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**BATTLE ROYAL AT SARATOGA**

Two stakes-winning colts from trainer Todd Pletcher's barn face off in the GII Sanford S. at Saratoga this afternoon. **Chapel Royal** (Montbrook), a



**Chapel Royal** Adam Coglianesse

\$1.2 million OBSFEB juvenile purchase, dusted a field of maidens in his May 13 debut and came right back to take the June 6 GIII Flash S. at Belmont. His less expensive stablemate, \$90,000 KEEJUL yearling

**Heckle** (Hennessy), was a 12 1/2-length winner at

Keeneland in April. He had a rough start as the 1-2 chalk in the May 3 Three Chimneys Juvenile S. at Churchill Downs and finished fourth, but bounced back to post a front-running 3 1/4-length score in the June 28 GIII Tremont S. at Belmont.

"He got away badly and rushed up," Pletcher said of the colt's only loss. "He displaced his palate. We put a tongue tie on him and that seemed to take care of it." How does Pletcher see the race shaping up? "Heckle's real strength is that he's very quick," he said. "He's good from the gate and he's the likely pacesetter in the race. Chapel Royal has very good tactical speed, but he doesn't necessarily have to be on the lead. If a situation unfolds where Heckle is on the lead and Chapel Royal is laying off of it, we wouldn't mind that." Most likely to challenge the top two is **Boston Brahmin** (Boston Harbor), trained by Pletcher's mentor, D. Wayne Lukas.

The Overbrook Farm homebred tired to be seventh in his debut in the slop June 20, but added blinkers for his second start and cruised to a 9 1/2-length win July 5.

**Thursday, Saratoga, post time: 4:48 p.m. EDT**

**SANFORD S.-GII, \$150,000, 2yo, 6f**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER	ODDS
1	Blushing Indian	Cherokee Run	Romans	12-1
2	Chapel Royal	Montbrook	Pletcher	6-5
3a	Adage	Tale of the Cat	Lukas	4-1
4	Pretty Wild Again	Wild Again	Hough	8-1
5	Heckle	Hennessy	Pletcher	2-1
6a	Boston Brahmin	Boston Harbor	Lukas	4-1
7	Flushing Meadows	Grand Slam	Harty	10-1

**MUCH "ADO" ABOUT SOMETHING**

Trainer Todd Pletcher, who led the standings at the 2002 Saratoga meeting, started this season off with a bang, saddling **Ashado** (Saint Ballado) to a three-length victory in yesterday's GII Schuylerville S. Pletcher won last year's Schuylerville with another juvenile by Saint Ballado, the ill-fated Freedom's Daughter. Ashado was the 5-2 favorite to give her conditioner a second straight victory in the race after breaking her maiden by seven eye-catching lengths in the slop at Belmont Park June 18. Catching an off track once again, the dark bay settled off the pace set by stablemate **Hermione's Magic** (Forest Wildcat). She swept to the lead on the far turn and held **Maple Syrple** (American Chance) at bay to the wire. "She really ran a big race," said jockey Edgar Prado, celebrating his fourth winner of the afternoon. "I let her go when she wanted. She was very game--she kept giving me more." As for what's next, Pletcher said, "I would guess that Ashado would go straight to the Spinaway [GI, at Saratoga Aug. 29] and we might look at the Sororoty [GIII, at Monmouth Aug. 30] or the NATC Futurity [at Delaware Park Aug. 30] for Hermione's Magic." [Click here for the brisnet.com catalogue-style pedigree](http://www.brisnet.com) and the [brisnet.com chart](http://www.brisnet.com).

**SCHUYLERVILLE S.-GII, \$150,000, SAR, 7-23, 2yo, f, 6f, 1:12, sy.**

1--**@#ASHADO, 118, f, 2, by Saint Ballado**

1st Dam: **Goulash (SW & GSP, \$162,975), by Mari's Book**

2nd Dam: **Wise Bride, by Blushing Groom (Fr)**

3rd Dam: **Wising Up, by Smarten**

(\$170,000 yrl '02 KEESEP). O-Starlight Stables, Paul Saylor & John Martin; B-Aaron U & Marie D Jones (KY); T-Todd A Pletcher; J-E S Prado; \$90,000.

Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, \$115,800.

2--**Maple Syrple, 122, f, 2, American Chance--Sweet and Lowdown, by Stalwart.** (\$40,000 yrl '02 KEESEP; \$350,000 2yo '03 OBSMAR). O-Team Valor Stable & R J Wilson; B-Taylor Made Farm, Inc (ON); \$30,000.

3--**Hermione's Magic, 118, f, 2, Forest Wildcat--Miss Insync, by Miswaki.** (\$225,000 2yo '03 OBSMAR). O-Edgewood Farm; B-Big C Farm (KY); \$16,500.

Margins: 3, 2HF, 1. Odds: 2.55, 6.50, 2.65.

Also Ran: **Feline Story, Be Gentle, Secret Romance, Goodies Galore.** Scratched: **Bikini Wiggle.**

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☆ RESULTS ☆

Tuesday, Vichy, France

**GRAND PRIX DE VICHY-G3**, €66,000, Vichy, 7-23, 3yo/up, 1 1/4mT, 2:08.90, vsf.

1--**@#VANGELIS, 128, c, 4, by Highest Honor (Fr)**

1st Dam: Capades Dancer (SP), by Gate Dancer

2nd Dam: Medal of Valor, by Damascus

3rd Dam: La Fuerza, by Never Say Die

(FF200,000 wnlg '98 DEADEC; FF260,000 yrl '99 DEAAUG). O-6 C Racing Ltd; B-Gainesway Thoroughbreds Ltd., Michael Hernon, Joe Hernon & Michael Andree; T-Alain de Royer-Dupre; J-Christophe Soumillon; €33,000. Lifetime Record: 7 starts, 3 wins, 2 places, €57,150. \*Full to Marichal (Fr), MSW-Fr, \$141,452.

2--**Labirinto, 128, g, 5, Theatrical (Ire)--Ostora, by Blushing Groom (Fr).** (€100,000 HRA '02 GOFARC). O-Jean-Pierre Mio; B-Haras Santa Maria de Araras; €13,200.

