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## HEADLINE NEWS

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### KEN MCPEEK HANGS UP HIS STOPWATCH

Trainer Ken McPeek announced yesterday that, as of July 1, he will take a break from training horses and instead turn his attention to the bloodstock business. "After training Thoroughbreds for nearly 20 years and having risen from the bottom to the top of the game, I have decided to take a hiatus from the training area of my business," McPeek said in a statement. "I have built that business by encouraging my clients to allow me



Ken McPeek *Horsephotos*

to be involved in the process of selecting their horses. I can proudly list many very talented horses that I have found for those clients and, at this point in my career, I have decided to concentrate on the bloodstock area of my business." McPeek, 42, graduated from the University of Kentucky with a degree in business in 1984 and headed to New York to interview for an opening as a stockbroker, but instead found a job working as a hotwalker for Shug McGaughey. The Lexington native took out his trainer's license in 1985 and, over the next two decades, handled 82 stakes winners, including top horses such as Harlan's Holiday, Repent, Take Charge Lady and Tejano Run. He saddled Harlan's Holiday to a seventh-place finish in the Kentucky Derby and a fourth-place showing in the Preakness in 2002. Owner Jack Wolf took the horse away just before the Belmont S., but McPeek won the third leg of that year's Triple Crown with 70-1 shot Sarava. "Most of you will continue to see me at the races and sales, but in the role of advisor and agent rather than trainer," McPeek concluded. "So this is not a goodbye as much as change of direction. My passion for horse racing remains as strong as ever and, if the correct opportunity presents itself, I would not rule out a return to training in the future. Only time will tell." There are approximately 100 horses currently in McPeek's stable. They will be turned over to his assistants and to other trainers.



## Triple Threats

### Afleet Alex Fires a Bullet...

**Afleet Alex** (Northern Afleet), runaway winner of the Apr. 16 GII Arkansas Derby, had his first work over the main track at Churchill Downs yesterday, going five furlongs in a bullet :59 flat with jockey Jeremy Rose in the irons. The three-year-old clicked off splits of :12.40, :24, :35.40, :46.60, and galloped out six furlongs in 1:12.40. The five-eighths time was 1 2/5 seconds quicker than the next-fastest at the distance. "The work was



Afleet Alex *Adam Coglianesse*

good," trainer Tim Ritchey said. "Everything was exactly like we wanted it. He started out easy and finished up strong. He came out of it well, cooled out well, no problems." Added Rose, "It was perfect. He always works well. Every track we have been to, he has handled it. I think he will run on pretty much whatever you put him on. He is just one of those horses that is athletic and likes to run." Asked if Afleet Alex was the best horse he has ridden Rose added, "Easily. He is the fastest and the coolest. The nice thing about him is whenever a hole opens up, we can be in and out of there before anybody knows about it." Ritchey said that the bay has thrived since arriving in Louisville Apr. 20. "He has done well here," he said. "He settled in well and has gone to the track every day and handled the track well. I don't anticipate any problems." The colt is scheduled to walk today and will have his final Derby prep Monday or Tuesday. "It will be a lot easier kind of work, start out even slower and just ask him to finish the last quarter of a mile. That's a long stretch--he has to get used to finishing the whole way down the stretch."

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**Wednesday, Keeneland, post time: 4:45 p.m. EDT**

**BEWITCH S.-GIII**, \$100,000, 4yo/up, f/m, 1 1/2mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER	WT
1	Literacy	Diesis (GB)	Pregman Jr	118
2	Ballistic Babe	Bates Motel	Sayre	118
3	Noble Stella (Ger)	Monsun (Ger)	Attfield	118
4	Angara (GB)	Alzao	Biancone	118
5	My Dear Lady (Arg)	Mutakddim	Ward Jr	118
6	Strike Me Lucky	Smart Strike	G Hofmans	118
7	Cape Town Lass	Horse Chestnut (SAf)	McGee	118
8	Stormin' Diana	Storm Creek	Baker	118

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**Wednesday, Lingfield, Britain, post time: 4:10 p.m.**

**HESMONDS STUD SAGARO S.-G3**, £50,000, 4yo/up, 2mT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER
1	5	Alcazar (Ire)	Alzao	Morrison
2	9	Clear Thinking (GB)	Rainbow Quest	Williams
3	4	Corrib Eclipse (GB)	Double Eclipse (Ire)	Poulton
4	6	Cruzspiel (GB)	Singspiel (Ire)	Fanshawe
5	7	Dubai Success (GB)	Sadler's Wells	B Hills
6	1	Franklins Gardens (GB)	Halling	Tompkins
7	8	Grampian (GB)	Selkirk	Given
8	2	Hello It's Me (GB)	Deploy (GB)	Collingridge
9	3	Winged d'Argent (Ire)	In The Wings (GB)	Johnston

All carry 125 pounds, except Hello It's Me & Winged d'Argent at 121.

☆ **CLASSIC CORNER** ☆

**Dubawi Touches Down...**

Godolphin's **Dubawi (Ire)** (Dubai Millennium {GB}) arrived in Newmarket Monday ahead of his bid to justify favoritism in Saturday's G1 2000 Guineas. Racing Manager Simon Crisford told the *Racing Post* that the unbeaten G1 National S. winner was doing well in his new surroundings and faces a light work schedule up to the Classic. "Dubawi had a good journey to Newmarket from Dubai and has settled in well," he said. "He has already finished his preparation for the Guineas--he'll just canter for the rest of the week."

**Hannon Ready to Move...**

The Queen's **Forward Move (Ire)** (Dr Fong) may tackle Saturday's G1 2000 Guineas at Newmarket after working well on Monday. Despite finishing sixth in the G3 Craven S. at the track last Thursday, trainer Richard Hannon appeared keen to let the colt take his chance in the mile Classic. "He worked brilliantly on Monday and needed the run in the Craven," he said. "He wasn't beaten far there and he's pretty good. If we don't run in the Guineas, we could go for the G3 Dee S. [at Chester May 6]."

