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HE'S THE MON

John Oxley may be hoping that history will repeat itself. Oxley, who won the 2001 Kentucky Derby with Monarchos, went to \$800,000 for another son of Maria's Mon at the Keeneland April Two-Year-Olds in Training Sale in Lexington. The chestnut, out of the multiple stakes-placed Copenhagen (Dynaformer), was the sales topper yesterday. A May 15 foal, he breezed a quarter in :21 2/5 during the first preview. "He worked extremely well, and he is by an outstanding



Maria's Mon
 Dan Dry photo

sire," said Oxley. "We thought he had a [1 1/4-mile] pedigree and we certainly know he can run." Jimmy Bell, representing Darley Stud, was the underbidder on the colt. Oxley was seated beside consignor Murray Smith as he signed the biggest ticket of the day. Smith was more than pleased by the final bid. "We thought he should bring between \$500,000 to \$1 million," she explained. "I thought perhaps a lot of the high-end buyers may have tapped out at sales earlier this year, which would affect what we could bring today. But how can you be disappointed with \$800,000?"

By the Numbers...

Although the percentage of buybacks improved slightly from the near 45-percent figure of 2004, the sale posted losses in the other major statistical categories. Despite selling a comparable number of horses, gross receipts for the sale were off 22.6 percent while the average dipped 25.5 percent to \$162,290, the lowest figure since 2000. The middle market held up relatively well, with the median down just 3.7-percent, but from the total catalogue of 262 head, sales were reported on just four out of 10 horses. "To tell you the truth I am disappointed and shocked," said Geoffrey Russell, Keeneland's director of sales. "We had a solid group of horses, but we needed one or two superstars to attract the big buyers. I have great confidence in the horses in this sale and I think they will come back and prove themselves. I just wish I was smart enough to know why."

TUESDAY - TOP SIX COLTS

Hip	Sire	Dam	Price
<u>39</u>	<u>Maria's Mon</u>	Kopenhagen	\$800,000
		<i>B-Haras Santa Maria de Araras S.A. (Ky)</i>	
		Consigned by Murray Smith	
		Purchased by John C. Oxley	
<u>82</u>	Danzig	Nuts in May	\$500,000
		<i>B-Kilcarn Stud (Ire)</i>	
		Consigned by Robert N. Scanlon, Agent XX	
		Purchased by Shadwell Farm LLC	
<u>143</u>	<u>Victory Gallop</u>	Sugar Is Gold	\$425,000
		(\$200,000 wnlng '03 KEENOV)	
		<i>B-Dr. Lance G. Bell (Ky)</i>	
		Consigned by Hartley/De Renzo Thoroughbreds LLC, Agent	
		Purchased by B. Wayne Hughes	
<u>41</u>	Red Ransom	L'Abidjanaise	\$400,000
		(\$100,000 yrl '04 KEESEP)	
		<i>B-Maple Leaf Farm (Pa)</i>	
		Consigned by Nick de Meric, Agent IV	
		Purchased by Graham Motion, agent for Jill Johnston	
<u>72</u>	<u>Dynaformer</u>	Moments of Magic	\$400,000
		(\$100,000 yrl '04 KEESEP)	
		<i>B-G. Watts Humphrey Jr. & Louise I. Humphrey (Ky)</i>	
		Consigned by Niall Brennan Stables, Agent I	
		Purchased by Mike Ryan, agent	
<u>163</u>	<u>Yes It's True</u>	Tri Toasted	\$400,000
		(\$150,000 yrl '04 KEESEP)	
		<i>B-Diane Harrington (Fl)</i>	
		Consigned by William B. Harrigan, Agent	
		Purchased by T.F. VanMeter	



KEENELAND APRIL STATISTICS

TUESDAY, APR.. 19, 2005

KEENELAND.	2005	2004
TOTALS		
No. Offered	176	183
No. Sold	105	101
RNAs	71	82
% RNA	40.3%	44.8%
Gross	\$17,040,500	\$22,012,000
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Soft at the Top...

While the middle market has proven notoriously fragile, the top end also proved problematic yesterday. Hip 30, an Unbridled's Song colt who tied for the fastest quarter-mile work during the first preview and was expected to be one of the sale toppers, was bought back at \$1,150,000. "I was surprised he didn't sell," Russell said. "I liked him an awful lot and I thought he was going to get the job done. I still think there was a lot of value here." Looking down the road to the 2006 April sale, Russell added, "Our job will be, as it is always, to try and recruit new buyers. We had the horses here, maybe just not the buyers. We just have to read-just."

TUESDAY - TOP FIVE FILLIES

<u>Hip</u>	<u>Sire</u>	<u>Dam</u>	<u>Price</u>
<u>128</u>	<u>Mr. Greeley</u>	<u>Sky Crown</u>	\$500,000
		(\$85,000 yrl '04 FTKJUL)	
		<i>B-Robert Schaedle (Ky)</i>	
		Consigned by Eddie Woods, Agent XLIV	
		Purchased by Shadai Farm	
<u>136</u>	<u>Forest Wildcat</u>	<u>Stalcreek</u>	\$440,000
		(\$90,000 yrl '04 KEESEP)	
		<i>B-Ailshie & Shields (Ky)</i>	
		Consigned by Randy Miles, Agent	
		Purchased by Never Tell Farm LLC	
<u>162</u>	<u>Mr. Greeley</u>	<u>Tricki Mae</u>	\$410,000
		(\$175,000 yrl '04 KEESEP)	
		<i>B-Dreabon Copeland (Ky)</i>	
		Consigned by Niall Brennan Stables, Agent VII	
		Purchased by Stonebridge Farm	
<u>247</u>	<u>Mt. Livermore</u>	<u>Elfi</u>	\$375,000
		(\$75,000 yrl '04 KEESEP)	
		<i>B-D.J. Stable (Ky)</i>	
		Consigned by Leprechaun Racing, Agent	
		Purchased by Reynolds Bell, Jr., Agent	
<u>105</u>	<u>Silver Deputy</u>	<u>Restraint</u>	\$360,000
		(\$260,000 yrl '04 KEESEP)	
		<i>B-Haras Santa Maria de Araras S.A. (Ky)</i>	
		Consigned by Sandra Murphy, agent	
		Purchased by Gregory Rand	

As Blue as the Grass...

One of the last by the pensioned supersire Danzig, hip 82 was purchased for \$500,000 by Rick Nichols, acting on behalf of Shadwell Farm. Consigned by Bob Scanlon, the Irish-bred colt is out of the eight-year-old mare Nuts In May (A.P. Indy), who is herself out of multiple Group 1-winner Regal State. That mare is also the dam of MGISW Pleasantly Perfect and Group 3 winner Hurricane State. "He's got a great pedigree," said Nichols. "It seems like he works better on the turf than on the dirt. We'll start him here [in U.S.] and see which way he wants to go." The Apr. 23 foal, who RNA'ed for €190,000 at last year's Goffs Orby Sale, negotiated a furlong in :10 3/5 during the first preview before recording the fastest time over that distance during the second show when he rolled over the turf in :10 flat. Usually low key, Nichols explained that Shadwell is still active at all the major two-year-old sales. "We tried to buy some at Calder, but we weren't successful," he said. "We always take a look at [two-year-old market], but we don't get really strong with it. If we find something we like, we take a good look at it. If it all comes together, it vetted well, worked well and has a nice pedigree, why not? We take a shot."

King's Ransom...

After posting an impressive :10 1/5 move on the turf during last Monday's breeze show, hip 41 drew a solid \$400,000 final bid from trainer Graham Motion, who was buying on behalf of Jill Johnston. Consigned by Nick de Meric, agent, the dark bay son of Red Ransom is from the family of GI Illinois Derby winner and GI Belmont S. runner-up Vision and Verse. He had sold for \$100,000 at last year's Keeneland September Sale. "I thought his breeze was very impressive--not so much the time, but the way he did it," explained Motion. During the bidding, the British-born horseman was on the phone with Johnston, who is currently in England. "He's a big strong horse," he added. "We went to our limit. We thought he would bring about \$300,000 to \$350,000, so we went a little higher than we expected." According to Motion, the colt will likely remain with the trainer's Keeneland string for now.

