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ALL EYES TURN TO KEENELAND

With the juvenile sales season in full swing, the spotlight now shines on the Keeneland April Two-Year-Olds in Training Sale in Lexington. The 2004 sale set records



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on all fronts--gross, median and average--and Keeneland officials are confident that all components are in place for more vigorous bidding this year. "I think the pedigrees are as strong as we ever had," said Keeneland Director of Sales Geoffrey Russell. "Monday's preview went very well. We had great weather and conditions, and I think the horses performed exceptionally well."

Russell is also optimistic that last year's record number of RNAs, which reached 82 hips--45 per-

cent of those offered, will not be reproduced. "Last year, unfortunately the rain washed out the second gallop show," explained Russell. "That puts both buyers and consignors in a terrible situation. The buyers love to watch the horses preview, and when they don't have that option, they have to then make a decision based on one preview, or on horses that may not have even gone on that first preview. This is a performance sale, so you want to see the horses perform." While the on-going concern in the current juvenile market is the lack of strength in the middle, Russell is confident that Keeneland has its bases covered. "We've sold a lot of nice horses in the mid-market in the past, we have the reputation for that," he said. "Judging from the interest and requests that we've received from people, we think we have a good and consistent sale from top to bottom." Bidding for the one-day Keeneland April Sale begins at 1:30 p.m.

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Triple Threats

Rockport Harbor Arrives at Keeneland...

Fox Hill Farm's **Rockport Harbor** (Unbridled's Song) arrived at Keeneland Sunday night to begin his final preparations for Saturday's GII Coolmore Lexington S. The three-year-old has battled foot problems and a blood clot since ending an undefeated juvenile season in the GII Remsen S., and suffered his first loss when second to Greater Good in the Mar. 19 GIII Rebel S. But Bobby Velez, assistant to trainer John Servis,



Rockport Harbor

Adam Coglianesse

pronounced the colt in fine fettle yesterday. "I get on him every morning and I know nothing is bothering him," Velez said. "He should run great on Saturday."

Kentucky Blues for Godolphin...

Godolphin's **Blues and Royals** (Honour and Glory), 12-length winner of the G2 UAE Derby Mar. 26, is suffering from a "low-grade respiratory condition" and will miss the GI Kentucky Derby, according to the operation's official website. "It is very disappointing for everyone concerned because we were all very much looking forward to taking Blues and Royals to Churchill Downs," said racing manager Simon Crisford. "He seemed to have the right credentials for the race, but it is just one of those things. The horse's welfare has to come first and it just would not be possible for us to get him ready. It would not be in his best interests to send him to Kentucky. All immediate plans for him are on hold." However, Blues and Royals will campaign stateside this year, shipping to Belmont later this month. **Triple Threats cont. p3**



Blues and Royals

Dubai Racing Club



Keeneland April Preview cont.

Strength in the Middle...

Geoffrey Russell is not the only one feeling cautiously optimistic that the middle will prove stronger at Keeneland than at previous sales. "It has been pretty much feast or famine," commented David Scanlon, son of consignor Robert Scanlon, but added, "I think that the sale will be solid all the way through here. I like that they have kept the numbers constant at about 260. I think they focused more on quality over quantity. I think we'll see a pretty decent middle market." Kirkwood Stables' Kip Elser stressed the importance of middle market. "There is tremendous value at probably every sale you go to when you get under the top horses," he remarked. "But, psychologically, people want to buy the very best horse they see in front of them. If you go to a sale with \$100,000 to spend, but the sale averages \$150,000 and the top is \$1 million, I think you can spend that money more effectively than if you go to a sale where the average is \$75,000 and the top is \$300,000. Because, by definition, you would have a broader selection since you have more to choose from. But people just don't seem to want to do that."

Keeneland April, Past and Present...

For many, 1993 was a very good year. It was the year the Cowboys annihilated the Bills in the Super Bowl, Toni Morrison won the Nobel Prize for literature and 'The Unforgiven' earned the Academy Award for Best Picture. It was also the year Keeneland kicked off its April Two-Year-Olds in Training Sale. "I think it was an idea whose time had come," commented Dogwood President Cot Campbell. "It was an appropriate time of year to be breezing babies, unlike February, which is a little quick in the year. That made sense. It was terrific because it coincided with the Keeneland spring meeting. When Keeneland started the sale, it was a wonderful timing."

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The breeze-up sale, which was conducted over two days for its inaugural edition, consisted of 159 catalogued horses, just over half the number of horses catalogued in 2004 and 2005. The 1993 sale grossed \$6,817,500 for 108 individuals sold, averaging \$63,125 with a median of \$45,000. Five years later, Keeneland decided to make a major change in format, cutting the April sale down from two days to one.

"Running a meet here and running split sessions after racing became a little confusing," said Geoffrey Russell. "We felt it was better to put everything on one day, so people could concentrate on the sale. You also don't know where the outs are going to be; you don't have a critical mass of horses if your outs happen to appear in the second half, instead of evenly across. You risk not having the buyers come back for the second session, so we thought it best to put all the horses together on one day and start it by one and have it over by eight."

The move proved beneficial, with the gross climbing \$13,925,000 for 160 head sold, the median rising to \$95,000 and the average topping out at \$149,731. Hovering around the 200 mark in number of horses catalogued through the first four years of the new century, the sale continued to grow, setting records in gross, median and average in 2004. "We've built on it every year," said Russell. "It has certainly become one of the best two-year-old sales in the country."

Mining Jewels at Keeneland April...

The quality of stock offered at Keeneland April has consistently drawn the who's who of racing. Among those who have been on the scene from the very first are Bob and Beverly Lewis, who have proven successful in unearthing some of the most successful April sale graduates. Armed with the experience of a number of top trainers and advisors, the couple purchased a chestnut filly for \$130,000 from the inaugural sale in 1993. Named Twice the Vice, the filly collected seven graded stakes wins over five seasons on the racetrack. A five-time Grade I winner, she gave the dynamic duo their first victory at that elite level when she galloped in the 1994 Del Mar Oaks Invitational.



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Mining Jewels at Keeneland April cont.

During the second Keeneland April sale, trainer John Kimmel went to \$120,000 for a son of Gulch. Named Thunder Gulch, he had sold for \$40,000 at the 1993 Keeneland July sale, providing pinhooker Jerry Bailey with a solid profit. Kimmel saddled the colt to a second-place finish in the GIII Nashua S. for Mutual Shar Stable, but, ultimately, it was Michael Tabor and trainer D. Wayne Lukas who reaped the greatest rewards. Tabor purchased Thunder Gulch privately just before his victory in the GII Remsen S. Under the tutelage of Lukas, the neatly made chestnut became a Kentucky Derby champion. He also won the GI Belmont S., GI Travers S. and GI Florida Derby and capped off the 1995 season with a three-year-old championship before retiring to stud with \$2,915,086 in earnings.

The April sale provided yet another champion in 1997 when a stout bay filly by Maudlin was led through the sales ring. Beautiful Pleasure, consigned by Farnsworth Farm, agent, was sold for healthy sum of \$480,000, but that figure would later prove to be a bargain for owner John Oxley and trainer John Ward. Both regulars on the April scene since the venue's maiden voyage in 1993, the two would enjoy great success with this purchase. A winner of two of four starts at two, including the GI Matron S., Beautiful Pleasure spent most of 1998 on the sidelines, making only three starts and scoring just once in allowance company at Keeneland, but she returned better than ever in 1999. She collected four victories, including the GI Personal Ensign H., GI Beldame H. and GI Breeders' Cup Distaff and ended the year on a high note, collecting the champion older mare title.

The Turf Advantage...

When Keeneland kicked off the April sale back in 1993, it established a cozy niche in the two-year-old sales game by offering consignors a venue for later-developing horses. Keeneland stepped up the pace by introducing turf works into their previews, a move which many insist gives Keeneland yet another edge over the competition. "I like the turf works because it gives us another option," said Kip Elser. "It gives you another way to showcase your horse and make him show his best if the turf is his game." Added David Scanlon, "I think it's one of the major perks of the sale that you get to work on the turf. It appeals to the Japanese buyers." And, according to cconsignor Niall Brennan, "It gives consignors the option of bringing horses here that have turf pedigrees."

Unbridled Enthusiasm...

Taylor Made stallion **Unbridled's Song** (Unbridled) was certainly the star at Keeneland Race Course Sunday afternoon. The sire had two winners on the card, including debut juvenile winner Half Ours, who established the fastest time for 4 1/2 furlongs at the current meeting while winning by 10 3/4 lengths for owners Aaron and Marie Jones and trainer Todd Pletcher. Unbridled's Song has 11 catalogued for Keeneland April, including a pair of highly regarded juveniles for Niall Brennan's consignment. [Hip 30](#), a dark bay colt out of the unraced Storm Cat mare In the Storm, blazed a quarter-mile in :20 3/5, the co-fastest time at last Monday's first breeze session; [Hip 104](#) covered the same distance in :21 2/5 that day. The latter, who is the third foal out of GII Adirondack S. winner Regally Appealing (Valid Appeal), is closely related to another talented Unbridled's Song colt, GII Remsen S. winner Rockport Harbor. "Unbridled's Song is one of the hottest sires in the country," said Brennan. "They have tremendous pedigrees. They really are the kind of horses that everybody seems to be looking for at the two-year-old sales. That is, horses with quality that breeze very well and have pedigree and conformation. They've got it all."



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Triple Threats cont.

Going Wild Works...

Going Wild (Golden Missile), runner-up in the GII Santa Catalina S., tuned up for Saturday's GII Coolmore Lexington S. with a five-furlong drill at Churchill Downs Monday. The D. Wayne Lukas trainee covered the distance in 1:01.20, the third fastest of 29 at the distance. Going Wild is coming off a dull last-place finish behind Bellamy Road in the Apr. 9 GI Wood Memorial.

Andromeda's Hero to Train at Keeneland...

Andromeda's Hero (Fusaichi Pegasus), third in Saturday's GII Arkansas Derby, will train for the Kentucky Derby at Keeneland. "He's a Fusaichi Pegasus and he's high strung," explained trainer Nick Zito. "So we'll just leave him there at Keeneland and bring him to Churchill Downs a couple of days before the race." Zito's other four Kentucky Derby hopefuls are stabled at Churchill Downs.