3--**Almond Mousse (Fr), 124, f, 4, Exit To Nowhere--Missy Dancer (GB), by Shareef Dancer.** (FF260,000 yrl '00 DEAAUG). O-Ecurie Vallin; B-R & Mrs A Craddock; €9,900.

Margins: 2, SHD, 1. Odds: 3.70, 11.30, 14.60.

Also ran: Eyoueffcee (Ire), Caesarion (Ire), Turbo Jet (Fr), Cielago (Ire), Bonne Gargotte (Fr), Tau Ceti (Fr), Subliminal (Fr), Hathaal (Ire).

Vangelis took a conditions race at Longchamp Apr. 11 before finishing a disappointing 10th in the Listed Grand Prix de Bordeaux at La Teste de Buch May 17. Bouncing back in the G3 Prix du Chemin de Fer du Nord at Chantilly last time out June 8, he was beaten a half-length by Tripat (Ire) before being demoted from second and placed fifth by the stewards. Held up in fourth by jockey Christophe Soumillon off this early crawl, he was in prime position to strike in the middle of the track as the race began in earnest approaching the final quarter. Sprinting to the front there, he quickened all the way to the line as Labirinto closed fast to deny Almond Mousse the runner's-up spot. [Click for the racingpost.co.uk chart.](http://racingpost.co.uk)

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

Tuesday, Kawasaki, Japan

**SPARKLING LADY CUP-G3-NAR**, 7-22, Kawasaki, 3yo/up, 1600m, 1:41.0, gd.

1--**LE MARS GIRL, 114, f, 3, by Defrere**

1st Dam: Timeless Twist, by Timeless Moment

2nd Dam: Quajenn, by Clever Trick

3rd Dam: Twist Her, by Nativo

(\$260,000 2yo '02 KEEAPR). O-T Hirai; B-Penn Farm; T-Saburo Yuasa; J-Yutaka Take; ¥30,000,000. Lifetime Record: 11-4-2-2, ¥85,902,000.

2--**Loverly Frigg (Jpn), 123, f, 4, Marvelous Sunday (Jpn)--Yuwa Pretty, by Naevus.** O-N Muranaka; B-Hokusei Farm.

3--**Future Sunday (Jpn), 121, m, 5, Sunday Silence--Ask Rosier (Jpn), by Real Shadai.** O-T Hirosaki; B-Kawakami Farm.

Margins: 1/2, NO, 3/4. Odds: 3.60, 1.50, 18.40.

☆ PREVIEW ☆

Friday, Saratoga

**BERNARD BARUCH H.-GII**, \$150,000, 3yo/up, 1 1/8mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	WT
1	Del Mar Show	Theatrical (Ire)	Bailey	118
2a	Millennium Dragon (GB)	Mark of Esteem (Ire)	Migliore	113
3	Patrol	Lear Fan	Luzzi	118
4	Union Place	Out of Place	Coa	114
5	Tap the Admiral	Pleasant Tap	Samyn	116
6	Saint Verre	Saint Ballado	Espinoza	112
7	Rock Slide	A.P. Indy	Day	115
8	Slew Valley	Valley Crossing	Chavez	113
9a	Trademark (SAf)	Goldmark (SAf)	Migliore	114
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11	Rouvres (Fr)	Anabaa	Nakatani	115

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 **NORTH AMERICA** 

**MAGIC WEISNER RETURNS** Magic Weisner (Ameri Valay), second to War Emblem in the 2002 GI Preakness S. and GI Haskell Invitational H., makes his return to the races in this afternoon's sixth race on the opening day of the summer meeting at Laurel Park. The bay gelding has drawn the inside post in the \$50,000 optional claimer over seven furlongs. The winner of the GII Ohio Derby during his sophomore campaign, the gelding, owned, bred and trained by Nancy Alberts, was preparing for a start in the GIII Pennsylvania Derby when he began developing a lack of coordination and spiked a fever. He was later diagnosed with West Nile virus, and after a long recuperative process, is ready to be a race horse again. "I'm excited," Alberts said. "It's been a long hard road and I give him a lot of credit. He was really sick. The last couple of weeks he's been acting like the old Magic." Jockey Ryan Fogelsonger has the call. The long-term goal for Magic Weisner is the Maryland Million Classic scheduled this year for Oct. 13.

★ **SARATOGA** ★

**Wild and Wicked Works:**

Robert D. Randal's **Wild and Wicked** (Wild Again), winner in his most recent effort of the GII Ohio Derby June 21, worked a bullet five furlongs yesterday morning over a sloppy Saratoga main track in :59 2/5 around the dogs. Jockey Shane Sellers was aboard for the move, which was the best of 27 at the distance and almost two seconds faster than the next best work. "We just wanted to have him work on his own," commented trainer Ken McPeck. "The horse simply has natural talent. I was going to have him work [Tuesday], but the track was way too sloppy." The half brother to 1994 champion older horse The Wicked North, undefeated in three starts to date, is one of 23 horses nominated to the Aug. 3 GII Jim Dandy S. at the Spa, but he also holds an invitation to the GI Haskell Invitational H. at Monmouth the same afternoon. "We've got some time to make a decision," the conditioner explained. "I'd really like to have him race over this track if we are going to run in the Travers [GI, Aug. 23]. But I'd like to see who is going where before any decision is made."

**Trust N Luck To Make Saratoga Appearance:**

**Trust N Luck** (Montbrook), winner of the GI Fountain of Youth S. and second to Empire Maker in the GI Florida Derby over the winter, has arrived in Saratoga Springs and wasted little time getting acquainted with the track. The handsome chestnut was also out just after the break yesterday morning and covered a half mile in a bullet :48 1/5 beneath regular rider Cornelio Velasquez. "I thought he went well over the track and did it rather easily," said trainer Ralph Ziadie. Owned by Einar Paul Robsham, the colt is unraced since a fourth-place finish behind **Scrimshaw** (Gulch) in Keeneland's Coolmore Lexington S. Apr. 19, but will start at least once at this meet. "Everything is going well with him," Ziadie continued. "I'm still trying to decide where to go from here." One race being considered is the GII Amsterdam S. Aug. 2, an event which is also being targeted by Scrimshaw.

