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High Fly
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ROCKPORT '50-50' FOR ARK DERBY

Rockport Harbor (Unbridled's Song) was nominated to the Apr. 23 GII Coolmore Lexington S. at Keeneland Monday following the discovery of a blood clot on the right side of his neck. "I need to have a Plan B in case Rocky can't make the [Arkansas] Derby [Apr. 16]," said trainer John Servis. "The Arkansas Derby is the ideal race, but I won't know for a couple of days if he can make the race." The colt was scheduled to go to the track for a work Saturday, but that plan was scrapped because of his 'sluggish behavior' earlier that morning. "They accept late



Rockport Harbor
Adam Coglianese

nominations for the Lexington, I guess for horses who are scrambling, and that's us," said Servis. Following an extensive examination of the colt performed by Dr. Douglas Byars, the roan was prescribed antibiotics, probiotics, vitamin E and was treated with hot packs. According to Servis, the treatments have helped. "Rocky is doing much better this morning [Monday]," he said. "The clot is dissolving, and in time, he will make a complete recovery. But time is not on our side. That's for sure." Servis indicated that Rockport Harbor will be taken to the track Wednesday, at which time a final decision will be made as to his star pupil's next start. Servis said that the colt's ultimate goal remains the GI Kentucky Derby at Churchill Downs May 7.

ZITO OUTLINES PLANS FOR TEAM

Trainer Nick Zito sent out **Sun King** (Charismatic) for an easy five-furlong breeze in 1:02 4/5 at Churchill Downs Monday. A 3 1/4-length winner in his latest start in the Mar. 19 GIII Tampa Bay Derby, the Tracy Farmer-owned colt is scheduled to make his next appearance in the GI Blue Grass S. at Keeneland Apr. 16. "He went beautiful," Zito told *Blood-Horse*. "He was just out for an airing. He looks awesome." **High Fly** (Atticus) and **Noble Causeway** (Giant's Causeway), who ran one-two in the GI Florida Derby last Saturday, arrived at Keeneland Sunday and will reportedly ship to Churchill Downs within the next few weeks. Both colts will train straight up to the Kentucky Derby.

FUJI KISEKI MARE TOPS INGLIS

It's Who Deanie (Aus), a Fuji Kiseki (Jpn) mare in foal to hot sire Redoute's Choice (Aus), topped a strong second session of the Inglis Australian Select Broodmare Sale Monday. Bloodstock agent John Foote landed Lot 286 on a bid of A\$475,000. The group stakes-placed five-year-old hailed from the consignment of Yarraman Park. Across-the-board strength characterized yesterday's action, with 196 mares selling for an aggregate of A\$9,382,300 and an average of A\$46,218--a figure that translates to good value for those who persevered, in light of the recent yearling sale. "Following on from the super-strong Vinery dispersal [Sunday], there has been great competition at all levels of the market," confirmed Managing Director Reg Inglis.

Woodlands continues to dominate..

After a yearling buying spree that included the sale-topping A\$2.5 million Redoute's Choice half brother to Makybe Diva (GB), Woodlands continued its spending spree, accounting for several top lots Monday. Among them were **Material Girl** (Aus), lot 353, in foal to new stallion Falbrav (Ire), for A\$410,000; and Lot 365, the Grand Lodge mare Miss Belair (Aus), in foal to Lonhro (Aus), for A\$280,000. "It's a very strong sale at the quality end of the market, and we're very pleased with our purchases both here and at the yearling sale," said Trevor Lobb, Woodlands' general manager. "The plan is to upgrade our broodmare band and to bring in new blood, but it's very strong at the top end--we're all after the same horses." Bloodstock agent James Bester said a noteworthy feature of the market was the prominence of locally based studs on the buying bench. "It's very encouraging that the likes of Woodlands are going beyond their yearling sale purchases and buying mares, as are Darley and Coolmore and other studs," said Bester. "It's an extremely strong sale, as expected, for the right, well-bred and well-performed mares, especially those in foal to hot sires. It could hardly be stronger, and breeders who have invested in the right types of stallions are being well-rewarded, with mares in foal to Redoute's Choice and Encosta de Lago particularly sought after." The third and final session gets underway today with a further 290 horses on offer, including 45 race mares and fillies. *Inglis Coverage cont. p2*



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TOP FIVE BROODMARES**

<u>Hip</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Covering sire</u>	<u>Price (A\$)</u>
286	It's Who Deanie (Aus)	Redoute's Choice (Aus)	\$475,000
	<i>(m, 5, Fuji Kiseki {Jpn}--Deanie, by Key to Content)</i>		
	Consigned by Yarraman Park		
	Purchased by John Foote Bloodstock		
353	Material Girl (Aus)	Falbrav (Ire)	\$410,000
	<i>(m, 6 Flying Spur {Aus}--Cena {Aus}, by Century {Aus})</i>		
	Consigned by Philippa Duncan Bloodstock		
	Purchased by Woodlands Stud		
275	Hinting (Aus)	Giant's Causeway	\$280,000
	<i>(m, 4, Danzero {Aus}--Won't Tell {Aus}, by Rory's Jester {Aus})</i>		
	Consigned by Yarraman Park		
	Purchased by William Inglis, agent		
365	Miss Belair (Aus)	Lonhro (Aus)	\$280,000
	<i>(m, 5 Grand Lodge--Political Asylum {Aus}, by Plush {NZ})</i>		
	Consigned by Willow Park Stud		
	Purchased by Woodlands Stud		
257	Gray Gladiolus	Anabaa	\$260,000
	<i>(m, 7 Incinderator--Gladiolus, by Watch Your Step)</i>		
	Consigned by Widden Stud		
	Purchased by Torryburn Stud		