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Hip 30, c, Unbridled's Song--In the Storm, by Storm Cat
Consigned by Niall Brennan Stables, Agent I

The first foal out of unraced In The Storm, this March foal is closely related to Formal Gold, winner of the GI Woodward H. and GI Donn H., and stakes winner Maple Lake. The \$275,000 Fasig-Tipton July yearling fired a bullet during the initial breeze session, rolling through a quarter in :20 3/5. "We think this one will do very well because he's very well bred, he's by the right sire and he has great conformation," said Niall Brennan.

Hip 31, c, Coronado's Quest--Jazz Rags, by Dixeland Band
Consigned by Kirkwood Stables, Agent II

Posting the co-fastest work on the dirt during last Monday's breeze show, the \$140,000 KEESEP yearling blazed the quarter in :20 3/5. His dam, Jazz Rags, is a full sister to stakes winner Dixie Accent. "He worked brilliantly last Monday and I think he'll sell well here," said Kip Elser. "He's really a top-class horse."

Hip 72, c, Dynaformer--Moments of Magic, by Danzig
Consigned by Niall Brennan Stables, Agent I

The dark bay worked an eighth in a sharp :10 2/5 on the dirt during the first breeze session. He is out of multiple graded-stakes placed Moments of Magic. "I think he's the best Dynaformer that I've been around, and we've sold quite a few Dynaformers," said Niall Brennan. "I love the sire. He's a tremendous colt, and he also breezed well on the dirt. The nice thing about the Dynaformers is that they'll run on either surface."

Hip 82, c, Danzig--Nuts In May, by A.P. Indy
Consigned by Robert Scalon, Agent XX

After recording a professional :10 3/5 clocking on the dirt during the initial breeze session, the Irish-bred kicked it up a notch yesterday when he shaved 3/5 off that time when placed on the grass. The third foal out of the eight-year-old mare Nuts in May, he is a grandson of multiple Group 1 winner Regal State, the dam of Horse of the Year Pleasantly Perfect. The bay is the sole representative for his sire in this sale.

Hip 111, c, Giant's Causeway--Roza Robata, by Fire Maker
Consigned by Robert N. Scanlon

The \$255,000 KEESEP yearling purchase is the third foal \$732,780 earner Roza Robata, winner of the GIII Pimlico Distaff H. and the GIII Honeybee S. "He's just a beautiful horse, the best horse we've had all year," said David Scanlon. "He's got pedigree, size and a great work. I think he's our star of the group here." The dark bay worked :10 3/5 for a quarter during the first breeze before going :21 4/5 yesterday.

Hip 191, f, Songandaprayer--Almost Sinful, by Over Arranged
Consigned by Wavertree Stables Inc. (Ciaran Dunne), Agent I

Freshman sire Songandaprayer wowed spectators when his son sold for \$1.9 million at Barretts in March and many, including consignor Ciaran Dunne, hope the momentum will carry over here with this chestnut filly. Sharp during the first preview with a :10 2/5 furlong, the April foal covered the same distance at yesterday's show. Out of the 16-year-old mare Almost Sinful, who is the dam of Puerto Rican champion Marablue Beauty, she hails from the family of graded-stakes winner and Grade I stakes-placed Private Treasure. "They want to be racehorses," Dunne said of Songandaprayer's progeny. "They look like they have a bit of scope to them and like they can go two turns."

KEENELAND APRIL TWO YEAR OLDS IN TRAINING
Under-tack preview--Apr. 18, 2005

1/4-mile works - dirt

Time	Hip#	Sex	Sire	Dam
:21.3	2	filly	Fusaichi Pegasus	Gerrin Jo Go
	19	colt	Coronado's Quest	Henlopen
	63	colt	Fusaichi Pegasus	Marozia
	151	colt	Unbridled's Song	Teewinot

1/4-mile works - turf

Time	Hip#	Sex	Sire	Dam
:21	79	filly	Silver Deputy	Nortak (Arg)
	185	filly	Saint Ballado	Actceptional
	189	colt	Songandaprayer	Allouette

KEENELAND APRIL TWO YEAR OLDS IN TRAINING
Under-tack preview--Apr. 18, 2005

1/8-mile works - dirt

Time	Hip#	Sex	Sire	Dam
:10.1	112	filly	Saint Ballado	Sabu

1/8-mile works - turf

Time	Hip#	Sex	Sire	Dam
:10	82	colt	Danzig	Nuts in May
	98	colt	Storm Creek	Princess Patti

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SAN SIMEON H.-GIII, \$107,000, SAX, 4-18, 4yo/up, 6 1/2fT, 1:12 3/5, fm.

1--**@#SHADOW OF ILLINOIS**, 116, g, 5, by Illinois Storm

1st Dam: My Annie T, by Trampolino
2nd Dam: Our Dance Key, by Lypheor (GB)
3rd Dam: Key Link, by Bold Ruler

(\$22,000 yrl '01 BESOCK; \$65,000 2yo '02 BESMAY). O-W D & Ella Sivage; B-Barbara E Millard (CA); T-Anthony K Saavedra; J-M Guidry; \$64,200. Lifetime Record: 19-4-4-2, \$219,384.

2--**Geronimo (Chi)**, 117, h, 6, Gold Tribute--Mrs. Lily (Chi), by Mocito Guapo (Arg). O-Gary & Cecil Barber; B-Haras Don Alberto (CHI); T-J W Sadler; \$21,400.

3--**Golden Arrow**, 116, h, 6, Rahy--Dabaweyaa (Ire), by Shareef Dancer. O-Henry E Pabst; B-Gainsborough Farm LLC (KY); T-Neil D Drysdale; \$12,840.

Margins: 1, HD, 2. Odds: 7.30, 2.70, 3.90.

Also Ran: Lazzeri, McCann's Mojave, Royal Price (Ger).

The California-bred Shadow of Illinois ran sixth in the off-the-turf Sensational Star H. for state-breds Feb. 20, but rebounded to take an optional claimer over this course and distance Mar. 13. Always in striking position, the dark bay came four wide with his run into the stretch. Jockey Mark Guidry lost his whip, but persevered with hand-slapping and a vigorous ride and Shadow of Illinois came through, getting to the wire safely in front of the rallying favorite Geronimo. "He ran a great race, even though I dropped my stick," Guidry said. "It was a little slick. I'm grateful and appreciative of getting the opportunity to ride this horse."

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Sunday, Nakayama, Japan

SATSUKI SHO (Japanese 2000 Guineas)-G1-JRA (Listed), ¥234,700,000, Nakayama, 4-17, 3yo, 2000mT, 1:59.2, fm.

1--**DEEP IMPACT** (JPN), 126, c, 3, by Sunday Silence

1st Dam: Wind in Her Hair (Ire) (Hwt. Older Mare-Ger at 11-14f, MSW & MG1SP-Eng & G1SW-Ger, \$311,770), by Alzao
2nd Dam: Burghclere (GB), by Busted (GB)
3rd Dam: Highclere (GB), by Queen's Hussar (GB)

O-Makoto Kaneko; B-Northern Farm; T-Yasuo Ikee; J-Yutaka Take; ¥132,000,000. Lifetime Record: 4-4-0-0. *1/2 to Veil of Avalon (Thunder Gulch), MSP-Eng & GSP-US, \$286,468; Full to Black Tide (Jpn), SW-Jpn, \$905,101.

2--**Six Sense** (Jpn), 126, c, 3, Sunday Silence--

Daneskaya (GB), by Danehill. O-Shadai Race H.; B-Oiwake Farm; ¥49,000,000.

3--**Admire Japan** (Jpn), 126, c, 3, Sunday Silence--Biwa Heidi (Jpn), by Caerleon. O-Riichi Kondo; B-Hayata Farms; ¥29,000,000.

Margins: 2 1/2, 1, 1 1/2. Odds: 1.30, 124.00, 15.50.

Deep Impact, now hoping to become the first undefeated Japanese Triple Crown winner since Symboli Rudolf in 1984, raced well back early, but displayed a tremendous turn of foot to win going away. "It felt like flying, not running, in today's race," commented winning jockey Yutaka Take. "I said you would see something impressive with this horse and that came true today. He is an incredibly strong horse." Deep Impact, who won his debut in December, took the Jan. 22 Wakagoma S. in his sophomore debut and was coming off a victory in the G2 Yayoi Sho on Mar. 6. He will continue his Classic quest in the May 29 Japanese Derby at Tokyo Racecourse.

1st CROP...6 SW's

1. **Bandini**
1st Blue Grass Stakes-G1
2. **Roman Ruler**
1st Best Pal S.-G2, 1st Norfolk S.-G2
3. **Andromeda's Hero**
1st Sam F. Davis S., 3rd Arkansas Derby-G2
4. **Killenaule**
1st Dover S., 1st Storm Cat S.
5. **South Bay Cove**
1st Shady Well S., 1st Ontario Debutante S.
6. **Witten**
1st Grand Criterium de Bordeaux-L.R.

Also from his first crop are **Fusaichi Samurai** (unbeaten; cost \$4.5m as a 2yo), **Saywaan** (unbeaten filly) etc.



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DUBAI DUTY FREE S. (Registered As The Fred Darling S.)-G3, £50,000, Newbury, 4-16, 3yo, f, 7fT, 1:30.32, gd/sf.

1--@PENKENNA PRINCESS (IRE), 126, f, 3, by Pivotal (GB)

1st Dam: **Tiriana (GB)**, by **Common Grounds (GB)**

2nd Dam: **Proudfoot (Ire)**, by **Shareef Dancer**

3rd Dam: **Deadly Serious**, by **Queen's Hussar (GB)**

(60,000gns 2yo '04 DONAPR; 16,000gns yrl '03 TATOCT). O-Mrs Helen M Chamberlain; B-Mill House Stud; T-Ralph Beckett; J-Seb Sanders; £29,000.

Lifetime Record: 6-3-1-1, £64,997.

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If pushed to name stallions destined to make it big in 2005, I would have no hesitation in placing Pivotal near the top of the list. Admittedly, this is hardly an earth-shattering prediction, as Pivotal already ranks as the second-highest priced stallion in Britain. There are good reasons, though, for thinking that Pivotal (current fee £65,000) could overtake the established leader--the £85,000 Green Desert--over the next few years.

The crucial fact to remember about Pivotal is that the 268 offspring in his first five crops--foaled from 1998 to 2002--were sired at fees no higher than £6,000 (and most of them at £5,000). Also, none of those first five crops numbered more than 70 foals. So what might he achieve with his sixth crop, which reaches the races this year? Sired at the increased fee of £10,000, it numbers 100 two-year-olds, which averaged more than six times Pivotal's fee at the yearling sales. The buyers of the nine yearlings which achieved six-figure sums included Shadwell, John Gosden and Charlie Gordon-Watson, all of whom bought two each.