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Greeley's Day...

Japan's Shadai Farm, founded by Teruya Yoshida, bagged one for the home team with the purchase of hip 128, a filly by Mr. Greeley. Bought for \$500,000, the chestnut was consigned by Eddie Woods, agent. Tetsuya Yoshida, son of the renowned Japanese horseman, represented the family yesterday. This two-year-old caught his eye with a quarter in :21 3/5 during the first preview. She will be sent to Japan. The sale represented a solid pinhooking score for Woods, who purchased the filly for \$85,000 at Fasig-Tipton's July Selected Yearling sale. It was also a coup for Spendthrift stallion Mr. Greeley, with the price at almost six times the 13-year-old's 2002 stud fee of \$25,000. The Yoshida family was back in action later in the day, fighting for another Mr. Greeley juvenile, but was outbid by Robert Courtney, acting on behalf of an undisclosed client. Courtney went to \$410,000 for hip 162. Consignor Niall Brennan, who told Courtney, "I think you got a great buy," also made a good profit on the filly, having purchased her for \$175,000 at last year's Keeneland September sale. The bay covered an eighth in :10 2/5 during the first preview and followed that with a :21 4/5 move during the second breeze session. According to Courtney, the filly will be turned out for a while before heading to the barn of trainer Graham Motion.

"I thought she was real racy, I just loved the female family, and she has tremendous residual value," said Courtney. "It's a really quick family and I think she can go on." The May 4 foal is out of the Phone Trick mare Tricky Mae, the dam of stakes winner and graded stakes-placed performers Lakeside Cup and Angel Trumpet.

What They're Saying At The Sales...

Owner Robert La Penta:

"It looks a little different than the prior sales. There was a lot more bidding at prior sales. Maybe it has to do with the economy or the tax laws. They really were not bidding as aggressively as they have done in the past. It was not a very energetic, aggressive sale. We had a very nice Coronado's Quest [hip 31]. He had the best workout in the sale the first day and we got \$220,000 for him...that shows you that the sale is off."

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A Choice Freshman

“perhaps most intriguing of all, **BLACK MINNALOUSHE**.....in his favor are three very important factors: one, he is a son of **STORM CAT**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...I'm not the only one who thinks that.”

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Juvenile Sales...a Source for the Classic Horse?

Historically, owners looking to find Classic horses have turned to the yearling sales. But this year, with the Kentucky Derby less than three weeks away, graduates of the juvenile sales have taken center stage, dominating some of the biggest Classic prep races. **Afleet Alex** (Northern Afleet), who sold for \$75,000 at the Fasig-Tipton May sale, came away with an impressive victory in the GII Arkansas Derby last Saturday. **Bellamy Road** (Concerto), runaway winner of the GI Wood Memorial at Aqueduct Apr. 9, sold at OBS April last year, but ended up under the radar after posting a moderate time during his preview. "He only went :23 and change," consignor Kip Elser said. Purchased for \$87,000 by George Steinbrenner's Kinsman Stable, he looks like a bargain now as he heads to Churchill Downs as one of the favorites for the "Run for the Roses." Bellamy Road tops a five-strong Derby team for trainer Nick Zito. Another Zito Triple Crown hopeful, **Andromeda's Hero** (Fusaichi Pegasus), was offered, but led out unsold, at last year's Keeneland April Sale. "The evidence is there that the two-year-old sales turn out winners," said consignor Niall Brennan. "A number of the Derby horses have come out of the two-year-old sales." Still, Brennan believes that not all buyers are convinced they can find a Classic horse at a two-year-old venue. "The results are there, but unfortunately, we are not getting enough of the buyers to invest in these sales," Brennan said. "We need to show people that we are producing results and that our product provides a sound investment for their money." Other graded stakes-winning three-year-olds who sold last year at two include **Closing Argument** (Successful Appeal), winner of the GIII Holy Bull S.; GII Swale S. hero **Lost in the Fog** (Lost Soldier); GII Hutcheson S. winner **Proud Accolade** (Yes It's True); and **Spanish Chestnut** (Horse Chestnut {SAf}), victorious in the GII San Rafael S.

Exodus?

Where were the buyers? This was the question consignors were asking themselves yesterday. Conspicuous in their absence were some of the big spenders, including D. Wayne Lukas, one of the point men for Bob and Beverly Lewis; Buzz Chace, who buys for Aaron and Marie Jones; and Coolmore's Demi O'Byrne. One of those who felt the sting of a buy-back rate that reached 40.3 percent was Niall Brennan, who had two top prospects, hip 104 (by Unbridled's Song) and hip 114 (by Fantastic Light), RNA at \$575,000 and \$340,000, respectively. "Where we're having problems is in the middle market," said Brennan. "I think there are a lot of really nice horses in the middle that people are missing out on. Overall, the sales are spotty. It is not good for the consignors as a whole to only be able to sell a small number of horses. We won't always have the top horses and the problem is we can't survive on the middle market horses." Sequel Bloodstock's Becky Thomas managed to get a much higher percentage of horses sold than most consignors, but admitted that it was largely because of her conservative approach in setting reserves. "I set my horses considerably below market," she said. "This sale was just off. I'm not sure if it was a function of the stock market or not. It seemed to be spotty all week. Buyers were of the attitude that if they found something they liked, they would buy, so I can't explain what happened today." She added, "The weather was great, we had nice horses here and Keeneland did a great job, which they always do, so I don't know what happened. I guess you can lead a horse to water, but you can't make him drink."

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**TALE OF THE TAPE
Video of Keeneland April Toppers**

Hip 39	Maria's Mon colt	\$800,000
Hip 82	Danzig colt	\$500,000
Hip 128	Mr.Greeley filly	\$500,000
Hip 136	Forest Wildcat filly	\$440,000
Hip 143	Victory Gallop colt	\$425,000



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Triple Threats

PORTER SHOWS PATIENCE WITH 'ROCKY'

by Lucas Marquardt

It's been over a decade since owner Rick Porter joined forces with trainer John Servis, and while they've enjoyed some success together--most notably with MGISW winner Jostle--it wasn't until last fall that *The Horse* came along. *The Horse*, Rockport Harbor, was just what Porter had been hoping for--a promising two-year-old colt with a legitimate chance at making--and winning--the Kentucky Derby.



Servis leading Rockport Harbor to the track
Coady photography

Things went smoothly at first. Servis, who was just months removed from achieving Derby glory with Someday Farm's Smarty Jones, saddled 'Rocky' to a pair of facile Philly Park victories. A trip to Aqueduct earned the big gray a

6 1/4-length win in the GIII Nashua S., then, tested for the first time, he outbattled Galloping Grocer to the wire in the GII Remsen S. That victory came at a cost, however. Stepped on by a rival on the first turn, Rockport Harbor suffered a deep gash to his right hind that necessitated several weeks of antibiotics and stall rest.

At Oaklawn Park, Servis' winter base for Smarty's successful Derby run, troubles continued. The colt developed foot problems, then reaggravated the Remsen injury. That didn't stop him from running a gallant second to Greater Good in the Mar. 19 GIII Rebel S., but a blood clot in his neck, detected two weeks later, meant that even more valuable training time would be lost. As a result, Servis opted to pass on a scheduled start in the GII Arkansas Derby.

"It's been frustrating," admitted Servis. "More because it's been things that have been out of his control. In his case, the Remsen was just a horrific accident. We thought we really had control of that [injury], but then it popped up before the Rebel and again after the Rebel. The blood clot, the timing couldn't have been worse. After the Rebel he started to go forward in a big way and I thought we were right on track, and then the blood clot popped up."



Rick Porter
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Porter and Servis, still hoping to make the Derby, are planning on running 'Rocky' in Saturday's GII Coolmore Lexington S. at Keeneland. For Porter, the Lexington will be a chance for 'Rocky' to prove that the patience, and all of those setbacks, have been worth it.

