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A CARNIVAL ATMOSPHERE IN DUBAI

A total of 45 horses representing 10 countries take their place in this evening's opening meeting of the Dubai International Racing Carnival at Nad al Sheba Racecourse. The program is highlighted by Round I of the G3 Sheikh Maktoum Challenge, a 1600-meter event



State Shinto takes last year's Maktoum Challenge DRC/A Watkins

which features a rematch of last year's race won by **State Shinto** (Pleasant Colony), who found the line just a head better than **Tropical Star** (Ire) (Machiavellian). While the former failed to hold his form the rest of the season, Tropical Star continued to improve, finishing third in Round II of

the Challenge Series, second to **Cherry Pickings** (Miner's Mark) in the Listed Burj Nahaar and second to Firebreak (GB) in the G2 Godolphin Mile. The five-year-old prepped for this with a ringing five-length victory in the Al Shindagha Sprint Prep, a 1200-meter conditions event Jan. 6. Frankie Dettori has the call for Ali Rashid al Raihe. South African trainer Mike de Kock, who has brought 23 horses for this year's Carnival, sends a pair into tonight's feature, including **Grand Emporium** (SAf) (National Assembly), winner of the G1-SAf Daily News 2000 Guineas last June. De Kock has saddled 12 winners over the past two seasons in Dubai. The program also features the return to action of a pair of Godolphin runners.

Lydgate (Pulpit), upset winner of last year's GIII Aegon Turf Sprint at Churchill Downs, makes his first appearance since finishing down the field in an Oct. 11 handicap at Newmarket.



Rosencrans DRC/A Watkins

Rosencrans (Forest Wildcat) flashed promise last winter in Dubai, finishing third to Little Jim (Arg) in the G3 UAE 2000 Guineas before taking a conditions race by nearly 10 lengths last February. He makes his first start since a sixth in the Listed Surrey S. last June.

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★ **P R E V I E W S** ★

Thursday, Nad al Sheba, Dubai, post time: 9:45 p.m.
SHEIKH MAKTOUM CHALLENGE ROUND I-G3,
\$200,000, 3yo/up, 1600m

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER
1	6	Bonecrusher (GB)	Revoque (Ire)	al Muhairi
2	2	Checkit (Ire)	Mukaddamah	Bouesly
3	7	Cherry Pickings	Miner's Mark	al Kurdi
4	9	Chiquitin (Arg)	Fitzcarraldo (Arg)	Barton
5	1	Estimraar	Holy Bull	al Kurdi
6	3	Grand Emporium (SAf)	National Assembly	de Kock
7	11	Jack Sullivan	Belong to Me	Butler
8	12	Kaneko (Tur)	Pivotal (GB)	Ates
9	8	State Shinto	Pleasant Colony	al Kurdi
10	13	Surbiton	El Prado (Ire)	al Raihe
11	10	Tarheeb (Fr)	Indian Ridge (Ire)	D Selvaratnam
12	4	Tropical Star (Ire)	Machiavellian	al Raihe
13	5	Wolf Whistle (SAf)	Badger Land	de Kock

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☆ NEWS TODAY ☆

SHAMARDAL TO HAVE U.S. OPTION Shamardal (Giant's Causeway), ranked Europe's top two-year-old colt of 2004, could make his way across the Atlantic this spring, according to *Racing Post* and *The Times*. Unbeaten in three starts for trainer Mark Johnston last year, the bay colt joined the Godolphin operation following his victory in the G1 Dewhurst S. Oct. 16. There is speculation that the three-year-old will be under consideration for the U.S. Triple Crown, which begins with the G1 Kentucky Derby at Churchill Downs May 7. "We cannot say anything categoric at this stage," Godolphin's Racing Manager Simon Crisford told *The Times*. "The horses are just starting to return to faster work after a quiet spell. We will know more in the next two weeks, but it's fair to say that we are keen to see how Shamardal fares when he gallops on sand." Produced by a full sister to G1 Dubai World Cup hero Street Cry (Ire), Shamardal has been nominated to the \$2-million G2 UAE Derby at Nad al Sheba Mar. 26.

