a six-length winner of the GII Davona
Dale S., who entered the race off a third to Bird Town
and Santa Catarina in the GI Kentucky Oaks; and Roar
Emotion, who captured the GII Black Eyed Susan S. on
her latest start. However, these proven performers
were soundly beaten by Spoken Fur, a filly who had
never previously contested a stakes, nor had started at
a distance beyond a mile. In fact, Spoken Fur didn't
break her maiden until the fifth start of her eight-race
career. Having finally cleared the maiden hurdle, which
she did with a 6¼-length win over seven furlongs at
Keeneland in early April, Spoken Fur hasn't looked
back. At the end of April she took a seven-furlong
allowance race at Churchill Downs by a neck, then
three weeks later she defeated older mares in a one-
mile Churchill Downs allowance event. Following that
win, Spoken Fur was purchased by Amerman Racing
Stables, and transferred to the barn of Bobby Frankel,
and the GI Mother Goose was the first start for her new
connections. *Cont. p. 5*



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When **APT TO BE** won the Hanshin Cup H.-**G3** at
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FROM THE DESK OF...
Bill Oppenheim



STORM CAT TWO-YEAR-OLDS

There were plenty of significant results on both sides of The Pond last weekend, but possibly none more so than the result of the Gill Tremont S., the first six-furlong graded stakes of the year for two-year-old colts in New York. There were a mere 57 [Hennessy](#) yearlings sold last year, and I remember commenting at the time that they seemed a good bunch. In fact, they recorded a median of \$80,000, which was pretty good in a discriminating marketplace. Heckle was a \$90,000 Dogwood purchase from the late, lamented (or is it just suspended?) Keeneland July sale and won the Tremont decisively over colts by second-crop sire [Tale of the Cat](#) and freshman sire Forestry. What do they all have in common? They are all sons of [Storm Cat](#).

One of seven two-year-old winners already from Hennessy's fourth crop (Johannesburg, remember, was world champion two-year-old of 2001, from his second crop), Heckle's Tremont win propelled Hennessy, at least temporarily, into the lead among North American 2003 sires of two-year-olds. He leads two other former leading freshman sires, [Valid Expectations](#) (leading freshman sire of 2001) and Swiss Yodeler (seventh among 2002 freshman sires); all three have seven winners each. Tale of the Cat, with four winners, including Tremont second and the next day's Astoria winner Feline Story, is fourth, narrowly ahead of stablemate [Grand Slam](#), who, like Tale of the Cat, has four winners, including a stakes winner. Forestry (three winners) is in the 10th spot, and is currently second to [Stravinsky](#) (six winners) among 2003 North American freshman sires.

Storm Cat himself was North America's leading juvenile sire for the sixth time in 2002, and, with the game's two biggest players now solidly behind him, it wouldn't be a huge surprise if he figured prominently again this year. Aidan O'Brien alone has already run seven Storm Cat two-year-old colts this season, of which five have won. None of those five has even placed in a stakes yet. Old Deuteronomy was fourth in the G3 Norfolk, but The Mighty Tiger (\$2.5-million yearling out of Clear Mandate), One Cool Cat (\$3.1-million yearling out of Tacha), and Grand Reward (full brother to Sophisticat) are likely to remedy that sooner rather than later. The Storm Cat filly Catstar, trained by David Loder for Sheikh Mohammed, is also a winner and finished second in the G3 Queen Mary at Royal Ascot.

The Aga Khan's Exacta...

Before the Epsom Derby, trainer John Oxx had expressed fears that Alamshar, because he is by Key of Luck, might not stay 12 furlongs. In that event, the colt stayed on very well to finish third, looking not totally at ease on Epsom's difficult Derby course. After that, he was a very good bet to stay the Curragh's 12 furlongs all right, and he answered Johnny Murtagh's every call to outstay stablemate and favorite Dalakhani in a tremendous one-two finish for the Aga Khan's breeding and racing program in Sunday's Irish Derby. Aidan ran six, so if he wasn't going to finish one-two, he was sure to fill a few of the minor placings. The previously unheralded Roosevelt galloped resolutely into the third spot, becoming the fourth Ballydoyle three-year-old colt to achieve a major European Classic placing, after Catcher In The Rye (fast-closing second in the French 2000 Guineas), France (second in the Irish 2000), and Epsom Derby pacesetter and eventual runner-up The Great Gatsby. Considering the likes of Hold that Tiger, Brian Boru, and Alberto Giacometti haven't achieved as much this year, it does show why Aidan O'Brien sometimes seems to just send waves of troops into battle.

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A VERY VALID WEEKEND

VALID EXPECTATIONS, the Leading Sire in Texas, sired these 2YO stakes horses on June 28:



- THERE GOES ROCKET** - 1st Texas Stallion S.
- EXPECTACAT** - 1st Texas Stallion Consolation S.
- IRON EXPECTATIONS** - 3rd Texas Stallion S.