Pivotal's sales figures are likely to continue on an upward spiral at this year's sales, as he has around 115 yearlings sired at a fee of £25,000 and he covered over 120 mares at £40,000 last year, so he should have some quality weanlings for the year-end sales.

Twenty-one of the mares due to foal to Pivotal this year belong to the highly successful Cheveley Park Stud, which is sending 34 of its 126 mares to Pivotal this year, plus another 12 to his very fast son Kyllachy.

Many of the Cheveley Park mares going to Pivotal this spring have excellent backgrounds. I apologise if the following list makes somewhat tedious reading, but it is well worth going into detail about these mares, as they represent such a contrast to the type of mare which helped Pivotal establish his merits. Among them are Blessed Honour, who produced the Group 3 winner Icicle to Pivotal's sire Polar Falcon; Choirlgirl, a talented half-sister to Pivotal's Group 1-winning daughter Chorist; Choir Mistress, the dam of Chorist; Danehurst, a Grade II-winning sprinter; Dazzle, a classic-placed Group 2 winner; Dublino, a GI Del Mar Oaks winner bought for \$1,200,000 last November; Miswaki Belle, dam of Pivotal's Group-winning daughter Humouresque; Mystic Goddess, dam of the dual Group 1 winner Medicean; Regal Rose, winner of the G1 Cheveley Park S.; River Saint, a half-sister to Serena's Song; Russian Rhythm, an exceptional four-time G1 winner who will produce a foal inbred 3x4 to Nureyev; Splice, the fast dam of the Group 2-winning Soar; and Virtuous, who produced the very talented Iceman to Pivotal's sire.

Pivotal (GB)	Polar Falcon	Nureyev	Northern Dancer Special
		Marie d'Argonne (Fr)	Jefferson (GB) Mohair (Fr)
	Fearless Revival (GB)	Cozzene	Caro (Ire)
		Stufida (GB)	Ride the Trails Bustino (GB) Zerbinetta (GB)
Tiriana (GB) 6-0-0-1, \$5,254 5Fls, 1GSW	Common Grounds (GB)	Kris (GB)	Sharpen Up (GB) Doubly Sure (GB)
		Sweetly (Fr)	Lyphard Sweet and Lovely (Fr)
	Proudfoot (Ire) 8-1-0-1, \$4,187 11Fls, 1SW	Shareef Dancer	Northern Dancer Sweet Alliance
		Noble Dust 11Fls, 1SW, 1GSP	Dust Commander Noble Treasure

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- **4** Stakes winners from his current crop of 3-y-o's including **CHINESE DRAGON**, unbeaten in U.S.A., won his second straight Stakes race, the **La Puente Stakes - L.** at Santa Anita on Saturday, **KONGO RIKISHIO** (G3W in 2005) etc.

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Rather surprisingly, the Cheveley Park mares visiting Pivotal do not include Heavenly Ray, who hit the jackpot with Megahertz, the first of her three foals by Pivotal. Megahertz's victory in the GII Santa Barbara H. was her 12th from 30 starts and completed an excellent weekend Group-race double for her sire, initiated by Penkenna Princess in the G3 Dubai Duty Free. Coincidentally, both these winners were inexpensive yearlings, Megahertz having cost 12,000gns and Penkenna Princess 16,000gns, but both sold much better at the following spring's two-year-old sales.

Penkenna Princess cost 60,000gns at Doncaster and has since won three of her six starts, as well as finishing a short-head second in the G2 Rockfel S.

Even if she fails to reach the first three in the 1000 Guineas, for which she is on offer at around 20-1, she still represents a triumph for Pivotal as she is the first Group winner produced by any of her first four dams (her fifth dam is that influential broodmare Treasure Chest). Her dam, Tiriana, was a middle-distance handicapper in France and her second dam, Proudfoot, was a winner over a mile and three-quarters in Ireland, so they are likely to have added some stamina to Pivotal's speed. However, Proudfoot is best known as the dam of the fast and precocious Head Over Heels.

Of course, Penkenna Princess is by no means Pivotal's first Group winner out of an unexceptional racemare. No fewer than 14 of his 16 Group winners are out of mares which didn't rise to the level of stakes winner. Thirteen of the 16 are out of mares which failed to earn black type, and they include five of his six Group 1 winners--Somnus, Chorist, Kyllachy, Megahertz and Silvester Lady.

His three-year-old son Windsor Knot, who joined Godolphin after his success in the G3 Solario S., is out of a mare with only one win to her credit from 25 starts, while Ringmoor Down, a dual Group 3 winner in 2004, is out of a mare who won once from 20 starts. Kyllachy's dam managed one success from 15 appearances and was rated no higher than 67 by Timeform. These three highlight what a terrific job Pivotal has done in siring Group winners from ordinary-looking material. He has also excelled in siring 6 percent Group winners while standing at fees well short of £10,000.

Of course, bigger books and higher quality mares don't always lead to proportionately better results for a stallion. Indeed, bigger books may eventually lower his percentage of Group winners. However, I have a strong belief that the extraordinary Pivotal is going to justify in full his better chances.

☆ FROM THE PUBLISHER ☆

For a number of years, my family and I have used Blue Grass weekend as an excuse to enjoy our equine interests during a trip to Lexington. We attend the races, conduct business, see our foals and play golf.

Not only is it as great as always to be at Keeneland, which is crowded but comfortable, vibrant and exciting, with outstanding customer service, but several things were quickly apparent to us this year. First, while I'm not the biggest aficionado of the jacket and tie concept, somehow, at Keeneland, it seems like a good idea. It has always offered the best racetrack meal experience, but since the restructuring of the building by the current Keeneland team, the special quality of a day spent there has been taken to a new level—from the newly designed luxury boxes and dining area, to the number of times a Keeneland employee asks if there is any way he might help, to the buzz in the air that only a crowded racetrack can produce. Incredibly, even the quality of racing continues to improve.

It was just a few short years ago that the only indication you had that a race had gone off at Keeneland was a roar from the crowd. Boy, have things changed. To my knowledge, Keeneland is the only American track which posts open-access video streams of its race replays on its website, allowing owners worldwide to watch their horses run. More to the point, this year the Keeneland team has managed to maintain tradition while becoming a technological leader. This past weekend at Keeneland, we had a chance to participate in the first major innovation in American parimutuel gaming since the rolling Pick Three--the fractional bet. Keeneland deserves massive kudos for again leading the way, importing a technology that has been a proven winner in other parts of the world. I believe the 10-cent superfecta will prove to be a great marketing tool, particularly in reaching younger fans by putting them on equal footing with players holding far larger bankrolls. It will allow them to bet a variety of combinations and enjoy multiple wagers. I imagine this concept will quickly be expanded to Pick Threes, Pick Fours, Pick Sixes, etc., thereby encouraging them to spend more time handicapping.

We've known Keeneland to be a leader in hospitality as well as in racing and sales quality, but for the guy who is only operating six weeks a year to lead the nation's tracks in innovative wagering technology for their customers? And they did it without a slot machine? My hat goes off to them.

--Barry Weisbord

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AN INTRIGUING GROUP OF FRESHMAN SIREs by Bill Oppenheim

'Promise' is the lifeblood of Thoroughbred breeding, just as it is of racing. Especially in a world where the old superstars have died off, with the exception of Storm Cat (22) and Sadler's Wells (24); the emergence of new stars is vital, from lots of angles. So this year's freshman sires are another important group of new horses whose first runners are about to hit the racetrack.

There are around 50 North American sires with 20 or more foals in their first crops racing this year; interestingly, only 18 of the 50 started out in Kentucky, indicating a lot of healthy activity in regional breeding programs. New York and California each have five stallions with 20+ foals in their first crops (although one of New York's, [City Zip](#), was whisked away to Kentucky on his half-brother Ghostzapper's coattails), Maryland has three and seven other states or provinces can boast a new sire who, just on his number of foals, has half a chance to make himself heard--including, for the first time, I'm sure, West Virginia (that's [Luftikus](#), by Meadowlake, with 39 foals).

But it's Florida we think of as synonymous with precocity, as Successful Appeal and Yes It's True reminded us last year, and this year no fewer than 11 Florida sires have 20+ foals from their first crops debuting. You'd be a fool to offer even money that the leading freshman sire won't come from Florida, based on recent form. The two obvious candidates are [Songandaprayer](#) (61 foals), a Grade I winner from Unbridled's Song's first crop; and [Trippi](#) (71 foals), a seven-furlong specialist by End Sweep, who won four graded races at that distance, including the GI Vosburgh.



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These two sires first jumped into wider public view at last year's Fasig July sale, where Florida sires were noticeably prominent in the New Sire Showcase sessions. Plenty of other Florida sires are eligible to jump up and put their names on the map, particularly two others with 50+ foals by Florida's recent top sires: **Snuck In** (56 foals), by Florida's top sire of recent years, Montbrook; and **Delaware Township** (53 foals), by Florida's second-top sire, Notebook. He's one of two at Padua who have a shot to make a splash, the other being the Danzig horse **Exchange Rate**, whose 47 foals already include a seven-figure two-year-old.

The Kentucky Contingent...

Four Kentucky stallions went to stud in 2002 at fees of \$25,000 or higher, headed by dual Classic winner [Point Given](#) (67 foals) and dual Breeders' Cup Classic winner [Tiznow](#) (90 foals). Tiznow has had the smoother trip at stud: he started at \$30,000, he remains at \$30,000, and he nearly toppled the more expensive Point Given as leading first-year sire on yearling average in 2004. Point Given went to stud originally at \$125,000. But after his owner, The Thoroughbred Corp.'s Prince Ahmed, died, his support dwindled. Shortly after, his first foals and yearlings sold in the 2003 November and 2004 January sales, and they did not look precocious, forward types--plus, there was no Prince Ahmed to support them in the market. Still, Point Given recovered to average \$153,853 for 34 yearlings last year, more in keeping with his current \$50,000 stud fee (Tiznow had 41 average \$144,780). History is rife with examples of sires whose first yearlings didn't meet The Judges' favor but who turned out to be top sires: Relaunch (grandsire of Tiznow, ironically) and, just now, Giant's Causeway come to mind. Ultimately, pretty is as pretty does.