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**Fallon Close to Decision...**

Kieren Fallon will partner the current favorite **Damson (Ire)** (Entrepreneur {GB}) in a gallop this morning as he weighs up his options in Sunday's G1 1000 Guineas at Newmarket. Ballydoyle's number one jockey also has the choice of Susan Magnier's other filly **Virginia Waters** (Kingmambo), who took the G3 Leopardstown 1000 Guineas Trial Apr. 10. Fallon described the David Wachman-trained Damson, who he partnered to win the G1 Phoenix S. at The Curragh last August, as "hard to turn down" on Monday. "Damson did well last year, but she needs fast ground and Aidan [O'Brien]'s horse [Virginia Waters] has been working nicely," he commented. "Damson is the favorite and will be hard to turn down, but I'll ride her in work on Wednesday and make a decision then."

**Rain Needed for Romance...**

Con Wilson's **Magical Romance (Ire)** (Barathea {Ire}) looks set to run in Sunday's G1 1000 Guineas at Newmarket if the forecasted rain materialises. Last year's G1 Cheveley Park S. winner has had a trouble-free preparation, but will need good or softer ground to line up in the mile Classic. "It was always the intention to go straight there and there have been no problems with her preparation, but she would have to have good ground to run," Wilson said.

**Cheveley Duo on Target...**

Cheveley Park Stud will be double-handed for the first time in Sunday's G1 1000 Guineas at Newmarket after connections gave the Sir Michael Stoute-trained **Echelon (GB)** (Danehill) and **Shanghai Lily (Ire)** (King's Best) the go-ahead. Johnny Murtagh has been booked to ride the latter, who was unbeaten in two starts at Newbury last term, with Michael Kinane on Echelon, who finished third in the G3 Nell Gwyn S. at that track last time Apr. 16. "Everything has gone according to plan with them and they've pleased with everything they've done," the Stud's Managing Director Chris Richardson explained. "It's the first time we've ever had two in the race and we're looking forward to it."

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**FROM THE DESK OF...**  
 Bill Oppenheim



**MARKET CYCLES**

Ten years ago, the Thoroughbred horse market was just beginning to emerge from the crash that began in 1986 and didn't hit bottom until 1992 (during which time Japan became a world power in horse breeding, buying up such horses as Sunday Silence). Though prices began to rise in '93, it wasn't until 1995 that they again reached levels where the business made at least some sense. Consequently, I have consistently used 1995 as a 'base' year, against which subsequent events can be measured.

In North America in 1995, there were 17,609 horses sold at auction, which grossed \$514,337,438 and averaged \$29,209. (These statistics come from *The Blood-Horse* supplement, "Auctions of 2004," p. 10). Last year, 19,465 horses (an increase, thankfully, of no more than 11 percent) sold at auction in North America for \$1,033,622,434, an average of \$53,102. Revenues had just slightly more than doubled over the last 10 years, while the average had risen 82 percent over that period. If you ignore compounding, in other words, the number of horses sold has grown about 1 percent a year, the gross by 10 percent and the average by 8 percent.

Those who only came into the horse business in the last 10 years must think it's a relatively smooth path to success. So it should be, if your two most important measures of economic health (gross and average) are showing average gains of 9 percent annually. But, as usual, all is not as it seems: the fact is that the market peaked in 1999-2000, and has been treading water, at best, since. The market grossed right around \$1 billion and horses averaged over \$50,000 in both 1999 and 2000. The gross dropped 22 percent in 2001 and, exacerbated by MRLS, had dropped 29 percent from record 2000 levels by the end of 2002. Sales recovered to 80 percent of their record levels in 2003 and, in 2004, the North American auction market topped 19,000 sales for only the third time in the last decade, broke the \$1-billion barrier for the second time and recorded a record average. It sounded very heartening to say that auction revenues in 2004 had jumped 36 percent from two years before.

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**Reality Check...**

But here's what's really been happening: since 1999, the North American auction market has in fact ping-ponged between two price levels, roughly about 15 percent apart. If you add \$100 million back in to 2002 (a fair assumption) as the cost at auction of MRLS, the market grossed about \$1 billion in 1999 (\$987 million), 2000 (\$1.069 billion) and 2004 (\$1.033 billion). The market effectively grossed around \$850 million in 2001 (\$835 million), 2002 (\$759 million) and 2003 (\$849 million).

In the billion-dollar years, horses average around \$52,000; in \$850-million years, the average is around \$45,000; again about a 15-percent difference.

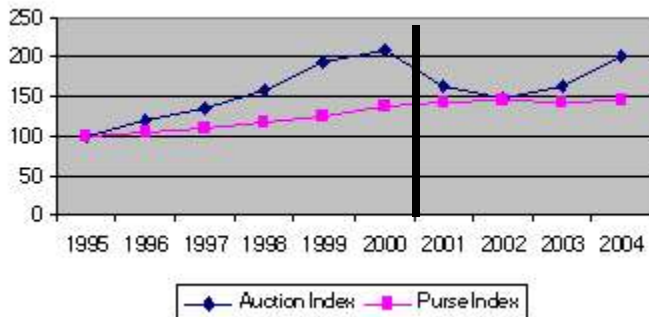
When you look at the accompanying graph, what you see quite clearly on the auction gross line is that prices rose steadily (over 21 percent a year) from 1995-2000, but in fact have actually declined since then, dropping down 15 percent before recovering to 1999-2000 levels last year. The overall 10-percent growth rate actually reads: first six years--21 percent; next four years--zero.

