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BEWITCHING ANGARA

Angara (GB) (Alzao) lived up to the old adage 'horse for the course' when she made it two straight, following a nine-furlong allowance score at Keeneland Apr. 16, with a victory in the GIII Bewitch S. Wednesday. Settled off a pedestrian early pace, the bay cruised to



Angara Bill Straus photo

the front with just under a 1/4-mile left to negotiate and drew clear in the run to the wire, winning by 1 3/4-lengths over **Cape Town Lass** (Cape Town). "We were walking out there," said Gary Stevens. "I had her covered up nicely and she was very relaxed. She got to the front earlier than I would have liked, but we

inherited the lead three-sixteenths out." A winner for trainer Elie Lellouche at the conditions level in France last year, the filly finished third going nine panels in her first U.S. start over a soft turf course at Santa Anita Feb. 18 before coming home fourth in a mile allowance there Mar. 18. **Click for the [brisnet.com](http://www.brisnet.com) chart.**

Wednesday, Keeneland

BEWITCH S.-GIII, \$109,300, KEE, 4-27, 4yo/up, f/m, 1 1/2mT, 2:36 1/5, gd.

1--#**@ANGARA (GB)**, 118, f, 4, by **Alzao**

1st Dam: **Ange Bleu**, by **Alleged**

2nd Dam: **Albertine (Fr)**, by **Irish River (Fr)**

3rd Dam: **Almyre (Fr)**, by **Wild Risk (Fr)**

O-M Schwartz; B-Dayton Investments Ltd (GB); T-P Biancone; J-G L Stevens; \$67,766. Lifetime Record: 8-4-1-1, \$144,845. *Full to **Arlesienne (Ire)**, SW & GSP-Fr; 1/2 to **Actrice (Ire)** (Danehill), GSW-Fr, \$176,833.

2--**Cape Town Lass**, 118, f, 4, Horse Chestnut (SAf)--Highland Tootsie, by Highland Blade. (\$95,000 yrl '02 KEESEP). O-Ralls and Foster LLC; B-Kings Way Farm Inc (KY); T-Paul J McGee; \$21,860.

3--**Strike Me Lucky**, 118, f, 4, Smart Strike--Chickapee, by Alleged. (\$20,000 yrl '02 KEESEP; \$60,000 2yo '03 BESMAR). O-Equine Prep; B-Marvin Little Jr (KY); T-Grant Hofmans; \$10,930.

Margins: 1 3/4, 3, 7 1/4. Odds: 0.90, 2.30, 16.60.

Also Ran: Stormin' Daina, Literacy, My Dear Lady (Arg), Ballistic Babe. Scratched: Noble Stella (Ger).



**Triple
Threats**

Consolidator Works in Churchill Mud...

Consolidator (Storm Cat), coming off a fifth-place finish in the Apr. 16 GI Toyota Blue Grass S., worked five furlongs in 1:01.40 over a muddy main track at



Consolidator

Horsephotos

Churchill Downs yesterday. With exercise rider Stacy Maker in the saddle, the sophomore clicked off splits of :12.40, :24.40, :36.40 and :48.80 and galloped out three-quarters in 1:15.80. "The track is a little bit like peanut butter this morning," trainer D. Wayne Lukas said. "It was

a little sticky, so I think the work was a little bit more significant. It was pretty much what we wanted, a good strong gallop out. At this point, we are just trying to maintain the energy level." As for the result of the Blue Grass, Lukas remarked, "I think the Blue Grass is a throw-out for everybody--Consolidator, Sun King. I think you can throw it out for Bandini. I don't think the Blue Grass equates to anything. You see horses all the time do well in the Blue Grass...and come over here [to Churchill] and you can't find them. You see horses that run [off the board] and come over here and win, so I don't put any stock in the Blue Grass." If there is room in the starting gate, Lukas will also saddle **Going Wild** (Golden Missile) in the May 7 GI Kentucky Derby. The dark bay was fifth in the Apr. 23 GII Coolmore Lexington S. "I just want him to show up like he did in the early spring," the Hall of Fame horseman said. "I am going to rely on 25 years of experience and hope that maybe I am OK. I am not going to try and sell him to you, because I think that would be impossible, but I think he will make some noise in [the Derby]. He likes this racetrack and he is a nice horse." It has not yet been decided who will ride Going Wild if he gets in, but Lukas said, "It's going to be a hungry young kid."

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☆ **PREVIEWS** ☆

Thursday, Keeneland, post time: 4:45 p.m. EDT

BEN ALI S.-GIII, \$150,000, 4yo/up, 1 1/8m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER	WT
1	Ole Faunty	Quiet American	Walden	117
2	Pies Prospect	Crafty Prospector	Zito	123
3	Colonial Colony	Pleasant Colony	Stewart	117
4	Alumni Hall	A.P. Indy	Howard	121
5	Best Minister	Deputy Minister	McPeek	117
6	Niigon	Unbridled	Coatrieux	117
7	Formal Attire	Formal Gold	Biancone	117
8	Go Now	Go for Gin	Zito	117

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You can also pick up a copy of the TDN today at the OBS Spring Sale of Two-Year-Olds in Training.

☆ **RESULTS** ☆

Wednesday, Lingfield, Britain

HESMONDS STUD SAGARO S.-G3, £50,000, Lingfield, 4-27, 4yo/up, 2mT, 3:43.51, sf.

1--**ALCAZAR (IRE)**, 125, g, 10, by [Alzao](#)

1st Dam: Sahara Breeze (Ire), by Ela-Mana-Mou (Ire)

2nd Dam: Diamond Land (GB), by Sparkler (Ire)

3rd Dam: Canaan (GB), by Santa Claus (GB).

O-J Repard, F Melrose, O Pawle, M Stokes, R Black; B-J Repard; T-Hugh Morrison; J-Michael Fenton; £29,000. Lifetime Record: MG1SP-Fr, 23-10-2-2, £243,129. *1/2 to Lady of Chad (Ire) (Last Tycoon {Ire}), Hwt. Two-Year-Old Filly-Fr, \$219,574.

2--**Franklins Gardens (GB)**, 125, h, 5, Halling-

Woodbeck (GB), by Terimon (GB). O-Mrs M Barwell; B-Workshop Manor Stud; £11,000.

3--**Dubai Success (GB)**, 125, h, 5, Sadler's Wells--

Crystal Spray (GB), by Beldale Flutter. (750,000gns yrl '01 TATHOU). O-Sheikh Maktoum bin Rashid Al Maktoum; B-Watership Down Stud; £5,500.

Margins: NK, 5, 5. Odds: 5-1, 4-1, 9-4.

Also Ran: Winged d'Argent (Ire), Clear Thinking (GB), Grampian (GB), Corrib Eclipse (GB), Cruzspiel (GB), Hello Its Me (GB).