The 2001 Kentucky Derby winner **Monarchos** is the third sire to register a 2004 first-crop six-figure yearling average: his 31 yearlings averaged \$120,732. He put his then first-crop sire Maria's Mon on the map, of course, and it's intriguing that Maria's Mon has some very prominent three-year-olds this year, headed by High Limit.

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It's especially interesting because these are from Maria's Mon's fifth crop, always the one before the crop sired after the first three-year-olds run: in other words, Monarchos's success should be reflected in this year's two-year-olds; Maria's Mon was still on his own when the 2005 three-year-olds were sired.

The fourth stallion to go to stud at \$25,000 was Juddmonte's dual Classic-placed **Aptitude**. There are several interesting aspects about Aptitude; for one thing, the Juddmonte operation has rather let him take his chance as a normal commercial stallion: he has 96 first-crop foals, 46 of them sold as yearlings (averaged \$59,198), and his stud fee has dropped (as many commercial sires' do the year they have runners), though just to \$20,000. He's interesting also because he's an A.P. Indy, and an awful lot, in pedigree terms, depends on whether A.P. Indy succeeds as a sire of sires. Pulpit and Malibu Moon constitute a pretty promising start, and this year's pair with first three-year-olds, Golden Missile and Stephen Got Even, have both sired Classic pretenders, at least; so Aptitude is important for that reason. But Aptitude is not a typical A.P. Indy to look at: he's out of a Northern Dancer mare, and I would have said you can see a lot of that in him. However, I am emphatically not a Judge; I am, instead, a Court Reporter, and, as my long-time associates know, any comments I make about conformation should be taken with a ton of salt.

Though all four of the above will hopefully at least be rising stars on the second-crop sire list this time next year, it's like we say about the Blue Grass S.: you don't have to win it to run well. If they're among the leading freshman sires this year, it's a bonus. There are about eight Kentucky stallions who stand for between \$7,500-\$20,000 who are likely to give the Florida boys a run for their money for prominence this year, and most of these are horses who had a lot of yearlings sell very well in 2004: **El Corredor** (81 foals), a crack miler by Gone West's still quite promising son, Mr. Greeley (good crops coming for him); and the speedy **Forest Camp** (76 foals), a very good two-year-old by Deputy Minister, had yearling averages of \$87,807 (55 sold) and \$86,756 (36 sold), respectively.

Five Star Day (62 foals, already sire of a winner), like Lane's End's import from New York, City Zip, are both sons of the recently deceased, rock-solid speed sire Carson City; he had 32 yearlings average \$72,297. **Brahms**, a very good two-year-old by Danzig in Europe, was a very successful turf miler in America at three and four, and his first yearlings made a tremendous splash, 37 averaging \$65,515. These are all terrific yearling averages for sires in this stud fee range (\$10,000--\$20,000), indicating buyers really liked their stock. That's about the best indicator you can get.

A few others who averaged under \$50,000 still made a good impression, none more so than **Broken Vow** (92 foals), a Grade II-winning son of Unbridled. His first foals were well-received in November 2003. He had 50 yearlings sell last year, averaging \$48,396, and has had a really good following among the pros from day one. Others to watch are: **Ecton Park**, the last American-sired Grade I-winning son of Forty Niner--he stands at Wintergreen, along with Five Star Day; **Minardi**, a son of Boundary and a half brother to Tale of the Cat who won the G1 Middle Park S. as a two-year-old; and, perhaps most intriguing of all, **Black Minnaloushe**. He had the misfortune to be a half-brother to the very good racehorse, but very bad sire Pennekamp, which no doubt put a few people off. However, in his favor are three very important factors: one, he is a son of Storm Cat, a lot better sire of sires than Bering; two, he won two top European Group 1 mile races as a three-year-old, namely the Irish 2000 Guineas and Royal Ascot's St. James's Palace S., in effect the 'European 2000 Guineas' championship; and three, there are reportedly a few who look the part, in fact look quite a bit like they could be Storm Cats. Well, you know my claims as a Judge; I can only say I'm not the only one who thinks that.

Oppenheim's Top 3 for 2005 Leading Freshman Sire:

Brahms, Forest Camp, Trippi

Best Longshot: Black Minnaloushe.

...but watch for these in 2006:

Point Given, Tiznow, Monarchos, Aptitude



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WEIGHING IN...

These industry leaders are going on record with their opinions about this year's group of freshman sires

Patti Miller

Vice President of Operations, EQB Inc.

First of all, I must comment that in order to have a statistically valid opinion, it helps to see as many individuals as possible...hence the more that are offered for sale, the more likely that I will be able to see if we are getting consistent physical assessments and, especially, cardio assessments. Also, this time next year we will be looking at the results of these sire's two- and three-year-old crops. So precocity is an issue here.

My top three picks are [Tiznow](#), [Aptitude](#), and [Monarchos](#)...although Monarchos' offspring might be better three-year-olds. The Tiznows that I have seen have all really impressed me as they were exceptional individuals, with good cardiac assessments, and have very good throats. They seem like they are a little more precocious than the Aptitudes and the Monarchos', and I think that they might show better until the competition starts to close the gap mid to late in their three-year-old year.

Just below those three sires I have a dead heat for [Five Star Day](#) and [Forest Camp](#). The offspring of these sires, I thought, were more precocious looking, inside and out....so they might be better choices for results that will be judged by two-year-old, and early three-year-old performances.

The best bang for the buck, to me, hands down, is [Trippi](#). They look like runners, most had good cardiac profiles, and for a \$7,500 stud fee, I thought they were, as a group, a top bunch....however, I only saw 11 of the group that was offered for sale.

Regionally, in Florida I have been impressed by the [Exchange Rate](#) yearlings and two-year-olds. There seem to be many nice sires to choose from in Florida, but Exchange Rate has probably caught my eye the most for good physicals, good cardios, and good performance on the vet exams.

Vincent d'Angelo

Vice President, Werk Thoroughbred Consultants

1. [Forest Camp](#) - a flashy, good-looking son of Deputy Minister. He was an early maturing juvenile, taking the GII Del Mar Futurity in his second start. He then ran a strong second to Dixie Union in the GII Norfolk S. at one mile, in front of eventual champion Anees (third). His races were so impressive he was sent off the favorite in the GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile, where he was part of a sizzling pace before tiring to finish sixth. As a son of Deputy Minister--a very successful sire of sires--and a descendant from the rich female family of Regal Seal (dam of Queen's Paradise, herself the dam of four GSWs: Love You by Heart, Steal a Kiss, Tempest Queen, and Kid Russell), Forest Camp has all the ingredients to make a successful stallion.

2. [Black Minnaloushe](#) - an Irish Classic winner and a son of emerging sire-of-sires Storm Cat. An undefeated Listed winner at two, Black Minnaloushe won the G1 Irish 2000 Guineas and England's prestigious G1 St. James's Palace S. His smashing victory in Ireland landed him champion three-year-old honors. His Group 1 wins were both at one mile, the distance at which many top stallions perform their best. His female family is rich in quality, too. His dam Coral Dance was Group 1-placed and boasts a trio of stakes winners in addition to Black Minnaloushe, including another champion in Pennekamp. Black Minnaloushe's first crop should have an impact on racing here and abroad.

3. [Aptitude](#) - a top-class runner. He backed up his runner-up finishes in the 2000 Kentucky Derby and Belmont S. with smashing victories in the 2001 GI Jockey Club Gold Cup and the GI Hollywood Gold Cup. He earned just a shade under \$2 million while winning nine of 15 starts. He is a son of A.P. Indy, who is trying to establish himself as a sire of sires. So far, his sons Pulpit, Malibu Moon, and the ill-fated Old Trieste have each sired graded stakes winners.



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In the future, Grade I winners Stephen Got Even, Golden Missile, and Mineshaft will have runners to assist their sire in making the grade as a sire of sires. Aptitude's female family is exceptional, his dam Dokki produced Grade I winner Sleep Easy. Dokki is out of Alluvial, the dam of Grade I winner Coastal and Slew o' Gold, a champion at three and four. Aptitude's progeny should be exciting to watch!

4. **King Cugat** - a stallion who has a big shot at stud. While he may be labeled a grass horse, he has all the makings of a stallion who could easily get dirt runners. Though all of his 16 career races were on turf, he proved his durability winning or placing in 14 of his starts, including three Grade II races and five Grade I runner-up finishes, and his dam is a sibling of the talented dirt star and successful sire Seeking the Gold. His female family also boasts Grade I winner Fast Play and a host of other stakes winners and producers. King Cugat is by Kingmambo, who is one of the top sons of Mr. Prospector at stud. Kingmambo remains in his infancy as a sire of sires, with high hopes for Lemon Drop Kid and King Cugat to come.

**Robert D. Fierro
DataTrack International**

This crop is as tough to decipher as any in recent memory, if only because the vast majority of stallions that fit into various categories are so close together in potential that it would take an out-sized ouija board to divine all the possibilities. Yet somehow we survived the exercise and came up with the following in four main groups based on BreezeFigs™, biomechanical projections, pedigree and personal prejudices—in whatever order you wish to think we gave most credibility. We ain't telling.

Quick Off-The-Mark

(Top candidates for Leading Freshman Sire)

This is a bada-boom bunch, with half-dozen showing good form at the breeze shows and several others with very high biomechanical marks. If it's a matter of number of early maturing winners with distance limitations, look to **Five Star Day**. But the best bet for a horse that gets both early quick ones and ones that can go a mile or more as two-year-olds seems to be **Forest Camp**.

Long-Term Investments

(Not likely to be exported to Japan or Turkey)

When we used the Japan-Turkey analogy in 2003, we tabbed Victory Gallop (who often leads his crop) and Silver Charm (who's in Japan). Can't win 'em all. This time there's no question a horse with a ton of potential to become a major sire is **Monarchos**—good biomechanics, good BreezeFigs profile, slam dunk at two turns. He will have **Aptitude** to beat for this title, and it will be close, but we tip it to the nascent Wavering Monarch sire line.

Star Search Candidates

(Explosive talent—just needs a break)

Brahms was the buzz last July, and despite few two-year-olds at the sales, he is still our hands-down "buzz horse." They will have speed, they will run on dirt, turf, sand or glass, and they will run reasonably fast for him to become quite commercial.