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(Oppenheim cont. from p. 3)

Andrew Caulfield wrote about Key of Luck yesterday, and I would just like to add two points. First, Key of Luck had already shown he was going to be a very useful sire. At the end of 2002, when his first crop had finished their three-year-old year (Alamshar is from his second crop), Key of Luck had already recorded a 2.00 APEX A Runner Index, which by itself is pretty good for a stallion who originally stood for Ir£3,500 (about \$5,000) and he had a boxcar 4.00 two-year-old ABC Index, a World Top 10 figure in that important category.

Second, Alamshar himself is bred on the increasingly important Danzig/Nijinsky II cross--Northern Dancer branches, top and bottom. Opponents of inbreeding may cringe, but the evidence is piling up that, like Nasrullah before him, inbreeding to Northern Dancer is evolving as a feature of many top-class pedigrees. Danzig over Nijinsky II alone had produced 23 individual 'A Runners' through the end of 2002, including the immensely talented full siblings Banks Hill, Dansili and Intercontinental, and the equally high-class brothers Indian Jones and Indian Danehill.

The G3 Criterion S., over seven furlongs at Newmarket, isn't known for uncovering Europe's best three-year-old miling colt, but it just might have this year and, ironically, his dam is by Danehill out of a Niniski mare. This is one-time 2000 Guineas favorite and last year's Dewhurst third Trade Fair, by Zafonic out of the high-class Daneskaya. He routed a good field of mostly 'olders' last weekend, including four-year-old Just James, who had won last year's G3 Jersey S. at Royal Ascot and finished a good fifth to Choisir in the G1 Golden Jubilee at Royal Ascot this year. He's a reliable yardstick, and Trade Fair drilled him, no doubt on the way to bigger and better things.

Third-crop sire Langfuhr, who really made the news when his first-crop filly Imperial Gesture propelled him past Pulpit as North America's top second-crop sire last year, had the one-two (Wando and Mobil) in Canada's most important race for three-year-olds, the Queen's Plate. Langfuhr is yet another son of Danzig and this exacta sends him miles ahead among third-crop sires. It's hard to say exactly how far ahead; there is an official figure, and he's way ahead of Valid Expectations, Smoke Glacken, Pulpit, and Alphabet Soup, but the continuing fiction that Canadian dollars equal American dollars makes it all more, rather than less, confusing. In any case, he's the clear leader, it's just a question of by how much. But also, none of these sires has more than two Northern Hemisphere graded stakes winners, so whether this is a vintage sire crop is debatable.

A couple of significant wins for distaffers. Zimbabwean-bred Ipi Tombe, winner of the G1 Dubai Duty Free over males on Dubai World Cup day, won her first American start, the GIII Locust Grove H. at Churchill Downs. She goes next for the G1 Diana H. at Saratoga. And Hanami, a three-year-old Hernando filly who had finished a very troubled fifth in the eventful English 1000 Guineas, then perhaps raced too prominently and on the outside the whole way when sixth in the Epsom Oaks, got her first group win in the G2 Pretty Polly, for three-year-olds and olders, over 10 furlongs at the Curragh last Saturday. It was another boost for this very strong generation of European three-year-old fillies, including Russian Rhythm, Yesterday, Six Perfections, Soviet Song, Casual Look, and Airwave.

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June Newsmakers

- GILDED TIME** Mandy's Gold G1-placed in the Ogden Phipps
- LANGFUHR** Wando and Mobil, one-two in \$1,000,000 Queen's Plate, plus a new SW
- MARQUETRY** American Freedom wins Monmouth's Lincroft H.
- RED RANSOM** English Oaks winner Casual Look tops list of six June stakes horses
- RUNAWAY GROOM** Career SW #58 Runawayfun takes First Lady H.
- TWINING** 6th SW in 2003, Splasha wins the Office Queen at Calder



(Pedigree Perspectives cont. from p. 2)

Spoken Fur is by Notebook, a grandson of two-time champion sire Raja Baba and one of the last major representatives of the Bold Ruler line, other than those descending through Seattle Slew. Notebook was bred in New York, and he frequently proved too tough to handle for his fellow New York-breds, winning five state-bred stakes, including the Bertram F. Bongard S. (by 18 lengths) and the Damon Runyon S. at two and the Mike Lee H. at three. Notebook also proved his talent beyond the confines of the state-bred program. As a two-year-old he won the 8½-furlong GII Kentucky Jockey Club S. by disqualification after originally finishing second by a head. At three, he sprinted to victory in the six-furlong GIII Best Turn S., was a nose second in the GII Fountain of Youth S., and registered third-place finishes in the GI Florida Derby and GIII Hutcheson S.