OWNER DONATES \$10K TO TSUNAMI RELIEF California horse owner Mark Takenaka, who gave \$4,550 for a VIP experience to the Mar. 5 G1 Santa Anita H., has upped his donation to the AmeriCare Tsunami Relief Fund to \$10,000. Takenaka, of Valencia, California, outbid 34 others to win a day at the races on Big 'Cap day, including a lunch in Santa Anita's famed Director's Room and a trip to the winner's circle for the trophy presentation following the \$1-million race. He was willing to go much further than his final bid, thus the final amount of his contribution. "I wanted to give to the Tsunami Relief Fund because you want to help out," he explained. "Number two, Santa Anita is my roots. I galloped horses 20 years ago for Hector Palma and Jack Van Berg. I love the sport." Takenaka remains in the horse business as an owner. He has one horse with trainer John Sadler and is a part of seven Team Valor syndicates.

☆ RESULTS ☆

Wednesday, Oi, Japan
TCK JO-OH HAI-G3-NRA (Listed), ¥35,000,000 to winner, Oi, 1-19, 4yo/up, f/m, 1800m, 1:52.7, gd.
 1--**LE MARS GIRL, 126, m, 5, by Defre**
 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-Toyomitsu Hirai; B-Penn Farm; T-Saburo Yuasa; J-Yutaka Take. Lifetime Record: 26-8-5-3, ¥268,952,000.
 2--**Orleans (Jpn)**, 119, f, 4, Afleet--Gold Shade, by Shadeed. O-Hidekazu Date; B-Sunshine Farm.
 3--**Gina Fontaine (Jpn)**, 123, m, 7, Best Tie Up (Jpn)--Jupiter Girl (Jpn), by Park Regent. O-Kei Yoshihashi; B-Noboribetsu Uemizu Farm.
 Margins: 1HF, NK, 3. Odds: 2.90, 11.40, 87.30.

 **FOALING NEWS**

MIDNIGHT ANGEL (GER), 6, Acatenango (Ger)--Midnight Fever (Ire) (Sure Blade)
 Foal born 1-14-05, a colt by Fasliyev.
 Will be bred back to Hernando (Fr).
 Owned by/boarded at Newsells Park Stud, England.
 Accomplishments: G1SP-Ger & Ity, GSP-Fr, \$187,049.

ELLIE'S MOMENT, 7, Kris S.--Kelley's Day (Graustark)
 * Foal born 1-18-05, a filly by Aldebaran.
 Will be bred back to Storm Cat.
 Owned by/boarded at Darby Dan Farm, KY.
 Accomplishments: SW & MGSP, \$291,241.
 *First foal for sire (by Mr. Prospector).

CORRECTION: The item on the World Thoroughbred Racehorse Rankings in Wednesday's *TDN* listed the sire of **Kitten's Joy** incorrectly. The Eclipse Award finalist is by El Prado (Ire).

"UNCOMMON SPEED..."

CITY ZIP
 Carson City - Baby Zip

"City Zip is half-brother to the likely 2004 Horse of the Year Ghostzapper, and his uncommon speed suggests that his runners should win early..."
 — Lauren Stich, *Daily Racing Form* 1/13/05



2005 Stud Fee: \$15,000



 **NORTH AMERICA** 

★ **EAST** ★

SONGANDAPRAYER COLT TOPS OBS A colt from Songandaprayer (Unbridled's Song) topped Wednesday's open session of the Ocala Breeders' Sales Company's Winter Mixed Sale. M.S.T.S. was listed as the buyer at \$52,000 for [hip 885](#), a colt from the consignment of Wesfield Sales as agent. The registered Florida-bred was produced by Stemming, a Pentelicus half sister to stakes winners Reporter and Dinner Affair. He hails from the family of champion sprinter Ta Wee. The highest-priced mare at Wednesday's session was the well-bred Sixty Queens (Seattle Slew), who sold to Aron Yagoda for \$42,000 as [hip 800](#). Consigned by Casse Sales as agent, the 10-year-old is out of the Paul Mellon mare **Queens Wild** (Spectacular Bid), a half sister to graded stakes winners Blare of Trumpets, Eastern Echo, Roar and Yell. Sixty Queens is in foal on a Feb. 5 cover to Outofthebox (Montbrook). Complete results are available on www.obssales.com.