**INGLIS SELECT BROODMARE SALE
MONDAY, APR. 4, 2005**

<u>SESSION TOTALS</u>	<u>2005</u>
No. Offered	248
No. Sold	203
RNAs	45
% RNA	18.1%
Gross	A\$9,382,300
Average (% change)	A\$46,218
Median (% change)	A\$22,500
<u>CUMULATIVE TOTALS</u>	<u>2005</u>
No. Offered	449
No. Sold	402
RNAs	47
% RNA	10.5%
Gross	A\$38,403,800
Average (% change)	A\$95,531

*The sale ran two sessions in 2004.

☆ RESULTS ☆

Sunday, Nakayama, Japan

LORD DERBY CHALLENGE TROPHY-G3-JRA (Listed),
¥78,230,000, Nakayama, 4-3, 4yo/up, 1600mT,
1:32.30, fm.

1--**DAIWA MAJOR (JPN)**, 127, c, 4, by Sunday Silence

1st Dam: **Scarlet Bouquet (Jpn) (MSW-Jpn,**
\$2,010,675), by Northern Taste

2nd Dam: **Scarlet Ink, by Crimson Satan**

3rd Dam: **Consentida, by Beau Max**

O-Daiwa Shoji K.; B-Shadai Farm; T-H Uehara; J-Y
Shibata; ¥41,651,000. Lifetime Record: 9-3-1-1.

* 1/2 to **Scarlet Mail (Jpn) (Tony Bin {Ire}), SP-Jpn,**
\$239,005; and full to Daiwa Rouge (Jpn), SW-Jpn,
\$1,097,647.

2--**Cheers Message (Jpn)**, 119, m, 5, Sunday Silence--
Cheers Dancer (Jpn), by Amber Shadai (Jpn).

O-Kiyoko Kitamura; B-Kon Bokujo; ¥16,186,000.

3--**Treasure (Jpn)**, 119, h, 7, Brian's Time--Shinko
Lovely (Ire), by Caerleon. O-Yoshimi Ichikawa;
B-Shinkoh Farm; ¥10,093,000.

Margins: 2, HD, 3/4. Odds: 5.80, 32.30, 16.80.

The winner of the Japanese 2000 Guineas at three,
Daiwa Major was off the board in two subsequent
starts last season. Trainer Hiroyuki Uehara sent the colt
for throat surgery at the end of the campaign and he
returned in fine form here. A stalking second early, he
kicked it into gear in the stretch to win going away.
"He was a little rank early, but he responded when I let
him run down the lane," jockey Yoshitomi Shibata said.
The chestnut will be pointed for the major mile races
this term.

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Saturday, Gulfstream Park

FLORIDA DERBY-GI, \$1,000,000, GPX, 4-2, 3yo,
1 1/8m, 1:49 2/5, ft.

1--▲**HIGH FLY, 122, c, 3, by Atticus**

1st Dam: Verbasle (GISP, \$250,801), by Slewpy

2nd Dam: Verbality, by Verbatim

3rd Dam: One Sum, by One for All

O-Live Oak Plantation; B-Live Oak Stud (KY);

T-Nicholas P Zito; J-J D Bailey; \$600,000. Lifetime

Record: 6-5-0-1, \$897,300. *1/2 to Estimraar (Holy Bull), MGSW-UAE, \$569,999.

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When Atticus retired to Three Chimneys Farm at a fee of \$20,000 in 1998, I wasn't sure how warm a welcome he would receive from Kentucky breeders.

On the plus side, here was a very well-bred horse who had shown his ability to handle dirt by winning the GIII Kentucky Cup Classic H. at four and the GI Oaklawn H. at five.

But would American breeders think of him as a dirt horse? After all, he had gained four of his seven successes on turf and had earned a place in the record books by lowering the world figure for a mile on turf to 1:31.89 in the GII Arcadia H. Atticus had also gone within a short neck of winning the 1995 French 2,000 Guineas.

I also wondered whether American breeders--who have become increasingly dismissive of turf performers--would discriminate against Atticus on the score that he is a son of Nureyev. Nureyev, of course, was a wonderful stallion, but his progeny gained roughly three-quarters of their earnings on turf and this turf bias is even more pronounced in the progeny of Nureyev's best American-based son, Theatrical.

(Caulfield cont.)

My questions about Atticus also extended to his exact ability. I was prepared to accept that he might have developed into a star had a fractured sesamoid not ended his unbeaten five-year-old campaign after the Oaklawn H. But his overall record was that of a very good horse, not the champion suggested by his world-record-breaking feat. The handicappers who compile the International Classifications rated him 116 at three, some 14 lbs below the top-ranked Lammtarra; 117 at four, when Cigar headed the older horses with a rating of 135; and 117 again at five, when Pilsudski led the way with a rating of 134. In other words, Atticus was never rated closer than 14 lbs to the top of his division.