**Yesterday's Results:**

**8th-SAR, \$58,000, Alw, C, 4yo/up, 1 1/8 (off turf), 1:50, gd.**

1--**EVENING ATTIRE, 121, h, 5, Black Tie Affair (Ire)--Concolour, by Our Native.** O-Mary & Joseph Grant & Thomas J Kelly; B-Thomas J Kelly & Joseph M Grant (KY); T-Patrick J Kelly. Lifetime Record: GISW, 22-9-4-1, \$1,587,609.

2--**Onthedeanslist, 119, c, 4, Honor Grades--Kylie's Pride, by Spend a Buck.** (\$37,000 yrl '00 KEESEP).

3--**Windsor Castle, 121, h, 5, Lord Carson--Frigidette, by It's Freezing.** (\$42,000 yrl '99 KEESEP; \$45,000 2yo '00 OBSMAR).

Margins: 6 3/4, 3, HF. Odds: 0.95, 10.20, 3.90.

**8th-SAR, cont. p2**

**STAKES CLOSINGS**

**TODAY, THURSDAY, JULY 24:**

08-02 \$150,000 **San Clemente H.-II, Dmr, 3yo, f, 8fT (150)**

08-02 \$150,000 **John D Schapiro Mem'I BC, Lrl, 3yo/up, 9fT (100)**

08-03 \$250,000 **San Diego H.-II, Dmr, 3yo/up, 8.5f (250)**

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**8th-SAR cont.**

The Patrick Kelly-trained Evening Attire enjoyed a breakout season last year, capturing in succession the GII Saratoga Breeders' Cup H. and the GI Jockey Club Gold Cup over the summer and early fall. He went on to finish a non-threatening fourth to Volponi in the GI Breeders' Cup Classic as a well-supported 9-2 chance, then romped by eight lengths in his 2002 finale, the off-the-turf GIII Red Smith H. Nov. 23 before being granted a well-deserved seven-month respite. Fourth in his seasonal debut in the GII Brooklyn H. June 14, he looked dull when fifth in the GI Suburban H., prompting his connections to try him in an easier spot. The grey was off a step slowly under jockey Edgar Prado and loped along near the back of the pack before commencing his run entering the second turn. Moved wide from there, he found his best stride late on his way to an easy score. "He did what he was supposed to do and this should be a good confidence builder for him," said Prado. "I had a lot of horse. I just knew I had to get him outside." Trainer Pat Kelly nixed a try in the GI Whitney H., but said another go in the Aug. 16 GII Saratoga Breeders' Cup H. was "probable."

**6th-SAR, \$52,000, Alw, NW3X, 3yo/up, 1 1/8 (off turf), 1:52 2/5, my.**

\*1--**SOHAIB, 120, c, 4, Kingmambo--Fancy Ruler, by Half a Year.** (\$425,000 yrl '00 KESEEP). O-Shadwell Stable; B-B & S Casner (KY); T-Mark Hennig; Lifetime Record: SW & MGSP-Eng, 13-4-3-2, \$133,915.

\*2--**Light Night, 120, c, 4, Star de Naskra--First Beam,** by Magic Banner.

3--**Fisher Pond, 120, c, 3, A.P. Indy--Chipeta Springs,** by Alydar. (\$800,000 yrl '00 KESEEP)

Margins: 3 1/2, NK, 1. Odds: 4.10, 15.10, 1.35.

\*Light Night finished first, but was disqualified and placed second.

Sohaib, a European resident through last year under Barry Hills' care, won the Listed Dee S. at Chester last May and finished third in a pair of Group 3 events later in the summer. Returning from a six-month break in the States for trainer Mark Hennig, the \$425,000 KESEEP yearling followed a grassy maiden victory at Gulfstream in early April with two fourth-place efforts, the most recent at Belmont on Independence Day. The bay's dirt debut came in this off-the-turf test, and he looked like he was about to run on past Light Night as the two drew even in midstretch. The latter came out a bit and initiated contact before crossing the finish line first, but a stewards' inquiry rewarded Sohaib with the victory.

**2nd-SAR, \$50,000, Alw, NW2X, 3yo/up, 1 1/8m, 1:50, sy.**

**BLUE BOAT (c, 4, Gulch--Kinema, by Graustark)** has been unbeatable since coming stateside this year after going winless in four starts last year in France for trainer Christiane Head-Maarek. Bobby Frankel took the helm this year and the chestnut has so far shown the versatility of his half brother Mizzen Mast (Cozzene), GISW-US & GSW & G1SP-Fr, \$553,621, who won graded stakes on both dirt and turf. Blue Boat broke his maiden in his four-year-old debut over Belmont's sod May 18, then romped over the main track by 6 3/4 lengths in front-running fashion June 11. Kept on the dirt here, the 6-5 pick took control of affairs from the break with a relaxed Seattle Fitz (Arg) (Fitzcarraldo {Arg}) glued to his flank. The pair moved in tandem throughout with the former refusing to relent to earn the half-length score. Blue Boat is also a half to Red Earth (Diesis {GB}), GSP, \$242,392. Lifetime Record: 7-3-1-1, \$89,746.

O/B-Juddmonte Farms Inc (KY). T-Robert Frankel.

**3rd-SAR, \$46,000, Msw, 3yo/up, 1 1/8 (off turf), 1:53, my.**

**CARRIER (c, 3, Skip Away--Indio Rose, by Alydar),** a \$27,000 KESEEP yearling, was off the board by double-digit margins in each of his first three starts earlier this spring, but began to put things together when a rallying second going 10 panels in the mud at Belmont June 21. That was followed by an honest sixth in his first turf effort July 12, though he'd be forced back to the main track here when heavy rains prompted the cancellation of yesterday's grass races at the Spa. The 4-1 chance was never far back, launched a bid turning for home and was full of run late to win by 4 1/2 lengths, giving jockey Edgar Prado the first of four wins on the card. Lifetime Record: 6-1-1-0, \$40,360.

O-John M B O'Connor. B-Iron County Farms Inc (KY). T-D Wayne Lukas.