Alcazar, who has proved Hughie Morrison's flagship horse since being nursed through various career-threatening injuries, repaid his conditioner's patience by winning this race in 2003. He subsequently finished second and third in the last two renewals of the G1 Prix Royal-Oak at Longchamp, as well as filling the runner's-up spot in the G2 Yorkshire Cup last May. He returned to finish sixth in the G3 John Porter S. at Newbury last time Apr. 16. Settled in mid-division early, he made smooth progress to chase the long-time leader Franklins Gardens and showed resilience to reel in that rival in the final strides.

The **brisset.com** 'Race of the Day' is the **GIII Ben Ali S.** at Keeneland.

For pps and a complete race analysis, click [here](#).

1-2-3 FINISH IN \$125,000 STAR SHOOT S.

1. **LEMON DROP KID's** Lemon Maid remains undefeated with 3 1/4 length win.
2. **SMART STRIKE's** Gold Strike is second.
3. **SMART STRIKE's** Hatpin is third.



LEMON MAID Michael Burns photo



☆ NEWS TODAY ☆

DEAR BIRDIE EARNS KY BROODMARE TITLE

The Kentucky Thoroughbred Owners and Breeders' Association announced yesterday that Marylou Whitney's **Dear Birdie** (Storm Bird-Hush Dear, Silent Screen) has secured the 2004 Kentucky Broodmare of the Year title. The 18-year-old mare is the dam of 11 foals, including multiple Grade I stakes-winning Bird Town and Birdstone. Bird Town, victorious in the GI Kentucky Oaks and GI Acorn S., rounded out the 2003 season with a three-year-old filly championship. The winner of the GI Champagne S. at two, Birdstone denied Smarty Jones the Triple Crown in 2004 by capturing the GI Belmont S. The diminutive bay went on to win Saratoga's GI Travers S. later that summer and concluded the season, and his career, by finishing behind only Smarty Jones and Kitten's Joy in the three-year-old championship race. Others honored at the KTOB luncheon included Aaron and Marie Jones, winners of the P.A.B. Widener Award Trophy, which is awarded to the top breeder; and Seabiscuit, who was acknowledged with the Charles W. Engelhard Award. Overbrook Farm (leading owner); Brereton C. Jones (leading breeder); A.P. Indy (leading sire) and Miss Wellspring (leading earner) all received KTDF award in their respective divisions. *(complete list of KTOB champions, p5 atw).*

☆ CLASSIC CORNER ☆

Damson Ruled Out of 1000 Guineas

Susan Magnier's **Damson (Ire)** (Entrepreneur {GB}) will miss Sunday's G1 1000 Guineas at Newmarket after post-race testing showed signs of a virus Wednesday. Last year's G1 Phoenix S. winner had looked the likely favorite for the mile Classic, but will now be aimed at the Irish equivalent at The Curragh May 22. "Obviously it's disappointing for all concerned, but it's not the end of the world and, hopefully, we'll have her back in time for the Irish 1000," trainer David Wachman said.

HQ Gets the Rain

Newmarket received the first dose of the forecast rain on Tuesday and described the ground as officially good-to-firm ahead of the £1m UltimatePoker.com Guineas Festival this weekend. "The rain was just what we wanted," commented Clerk of the Course Michael Prosser. "It has freshened things up nicely and got rid of the firm places. The grass cover is looking exceptional and it's really decent, quick ground out there now."

(Classic corner cont. p4)

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(Classic Corner cont.)

Diktatorial Shapes Up

Tweenhills Thurloe's **Diktatorial (GB)** (Diktat {GB}) was reported on course for Saturday's G1 2000 Guineas at Newmarket yesterday. Last year's G3 Somerville Tattersall S. winner completed a racecourse gallop on Sunday and conditioner Andrew Balding was pleased with the way the colt came through his test. "The ground was pretty atrocious, but he did very well, finishing well clear of two and alongside a very good older horse," he said yesterday. "He has got very idle at home in his work, so it was just nice to get an indication that he is well. He was a tall, rangy two-year-old and he has filled out a quite bit, which has got to be a good sign. We're hopeful of a good run in what looks an open race."

(Triple Threats cont. from p1)

El Conejo...

Trainer Patrick Biancone yesterday told TVG that **Spanish Chestnut** (Horse Chestnut {SAf}), who set the pace before tiring to sixth in the G1 Toyota Blue Grass S., could make his next start in the Kentucky Derby. The chestnut is owned by Derrick Smith and Michael Tabor, who have one of the favorites for the "Run for the Roses" in Blue Grass winner **Bandini** (Fusaichi Pegasus). Bandini got a dream trip behind Spanish Chestnut at Keeneland, stalking a solid pace before dashing past the leaders to win it by six lengths. "[Spanish Chestnut] is doing very well," Biancone said. "He is going to work Sunday or Monday. If he works well, as I expect him to, he'll do his job in the Derby."

Sharp Lisa Sidelined; Forced Out of Oaks

Grade I winner **Sharp Lisa** (Dixieland Band) has undergone surgery to remove a chip in an ankle and will miss a scheduled start in the May 6 G1 Kentucky Oaks. "The surgery went well and the doctor said she'd probably be out for four months or so," said Pablo Suarez, who co-owns Sharp Lisa with J. Paul Reddam. "She's getting a rest at Magali Farms in Santa Ynez, [California] and will probably return in late summer." The three-year-old filly was forced to scratch out of the G1 Ashland S. at Keeneland Apr. 9 after reportedly bruising a foot when she kicked a stall wall. She returned to run a disappointing fourth as the favorite in the Apr. 15 GII Fantasy S. at Oaklawn Park.

**HOW THEY GOT THERE:
KENTUCKY DERBY WINNERS' PREPS SINCE 1980**

Year	Winner	Last Prep
2004	Smarty Jones	1st, Arkansas Derby
2003	Funny Cide	2nd, Wood Memorial
2002	War Emblem	1st, Illinois Derby
2001	Monarchos	2nd, Wood Memorial
2000	Fusaichi Pegasus	1st, Wood Memorial
1999	Charismatic	1st, Coolmore Lexington
1998	Real Quiet	2nd, Santa Anita Derby
1997	Silver Charm	2nd, Santa Anita Derby
1996	Grindstone	2nd, Arkansas Derby
1995	Thunder Gulch	4th, Blue Grass
1994	Go for Gin	2nd, Wood Memorial
1993	Sea Hero	4th, Blue Grass
1992	Lil E. Tee	2nd, Arkansas Derby
1991	Strike the Gold	1st, Blue Grass
1990	Unbridled	3rd, Blue Grass
1989	Sunday Silence	1st, Santa Anita Derby
1988	Winning Colors	1st, Santa Anita Derby
*1987	Alysheba	DQ-1st, Blue Grass
1986	Ferdinand	3rd, Santa Anita Derby
1985	Spend a Buck	1st, Garden State S.
1984	Swale	2nd, Lexington
1983	Sunny's Halo	1st, Arkansas Derby
1982	Gato del Sol	2nd, Blue Grass
1981	Pleasant Colony	1st, Wood Memorial
1980	Genuine Risk	3rd, Wood Memorial

*Alysheba finished first in the '87 Blue Grass, but was DQ'd to third.