"Pardon the pun, but it's been a rocky road," said Porter, a car dealership owner whose horses run under the banner Fox Hill Farm. "Every time we thought things were on the right track, John would tell me something else had popped up. It's been a lot of anticipation...and frustration. But overall, we're holding up well."

While both Servis and Porter are eager to be at Churchill Downs for a chance at the roses, the pair agree that Rockport Harbor won't go to Louisville without a satisfactory effort Saturday--which doesn't necessarily mean a winning one.

"It could be a bittersweet victory for us," explained Servis. "If I'm not happy with the performance and how he comes out of it, [we won't run]. But he doesn't have to win [to go on] if it's a stellar performance. Now, there would have to be a lot of things go wrong for him not to win and me still think about running in the Derby. I'm looking for a big win from him and looking for him to gallop out well. He's a horse that off of two preps--one being very close to the Derby--I think he can be very competitive in the Kentucky Derby, because he's an exceptional horse. But he's going to have to be 100 percent to do that, and if I'm not happy with where he is, then we'll regroup and map out another plan."

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FUTURE STARS

The group of sires whose first crops are three year olds this spring looks more and more a significant gathering, in one time if not one place, of some of the star sires of the future. America's top three second-crop sires, on stud fee, are all looking quite strong: Fusaichi Pegasus, who went to the top of the American second-crop list (2005 earnings from *bloodhorse.com*) after Bandini's GI Blue Grass S. win; Giant's Causeway; and War Chant. In Europe, the season is just getting underway in earnest, but each of Europe's top 10 second-crop sires already have more than 50 starters (cumulatively), and the top eight have the earners of the equivalent of more than \$700,000. Combined, Europe's top ten have already sired 42 stakes horses, which seems a pretty healthy count to me.

What really hits you, when you look at the list of Europe's top 10, is the extent to which the two Titans--Coolmore and Darley--dominate the European second crop list. Coolmore stood Europe's current top three sophomore sires (cumulative earnings), though two of the three have now emigrated to their American division, Ashford. Giant's Causeway went after only one season in Ireland; Monashee Mountain (Mineshaft's half-brother, after all, by Danzig) followed him there this year. The one they've kept in Ireland, Montjeu, looks very good, too: he's already the sire of 10 stakes horses, and if about three of them go on to win or place in Classics, Montjeu is going to be hailed as Coolmore's successor to his incomparable sire, Sadler's Wells. At the moment he's Europe's number two sophomore sire, splitting his ex-stablemates. Between them, Coolmore and Ashford stand five of the combined top 10 sophomore sires of 2005 in North America and Europe: Fusaichi Pegasus, Giant's Causeway, and Montjeu have real star potential, and Monashee Mountain and 2005 North American number 10, High Yield, look good, too.

The World Top Four sophomore sires may not be Darley's--that would be Fusaichi Pegasus, Giant's Causeway, Montjeu, and Australia's Redoute's Choice (by Danehill)--but they do stand six of Europe's cumulative top 12, which means 75 percent of Europe's top 12 sophomore sires are owned by Coolmore and Darley. Since two of the other three are owned by Sheikh Hamdan (Almutawakel) and Prince Khalid Abdullah (Dansili), it leaves Rathbarry Stud's Namid as the only one of Europe's top 12 to be even remotely a 'public' commodity. This development has plenty of European stallion farms, owners, and investors more than a little worried. Sheikh Mohammed's camp is engaging in fierce competition with Coolmore for mares, and the smaller stallion owner, and the many players who would like to be able to again own an interest in a stallion, are big losers. There's a lot of backchat about this state of affairs, not that it's going to cause Messrs. Magnier and Sheikh Mohammed to start making more top prospects available for syndication or anything.

Whether they grumble about calling Coolmore's and Darley's numbers, Europe's breeders are ringing Darley and Kildangan quite a lot these days. Four of their six European top-12 sophomore sires are applying for star status themselves. Kind of in reverse order of their current cumulative standings, first is current European number 12, Dubai Millennium, who Sheikh Mohammed hopes can emulate Bold Reasoning (sire of Seattle Slew) in becoming a posthumous star sire in spite of having sired only around 60 foals. Godolphin's unbeaten Dubawi, current hot favorite for the English 2000 Guineas, wrested the G1 National S. away from Aidan O'Brien's domination at The Curragh in his final start at two, which means he may be good enough to justify favoritism. Godolphin has a couple of others by Dubai Millennium, notably Belenus and Oude, who they are hoping can be Super Concorde to Dubawi's Seattle Slew. Belenus won a seven-furlong maiden race at Newmarket's July meet which has thrown up several very good horses over the years, and he's reportedly gone the right way in Dubai this winter, so he in particular may be another to keep an eye on.

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VIRGINIA WATERS
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Current Europe number seven and eight are Darley's Diktat (Warning), a crack sprinter-miler between 1998-2000; and Kildangan's King's Best (Kingmambo), winner of the G1 English 2000 Guineas for Saeed Suhail in 2000. Diktat wasn't as precocious as he was fast, so it wasn't surprising that most of his two-year-old winners last year looked as though they'd be better at three. Also, he's out of a Sadler's Wells mare, so it's not a big surprise that he's climbing the standings this year: he's the European 2005 number five so far, with three stakes horses since Easter week-end. King's Best actually led European freshman sires with 24 winners last year, and he has a very promising line-up of 2005 three-year-olds just starting to, or getting ready to, make their three-year-old debuts. Given that Dubai Millennium only has one crop, in the longer term King's Best could well prove to be Darley's best in this age group.

But the Darley operation's top sophomore sire of 2005 so far is none of the above: not Dubai Millennium, not King's Best, and not Diktat: it is Kildangan's Xaar, number four on the 2004 freshman sire list, and number four European sophomore sire so far in 2005.

He was European champion two-year-old himself in 1997, and from the first crop of European champion two-year-old and devastating 1993 G1 English 2000 Guineas winner Zafonic. Xaar was entitled to be a decent sire of precocious and fast runners and, with a Group winner in Europe already this year and four stakes horses among his 22 Northern Hemisphere winners, you'd still be giving him a shot at sire stardom. He's also of particular interest because his grandsire, Gone West, is perhaps the one son of Mr. Prospector, outside the untypical Fappiano branch, who is trying to establish himself as a genuine sire of sires. If Xaar made a sire, that would reflect well on Gone West, through Zafonic. Gone West also has success stories in Mr. Greeley (first foals 1997, sire of 2005 freshman sire El Corredor), Elusive Quality (sire of Smarty Jones), and Grand Slam; another of his sons, Came Home, is a top prospect among sires with their first yearlings this year.

Darley's other Top 12 European freshman sires fit more into the Monashee Mountain/High Yield mold: they bought Rossini, a 3/4-brother to Elusive Quality, from Joe Foley's Ballyhane Stud in Ireland and transferred him to Jonabell in Kentucky, where he is the poor man's Elusive Quality. **Cont.**