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**BREEDERS' CUP STAKES CLOSINGS**



<u>CLOSES</u>	<u>TRACK</u>	<u>RACE</u>	<u>CONDITIONS</u>	<u>PURSE</u>	<u>RUNS</u>
7-24	LRL	John D. Schapiro Memorial BC H.	3yo/up, 1 1/8mT	\$150,000	8-2
7-26	ELP	Ellis Park Breeders' Cup H.	3yo/up, f/m, 6f	\$100,000	8-10
7-30	RET	Retama Turf Breeders' Cup H.	3yo/up, 1 1/16mT	\$50,000	8-9

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**Saratoga Report cont.**

**4th-SAR, \$45,000, Msw, 2yo, 5 1/2f, 1:05 3/5, my.**  
**EL PRADO ROB** (c, 2, El Prado {Ire}--Jurisprudence, by Seeking the Gold), a \$70,000 KEESEP yearling, flashed some early speed in his June 1 debut over a sloppy Belmont track before fading to finish fourth. Adding Lasix and losing the blinkers, the 11-1 outsider settled in third off the dueling pacesetters and was in a prime position leaving the turn as the leaders began to tire. The bay switched to the outside for the drive and reeled in the reluctant Gethsemani (Saint Ballado) by a neck on the line. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$29,580. O-Robert V Lapenta. B-Mill Ridge Farm, Ltd, Dr John A Chandler, C R McGaughey III & Jamm, Ltd (KY). T-Nicholas P Zito.

★ EAST ★

**Tuesday Night's Results:**

**3rd-CNL, \$25,000, Msw, 2yo, f, 8.5f (off turf), 1:46, gd.**  
**SEDUCTIVE LADY** (f, 2, Langfuhr--You'll B Impressed, by Valid Appeal), a \$33,000 OBSAUG yearling purchase, rallied while racing wide in her debut to finish third in a five furlong turf sprint June 29. Sent off at 7-2 in this off-the-turfer, she set the pace and lasted under pressure for a 3/4-length victory over 19-1 Silver Scholar (Honor Grades). The winner is a half to I'm Impressed (Proud Birdie), SW, \$185,820; and Impressive Grades (Honor Grades), GSP, \$248,553. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-1, \$17,000. O-Gilbert G Campbell. B-Cashel Stud, Inc & Sheila Arnold (KY). T-Edward T Allard.

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★ CENTRAL ★

**Campbell Injured In Spill:**

Jockey Jesse Campbell suffered a concussion after falling from his mount, Great Eight, just before the finish of yesterday's second race at Arlington Park. Campbell, who was conscious and able to move all of his extremities, was treated and released from nearby Northwest Community Hospital. It was not immediately known when Campbell would return to riding.

**Yesterday's Results:**

**9th-ELP, \$27,000, Alw, NW2L, 2yo, f, 5 1/2f, 1:07, ft.**  
**LEADING LIONESS** (f, 2, Lion Cavern--Misty Launch, by Relaunch), a half to Exact (Twining), GSP, \$199,315, nosed out a victory in her most recent June 8 and made it two straight with a good run here. Racing five wide down the backstretch, the \$10,000 KEESEP yearling responded to a spirited drive through the final quarter to best Living Fully (Wolf Power {SAf}) by a half-length margin. Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-1, \$40,320. O-Russell F Hale & Michael D Hamilton. B-Hilary Boone Jr (KY). T-Robert J Pincins.

★ DELMAR ★

**Golden Apples Mabee Ready:**

**Golden Apples (Ire)** (Pivotal {GB}), the reigning Eclipse Award-winning turf mare, makes her much anticipated five-year-old debut in Saturday's GI John C. Mabee H. at Del Mar. Owned by Gary Tanaka and trained by Ben Cecil, finished second in the 2002 renewal of this event, but bounced back to win the GI Beverly D. S. and GI Yellow Ribbon S. in her next two starts. A respectable fourth in the GI Breeders' Cup Filly and Mare Turf over a yielding Arlington turf, the bay is making her first start since finishing a head second in the GI Matriarch S. at Hollywood Park Dec. 1. Gary Stevens replaces Pat Valenzuela aboard Golden Apples. The latter has opted to ride **Tates Creek** (Rahy) for trainer Bobby Frankel.  
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**Del Mar Report cont.**

**Kona Gold Back For Crosby:**

**Kona Gold** (Java Gold), unbeaten in five previous starts at Del Mar, looks to maintain that record intact when he goes postward in Saturday's GII Bing Crosby Breeders' Cup H., a race he won in 2000 and 2001. The bay gelding, winner this season of the GIII El Conejo H. Jan. 1 at Santa Anita, blew out three-eighths of a mile in a snappy :35 2/5 at the Seashore yesterday morning. The nine-year-old, making just the 30th start of his career this weekend, has been favored in all but four of those efforts, but could offer a hint of value this time around. Scheduled to take on the 2000 champion sprinter are Midwest invader **Beau's Town** (Beau Genius), G1 Dubai Golden Shaheen runner-up **Captain Squire** (Flying Chevron) and defending race champion **Disturbingthepeace** (Bold Badgett). Kona Gold bypassed last year's race when trainer Bruce Headley was dissatisfied with the weight assignment.

**Yesterday's Results:**

**OCEANSIDE S.**, (1st Div.), \$85,300, DMR, 7-23, (R), 3yo, 1mT, 1:33 4/5, fm.

- 1--**#SWEET RETURN (GB), 116, c, 3, Elmaamul--Sweet Revival (GB), by Claude Monet.** O-Red Oak Stable; B-C S Tateson (GB); T-Ronald McAnally; J-C S Nakatani; \$51,180. Lifetime Record: GSP-GB, 10-2-2-3, \$94,020.
- 2--**Singletary**, 120, c, 3, Sultry Song--Joiski's Star, by Star de Naskra. (\$3,200 yrl '01 KEE OCT). O-Little Red Feather Racing. \$17,060.
- 3--**Requite**, 116, c, 3, Red Ransom--Rhetorical Lass, by Capote. O-Edwards Robertson & Schwary. \$10,236. Margins: 1, 1, 4. Odds: 5.00, 0.90, 8.40.

A maiden winner in his five starts in England, Sweet Return ended his British stint with a head second in the G3 Solario S. last August. He made his U.S. bow in an optional event at Santa Anita Jan. 31 and was third by a neck, then went to the shelf after running second over that course Mar. 8. The chestnut had been off the board in his two starts since, most recently running a troubled fourth at Hollywood July 2. Trying American stakes company for the first time, the 5-1 second choice stalked a solid early pace, rallied to take over from favorite Singletary in the stretch and edged away from that rival late for the victory. Requite, making his stateside debut, finished fastest of all to be third.