I think it's fair to say that breeders weren't entirely won over by Atticus. While the Three Chimneys stallions are never asked to cover very large books, Atticus' mare numbers for his first four seasons stood at 75, 56, 78 and 55. Then his first runners failed to hit the headlines in 2001 and Atticus' book fell to 29 mares in 2002.

The emergence of two first-crop stakes winners in 2002 didn't help much (partly because their wins were on turf) and Atticus' fee was halved to \$10,000 for 2003, when he covered 35 mares. Although Atticus added another first-crop turf stakes winner to his tally in 2003, this wasn't enough to prevent his fee being halved again for 2004. Another unremarkable season in 2004 sealed his fate and Atticus was sold to ply his trade at a fee of \$4,000 at Magali Farms in California.

Magali must now be doing a brisk trade in Atticus seasons, following the emergence of his excellent son High Fly. Charlotte Weber's colt now boasts a record of five wins from six starts following his Fountain of Youth and Florida Derby triumphs and his earnings fall just short of \$900,000--not bad for a colt whose dam, Verbasle, was carrying him when she was bought by Live Oak Stud for \$200,000 at Keeneland in 2001.

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Atticus never won going further than a mile and an eighth, but his dam, the Secretariat mare Athyka, gained one of her Group wins over a mile and a half and she comes from the outstanding French female line responsible for the French Derby winners Val de Loir and Roi Lear. In other words, High Fly must have reasonable prospects of lasting the Kentucky Derby distance, especially as his broodmare sire Slewpy was a Grade I winner over that trip.

Verbasle's \$200,000 price-tag reflected the quality of her female line and her achievements on the track. These included a second to the unbeaten champion Meadow Star in the GI Matron S. at two and a couple of Grade III-thirds at around a mile at three. Verbasle earned a quarter of a million dollars in a career which divided into 16 races on turf and only 10 on the main track.

High Fly's second dam, the Verbatim mare Verbality, was unbeaten in three juvenile starts and went on to do well at around a mile and an eighth, winning the Spicy Living H. prior to her second in the GI Firenze H. Verbality ought to have stayed pretty well. With Verbatim as her sire and Sumatra as her second dam, she was a three-parts sister to the 1981 Belmont S. winner Summing.

Sumatra had shown plenty of speed during a career which included a victory in the Santa Ysabel S. over 1 1/16 miles. Perhaps her owner, Charles T. Wilson Jr, hoped to inject some stamina into her when he selected One For All as her first mate. This high-class turf performer, from the first crop by Northern Dancer, had recorded stakes successes over a mile and a half in the Laurel Turf Cup and Pan American H., over 1 5/8 miles in the Canadian International Championship and over two miles in the Sunset H.

One For All clearly stayed very well, but stamina didn't play a significant part in the career of One Sum, his daughter out of Sumatra. Tough enough to race 13 times as a three-year-old and 16 times at four, One Sum was also good enough to win a total of five graded stakes at three, four and five. These wins were gained from a mile to a mile and an eighth.

One Sum's fine record led to Sumatra making several more visits to One For All and two of her sisters also did well. Twosome took the Violet H. over 1 1/16 miles on turf, while Some For All was third in the GI Top Flight H.

The decision to sent One Sum's daughter Verbality to Slewpy seems to have been motivated by a desire to build up a concentration of that famous pairing of Princequillo and Nasrullah. Verbasle duly has four lines to each of these famous stallions in the first six generations of her pedigree and she is inbred 3x4 to Prince John. Atticus added two more lines of Nasrullah and one of Princequillo.

Slewpy didn't lack stamina, as he won the Meadowlands Cup and even made the trip to England to contest the Derby. Oddly enough, he made his name as a stallion largely through such fast sons as Thirty Slews, Gray Slewpy and Mr Nickerson, but he has arguably done better as a broodmare sire, thanks largely to those outstanding colts Helissio and Falbrav.

There are similarities between Verbasle's pedigree and that of Essence of Dubai, as this winner of the UAE Derby and Super Derby is also by a Seattle Slew line horse and his dam is by Summing, a close relative of Verbality.

Verbasle's status at the time of her sale in 2001 was that her only stakes winner from her first five foals was her Holy Bull filly Smokey Mirage, winner of a small stakes race at Prairie Meadows. However, another of those five foals, the Holy Bull gelding Estimraar, has since come to the fore in Dubai, winning Group 3 events over a mile as a six-year-old and over 6 furlongs as an eight-year-old this year.

She has young sons by Giant's Causeway and Seeking the Gold and it will be interesting to see whether either of these colts by high-profile sires can match the achievements of her son by the banished Atticus.

Atticus '92	Nureyev '77	Northern Dancer '61	Nearctic '54	
			Natalma '57	
		Special '69	*Forli '63	
			Thong '64	
		Secretariat '70	Bold Ruler '54	
Verbasle '88, GISP, \$250,801, 9 ffs, 2 GSWs	Athyka '85	Princess Kathy '78	Somethingroyal '52	
			Luthier (Fr) '65	
			Princesse Kali (GB) '69	
		Slewpy '80	Seattle Slew '74	Bold Reasoning (68)
			My Charmer (69)	
		Rare Bouquet '63	Prince John (53)	
			Forest Song (58)	
	Verbality '82:	Verbatim '65	Speak John (58)	
	MSW, \$228,316,		Well Kept (58)	
	9 ffs, 0 Sws	One Sum '74	One For All (66)	
		MGSW, 5ffs, 1 Sws	Sumatra (69)	

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Yesterday's Results:

10th-TAM, \$18,000, Msw, 4yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:12 1/5, ft.