Two things that have happened at Keeneland this spring lead me to predict that the new kids, who have been in the Thoroughbred market for 10 years or less, are about to get their first serious dose of market reality. The first is short fields. I haven't asked Rogers Beasley, and it would probably be premature until the meet is over, but my sense is that the Keeneland fields aren't as big as usual. I suspect that will be even more evident at Churchill after the Derby. In recent years, even when fields in New York and then California grew shorter, there were always full fields in Kentucky. Like I say, I haven't done the statistics on it, but there sure haven't been full fields, for the most part, this spring.

Then there was last week's discouraging two-year-old sale. Only 40 percent of the catalogue sold, the gross was off nearly \$5 million and the average dropped a quarter. At first I thought this must have been the most disappointing major two-year-old sale ever, but then I found (thanks to April Gaither Clark at Racing Update for these stats) that only 39 percent of the catalogue sold at the corresponding sale last year; there was also a Barretts sale (March '03) in which just 37 percent of the catalogue sold.

Looking at the five major North American two-year-olds sales since 2000, to my amazement, we find that in not one of those years did more than 50 percent of the two-year-olds catalogued actually sell. No doubt they got them sold some other way, but the sobering fact is that when you enter a horse in a major two-year-old sale, you've actually only got a 50-50 chance of the horse being sold through the ring. No wonder two-year-old pinhookers need home runs.

**GROWTH OF AUCTION REVENUE VS. PURSES**  
*(1995-2004)*



Year	Auction Gross (\$)	Gross Purses (\$)
2004	1,033,622,434	1,246,900,000
2003	849,280,349	1,224,600,000
2002	759,750,436	1,242,400,000
2001	835,800,114	1,218,900,000
2000	1,069,193,033	1,164,600,000
1999	987,455,100	1,066,700,000
1998	816,908,247	993,500,000
1997	693,001,256	938,400,000
1996	610,752,655	897,000,000
1995	514,337,438	852,200,000

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FIVE MAJOR TWO-YEAR-OLDS SALES, 2000-2005

		Cat	Ring	% W/D	Sold	% Sold/Cat	% Sold/Ring	Gross	Average	Median	High Price	\$2M +	\$1M+	\$500K-\$1M
2000	OBSFeb00	260	227	13	142	55%	63%	15,599,000	109,852	95,000	550,000	0	0	1
	FTCFeb00	330	263	20	156	47%	59%	33,690,000	215,962	163,500	1,950,000	0	4	5
	BarMar00	215	169	21	96	45%	57%	17,287,000	180,073	105,000	2,000,000	1	0	7
	OBSMar00	472	381	19	250	53%	66%	17,428,000	69,712	55,000	600,000	0	0	1
	KeeApr00	245	195	20	123	50%	63%	18,515,000	150,528	105,000	825,000	0	0	5
2001	OBSFeb01	217	189	13	136	63%	72%	14,124,000	103,853	75,000	900,000	0	0	1
	FTCFeb01	301	238	21	138	46%	58%	28,186,000	204,246	150,000	1,000,000	0	1	6
	BarMar01	171	129	25	70	41%	54%	9,915,000	141,643	70,000	750,000	0	0	4
	OBSMar01	419	343	18	216	52%	63%	15,166,000	70,213	51,000	1,050,000	0	1	0
	KeeApr01	199	146	27	91	46%	62%	14,898,000	163,714	125,000	775,000	0	0	4
2002	OBSFeb02	205	175	15	114	56%	65%	13,041,000	114,395	90,000	500,000	0	0	1
	FTCFeb02	325	253	22	138	42%	55%	29,399,000	213,036	175,000	1,000,000	0	1	8
	BarMar02	166	120	28	72	43%	60%	10,824,000	150,333	85,000	1,900,000	0	1	2
	OBSMar02	407	322	21	200	49%	62%	14,722,000	73,610	53,500	400,000	0	0	0
	KeeApr02	249	178	29	102	41%	57%	17,749,500	174,015	127,500	850,000	0	0	6
2003	OBSFeb03	201	166	17	117	58%	70%	12,733,000	108,829	75,000	1,200,000	0	0	0
	FTCFeb03	319	246	23	139	44%	57%	29,077,000	209,187	150,000	1,400,000	0	2	8
	BarMar03	229	166	28	85	37%	51%	12,148,000	142,918	60,000	2,700,000	1	1	2
	OBSMar03	503	411	18	273	54%	66%	18,196,500	66,654	50,000	350,000	0	0	0
	KeeApr03	262	198	24	128	49%	65%	21,440,000	167,500	98,500	950,000	0	0	10
2004	OBSFeb04	204	169	17	112	55%	66%	15,266,000	136,304	87,500	1,600,000	0	1	2
	FTCFeb04	294	223	24	142	48%	64%	41,586,000	292,859	170,000	4,500,000	2	2	18
	BarMar04	229	180	21	131	57%	73%	20,181,200	154,055	70,000	2,000,000	1	1	8
	OBSMar04	484	368	24	245	51%	67%	22,563,000	92,094	60,000	650,000	0	0	2
	KeeApr04	258	183	29%	101	39%	55%	22,012,000	217,941	135,000	3,300,000	1	1	5
2005	OBSFeb05	207	207	0%	109	53%	53%	14,921,000	136,890	120,000	600,000	0	0	2
	FTCFeb05	352	266	24	147	42%	55%	50,132,000	341,034	200,000	5,200,000	3	5	14
	BarMar05	201	144	28	86	43%	60%	14,260,500	165,820	96,250	1,900,000	0	2	4
	OBSMar05	630	630	0%	323	51%	51%	26,399,000	81,731	55,000	900,000	0	0	1
	KeeApr05	262	176	33	105	40%	60%	17,040,500	162,290	130,000	800,000	0	0	3



Oppenheim cont.

**Taking a Look at Purses...**

Now let's take a look at North American purse money, as reported by The Jockey Club Fact Book. Strikingly, the same pattern as auction sales prices is repeated, at least since 1995. Before then, while the auction market was in free-fall, purses had actually been steadily rising, and did so every year between 1986 and 2002.