Retired to stud in Florida, Notebook's career in the breeding shed somewhat parallels his racing career. A dominant sire within the regional program, he has been Florida's leading sire on several occasions, but he has also sired plenty of runners who have proved their worth in open competition. To date, Notebook has sired 34 stakes winners from his first 10 crops, and in addition to Spoken Fur, they include the ill-fated GI Acorn S. winner Three Ring; Booklet, a millionaire who went one better than his sire in the GI Fountain of Youth; GI De Francis Memorial Dash and GI Forego H. victor Delaware Township; and other graded scorers Scratch Pad, Post It, Summer Note and Take Note of Me.

If Spoken Fur was new to stakes competition prior to the GI Mother Goose, the same can be said about the first two generations of her pedigree. It's not often that one comes across a Grade I winner whose first two dams have produced not a single horse to gain as much as a stakes placing, but that is the case here. Spoken Fur is the third foal of her dam, Siberian Fur, a winner once in two juvenile starts. Spoken Fur's broodmare sire is Siberian Express, a Caro son who was not the most consistent of runners, but who did produce an exceptional performance to win the 1984 renewal of the G1 Poule d'Essai des Poulains (French 2,000 Guineas). In general a very disappointing sire, Siberian Express is now best known as the sire of California stallion star In Excess.

Spoken Fur's third dam, Salmon Lake, was extremely well-bred, as she was by champion Tom Fool out of the Arlington Matron H. heroine Kootenai, who herself was out of a sister to champion two-year-old Battlefield. The quality of this pedigree was not expressed in Salmon Lake's racecourse performances-- she won just one race at three--but it certainly became evident in both her own produce and that of her daughters and granddaughters. Salmon Lake produced two stakes winners: Sans Arc, a daughter of High Echelon, captured three stakes events, including the GIII Orchid H., and was among the best turf fillies of her generation; and Crystal Stone (by Pappa Fourway), won the Princess Doreen H., and was runner-up in the GIII Falls City H.

Both of these mares extended the fortune of the family at stud. Sans Arc produced the blazingly fast Sharpen Up colt, Beveled, later a successful sire in England, as well as the stakes winner and stakes producer Quake Lake (by Quack, and so a 3/4-sister to the granddam of Spoken Fur), and is granddam of two other stakes winners. Crystal Stone is also dam of a pair of stakes winners, including GSW Carborundum, and is granddam of two others, including the prolific sprint stakes winner Dash For Daylight. Two other daughters of Salmon Lake also produced stakes winners, most notably Matoki, who is dam of three black-type winners, including Knifebox, a Group 1 winner in Italy and group winner in France and England.

From a pedigree standpoint, it might be significant that Spoken Fur is inbred 4x4 to Tom Fool, the sire of Salmon Lake, the closest stakes producer in the female line. We certainly can't attribute her ability to the Raja Baba/Caro cross, as there has never previously been a top-class runner bred on these lines. The key might be that the Tom Fool double is combined with a strain of Bold Ruler, which also appears in the fourth generation. The Tom Fool/Bold Ruler combination was one of those combinations which looked good on paper, but didn't work well in the flesh close up, having a propensity to produce bad knees. Often when we have a "good pedigree/bad physical" situation, the horses subsequently combine well a little further back in pedigrees when their phenotypes have been modified by the other strains in the pedigree.

THE FRESHMEN WERE ON FIRE YESTERDAY

ORPEN sired his **11th** winner when **Lady Extra** won by **5 lengths** and **Weatherby's Super Sprint** entrant **Breezit** won cozily to become the **8th** winner for **STRAVINSKY.**

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TRUMP AD ATTACKS NYRA In light of the impending installation of video lottery terminals at Aqueduct, casino owner Donald Trump issued a stinging attack on the New York Racing Association yesterday in the form of full-page advertisements in the *New York Times* and the *Albany Times Union*. The advertisement cited a recent report issued by New York Attorney General Elliot Spitzer and alleged that NYRA is not fit to operate an alternative gaming facility. The ad appeared to be an attempt to convince slots customers that they are better off playing in his casinos than at Aqueduct. "It appears that he was trying to paint a picture where there will be an unlevel playing field at Aqueduct, as opposed to Atlantic City," said NYRA Senior Vice President Bill Nader. The top half of the ad features a picture of Al Capone, with the caption: So you want to put slot machines at the Racetrack? He [Capone] would have loved it." The ad cites many criticisms lodged by Spitzer, whose report attacked NYRA for not doing more to curb abuses and crimes committed by some of its mutuel clerks. The ad reads: "The investigation [conducted by Spitzer's office] reveals a pervasive atmosphere of criminality at New York racetracks, to which NYRA maintains a 'Hear no evil, See no evil,' attitude." Trump's ad incorrectly states that there is a proposal pending in Albany to legalize slots at the three NYRA tracks. Rather, legislation has already passed permitting video lottery terminals (and not slots) at Aqueduct only. Nader pointed out that Trump was the underbidder to serve as the operator of NYRA's VLT facility, a contract that was awarded to MGM.