EUROPEAN SECOND-CROP SIRES

2004	2005	CUM	Sire	Year	His Sire	Rnrs	Wnrs	Wins	Progeny Earnings (£)	SW	SP
1	4	1	Giant's Causeway	1997	Storm Cat	72	24	34	719,082	4	1
3	1	2	Montjeu	1996	Sadler's Wells	65	22	35	602,106	5	5
2	2	3	Monashee Mountain	1997	Danzig	59	25	48	593,107	3	2
4	3	4	Xaar	1995	Zafonic	54	22	31	447,581	2	2
5	6	5	Rossini	1997	Miswaki	71	20	35	417,750	2	1
6	16	6	Dansili	1996	Danehill	65	22	32	395,066	1	1
9	5	7	Diktat	1995	Warning	58	18	26	379,223	2	3
7	14	8	King's Best	1997	Kingmambo	64	27	32	371,071	2	2
8	8	9	Namid	1996	Indian Ridge	73	30	39	343,880	1	0
11	11	10	Lujain	1996	Seeking The Gold	66	26	33	305,252	1	2
12	19	11	Almutawakel	1995	Machiavellian	30	14	18	283,871	1	1
10	--	12	Dubai Millennium	1996	Seeking The Gold	21	12	14	271,892	1	1
13	21	13	Trans Island	1995	Selkirk	43	18	33	241,428	1	1
14	--	14	Diableneyev	1995	Nureyev	4	2	8	205,010	1	0
15	20	15	Sinndar	1997	Grand Lodge	42	11	13	203,142	1	1
16	18	16	Josr Algharoud	1996	Darshaan	46	17	23	201,546	1	1
19	10	17	Indian Lodge	1996	Grand Lodge	35	12	26	180,661	0	0
18	15	18	Bachir	1997	Desert Style	29	14	18	179,751	0	1
24	7	19	Enrique	1996	Barathea	23	9	12	166,889	0	1
21	9	20	Sendawar	1996	Priolo	40	14	19	164,745	0	0
17	27	21	Fusaichi Pegasus	1997	Mr. Prospector	19	13	14	157,824	1	1
20	30	22	Adnaan	1996	Nashwan	10	1	3	129,352	1	0
25	25	23	Brave Act	1994	Persian Bold	23	6	15	124,592	1	0
33	13	24	Sagamix	1995	Linamix	30	10	13	116,728	0	1
27	24	25	Mujahid	1996	Danzig	38	14	15	114,951	0	1
22	--	26	Lend A Hand	1995	Great Commotion	28	10	14	111,603	0	1
28	22	27	Muhtathir	1995	Elmaamul	19	4	6	106,627	0	1
40	12	28	Dyhim Diamond	1994	Night Shift	17	4	7	103,305	1	0
26	--	29	Bold Fact	1995	Known Fact	25	6	10	99,750	0	1
23	--	30	Areion	1995	Big Shuffle	8	5	7	97,715	2	0

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Oppenheim cont.

Dalham Hall houses Lujain, like Dubai Millennium another son of the surprisingly good (because as a racehorse sire he has many more good fillies than colts) sire of sires, Seeking the Gold. He is proving quite a useful winner-producer for the many breeders who can only afford a four-figure stud fee.

Another Irish commercial stallion who went to stud without a huge amount of fanfare, but is doing a good job is Rathasker's Trans Island, probably the first son of Selkirk to get tested at stud; he has held his position in 13th. The little-known Diableneyev, a son of Nureyev who never won a stakes race himself, sired 2004 French champion two-year-old colt Helios Quercus, who is on course for the French 2000 after a successful 2005 debut. Diableneyev has been re-syndicated and now stands at the Haras du Thenney, where he will get a bit more attention now. And two cracks bred and raced by the Aga Khan have made promising starts to 2005: Sinndar, Europe's champion three-year-old and Arc winner in 2000, had a seven-length winner in a 10-furlong maiden in Ireland the other day as if major stakes company was going to be in his future; and Sendawar, a triple Group 1 winner over a mile in 1999 after running second to Montjeu over 10 furlongs, has come to life. He's only edged up from 21st to 20th on the cumulative list, but he's had nine winners so far this year, and, though he has no stakes horses as yet, there's a least a chance he will justify my original high opinion of his sire prospects, at least to some degree.

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WEEKEND PEDIGREE PERSPECTIVES

by Alan Porter

Saturday, Keeneland

TOYOTA BLUE GRASS S.-GI, \$750,000, KEE, 4-16, 3yo, 1 1/8m, 1:50, ft.

1--▲@#**BANDINI, 123, c, 3**, by [Fusaichi Pegasus](#)

1st Dam: **Divine Dixie (SP)**, by Dixieland Band

2nd Dam: **Hail Atlantis**, by Seattle Slew

3rd Dam: **Flippers**, by Coastal

(\$500,000 yrl '03 KEESEP). O-Michael B Tabor & Derrick Smith; B-Marvin Little Jr, James Iselin & Ron McKee (KY); T-Todd A Pletcher; J-J Velazquez; \$465,000. Lifetime Record: 5-3-1-0, \$564,180.

*First GISW for sophomore sire (by Mr. Prospector).

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The most recent GI Kentucky Derby winner to sire a Kentucky Derby hero in his first crop was Mr. Prospector's grandson Unbridled, sire of the 1996 victor Grindstone. This year, Mr. Prospector's son Fusaichi Pegasus looks to have a legitimate shot at the feat with his son Bandini, who captured the Blue Grass this past weekend.

Various sons of Fusaichi Pegasus have been prominent in the Derby reckoning since early last fall, but Bandini has made a relatively late appearance on the radar. He didn't run until last November and didn't break his maiden until Jan. 6, when he defeated subsequent GI Florida Derby runner-up Noble Causeway over seven furlongs at Gulfstream Park in his second start. He followed up with a nine-length allowance score at the same venue, then was a hard-charging second to High Fly in the GII Fountain of Youth S. In the Blue Grass, the long-striding colt was dominant in scoring his first stakes win by six lengths from the GII Louisiana Derby victor High Limit, with proven runners Closing Argument, Sun King and Consolidator in the beaten field.

We've mentioned that sons of Fusaichi Pegasus have been among the leading Derby prospects ever since this current crop came under classic scrutiny. The first newsmaker for Fusaichi Pegasus was Roman Ruler, who won the GII Best Pal S. and GII Norfolk S. for Bob Baffert last year. He had a testicle removed after a disappointing effort in the GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile and, after finishing unplaced in the GII San Felipe S. on his 2005 debut, has been shelved with a quarter crack. At last report the GI Preakness S. was still a possibility. In the middle of December, a new potential Fusaichi Pegasus star appeared in the shape of Fusaichi Samurai. A world-record-breaking \$4.5-million two-year-old in training, he made his debut in a 6 1/2-furlong maiden race at Hollywood Park. He scored so impressively that he was promoted to winter Derby favoritism.



Unfortunately, it was announced in February that Fusaichi Samurai had pulled a muscle in his left hind leg and was off the Triple Crown trail. A third Fusaichi Pegasus Derby candidate arrived when Andromeda's Hero won the Sam F. Davis S. at Tampa. He was off the board in the GII Lane's End S., but earned his way into the Derby with a third in this weekend's GII Arkansas Derby.

Bandini, Roman Ruler and Andromeda's Hero are three of the six stakes winners to appear so far from Fusaichi Pegasus' first Northern Hemisphere crop, the others being Killenaule, a two-time stakes winner and third in the GII Remsen S. last year; the filly South Bay Cove, winner of two sprint stakes at Woodbine last year; and the colt Witten, a dual stakes winner in the French provinces at two. Fusaichi Pegasus has also had two stakes winners from his first Southern Hemisphere crop of juveniles in Australia, including the graded stakes winning Flying Pegasus.

Bandini is the third foal of his dam, the Jersey Blues S. runner-up Divine Dixie. A daughter of Dixieland Band, Divine Dixie is out of the GI Santa Anita Oaks heroine Hail Atlantis, a daughter of Seattle Slew, and is half-sister to Stormy Atlantic, a minor sprint stakes winner who is now doing well as a sire. Flippers, the granddam of Divine Dixie, was a three-time stakes winner who also placed second in the GII Alcibiabes S. and GII Monmouth Oaks. She is a daughter of the GI Belmont S. hero Coastal, and is out of none other than Moccasin. A daughter of Nantallah and the great producer Rough Shod II, Moccasin was not only champion two-year-old filly of 1965, but also took Horse of the Year honors during that campaign, becoming the only member of her age and sex to achieve that honor.

A sister to champion two-year-old colt Ridan and to the good stakes winner Lt. Stevens, Moccasin produced seven stakes winners from eight runners, headed by the English champion two-year-old Apalachee. Despite this remarkable record, Moccasin has overall been less influential as a broodmare than her stakes-placed sister Thong. She produced "only" four stakes winners, but has had an enormous impact on breeding worldwide as the granddam of Nureyev and third dam of Sadler's Wells and Fairy King.