Between 1995 (\$852 million) and 2000 (\$1.164 billion), purses rose by 37 percent, almost 7.5 percent per year. Since then, purses have risen 9 percent total, just over 2 percent a year--and that's with slot machines.

Just as there's no suggestion in the two-year-old market that people are mad keen to own racehorses, there's also nothing in the purse money figures to suggest the money for owners is so tempting they just have to go out and buy racehorses.

Moreover, these figures really say nothing about the massive overproduction of foals by stallions with expensive stud fees. When you combine the prospects of this overproduction with the stagnation in both the auction market and purse money in the last four years--well, the prospects are sobering at best.

Hey, like I like to say every time I predict a downturn, I hope I'm wrong; sometimes I have been (though usually about when it happens, not if). If the market goes up another 15 percent this year (which would shatter all previous known records, except maybe Seattle Dancer), great. But, the way I read the tea leaves, the auguries point the other way. If the North American market is down 15 percent this year, the fall will have been just about predictable, in one sense, because in three of the last six years, the market's been at that level anyway. Of course, if you've been paying ever-increasing higher stud fees, 15 percent down doesn't sound like a good result. But it might be: no market goes up forever, and this one hasn't really been going up since 2000, the year after the Tech crash.

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**WEEKEND PEDIGREE  
PERSPECTIVES**

*by Alan Porter*

**COOLMORE LEXINGTON S.-GII**, \$325,000, KEE, 4-23, 3yo, 1 1/16m, 1:45 3/5, sy.

1--@#**COIN SILVER**, 117, c, 3, by Anees

1st Dam: **Beyond a Doubt**, by Conquistador Cielo

2nd Dam: **Proven Right**, by Prove Out

3rd Dam: **Privileged**, by Flying Fury

(\$35,000 wlng '02 KEENOV; \$65,000 yrl '03 KEESEP). O-Peachtree Stable; B-Biggs Farm Inc (KY); T-Todd A Pletcher; J-J Castellano; \$201,500.

Lifetime Record: 5-2-1-1, \$232,560. \*1/2 to Beyond Brilliant (High Brite), MSW, \$572,278. \*\*First GSW for sophomore sire (by Unbridled).

Click for the [brisnet.com](http://brisnet.com) chart, the [free brisnet.com](http://free.brisnet.com) catalogue-style pedigree or the [video replay](#).

Yesterday, my colleague Andrew Caulfield explored the pedigree of GII Coolmore Lexington S. winner Coin Silver. The article concentrated on the development of Coin Silver's sire line, which features three successive generations of sires which had died prematurely: Anees, Unbridled and Fappiano. There are other aspects of Coin Silver's pedigree which are equally intriguing, however, and, to the best of our knowledge, one which to date is unique.

It's long been our contention that in general, breeding a mare back to a stallion from her own immediate sire line is not a good best percentage play. There are, however, circumstances which can improve the odds. Examples include matings which feature the inbreeding through individuals of very different aptitudes and physiques--what we call "Parallel Patterns" and "Reverse Parallel Patterns" (where the individuals utilized are bred on similar male line/male-line crosses, or reverse male line/male line-crosses), and where other kinds of genetic relatives are used.

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For the Raise a Native line, one of the combinations that somewhat fits all three criteria involves Mr. Prospector and Alydar. Definitely different in physique and aptitude, both were products of the Raise a Native/Nasrullah cross, and both had enough additional similarities to class them as genetic relatives (both were out of mares by sons of Nasrullah, and the third dams of both were Bull Dog/Blue Larkspur crosses). To date, there have been at least 20 unrestricted stakes winners bred on a Mr. Prospector/Alydar cross, including two Eclipse Award winners, Point Given and Anees (in total, there are at least 58 unrestricted stakes winners, 24 of them graded and seven Grade I, with Mr. Prospector and Alydar in the first four generations of the pedigree).

<b>Anees</b>	Unbridled	Fappiano	Mr. Prospector Killaloe
		Gana Facil	*Le Fabuleux Charedi
	Ivory Idol	Alydar	Raise a Native Sweet Tooth
		Ivory Wand	Sir Ivor Natashka
			Mr. Prospector
	<b>Beyond A Doubt</b> 7Fls, 1GSW, 1SW	Conquistador Cielo	K D Princess
Proven Right 10Fls, 1SW			Prove Out
		Privileged 10Fls, OSW	Flying Fury Ethel Walker

Coin Silver continues the Raise a Native/Raise a Native formula. He is out of a mare by Conquistador Cielo, so represents a Mr. Prospector/Mr. Prospector cross. Since the Mr. Prospector sons involved are Fappiano and Conquistador Cielo, this one fits the "different physique" criteria, as Fappiano was very untypical of his sire Mr. Prospector and most of his other major representatives. The importance of this is underlined when we note that of the first 10 graded-stakes winners bred on a Mr. Prospector/Mr. Prospector cross, seven have Fappiano as one of the strains (including all three Grade I winners).

As an aside, we can note the trend is equally as marked when we look at graded-stakes winners with Mr. Prospector inbreeding in any position in the pedigree.

We can find 13 Grade I winners with this pattern, seven of which have Mr. Prospector through a son (other than Fappiano) and a daughter; four which have Fappiano and another son; and two which have Fappiano and a daughter of Mr. Prospector. Widen the search to embrace all graded-stakes winners and we find that 20 have Mr. Prospector through a son (other than Fappiano) and a daughter; 10 have Fappiano and another son; two have Fappiano and a daughter of Mr. Prospector; and just three have Mr. Prospector through two sons (both other than Fappiano). Obviously, as Mr. Prospector recedes further back into pedigrees, there will be more good winners with male/male inbreeding to him with Fappiano not involved, but for the moment, if you're aiming at the highest level and duplicating Mr. P, utilizing Fappiano and/or a daughter as one of the strains seems the safest way to go.