WEATHER SAYS WHOA TO RACING Ohio's Beulah Park called off racing yesterday after the second race, citing unsafe track conditions, while West Virginia's Mountaineer Park cancelled because of poor weather conditions. Mountaineer also was forced to cancel its entire card Monday and after race three Tuesday. Beulah is scheduled to resume live racing Friday with a first post of 1:15 p.m. Mountaineer's next card is slated for Saturday night. A major snowstorm is expected to strike this weekend from the Midwest to the East Coast.

Yesterday's Results:

6th-PHA, \$26,460, Msw, 4yo/up, f/m, 1m, 1:39 4/5, ft.

SEA GLASS (f, 4, [Grindstone](#)--Wavering Wandy {MSP, \$116,306}, by Wavering Monarch) was disqualified from a wire-to-wire effort Dec. 4 and was placed second by the stewards. The Pennsylvania-bred came up a half-length short as the runner-up in her latest Jan. 4 over this surface and was the 6-5 chalk to get the job done this time. Breaking alertly, the bay stalked Misty Malibu (Malibu Moon) from the start, collared the pacesetter in the stretch and graduated by a head. Lifetime Record: 6-1-4-0, \$36,300.

O-Heather B Hunter. B-Dr & Mrs F E Hunter (PA). T-Ronald S Glorioso.

RETRACTION: A story in Tuesday's *TDN* incorrectly stated the terms of the settlement reached by owner Ken Ramsey and the Kentucky Horse Racing Authority. Ramsey was fined \$25,000 and suspended for seven days for attempting to "cause a licensed person to interfere with the orderly conduct on a race," according to a settlement signed by Jim Gallagher, the executive director of the Kentucky Horse Racing Authority, and Ramsey's attorney, Burr Travis. The settlement further stated that Ramsey "did not purposely violate said rule or any other rule of racing, and, further, his actions were not undertaken with any desire or intention to denigrate the integrity of the sport of horse racing." We regret the error.

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Median (% change)	\$3,200 (+52.3%)	\$2,100

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TODAY, THURSDAY, JANUARY 20:
01-30 \$250,000 *Santa Monica H.-I, SA,*
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First-time starters/stakes runners: Thursday, Jan. 20

Sire (Sire's Sire), Farm, 2001 Fee, #foals of racing age/Winners/SW Race #-track, race type, distance, runner, odds (if available)

- CHESTER HOUSE** (Mr. Prospector), Dead, 127/9/1
7-FG, Msw, 1 1/16mT, Fire It Up, \$100K KEE SEP yrl, 7-2
7-FG, Msw, 1 1/16mT, Pressed, \$12K LOU MAR 2yo, 12-1
GIANT'S CAUSEWAY (Storm Cat), Ashford, \$75K, 308/20/4
7-FG, Msw, 1 1/16mT, Finn MacCunail (Ire), \$10K KEE SEP yrl, 12-1
6-SA, Msw, 6 1/2f, Dancingintheaisles (GB), \$85K KEE SEP yrl
HIGH YIELD (Storm Cat), Ashford, \$25K, 198/13/1
7-GG, Alw, 6f, California Choice, \$20K KEE SEP yrl
MONASHEE MOUNTAIN (Danzig), Ashford, \$4K, 156/14/3
6-SA, Msw, 6 1/2f, Shamoan (Ire)
ROYAL ANTHEM (Theatrical {Ire}), Hopewell, \$10K, 142/7/0
6-SA, Msw, 6 1/2f, Royally Snake Bit
RUNNING STAG (Cozzene), Adena, \$8K, 154/12/1
6-SA, Msw, 6 1/2f, Khyber Pass, \$60K ADS SPR 2yo
SCORE EARLY (Northern Score), BMT, \$1000, 15/1/0
1-SA, Str, 6f, Scoresearlygale, \$42K BAR SUM 2yo
STEPHEN GOT EVEN (A.P. Indy), Lane's End, \$13K, 104/9/0
7-FG, Msw, 1 1/16mT, Cornplanter, \$55K FTF FEB 2yo, 8-1

★ **SO. CALIFORNIA** ★

Yesterday's Results:

7th-SAX, \$48,400, Alw, Opt. Clm. (\$80,000), NW1X, 3yo, f, 6 1/2fT, 1:13 4/5, fm.