Bandini is a product of a pattern which we are seeing very frequently in modern pedigrees, that of a stallion bred on the Mr. Prospector/Northern Dancer cross, bred back over a Northern Dancer-line mare to give inbreeding to Northern Dancer in the center of the pedigree. Other Group/Grade I winners bred on the pattern include El Condor Pasa, Yagli, Distant Music, Hello, Voodoo Dancer, Numerous Times, Russian Rhythm, Sightseek, Rule of Law, Whipper, Divine Proportions, Dark Ending, Count Dubois, Zenda, Got Koko and King Kamehameha. For Fusaichi Pegasus, this pattern has already produced Roman Ruler (also inbred to Mr. Prospector), Andromeda's Hero, South Bay Cove, Flying Pegasus (inbred to Danzig) and Fusaichi Samauri (another inbred to Mr. Prospector).

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☆ RESULTS ☆

Sunday, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

GP CRUZEIRO DO SUL-G1, \$87,460, Gavea, 4-17, 3yo, 1 1/2mT, 2:27.7, gd.

- 1--▲**POTOTO (BRZ)**, 123, c, 3, by Roi Normand
 1st Dam: Jaffna (Brz) (SW & G1SP-Brz), by Youth
 2nd Dam: Contarina (Brz), by St. Chad (GB)
 3rd Dam: Tavasca (Brz) , by Nalanda
 O-Stud Cajado; B-Haras Sao Jose do Bom Retiro; T-R. Morgado Neto; J-M. Cardoso. Lifetime Record:
 5 starts, 2 wins, 1 places.
- 2--**Ordway (Brz)**, 123, c, 3, Jules--Glopex, by Manzotti.
 O-Stud Art & Ort.
- 3--**Macbeth (Brz)**, 123, c, 3, Royal Academy--Nouvelle Cuisine (Brz), by Slap Jack. O-Stud NTN.
 Margins: HD, 1/2.

Fusaichi Pegasus	Mr. Prospector	Raise a Native	Native Dancer
		Gold Digger	Raise You
	Angel Fever	Danzig	Nashua
		Rowdy Angel	Sequence
Divine Dixie SP, 14-2-4-2, \$62,220 5FIs, 1GSW	Dixieland Band	Northern Dancer	Northern Dancer
		Mississippi Mud	Nearctic
	Hail Atlantis GISW, 11-3-2-0, \$176,325 9FIs, 2SW	Seattle Slew	Natalma
		Flippers	Delta Judge
			Sand Buggy
			Bold Reasoning
		My Charmer	
		Coastal	
		Moccasin	

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**AROUND
THE WORLD**

 **NORTH AMERICA** 

KINGMAMBO BACK TO BREEDING Leading sire Kingmambo (Mr. Prospector) has gone back to covering mares at Lane's End Farm, according to published reports. The 15-year-old stallion had originally been taken out of service for several days shortly after the beginning of the breeding season in February with an infected cut to his leg. He was then diagnosed with an arthritic condition in his lower neck, which would have been aggravated by breeding, and was sheduled to be out of action for three weeks. The bay was also treated for EPM during that time.

VAN CLIEF NAMED NTRA COMMISSIONER The National Thoroughbred Racing Association Board of Directors voted unanimously to approve the recommendation of the transition and search committee to name D.G. Van Clief Jr. the organization's commissioner and CEO. Van Clief has been serving as NTRA commissioner and CEO since last September, when Tim Smith stepped down. "The NTRA Board feels strongly that D.G. Van Clief possesses the right mix of experience, character and leadership to see that this organization meets its objectives and to guide our industry," said transition and search committee chairman Robert N. Clay. "D.G.'s appointment completes a comprehensive national review to both identify the best qualified commissioner and to benchmark our current management team." The NTRA Board also approved the NTRA 2006 - 2010 Strategic Plan, which focuses on marketing, television and sponsorship and approved the formation of a steering committee to oversee the creation of an industry-wide Office of Wagering Integrity and named Bruce Garland of the New Jersey Sports and Exposition Authority to chair the committee.

STAKES CLOSINGS

TODAY, 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)**
- 08-13 \$400,000 **Secretariat-I, AP, 3yo, 10fT (300 EB)**



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ROSE RETAINS MOUNT ON 'ALEX' Following days of speculation, it was announced yesterday that



Afleet Alex with Rose up
Coady photography

Jeremy Rose, who rode **Afleet Alex** (Northern Afleet) to victory in Saturday's GI Arkansas Derby, will retain the mount for the GI Kentucky Derby, reports *The Blood-Horse*. Talk of a jockey switch began shortly after the Arkansas Derby when the winner's trainer, Tim Ritchey, became noncommittal when asked by

a television reporter if Rose would stay aboard for the Derby. Rose has been on Afleet Alex for eight of the colt's nine career starts, including his lone Grade I score in last year's Hopeful S.



FRESHMAN FOCUS

First-crop progeny to watch: Wednesday, April 20

*Sire (Sire's Sire), Farm, 2002 Fee, #2yos/Winners/SW
Race #-track, race type, distance, runner, odds (if available)*

FIVE STAR DAY (Carson City), Wintergreen, \$10K, 62/1/0
3-KEE, Msw, 4 1/2f, +Dance Daily, \$600K BAR MAR 2yo, 3-1
MANCINI (Mr. Prospector), Milestone, \$3K, 10/0/0
3-KEE, Msw, 4 1/2f, Whatsitgonnatake, 10-1



SOPHOMORE SPOTLIGHT

Stakes/First-time Starters to Watch: Wednesday, Apr. 20

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

CATIENUS (Storm Cat), Highcliff, \$4K, 112/25/2
3-LS, Msw, 4 1/2f, +De Ice Cat, KEE SEP yrl, 15-1
MORE THAN READY (Southern Halo), Vinery, \$15K, 161/25/4
3-KEE, Msw, 4 1/2f, +Ready to Please, \$270K OBS FEB 2yo, 5-2
SUCCESSFUL APPEAL (Valid Appeal), Walmac, \$5K, 81/18/6
3-KEE, Msw, 4 1/2f, +Moappeal, 3-1
WHY CHANGE (Time for a Change), End of Trail, \$2K, 17/2/0
3-KEE, Msw, 4 1/2f, +Fiji Island, \$15K TEX MAR 2yo, 20-1
YANKEE VICTOR (Saint Ballado), Airdrie, \$15K, 137/19/0
5-CT, Msw, 4 1/2f, +King Yankee, \$8K KEE SEP yrl, 10-1
YES IT'S TRUE (Is It True), Padua, \$10K, 149/29/4
3-KEE, Msw, 4 1/2f, +Lunargal, 3-1

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★ AMERICAN-BRED WINNERS ★



IN BRITAIN:

Red Racketeer, c, 3, Red Ransom. See "Britain"

FOALING NEWS...

SWEARINGEN, 11, Deposit Ticket--Firey Affair, by Explodent
Foal born Mar. 8, a filly by War Chant.
Will be bred back to Unbridled's Song.
Owned by Gainesway Thoroughbreds Ltd.
Boarded at Gainesway Farm, Ky.
Accomplishments: MSW & MGSP, \$673,203.

★ ON THE WORKTAB ★

AQUEDUCT

Love of Money (Not for Love), 5f, :59.31, 1/12
Saint Liam (Saint Ballado), 5f, 1:02.51, 6/12

BELMONT

Lilah (Defrere), 4f, :46.72, 1/12
Salute (Unbridled), 4f, :51.27, 13/15
Spite the Devil (Devil His Due), 5f, 1:02.87, 6/12
Zakocity (Precocity), 5f, 1:02.04, 2/12

CALDER

Dansetta Light (Colony Light), 4f, :48.40, 2/27

CHURCHILL DOWNS

Lunarpal (Successful Appeal), 4f, :50.80, 14/24
Old Forester (Forestry), 4f, :51.20, 18/24
Stockholder (Bertrando), 4f, :48.80, 1/24

HOLLYWOOD

Tarlow (Stormin Fever), 5f, 1:05.40, 31/32
Wilko (Awesome Again), 5f, :59.80, 2/32

KEENELAND

Best Minister (Deputy Minister), 5f, 1:01.60, 1/4
Macaw (Ire) (Bluebird {Ire}), 5fT, 1:03, 4/5
Magistretti (Diesis {GB}), 5fT, 1:04.00, 5/5
Mustanfar (Unbridled), 1:02.80, 5fT, 3/5

SANTA ANITA

Resplendency (Tale of the Cat), 4f, :47.60, 3/25
Very Vegas (Storm Boot), 4f, :48.40, 7/25

★ FRANCE ★

Yesterday's Results:

PRIX DE SURESNES-Listed, €47,000, Saint-Cloud, 4-19, 3yo, c/g, 1 5/16mT, 2:27.50, hy.