Since Coin Silver is out of a mare by Conquistador Cielo, this particularly mating is reminiscent of the very first good Mr. Prospector/Mr. Prospector horse, Strategic Maneuver, who was by a son of Fappiano out of a Conquistador Cielo mare (Conquistador Cielo seems to be quite a good "mixer" with Mr. Prospector strains, as he is in nine stakes winners with Mr. Prospector inbreeding). What makes Coin Silver particularly unique, however, is that he's the only unrestricted stakes winner to date we have come across who combines Alydar, a genetic relative to Mr. Prospector, with two crosses of Mr. P.

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**SUCCESSFUL APPEAL UNDERGOES COLIC**

**SURGERY Successful Appeal** (Valid Appeal--Successful Dancer, by Fortunate Prospect), the leading freshman sire in 2004, underwent colic surgery at Rood & Riddle Equine Hospital Monday. The nine-year-old Walmac Farm stallion will miss about a month in the breeding shed, but was reported to be recovering well yesterday. "The small intestine was trapped over the nephrosplenic ligament, which is rare," attending surgeon Dr. Rolf Embertson explained. "The bowel was slightly thickened, but did not need a resection, and we simply put everything back where it was supposed to be. He is doing well, is comfortable and should be able to resume breeding in about four weeks if the incision is healing well." Added Walmac Managing Director John T.L. Jones, III, "[Walmac resident veterinarian J.D. Howard] and [stallion manager Ron Gilbert] will closely monitor the stallion's recovery and the process of reporting to syndicate members and mare owners is ongoing."



**Successful Appeal** Joy Gilbert

**CLAIBORNE PURCHASES INTEREST IN**

**EDDINGTON** Claiborne Farm yesterday announced that it has purchased an interest in the breeding rights to MGSW **Eddington** (Unbridled--Fashion Star, by Chief's Crown). The four-year-old captured the GIII Calder Derby last season and added a victory in the GII Gulfstream Park H. in March. Last time out, he finished third in the Apr. 9 GII Oaklawn H. Eddington has hit the board in an additional seven graded races, including third-place finishes in the GI Preakness, GI Travers, GI Wood Memorial and GI Donn H., and has earned \$916,760 to date. The chestnut will continue to race for Willmott Stables through 2005, and will enter stud at Claiborne, where he was foaled and raised, in 2006.



**Eddington** Equi-Photo

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**STAKES CLOSINGS**

**TODAY, WEDNESDAY, APRIL 27:**

05-07 \$100,000a Hawthorne H.-III, Hol, 3yo/up, f/m, 8.5f (100)

05-08 \$100,000a Senorita-III, Hol, 3yo, f, 8fT (100)

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News cont.

**MENIFEE FILLY TOPS EARLY RETURNS AT**

**OBS** A filly by Menifee out of Sinful Morning (Eastern Echo) brought a final bid of \$210,000 to top the early returns at the second session of the Ocala Breeders' Sales Company's Spring Sale of Two-Year-Olds in Training Sale in Ocala yesterday. The dark bay, named Morning Praise, was consigned by Nick de Meric, Agent XVIII, and purchased by Amerman Racing. Out of a half-sister to GSW Morning Meadow (Meadowlake) and SW Wake Up Alarm (Kris S.), the May foal is from the family of Sultry Sun, the dam of Grade I winners Sultry Song and Solar Splendor. She worked in :20.40 during the under-tack show. Complete results from the session will be in tomorrow's *TDN*.

**3rd-CRC, \$28,000, Msw, 2yo, f, 4 1/2f, :54 1/5, ft. + STOLEN PRAYER (f, 2, [Songandaprayer](#)--Stolen Skates, by Overskate)** was no secret at 4-5 here and didn't let the Calder faithful down. Sent right to the front by Eddie Castro, the chestnut took a seven-length lead into the stretch and was ridden out to a 15-length tally over 28-1 Kathy's Escolha (Golden Missile). The victress is a half sister to United States (Copelan), MSP, \$167,943; and Miz United States (Valid Appeal), MSW, \$298,904. This marks the first winner for her freshman sire (by Unbridled's Song). Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$18,800. **Click for the [video race replay](#).**

O/B-Beat Oxenberg, David E Mellin & Laurie Plesa (FL). T-Edward Plesa Jr.

★ EAST ★

Yesterday's Results:

**9th-PHA, \$23,759, Alw, Opt. Clm. (\$32,000), NW2X, 3yo, 7f, 1:22 2/5, ft.**

**EGG HEAD (c, 3, Honor Grades--Redding Ridge {MSW, \$164,043}, by Screen King)** was looking for his second straight victory after notching a Philly Park allowance Mar. 20. Confidently backed as the even-money pick here, he stayed close to the leaders, rallied on the turn for home and went on to dominate this field by 11 lengths. Touched by Madness (Sword Dance {Ire}) completed the exacta. Egg Head is a half to Chief J Strongbow (Chief Honcho), SW, \$181,205. Lifetime Record: 5-3-1-0, \$60,420.

O/B-Rabbit's Foot Stable (KY). T-Lynda Knee.

**1st-CRC, \$28,000, Msw, 2yo, f, 2f, :22 3/5, ft. + QUAIL RIDGE (f, 2, [Quaker Ridge](#)--Wolftundra, by Wolf Power {Saf})** was given a 4-1 chance along with stablemate Daylight Time (Time Bandit) to win at first asking. She stayed with her stablemate early and got the best of her to win by a neck. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$18,800.

O/B/T-Thomas H Heard Jr (FL).

★ CENTRAL ★

Yesterday's Results:

**4th-HAW, \$32,980, Alw, Opt. Clm. (\$50,000-\$40,000), NW4X, 3yo/up, f/m, 6 1/2f, 1:17, ft.**

**LIZ ON POLK STREET (f, 4, [A.P. Indy](#)--Silver Maiden {GISW, \$344,958}, by Silver Buck)** was unbeaten in two previous starts at Hawthorne and kept the streak alive with a sharp score here. Backed at odds of 8-5 off a seventh-place finish in Santa Anita's GIII Las Flores H. Feb. 27, she sat a stalking second here, took over at the top of the stretch and ran away to a 3 3/4-length tally. Lifetime Record: 10-5-1-2, \$117,660.