+ GOGAL (m, 6, Gold Alert--Magal {GSW, \$332,541}, by Hooched) was making her first start at the ripe old age of six, but was sent off the 9-5 chalk. Never far from the front, the homebred took command in the stretch en route to a 2 1/4-length score. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$11,800. O/B/T-Ray Tamargo (FL).

★ AMERICAN-BRED WINNERS ★

IN JAPAN:

I Am the Star, c, 3, Deputy Minister--Caiseal Ros (GSW & G1SP-Ire, \$116,091), by Roi Danzig. Nakayama, 4-3, Novice Race, 9f. Lifetime Record: 3-1-1-0, \$79,167. O-Koichi Hori; B-Twin Creeks Farm; T-Hiroaki Sugiura. *The sophomore stalked the pace from second, took over at midstretch and drew off to a two-length tally. "He will improve a lot off this race," said jockey Masaki Katsuura. **\$500,000 yrl '03 KEESEP.

Grass Wave, c, 3, Mr. Greeley--Top, by Cox's Ridge. Nakayama, 4-2, Novice Race, 6f. Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, \$64,815. O-Hanzawa Inc; B-Michael Kirwan; T-Mitsuhiro Ogata. *Pushed hard from the start, he led every step to post a handy 3 1/2-length score. "I was told before the race that he was a really good horse, and he lived up to expectations," jockey Shinji Fujita said. **\$120,000 2yo '04 BESMAR.

Neonato, c, 3, Siphon (Brz)--Tunis (Arg) (MG1SP-Arg), by Ringaro. Hanshin, 4-3, Plate Race, 6f. Lifetime Record: 6-2-0-1, \$146,296. O-Takeshi Fujita; B-Rio Claro Thoroughbreds, R. D. Hubbard & C. Sczesny; T-Kazuya Nakatake.

Hishi Lucid, c, 4, Rahy--Hishi Natalie (MSW-Jpn, \$2,331,677), by Seattle Slew. Fukushima, 4-2, Azumakofuji Sho, 10fT. Lifetime Record : 21-3-2-0, \$424,722. O/B-Masaichiro Abe; T-Masaru Sayama.

Hagino Bel Tempo, h, 5, Mt. Livermore--Sea Breezer (GISP, \$142,978), by Gulch. Nakayama, 4-2, Korea Racing Association Trophy, 9f. Lifetime Record: 29-6-8-3, \$1,095,463. O-Yoshie Hinokuma; B-Morven Stud, Ltd; T-Masamichi Wada. *1/2 to Shore Breeze (Danzig), SW, \$152,948. **\$65,000 wnl '00 KEENOV.

Suzu Japan, h, 5, Wild Rush--Sue's Temper (SW), by Temperance Hill. Nakayama, 4-3, Plate Race, 8f. Lifetime Record: 12-4-3-0, \$508,148. O-Yoshio Komurasaki; B-Lochness & Fred Bower; T-Kazuo Konishi. *1/2 to Bakushin Hero (Sea Hero), SP-Jpn, \$1,233,348.

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, 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.

STAKES CLOSINGS

TOMORROW, WEDNESDAY, APRIL 6:

04-15 \$250,000 **Maker's Mark Mile-II, Kee,** 4yo/up, 8fT (250)

04-16 \$400,000a **Commonwealth Breeders' Cup-II, Kee,** 3yo/up, 7f (300)

04-16 \$100,000a **Shakertown-III, Kee,** 3yo/up, 5.5fT (100)

04-17 \$200,000 **Jenny Wiley-III, Kee,** 3yo/up, f/m, 8.5fT (200)

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AMERICAN-SIRED WINNERS IN JAPAN:

Daiwa King Con (Jpn), c, 3, **Victory Gallop**--Brush With Tequila (SP, \$212,092), by Broad Brush. Nakayama, 4-3, Fukuryu S., 9f. Lifetime Record : 6-3-1-0, \$414,630. O-Daiwa Shoji Inc; B-Hattori Farm; T-S Masuzawa.

Dynamic March (Jpn), c, 4, **Tale of the Cat**--Cassadaga, by Cassalera. Nagoya, 3-29, Minerva Sho, 7f. Lifetime Record: 9-2-1-0, \$102,315. O-Isao Ogawa; B-Shinko Farm; T-Tetsuya Meno. *1/2 to Stone Stepper (Crafty Prospector), MSW-Jpn, \$1,743,199.

IN BRITAIN:

Bravemore, c, 3, **Diesis (GB)**. See "European Breeders' Edition."

Excusez Moi, c, 3, **Fusaichi Pegasus**. See "Britain."

Gem Bien, g, 7, **Bien Bien**--Eastern Gem, by Jade Hunter. Southwell, Britain, 4-4, Cond, 3yo/up, 1m (AWT). B-George Pruette. *\$42,000 yrl '99 KEEJAN.