ROYAL WAVE (f, 3, **Royal Academy**--Wave On, by Caveat), fourth to No Bull Baby in her Aug. 15 debut over the Del Mar main, came from last to split the field to be sixth in a Sept. 5 maiden at the Seaside, but graduated by 3/4 of a length in her most recent appearance over this main track Oct. 3. Trying the turf for the first time in her seasonal debut, the \$5,000 KEESEP yearling purchase chased odds-on Kizka (Danzig) from second, went up to tackle that rival leaving the eighth pole and wore her down for a one-length victory at odds of 6-1. Lifetime Record: 4-2-0-0, \$55,540.

O-Llers Corporation. B-Wave On Llc (KY). T-L Seglin.

4th-SAX, \$46,792, Msw, 4yo/up, f/m, 6 1/2fT, 1:14 2/5, fm.

ROYAL SWEETPEA (f, 4, **Favorite Trick**--**Royal Weekend {GSP}**, by Secretariat), off the board in four starts over the main track in the Midwest last spring, finished third, but was placed second, in her turf and West Coast debut at Del Mar Aug. 8. Sixth over the Oceanside turf course 20 days later, the dark bay was third in a one-mile event over the local weeds Oct. 28 and was making her first start since finishing second over the Hollywood turf course Nov. 19. Trying the downhill distance for the first time, the homebred stalked the pace of Kylie (Siphon {Brz}) from a close-up fourth, took aim on the leader at the eighth pole and pulled clear to win by 2 1/2 lengths as the 3-1 third choice. The winner is a half sister to Oasis Hawk (Dixieland Band), MGSP-Ger, and is out of a half sister to the dam of Perfect Soul (Ire). Lifetime Record: 9-1-2-1, \$53,990.

O/B-John & Kim Glenney (KY). T-John Glenney.


TODAY'S VIDEO HIGHLIGHTS



[Santa Anita 4th](#) **Royal Sweetpea** (Favorite Trick) wins down the hill.
[Santa Anita 7th](#) **Royal Wave** (Royal Academy) takes her turf bow

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Congratulations to the best customers in the world on TWO Grade II Winners!



GIRL WARRIOR, Winner of the **El Encino S. (GII)** Jan. 16
 O-Anthony Speelman; B-Shadwell Farm (KY); T-N Drysdale
 Sold Keeneland September 2002 for \$120,000; Earnings now \$148,417
Consigned by Shadwell Farm; Purchased by Shawn Dugan, agent

SHARP LISA, Winner of the **Santa Ynez S. (GII)** Jan. 17
 O-J Paul Reddam, Suarez Racing Inc & Mark Schlesinger; B-Winstar Farm, LLC (KY); T-Doug O'Neill
 Sold Keeneland September 2003 for \$50,000; Earnings now \$261,600
Consigned by Denali Stud, Craig Bandoroff, agent; Purchased by Mays Farm



So. California Report cont.

\$1.85-Million A.P. Indy Colt to Debut at Santa Anita:

Mr. and Mrs. W. K. Warren, Jr.'s **Saint Anddan** (A.P. Indy), who sold for \$1.85 million at the 2003 Keeneland September sale, is scheduled to make his first start this afternoon at Santa Anita. The bay, hailing from Bobby Frankel's shedrow, is entered as part of an entry in the sixth race on the card, a 6 1/2-furlong turf sprint down the hillside course. Alex Bisono was tapped to ride. Saint Anddan is out of the stakes-placed mare Adoradancer (Danzig Connection), a half sister to three stakes winners, including Grade III winner Luftikus (Meadowlake).