Best Regional Bets

This year's "Florida Special" is **Delaware Township**, who will get Notebook off to a good start as sire of sires. He will get mighty competition in the Sunshine State from **Songandaprayer** and **Trippi**, both of whom sent quick kids out at the breeze shows. **Freud** is a no-brainer in New York--bred up the kazoo, well-managed, knocked them out at the sales, which in our book spells "might be in Japan by the end of the year."

TDN Top Guns

<u>Stallion</u>	<u>Sire</u>	<u>'05 Farm</u>	<u>'05 Fee</u>
Aptitude	A.P. Indy	Juddmonte	\$20,000
Black Minnaloushe	Storm Cat	Ashford	\$7,500
Brahms	Danzig	Vinery	\$10,000
Delaware Township	Notebook	Padua	\$6,500
Exchange Rate	Danzig	Padua	\$7,500
Five Star Day	Carson City	Wintergreen	\$10,000
Forest Camp	Deputy Minister	Airdrie	\$15,000
Freud	Storm Cat	Lakland	\$5,000
King Cugat	Kingmambo	Lane's End	\$5,000
Monarchos	Maria's Mon	Claiborne	\$25,000
Point Given	Thunder Gulch	Three Chimneys	\$50,000
Songandaprayer	Unbridled's Song	Walmac South	\$10,000
Tiznow	Cee's Tizzy	WinStar	\$30,000
Trippi	End Sweep	Ocala Stud	\$7,500



NORTH AMERICAN FRESHMAN SIRES 10+ First-Crop Foals

<u>Stallion</u>	<u>Sire</u>	<u>Foals</u>
Aptitude	A.P. Indy	96
Broken Vow	Unbridled	92
Tiznow	Cee's Tizzy	90
Brahms	Danzig	81
El Corredor	Mr. Greeley	81
Forest Camp	Deputy Minister	76
Trippi	End Sweep	71
Albert the Great	Go for Gin	69
Point Given	Thunder Gulch	67
City Zip	Carson City	66
Five Star Day	Carson City	62
Prime Timber	Sultry Song	62
Songandaprayer	Unbridled's Song	61
Vision and Verse	Storm Cat	61
Monarchos	Maria's Mon	59
Snuck In	Montbrook	56
Delaware Township	Notebook	53
Ecton Park	Forty Niner	52
Perigee Moon	Hennessy	49
Exchange Rate	Danzig	47
King Cugat	Kingmambo	45
Flame Thrower	Saint Ballado	44
Pikepass	Forty Niner	44
Talk Is Money	Deputy Minister	44
Minardi	Boundary	42
Mojave Moon	Mr. Prospector	42
Valid Belfast	Valid Appeal	42
Dixie Dot Com	Dixie Brass	41
Disco Rico	Citidancer	39
Luftikus	Meadowlake	39
Jazz Club	Dixieland Band	38
Coastal Storm	Storm Cat	37
Cloud Hopping	Mr. Prospector	36
Rock and Roll	Cure the Blues	35
Put It Back	Honour and Glory	34
Midnight Royalty	Danzig	33
Freud	Storm Cat	32
Radio Star	Storm Cat	31
Globalize	Summer Squall	27
Lexicon	Conquistador Cielo	26
Dome	Storm Cat	25
Mr. Nugget	Mr. Prospector	25
Weekend Cruise	A.P. Indy	25

Uncle Abbie	Kingmambo	24
Poteen	Irish River (Fr)	23
Sailor's Warning	Storm Cat	23
Shanawi (Ire)	Caerleon	23
Cornish Snow	Storm Cat	22
Smolderin Heart	Two Punch	21
Clash by Night	Conquistador Cielo	20
Royal Cat	Storm Cat	19
Shot of Gold	Jolie's Halo	18
Strategic Mission	Mr. Prospector	18
Middlesex Drive	Pine Bluff	17
Deputy Warlock	Silver Deputy	13
Conscience Clear	Relaunch	12
Bagshot	Smokester	11
Midway Magistrate	Magesterial	11
Mancini	Mr. Prospector	10
Watch the Bird	Rahy	10

Statistics courtesy Jockey Club.

KEENELAND APRIL FRESHMAN SIRES

<u>Freshman</u>	<u>Sire</u>	<u>Hips</u>
Albert the Great	Go for Gin	<u>90</u>
Aptitude	A.P. Indy	<u>156 184</u>
Black Minnaloushe	Storm Cat	<u>12 17 177</u>
Brahms	Danzig	<u>255</u>
Broken Vow	Unbridled	<u>131 159 202</u> <u>220 227</u>
Ecton Park	Forty Niner	<u>26</u>
El Corredor	Mr. Greeley	<u>210 233</u>
Exchange Rate	Danzig	<u>155</u>
Fantastic Light	Rahy	<u>42 114</u>
Five Star Day	Carson City	<u>23 57 246</u>
Forest Camp	Deputy Minister	<u>32 97 132</u>
Freud	Storm Cat	<u>154</u>
King Cugat	Kingmambo	<u>74</u>
Minardi	Boundary	<u>47</u>
Monarchos	Maria's Mon	<u>77 257</u>
Point Given	Thunder Gulch	<u>70 88 102 226</u>
Songandaprayer	Unbridled's Song	<u>106 189 191</u> <u>213</u>
Trippi	End Sweep	<u>144 221</u>
Tiznow	Cee's Tizzy	<u>66 91 119 134</u> <u>242 250</u>
Vision and Verse	Storm Cat	<u>181</u>

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	2005 Two Year Old Sales									2004 Yearling Sales		
	Fyr	Loc	Stud Fee	Ring	Sold	Average	Median	Top Colt	Top Filly	Sold	Average	Median
1 EXCHANGE RATE	F03	FL	10,000	10	5	340,000	105,000	1,050,000	105,000	20	52,075	38,000
2 TIZNOW	F03	KY	30,000	11	9	226,667	100,000	1,000,000	100,000	41	144,780	130,000
3 SONGANDAPRAYER	F03	FL	10,000	21	16	225,000	100,000	1,900,000	350,000	31	74,935	62,000
4 POINT GIVEN	F03	KY	125,000	9	7	191,857	100,000	750,000	185,000	34	153,853	117,500
5 EL CORREDOR	F03	KY	20,000	23	9	171,111	200,000	325,000	300,000	55	87,807	60,000
6 FIVE STAR DAY	F03	KY	10,000	19	12	167,083	95,000	210,000	600,000	32	72,297	56,000
7 ECTON PARK	F03	KY	15,000	8	3	150,333	200,000	220,000	200,000	30	42,617	31,500
8 APTITUDE	F03	KY	25,000	11	4	131,250	85,000	310,000	45,000	46	59,198	32,000
9 MONARCHOS	F03	KY	25,000	5	3	128,333	165,000	165,000	200,000	31	120,732	65,000
10 FREUD	F03	NY	5,000	16	10	119,500	90,000	205,000	300,000	9	48,600	41,000
11 BRAHMS	F03	KY	12,500	7	3	119,000	125,000	125,000	200,000	37	65,515	30,000
12 FOREST CAMP	F03	KY	10,000	23	12	116,667	107,500	250,000	120,000	36	86,756	65,000
13 BROKEN VOW	F03	KY	10,000	12	5	115,000	90,000	225,000	0	50	48,396	36,000
14 TRIPPI	F03	FL	7,500	16	7	106,429	100,000	265,000	135,000	30	66,312	53,500
15 DELAWARE TOWNSHIP	F03	FL	6,500	17	12	103,083	85,000	225,000	95,000	26	37,073	30,000
16 ALBERT THE GREAT	F03	KY	10,000	6	3	100,000	70,000	70,000	170,000	36	31,715	21,500
17 WEEKEND CRUISE	F03	FL	2,000	1	1	82,000	82,000	82,000	0	9	20,722	20,000
18 VISION AND VERSE	F03	KY	7,500	7	5	73,400	75,000	130,000	55,000	25	33,788	25,000
19 MINARDI	F03	KY	12,500	4	3	69,000	30,000	30,000	150,000	21	28,524	10,000
20 SNUCK IN	F03	FL	2,500	4	4	64,500	66,000	125,000	1,000	21	21,186	12,000
21 FLAME THROWER	F03	FL	6,500	9	5	63,800	52,000	125,000	100,000	14	44,908	29,500
22 PRIME TIMBER	F03	NY	5,000	6	5	60,400	50,000	52,000	140,000	13	7,131	5,000
23 BLACK MINNALOUSHE	F03	KY	15,000	3	1	60,000	60,000	60,000	0	56	32,206	25,384
24 PUT IT BACK	F03	FL	5,000	10	6	54,000	39,500	130,000	65,000	10	65,540	53,500
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EUROPEAN SCENE

BY ANDREW CAULFIELD

Europe's new sires of 2005 have a hard act to follow. Last year's class featured Giant's Causeway, Dubai Millennium and Montjeu, and no fewer than 12 stallions which stood their first season in Britain or Ireland in 2001 were represented by a Group or Graded winner.

Can the class of 2002 do nearly as well? Montjeu's success will have heartened the Coolmore team, which has made a serious investment in Sadler's Wells' dual Derby-winning sons. The next to face the racecourse test is **Galileo (Ire)**, who remained undefeated in his first six starts. With an Arc winner as his dam, Galileo was bred to be a champion, and he showed how exceptional he was with his majestic display in the Derby. Equally impressive in the Irish Derby, Galileo then became the first three-year-old for six years to defeat older horses in the King George, in which he was challenged by the two-years-old Fantastic Light. His combination of pedigree, performance and impressive conformation resulted in an opening fee of Ir£50,000.

It is in Galileo's favor that he is out of a daughter of Miswaki, as four other stallions out of Miswaki mares--Hernando, Daylami, Dr Fong and Talkin Man--were represented by Group 1 winners last year.

If he has passed on his terrific movement to his stock, he can hardly fail. Judging by the prices paid for some members of his 126-strong first crop, he is doing so. Demi O'Byrne paid substantial prices for Galileo colts in three countries (the U.S, Britain and France), paying \$1,900,000 for one out of an Unbridled mare at Keeneland. Charlie Gordon-Watson took the highest-priced Galileo in Europe, paying 700,000gns for a colt out of the Group 1-winning Balisada. Some of Galileo's daughters also sold well.



Galileo Coolmore photo



Fantastic Light Darley photo

It is also in Galileo's favor that he comes from the same family as King's Best, who was represented by 23 first-crop winners last year. Bear in mind, though, that Galileo wasn't as precocious as King's Best, making his only appearance at two as late as October 28.