GRADED STAKES COMMITTEE IMPLEMENTS DRUG TESTING PROTOCOL The Thoroughbred Owners and Breeders Association's American Graded Stakes Committee has unveiled a drug testing protocol for all graded stakes. The protocol, expected to be in place as part of a pilot program at the Belmont Fall, Keeneland Fall and Oak Tree meetings later this year, will require laboratories to perform tests for approximately 140 parent drugs and their analytes. The number of horses tested will remain unchanged from current state rules and the state racing commissions will still be responsible for initiating administrative action. "We believe this protocol is an important step toward the goal of a uniform drug testing standard in this country and will assist the Racing Medication and Testing Consortium's efforts to achieve this goal," said Committee Chairman Steven Duncker. "We look forward to the day that their efforts make this protocol obsolete." The protocol, which was developed with the help of committee member Dell Hancock, as well as Richard Sams of Ohio State University, Scott Waterman, DVM of the Racing Medication and Testing Consortium, Lonny Powell of the Association of Racing Commissioners International, Frank Zanzuccki, Ron Jensen, DVM, and Bernie Hettel of RCI's Drug Testing Standards and Practices Committee and other scientific experts, is supported by The Jockey Club and Thoroughbred Racing Associations. Its implementation on graded stake samples will be a condition of grade eligibility. "The American Graded Stakes Committee believes graded stakes should be subjected to the highest possible level of post-race testing because they are our best races and the horses competing in those races are the ones most likely to be sent to the breeding shed and influence the future of the breed," Hancock said.

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STAKES CLOSINGS

TODAY, WEDNESDAY, JULY 2:

07-12 \$75,000 *Silver Spur Breeders' Cup, LS*, 2yo, f, 6f (100)

07-13 \$750,000 *Hollywood Gold Cup-I, Hol*, 3yo/up, 10f (1000)

07-13 \$400,000 *Swaps-II, Hol*, 3yo, 9f (400)

07-13 \$75,000 *Middleground Breeders' Cup, LS*, 2yo, 6f (100)

07-20 \$300,000a *Chinese Cultural Center-II, Wo*, 3yo/up, 11fT (300)

07-20 \$250,000 *American Derby-II, AP*, 3yo, 9.5fT (600)



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Monday Night Results:

9th-PLN, \$32,476, Alw, Opt. Clm. (\$40,000), NW1X, 3yo, 6f, 1:08 4/5, ft.

ALPHABETIC (c, 3, Alphabet Soup--Beyond the Sky, by Crafty Prospector), a \$10,000 KEENOV weanling and \$31,000 TEXMAR two-year-old, romped by 8 1/2 lengths at Turf Paradise in his Apr. 8 debut and ran a length second in his first try against winners at Bay Meadows May 23. The gray attended a quick early pace this time around and showed grit to nose out the victory over Operatic (Gilded Time) on the line. Lifetime Record: 3-2-1-0, \$30,120.

O-Jim R Robinson. B-Liberation Farm & Oratis Thoroughbreds (KY). T-Donald J Mills.

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Yesterday's Results:

LABATT BISON CITY S., \$250,000, FEX, 7-1, (R), 3yo, f, 1 1/16m, 1:44 1/5, ft.

(DH)-1--SEEKING THE RING, 114, f, 3, Seeking the Gold--Radiant Ring (GSW, \$742,378), by Halo.

O/B-Sam-Son Farms (ON); T-Mark Frostad; J-S Callaghan; \$100,000. Lifetime Record: 5-2-2-0, \$251,515. *Full to Catch the Ring, Ch. 3yo Filly-Can, GSW, \$918,314.

(DH)-1--BRATTOTHECORE, 118, f, 3, Katahula County--Sweet Leader (SP, \$112,900), by Mr. Leader.

(\$32,000 yrl '01 CBSSEP; \$35,409 2yo 2002 ONTMAY). O-Jam Jar Racing Stable; B-Black Canyon Thoroughbreds Ltd (ON); T-John A Ross; J-J Barton; \$100,000. Lifetime Record: 6-4-0-0, \$301,465. *1/2 to Prodigious (Son of Briartic), GSP, \$238,446; Sweet Monarch (Wavering Monarch), MSW & MGSP, \$178,517.

3--Too Late Now, 123, f, 3, Raj Waki--Half of Everything, by Ten Gold Pots. \$25,000.

Margins: DH, 3 3/4, 3/4. Odds: 1.50, 6.85, 0.85. Also Ran: Trust Her, Santerra, Miss Filibuster.

This contest looked like a rematch of the June 8 Woodbine Oaks, where Too Late Now narrowly held off Seeking the Ring for a narrow score. But with a significant break in the weights for Seeking the Ring and an upstart performance by Oaks fourth-place finisher Brattothecore, it was a dead heat win for the Oaks also-rans with the Oaks winner finishing third yesterday. Seeking the Ring set a pressured pace with Brattothecore in close attendance leaving the clubhouse turn. The pair battled down the lane in an all-out duel to the wire and finished dead even. Too Late Now, winner of the GI Selene S., made a three-wide bid turning for home, but evened out to be third. The Bison City is the second leg of the Triple Tiara for Canadian-bred three-year-old fillies. The series concludes with the Aug. 4 Wonder Where S. at Woodbine.