Progeny to Watch: Tuesday, Apr. 5

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

COMMITISIZE (Explodent), Wycombe, \$5K, 31/2/0 4-TAM, Msw, 1mT, Win Habit, \$4K OBS JUN 2yo, 5-1

HIGH YIELD (Storm Cat), Ashford, \$25K, 198/19/1 9-HAW, Msw, 1 1/16m, Highest Grade, 20-1

7-TAM, Msw, 5f, +Timefordaddy, \$12K KEE SEP yrl, 12-1

KAREN'S CAT (Storm Cat), Hampton, \$3K, 44/3/0 8-PHA, Alw, 6f, The Storm Tourns, 15-1

OPTIC NERVE (Majestic Light), Dutchess Views, \$2K, 7/0/0 7-TAM, Msw, 5f, Minaka, \$2K OBS OCT wnl, 4-1

SWEETSOUTHERNSAINT (Saint Ballado), 94/20/2

11-TAM, Msw, 1mT, Saint Bonaventure, \$14K OBS APR 2yo, 9-2

THE DEPUTY (IRE) (Petardia {GB}), Margaux, \$8K, 73/7/0 4-MNR, Msw, 1m, Perfectly Legal, KEE SEP yrl

UNBRIDLED JET (Unbridled), Country Life, \$8K, 126/9/1 11-TAM, Msw, 1mT, Del Mar Breeze, 12-1

VICAR (Wild Again), Darby Dan, \$10K, 129/16/1 8-PHA, Alw, 6f, Laser Shot, \$40K KEE SEP yrl, 9-2

★ ON THE WORKTAB ★

AQUEDUCT

Classic Endeavor (Silver Buck), 6f, 1:12.81, 1/1

BELMONT PARK

Naughty New Yorker (Quiet American), 5f (TT), 1:00.45, 1/7

Scrappy T (Fit to Fight), 6f (TT), 1:13.64, 1/2

Survivalist (Danzig), 5f, 1:01.46, 1/1

CALDER

Dansetta Light (Colony Light), 5f, 1:01.80, 3/13

Second of June (Louis Quatorze), 6f, 1:13.40, 1/7

CHURCHILL DOWNS

Badge of Silver (Silver Deputy), 4f, :46.40, 1/32

Bwana Charlie (Indian Charlie), 5f, :59.80, 1/32

Lunarpal (Successful Appeal), 5f, 1:05.60, 31/32

Master David (Grand Slam), 5f, 1:03.60, 24/32

Punch Appeal (Successful Appeal), 5f, 1:00, 2/32

Sir Shackleton (Miswaki), 5f, 1:01.20, 7/32

Souris (Defreze), 5f, 1:00, 2/32

GULFSTREAM PARK

Changing World (Spinning World), 5f, 1:01.60, 9/13

Funny Cide (Distorted Humor), 5f, 1:00.40, 3/13

HOLLYWOOD PARK

Alphabet Kisses (Alphabet Soup), 6f, 1:13.60, 3/23

Megahertz (GB) (Pivotal {GB}), 4f, :48.40, 3/20

Quero Quero (Royal Academy), 6f, 1:13.20, 1/23

KEENELAND

Ashado (Saint Ballado), 5f, 1:01.60, 5/21

Forest Danger (Forestry), 5f, 1:00.60, 2/21

Limehouse (Grand Slam), 5f, 1:00.60, 2/21

Pies Prospect (Crafty Prospector), 5f, 1:03.40, 2/5

Pollard's Vision (Carson City), 5f, 1:04.40, 18/21

SANTA ANITA

House of Fortune (Free House), 6f, 1:13.60, 5/10

Night Patrol (Storm Boot), 3f, :35, 4/21

SIRES & SIRES OF SIRES....

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★  EUROPE ★

BREEZE-UP SEASON BEGINS Doncaster Bloodstock Sales Company hosts the first of the 2005 European Breeze-Up Sales today, with a 255-strong catalogue containing the usual blend of speed and precocity. These traits have been transferred to the track in recent years, and it was business as usual last term when the Listed Oh So Sharp S. winner and G2 Rockfel S. runner-up **Penkenna Princess (Ire)** (Pivotal {GB}) and G2 Gimcrack S. third **Abraxas Antelope (Ire)** (Imperial Ballet {Ire}) set the standard for the graduates. With price tags at 60,000 guineas and 50,000 guineas, respectively, they signaled a new era for a sale previously associated with cheap bargains, such as the G2 May Hill S. winner and G1 Irish 1000 Guineas fourth **Kinnaird (Ire)** (Dr Devious {Ire}), purchased for just 8,000 guineas in 2003.

Plenty of Sire Power...

Established stallions represented over the two days of the sale include Cape Cross (Ire), Danehill, Danehill Dancer (Ire), Gone West, Indian Ridge (Ire), Montjeu (Ire), Night Shift, Pivotal (GB), Red Ransom, Sadler's Wells and Woodman, while the customary spread of first-season sires is in evidence with Black Minnaloushe, Fantastic Light, King Charlemagne, Medicean (GB), Monarchos, Mull of Kintyre and Point Given. The sole entry from the latter is Oaks Farm Stable's **Hip 35**, a son of the multiple stakes scorer Traverse City; while Monarchos has a filly (**Hip 174**) from the family of the Grade II winner Seeking Regina offered by Meadowview Stables. Malcolm Bastard offers an eye-catching colt by Sadler's Wells as **Hip 50**, whose granddam is none other than Fall Aspen, while the sole Danehill, **Hip 209** from Littlewood Stables, is a filly from the family of Miss Oceana. Others to note include Mocklershill's **Hip 162**, a Cape Cross half brother to the G1 Epsom Oaks third Crown of Light (GB); and **Hip 217**, an Indian Ridge daughter of the multiple stakes-winning sprinter Palacegate Episode (Ire), whose progeny include Scandinavia's champion juvenile of 2000 King Quantas (Ire) and Saturday's impressive maiden scorer Foreign Edition (Ire). Finally, **Hip 247** is the sole Gone West in the sale. Consigned by Bansha House Stables, the colt is out of a daughter of Canada's champion three-year-old and champion sprinter La Voyageuse. This is the family of Bint Allayl (GB), the brilliant juvenile filly of 1998, and last year's G3 Jersey S. winner Kheylef.