The Coolmore-Darley rivalry which has been a feature of the last few year's freshman sires' contests could continue in 2005, as Darley's main contender is Galileo's old foe **Fantastic Light**. Although Galileo came out on top in the King George, Fantastic Light got the verdict by a head when the pair met again in the Irish Champion S. Fantastic Light went on to record his fourth Grade I success of the season--and his sixth in all--in the Breeders' Cup Turf.

It will be interesting to see how precocious Fantastic Light's progeny prove to be. His Timeform ratings--103p, 123, 128 and 134--show how much he improved during his four-year career, but I see no reason why the medium-sized Fantastic Light shouldn't sire smart juveniles, given mares with speed. His sire Rahy was very effective at two and Fantastic Light's grandsires, Blushing Groom and Nijinsky, were outstanding juvenile champions with five wins apiece. Fantastic Light's family has recently made its mark through two other stallions, Cape Town and Cape Canaveral, and Fantastic Light received much better opportunities than those two. He has 120 two-year-olds, sired at a fee of £30,000. He did well at the sales, with help from the Maktoum family. John Ferguson snapped up three of the eight yearlings which sold for 175,000gns or more, and so did Shadwell Estate. These high-priced yearlings are out of mares by such as Nureyev, Danehill, Gone West, Machiavellian, Storm Cat and Habitat, so Fantastic Light will receive help in siring animals which are more precocious than he was.

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Rahy is doubly represented in this year's contest, by two very different sons, the other being **City On A Hill**. With Blushing Groom and Irish River--both winners of the Prix Morny--as his grandsires, City On A Hill was bred to mature quickly and he did. By the time he lined up for the 1999 Prix Morny, he had won all three of his starts, including the G3 July S.

City On A Hill is just the type of stallion that Ballyhane Stud has done well with--another being Rossini--and he can be expected to get plenty of early winners. Indeed, he is already off the mark.

Tally-Ho Stud is another Irish stallion station with a history of standing effective sires of two-year-olds. This time Tally-Ho is represented by **Beckett**, a Fairy King horse who cost no less than 1,700,000gns as a yearling. Beckett raised hopes that he was going to prove worthy of that price when he won the G1 National S. in 2000, but he was then off the course for a year and won nothing more important than a Listed race in three further outings. As you'd guess from his price, Beckett comes from a top female line, and he's closely related to Entrepreneur, the 2,000 Guineas winner. His sales progeny--from a crop of 82--appealed to buyers looking for juvenile winners.

Coolmore had the most successful first-crop sire in Europe in 2003 in the shape of Nureyev's son Fasliyev. This time Nureyev is represented by **King Charlemagne**, another stallion who stands under the Coolmore banner. The difference between the two is that King Charlemagne started at Ir£8,000, roughly a third of Fasliyev's opening fee, but that didn't stop some of his yearlings selling well. John Warren paid 200,000gns for a half-brother to two juvenile Group winners, including the excellent Damson.

King Charlemagne is best known for his unbeaten Group campaign as a three-year-old, which ended with victory in the G1 Prix Maurice de Gheest, but he also won two of his three starts at two. His brother Meshaher was even more precocious, winning the G3 July S., and it will be a surprise if King Charlemagne fails to come up with plenty of speedy winners from his 108 juveniles.

Coolmore are also represented to two new stallions from the Danzig line in Mozart and Mull of Kintyre.

The Dubai Millennium syndrome applies to the champion sprinter **Mozart**, in that this son of Danehill produced some magnificent efforts on the track, only to die during his first season at stud. Sod's Law virtually demands that Mozart too will make a major impact with his solitary crop. On the whole, though, his sales yearlings didn't generate as much excitement as one might have expected of a stallion who commanded a fee of Ir£30,000. His fillies averaged 36,112gns, with only one selling for more than 100,000gns, but Mozart's sons were more popular, with Demi O'Byrne taking the two highest-priced colts for 290,000 and 200,000gns.

Although Mozart died on May 12, his crop numbers around 100, so he can still be a contender. Mozart was very interestingly bred, his pedigree featuring the brothers His Majesty and Graustark in the third generation, and his female line traces to Big Hurry. While this is an outstanding family, it hasn't produced an outstanding stallion in recent generations, and Mozart is bred along similar lines to Sea Hero, the Kentucky Derby winner now resident in Turkey.

The 1999 Gimcrack S. winner **Mull of Kintyre** has made a most encouraging start, with Aboyne and Salute Him becoming the first two winners from his 121-strong crop. This raises hopes that he will do as well as Monashee Mountain, another new Danzig horse who built up considerable earnings throughout Europe last year before being switched to Kentucky.

There must also be a possibility of a transfer to Kentucky for Mull of Kintyre if he does well, as he finished a good fourth in the Breeders' Cup Juvenile and is out of a half-sister to the very successful Broad Brush.

Danzig is also represented by Bertolini and Golden Snake. The fact that he won only two of his 23 races suggests that **Bertolini** wasn't out of the very top drawer as a racehorse. However, this winner of the G3 July S. and European Free H. was better than the bare facts suggest, as he was second at Group 1 level at two, three and four. He also has the considerable attraction of being a three-parts brother to the very successful Green Desert, so it is hardly surprising that he was much in demand at his fee of £4,000. His yearlings, from a crop of 113, averaged 18,152gns and sold for up to 105,000gns. He is another who should soon be knocking in winner after winner.

Unlike Bertolini, **Golden Snake** has struggled for support, even though he collected a total of four Group 1 victories, to fall just one short of the impressive score achieved by his classic-winning half-sister Sayyedati. His "crime" was that his big wins were gained on soft ground over middle distances. It would be good to see Golden Snake answer his critics in style, but with a crop of only 20 and a top yearling price of €14,000, the odds seem stacked against him.

Although they don't count as freshman sires, it is also going to be interesting to see the first European crops by two of Danzig's July Cup winners, Agnes World and Elnadim.

EUROPEAN FRESHMAN SIRES			
Yearling Averages (3+ sold)			
Stallion	Sire	Sold	Average
Galileo (Ire)	Sadler's Wells	49	\$276,768
Fantastic Light	Rahy	45	\$176,989
Mozart (Ire)	Danehill	40	\$108,163
Medicean (GB)	Machiavellian	26	\$63,284
Kalanisi (Ire)	Doyoun (Ire)	32	\$49,037
King Charlemagne	Nureyev	62	\$43,652



The Mr. Prospector male line is strongly represented, with a son, several grandsons and a great-grandson. The son, **Ocean of Wisdom**, has the distinction of being a Group-winning brother to the champion French juveniles Machiavellian and Coup de Genie, from the family of two other Group 1-winning juveniles, Bago and Denebola. Although he managed only one win from six starts, this French-based stallion has a strong enough pedigree to be more effective as a stallion.

Machiavellian is himself represented by two sons, **Medicean** and the French-based **Majorien**. It is worth mentioning that some of Machiavellian's older sons, including Vettori and Almutawakel, have done well at modest fees, so Medicean is well worth keeping an eye on. Although he is at a numerical disadvantage with a crop of "only" 61, Medicean has plenty in his favour. Like Danehill, he is inbred to Natalma, and his third dam was a three-parts sister to the highly successful Caro. More to the point, Medicean was a top-class racehorse who reeled off victories in the G1 Lockinge S., G2 Queen Anne S. and G1 Eclipse S. Although he didn't race at two, Medicean has champion two-year-olds as his sire and broodmare sire and you can be sure that the Cheveley Park Stud team provided him with mares capable of getting him off to a quick start.

Distant View, another of Mr. Prospector's sons, is doubly represented by two of Khalid Abdulla's distinguished colorbearers, Distant Music and Observatory. **Distant Music** is comfortably the bigger of the two, but he was the more accomplished two-year-old, as he demonstrated with his impressive victory in the G2 Champagne S. and his defeat of Brahms in the G1 Dewhurst S. Unfortunately, foot problems hampered his subsequent career, but he sometimes gave hints of what might have been. His 62 two-year-olds include a colt which topped the Doncaster St Leger Yearling Sale at 125,000gns.

Observatory earned himself the title of the best miler in Europe with his victory over Giant's Causeway in the G1 Queen Elizabeth II S., and he also demonstrated his courage and talent in the following year's Prix d'Ispahan. He had earlier won two of his three starts as a two-year-old, so should have no difficulty in siring juvenile winners. Interestingly, three of his four highest-priced yearlings were fillies. They include a 90,000-guinea filly from the family of the very fast Wunders Dream and a 52,000-guinea half-sister to the Group-winning juvenile Rag Top.

An interesting French stallion who has already sired his first winner is Kingmambo's son **Kingsalsa**. Group 1-placed at two, three and four, Kingsalsa became a Group winner during a consistent four-year-old season. His yearlings sold for up to €105,000.

The great-grandson of Mr. Prospector is **Fruits of Love**, who labors under the fairly sizeable handicap of being a son of that disappointing sire Hansel. On the plus side, Fruits of Love was an accomplished international performer who twice won the G2 Hardwicke S. at Royal Ascot.

He also comes from the distinguished female line descending from the champion French filly Midget and he is a half-brother to Mujadil, a prolific sire of juvenile winners at the same base, Rathasker Stud. With 71 two-year-olds, which sold for up to €70,000, Fruits of Love will have chances enough to establish himself.

One of the most interesting newcomers of the year is **Kalanisi**, who shares with his stud companion Daylami the fact that both are by Doyoun and both won the Breeders' Cup Turf. Kalanisi was a truly formidable four-year-old, when he was a major winner over eight, 10 and 12 furlongs. Unfortunately, he was unraced at two, and his three- and five-year-old seasons were both truncated by injury before the end of June. His record might have been extremely good but for those injuries. Kalanisi, who is inbred 3x4 to Never Bend, has 71 two-year-olds including 11 owned by the Aga Khan, who has occasionally been adding more Never Bend to the mix. The 11 include a filly out of Daltawa, the dam of Daylami and Dalakhani; and a half-brother to Alamshar, winner of the Irish Derby and King George. This suggests that Kalanisi could be a contender by the autumn.

Three of the lower-priced stallions who could make a mark are Primo Valentino, Arkadian Hero and Carrowkeel. Like his sire Primo Dominie, **Primo Valentino** won five times at two, including the G2 Mill Reef S. and G1 Middle Park S., and there was plenty of interest in some of the sale yearlings from his 34-strong first crop. **Arkadian Hero** was a Group-winning juvenile who trained on into a good sprinter-miler and **Carrowkeel**, whose yearlings made up to 58,000gns, won the Gimcrack S.