O/B-Frank Carl Calabrese (KY). T-Wayne M Catalano. Central Report cont. p3

**TODAY'S VIDEO HIGHLIGHTS**



**[Calder 3rd \(MSW\) Stolen Prayer](#) (Songandaprayer) becomes the 1st winner for her freshman sire with a dominating performance.**

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**2nd-HAW, \$26,000, Msw, 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16mT, 1:45 3/5, fm.**

**LAWABIDINGCITIZEN (f, 3, High Yield--Shot Gun Tassie, by Tasso)** finished ninth, beaten 22 lengths, in her only other start on the turf at Fair Grounds Feb. 6, but looked like a completely different animal here, shocking the crowd at 21-1. The \$17,000 OBSAUG yearling and \$52,000 FTMMAY juvenile was last seen finishing fifth over the Fair Grounds main oval Feb. 27. Allowed to cut out the early fractions this time, she crossed the line two lengths clear of 22-1 Ravenna (Shuailaan). Lifetime Record: 5-1-0-0, \$17,220. O-K Maier. B-Sez Who Thoroughbreds (KY). T-C Block.

★ AMERICAN-BRED WINNERS ★

**IN BRITAIN:**

**Count Cougar, g, 5, Sir Cat--Gold Script, by Seeking the Gold. Southwell, 4-25, Cond, 3yo/up, 6f (AWT). B-Angus Glen Farm (1996) Ltd. \*\$10,000 yrl '01 KEESEP.**

★ ON THE WORKTAB ★

AQUEDUCT

**SAINT LIAM** (Saint Ballado), 5f, •1:00.48, 1/6

BELMONT PARK

**ARTIE SCHILLER** (El Prado {Ire}), 4f, :49.25, 7/24

**GIGLI (BRZ)** (Clackson {Brz}), 5f, 1:02.64, 23/29

**LILAH** (Defrere), 4f, •:46.04, 1/39

**SMOKEY GLACKEN** (Forestry), 4f, :49.23, 6/24

CHURCHILL DOWNS

**AFLEET ALEX** (Northern Afleet), 5f, •:59, 1/29

**BWANA CHARLIE** (Indian Charlie), 4f, :52.60, 51/52

**PUNCH APPEAL** (Successful Appeal), 4f, :52.60, 51/52

**READY'S GAL** (More Than Ready), 5f, 1:01.40, 5/29

**RUSH BAY** (Cozzene), 5fT, 1:00.80, 4/7

**SHADOW CAST** (Smart Strike), 5fT, •1:00.20, 1/7

**TWO TRAIL SIOUX** (Indian Charlie), 5f, 1:03.20, 14/29

**WARLEIGH** (Lord at War {Arg}), 5fT, 1:02.40, 6/7

**WRZESZCZ** (Langfuhr), 4f, :52, 3/4

HOLLYWOOD

**TARLOW** (Stormin Fever), 7f, •1:29, 1/1

KEENELAND

**MAGISTRETTI** (Diesis {GB}), 5f, •1:00.40, 1/4

**SENSE OF STYLE** (Thunder Gulch), 4f, •:48.20, 1/27

SANTA ANITA

**CHOCTAW NATION** (Louis Quatorze), 4f, :49.80, 20/24

**STORM WOLF** (Stormin Fever), 6f, 1:14, 8/18



EUROPE



**CHESTER LOOKS FOR SUPPORT** Chester Racecourse officials are hoping trainers and owners will give more support to its two Derby trials, the G3 Chester Vase and the G3 Dee S. "We need support for the MBNA Europe Bank Chester Vase and the Dee S. sponsored by Aberdeen Murray Johnstone and Halliwells to keep the two of them going in the future," said Richard Thomas, Chester Racecourse's chief executive. "We have tried to encourage runners for both in the last couple of years and this effort needs to be rewarded next week." Entries for the Chester Vase, run over 12 furlongs and 66 yards on May 5, and the Dee S., run over 10 furlongs and 75 yards on May 6, both close for entries on Apr. 30. Kris Kin and Oath (Ire) both won the Dee S. before taking the Derby, while Derby winners Quest for Fame (GB), Shergar (Ire) and Henbit (GB) all won the Vase S. There were six runners in last year's Chester Vase S., while only three ran in the Dee S. over soft ground.

★ BRITAIN ★

**SKY BET EXTEND CHEVELEY PARK SPONSORSHIP**

Sky Bet, sponsors of the G1 Cheveley Park S. for the last two runnings, has extended its sponsorship of the race through 2006. The Sky Bet Cheveley Park S., which takes place this year on Sept. 29, is the first juvenile Group 1 race of the season in Britain.

**Wednesday, Lingfield, post time: 3:40 p.m.**

**HESMONDS STUD PAVILION S.-Listed, £30,000, 3yo, 6fT**

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER	WT
1	6	Tournedos (Ire)	Rossini	Akehurst	130
2	9	Andronikos (GB)	Dr Fong	Cole	127
3	4	Beckermest (Ire)	Second Empire (Ire)	Fisher	123
4	1	Cornus (GB)	Inchinor (GB)	Hannon	123
5	3	Dramaticus (GB)	Indian Ridge (Ire)	Loder	123
6	10	Royal Orissa (GB)	Royal Applause (GB)	Jones	123
7	2	The Crooked Ring (GB)	Magic Ring (Ire)	Evans	123
8	5	Woodcote (Ire)	Monashee Mountain	Cox	123
9	8	Yajbill (Ire)	Royal Applause (GB)	Channon	123
10	7	Siena Gold (GB)	Key Of Luck	Meehan	118

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60th Stakes winner by Indian Ridge

INDIAN MAIDEN wins the EBF Lansdown Fillies' Stakes (LR) over 5f.