1--#**ORION STAR (FR)**, 123, c, 3, by **Sternkonig (Ire)**
1st Dam: **Okocha (Ger)**, by **Platini (Ger)**
2nd Dam: **Ochoa (Ger)**, by **Lagunas (GB)**
3rd Dam: **Omnica (Ire)**, by **Windwurf (Ger)**

O-Horst Rapp; B-Chevotel de la Hauquerie;
T-Henri-Alex Pantall; J-Christophe-Patrice Lemaire;
€23,500. Lifetime Record: 4 starts, 3 wins, 0 places,
€44,500.

2--**Earl's Court (GB)**, 123, c, 3, King's Best--Reine Wells (Ire), by Sadler's Wells. (€200,000 yrl '03 DEEAUG). €9,400.

3--**Palomar**, 123, c, 3, Chester House--Ball Gown, by Silver Hawk. (\$160,000 yrl '03 KEESEP). €7,050.
Margins: HD, 2HF, SNK. Odds: 7.30, 4.70, 2.50.
Also Ran: Azay Le Rideau, Vert Helice (Spn), Gaimix (Fr), Veyron (Ire).

Orion Star struggled to keep a straight course in the closing stages and had to overcome a stewards' enquiry before being confirmed the winner of this contest. Unraced as a juvenile, he progressed from a debut seventh at Angers in February to win back there Mar. 6 and continued the streak last time at Maisons-Laffitte Mar. 25. Let go at generous odds for this stakes debut, he was reserved off the pace in rear until making notable headway on the outside with three furlongs remaining. Pushed along inside the final quarter, he wandered under pressure and bumped into 9-5 pick Gaimix (Fr) (Linamix {Fr}) a furlong out before restoring balance in the last 100 yards and finishing with some gusto to deny Earl's Court on the line.

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PRIX DE LA PORTE DE MADRID-Listed, €47,000, Saint-Cloud, 4-19, 4yo/up, 1 1/2mT, 2:46.10, hy.
1--GEORDIELAND (FR), 128, c, 4, Johann Quatz (Fr)--Aerde (Fr), by Highest Honor (Fr). (€24,000 yrl '02 DEAAUG). O-Raynald Elbaz; B-Mlle M Bliard; T-Jean-Marie Beguigne; J-Thierry Thulliez; €23,500. Lifetime Record: 12 starts, 4 wins, 7 places, €137,775.

2--Fracassant (Ire), 128, c, 4, Linamix (Fr)--Fragrant Hill (GB), by Shirley Heights (GB). €9,400.

3--Le Carre, 128, g, 7, Miswaki--Dibs, by Spectacular Bid. €7,050.

Margins: 1, 2, 3/4. Odds: 4.40, 2.10, 7.10.

Also Ran: Alost (Fr), Coventgarden (Fr), Simplex (Fr), Gloirez (Fr), Zamenhof (Fr), Double Tonic (Fr), Dano-Mast (GB), Kiasma (Fr). Scratched: Artiste Royale (Ire), Kalahari King (Fr).

Geordieland had already proved adept at this level by winning last term's Grand Prix de Clairefontaine and placing second in the Prix Turenne. Returning for this seasonal bow off a third in the G2 Prix du Conseil de Paris at Longchamp in October, he dominated the stretch run to earn a second stakes badge. Team tactics proved pivotal from the start as the eventual winner's stablemate Kiasma (Fr) (Cাত্রail) was rushed to the front from the gun, setting solid fractions. Geordieland eased to the fore rounding the home turn and was soon in command, running on strongly in the final quarter mile to safely hold the running-on Fracassant.

Saint-Cloud, 3.20, Cond, €31,000, 3yo, c/g, 1 1/4mT, 2:19.60, hy.

SALTINO (IRE) (c, 3, Daylami {Ire}--Mahalia {Ire} {SW-Fr}, by Danehill) came here off a debut second, going 100 meters further at Maisons-Laffitte Apr. 1, and was positioned in a tracking fourth for the majority of this. Coaxed along soon after turning for home, the 41-10 chance was ridden into second at the eighth pole and ran on well late to assert a 1 1/2-length superiority over Kriegspiel (GB) (Singspiel {Ire}). Lifetime Record: 2 starts, 1 win, 1 place, €19,100.

O-G A Oldham; B-Citadel Stud Establishment; T-Richard Gibson.

Saint-Cloud, 2.50, Cond, €31,000, 3yo, f, 1 1/4mT, 2:24.10, hy.

+ **NARNIA (GB) (f, 3, Entrepreneur {GB}--Narola {Ger}, by Nebos {Ger})** was settled behind the leading pair until rounding the home turn when pushed along to make a bid. Accelerating to the fore approaching the final furlong, the 43-5 chance maintained control thereafter and kept on strongly for a forceful Thierry Jarnet drive to safely hold Back The Winner (Ire) (Entrepreneur {GB}) by a length. Narnia is a half sister to National Academy (Ger) (Royal Academy, MSW & GSP-Ger, SP-Fr, \$130,393). Lifetime Record: 1 start, 1 win, €15,500.

O/B-Dr Christoph Berglar; T-Richard Gibson.

Saint-Cloud, 2.20, Cond, €25,000, 2yo, 4 1/2fT, :55.90, hy.

SALSALAVA (FR) (c, 2, Kingsalsa--Lavayssiere {Fr}, by Sicyos) was made the 9-5 favorite off a once-out success over this trip in a newcomers' event at Maisons-Laffitte Mar. 25 and was smartly away as the gates opened here. Racing prominently throughout, he was ridden when headed by Dalychop (Fr) (Medaaly {GB}) inside the final furlong and rallied gamely under strong driving to regain a head advantage over that rival on the line. Lifetime Record: 2 starts, 2 wins, €21,500. O-B Chehboub; B-B & K Chehboub; T-A Charbonnier.

★ BRITAIN ★

AUSTRALIAN RACING LIVE IN UK

British bookmaker William Hill has announced it will broadcast at least 70 hours of live Australian racing per week on its own TV channel, Channel 425. In a deal with Sky Channel (Australia), viewers of British Sky Broadcasting (BSkyB) will enjoy a minimum 10 hours of live racing, including greyhound and harness racing. "The Grand National proved how advanced our telephone and internet operations are and in order to harness the maximum potential from these channels it is important that we continue to develop our programming for our interactive TV platform on Channel 425," commented Chief Executive David Harding. Peter Nolan, of the firm's e-gaming arm, added, "We know, from monitoring the peak times of our internet poker and casino operations, that there are many thousands of UK insomniacs, shift workers or early risers who are a potential audience for the specific hours of the Australian racing and we believe it could easily carve a niche market. I for one, would rather get up in the morning and switch on some live racing than watch the normal breakfast TV available in the UK."

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\$200,000 GII Dixie S.-May 21 • \$200,000 GIII

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NEW CLERK FOR ASCOT

Ascot Racecourse yesterday announced the appointment of Chris Stickels as new clerk of the course from June. A fully accredited clerk since 2000, he has extensive experience having previously officiated at Lingfield, Folkestone and Windsor. "Chris's appointment is an important milestone as we look towards reopening the redeveloped Ascot Racecourse next year," said Ascot's Chief Executive Douglas Erskine-Crum, who continued, "Chris will join the Racing Department alongside and aligned with Nick Smith, our Head of Public Relations. Chris will be responsible for turf husbandry, liaison with owners and trainers and for all other duties associated with the Clerk of the Course's role in the lead up to and during racedays. Nick, in addition to his wider communications role, will be responsible for recruiting overseas runners and promoting Ascot's racing internationally, including the development of the Global Sprint Challenge, the World Series and other international alliances with which we are involved." Of his appointment, Stickels added: "I'm delighted to be joining Europe's premier racecourse at such an exciting time and looking forward to overseeing the first Royal Meeting to take place following the redevelopment. For a Clerk of the Course, this is clearly one of the best jobs in racing anywhere in the world and also amongst the most challenging as the eyes of the world are never far away."