9th-WOX, \$79,400, Alw, Opt. Clm. (\$80,000-\$75,000), NW3X, 3yo/up, 1 1/16m, 1:42 2/5, ft.

1--ANGLIAN PRINCE, 120, g, 4, Tejano Run--Anglia (MSW, \$301,513), by Great Above. (\$5,515 yrl '00 CBSOCT). O-Prime Acres Inc; B-D J Reddington (ON); T-James M Hardy. Lifetime Record: GSW, 23-5-2-5, \$601,159.

2--Parose, 118, h, 9, Parlay Me--Roses for Classy, by Son of Briartic.

3--Classic Mike, 120, c, 4, Smart Strike--Regent N'Flashy, by Vice Regent.

Margins: 3 1/4, 6, NK. Odds: 1.40, 5.50, 1.60.

Anglian Prince, third behind yesterday's GIII Dominion Day H. winner Phantom Light in the GIII Eclipse H. in May, was coming off a 1 1/2-length victory in a similar contest over the turf June 21. The chestnut gelding kept the pressure on the pacesetters before gaining the lead with a five-wide move into the stretch. The 7-5 favorite drew clear late despite lugging in.

2nd-CRC, \$28,000, Alw, NW2X, 3yo/up, 1mT, 1:36 4/5, fm.

SUPAH BLITZ (c, 3, Mecke--Boots 'n Jackie {GSW & GISP, \$647,580}, by Major Moran) has been nothing if not durable, making his 17th start midway through his sophomore campaign. Winner of the Jack Price S. for statebreds as a two-year-old, he ran a non-threatening second to Trust N Luck in the GI Fountain of Youth S. at Gulfstream before finishing off the board in the GI Florida Derby. An honest second to the promising Dynever in the Aventura S. persuaded trainer Manny Tortora to try the colt in the GI Kentucky Derby, but he was outclassed there and finished a badly beaten 13th. Racing on the turf for just the second time--he finished third in the GIII Tropical Park Derby in his grass debut on New Year's Day--the crowd's 3-5 chalk came from well off the pace to score the driving 3 1/4-length victory. Lifetime Record: SW & GISP, 17-3-7-3, \$455,330. O-Bee Bee Stables Inc & Jacqueline Tortora. B-Bee Bee Stables, Inc & Equitor, Inc (FL). T-Emanuel Tortora.

8th-DEL, \$36,000, Msw, 3yo/up, 1m, 1:39 4/5, ft.

PIKE PLACE GOLD (c, 3, Seeking the Gold--Pike Place Dancer {GISW, \$578,682}, by Seattle Dancer), off the board in two New York starts last Autumn, began to turn things around when returning from a 7 1/2-month absence to finish second at Delaware June 9. Tightened off that one and full of verve here, the 6-5 chalk stalked the leaders in third, then unleashed a strong three-wide move that propelled him to an 8 1/4-length victory. Lifetime Record: 4-1-1-0, \$30,150.

O-Courtlandt Farms. B-Tac Holdings Inc (KY). T-H Graham Motion.



★ CENTRAL ★

Ethan Man on the Comeback Trail:

Ethan Man (Glitterman), winner of last year's GII Swale S., recorded his first work in over a year yesterday at Churchill Downs. Unraced since finishing fifth behind Proud Citizen in the GII Coolmore Lexington S., the four-year-old gelding worked four furlongs in :47.80. It was Ethan Man's first work since undergoing surgery to remove a bone chip from his ankle after the Lexington. "We took the chip out and then he came up with a splint bone and we took that out because it was aggravating the suspensory [ligament]," trainer Patrick Byrne explained. "Right now, as far as the ankle and the bone goes, everything is good and the suspensory is nice and tight."

Pass Rush Earns Firecracker Berth:

GII San Fernando winner **Pass Rush** (Crown Ambassador) recorded his first turf workout yesterday at Churchill Downs, breezing four furlongs around the dogs on a firm course in :49.40. The work convinced trainer Patrick Byrne to try the four-year-old on the grass in Saturday's GII Firecracker Breeders' Cup. "It's a good opportunity to try the grass," Byrne said of the Firecracker. "All we needed to do was get a decent half [mile] in him. We didn't need to do anything from a fitness standpoint. I just told [jockey] Larry [Melancon] to not worry about time and just see if he likes it. He said he switched leads good and handled it good and said he was real happy with him, so there's no reason not to take a chance with him." Possible Firecracker favorite **Rock Slide** (A.P. Indy) worked an easy four furlongs over the turf at Churchill yesterday in :52.60. The five-year-old, a full brother to GI Pimlico Special winner Mineshaft, is unbeaten in three turf appearances, most recently winning the Sea o' Erin Breeders' Cup over the Arlington turf.