 **FOALING NEWS**

ALETTA MARIA, 20, Diosis (GB)--Pharlette (Fr), by Pharly (Fr)
Foal born Apr. 10, a colt by Empire Maker.
Owned by Dr. John A. Chandler.
Boarded at Mill Ridge, KY.
Accomplishments: Dam of Bryntirion (Bering {GB}), MGSP-US & GSP-Fr; Fort Nottingham (Alleged), G1SP-Fr; Cetewayo (His Majesty), MGISW, \$1,170,257; De Aar (Gone West), MGSP, \$194,712; Bowman Mill (Kris S.), GSW & GISP, \$457,142; Ntombi (Quiet American), SW; and Sarie Marais (Unbridled), SP.



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COIN SILVER, Winner of the **Coolmore Lexington S.-GII** April 23
O-Peachtree Stable; B-Biggs Farm Inc.(KY); T-Todd Pletcher
Sold Keeneland November 2002 for \$35,000
Consigned by Paramount Sales, agent; Purchased by Seneca LLC
Sold Keeneland September 2003 for \$65,000: Earnings now \$232,560
Consigned by Needham-Betz-Hanley LLC, agent; Purchased by John Fort

CHRB DROPS COMPLAINTS AGAINST CANANI AND MULLINS

The California Horse Racing Board formally withdrew complaints against trainers Julio Canani and Jeff Mullins Wednesday after being advised that the evidence would be insufficient to support the charges. Both trainers had been charged with violating CHRB Rule 1902, Conduct Detrimental to Racing. The complaints stemmed from controversial statements each trainer made to the media. Additionally, Canani was charged with violating CHRB rules in connection with the improper identification of champion filly Sweet Catomine when she was sent to an equine clinic the week before the Santa Anita Derby. The CHRB has been forced to drop three complaints in the past week, prompting Executive Director Ingrid Fermin to begin an immediate review and evaluation of the Board's investigative procedures. "This was a faulty procedure," said Fermin. She added that Deputy Attorney General James Ahern's office would be involved to "review and evaluate" the more serious cases. "Our role is to evaluate cases to make sure that complaints are based on appropriate statutes or regulations and backed up by sufficient evidence," said Ahern. "We need to be sure that certain cases filed by the CHRB have sufficient evidence to allow the stewards to take action in accordance with racing laws. Likewise, we need to be certain there is sufficient evidence to allow any reviewing tribunal to uphold the decision."

APTITUDE COLT TOPS OBS TUESDAY A colt from the first crop of Juddmonte Farms' **Aptitude** (A.P. Indy) realized a final bid of \$375,000 to top Tuesday's second round of the Ocala Breeders' Sales Company's Spring Sale of Two-Year-Olds in Training. The grey colt is the second foal produced from the GSP **Wolfer** (Wolf Power {SAf}), a full sister to GSW **Wolf Alert**. He was consigned to the sale by Eisaman Equine, which bought the colt for \$25,000 at the Keeneland September sale. He was purchased Tuesday by Tom McCrocklin, acting on behalf of Robert and Lawana Low. **OBS cont. p2**

**OBS APRIL TWO-YEAR-OLDS IN TRAINING
TUESDAY'S TOP FIVE LOTS**

Hip	Sex	Sire	Dam	Price (\$)
<u>636</u>	c	<u>Aptitude</u>	Wolfer	375,000
(\$25,000 yrl '04 KEESEP)				
Consigned by Eisaman Equine, agent				
Purchased by R E & L Low, Tom McCrocklin, agent				
<u>686</u>	c	Unloosened	Am Tuned Up	280,000
(\$35,000 yrl '04 FTKOCT)				
Consigned by R Leppala, agt. for R Leppala & W D North				
Purchased by Amerman Racing				
<u>390</u>	f	Menifee	Sinful Morning	210,000
(\$24,000 yrl '04 OBSAUG)				
Consigned by Nick de Meric, agt. for Whisper Hill Farm				
Purchased by Amerman Racing				
<u>387</u>	f	Delaware Township	Since Time Began	160,000
Consigned by Moonshadow Farm (M & T Casse), agent				
Purchased by Harry J Aleo				
<u>659</u>	c	<u>Forest Wildcat</u>	Affirmative Choice	130,000
(\$65,000 yrl '04 KEESEP)				
Consigned by Moonshadow Farm (M & T Casse), agent				
Purchased by Kaaren Biggs				

**OBS APRIL 2YOS IN TRAINING
TUESDAY, APRIL 26, 2005**

<u>SESSION TOTALS</u>	<u>2005</u>	<u>2004</u>
No. Sold	206	223
% RNA	23.9%	13.2%
Gross	\$6,672,100	\$6,048,600
Average (% change)	\$32,389 (+19.4%)	\$27,124
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PRIME TIME AT OBS A pair of juveniles by freshman sire **Prime Timber** (Sultry Song) hit the top five at the third session of the Ocala Breeders' Sales Company's Spring Sale of Two-Year-Olds in Training in Ocala. The top seller yesterday was hip 889, a colt by Prime Timber out of Cracker Night (Ogygian). Consigned by Terry Oliver, agent, the bay was purchased by Amerman Racing. The New York-bred is out of a half sister to MGSW Amal Hayati (Seattle Song), from the family of G1 Poule d'Essai des Poulains and GI Hollywood Gold Cup winner Blushing John. Prime Timber, who stands at Sez Who Thoroughbreds North, LLC, in Stillwater, New York, for a 2005 fee of \$3,500, also accounted for the day's best-selling filly. Hip 798, out of Broadway Hooper (Belong to Me), was purchased for \$190,000 by Ricardo Cabeza from the consignment of Rohan Stables, Agent IV. She is also a registered New York-bred. The OBS Spring Sale concludes today, with bidding beginning at 10:30 a.m.