**OCEANSIDE S.**, (2nd Div.), \$84,300, DMR, 7-23, (R), 3yo, 1mT, 1:34 3/5, fm.

- 1--**#DEVIIOUS BOY (GB), 116, g, 3, Dr Devious (Ire)--Oh Hebe (Ire), by Night Shift.** (9,500gns yrl '01 TATOCT). O-Vreeland James R; B-Mrs C F Van Straubenzee & A Gibson Fleming (GB); T-Kathy Walsh; J-J A Krone; \$50,580. Lifetime Record: 11-4-4-2, \$92,858.
  - 2--**Fairly Ransom**, 118, c, 3, Red Ransom--Fairly Grey (Fr), by Linamix. O-Zetcher Arnold. \$16,860.
  - 3--**Stanley Park**, 120, c, 3, Swain (Ire)--Tricky Bird, by Storm Bird. (\$240,000 yrl '01 KEESEP). O-Moss Mr & Mrs Jerome S. \$10,116.
- Margins: HF, HF, 1. Odds: 9.70, 1.50, 2.30.

Devious Boy had not been out since running third over the all-weather surface at Lingfield in January, but had been working well at Santa Anita for his U.S. debut. The bay tracked Royal Robe (Ire) (King of Kings {Ire}) (7th) through moderate splits, took over in the stretch as the pacesetter faded and was all out to hold the late charge of favored Fairly Ransom for the score.

**7th-DMR, \$65,664, Alw, NW1X, 3yo/up, 6f, 1:09 3/5, ft.**

**GRAND APPOINTMENT (h, 5, Unbridled--Grand Sophisticate, by El Gran Senor)** was last seen running fifth in an entry-level allowance at Santa Anita Mar. 2. Let go at 23-1 in his return, the 1/2 to Enchanted Woods (Woodman), GSP, \$108,005, was last after the opening quarter, but swung wide in the stretch and kicked down the lane to catch T S Eliot (Storm Cat) on the wire for a nose tally. Lifetime Record: 10-3-2-1, \$131,652.  
O-Golden Eagle Farm. B-Mr & Mrs John C Mabee (CA). T-Bruce Headley.

**3rd-DMR, \$51,940, Msw, 2yo, 5 1/2f, 1:03 3/5, ft.**

**ATTACK ALERT (c, 2, Souvenir Copy--Hurricane Alert, by Storm Cat)**, a \$110,000 KEESEP yearling, went to the post as a piping-hot 3-5 pick in his July 5 bow, but failed to assert late when his jockey dropped his whip in the final sixteenth and finished second by 3/4 of a length. The 6-5 chalk this time around, the Bob Baffert trainee dueled through very quick early fractions, shook loose turning for home and held sway to win by three impressive lengths over Cheiron (Maria's Mon). The victor is a half to Golden Hurricane (Gold Fever), MSW, \$110,248. Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, \$38,200.  
O-James McIngvale. B-W S Farish & W Temple Webber Jr (KY). T-Bob Baffert.



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IN BRITAIN:

**Tempsford**, c, 3, **Bering (GB)**--Nadra (Ire), by Sadler's Wells. Lingfield, 7-23, Hcp, 3yo, 1 1/2 m (AWT).

B-R S Trontz, et al. \*100,000gns yrl '01 TATOCT.

**Salviati**, g, 6, **Lahib**--Mother Courage (GB), by Busted (GB). Catterick, 7-23, Hcp, 3yo/up, 5fT. B-Cyril Humphris. \*6,000gns HRA '00 TATAUT.

IN IRELAND:

**Tumblebrutus**, c, 2, **Storm Cat**. See "Ireland."

 **FRESHMAN FOCUS**

**First-crop progeny to watch: Thursday, July 24**

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, 86/2/0  
5-AP, Msw, 5 1/2f, Swift Trick, \$95K FTF FEB 2yo, 12-1

**QUAKER RIDGE** (Forty Niner), Walmac, \$3K, 27/0/0  
6-SAR, Msw, 5 1/2f, Amazer, \$80K OBS FEB 2yo, 3-1

 **SOPHOMORE SPOTLIGHT**

**First-time starters/stakes runners: Thursday, July 24**

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

**CORONADO'S QUEST** (Forty Niner), Claiborne, \$60K, 127/23/3  
6-SAR, Msw, 5 1/2f, +Marching, 4-1

**CYBERSPACE** (Forty Niner), Stonebridge, \$, 49/5/1  
6-SAR, Msw, 5 1/2f, +Spacey Princess, \$6K EAS MAY 2yo, 20-1

**DISTORTED HUMOR** (Forty Niner), Winstar, \$13K, 128/37/7  
6-SAR, Msw, 5 1/2f, +Charming Humor, \$72K OBS MAR 2yo, 12-1

**GRAND SLAM** (Gone West), Ashford, \$30K, 244/55/5  
8-SAR, Stk, 6f, Flushing Meadows, \$140K FTS AUG yrl, 10-1

**TALE OF THE CAT** (Storm Cat), Ashford, \$25K, 235/57/7  
8-SAR, Stk, 6f, Adage, \$400K KEE JUL yrl, 4-1

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**WEDNESDAY'S RESULTS**

3rd-DMR, Msw, 5 1/2f

+ **ROSBERG (A.P. Indy)**, off as a 4-1 shot, was away slowly from the gate and never threatened thereafter, finishing fifth.

**GREEN LIGHT FOR FALBRAV** Trainer Luca Cumani yesterday gave the go-ahead for **Falbrav (Ire)** (Fairy King) to run in Saturday's £750,000 G1 King George VI & Queen Elizabeth Diamond S. at Ascot. After expressing himself "satisfied" with the five-year-old's exercise yesterday morning under jockey Darryll Holland, Cumani told *PA Sport* that he was, "in excellent form." Holland, who partnered Falbrav to success in the G1 Eclipse S. at Sandown last time July 5, was in ebullient mood as he looked ahead to Saturday's race. "As far as I am concerned it is simple," he told *PA Sport* yesterday. "If the horse stays, he will win. He showed a great cruising speed at Sandown and really quickened up well. He is a class act and it is an honour to ride him. The ground should be on the fast side which is great--I just hope they stop watering now."