Also working at Churchill yesterday: **Lone Star Sky** (Conquistador Cielo) went four furlongs in a bullet :47.20 and GI Preakness runner-up **Midway Road** (Jade Hunter) went the same distance in :48.80. GI Woodford Reserve Turf Classic winner **Honor in War** (Lord at War {Arg}) went five furlongs on the turf in 1:02.20.

★ AMERICAN-BRED WINNERS ★

IN BRITAIN:

Coat of Honour, g, 3, **Mark of Esteem (Ire)**--Ballymac Girl (GB), by Niniski. Brighton, 6-28, Hcp, 3yo, 9f 209ydsT. B-Makio Shimoyashiki. *40,000gns yrl '01 TATHOU.

A # will distinguish first-time stakes-winners, a @ will indicate first-time graded stakes-winners, a ▲ will denote a first-time Grade/Group 1 winner, a + will first-time starters, an (S) will be used for state-bred races.

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 **FRESHMAN FOCUS**

First-crop progeny to watch: Wednesday, July 2

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

- FORESTRY** (Storm Cat), Taylor Made, \$50K, 75/3/0
5-CD, Msw, 5f, +Everyday Angel, \$90K KEE SEP yrl, 3-1
- FRISK ME NOW** (Mister Frisky), Old Frankfort, \$5K, 31/1/0
5-CD, Msw, 5f, +Suzans Love Report, \$8K EAS OCT yrl, 12-1
- GOOD AND TOUGH** (Carson City), Lakland, \$6K, 44/3/0
5-CD, Msw, 5f, Good as Silver, 4-1
- HORSE CHESTNUT (SA)** (Fort Wood), Claiborne, \$10K, 36/1/0
5-CD, Msw, 5f, +Cocoa Mio, \$12K KEE APR 2yo, 15-1
- OLMOS** (Carson City), Martinez, \$1000, 9/2/0
7-LS, Msw, 7 1/2fT, Filmos, \$2K TEX MAR 2yo, 30-1
- VICTORY GALLOP** (Cryptoclearance), Winstar, \$15K, 87/0/0
5-CD, Msw, 5f, Hot Chipotle, \$52K FTK JUL yrl, 8-1

 **SOPHOMORE SPOTLIGHT**

First-time starters/stakes runners: Wednesday, July 2

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

- LABEEB (GB)** (Lear Fan), Gainsborough, \$8K, 68/6/1
4-BEL, Msw, 1 1/8m, +Little Buttercup
- ORDWAY** (Salt Lake), Claiborne, \$5K, 74/17/1
8-BEL, Stk, 1 1/16mT, Broadway Lady
- SWISS YODELER** (Eastern Echo), Pepper Oaks, \$3K, 101/31/2
4-PLN, Stk, 1 1/16m, Obermeister, \$13K BAR JAN yrl, 5-1

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★ EUROPE ★

★ BRITAIN ★

Yesterday's Results:

Hamilton, 3.45, Mdn, £8,510, 2yo, 6fT, 1:15.25, gd.
 + **ANNABEL LEE (UAE) (f, 2, Halling--Sheet Music {Ire}, by Sadler's Wells)**, sent off at odds of 5-2, ran greenly throughout the early stages in the rear before picking up passing halfway to close on the leaders. Quickening to the front at the quarter-mile marker, she veered right under the whip, but maintained her advantage in the drive to the line to beat Caesar (Ire) (Orpen) by a length. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, £5,531.
 O-Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid al Maktoum; B-Darley Dubai; T-Mark Johnston.

Brighton, 4.00, Mdn, £5,680, 3yo, f, 9f 209ydsT, 2:03.32, gd/fm.
ALAMOUNA (IRE) (f, 3, Indian Ridge {Ire}--Alasana {Ire}, by Darshaan {GB}), fifth behind subsequent G1 Prix de Diane Hermes runner-up Time Ahead (GB) in a Newmarket maiden May 24, disappointed when third in a Goodwood maiden last time June 20 and was the 11-8 favorite here. In a stalking role early, she was committed with three furlongs remaining and lengthened clear to beat Red Crepe (GB) (Polish Precedent) by five lengths. The Aga Khan homebred is a half to Alasha (Ire) (Barathea {Ire}), SW & G1SP-GB, GISP-NA, \$236,131. Lifetime Record: 4-1-0-1, £4,546.
 O/B-H H The Aga Khan; T-Sir Michael Stoute.