Miscellaneous Notes:

Eclipse Award candidate **Declan's Moon** (Malibu Moon) is scheduled to have his first workout today since taking the GI Hollywood Futurity. "He'll go three-eighths to just let him stretch his legs a little," said trainer Ron Ellis. The gelding is slated to make his sophomore bow in the GII Santa Catalina S. Mar. 5... Trainer Jeff Mullins reports that **Castledale (Ire)** (Peintre Celebre) has emerged from his fifth-place effort in last weekend's GII San Fernando BC S. in good order, but has "nothing in mind" for the colt's next race... **A.P. Adventure** (A.P. Indy), a rallying second in the GII El Encino S. last Sunday, will make her next start in the GII La Canada S. Feb. 12, reports trainer Wally Dollase.

★ **INDUSTRY INFO** ★

Live TV Coverage of Dubai International Carnival:

Horseracing TV (HRTV) will air live coverage of the Dubai International Racing Carnival from Nad al Sheba Racecourse. The Carnival gets under way this evening and includes 11 meetings, culminating with the Dubai World Cup program on Saturday, Mar. 26. More than 160 horses representing 59 trainers and 22 countries will compete for purse money of \$25 million during the Carnival. HRTV's Dubai coverage will kick off at 12:00 p.m. EST (9 a.m. PST) with the exception of World Cup day, when live coverage will begin at 9 a.m. EST (6 a.m. PST). The Racetrack Television Network (RTN) airs full-card coverage from 9:45 a.m. to 1:45 p.m. EST on its channel 16.



TATTS FEBRUARY CATALOGUE ONLINE The catalog for the 2005 Tattersalls February Sale, slated for Feb. 3, is now available online at tattersalls.com. The sixth edition of the sale has attracted a record entry of 275 lots, making it the largest midwinter bloodstock sale in Britain. The sale is comprised of yearlings of 2005, broodmares in foal, horses and fillies in training as well as a stallion parade, which will include champion Falbrav (Ire).

★ **ON THE WORKTAB** ★

CALDER

Second of June (Louis Quatorze), 5f, 1:00.60, 1/36

Silver Wagon (Wagon Limit), 5f, 1:01.80, 5/36

GULFSTREAM

Survivalist (Danzig), 4f, :49.60, 5/14

HOLLYWOOD

Katdogawn (GB) (Bahhare), 4f, :50.20, 5/8

Pico Central (Brz) (Spend a Buck), 4f, :50.80, 6/8

PALM MEADOWS

Sand Springs (Dynaformer), 4f, :48.60, 1/26

SANTA ANITA

Defy the Odds (Mr. Greeley), 3f-g, :34.00, 2/23

Southern Africa (Cape Town), 6f, 1:10.80, 1/13

★ **BRITAIN** ★

ENDLESS SUMMER HEARING SET

One of racing's most controversial sagas will come to an end next month when the Jockey Club will conduct a disciplinary hearing into the case of **Endless Summer (GB)** (Zafonic). After Juddmonte Farms Manager Philip Mitchell's admission that he incorrectly registered the date of birth of the horse as Jan. 2, 1998, instead of its actual foaling date of Dec. 26, 1997, the authorities' investigations have been delayed by Mitchell's spell in the hospital for heart treatment. Jockey Club Spokesman John Maxse yesterday announced a date of Feb. 11 for the hearing, which will officially annul all of Endless Summer's juvenile starts, including a success in the G2 Richmond S. at Goodwood. It will also confirm the action to be taken against Mitchell.

BREEDERS' CUP STAKES CLOSINGS



<u>CLOSES</u>	<u>TRACK</u>	<u>RACE</u>	<u>CONDITIONS</u>	<u>PURSE</u>	<u>RUNS</u>
1-28	TUP	Turf Paradise Breeders' Cup	3yo/up, 1 1/16mT	\$100,000	2-12

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FALLON HAS DERBY FEVER

Jockey Kieren Fallon failed to score on his two mounts at Lingfield yesterday during a brief break in England, but was looking forward to the season's Classics. Before flying back to Florida today, the six-time champion jockey told *PA Sport* that his main ambition for 2005 was to win a third straight Derby following his exploits aboard Kris Kin and North Light (Ire). After revealing that he has been reappointed as first rider for Sir Michael Stoute, he commented that "the only reason I'm there [in the States] at the moment is because last year I wasn't riding with any confidence." He added, "There are things in general that I've learned since riding there, but mostly it is about confidence. Whenever you work a horse on a track it is like riding it in a race. It is like riding mini races--you are just riding more--and without the pressure. It is going to be a couple of weeks before I start riding on the dirt. I will ease my way in."