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**Yesterday's Results:**

**EBF LANSDOWN FILLIES' S.-Listed**, £30,000, Bath, 4-26, 3yo/up, 5f 11ydsT, 1:07.22, sf.

1--**#INDIAN MAIDEN (IRE), 126, m, 5, Indian Ridge (Ire)--Jinsiyah (MSP-Eng), by Housebuster.** (Ir£16,896 yrl '01 TATIRE). O-Chris Scott & Peter Hall; B-Shadwell Estate Company Ltd; T-Malcolm Saunders; J-Ted Durcan; £17,400. Lifetime Record: 23-8-1-2, £52,169.

2--**Sumora (Ire), 120, f, 3, Danehill--Rain Flower (Ire), by Indian Ridge (Ire).** (75,000gns yrl '03 TATHOU). £6,600.

3--**Kind (Ire), 130, f, 4, Danehill--Rainbow Lake (GB), by Rainbow Quest.** £3,300.

Margins: 3HF, SHD, 1HF. Odds: 9-1, 9-1, 9-2.

Also Ran: Dame de Noche (GB), Solar Power (Ire), Doohulla, Saint Etienne (Ire), Lady Filly (GB), Paradise Isle (GB), Notjustaprettyface.

Indian Maiden cleaned up three six-furlong handicaps on Lingfield's polytrack early this year before finishing third behind Chineur (Fr) in the Listed Prix Cor De Chasse at Maisons-Laffitte last time Apr. 5. That match-fitness stood her in fine stead in this contest as she swooped from mid-pack to lead with 300 yards remaining before powering clear under Ted Durcan's drive.

**Warwick, 7.40, Mdn**, £5,645, 3yo, 1m 22ydsT, 1:44.58, gd/sf.

**INDUSTRIAL SPIRIT (GB) (c, 3, Chester House--Celibataire {Fr} {MSP-US & SP-Fr}, by Saumarez {GB})**, a 60,000gns TATOCT yearling, met a decent rival when second to Fashionable (GB) (Nashwan) in a conditions event at Newmarket on debut Apr. 13. Green early, he was rushed up to stalk the pace on the rail before delivering his challenge in the straight. Grabbing the lead at the furlongs marker, the 9-4 pick was pushed out to beat Bentley Brook (Ire) (Singspiel {Ire}) by two lengths. Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, £5,020.

O-Albert S N Hu; B-R Frankel, E Puerari and Oceanic Bloodstock Inc.; T-Greg Chung.

**BREEDERS' EDITION  
AMERICA**

**ALLOWANCE RESULTS:**

**9th-MNR, \$36,500**, 4-25, NW4L, 3yo/up, f/m, a1m70yd, 1:42 3/5, my.

**NEIGH HIGHS (f, 4, Turn West--Winloc's Rainbow, by Summer Squall)** Lifetime Record: 13-4-3-2, \$67,035. O/T-Jerry L Balo. B-Phil L Booker (VA).

**6th-HAW, \$30,000**, NW2X, (S), 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16m T, 1:45 1/5, fm.

**JOURNEY FEVER (f, 4, Gold Fever--Shuttlecock, by Cox's Ridge)** Lifetime Record: SW, 20-3-3-3, \$185,505. O-Justin & Stefanie Carroll. B-Mr & Mrs Harvey L Vanier (IL). T-Jimmy L Wiser.

**7th-CRC, \$26,000**, NW1X, 3yo, f, 1m, 1:44, ft.

**UCHITA (f, 3, Dance Brightly--Dancing Dawn, by Seattle Dancer)** Lifetime Record: 8-2-3-1, \$36,450. O-Yusuf Mongroo. B-John McGreery & Mike Rosati (FL). T-Robert A Hale. \*\$1,400 yrl '03 OBSAUG; \$18,000 2yo 2004 OBSAPR.

**10th-PHA, \$22,000**, NW1X, 4yo/up, 6f, 1:11 3/5, ft.

**KIRBY MAC (g, 4, Kipper Kelly--Ms Polly Ef, by Danzig Connection)** Lifetime Record: 17-4-2-1, \$54,311. O-Nan Fran Stable. B-Don Hunt (FL). T-Dianne M Jeannot. \*\$4,000 2yo 2003 OBSAPR.

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**ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:**

**Gettahead**, f, 3, **Excavate**--Street Beat, by Dixie Brass. EVD, 4-25, (S), 6f, 1:13 3/5. B-Jackie D Huckabay MD (La). \*\$31,000 yrl '03 LOUNOV.  
**Go Caleb Go**, c, 3, **Jade Hunter**--Lexi Leigh (MSW), by Soviet Lad. MNR, 4-25, 1m, 1:39 3/5. B-Lew Webster (Il).  
**Gigi's Charm**, f, 3, **Stormy Atlantic**--Fortunate Gail, by Fortunate Prospect. CRC, 4-26, 5 1/2f, 1:07 3/5. B-Rousseau Racing LLC (Fl). \*1/2 to Rebecca's Charm (Ponche), SW, \$293,060.  
**Friday's Partners**, f, 4, **Partner's Hero**--Ragged Robin, by Phone Trick. PHA, 4-26, 6f, 1:13 2/5. B-Judith I Gaebel (Pa).

**ITALY, Rome, 3.40**, 4-25, €26,775, 3yo, 1 1/16mT, 1:49.40, gd.  
**MIGLIARDINHO (IRE) (c, 3, Desert Prince {Ire}--Afreeta, by Afleet)** Lifetime Record: 13 starts, 2 wins, 9 places, €49,232. O-Allevamento La Nuova Sbarra; B-Ascagnano SPA; T-Lorenzo Brogi. \*1/2 to David Umbro (Ity) (In the Wings {GB}), GSW-Ity, \$195,555. \*\*€90,000 yrl '03 ITYSEP.