★ ITALY ★

AMBITIOUS SCHEDULE FOR SLAP SHOT

Slap Shot (Ire) (Lycius) is set for a clash with **Pleasure Place (Ire)** (Compton Place {GB}) in the G3 Gran Premio Citta di Napoli at Naples July 13 before contesting Europe's major sprints. The Luigi Riccardi-trained four-year-old made a successful comeback in a conditions event at that track Sunday and will tackle the speedy sophomore Pleasure Place in the five-furlong contest before shipping to Britain for a tilt at the G1 Nunthorpe S. at York Aug. 21. She will then bid to go one better than 12 months ago in the G1 Prix de l'Abbaye de Longchamp Oct. 5. Antonio Peraino will send Rome maiden winner **In Dublin (Ire)** (Orpen) to Deauville for Saturday's G3 Prix du Bois at Deauville after impressing in her work in the capital last week.

★ IRELAND ★

Yesterday's Results:

Ballinrobe, 5.30, Mdn, €9,600, 3yo/up, 1 1/8mT, 2:06.00, gd/yl.
DAME ALICIA (IRE) (f, 3, Sadler's Wells--Alywow {Horse of the Year-Can, Ch. 3yo Filly-Can, Ch. Turf Horse-Can, GSW & MGISP-NA, \$648,431}, by Alysheba), third in a Limerick maiden last time June 7, was sent off the 6-4 favorite. Taken to the front in the early stages, she was committed early in the straight, but responded by galloping strongly all the way to the line to beat Blava (Ire) (Ashkalani {Ire}) by 4 1/2 lengths. The last foal from the ill-fated Alywow, she is a half to Hidden Cat (Storm Cat), SW-US, \$102,515; and Century City (Ire) (Danzig), MGSW & G1SP-Ire, GSW-US, \$480,572, and was led out unsold as a yearling at Goffs Orby for Ir£700,000. Lifetime Record: 7-1-0-3, €17,420.
 O-Miss P F O'Kelly; B-Kilcarn Stud; T-Michael Grassick.

★ GERMANY ★

Yesterday's Results:

GROSSER TENOVIS PREIS - "135TH LANGER HAMBURGER"-Listed, €41,000, Hamburg, 7-1, 4yo/up, 2mT, 3:32.97, gd.
 1--**#KNAVESMIRE OMEN (GB), 130, g, 4, Robellino--Signs (GB) (SW-GB), by Risk Me (Fr)**. (20,000gns yrl '00 DONSEP; 21,000gns HRA '02 TATAUT). O-The Omen Partnership; B-Highclere Stud Ltd; T-Mark Johnston; J-Stanley Chin; €22,000. Lifetime Record: 36-9-2-6, €143,554.
 2--**Quebo (Ger), 121, g, 5, Elsurimo (Ger)--Queba (Fr), by Orofino (Ger)**. €9,200.
 3--**Adlerflieger (Ger), 130, h, 6, Kamiros II (Ire)--Avantgarde (Ger), by Orofino (Ger)**. €5,100.
 Margins: 4, 5, 5. Odds: 1.50, 7.40, 2.20.
 Also ran: Fair Grounds (Ger), Val de Mar (Fr), Lisibila (Ger), Green Player (GB). DNF: King of Boxmeer (Ger) - pulled up. Scratched: Kirschblute (Ger).

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STAKES RESULTS:

CENTRE STAGE ANNE S., \$66,000, FEX, 7-1, (R), 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:11, ft.

1--**#ROMAN ROMANCE**, 118, m, 5, **San Romano--**

Cartakris, by **Kris S.** O-D & D Payer & A & E Deluca; B-Knob Hill Stable (ON); T-J Simms; J-C Montpellier; \$39,600. Lifetime Record: 30-6-2-9, \$312,817.

2--**Oriental Springhope**, 116, m, 7, Raj Waki--April Snow, by Victorian Prince. \$13,200.

3--**La Ballerine**, 118, f, 4, Matter of Honor--Ballaqueen, by Ballacashtal. (\$16,813 yrl '00 CBSOCT). \$6,600.

Margins: 2, 1HF, 1 1/4. Odds: 0.55, 10.55, 13.35.

PARNITHA S., \$65,000, FEX, 7-1, (R), 3/up, 6f, 1:10, ft.

1--**RARE FRIENDS**, 118, c, 4, **Helmsman--Legion**

Etrangere, by **Carson City.** O-Frank Digiulio & R P Tiller Jr; B-Gardiner Farms Limited (ON); T-Robert P Tiller; J-R C Landry; \$39,000. Lifetime Record: 17-9-2-2, \$656,914.

2--**Deputy Jazz**, 118, h, 5, War Deputy--Alljazz, by Stop the Music. \$13,000.

3--**Go Figure**, 118, h, 5, Unaccounted For--Sharareign, by Sovereign Dancer. (\$124,154 yrl '99 CBSSEP). \$6,500.

Margins: 5, 3, 1. Odds: 0.55, 15.20, 3.65.

ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

2nd-WOX, \$69,900, NW1X, 3yo, f, 1 1/16m, 1:45 1/5, ft.