OBS WEDNESDAY - TOP FIVE LOTS

Hip	Sex	Sire	Dam	Price
889	c	Prime Timber	Cracker Night	\$260,000
Consigned by Terry Oliver, agent Purchased by Amerman Racing				
769	c	Sweetsouthernst	Blazing Punch	\$250,000
(\$11,000 yrl '04 OBSAUG) Consigned by Classic Bloodstock (D. Brendemuehl), Agent I Purchased by Evelyn Pollard				
955	c	Notebook	Diamond Kris	\$200,000
Consigned by Eisaman Equine, agent Purchased by Kaaren Biggs				
798	f	Prime Timber	Broadway Hooper	\$190,000
Consigned by Rohan Stables (M. Neal Sims), Agent IV Purchased by Ricardo Cabeza				
853	c	Double Honor	Classy Affair	\$175,000
Consigned by Farnsworth Farms, agent Purchased by William J. Condren				

**OBS SPRING TWO-YEAR-OLDS SALE
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 27, 2005**

SESSION TOTALS	2005	2004
No. Sold	196	200
RNA %	28%	17%
Gross	\$5,515,000	\$6,501,000
Average (% change)	\$28,138 (-13%)	\$32,505
Median (% change)	\$16,000 (-20%)	\$20,000

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TURFWAY TO INSTALL POLYTRACK SURFACE

Turfway Park will become the first North American racetrack to utilize a Polytrack surface at its 2005 fall meet. The Florence, Kentucky, facility will install the new track this summer and have it in place when the gates open for the fall stand on Sept. 7. Polytrack, which is a blend of fibers, recycled rubber and silica sand covered with a wax coating, has been used on tracks in Great Britain since the early 1980s, and was installed on the Keeneland training track last September. "Trainers using the Keeneland training track report lower vet bills and significantly fewer problems keeping their horses fit and sound," said Turfway President Robert Elliston. "Trainers in Europe have seen the same kind of results, and we expect them to see the same at Turfway." In addition to the safety advantages, the Polytrack surface is also expected to handle winter racing conditions better than a conventional track. "Our track crew does an outstanding job under difficult circumstances, but every year we lose racing days because temperatures in our area vary so much," Elliston said. "The constant freeze-and-thaw cycle can make the track uneven and unsafe for our riders and horses. Sometimes the track must be closed in the mornings as well, which disrupts training schedules. We expect Polytrack to alleviate both problems."

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Yesterday's Results:

4th-KEE, \$57,480, Alw, NW2X, 4yo/up, 7f, 1:23 4/5, gd.

PATRIOT'S SONG (h, 6, Sultry Song--Gone Purple, by Gone West) finished a distant ninth in the 2003 running of the 13-furlong Gallant Fox H. in New York and made just two starts last season, finishing eighth going 9 1/2 panels over this main track Apr. 30 and eighth over 1 1/16 miles June 5. Training well for his first start since, the bay raced within easy striking distance of favored Gimme an A (Honor Grades), went after that rival approaching the final furlong and sprinted away to win it by a widening 6 3/4 lengths at odds of 6-1. The \$40,000 KEEJAN yearling is a half brother to Color Me Special (River Special), MSP, \$225,760. Lifetime Record: 12-3-2-2, \$125,890.

O-Wafare Farm Nathan Fox & Richard S Kaster & Michael Rainer. B-Upson Downs Farm (KY). T-G Fox.

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6th-KEE, \$51,240, Alw, NW2X, 4yo/up, 1mT, 1:37, gd.

CAESARION (IRE) (h, 6, Danehill--Carelaine, by Woodman), winner of the G3 Prix Andre Baboin in 2002, had gone winless in four starts since his arrival in this country last fall. Seventh in the GIII Knickerbocker H. Oct. 30, the bay was third and eighth over the Gulfstream turf Jan. 28 and Feb. 19, respectively, and was coming into this off a solid third over this lawn Apr. 9. The 3-1 third choice in this field, the half brother to Chesnut Bird (Ire) (Storm Bird), MSW-Fr, raced in behind the pacesetter from early on, lacked room at the quarter pole, took command with a furlong to race and held sway late to defeat Third Day (Distorted Humor) by a neck. Lifetime Record: GSW-Fr, SP-Ity, 23-3-6-4, \$178,069.

O-Gary A Tanaka. B-Haras de La Perelle (IRE). T-Roger L Attfield.

7th-KEE, \$47,695, Alw, NW1X, 3yo, a7f, 1:27 3/5, ft.

CAPTAIN CORELLI (c, 3, Wild Event--Buck Ridge Green {SP}, by Buckaroo) finished fourth in an off-the-turf allowance going a mile at the Fair Grounds Dec. 9 and got a break following a runner-up effort over the Gentilly turf course Jan. 7. An even seventh in his Mar. 26 comebacker on the grass in New Orleans, the bay was the 6-1 second longest price on the board. Quickly into stride, the \$48,000 FTMMAY juvenile led throughout en route to a convincing 5 3/4-length victory. Storm Warning (Storm Cat) was second. Lifetime Record: 9-2-1-2, \$58,066.

O-Equiracecom LLC. B-George & Lee Ann Isaacs (FL). T-Rebecca Maker.

★ **"TDN Rising Star"** ★

9th-KEE, \$49,550, Msw, 3yo, f, 6f, 1:11 1/5, ft.

TALENTED, f, 3, by Fusaichi Pegasus

1st Dam: Our Dear Ruth (SW), by Baldski

2nd Dam: Nany's Appeal, by Valid Appeal

3rd Dam: Nany, by Great Above

A \$700,000 FTSAUG yearling purchase, Talented lived up to her name, winning off here as tons the best. The bay filly was no secret in her Mar. 21 debut at Gulfstream Park and set fast fractions, only to be caught at the wire by a neck as the 7-10 favorite. She earned a 95 Beyer Speed Figure for that effort, stamping her the 1-5 chalk to go one better in this spot. Guided over towards the inside by John Velazquez, Talented cut out leisurely splits, coasted into the stretch on a widening lead and cantered under the line some eighth lengths clear of Sanibel Breeze (Exploit), who in turn was 10 lengths clear of third-placed Littlebitoflove (High Yield). The winner was produced from a half sister to GISW Nany's Sweep. Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, \$37,990. **Click for a [video replay](#) or click for the [brisnet.com chart](#).**

O-Padua Stables. B-Robert Raphaelson & Richard & Michelle Simon, as Tenants by the Entireties (KY). T-Todd A Pletcher.

3rd-KEE, \$47,750, Msw, 2yo, f, 4 1/2f, :52 3/5, gd.

+ MIGHTY MARTHA (f, 2, Chester House--Fanny Forget, by Dixieland Band) turned in a pair of bullets from her last three works, including a bullet four furlongs over the polytrack in :49 1/5 Apr. 21. Getting the services of jockey Rafael Bejarano for her bow, the \$3,000 KEESEP yearling purchase bumped with a rival at the start then settled in third behind dueling front-runners. The bay appeared to drift in, brushing the rail in upper stretch, but was switched out four wide and was up late to beat Moappeal (Successful Appeal) by a neck at 6-1 odds. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$31,270. **Click for a [video replay](#).**

O-Daniel M Pitzo III. B-C McDonald (KY). T-Eric R Reed.

TODAY'S VIDEO HIGHLIGHTS



[Keeneland 8th \(GIII Bewitch S.\) Angara \(GB\)](#) (Alzao) wins for the second time in 11 days.

[Keeneland 9th \(N1X\) Talented](#) (Fusaichi Pegasus) lives up to her name--another star for Pletcher.

[Keeneland 3rd \(MSW\) Mighty Martha](#) (Chester House) survives an eventful trip to take debut.

[Hollywood 5th \(MSW\) County](#) (Menifee) decimates a solid field of maidens.