★ ITALY ★

KIRK SET FOR DUTY FREE

Scuderia Pieffegi's **Prince Kirk (Fr)** (Selkirk) is being prepared for a tilt at the G1 Dubai Duty Free at Nad al Sheba Mar. 26. Conditioner Emilio Borromeo has penciled in a conditions event at Pisa's San Rossore racecourse at the end of February en route to Dubai for the five-year-old, who beat Six Perfections (Fr) by a half length on his last start in the G1 Prix d'Ispahan last May. "The horse is in good form and I'm very hopeful of a good run in Dubai," Borromeo said. "Unfortunately, he came back from Paris with a small setback and he missed the Autumn campaign, which meant that he didn't receive the invitation to Hong Kong."

Who Are Bill Oppenheim's Best Value Sires?

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★ SOUTH AFRICA ★

VICTORY MOON TOPS DISPERSAL Selling to dissolve a partnership between trainer Mike de Kock and owner and syndicate head Dean Maroun, **Victory Moon (SAf)** (Al Mufti) was purchased by Maroun for R5 million (\$828,495) to top the sale, held at the Randesfontein Training Center near Johannesburg. As a four-year-old in Dubai, Victory Moon, who raced for Maroun's Mad Syndicate, won the G2 UAE Derby, but faltered in three turf tries in Europe. Returned to Dubai last year, the bay won the G3 Maktoum Challenge (Round II) as well as Round III of the Challenge (G2) before a solid third-place effort to Pleasantly Perfect and Medaglia d'Oro in the G1 Dubai World Cup. Victory Moon has been residing at Dr. Andreas Jacobs' Maine Chance Farm in Robertson, Western Cape, where he was to begin stud duties this year. The farm has purchased a 20-percent interest in the six-year-old stallion and will continue to stand him at stud.

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★ EUROPEAN-BRED WINNERS ★

IN HONG KONG:

Couldn't Care Less (Ire), g, 4, **Marju (Ire)**--Chamonis (SP-Eng), by Affirmed. Happy Valley, 1-19, Hcp., 1650mT. B-Ivan Allan. *1/2 to Theatreworld (Ire) (Sadler's Wells), MGSP-Ire; and Crystal Charm (Ire) (Danehill), MSP-Eng, SP-HK.

Phoenix Fortune (GB), g, 4, **Mind Games (GB)**--Pondicherry, by Sir Wimborne. Happy Valley, 1-19, Hcp., 1650mT. B-Wood Farm Stud. *850gns wnlq '01 TATDEC.

China World (Ire), g, 7, **General Monash**--Violet Somers (Ire), by Will Somers (GB). Happy Valley, 1-19, Hcp., 1650mT. B-Mrs A Hanly. *Formerly Azolimos (Ire). **1r30,000gns yrl '99 GOF OCT.

BREEDERS' EDITION AMERICA

ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

10th-SUN, \$32,100, 1-18, NW23MX, (S), 4yo/up, f/m, 6 1/2f, 1:18, ft.

HAT CREEK (f, 4, Prospector Jones--Lucky Secretary, by What Luck) Lifetime Record: SW, 7-5-2-0, \$177,064. O-Donnie Stockridge & Becky Torres. B-Boyd Clement DVM (NM). T-Ben Torres.

A + will first-time starters, an (S) will be used for state-bred races, a (C) will be used for maiden-claiming races and an (R) will be used for other restricted races. Purses for Canadian races are in Canadian dollars.

8th-SUN, \$22,700, 1-18, NW2L, (S), 4yo/up, f/m, 6 1/2f, 1:18 3/5, ft.

MISS CHEROKEE SUE (m, 5, Danzatore--Shot Gun Janie, by Gate Dancer) Lifetime Record: 24-2-5-3, \$44,818. O/T-Johnny R Montes Jr. B-Terry Wynn (NM). *\$6,200 yrl '01 RUIAUG.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Heza Leader, c, 4, **Just a Tune**--Sheza Heartbreaker, by Pass 'n Raise. SUN, 1-18, (S), 6f, 1:12 4/5. B-Jack, Ruth & Mary Waide (NM).