Yesterday's Results:

Windsor, 6.50, Mdn, £6,760, 3yo, f, 1m 67ydsT, 1:46.11, gd/sf.

+ **PARISETTE (GB) (f, 3, Dansili {GB}--Moulin Rouge {GB}, by Shareef Dancer)** was reserved off the pace in a midfield ninth until taking closer order as the field straightened for home. Making progress under pressure approaching the final quarter mile, the 9-1 chance was ridden to the front with 1 1/2 furlongs remaining and kept on strongly from there to best Prithee (GB) (Barathea {Ire}) by 1 3/4 lengths. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, £4,394.

O/B-P & Mrs Homewood; T-Henry Cecil.

Windsor, 7.20, Mdn, £6,620, 3yo, 10f 7ydsT, 2:09.90, gd/sf.

RED RACKETEER (c, 3, Red Ransom--Furajet {MGSP-GB}, by The Minstrel), fourth in his only previous out at Yarmouth last October, went postward for this sophomore bow as the 4-1 favorite. Positioned close to the pace from the outset, the homebred was ridden to challenge Evolution Ex (Bahri) with 2 1/2 furlongs remaining and proved best after a thrilling quarter-mile duel to deny that game rival by three-parts of a length nearing the wire. The bay colt is a full to China Visit, GSW & G1SP-Fr, G1SP-HK, SW & GSP-UAE, GSP-GB, \$742,960. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, £4,625.

O-Sheikh Maktoum bin Rashid al Maktoum; B-Gainsborough Farm LLC; T-Ed Dunlop.

Folkestone, 3.45, Mdn, £6,010, 3yo/up, 7fT, 1:32.17, sf.

MOSTASHAAR (FR) (c, 3, Intikhab--Nasanice {Ire}, by Nashwan) finished off the board in both juvenile maiden starts at Leicester and went postward for this sophomore bow as the 9-4 second choice. Supporters' confidence proved well placed as the homebred prevailed with a dominant display, stalking the leader in third until powering clear inside the final quarter mile to defeat Age of Kings (Kingmambo) by an eased-down five lengths. The winner is a half brother to Huja (Ire) (Alzao, GSP-Eng) and Maraahel (Ire) (Alzao, GSW-Eng, \$135,195). Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-0, £3,907.

O-Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid al Maktoum; B-Shadwell Estate Company Ltd; T-Sir Michael Stoute.

Southwell, 2.00, Mdn, £5,405, 3yo, 6fT, 1:15.87, gd/sf.

WHY NOW (GB) (f, 3, Dansili {GB}--Questionable {GB}, by Rainbow Quest) was let go as the 4-1 second choice off a debut third at Catterick Apr. 6 and led after the opening exchanges of this one. Pushed along when still in front at the quarter-mile marker, she drifted to the stands' side rail approaching the final furlong and kept on well in the latter stages to account for Sharaby (Ire) (Cadeaux Genereux {GB}) by three lengths. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-1, £4,031.

O-Sandra McCarthy; B-Juddmonte Farms; T-K Ryan.

★ ITALY ★

Yesterday's Results:

Rome, 4.45, Cond, €19,125, 3yo, 7fT, 1:26.90, hy.

EXTRAORDINAIRE (IRE) (c, 3, Sri Pekan--Swinging Secret {Ire} {SP-Ity}, by Classic Secret) was a 20-length winner on debut in a newcomers-only maiden at Pisa last October and returned there two weeks later to secure a conditions event by 3 1/2 lengths. Taking his aggregate winning margin to 27 lengths on his sophomore bow here, the 6-4 favorite was settled behind the front rank until challenging Ambohitra (Ity) (Roi Danzig) at the eighth pole and he lengthened clear in impressive style from there to best that rival by 3 1/2 lengths.

Lifetime Record: 3 starts, 3 wins, €25,500.

O/B-Scuderia Due C SRL; T-Alduino & Giuseppe Botti.

★ THAT'S A WRAP ★

SANTA ANITA - Arcadia, CA

Closed: Monday, Apr. 18

No. of Days: 85

Daily Avg. On-Track Attendance: 8,062 (-9%)

Daily Avg. On-Track Handle: \$2.1 million (-8%)

Leading Owner: Robert D. Bone (11 wins)

Leading Trainer: Doug O'Neill (54 wins)

Leading Jockey: Patrick Valenzuela (69 wins)

Website: www.santaanita.com



★ CLASSIC CORNER ★



AUSTRALASIA

**GODOLPHIN HOPEFULS WORK**

Team Godolphin could be multi-handed in the G1 1000 Guineas at Newmarket May 1, as current primary candidate **Satin Kiss** (Seeking the Gold), winner of the UAE 1000 Guineas and UAE Oaks, may be joined by stablemates **Suez (GB)** (Green Desert) and **Fen Shui (UAE)** (Timber Country). The latter pair exercised seven furlongs together on grass at Nad Al Sheba yesterday and satisfied connections, although their respective Classic aspirations will depend on how much they settle in at Newmarket after shipping from Dubai next week. "Suez, with Frankie Dettori in the saddle, and Fen Shui, with Kerrin McEvoy up, both pleased in their work--it was a very satisfactory racecourse gallop," explained racing manager Simon Crisford. "The door is very much open for one or both of them to join Satin Kiss in the 1000 Guineas on May 1. We will see how they travel from Dubai and settle into Newmarket, so we will not decide on their participation for another week. The French Guineas is the other option." In addition to the sophomore fillies, G1 King George VI & Queen Elizabeth Diamond S. winner **Doyen (Ire)** (Sadler's Wells) and G1 Ascot Gold Cup hero **Papineau (GB)** (Singspiel {Ire}) went through their paces in separate mile gallops with Crisford adding, "Doyen finished well in his work and will improve for it. We plan to start him off in the [G1] Tattersalls Gold Cup at The Curragh [May 22]. Papineau has been off the track for a long time [since winning the Gold Cup] and we knew that he was going to be very ring rusty. He will improve a ton for the work and is due to make his reappearance in the [G2] Emirates Airline Yorkshire Cup [at York May 13]."

MEEHAN DELIVERS CLASSIC REPORT

Lambourn trainer Brian Meehan confirmed Classic contenders **Magical Romance (Ire)** (Barathea {Ire}) and **Rebuttal** (Mr. Greeley) will point to their respective Guineas without a prep run. G1 Cheveley Park S. victress Magical Romance is available at a generous 25-1 for the G1 1000 Guineas at Newmarket May 1 and Meehan told *PA Sport*, "She's in great form and I'm very pleased, she's doing everything right. All the trials were a little bit too close to the big race, so we decided it was best to take her straight in, first time out for the season. On her pedigree, she'd have no problem [staying a mile], the trip will be fine. Last year she was a filly who looked like she'd get seven furlongs anyway, so I see no issue with the trip. She will probably even get a little further." Meehan is also confident G1 Middle Park S. runner-up Rebuttal will see out the Rowley Mile in the G1 2000 Guineas Apr. 30, adding, "He has wintered extremely well, we are very pleased with him. I see no reason why he shouldn't stay the [mile] trip. Last year in the Middle Park it looked like he would get further, so I'm very confident."

SALE TOPPER GETS A NAME The A\$2.5-million Easter sale-topping yearling by Redoute's Choice (Aus) out of Tugela (Riverman) has been named Musket (Aus). He is being broken at the Ingham family's private Belmont Park pre-training complex near Hawkesbury in NSW. Suzanne Philcox, who names some 200 horses annually for the Woodlands Stud operation, said Tugela was the name of a river in South Africa and she took her cue from there. "I got to thinking about the great Anglo-Zulu battles around the Tugela River and that led me to musket, the type of gun in use at the time," Philcox explained. A horse named Musket, bred in the UK, was the sire of the great Carbine, who raced in the 1800s, but the name has not been used in Australia since 1897.