Numbers--or lack of them--are going to be something of a problem for several other new stallions. Among them are the Eclipse S. winner **Compton Admiral**, who has only around 20 first-crop foals; **Hunting Lion**, who has already had a winner; the Cork and Orrery S. winner **Superior Premium**; the multiple Group-winning sprinter **Gorse**; and the smart miler **Sugarfoot**.

So who is my idea of the champion first-crop sire? As several of the main contenders didn't possess the G1-winning juvenile form which often proves important in this competition, I am going to side with Galileo, in the hope that he will come up with some smart winners in the autumn. But I expect his old rival Fantastic Light will continue to be a thorn in his side.

EUROPEAN FRESHMAN SIRES OF WINNERS

Stallion	Sire	Winners
Mull of Kintyre	Danzig	2
Arkadian Hero	Tremolino	1
City on a Hill	Rahy	1
Hunting Lion (Ire)	Piccolo (GB)	1
Kingsalsa	Kingmambo	1
Panis	Miswaki	1
Rambling Bear	Sharrood	1

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VINERY BUYS INTO SARATOGA COUNTY Dr.

Tom Simon's Vinery has purchased a majority breeding interest in **Saratoga County** (Valid Expectations--Grub's Dancer, by Grub) from owners Richard and Evelyn Pollard. The four-year-old is unbeaten in three starts this season, taking the Jan. 8 GII Mr. Prospector H., Feb. 21 GII General George H. and Mar. 26 G1 Dubai Golden Shaheen. He also won the GIII Gotham S., was second in the GIII Spectacular Bid S. and third in the GII Hutcheson S. at three. Overall, the Kentucky-bred bay has six wins, four seconds and a third from 17 career starts for earnings of \$1,646,590 for trainer George Weaver. He will continue to race for the Pollards this season, and will enter stud at Vinery in Summerfield, Florida, in 2006.



Saratoga County
Horsephotos

Yesterday's Results:

6th-SAX, \$52,544, Alw, NW1X, 3yo/up, f/m, 7f, 1:23 4/5, ft.

CHARISMATIC HEART (f, 3, Charismatic--Take Her to Heart {GSW, \$486,769}, by Blind Spot), fourth over a sloppy strip in her Feb. 11 debut at Santa Anita, was dropped in for a \$50,000 tag Mar. 16 and galloped to a three-length score. A 7-1 chance facing allowance foes off that effort, the \$40,000 BESMAR juvenile battled on the front end to the stretch, but proved much the best in the final furlong, drawing off to a four-length score over 21-1 Runawayskye (Fruition). Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-0, \$47,040.

O-Benjamin C Warren. B-E & D Enterprises & W S Farish (KY). T-Clifford W Sise Jr.

5th-SAX, \$46,800, Msw, 3yo, f, 6 1/2fT, 1:14 2/5, fm.

REY LAKE (f, 3, Meadowlake--Expensive Issue {SW & GSP, \$151,605}, by Deerhound) started just once last year, running fifth on the main track at Hollywood Park Dec. 5. Trying the turf in her sophomore debut, the bay rocketed right to the lead and was never headed, holding off favored Tuff Muffin (Evansville Slew) for a two-length tally at 9-1 odds. The winner was a \$130,000 KEENOV weanling and a \$140,000 KEESEP yearling. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$27,100.

O-T Grether Inc C. B-Rabbit's Foot Stable (KY). T-Howard L Zucker.

STAKES CLOSINGS

TODAY, TUESDAY, APRIL 19:

04-30 \$150,000 **Hollywood Wildcat Breeders' Cup H., Crc, 3yo/up, f/m, 8.5fT (150)**

TOMORROW, WEDNESDAY, APRIL 20:

04-28 \$150,000 **Ben Ali-III, Kee, 4yo/up, 9f (150)**

04-29 \$200,000 **Fifth Third Elkhorn-III, Kee, 4yo/up, 12fT (200)**

04-30 \$300,000 **Texas Mile-III, LS, 3yo/up, 8f (0)**

04-30 \$100,000a **Inglewood H.-III, Hol, 3yo/up, 8.5fT (100)**

05-01 \$100,000a **Railbird-III, Hol, 3yo, f, 7f (100)**

07-02 \$150,000 **Arlington Classic-III, AP, 3yo, 9fT (300 EB)**

07-23 \$250,000 **American Derby-II, AP, 3yo, 9.5fT (300 EB)**

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6th-PHA, \$21,000, Msw, 3yo, a1m70yd, 1:45, ft.
 + **SAFEBREAKER** (g, 3, **Cat Thief**--Pleasant Jolie {MSW & GSP, \$251,952}, by Pleasant Colony), a \$150,000 KEENOV weanling and \$450,000 KEESEP yearling, vied for the lead three wide, took over nearing the stretch and stormed clear to a 6 1/4-length victory at 7-2. The 4-5 favorite Bidder's Prospect (Lion Cavern) was second, 5 1/2 lengths clear of third-place finisher Kiss a Coyote (Tethra). Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$12,600. O-Spring Fever Farm. B-Arthur I Appleton (FL). T-Frank C Petrozzo.

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TVG to Cover Silent Witness's Try at 17 Straight:

Unbeaten **Silent Witness (Aus)** (El Moxie) goes for his 17th straight victory in the Queen's Silver Jubilee Cup at Sha Tin Race Course Sunday, and TVG will cover the race live. The program will air from 3 to 4 a.m. EDT, and will also be broadcast on tape delay on Fox Sports Net 2 beginning at 4:30 a.m.

★ AMERICAN-BRED WINNERS ★

IN JAPAN:

Scurry Baby, f, 3, **Rizzi**--Be My Baby, by Ogygian.

Nakayama, 4-17, Novice Race, 6f. Lifetime Record: 4-1-2-1, \$102,778. O-Tadashi Sakurai; B-Sez Who Thoroughbreds; T-Masamichi Wada. *1/2 to Divine Silver (Silver Deputy), MSW-Jpn, \$2,678,893.

\$60,000 yrl '03 FTKJUL. *Stalked the pace before taking charge in the stretch and held sway late to win by a neck.

Tsumujikaze, h, 5, **Storm Cat**--Nannerl (MGSW & MGISP, \$553,465), by Valid Appeal. Fukushima, 4-16, Yonezawa Tokubetsu, 8.5f. Lifetime Record: 9-3-1-2, \$327,407. O-Makoto Kaneko; B-Columbiana Farm; T-Kunihide Matsuda. *Full to Magicalmysterycat, MGSW, \$363,172. **\$550,000 2yo '02 FTFFEB. ***Quickened to the lead in the stretch and drew clear to win by six lengths.

JAPANESE WINNER BY AMERICAN SIRE:

Rendo Felice (Jpn), m, 5, **Cozzene**--Wren (Ire) (Hwt. 2yo Filly-Ity, SW-Fr & GSW-Ity), by Bob Back. Hanshin, 4-16, Plate Race, 8fT. Lifetime Record: 19-4-2-1, \$619,537. O-Shadai Race Horse; B-Shadai Farm; T-Toru Miya.

IN FRANCE:

+ **Morlana**, f, 3, **More Than Ready**. See "European Breeders' Edition."

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2	3	Earl's Court (GB)	King's Best	Fabre
3	5	Gaimix (Fr)	Linamix (Fr)	Rouget
4	4	Azay Le Rideau	Miswaki	Lellouche
5	1	Veyron (Ire)	Fasliyev	M Boutin
6	2	Vert Helice (Spa)	Helissio (Fr)	de Nicolay
7	6	Orion Star (Fr)	Sternkonig (Ire)	Pantall

All carry 123 pounds.

Yesterday's Results:

Compiegne, 3.50, Cond, €31,000, 3yo, f, 1 1/8mT, 2:00.52, hy.

GLAZED FROST (FR) (f, 3, Verglas {Ire}--Vol Sauvage {Fr}, by Always Fair) placed second in last term's Listed Criterium du Fonds Europeen de l'Elevage at Deauville and was let go at odds of 37-10 for this off a last-out fifth in the Listed Prix la Camargo at Saint-Cloud Mar. 28. Restrained in midfield until reaching the home straight, she was forcefully driven throughout the final quarter mile to deny Victoria Page (Fr) (Anabaa) by 3/4-lengths nearing the line. The winner, a €30,000 DEAAUG yearling, is a 1/2 to Jacira (Fr) (Sillery, GSP-Ity). Lifetime Record: 8 starts, 2 wins, 5 places, €68,750. O-Mme C Jacob; B-A Bozo, H Bozo, G Bozo & Mme A F Charpy; T-Pascal Bary.

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Compiegne, 2.50, Mdn, €18,000, unraced 3yo, f, 7fT, 1:33.91, hy.

+ **KOURKA (FR) (f, 3, Keos--Kuneitra {Fr}, by Lead On Time)**, a half sister to Kouroun (Fr) (Kaldoun {Fr}, GSW-Fr), was positioned behind the front rank until making smooth progress into contention at the top of the stretch run. Making her bid at the quarter pole, the 69-10 chance was ridden to the front soon after and kept on well inside the final furlong to safely hold Royal Gala (GB) (Dubai Millennium {GB}) by two lengths. Lifetime Record: 1 start, 1 win, €9,000. O/B-Henri de la Chauvelais; T-Jean-Marie Beguigne.

Compiegne, 2.20, Mdn, €18,000, unraced 3yo, c/g, 7fT, 1:32.60, hy.

+ **RUNAWAY (GB) (c, 3, King's Best--Anasazi {Ire}, by Sadler's Wells)**, from the family of Dancing Brave, went postward with confidence as the 6-4 pick for this career opener. Settled in a tracking fourth from the bell, the homebred was coaxed into the open lane along the rail to lead inside the final quarter and lengthened clear in impressive style from the eighth peg to account for Dream Story (Fr) (Green Tune) by a comprehensive six lengths. Lifetime Record: 1 start, 1 win, €9,000. O-Khalid Abdullah; B-Juddmonte Farms; T-Andre Fabre.

★ BRITAIN ★

Yesterday's Results:

Pontefract, 2.10, Mdn, £6,285, 2yo, f, 5fT, 1:08.69, sf.