**Rain Dance for Kris Kin and Sulamani...**

Officials at Ascot have described the current going as good to firm, good in places, which connections of G1 Epsom Derby winner **Kris Kin** (Kris S.) are hoping will ease before Saturday. "The horse has a lot of ability provided it rains or they water plenty," jockey Kieren Fallon said. "At the moment, it would be too fast for him. The ground is a big factor. The horse doesn't give you much feel at home because he doesn't do anything--he never does. If he was to work well, we'd worry. He just goes through his paces." Godolphin are keeping their options open with a team of five still engaged, but the operation's main hope **Sulamani (Ire)** (Hernando {Fr}) is another that needs the going to be easier than firm. Jockey Frankie Dettori said of the four-year-old, who took the G1 Dubai Sheema Classic at Nad al Sheba Mar. 29 before finishing fourth in the G1 Grand Prix de Saint-Cloud last time June 29, "I rode Sulamani and he worked alright on Saturday, but he's never been a flashy worker. Now it's down to the ground--if it doesn't get too firm and Sheikh Mohammed says go, I'll be on him."

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### LEVY BOARD COMMITS TO RACING

The Levy Board will allocate the largest contribution to British racing's prize money fund in 2004, it was announced yesterday. However, despite the allocation of £48 million, representing an increase of 9.3 percent, it was revealed that £6-million will be cut from the last four months of this year. "I am pleased that we have been able to raise our 2004 prize money contribution by some nine percent at a time when inflation is running at around 2.5 percent," Levy Board Chairman Robert Hughes said yesterday. "This is tempered by regret that we have had to restrict our contribution in the remainder of 2003, and that we cannot meet our previous aspiration for 2004."

### AIRWAVE STAR OF SHERGAR SHOW

**Airwave (GB)** (Air Express {Ire}) yesterday headed the 366 entries for Ascot's Blue Square Shergar Cup Aug. 9. The Henry Candy-trained filly, who was runner-up in the G1 Golden Jubilee S. at Royal Ascot June 21 before finishing third in the G1 July Cup at Newmarket July 10, was one of 57 entered in the Dubai Duty Free Shergar Cup Sprint, the main feature of the meeting that hosts a battle between teams from Great Britain & Ireland and the "Rest of the World" teams. Allocations will take place at a special draw at Ascot two days before the event. "We are delighted to have received such strong entries for the six Blue Square Shergar Cup races once again," commented Ascot's racing director Nick Cheyne yesterday. "This competition offers considerable benefits to owners including a guaranteed minimum of £500 in prize money for every runner in every race. In addition, race entry is free, as is hospitality on the day."

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Thursday, Sandown, post time: 3:50 p.m.

**STAR S.-Listed, £25,000, 2yo, f, 7f 16ydsT**

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER
1	6	America America	Mister Baileys (GB)	Mourier
2	4	Dark Empress (Ire)	Second Empire (Ire)	Beckett
3	2	Dowager (GB)	Groom Dancer	Hannon
4	8	Fragrant Star (GB)	Soviet Star	C Brittain
5	5	Fun And Games (Ire)	Rahy	Channon
6	10	Hilites (Ire)	Desert King (Ire)	J Moore
7	7	Leopard Hunt	Diesis (GB)	Gosden
8	9	Lucky Pipit (GB)	Key of Luck	B Hills
9	11	Mrs Cee (Ire)	Orpen	Quinlan
10	1	Night Pearl (Ire)	Night Shift	G Butler
11	3	Opera Babe (Ire)	Kayhyasi (Ire)	Howe

All carry 121 pounds, bar America America, who carries 124 pounds.

### Yesterday's Results:

**Sandown, 6.45, Mdn, £8,020, 2yo, 7f 16ydsT, 1:30.84, gd.**

**MANYANA (IRE) (c, 2, Alzao--Sometime {Ire}, by Royal Academy)**, sent off at odds of 4-1, broke well and was taken to the front in the early stages. Challenged and passed by Capped for Victory (Red Random) inside the final eighth, the 65,000gns TATOCT yearling rallied gamely to regain the lead in the final strides and win by a short head. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, £5,213. O-Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum; B-Greenbay Stables Ltd; T-Marcus Tregoning.

**Lingfield, 2.25, Mdn, £6,025, 2yo, 7fT, 1:23.56, gd/fm.**

**MADAEH (f, 2, Swain {Ire}--Tamgeed, by Woodman)**, third behind the well-regarded Punctilious (GB) in a Yarmouth maiden on her debut July 3, broke well and raced prominently throughout the early stages. Allowed to cruise to the front passing the quarter-mile marker, she quickened when asked soon after to comfortably beat Veverka (GB) (King's Theatre {Ire}) by 2½ lengths as the 2-1 choice. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-1, £4,693. O-Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid al Maktoum; B-Shadwell Farm LLC; T-John Dunlop.

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**British Report cont.**

**Catterick, 2.15, Mdn**, £5,755, 2yo, 5f 212ydsT, 1:13.67, gd/fm.

**SAN REMY (IRE) (c, 2, Danehill--Gazette {GB}, by Zafonic)**, an entry in the G2 Gimcrack S. at York Aug. 20, was seventh behind Fokine in a hot Newmarket conditions contest on his debut July 9. Sent off the 3-10 favorite, the Ir£80,000 GOFORB yearling purchase needed stoking up to track the leader Mrs Spence (GB) (Mind Games {GB}) and took until the final 100 yards to catch that rival and win by 1 1/4 lengths. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, £3,741.  
O-Lucayan Stud; B-Ron Con & Samac Ltd; T-J Nosedá.

★ IRELAND ★

**Yesterday's Results:**

**Naas, 7.00, Cond**, €20,160, 3yo/up, 1mT, 1:40.40, gd/yl.

**CARPANETTO (IRE) (c, 3, Peintre Celebre--Royal Ballet {Ire}, by Sadler's Wells)**, not seen since winning a Curragh maiden at the end of October, was sent off the even-money favorite. Stalking Mukammal (GB) (Muhtarram) in the early stages, the 500,000gns TATHOU yearling was taken wide in the straight and quickened to lead with 1 1/2 furlongs remaining. Coaxed clear from there, he was 2 1/2 lengths clear of Jade Quest (Ire) (Rainbow Quest) at the line. Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-0, €24,690.  
O-Michael Tabor; B-Michael Poland; T-Aidan O'Brien.