Ready to Run...

Of the traditional early types, Willie Browne's Mocklershill Stables offers a stand-out as **Hip 16**, a Namid (GB) half brother to the aforementioned Kinnaird, while Con Marnane's Bansha House Stables put forward **Hip 91**, a Pursuit of Love (GB) half brother to the top-class G1 Nunthorpe S. winner Kyllachy (GB). Lots will be breezed at the racecourse from 10 a.m. on both days, with bidding beginning at 2:30 p.m. Catalogue and updates can be found on www.dbsauctions.com.

★ FRANCE ★

Tuesday, Maisons-Laffitte, post time: 2:20 p.m.

PRIX DJEBEL-Listed, €47,000, 3yo, c/g, 7fT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER
1	5	Early March (GB)	Dansili (GB)	Head-Maarek
2	2	Spirit Guide (Fr)	Anabaa	Head-Maarek
3	6	Starpix (Fr)	Linamix (Fr)	Rouget
4	4	Mathematician (Ire)	Machiavellian	Fabre
5	7	Campo Bueno (Fr)	Septieme Ciel	Nakkachdji
6	3	Salut Thomas (Fr)	Adnaan (Ire)	Rob Collet
7	8	Silent Name (Jpn)	Sunday Silence	Head-Maarek
8	1	Zenon (Fr)	Sendawar (Ire)	Smaga

All carry 128 pounds.

Early March easily boasts the best juvenile form and will be short odds to confirm that superiority for this Guineas trial. Successful in the G3 Prix la Rochette at Longchamp in September, he was caught in the final stride when second to Oratorio (Ire) in the G1 Prix Jean-Luc Lagardere at Longchamp the following month. He may have been in over his head when his season concluded with a sixth in the G1 Criterium International at Saint-Cloud, but he can be forgiven that below-par effort. **Mathematician** was fourth on his final juvenile start, the Listed Prix Herod at Deauville, and opened his second campaign with a win at that track Mar. 9 before a last-out second in the Listed Prix Montenica, over this course and distance, six days later. He merits respect, as does **Silent Name**, making his sophomore bow here. Silent Name won his debut at Chantilly in September and followed with the runner-up's berth in the Prix Herod.

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French Report cont.

Tuesday, Maisons-Laffitte, post time: 2:50 p.m.

PRIX IMPRUDENCE-Listed, €47,000, 3yo, f, 7fT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER
1	6	Valima (Fr)	Linamix (Fr)	Fabre
2	1	Centifolia (Fr)	Kendor (Fr)	Rob Collet
3	5	Stella Blue (Fr)	Anabaa	Bary
4	4	Toupie (GB)	Intikhab	Rohaut
5	7	Gold Charm (Ger)	Key of Luck	Smaga
6	2	Princesse Jasmine (Fr)	Gold Away (Ire)	de Nicolay
7	3	Nanabanana (Ire)	Anabaa	Head-Maarek

All carry 126 pounds.

Centifolia broke her stakes duck when taking the five-furlong Listed Criterium de Vitesse here last October, and recorded a career best when following up in the G2 Criterium de Maisons-Laffitte, going an extra furlong, later that month. If she's able to handle the additional panel this time, she can get her sophomore career in gear at first asking in this Classic prep. **Gold Charm** was secured by trainer David Smaga after winning a claimer at Deauville last August and progressed through the ranks to place third in the Listed Prix Saraca at Saint-Cloud in November, her final juvenile start. She was originally pointing at the G1 Poule d'Essai des Pouliches (French 1000 Guineas) at Longchamp May 15, straight after winning the Listed Prix Ronde de Nuit over course and distance Mar. 15, but instead starts here en route. **Valima** should not be discounted and lines up off an easy victory in a fillies-only newcomers event, going an extra 1/16th over this course, on the Criterium de Vitesse undercard.

Yesterday's Results:

Saint-Cloud, 3.20, Cond, €25,000, 3yo, f, 1mT, 1:46.50, vsf.

SATWA QUEEN (FR) (f, 3, Muhtathir {GB}--Tolga, by Irish River {Fr}), let go at 4-1 off a debut second at Compiègne last September, was settled just behind the pace in fifth for the majority of this sophomore bow. Making progress under pressure from the quarter-mile marker, she was ridden to the front at the eighth pole and ran on strongly from there to best Bastet (Ire) (Giant's Causeway) by a length. The victress is a half to G1 Criterium De Saint-Cloud winner Spadoun (Fr) (Kaldoun {Fr}), \$132,647. Lifetime Record: 2 starts, 1 win, 1 place, €16,100.