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Keeneland Report cont.

5th-KEE, \$47,300, Msw, 3yo, f, 6f, 1:11 4/5, gd.
GRAND PORTEGE (f, 3, [Grand Slam](#)--Oatsee {SP}, by Unbridled), second by a half-length in her Nov. 13 bow at Churchill, was third in a Gulfstream maiden Jan. 13, but ballooned to ninth Feb. 16. The homebred improved to be fourth in her final South Florida appearance Mar. 13 and was the 5-2 favorite in her return to the Bluegrass. Bumped at the break, the chestnut filly raced wide down the backstretch, advanced on the turn, hooked up with Tricks After Dark (Favorite Trick) at the eighth pole and outgamed that rival to win by a head. The duo finished 11 1/2 lengths clear of Gala Regatta (Boston Harbor). Lifetime Record: 5-1-1-1, \$45,150. O/B-Bentley L Smith (KY). T-Carl A Nafzger.

4th-AQU, \$42,000, Msw, 3yo/up, 1m (off turf), 1:37, sy.
TINSELTOWN (c, 3, [Pine Bluff](#)--Perfect Reason {MSP}, by Distinctive Pro), seventh in his lone start at two Nov. 27, was a distant second to Yes Yes Yes at Gulfstream Jan. 17 and third to subsequent stakes winner Mighty Mecke in a Feb. 12 maiden in Hallandale. Third to Confederation going a one-turn mile Mar. 12, the bay was most recently a neck second after setting the pace going this distance Apr. 9. Entered for main track only in this off-the-turf event, the \$90,000 KEESSEP yearling tracked the pace from the outside, took over on the turn and splashed home seven lengths to the good. Proud Diligence (Diligence), the other MTO entrant, completed the exacta. Lifetime Record: 6-1-2-2, \$46,580. O-Susan & John Moore. B-Courtney & Congleton (KY). T-James A Jerkens.

★ NEW YORK ★

Yesterday's Results:

8th-AQU, \$43,120, Alw, NW2L, 3yo, 1m (off turf), 1:37 2/5, my.

REEL LEGEND (g, 3, [Catrail](#)--Timely Legend, by Navarone) was second in two starts on the turf at Gulfstream, then switched to the dirt for his latest and came away with a rallying neck victory going a mile at Aqueduct Apr. 8. The 9-5 second choice in this off-the-turf affair, the \$32,000 KEESSEP yearling was last of five after the opening quarter, but swept past his rivals on the far turn and galloped away to a 9 1/4-length score. Hongkong (Stark Ridge) completed the exacta. Lifetime Record: 4-2-2-0, \$63,760. O-Timber Bay Farm & Mrs Thomas J Walsh. B-E H Beau Lane III (KY). T-J A Jerkens.

★ EAST ★

Yesterday's Results:

7th-PIM, \$30,000, Alw, NW2X, 3yo/up, f/m, 5fT, :57 1/5, fm.

VEGAS LIGHTS (f, 4, [Exploit](#)--Harlingen, by Capote) graduated by 3/4 of a length at first asking over the Laurel main Feb. 19 and followed up with a 2 3/4-length allowance score Mar. 6, but suffered the first defeat of her career in her latest, finishing a distant third Mar. 25. A \$120,000 FTKJUL yearling purchase, the dark bay filly was rated off the pace, came five wide into the stretch and outfinished Sahmkinda-wonderful (Sahm) for a half-length success at 4-1. The winner was purchased for \$10,000 as a racing/broodmare prospect at last year's KEENOV sale. Lifetime Record: 4-3-0-1, \$48,000. O/B-Glory Days Breeding, Inc (KY). T-Timothy E Salzman.



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East Report cont.

Purse for Delaware H. Raised to \$1 Million:

The purse for the GII Delaware H., to be run July 17, has been raised from \$750,000 to \$1 million. The 10-furlong event is for fillies and mares, three-year-olds and up. It will be televised live on *espn2*. Delaware Park opens Sunday for a 135-day meet.

★ SO. CALIFORNIA ★

Yesterday's Results:

7th-HOL, \$54,398, Alw, NW1X, 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:09 4/5, ft.

KAIMANA (f, 3, [Tale of the Cat](#)--River Crossing, by Affirmed), beaten a head in her Feb. 11 debut, led every step to win by 1 1/2 lengths in her latest try Mar. 17. Off at 5-2 to make it two in a row, the \$130,000 KEESEP yearling was with the leaders from the start. She was between horses while gunning for the lead after a half in :44.66, finally fought her way to the front in the stretch and edged clear late to best 9-5 choice Strut Your Stuff (Bold Badgett) by a length. Lifetime Record: 3-2-1-0, \$64,600. O- Mr & Mrs Jerome S Moss. B-Herman Heinlein (KY). T-John A Shirreffs.

4th-HOL, \$51,800, Alw, Opt. Clm. (\$80,000), NW1X, 3yo, 1 1/16m, 1:43 1/5, ft.

KHYBER PASS (c, 3, [Running Stag](#)--Searching High, by Miswaki) broke his maiden in an off-the-turf test at Santa Anita Feb. 6 and came back to be second in an allowance race on the grass at the Arcadia oval Apr. 3. The 5-2 second choice to go one better here, the chestnut colt went right to the lead and held on gamely to the wire, getting the better of Royal Classic (Sky Classic) by a nose after a stretch-long duel. Lifetime Record: 4-2-1-0, \$69,240. O-Stronach Stables & David & Holly Wilson. B-Adena Springs (FL). T-Vladimir Cerin.

5th-HOL, \$46,800, Msw, 3/up, 1 1/16m, 1:42 3/5, ft. COUNTY (c, 3, [Menifee](#)--Few Choice Words, by Valid Appeal) finished off the board on the turf at Del Mar in his lone start at two. Switched to the main track after spending 5 1/2 months on the sidelines, the \$112,000 KEENOV weanling was third going seven furlongs at Santa Anita Feb. 13 and filled the show spot once again going nine panels Mar. 18. The 5-2 chalk this time, the dark bay broke on top, lost the lead after a quarter, but was back in front after the half and opened it up late to cross the line 6 1/2 lengths to the good. Third choice Republican Hawk (Peintre Celebre) was second best. Lifetime Record: 4-1-0-2, \$39,420. O-James H Stone. B-Hargus & Sandra Sexton & Mark Mullen (KY). T-Neil D Drysdale.