**Naas, 8.00, Mdn**, €18,240, 2yo, 6fT, 1:13.10, gd/yl.  
**TUMBLEBRUTUS (c, 2, Storm Cat--Mariah's Storm {MGSW & GISP, \$724,894}, by Rahy)**, the full brother to Giant's Causeway, Hwt. 3yo Colt-Eng at 9.5-11f, Hwt. 3yo Colt-Ire at 7-9f & 9.5-10.5f, MG1SW-Eng, G1SW-Ire & Fr, GISP-US, \$3,077,960; and Freud, GSP-Eng, finished runner-up in a Leopardstown maiden last time July 5, but was sent off the even-money favorite to get off the mark this time around. Breaking well, he raced prominently in the centre of the track until taking command with 300 yards remaining. Lengthening clear from there, he had a comfortable 2 1/2-length margin over Ulfah (Danzig) at the line. Lifetime Record: 3-1-1-0, €17,110.  
O-Susan Magnier; B-Pacelco S A and Chelston Ireland Ltd; T-Aidan O'Brien.

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**ALLOWANCE RESULTS:**

**1st-DMR, \$58,000**, Opt. Clm. (\$25,000), NW1X, (S), 3yo/up, 1m, 1:36 3/5, ft.

**TIZAWINNER (c, 4, Cee's Tizzy--Aurora Winners {SP}, by Fit to Fight)** Lifetime Record: 7-2-2-1, \$99,640. O-Robert B & Beverly J Lewis. B-Judith Lois Carmel (CA). T-Jean-Pierre Dupuis. \*\$150,000 2yo '01 BESMAR.

**5th-SAR, \$44,000**, NW1X, (S), 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/8 (off turf), 1:55, my.

**OUR TUNE (f, 3, Concorde's Tune--Uppa Hughie, by Secret Prince)** Lifetime Record: 8-2-3-0, \$78,920. O-Our Sugar Bear Stable. B-William V Terrill (NY). T-Michael Brice. \*\$11,000 2yo '02 OBSAPR.

**7th-DEL, \$43,000**, NW3X, 3yo/up, f/m, 1 (off turf), 1:41, ft.

**GLORY OF LOVE (f, 4, Not for Love--Joe's Glory, by Minstrel Glory)** Lifetime Record: 11-4-1-1, \$90,733. O/B-Roads Country (MD). T-Vincent W Moscarelli.

**4th-MNR, \$41,600**, 7-22, 3yo/up, 1m (off turf), 1:38 2/5, my.

**HAILLYE'S A. T. M. (g, 3, Wayne's Crane--Mari Supreme, by Northern Supremo)** Lifetime Record: 17-5-5-0, \$78,920. O-Lorraine E Barberino. B-Kay & John Di Palma (TX). T-John R Semer. \*Full to Haillye's Prince, MSW, \$152,622.

**8th-MTH, \$39,000**, NW2X, 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16 (off turf), 1:43 2/5, gd.

**MYTHICAL BROWNIE (f, 4, Lord Avie--Mythical Bird, by Pleasant Colony)** Lifetime Record: 30-8-4-9, \$146,181. O-L Liberto. B-Thomas M Dooley (KY). T-M D'Amario.

**7th-MTH, \$37,000**, NW2L, 3yo/up, 1 1/16m, 1:42 2/5, gd.

**COINTREAU (c, 3, Hennessy--Another Zone, by Seeking the Gold)** Lifetime Record: 5-2-1-1, \$57,200. O-Shining Armor Stable & G Humphrey Watts Jr. B-G Watts Humphrey & G Watts HumphreyIII (KY). T-Philip J Oliver. \*\$60,000 yrl '01 KEESEP. \*\*1/2 to First Lieutenant (Sea Hero), MGSP, \$294,377.



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**8th-APX, \$34,000, NW2X, 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16mT, 1:45 2/5, .**

**DELICATESSA (f, 4, Dare and Go--Special Portion, by Czaravich)** Lifetime Record: MSP, 18-3-7-4, \$122,232. O/B-Inman Barr (KY). T-Charlie Livesay. \*1/2 to Sassy Pants (Saratoga Six), MSW, \$239,262; and Apalachee Special (Apalachee), SW & GSP, \$273,350.

**9th-APX, \$32,000, NW1X, 3yo/up, 6f, 1:11 1/5, ft. SOMETHINGDANGEROUS (h, 5, Danzig--Macoumba {G1SW-Fr, \$190,549}, by Mr. Prospector)** Lifetime Record: 12-2-1-1, \$65,760. O/B-B W Hughes (KY). T-Albert M Stall Jr.

**6th-CNL, \$26,000, 7-22, NW1X, 3yo/up, 1m (off turf), 1:35 4/5, ft.**

**MARINE (h, 7, Double Negative--Hostile Fleet, by Hostage)** Lifetime Record: 5-2-0-0, \$36,857. O-John S Pettibone. B-John & Lynn Pregman (NJ). T-James L Lawrence II. \*\$30,000 2yo 1998 FTMMAY. \*\*1/2 to Victory At Sea (Hazaam), SW, \$192,683.

**7th-PRM, \$22,000, 7-22, NW2\$6MX, 3yo/up, f/m, a1m70yd, 1:43 3/5, ft.**

**ABOVE THE HARBOR (m, 5, Petionville--Tremolos {GSP, \$144,362}, by Vice Regent)** Lifetime Record: MSP, 36-11-8-6, \$278,605. O-Robert Barnett. B-J D Squires (KY). T-Kelly Von Hemel. \*\$75,000 yrl '99 KEEJAN.

**6th-PRM, \$21,947, 7-22, NW1X, (S), 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:12, ft.**

**TRAVELER (f, 3, You and I--Mary Richards, by Copelan)** Lifetime Record: 9-3-3-0, \$63,448. O-Paula Olson. B-M Dennis & Paula M Olson (IA). T-Ray E Tracy Jr.

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**ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:**

**Mistical Fastness, c, 3, Fastness (Ire)--Mistical Mirage** (MSP), by Miswaki. SAR, 7-23, (S), 6f, 1:12. B-Dr Enio Feliciotti (NY). \*\$6,000 yrl '01 FTMDEC.

**Absolute Jack, c, 3, Joyeux Danseur--Debutant Dawn,** by \*Grey Dawn II. ELP, 7-23, 1 1/2mT, 2:34 3/5. B-John W Rooker (Ky).