+ **PENNY WHISPER (IRE) (f, 2, Orpen--Ionian Secret {GB}, by Mystiko)** knew her job from the gate and was smartly away to claim a prominent role until easing to the outright lead rounding the home turn. In command from the top of the stretch, the 11-2 chance was pushed further clear inside the closing eighth to defeat Dancing Flame (GB) (Groom Dancer) by an easy four lengths. She was a 6,500gns DONOCT yearling. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, £4,085.

O-Moneyleague Ltd; B-Michael Fitzpatrick; T-M Dods.

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IN JAPAN:

Symboli Gran (Ire), c, 3, **Grand Lodge--Valixa (Fr)**, by Linamix (Fr). Nakayama, 4-16, Sakuraso Tokubetsu, 6fT. Lifetime Record: 11-2-1-2, \$208,333. O-Symboli Farm; B-Takahiro Wada; T-Yoshihiro Hatakeyama.

JAPANESE WINNER BY EUROPEAN SIRE:

Tayasu Target (Jpn), c, 4, **Ashkalani (Ire)--Bardonecchia (Ire)** (Hwt. 3yo-Ity at 9.5-11f, MSW & G1SP-Ity, GSW-Fr, \$230,512), by Indian Ridge (Ire). Urawa, 4-12, Multi-Spirit Tokubetsu, 7f. Lifetime Record: 8-2-0-2, \$118,204. O-Kenji Yokose; B-Shadai Farm; T-Hideyuki Mori. *Won by three lengths.

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STAKES RESULTS:

U. S. BANK S., \$40,000, EMD, 4-17, 3yo, f, 6f, 1:09 4/5, wf.
1--QUEENLEDO, 119, f, 3, Slewledo--Tenderness, by Wronsky. O-Kings & Queens Stable; B-Harold E Krupke (WA); T-Tim McCanna; J-R Frazier; \$22,000. Lifetime Record: 6-3-1-0, \$61,148.
2--Debbie's Assault, 116, f, 3, Belong to Me--Amal Hayati, by Seattle Song. (\$120,000 wing '02 KEENOV; \$300,000 yrl '03 KEESEP). \$8,000.
3--Kelly's Princess, 120, f, 3, Western Fame--Chanceofalifetime, by Pentelicus. (\$45,000 yrl '03 BESOCT). \$6,000.
 Margins: 2 1/4, 3/4, HF. Odds: 4.40, 9.10, 1.30.

ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

9th-MNR, \$36,500, 4-17, NW4L, 3yo/up, f/m, 5 1/2f, 1:05 4/5, ft.
KING'S THRILL (f, 4, King's Grant--Four Thrills, by Two Punch) Lifetime Record: 8-4-3-1, \$86,007. O/B-Dresden Farm (NY). T-John Prognos.
6th-HAW, \$30,000, NW2X, 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16m, 1:47 3/5, ft.
ILLINI QUEEN (m, 5, Indian Charlie--Laura's Run, by Runaway Groom) Lifetime Record: 42-6-6-9, \$150,600. O-John D Bauman. B-Wafare Farm (KY). T-Elmer J Miller.

7th-HAW, \$28,000, NW1X, (S), 3yo/up, f/m, 6 1/2f, 1:18 4/5, ft.
REAL DEAL (f, 4, Unreal Zeal--Cyber Angel, by Caller I. D.) Lifetime Record: 6-2-1-0, \$39,680. O/B-Virginia H Tarra Trust (IL). T-Andrew M Hansen.

8th-HAW, \$28,000, NW1X, (S), 3yo/up, f/m, 6 1/2f, 1:19 1/5, ft.
MISSED CONNECTION (f, 4, Petionville--Boot Um Bertie, by Storm Boot) Lifetime Record: 18-2-2-0, \$51,050. O-Blondes Inc. B-Everest Stables, Inc (IL). T-Thomas F Tomillo.

8th-PHA, \$25,960, NW1X, 3yo, a1m70yd, 1:44 4/5, ft.
POCOMOONSHINE (g, 3, Malibu Moon--Summell, by Summing) Lifetime Record: 6-2-3-0, \$51,039. O-Ellendale Racing. B-Ellen Dale Racing LLC (PA). T-Ramon Preciado.

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AQUEDUCT

Aggadan (Carnivalay), 3f, :35.81, 2/2
Byanosejoe (Cherokee Run), 6f, 1:14.29, 1/2
Classic Endeavor (Silver Buck), 6f, 1:14.33, 2/2

BELMONT PARK

Voodoo (Petionville), 3f, :37.28, 1/11

CHURCHILL DOWNS

Actxecutive (Noactor), 4f, :49.00, 8/36
Alumni Hall (A.P. Indy), 4f, :50.00, 21/36
Going Wild (Golden Missile), 5f, 1:01.40, 3/29
Lady Tak (Mutakddim), 6f, 1:15.00, 1/3
Summerly (Summer Squall), 5f, 1:03.20, 16/29

HOLLYWOOD PARK

Blind Ambition (Political Ambition), 5f, 1:01.60, 17/33
Rojo Toro (Mountain Cat), 5f, :59.80, 2/33
Sarafan (Lear Fan), 4fT, :50.20, 2/5
Terroplane (Fr) (Verglas {Ire}), 6fT, 1:14.20, 2/4

KEENELAND

Ashado (Saint Ballado), 5f, 1:01.20, 2/16
Culinary (El Amante), 6f, 1:14.00, 1/2

SANTA ANITA

Buzzards Bay (Marco Bay), 5f, :59.80, 6/24
House of Fortune (Free House), 4f, :49.00, 18/37
Siphonizer (Siphon {Brz}), 4f, :52.80, 36/37
Star Parade (Arg) (Parade Marshal), 4f, :52.80, 30/37
Southern Africa (Cape Town), 5f, 1:00.40, 8/24

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9th-PHA, \$23,000, NW2X, 4/up, a1m70yd, 1:43 4/5, ft. SURVIVOR KIPPY (g, 6, Boston Harbor--House Dressing, by Conquistador Cielo) Lifetime Record: 25-6-7-2, \$132,934. O-R J Amendola. B-Hart Farm, Inc (KY). T-A Iwinski. *1/2 to Taos (Dr. Adagio), MSW, \$184,124.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Blissful Ignorance, f, 3, **Lil's Lad**--Crystal Sky, by Conquistador Cielo. TAM, 4-18, 1 1/8mT, 1:54 4/5. B-Silverleaf Farms, Inc (Fl). *\$3,700 yrl '03 OBSJAN.
Wise Diplomat, c, 3, **Line in the Sand**--T. G. for Wanda, by Fortunate Prospect. SAX, 4-18, (C), 7f, 1:23 4/5. B-Farnsworth Farms (Fl). *\$55,000 2yo 2004 OBSAPR.
George Wafer, c, 3, **Proud Irish**--Hello Darlin, by Corwyn Bay (Ire). BMX, 4-17, 1mT, 1:40 3/5. B-Old English Rancho (Ca).
Borrow, c, 4, **Sahm**--Lent, by Guilty Conscience. HAW, 4-18, (S), 6f, 1:12 1/5. B-Mr & Mrs Harvey L Vanier (Il). *1/2 to Good Resolution (Dinner Money), SW, \$133,107.

 **FOALING NEWS**

TEE KAY, 14, Gold Meridian--Tri Argo (Tri Jet) Foal born Mar. 7, a filly by Seeking The Gold. Will be bred back to Fusaichi Pegasus. Owned by Mt. Brilliant Farm, LLC. Accomplishments: GSW of \$240,381; dam of Symboli Kris S. (Kris S.), 2x Horse of the Year, Ch. 3yo Colt & Ch. Older Horse-Jpn, MSW & G1SP-Jpn, \$8,272,790.

SLEWVEAU, 14, Slew o'Gold--Istria (GB), by Silly Season Foal born Mar. 8, a colt by Deputy Commander. Will be bred back to Strong Hope. Owned by Lothenbach Stables. Boarded at Chesapeake Farm, Ky. Accomplishments: Dam of Bring Home Thegold (Silver Deputy), SP, \$201,375; Mayo on the Side (French Deputy), GISW, \$642,366.

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ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

+ **Ascot Lady (Ire)**, f, 2, **Spinning World**--Life at the Top (GB) (GSW-GB, \$121,508), by Habitat. Angers, France, 4-17, Mdn, 2yo, f, 5 1/2fT. B-Pacelco SA & Gaines-Gentry Thoroughbreds LLC. *1/2 to Tiger Shark (Chief's Crown), SW-Fr & Ire, MSP-US, \$121,507.
 + **Takendo (GB)**, c, 3, **Acatenango (Ger)**--Tiyi (Fr), by Fairy King. Lisieux, France, 4-17, Mdn, 3yo, c/g, 1 3/16mT. B-Wertheimer & Frere. *Full to Tiganello (Ger), SW & GSP-Fr, \$115,543.
 + **Athanor (Fr)**, g, 3, **Ashkalani (Ire)**--Leariva (GISW-US, & MGSW-Fr, \$669,701), by Irish River (Fr). Compiègne, France, 4-18, Cond, 3yo, c/g, 1 1/8mT. B-Baron Thierry de Zuylen de Nyevelt. *€35,000 yrl '03 DEAAUG.
Amira Si (Fr), f, 3, **Midyan**--Alessia Si, by Slew O' Gold. Carpentras, France, 4-17, Mdn, 3yo, 10f 165ydsT. B-Enrico Ciampi.
 + **Morlana**, f, 3, **More Than Ready**--Tuscolana (Chi) (G1SW-Chi), by Roy. Lisieux, France, 4-17, Mdn, 3yo, f, 1 3/16mT. B-Liberation Farm & Oratis Thoroughbreds. *\$30,000 yrl '03 FTKJUL.
 + **Three Ware (Fr)**, c, 3, **Sendawar (Ire)**--Three Well (Fr) (Horse of the Year & Ch. 3yo Filly-Swi, SP-Fr), by Sicyos. Tours, France, 4-17, Mdn, 3yo, 1 3/8mT. B-Marcello Randelli.
Grischa (Fr), f, 3, **Septieme Ciel**--Glendale (Ger), by Windwurf (Ger). Angouleme, France, 4-17, Mdn, 3yo, 1 3/8mT. B-B-Marcello Randelli.
Orchard Road (Fr), f, 3, **Turgeon**--Little Bud (Fr), by Pampabird (Ire). Angouleme, France, 4-17, Mdn, 3yo, 1 1/8mT. B-Mme Henri Devin.

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