 **FRESHMAN FOCUS**

First-crop progeny to watch: Thursday, April 28

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

- MADRAAR** (Mr. Prospector), Hideaway, \$4K, 36/0/0
4-HOL, Msw, 4 1/2f, +Source of Life
- MANCINI** (Mr. Prospector), Milestone, \$3K, 10/0/0
2-KEE, Msw, 4 1/2f, Gypsy Rover, 8-1

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- Ghostzapper** (Awesome Again)- Horse of Year & Older Male
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- Wilko** (Awesome Again) - Two-year-old Colt
- Ashado** (Saint Ballado) - Three-year-old Filly
- Smarty Jones** (Elusive Quality) - Three-year-old Colt
- Azeri** (Jade Hunter) - Older Mare
- Wonder Again** (Silver Hawk) - Turf Female
- Kitten's Joy** (El Prado {Ire}) - Turf Male
- Speightstown** (Gone West) - Sprinter
- Shamardal** (Giant's Causeway) - Ky-bred racing abroad
- McDynamo** (Dynaformer) - Steeplechaser



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IN BRITAIN:

+ Rohaani, c, 3, High Yield. See "Britain."

 **FOALING NEWS**

NAUGHTY NATISHA, 11, Known Fact--Noble Natisha, by Noble Commander

Foal born Mar. 14, a colt by Lemon Drop Kid.

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★ ON THE WORKTAB ★

BELMONT PARK

Daydreaming (A.P. Indy), 4f, ●:48.11, 1/3

Smokume (Smoke Glacken), 5f, ●1:01.83, 1/3

CHURCHILL DOWNS

Consolidator (Storm Cat), 5f, 1:01.40, 2/12

Madcap Escapade (Hennessy), 5f, ●1:00.80, 1/12

HOLLYWOOD PARK

Hollywood Story (Wild Rush), 6f, ●1:13.80, 1/12

Nose The Trade (GB) (Cyrano de Bergerac {Ire}), 4f, :48.60, 5/28

Special Ring (Nureyev), 5f, :59.60, 2/26

Splendid Blended (Unbridled's Song), 4f, :48.60, 5/28

SANTA ANITA

El Roblar (War Chant), 7f, ●1:23.80, 1/3

Friendly Michelle (Artax), 4f, :46.00g, 3/47

Inspiring (Golden Missile), 4f, :46.60, 4/47

Senor Swinger (El Prado {Ire}), 6f, ●1:11.80, 1/12

★ BRITAIN ★

Yesterday's Results:

HESMONDS STUD PAVILION S.-Listed, £30,000, Lingfield, 4-27, 3yo, 6fT, 1:13.57, sf.

1--**ANDRONIKOS (GB)**, 127, c, 3, by Dr Fong

1st Dam: Arctic Air (GB), by Polar Falcon

2nd Dam: Breadcrumb (GB), by Final Straw (GB)

3rd Dam: Scarcely Blessed (Ire), by So Blessed (GB)

(57,000gns yrl '03 TATOCT). O-C Shiacolas; B-Mrs R D Peacock; T-Paul Cole; J-Frankie Dettori; £17,400. Lifetime Record: GSW-Eng & SW-Fr, 7-4-1-0, £85,389.

2--**Yajbill (Ire)**, 123, c, 3, Royal Applause (GB)--Tee Cee (GB), by Lion Cavern. (47,000gns wnlg '02 TATDEC; 140,000gns yrl '03 TATOCT). £6,600.

3--**Royal Orissa (GB)**, 123, c, 3, Royal Applause (GB)--Ling Lane (GB), by Slip Anchor (GB). (20,000gns wnlg '02 TATDEC; 9,000gns yrl '03 DONSEP; 21,000gns 2yo '04 DONAPR). £3,300.

Margins: 3/4, 2, NK. Odds: 13-8, 11-2, 7-1.

Also Ran: Beckermest (Ire), Siena Gold (GB), Cornus (GB), Tournedos (Ire), Woodcote (Ire), The Crooked Ring (GB), Dramaticus (GB).

Andronikos was beaten 1 1/4 lengths by Tony James (Ire) in the G2 Gimcrack S. at York in August before disappointing when only seventh in the G2 Mill Reef S. at Newbury the following month. He bounced back to win the Listed Doncaster S. in October and the Listed Prix Saraca at Saint-Cloud the following month, but ran too free on his return when fifth in the G3 Greenham S. at Newbury last time Apr. 16. Reserved in rear by a confident Frankie Dettori, he found the gap to challenge Yajbill inside the final quarter and got on top with 200 yards remaining before asserting in the closing stages. British Report cont. p7

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HESMONDS STUD PARADISE S.-Listed, £30,000, Lingfield, 4-27, 4yo/up, 7f 140ydsT, 1:36.17, sf.
1--HOREION DIRECTA (GER), 131, h, 6, Big Shuffle--Hosianna (Ger), by Surumu (Ger). O-Rennstall Directa; B-Herbert Kahrs; T-Andreas Lowe; J-Andrasch Starke; £17,400. Lifetime Record: MGSP-Ger, GSW & G1SP-Ity, 21-4-4-3, £143,545.
2--Arakan, 131, h, 5, Nureyev--Far Across (GB), by Common Grounds (GB). £6,600.
3--Millennium Force (GB), 126, g, 7, Bin Ajwaad (Ire)--Jumairah Sun (Ire), by Scenic (Ire). £3,300. Margins: 1 1/4, 2, SHD. Odds: 7-2, 11-8, 3-1. Also Ran: Mac Love (GB), Indian Steppes (Fr), Dandoun (GB). Scratched: Vortex (GB).

Horeion Directa knocked heads with the top German milers last term, registering a personal best when second in the G3 Badener Meile at Baden-Baden in May. Dropped back to seven furlongs for the G3 Premio Chiusura at San Siro in October, he destroyed a decent collection of rivals and duly followed up here on his first foray to British shores. Sent to the front in the early stages by Andrasch Starke, he was headed by Arakan passing the quarter pole before staging a game rally to regain the advantage inside the final 150 yards.

Lingfield, 2.40, Cond, £14,350, 3yo, f, 7f 140ydsT, 1:38.49, sf.
SHEBOYGAN (IRE) (f, 3, Grand Lodge--White Satin {Ire} {SP-Ire}, by Fairy King), third in the Listed Radley S. at Newbury on her last start in October, broke well and led before being settled in a stalking second. The 6-1 chance took a while to pick up in the testing ground when asked, but responded to grab the lead with 300 yards remaining before edging away from Song Thrush (Unbridled's Song) by two lengths under the line. She will be pointed at the G1 Irish 1000 Guineas at The Curragh May 22. Lifetime Record: SP-Eng, 4-2-0-2, £16,429.
 O/B-David Eiffe; T-James Given.

Pontefract, 3.50, Hcp, £14,488, 3yo, f, 10f 6ydsT, 2:18.49, gd.
THAKAFAAT (IRE) (f, 3, Unfuwain--Frappe {Ire}, by Inchinor {GB}) finished sixth in a Newmarket nursery on her latest start in October and was sent off at odds of 15-2. Trapped wide in mid-pack early, the 160,000gns TATOCT yearling made smooth progress to lead passing the three-furlong marker and duly stretched clear to beat Sand Fairy (Ire) (Desert King {Ire}) by four lengths. Lifetime Record: 4-2-0-0, £14,916.
 O-Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid al Maktoum; B-Norelands Bloodstock; T-John Dunlop.