BREEDERS' EDITION EUROPE

CONDITIONS RESULTS:

FRANCE, Cagnes sur Mer, 2.20, €20,000, 4yo/up, 7 1/2fT, 1:36.10, gd.

STENDHAL (IRE) (g, 5, Polish Precedent--Kenmist {GB} {SW-Eng, Ity-GSP}, by Kenmare {Fr}) Lifetime Record: 11 starts, 7 wins, 4 places, €75,550. O-J L Tepper; B-II Tiglio di Amelia Preve; T-Jean-Claude Rouget. *1/2 to Grey Lilas (Ire) (Danehill), G1SW-Fr, \$553,665. **20,000gns yrl '01 TATOCT.

MAIDEN WINNERS:

Lyubov (Fr), c, 3, **Lahint**--Lysande (Fr), by Tropular (GB). Cagnes sur Mer, France, 1-19, Cond, 3yo, 6 1/2f (AWT). B-M & Mme G Sandor.

Minimum Bid (GB), f, 4, **First Trump (GB)**--La Noisette (GB), by Rock Hopper (GB). Lingfield, Britain, 1-19, Mdn, 3yo/up, 6f (AWT). B-W H Joyce. *1,800gns yrl '02 DONJAN.

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DANEHILL	3	ORATORIO	117
MONTJEU	3	MOTIVATOR	117
DANZIG	2	AD VALOREM	122
ENTREPRENEUR	2	BERENSON	116
GRAND LODGE	2	FRALOGA	113
SADLER'S WELLS	2	PLAYFUL ACT	113

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KING OF THE HANDICAPPERS? IT HAS TO BE HARRIS

By Bill Finley

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Had a certain Cleveland Indians game in June of 1951 not been called off due to wet grounds, Russ Harris' life probably would have gone in a different direction. He was on his way to that ball game with his father when he heard the news it had been called off. So, they went to the track instead.

It was a lucky turn of events for Harris, who discovered the magical world of horse racing on that wet day at the old Cranwood Park in Ohio. It became more than his passion. It became his life. Six years after the rainout, he became a newspaper handicapper, and a darn good one. Russ Harris, no doubt, has picked more winners than anyone in the history of this game.

"I tried to figure that out one day," he said. "I think I've picked 30,000 winners. It looks like I've handicapped 90,000 races and I usually average three winners out of nine."

So maybe he's really picked 29,412 or 31,899 or 30,011. Whatever the number is it represents a remarkable accomplishment, an accomplishment that gets more impressive by the day. At age 81, Dr. Russ Harris (he got his Ph. D recently at age 75) is still grinding out winners every day for the New York Daily News, where he's been employed since January, 1977. There's just no stopping him.

"Will I be doing this 10 years from now? Yes," he said. "I have fun doing it and I love to compete. I don't do a lot of things well. For instance, when it comes to mechanics and doing anything with my hands, well, I'm really dumb. The things I do well I tend to do for a long time and I give them my all."

Harris dreamt of being a major league baseball player, but his ambitions were derailed by World War II. Back from the war, he went into journalism, with his first stop being the Canton Repository. He bounced around a bit, working for the Youngstown paper, as a news director for Kent State, as director of public relations and as a part-time professor at Akron University. He barely knew horse racing existed.

That is until that fateful day in 1951.

"We were on the way to the game when we heard it had been called off," Harris recounted. "We were right by Cranwood Park and my dad suggested we go to the races instead. I had never been to the track before."

It came down to the ninth race on the card and Harris noticed that a horse named Skelton, who was 8-1 in the morning line, was going to the post at 45-1. Sensing a bargain, he bet \$2 win and \$2 place on the horse. Skelton won and paid \$98.00.

"I was hooked," Harris said. "That horse changed my life."

The next week, instead of going to the ball game on what was a perfectly sunny day, the Harris pair was back at the track.