O-S Lamprell; B-Societe Sogir; T-Jean de Roualle.

Saint-Cloud, 2.50, Cond, €25,000, 3yo, c/g, 1mT, 1:45.50, vsf.

REFLEX (FR) (c, 3, Octagonal {NZ}--Roanne {Fr}, by Saumarez {GB}) finished second in his only other start, at Deauville last December, and went postward for his return as a 31-5 chance. Settled behind the leaders in fourth, the homebred made good progress from the top of the straight to lead approaching the final furlong and kept on well late to safely hold the late flourish of Cresson (GB) (Kaldounevees {Fr}) by a length. Lifetime Record: 2 starts, 1 win, 1 place, €15,700.

O-Alec Head; B-Alec & Ghislaine Head; T-Criquette Head-Maarek.

Saint-Cloud, 2.20, Mdn, €18,000, unraced 2yo, 4 1/2fT, 0:55.90, vsf.

+ **STRELKA (FR) (f, 2, Zafonic--Zinarelle {Fr} {MSW & GSP-Fr}, by Zino {GB})**, a half to Harbour Island (Fr) (Selkirk), GSW-Fr, \$127,432, broke smartly from the gate and dominated her debut from the front. Pushed along at halfway, the 9-5 favorite drew clear of toiling rivals inside the final furlong to account for Quel Kif (Fr) (Cricket Ball) by four lengths. The victress was a €37,000 DEAOCT yearling. Lifetime Record: 1 start, 1 win, €9,000.

O-R Louis-Dreyfus; B-Le Thenney SA; T-J-P Delaporte.

★ BRITAIN ★

Yesterday's Results:

Yarmouth, 3.30, Mdn, £5,180, 3yo/up, 7f 3ydsT, 1:28.00, gd.

EXCUSEZ MOI (c, 3, Fusaichi Pegasus--Jiving {GB}, by Generous {Ire}), unsuccessful in two attempts on the dirt at Nad Al Sheba Feb. 24 and Mar. 5, started his turf debut as a 4-1 chance. Settled behind the front rank in a tracking sixth, the G1 2000 Guineas entry eased to the front at the quarter pole, bounded clear of his rivals approaching the final furlong and kept on strongly to defeat Sharaby (Ire) (Cadeaux Genereux {GB}) by nine lengths. "He works like a class horse, [but] his two runs in Dubai were very disappointing," explained conditioner Clive Brittain. "We knew we had a racehorse if we could get him to do the job he does at home, and he's entered in everything." Excusez Moi was a \$410,000 KEESEP yearling acquisition. Lifetime Record: 4-1-1-1, £6,237.

O-Sheikh Hamdan bin Mohammed al Maktoum; B-Lyons Demesne; T-Clive Brittain.

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★ ITALY ★

Yesterday's Result:

PREMIO GARDONE-Listed, €48,195, Milan, 4-4, 3yo, c/g, 1mT, 1:42.00, gd/sf.

1--**SCARTOZZ (GB)**, 123, c, 3, by **Barathea (Ire)**

1st Dam: **Amazing Bay (GB) (SW-Eng)**, by **Mazilier**

2nd Dam: **Petriece (GB)**, by **Mummy's Pet (GB)**

3rd Dam: **Great Grey Niece (GB)**, by **Great Nephew (GB)**

(57,000gns yrl '03 TATOCT). O-Scuderia Rencati;

B-Lord Halifax; T-Alduino & Giuseppe Botti;

J-Edmondo Botti; €26,775. Lifetime Record: 3 starts,

3 wins, €50,525.

2--**Ussaro (Ire)**, 123, c, 3, **Primo Dominie (GB)**--**Urmia**

(GB), by **Persian Bold (Ire)**. €11,781.

3--**Peppone (Ity)**, 123, c, 3, **Earl of Barking (Ire)**--

Precious Dame (GB), by **Damister**. (€7,000 yrl '03

ITYSEP). €6,426.

Margins: 1, NK, HF. Odds: 0.65, 4.84, 12.40.

Also Ran: **De Sica (Ire)**, **Ambohitra (Ity)**, **Indian Satin (GB)**, **E Adesso Basta (Ger)**.

Successful in a seven-furlong maiden at this track last October, Scartozz stepped up on that by adding a six-length conditions victory over course and distance the following month. He entered winter quarters with an unblemished two-for-two record. Making his sophomore bow here, the 4-6 favorite kept his record perfect by wiring this field on the way to an unchallenged first stakes rosette and will now point straight to G2 Premio Parioli (Italian 2000 Guineas) at Rome Apr. 24.



AUSTRALASIA



AL MAHAR RETIRED

Australian Group 1 winner **Al Maher (Aus)** (Danehill--Show Dancing {NZ}, by Don't Say Halo) has been retired and will enter stud at His Excellency Nasser Lootah's Emirates Park for the upcoming breeding season. A stud fee has not been announced.