Pontefract, 2.20, Mdn, £8,400, 2yo, 5fT, 1:05.70, gd.
+ STRIKE UP THE BAND (GB) (c, 2, Cyrano de Bergerac {Ire}--Green Supreme {GB}, by Primo Dominie {GB}), a full to Sampower Star (GB), MGSW & G1SP-Eng, GSW-Fr, \$343,906, was backed into 3-1 favoritism and swiftly overcame a tardy start to stalk the early pace. Quickening to the front passing the quarter pole, he was sent clear to record an emphatic seven-length success. The winner, a 42,000gns DONSEP yearling acquisition, is also a half to Fire up the Band (GB) (Prince Sabo {GB}), SW-Eng, \$215,166. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, £5,460.
 O-The Oak Apple Syndicate; B-Miss A J Rawding and P M Crane; T-David Nicholls.

Pontefract, 2.50, Mdn, £7,740, 3yo, 10f 6ydsT, 2:18.07, gd.
+ ROHAANI (c, 3, High Yield--Strawberry's Charm, by Strawberry Road {Aus}), sent off at odds of 7-1, dwelt on the wide outside and raced without cover until settled off the leaders. Lengthening on the approach to the straight, the \$160,000 KEESEP yearling reeled in Ebtikaar (Ire) (Darshaan {GB}) with 75 yards remaining before asserting to score by 1 1/4 lengths. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, £5,031.
 O-Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid al Maktoum; B-North Wales LLC; T-Sir Michael Stoute.

BREEDERS' EDITION
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ALLOWANCE RESULTS:
6th-AQU, \$46,000, NW2X, (S), 3yo/up, f/m, 1m (off turf), 1:38 4/5, sy.
PRINCESS JASMINE (f, 4, Artax--Clever Actress, by Theatrical {Ire}) Lifetime Record: 14-3-1-3, \$103,210. O-Paraneck Stable. B-Thomas/Lakin (NY). T-Jennifer Pedersen. *1/2 to Big Apple Daddy (Precise End), MSP, \$169,494.

9th-AQU, \$44,000, (S), NW1X, 3yo/up, f/m, 1m, 1:39 2/5, my.
RAF AND READY (f, 3, Raffie's Majesty--Double Doubleville {SP}, by Mt. Livermore) Lifetime Record: 9-2-4-2, \$94,118. O-Castle Village Farm. B-Majesty Stud, LLC (NY). T-William H Turner, Jr. *\$14,000 yrl '03 FTMSEP.

8th-PRM, \$37,200, 4-26, Opt. Clm. (\$50,000), NW1 \$3MX, 3yo/up, 6f, 1:10 3/5, ft.
ASAILORTOREMBER (h, 5, Sail Me Again--AnaffairtoreMBER, by Air Forbes Won) Lifetime Record: 28-3-6-5, \$104,956. O-Orion Stables. B-Barbara Oakson (IA). T-James B McCoy.

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5th-PIM, \$33,000, Opt. Clm. (\$32,000-\$28,000), NW3X, 3yo/up, f/m, 5fT, :56 3/5, fm.
CHEZ AUDRA (m, 5, Northern Afleet--House D'Or, by Housebuster) Lifetime Record: SP, 36-8-6-3, \$197,370. O-Mat Stables. B-Fred W Pace (KY). T-Patricia Farro. *\$50,000 2yo 2002 OBSAPR.

9th-HAW, \$28,000, 4-26, Opt. Clm. (\$35,000-\$30,000), NW1X, 3yo, 1mT, 1:38 1/5, fm.
KID GRINDSTONE (c, 3, [Grindstone](#)--Lady in Waiting {MSP}, by Woodman) Lifetime Record: 6-2-1-0, \$29,540. O-Wexler Racing Stables Inc. B-Crescent Hill Farm & Dr W A Rood (KY). T-Michael B Campbell. *\$19,000 wIng '02 KEENOV; \$25,000 yrl '03 KEESEP.

6th-PIM, \$27,440, NW1X, 3yo, f, 8.5f, 1:47 4/5, ft.
HANAIEI BAY (f, 3, [Exploit](#)--Ragtime Doll {SW, \$129,665}, by Smarten) Lifetime Record: SP, 9-2-0-1, \$50,000. O-Mary Eppler Racing Stable Inc & Triple Tree Stable. B-Mary E Eppler & A Leonard Pineau (MD). T-Mary E Eppler.

7th-PRM, \$23,000, 4-26, NW2X, 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:11 3/5, ft.
WESTERN PLACE (f, 3, [Out of Place](#)--Blown West, by Gone West) Lifetime Record: 7-3-1-1, \$66,360. O-Oasis Racing Stable Llc. B-Dell Ridge Farm (KY). T-J Larry Jones. *\$16,000 yrl '03 KEESEP.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Count Rock, c, 3, [Count the Time](#)--Rocketsandmissiles, by Glitterman. PRM, 4-26, (S), 5 1/2f, 1:06. B-River Ridge Ranch (IA).

Crop Buster, c, 3, [Raffie's Majesty](#)--Merry Sunshine, by Star of the Crop. AQU, 4-27, (S), 1 1/8m, 1:54 1/5. B-Majesty Stud LLC (NY).

Sparkie Sharkey, g, 3, [Sharkey](#)--Sweet Mutterings, by Muttering. PRM, 4-26, (S), 5 1/2f, 1:06 1/5. B-Franklin & Alpha Davenport (IA).

Bluff, c, 3, [Victory Gallop](#)--Kamora, by Fly Till Dawn. KEE, 4-27, (C), 1 1/16m, 1:47 4/5. B-WinStar Farm, LLC, Daniel P Kenny & Dunne (FI). *\$37,000 yrl '03 KEEJAN; \$100,000 2yo 2004 FTMMAY.

Siphon Melody, f, 3, [Siphon \(Brz\)](#)--Logiciel (GB), by Known Fact. HOL, 4-27, (C), 1 1/16m, 1:45 1/5. B-Machmer Hall (Ky).

**BREEDERS' EDITION
EUROPE**

CONDITIONS RESULTS:

BRITAIN, Lingfield, 2.10, 4-27, £12,400, 2yo, 5f (AWT), :58.72, st.

AZYGIOUS (GB) (g, 2, [Foxhound](#)--Flag {GB}, by Selkirk) Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, £10,598. O-The Azygous Partnership; B-Mrs R D Peacock; T-Rod Millman. *5,000gns yrl '03 TATOCT.