HONG KONG RACING ON SKY CHANNEL Sky Channel, owned by the Tabcorp totalisator company, will broadcast racing in Hong Kong from May 1. Sky has lost the rights to broadcast Victorian and Sydney racing with breakaway broadcaster ThoroughVision (TVN) taking over from May 4. This Sunday's QEII Cup meeting at Sha Tin, which features Australians **Grand Armeé (Aus)** (Hennessy), **Elvstroem (Aus)** (Danahill) and **Silent Witness (Aus)** (El Moxie), will be covered on Sky, with five races being bet on by Tabcorp in NSW. Wednesday night racing at Happy Valley and Sunday afternoon fixtures at Sha Tin will then be covered in full from the start of May by Sky. But Tabcorp wagering spokesman Peter Fletcher ruled out a link to bet into the large HKJC pools. "We'd love to be comingling with the Hong Kong pools, as they are enormous, but at this stage we'll run our own pools," Fletcher told *The Sydney Morning-Herald*. "We will have the Hong Kong odds showing on the Sky Channel screens, however, so as to give our punters a guide as to what the horses are paying over there. With the high Australian involvement in Hong Kong racing through jockeys and trainers, we are very optimistic that NSW punters will embrace the service."

BREEDERS' EDITION AMERICA

ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

7th-HAW, \$35,968, Opt. Clm. (\$35,000-\$30,000), NW3X, 4yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16m, 1:48, ft.

MAZEL PIC (f, 4, Mazel Trick--Picaresque {GB}, by Zafonic) Lifetime Record: 19-7-2-2, \$109,330.

O-Michael L Reavis and Mary Ann Calabrese. B-K David Schwartz & Golden Orb Farm (FL). T-Michael L Reavis. *\$20,000 yrl '02 KEEJAN; \$42,000 yrl '02 OBSAUG; \$60,000 2yo 2003 OBSMAR.



9th-HAW, \$30,000, NW2X, (S), 3yo/up, 6f, 1:11 2/5, ft.

GOLDEN PRUNE (h, 6, Prune--Golden Pocket, by Full Pocket) Lifetime Record: 13-4-1-3, \$79,820. O-Cynthia Hall. B-Webb Farms (IL). T-Chris A Ryan.

8th-HAW, \$28,000, Opt. Clm. (\$35,000-\$30,000), NW1X, 3yo, 6f, 1:11 4/5, ft.

STEP RIGHT IN (c, 3, Skywalker--Buns Delish, by Present Value) Lifetime Record: 6-2-1-2, \$37,690. O-Mark Van Keirsbilck & James M Gulick. B-Blandford Stud (KY). T-James M Gulick. *\$10,000 yrl '03 FTKOCT.

9th-EVD, \$24,000, 4-18, NW3L, (S), 3yo/up, a1m70yd, 1:43 4/5, ft.

MY POCKET (c, 3, My Friend Max--Pocket List, by List) Lifetime Record: 12-3-1-0, \$63,455. O/T-Delmar R Caldwell. B-Double Dam Farm LLC (LA).

8th-PHA, \$22,000, NW1X, 4yo/up, f/m, 6 1/2f, 1:20, ft.

CANNON IN G (m, 5, [Matty G](#)--Mrs. Pat, by Cozzene) Lifetime Record: 35-4-4-1, \$69,581. O-Son My Son Stable LLC. B-Cindy Yonge (FL). T-Patricia Farro. *\$18,000 yrl '01 OBSAUG.

8th-FLX, \$20,100, NW2BX, (S), 3yo/up, 4 1/2f, :52 1/5, ft.

PLEASANT TRICK (h, 5, Clever Trick--Greatly Shocked, by Great Neck) Lifetime Record: 38-7-7-5, \$140,629. O-Theodus J Schouten and Mike Robinson. B-Driver-Ferguson & Glencrest Farm (NY). T-Michael A Lecesse. *\$14,000 yrl '01 KEESEP.

6th-TAM, \$20,000, NW16MX, 4yo/up, 7f, 1:23 2/5, ft.

TOUR THE HIVE (h, 8, Tour d'Or--Queen of the Hive, by Drone) Lifetime Record: MSW & GSP, 62-17-10-11, \$590,699. O-Pyrite Stables. B-Dr D W Frazier (FL). T-Miguel A Feliciano.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Choice Action, g, 3, **Bertrando**--Reign Supreme, by Half a Year. SAX, 4-18, (S), (C), 6f, 1:10 2/5. B-Mr & Mrs Martin J Wygod (Ca). *\$12,000 2yo '04 BESMAY.

Sect. Perfectstorm, g, 3, **Thats Our Buck**--Sect.Final Fantasy, by War Secretary. TAM, 4-19, 1 1/8mT, 1:53 3/5. B-Jan Hart (FI).

Major Parker, c, 4, **Darn That Alarm**--Autumn Fox, by Big Stanley. TAM, 4-19, 6 1/2f, 1:19 2/5. B-Ellen Crowder (FI).

Air Kaper, f, 4, **Wekiva Springs**--Kalifornia Kaper, by Cahill Road. MNR, 4-18, a1m70yd, 1:46 3/5. B-Stonereath Farms Inc (Ky). *\$10,000 yrl '02 KEESEP.

**BREEDERS' EDITION
EUROPE**

HANDICAP RESULT:

BRITAIN, Windsor, 6.20, 4-18, £7,830, 3yo, 1m 67ydsT, 1:45.33, gd/sf.

BANKNOTE (GB) (c, 3, Zafonic--Brand {GB}, by Shareef Dancer) Lifetime Record: 5-2-0-0, £11,102. O-The Queen; B-Exors of the Late Queen Elizabeth; T-Andrew Balding.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Crocodile Bay (Ire), c, 2, **Spectrum (Ire)**--Shenkara (Ire), by Night Shift. Windsor, Britain, 4-18, Mdn, 2yo, 5f 10ydsT. B-James & Joe Brannigan. *5,500gns wnl '03 TATDEC; 5,200gns yrl '04 DONOCT.

Pax Romana (Ire), f, 3, **Alzao**--Forest Lair (Ire), by Habitat. Folkestone, Britain, 4-19, Mdn, 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/2mT. B-Chevington Stud. *1/2 to Muakaad (GB) (Muhtarram), GSW-Ire, \$173,646. **€45,000 yrl '03 GOFORB.

William Tell (Ire), c, 3, **Rossini**--Livry, by Lyphard. Southwell, Britain, 4-19, Mdn, 3yo, 1 1/4mT. B-Camogue Stud Ltd. *€20,000 yrl '03 GOFFEB; €20,000 yrl '03 GOFOCT; 40,000gns yrl '03 TATDEC.

Adoration (GB), g, 3, **Royal Applause (GB)**--Unconditional Love (Ire) (GSP-GB), by Polish Patriot. Pontefract, Britain, 4-18, Mdn, 3yo/up, 6fT. B-Mrs Hazel Conroy.

FOALING NEWS...

GATHER THE CLAN (IRE), 20, General Assembly--What a Summer, by What Luck
Foal born Mar. 9, a filly by Pure Prize.
Will be bred back to Cherokee Run.
Owned by A Lakin & Sons.
Boarded at Lakland, Ky.
Accomplishments: GSW of \$232,748. Dam of Gather the Day (Dayjur), MSP, \$245,908; Greater Good (Intidab), MGSW, \$436,275.

CORACLE, 9, Exbourne--Jangada, by Raft
Foal born Mar. 10, a filly by Gone West.
Owned by Dr John Chandler.
Boarded at Mill Ridge, Ky.
Accomplishments: GSW of \$246,383.

MILLIE'S CHOICE (IRE), 16, Taufan--Salangangai (GB), by Sallust (Ire)
Foal born Mar. 10, a filly by Thunder Gulch.
Will be bred back to Mizzen Mast.
Owned by Kay Bullitt.
Boarded at Ashleigh Farm, Ky.
Accomplishments: SW-Ire of \$104,152. Dam of Millie's Quest (Quest for Fame {GB}), GSW & GISP, \$163,458.

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