**Odd Number, f, 3, Polish Numbers--Deep Enough,** by Raise a Native. CNL, 7-22, 1m (off turf), 1:38 2/5. B-William M Backer (MD). \*1/2 to Crab Grass (Known Fact), MSW & GSP, \$353,291.

**Penne Ala Capaese, f, 3, Unbridled--Daggett,** by In Reality. APX, 7-23, 1m, 1:39. B-Bentley L Smith (Ky).

**Grey Ruby, f, 3, Wekiva Springs--Vicki's Pro,** by Distinctive Pro. MTH, 7-23, (C), 1 1/16 (off turf), 1:44 4/5. B-Four Horsemen (Ky).

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**ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:**

**Dawaarr (Ire), c, 3, Indian Ridge (Ire)--Zarawa (Ire),** by Kahyasi (Ire). Lingfield, Britain, 7-23, Mdn, 3yo/up, 1 1/2m(AWT). B-Tullamaine Castle Stud. \*Won in a DH. \*\*130,000gns yrl '01 TATOCT.

**Spin King (Ire), c, 2, Intikhab--Special Dissident (GB),** by Dancing Dissident. Leicester, Britain, 7-23, Mdn, 2yo, 7f 9ydsT. B-Corduff Stud and J Judd. \*€50,000 yrl '02 GOFORB. \*\*Seventh winner for freshman sire (by Red Ransom).

**Sopran Krak (Ity), c, 2, Kris (GB)--Rahon (Ire),** by Ahonoora (GB). Naples, Italy, 7-22, Cond, 2yo, 7 1/2fT. B-Azienda Agricola S Uberto in Cerrechia SRL.

**Hearts 'n Minds (GB), f, 3, Mark of Esteem (Ire)--Magical Retreat (SW & G1SP-GB, \$115,200),** by Sir Ivor. Lingfield, Britain, 7-23, Mdn, 3yo/up, 1 1/2m(AWT). B-C A Cyzer. \*SP-GB. \*\*Won in a DH.

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# NTRA SPOTLIGHT

Buying a race horse is a lot better idea than it used to be.

The recent passage of President Bush's "Jobs and Growth Tax Reconciliation Act of 2003" should have a substantial and positive impact on the Thoroughbred racing industry. The act includes provisions for which the NTRA fought in Washington, namely new regulations that allow owners to write off up to \$100,000 after buying a horse.

"This substantially improves the economics for horse owners, particularly a buyer of horses," said NTRA Deputy Commissioner and COO Greg Avioli. "It can be complicated, but at the heart of it, for example, if you bought a yearling, you could deduct 56 percent of that purchase in the first year. We hope that will spur investment in the industry. In general, our objectives in Washington are to protect racing, such as with the Internet gambling bill, and to promote the interests of racing in terms of getting legislation that will improve the overall economics of the industry."

The passage of the Jobs and Growth Reconciliation Act, which came on the heels of new tax regulations in 2002 that has also benefitted owners by allowing for accelerated depreciation schedules, could be the best tax news for owners since 1986, when changes in laws so adversely affected the industry.

As is the case with most tax regulations, it is not easy to wind your way through this act or understand its every nuance. In short, though, the main components are:

(\* ) A purchaser can now write off up to \$100,000 of the cost of horses, provided total purchases of all depreciable property during the year does not exceed \$400,000.

(\* ) A bonus depreciation clause has increased to 50 percent of the cost of the horse in the first year it is purchased. The bonus depreciation applies to horses bought between May 5, 2003 and before Jan. 1, 2005. There is no limit on the dollar amount of bonus depreciation that can be taken.

(\* ) The long-term capital gains rate has been lowered to 15 percent, down from 20 percent.

Avioli said that changing politicians' views of horse racing was a precursor to the passage of industry-favorable legislation.

"Every time one of these bills came up, there was a group in Congress that would say, 'Why do we have to include the rich horse owners?' One of our biggest jobs has been to explain that the average horse owner is far from rich, by most standards. These are hard-working business people who support a \$35 billion agribusiness that is a key part of the infrastructure of the U.S. economy."

How hard has that been do to? Not easy, Avioli said. It has helped that the NTRA has put more emphasis on political contributions.

"It's been a challenge," Avioli said. "Of the 535 members of Congress, when we started this, you might have had maybe a dozen who really understood racing's issues. What's gone in to changing it has been the formation of a congressional horse caucus that meets regularly. We have a forum to talk to members of Congress and to explain what's going on and why racing should matter. That's grown from two people to over 50 members.

"A significant part of this has been that the NTRA has been able to become a player in terms of political contributions. That first started from the quarter of a point that we've raised at sales, where we've given hundreds of thousands of dollars of that money to national political committees, both Democratic and Republican, both in the house and in the Senate. Most recently, we have had the formation late last year of the NTRA Political Action Committee, where we've raised over \$250,000 in individual contributions. Those contributions allow you to have an opportunity to explain to key members of Congress just what your issues are. We believe we will raise over \$300,000 with the PAC this year, and that puts us on equal footing with some pretty significant industries."

Pleased with the inroads it has made thus far in Washington, the NTRA hopes to accomplish even more in the near future.

"This is definitely a first step," Avioli said. "We're just beginning a process that mature industries have been working in Washington at a high level for over 100 years. We think there are a number of things that can be done. A long-term goal, but something that is definitely doable, is an improvement in the definition of what is a passive versus an active loss. It would be very difficult to go back and change the law from 1986 and say racing can now deduct passive losses where no other industry could. But what you could do is give a more realistic definition of what is active and what is passive, and that would substantially improve the tax situation for thousands of owners and breeders."

The result, the NTRA hopes, will be to make it more economically feasible to own race horses. The project is underway.

<b>FIRST YEAR WRITE-OFF</b>		
<b>Horse Cost</b>	<b>Old Rules</b>	<b>New Rules</b>
\$250,000	\$100,000 (\$25,000 expense; \$75,000 depreciation)	\$225,000 (\$100,000 expense; \$125,000 depreciation)
\$500,000	\$175,000 (\$25,000 expense; \$150,000 depreciation)	\$250,000 (\$0 expense; \$250,000 depreciation)
\$750,000	\$250,000 (\$25,000 expense; \$225,000 depreciation)	\$375,000 (\$0 expense; \$375,000 depreciation)