A homebred for Lootah, the three-year-old Al Maher scored his biggest triumph in the G1 VRC Australian Guineas. The colt also tasted victory in the G2 STC Gloaming S.,



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a race in which he beat subsequent G1 W.S. Cox Plate winner Savabeel (Aus), as well as the G3 VRC Carbine Club S. Notably, Al Maher is a close relative to top sire Redoute's Choice, both being by Danehill out of half sisters Show Dancing and Shantha's Choice (Aus). In explaining the retirement of Al Maher, Emirates Park Director of Operations Dr. Shalabh Sahu said, "It was a big decision because [trainer] Gai [Waterhouse] said he could win the Cox Plate. She was very disappointed, but we thought it was in the best interest of the horse, who retires to stud completely sound." Al Maher concludes his career with five wins in 11 starts and earnings of A\$1,168,300.

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STAKES RESULTS:

COPPER TOP FUTURITY, \$216,063, SUN, 4-3, (S), 2yo, 4 1/2f, :51, ft.

1--**#MANOLITO**, 120, c, 2, **Blind Man's Bluff--My Funny Valentine**, by **Boss Koss**. O-Guadalupe P Hernandez; B-Rigoberto Y Villalobos (NM); T-J A Gonzalez; J-K S Tohill; \$3,241. Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, \$14,761.

2--**Da Candy Man**, 120, c, 2, Chimes Band--Marshmellowfudge, by Garthorn. \$108,032.

3--**Hometown Ghost**, 120, c, 2, Ghostly Moves--Hometown Belle, by Homebuilder. \$43,213.

Margins: 5HF, HF, 1HF. Odds: 2.60, 23.90, 0.60.

ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

8th-HAW, \$30,000, NW2X, (S), 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16m, 1:47 4/5, ft.

GOWITHFATE (f, 4, **Gogarty {Ire}**--Fate Intervened, by **Raise a Native**) Lifetime Record: SP, 12-3-2-1, \$74,400. O-Mary B Zimmerman & Elyse Roberts. B-Singer Farm Inc (IL). T-Mary B Zimmerman.

1st-HAW, \$28,000, Opt. Clm. (\$35,000-\$30,000), NW1X, 3yo, f, 6f, 1:12 1/5, ft.

PRINCESS B G (f, 3, **Open Forum**--Lady King, by **With Approval**) Lifetime Record: 4-2-0-1, \$36,720. O-Owen Hulse. B-North Land Farm Inc (FL). T-Hugh H Robertson. *\$25,000 2yo 2004 OBSAPR.

7th-PHA, \$27,280, NW1X, 3yo, a1m70yd, 1:41 4/5, ft.

NO PASSING ZONE (c, 3, **Pleasant Tap**--Christmas Strike, by **Smart Strike**) Lifetime Record: SP, 7-2-0-3, \$46,790. O-Thomas G McClay. B-Charlton Bloodstock Agency & DJ Stable (PA). T-Todd M Beattie. *\$35,000 yrl '03 FTMSEP; \$42,000 2yo 2004 FTMMAY.

The **brisnet.com** 'Race of the Day' is the 6th Race, \$28,000 Alw, at Hawthorne. For pps and a complete race analysis, click [here](#).

9th-PHA, \$23,000, NW2X, 4yo/up, a1m70yd, 1:40 2/5, ft.

ONE NICE CAT (h, 5, **Storm Cat**--Jewel Princess {Ch. Older Mare, **MGISW**, \$1,904,059}, by **Key to the Mint**) Lifetime Record: MSP, 24-3-2-5, \$112,215. O-Wachtel Stable. B-The Thoroughbred Corp (KY). T-Allen Iwinski.

9th-TAM, \$20,100, Opt. Clm. (\$40,000-\$35,000), NW3X, 4yo/up, f/m, 1mT, 1:37 2/5, fm.

POISE (m, 6, **Sword Dance {Ire}**--My Fling, by **Danzig**) Lifetime Record: 17-7-1-2, \$85,090. O/B-Glen Hill Farm (FL). T-Thomas F Proctor.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Cook's Special, f, 3, **Miner's Mark**--Cook's Forest, by Green Forest. TAM, 4-4, 1mT, 1:39 1/5. B-Freddie Hyatt (FI).

Classy Witch, f, 3, **Zamindar**--Doc's Stormy Girl, by Dr. Caton. TAM, 4-4, 1mT, 1:39 2/5. B-Curtis G Mikkelsen & Patricia J Horth (FI). *\$5,000 yrl '03 OBSAUG; \$7,000 2yo 2004 OBSAPR.

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ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

+ **Lord Jack Flash** (GB), g, 2, **Woodborough**--Flair Lady (GB), by Chilbang (GB). Yarmouth, Britain, 4-4, Mdn, 2yo, 5f 43ydsT. B-Mrs M S Teversham.

Bravemore, c, 3, **Diesis** (GB)--Private Indy, by A.P. Indy. Wolverhampton, Britain, 4-4, Mdn, 3yo, 12f 50yds (AWT). B-Perrin Legal.

Duc de Nemours (GB), c, 3, **Sinndar** (Ire)--Cape Lodge, by Lear Fan. Lyon-Parilly, France, 4-3, Mdn, 3yo, 1 3/8mT. B-SCEA des Bissons.

+ **Indigo Girl** (Ger), f, 3, **Sternkoenig** (Ger)--Indian Jewel (Ger), by Local Suitor. Cologne, Germany, 4-3, Mdn, 3yo, 1 5/16mT. B-Gestut Schlenderhan. *1/2 to Irulan (Ire) (MonSun {Ger}), SW-Ger, SP-Fr.



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