FAITH AND TRUST (f, 3, **Maria's Mon--Mystery of Faith**, by **Polish Navy**) Lifetime Record: 5-2-0-1, \$90,456. O-Pin Oak Stable. B-Edmond & Karen Hogan (KY). T-David R Bell. *\$35,000 wlng '00 KEENOV.

5th-WOX, \$69,900, NW1X, 3yo/up, 1 1/16m, 1:44 1/5, ft.

CAPTAIN GEORGE (c, 4, **Captain Bodgit--Southern Affair**, by **Spectacular Bid**) Lifetime Record: 7-2-1-0, \$97,821. O-Hillsbrook Farms. B-G Williamson (ON). T-J Ross. *1/2 to Musical Affair (Stop the Music), SP, \$207,317.

7th-DEL, \$40,000, NW2X, 3yo, 8.5fT, 1:42 3/5, fm.

SIGINT (c, 3, **Wekiva Springs--Miss Pocket Court**, by **Court Trial**) Lifetime Record: SP, 10-3-2-0, \$83,350. O-Charles Eckman Et Al. B-Hartley/De Renzo Thoroughbreds LLC (FL). T-Lisa Jimenez. *\$20,000 yrl '01 OBSAUG; \$12,000 2yo '02 OBSAPR.

8th-CNL, \$26,000, 6-30, NW1X, 3/up, 5 1/2fT, 1:05 1/5, fm.

SCATTERING BREEZES (c, 4, **Concorde's Tune--Buck N Cavalry**, by **Cavalry**) Lifetime Record: 9-2-2-2, \$59,500. O/B-Laurence Foggie (FL). T-T A Hills. *1/2 to Curious Treasures (Concorde's Tune), MSW & GSP, \$206,247.

9th-MNR, \$25,000, 6-30, NW2L, 3yo, f, a1m70yd, 1:43 3/5, ft.

OUR INTENTION (f, 3, **Grindstone--Kris's Intention**, by **Kris S.**) Lifetime Record: 5-2-0-1, \$35,810.

O-Inosencio. B-Griggs, Mamakos, Kidder (KY).

T-Michael Crowder. *1/2 to Leelanau (Carson City), GSW, \$130,827.

9th-PHA, \$21,600, NW1X, 3yo/up, f/m, a1m70yd, 1:46, ft.

SHIRLEYGETTHELOOT (m, 5, **Demaloot Demashoot--Stop the Rest**, by **Stop the Music**) Lifetime Record:

37-5-11-10, \$128,890. O-Victoria Racing Stables Inc.

B-Florida Bloodstock Inc (FL). T-Guadalupe Preciado.

*\$2,200 yrl '99 OBSAUG.

8th-SUF, \$21,560, 6-30, NW2 \$R3MX, 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16mT, 1:46 4/5, fm.

SUNLIT RIDGE (m, 5, **Sundance Ridge--Sultan's Light**, by **Southern Sultan**) Lifetime Record: MSW,

48-13-11-13, \$266,030. O/B-Manfred Roos (MA).

T-John Rigattieri. *Full to Stylish Sultan, MSW, \$211,130.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Tiz a Windy Cee, f, 2, **Cee's Tizzy--Wind Over Sea**, by **Raised Socially.** DEL, 7-1, (C), 5 1/2f, 1:06 2/5.

B-Lorraine Barberino (Ca).

Zack Attack, c, 2, **Honor Grades--Timber Hitch**, by **Diesis** (GB). CNL, 6-30, 5fT, :59. B-Barbara Hunter (Ky). *\$5,000 wlng '01 KEENOV; \$4,500 yrl '02 FTMSEP.

Boca Bound, c, 3, **Announce--Bocamis** (MSP), by **Miswaki.** PHA, 7-1, 6f, 1:12 2/5. B-Sandra & Howard M Bender (Md).

The Gin Game, f, 3, **Go for Gin--She's Catty**, by **Storm Cat.** DEL, 7-1, (C), 1 1/16mT, 1:44 2/5. B-Frankie L Trull (Md).

Feeling Lucky, f, 3, **Lucky Lionel--Evening Hush** (SW), by **Saint Ballado.** CNL, 6-30, 5 1/2fT, 1:05 1/5.

B-Adena Springs (Fl). *\$15,000 2yo '02 ADNMAR.

The Menehounie, c, 4, **Whiskey Wisdom--Aloha Corrine** (SW, \$138,372), by **I'ma Hell Raiser.** WOX, 7-1, (C), 7f, 1:24 3/5. B-C G Scott DVM (On). *\$1,681 yrl '00 CBSOCT.

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ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Mirandola (Ire), f, 2, **General Monash--Battle Rage** (Ire), by **Shernazar** (Ire). Hamburg, Germany, 7-1, Mdn, 2yo, f, 6fT. B-Frank Broad.

Lazzarone (GB), c, 3, **Java Gold--Lionza** (GB), by **Persian Heights** (GB). Hamburg, Germany, 7-1, Mdn, 3yo, 1 1/8mT. B-Gestut Ammerland.