WRITERS UP

AIDAN O'BRIEN STABLE TOUR by Tom Frary

Ballydoyle's gates were thrown open Monday and Aidan O'Brien was on hand to give the low-down on his hopes for the 2005 season. Blighted by higher-than-average rainfall in County Tipperary in recent weeks and a setback to his main Epsom Oaks contender **Kitty O'Shea (GB)** (Sadler's Wells), he was nevertheless full of enthusiasm for what he called an "exciting two weeks" ahead. Faced with a large amount of unexposed types this term, O'Brien commented, "Everybody in the yard has their opinion which is the best, but we are getting close to finding-out time and we'll just have to see how they do on the track." New jockey Kieren Fallon was also on hand and singled out the stable's number one G1 2000 Guineas hope **Footstepsinthesand (GB)** (Giant's Causeway) as the horse he was looking forward to partnering most. Looking at the horses that will fly the Ballydoyle banner this year, O'Brien issued the following commentary:

FOOTSTEPSINTHESAND (GB)

(c, 3, [Giant's Causeway](#)--Glatissant {GB}, by [Rainbow Quest](#))

"He's a big, rangy horse and we just tried to mind him last year. It was always the plan to go straight to the G1 2000 Guineas [at Newmarket Apr. 30] as, of all our horses, he trains himself and is generous in his work. He's a natural, free-moving horse who is full of enthusiasm and Kieren was happy with his recent work at The Curragh."

O-Michael Tabor; B-Hascombe & Valiant Studs.

ORATORIO (IRE)

(c, 3, [Danehill](#)--Mahrah, by [Vaguely Noble](#) {Ire})

"He is a hard-knocking racing horse, but he's a very lazy worker and only ever does what you ask him to do. He's laid-back and is happy to just eat and sleep. He runs in the G1 2000 Guineas [at Newmarket Apr. 30] and Johnny Murtagh will probably ride as Kieren thinks he'll ride Footsteps'."

O-Susan Magnier & Michael Tabor; B-Barronstown Stud & Orpendale.

GYPSY KING (IRE)

(c, 3, [Sadler's Wells](#)--Love For Ever {Ire}, by [Darshaan](#) {GB})

"He runs in the G3 Dee S. [at Chester May 6] and he'll be green enough going there, but he needs to learn to be an Epsom horse and needs to be going quick round those bends. He had been working really nicely before scoping badly and missing a week and when you miss one at this time it costs you three."

O-Susan Magnier; B-Premier Bloodstock.



Aidan O'Brien Stable Tour cont.

ALBERT HALL (GB)

(c, 3, *Danehill--Al Theraab, by Roberto*)

"He is a big, strong horse and the plan is to start off in the G2 Dante S. [at York May 12]. He'll be a much better horse on quicker ground than he has raced on so far."

O-Susan Magnier; B-Bjorn E Nielsen.

TIGER DANCE

(c, 3, *Storm Cat--Mariah's Storm, by Rahy*)

"He's done marvellous over the winter and has always shown plenty at home. He needs fast ground, so with the wet weather he's had to stop and start. He could go straight for the G1 Poule d'Essai des Poulains [French 2000 Guineas at Longchamp May 15]."

O-Susan Magnier; B-Pacelco SA.

AD VALOREM

(c, 3, *Danzig--Classy Women, by Relaunch*)

"We are taking our time with him because he really loves fast ground. He might run before Royal Ascot time, but he could go straight for the G1 St James's Palace S. [at York June 14] or G1 Irish 2000 Guineas [at The Curragh May 21]. He wouldn't be sure to get a mile, but if the ground dried up, I'd love to give him a chance."

O-Susan Magnier; B-Calumet Farm.

GRAND CENTRAL (IRE)

(c, 3, *Sadler's Wells--Rebecca Sharp {GB}, by Machiavellian*)

"His comeback race [when second in the G3 Leopardstown 2000 Guineas Trial] was messy and Kieren just minded him. I think we'll see a different horse next time and he goes for the G2 Derrinstown Stud Derby Trial [at Leopardstown May 8]."

O-Susan Magnier; B-Hascombe & Valiant Studs.

KITTY O'SHEA (GB)

(f, 3, *Sadler's Wells--Eva Luna, by Alleged*)

"She was going for the G3 Musidora S. [at York May 11], but is not 100 per cent in front in trot, so we're going to swim her for a few days and see. We've x-rayed her and can't find anything, so maybe she just twinged something."

O-Susan Magnier; B-Juddmonte Farms.

POWERSCOURT (GB)

(h, 5, *Sadler's Wells--Rainbow Lake {GB}, by Rainbow Quest*)

"He's still in quarantine as he coughed after the G1 Dubai Sheema Classic, but he's cantering and will run in five or six weeks. He thrives on traveling and is a strong powerful horse."

O-Susan Magnier; B-Juddmonte Farms.

ANTONIUS PIUS

(c, 4, *Danzig--Catchascatchcan (GB), by Pursuit Of Love (GB)*)

"He's a hardy customer and certainly no softy. I think he'll be going over to England a lot more and the plan is to start in the G1 Lockinge S. [at Newbury May 14]. He's done great physically and mentally."

O-Michael Tabor & Susan Magnier; B-Dr Tony Ryan.

YEATS (IRE)

(c, 4, *Sadler's Wells--Lyndonville {Ire}, by Top Ville {Ire}*)

"He was an exciting horse last year and won his races easily and he starts off in the G3 Mooresbridge S. [at The Curragh May 2]. He's a possible for the G1 Coronation Cup [at Epsom June 3] and all those races and his work has been great so far. He wants good ground."

O-Susan Magnier; B-Barronstown Stud & Orpendale.

A Solid Supporting Cast...

O'Brien also has a strong supporting cast among the sophomores headed by Sunday's G1 1000 Guineas hopeful **Virginia Waters** (Kingmambo). Others of note include the recent Leopardstown maiden scorer **Emerald Cat** (Storm Cat) who is being aimed at the G3 Tetrarch S. at The Curragh May 2; last year's G1 Criterium de Saint-Cloud runner-up **Yehudi (Ire)** (Sadler's Wells), who returns in the G3 Lingfield Derby Trial May 7; **Almighty** (Sadler's Wells), who will run in the G3 Chester Vase May 5; and **Mona Lisa (GB)** (Giant's Causeway), who may run in the G3 Musidora S. at York May 11. Of the older horses, **Ace (Ire)** (Danehill) will be targeted at the G1 Tattersalls Gold Cup at The Curragh May 22, **Acropolis (Ire)** (Sadler's Wells) will also form part of the strong raiding party on Chester when he runs in the G3 Ormonde S. May 6 and **Airwave (GB)** (Air Express {Ire}) may tackle a mile for the first time in the G2 Ridgewood Pearl S. at The Curragh May 21. Of the two-year-olds, who O'Brien describes as being "a bit more behind than usual," he had encouraging words for **Horatio Nelson (Ire)** (Danehill), who is the first foal of 2001 G1 Epsom Oaks heroine **Imagine (Ire)**; **Dylan Thomas (Ire)** (Danehill), a half brother to Queen's Logic (Ire); and **George Washington (Ire)** (Danehill), a half brother to Grandera (Ire). Recent Curragh maiden scorer **Where's That Tiger** (Storm Cat) will run in the Lily Agnes [Conditions] S. at the Chester May meeting.

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