His career as a public handicapper and racing writer began in 1957 at the Akron Beacon Journal, where he made his selections under the nom de plume Phil Dancer. He discovered that the word Phil meant lover of horses in Greek. Dancer came from the horse Native Dancer, a favorite of Harris's.

Picking the races and writing about them at the Ohio tracks, he soon discovered his strength. Harris didn't pick many longshots, but he was incredibly consistent. Day after day, he'd come up with winners, two, three, four, even five a day. No one picked more. On May 8, 1981 at Belmont, he pickled nine winners, sweeping the card.

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"My theory is, I pick every card like it's May 8, 1981 at Belmont," he said. "I picked nine straight at Belmont that day and no one had ever done that before. That really meant something to me. I look at every race like I've had eight winners on the day and this is the ninth race. I don't pick any duds, if I can avoid it."

From the Akron Beacon Journal, he moved to the Miami Herald and also worked some summers for the Daily Racing Form in Chicago, which eventually led to a job as a steward at Hawthorne, Arlington and Washington Park.

His next stop as a newspaperman was the Philadelphia Inquirer. Someone very smart people at the New York Daily News, understanding the need to go toe-to-toe with the rival New York Post's beefed-up racing section, hired him away. He doubled as the racing writer and handicapper until 1988, when he became solely a handicapper.

Along the way, one of his greatest thrills was the time he picked Coastal to defeat the seemingly invincible Spectacular Bid in the 1979 Belmont.

"I loved horses stretching out from a mile and an eighth to a mile and a half," he said. "I especially love them when the race is at Belmont and they're trying to repeat. I felt bad for Spectacular Bid because he was a great horse and belonged in the same league with Secretariat, Seattle Slew and Affirmed."

His accomplishments away from racing are every bit as impressive. Hoping to resume his teaching career, he earned his Ph. D from Lehigh University in 1999 at the age of 75. He wrote a 378-page thesis on the relationship between Charles DeGaulle and six U.S. presidents. Unfortunately, he found there's not much of a market for a 75-year-old college professor who spent the last 47 some years picking horses.

But there's still plenty of interest in an 81-year-old handicapper with some 30,000 winners to his credit. So he'll just keep pounding out his picks and his winners and thousands of New York Daily News readers will keep plopping down their 50 cents a day to see who Harris likes today at Aqueduct. Rarely are his fans disappointed. Good thing it rained that day in Cleveland.

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LEADING SIRES OF 2004 GRADE/GROUP ONE WINNERS (Through Dec. 31, 2004)

Sire	Location	Winners
Danehill (Danzig)	Ire	6
Sadler's Wells (Northern Dancer)	Ire	5
Storm Cat (Storm Bird)	Ky	4
Kingmambo (Mr. Prospector)	Ky	3
Marju (Last Tycoon)	Ire	3
Selkirk (Sharpen Up)	Eng	3
A.P. Indy (Seattle Slew)	Ky	2
Acatenango (Surumu)	Ger	2
Alhaarth (Unfuwain)	Ire	2
Alphabet Soup (Cozzene)	Ky	2
Awesome Again (Deputy Minister)	Ky	2
El Prado (Sadler's Wells)	Ky	2
Forest Wildcat (Storm Cat)	Ky	2
Kris S. (Roberto)	dead	2
Lando (Acatenango)	Ger	2
Monsun (Konigssthal)	Ger	2
Night Shift (Northern Dancer)	Ire	2
Pleasant Colony (His Majesty)	dead	2
Polish Precedent (Danzig)	Eng	2
Pulpit (A.P. Indy)	Ky	2
Spend a Buck (Buckaroo)	dead	2

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LEADING 2004 EUROPEAN FRESHMAN SIRES

Stallion	Sire	Winners
King's Best	Kingmambo	24
Lujain	Seeking the Gold	22
Montjeu	Sadler's Wells	20
Dansili	Danehill	19
Giant's Causeway	Storm Cat	19
Rossini	Miswaki	17
Xaar	Zafonic	17
Monashee Mountain	Danzig	16
Diktat	Warning	15
Almutawakel	Machiavellian	13
Trans Island	Selkirk	12
Bachir	Desert Style	11
Dubai Millennium	Seeking the Gold	11
Josr Algarhoud	Darshaan	11

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