**ITALY, Florence, 2.05**, 4-25, €15,300, 4yo/up, 7 1/2fT, time: n/a, gd/sf.  
**LINDHOLM (GER) (h, 6, Second Set {Ire}--Lindenblute {GB}, by Surumu {Ger})** Lifetime Record: SW & GSP-Ity, GSP-Ger, SP-Fr, 28 starts, 9 wins, 18 places, €287,076. O-Stall Mydlinghoven; B-Gestut Zoppenbroich; T-Werner Glanz.

 **FRESHMAN FOCUS**

**First-crop progeny to watch: Wednesday, Apr. 27**

*Sire (Sire's Sire), Farm, 2002 Fee, #2yos/Winners/SW*  
*Race #-track, race type, distance, runner, odds (if available)*  
**SONGANDAPRAYER** (Unbridled's Song), Walmac South, \$10K, 61/0/0 3-KEE, Msw, 4 1/2f, +Songandafash, \$60K OBS FEB 2yo, 5-1

 **SOPHOMORE SPOTLIGHT**

**Stakes/First-time Starters to Watch: Wednesday, Apr. 27**

*Sire (Sire's Sire), Farm, 2001 Fee, #foals of racing age/Winners/SW*  
*Race #-track, race type, distance, runner, odds (if available)*  
**BERNSTEIN** (Storm Cat), Castleton Lyons, \$8K, 65/13/4 9-KEE, Msw, 6f, +Diamond Miss, 15-1  
**CHESTER HOUSE** (Mr. Prospector), Dead, 127/15/2 3-KEE, Msw, 4 1/2f, +Mighty Martha, \$3K KEE SEP yrl, 6-1  
**GOLDEN MISSILE** (A.P. Indy), Adena, \$25K, 151/11/3 5-KEE, Msw, 6f, +La Baroness, \$40K KEE SEP yrl, 5-1  
**HIGH YIELD** (Storm Cat), Ashford, \$25K, 198/20/1 9-KEE, Msw, 6f, +Littlebitoflove, \$90K KEE SEP yrl, 6-1  
**K ONE KING** (Apalachee), Gainesway, \$7K, 33/5/0 9-KEE, Msw, 6f, +Triplicate, 12-1

**BREEDERS' EDITION EUROPE**

**CONDITIONS WINNERS:**

**FRANCE, Bordeaux-le-Bouscat, 2.20**, 4-26, €30,300, 3yo, 1 3/8mT, 2:28.92, hy.  
**TRUFFLE PRINCE (IRE) (c, 3, Desert Prince {Ire}--Mamara Reef {GB}, by Salse)** Lifetime Record: 6 starts, 3 wins, 3 places, €40,850. O-Daniel-Yves Treves; B-M Duffy; T-Jean-Claude Rouget. \*1/2 to Storm Dream (Ire) (Catrail), G1SP-Ire & GSW-US \$158,334. \*\*60,000gns yrl '03 TATOCT; €47,000 wnlg '02 GOFNOV.

**ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:**

**Green Pride (GB)**, c, 2, **Piccolo (GB)**--Little Greenbird (GB), by Ardkinglass (GB). Bath, Britain, 4-26, Mdn, 2yo, 5f 11ydsT. B-Mrs D du Feu & Trickleddown Stud. \*1,900gns wnlg '03 TATDEC; 10,000gns yrl '04 TATOCT.  
**+ Ourandelafayette (Fr)**, g, 3, **Blushing Flame**--Royale de Mai (Fr), by Royal Charter (Fr). Chatillon-sur-Chalaronne, France, 4-25, Mdn, 3yo, 1 5/8mT. B-Jean-Jacques Augier.  
**Accomplish (GB)**, f, 3, **Desert Story (GB)**--Last Ambition (Ire), by Cadeaux Genereux (GB). Southwell, Britain, 4-26, Mdn, 3yo, 1m (AWT). B-Mrs J A Gawthorpe. \*2,500gns yrl '03 TATOCT.  
**Guajaraz (GB)**, c, 3, **Enrique (GB)**--Barawin (Fr), by Fijar Tango (Fr). Agen, France, 4-25, Mdn, 3yo, 1m 165ydsT. B-Larksborough Stud Ltd. \*€15,000 2yo '04 GOFFRA; 5,200gns yrl '03 TATOCT.  
**Bleu Crystallin (Fr)**, c, 3, **Epervier Bleu (GB)**--Grace Crystalline (GB), by Crystal Glitters. Cavaillon, France, 4-25, Cond, 3yo, 1 3/8mT. B-Bertrand Gouin.  
**Muguet de Codiere (Fr)**, c, 3, **Rajpoute (Fr)**--Phydelia (Fr), by River Sand (Fr). Blain Bouvron Le Gavre, France, 4-25, Mdn, 3yo, 9f 165ydsT. B-Eric Jupin.  
**Mystery Lot (Ire)**, f, 3, **Revoque (Ire)**--Mystery Bid (Ire), by Auction Ring. Bath, Britain, 4-26, Mdn, 3yo, 10f 45ydsT. B-E O'Leary. \*9,500gns yrl '03 DONSEP.  
**Guappetiello (Ity)**, c, 3, **Second Empire (Ire)**--Gussola (Ire), by Polish Patriot. Rome, Italy, 4-25, Mdn, 3yo, 1 1/16mT. B-Romeo Morgan.

 **FOALING NEWS**

**STAR OF GOSHEN**, 11, Lord at War (Arg)--Castle Eight, by Key to the Kingdom  
 Foal born Mar. 15, a filly by Mineshaft.  
 Will be bred back to Empire Maker.  
 Owned by and boarded at Cobra Farm, Ky.  
 Accomplishments: SW of \$146,030.