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NORTH LIGHT RETIRED

Ballymacoll Stud's G1 Epsom Derby hero **North Light (Ire)** (Danehill--Sought Out {Ire}, by Rainbow Quest) has



North Light at Epsom
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been retired after sustaining a pelvic fracture, it was announced yesterday. Last year's Blue Riband winner was runner-up in the G3 Brigadier Gerard S. on his return at Sandown May 31, but incurred his injury and connections have been forced to call time on the four-year-old's career. "North Light has sustained a stress fracture of the right ilial wing and will now be retired," trainer Sir Michael Stoute explained. "He has been a joy to train and we shall long remember his victories in the Dante S. and Epsom Derby." North Light raced only

twice as a juvenile, winning his second start at Goodwood, before returning to beat Rule of Law in the G2 Dante S. at York last May. He confirmed that form in the Epsom Classic in June before finding Grey Swallow (Ire) too good in the G1 Irish Derby at The Curragh the following month. He was not disgraced when fifth in the G1 Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe at Longchamp in October, but failed to justify odds-on favoritism at Sandown on his final start. "We are all gutted here in Ballymacoll," the Stud and Racing Manager Peter Reynolds told *PA Sport*. "It's a serious loss for us and Michael Stoute. Keeping a Derby winner in training at four is always risky. There are no plans for his retirement yet." Reynolds reflected on his finest success and the fortunes of the colt thereafter, blaming unseasonably fast ground for his subsequent eclipses. "He was such a brave horse at Epsom," he said. "I feel that, possibly, that was even the undoing of the horse, on that fast ground. He was very unlucky, because he hit fast ground in the Irish Derby and he hit fast ground in the Arc, which is unheard of." In total, North Light earned £1,097,276 in prize money. The Ballymacoll homebred, produced by the top staying mare Sought Out, is a full brother to Listed winner Researched (Ire) and a half brother to the group-placed Cover Up (Ire) (Machiavellian).

INJURED BOARD

Yesterday was a dark day for last year's Epsom victors. Following the retirement of North Light, it was



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revealed that Lord Derby's **Ouija Board (GB)** (Cape Cross {Ire}) has suffered a fracture and will be off the track until autumn. The champion filly disappointed when only seventh in last Wednesday's G1 Prince of Wales's S. at Royal Ascot at York. Connections discovered a quarter crack after that seasonal bow, but on further investigations a stress fracture to the near-fore cannon bone was found. Trainer Ed Dunlop indicated that he was optimistic of getting the four-year-old

back to the track by the end of the summer. "She will initially have a fortnight just swimming," Dunlop said on his website. "My vet Mike Shepherd, of Rosssdale & Partners, will then re-x-ray the filly's ankle and we will see whether the stress fracture has healed, is healing or standing still. So, we are going to make a decision in two weeks' time. If we are not happy, she will have another two weeks in, continuing to swim. If we are all happy, she will then be back into ridden exercise. If she were to be ridden in two weeks, she would then probably trot for a couple of weeks." Dunlop has earmarked either the G1 Prix Vermeille at Longchamp Sept. 11 or the G3 Arc Trial at Newbury Sept. 17 before the G1 Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe, in which she was third last year. Dunlop is also considering the G1 Prix de l'Opera at Longchamp Oct. 2 as an alternative to the Arc. The G1 E.P. Taylor S. and Breeders' Cup are also on the agenda. "There are an awful lot of opportunities left," he added.

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FAST-GROUND SIRES

It hasn't quite acquired the nomadic, road-show status of the Breeders' Cup, but by all accounts the one-time transfer of Royal Ascot to York while Ascot is undergoing a £185-million redevelopment was quite a success. It didn't go off without a hitch or two, but, when you consider the number of things that could have gone wrong, it really went very well. The racing was right up to standard, and, if the ground was fast and uneven, well, there is really no right answer. Even on the second day, when the ground was nominally 'loose' on top, fast-ground horses were winning, and the times were quite fast.

Last Sunday's *Racing Post* published a list of sires with the winners of £2,100 or more during the week, and I unashamedly confess to plagiarizing and rearranging their work to suit my own devices. It makes very interesting reading. Here's the first thing I noticed: there are 30 races, therefore 90 'placings' available to 1-2-3 finishers. Fully 36 (40 percent) of those 90 placings were filled by horses from one branch of Northern Dancer--Danzig--and by one sire line--Mr. Prospector. I'll talk about why I think the distinction is pertinent in a minute, but first let's examine what the two 'lines' (to use a convenient shorthand) actually achieved.

Danzig was led by, but by no means restricted to, Danehill. The whole Danzig line actually only had two winners at the meet, but another 19 Danzig-line runners ran second or third, and a further 11 finished 4-5-6 (they pay back to sixth). Danehill had one of the winners--Ascot Gold Cup winner Westerner, and amazingly he had the second (Distinction) in that race, too. In total, Danehill himself had one winner, three seconds, three thirds, and another four finishing fourth, fifth, or sixth. Besides the one Group 1 winner, another four of his runners placed in Group 1s. Even more amazingly, I think, a total of 17 Danzig-line sires had top six placegetters. They only had two winners (the other was the Royal Hunt Cup H. winner New Seeker, by Green Desert), but overall a total of 19 seconds and thirds, and 11 more in the top six. That makes 21 top-three placegetters. The Danzig branch of Northern Dancer--a notorious fast-ground line--accounted for 17 of the 87 sires (19.5 percent) represented by top-six placegetters. Though the branch accounted for only two winners (6.7 percent), this anomaly was compensated for to some extent by its having 21 of the 90 top-three placegetters (23 percent), because it actually accounted for 31 percent (19 of 60) of the second- and third-place finishers. Danzig also accounted for 32 of the 180 top-six finishers (17.8 percent), and 21.7 percent of the earnings by all 87 sires who earned £2,100 or more at York last week. Danehill was the leading individual sire with £351,025 in progeny earnings, in spite of only having one winner. **Cont. p.3**

TOP SIRE LINES/BRANCHES AT ROYAL ASCOT-AT-YORK						
Line/Branch	Sires	1st	2nd-3rd	4th-6th	Top 6	Earnings (£)
Danzig	17	2	19	11	32	720,939
Mr. Prospector	12	8	7	12	27	404,514
Sadler's Wells	7	1	6	21	28	131,796
Storm Bird	4	4	2	2	8	422,852
Misc. Northern Dancer	7	3	3	2	7	413,882
Nureyev	8	2	3	8	13	250,057
Roberto	4	4	0	1	5	164,800
Sharpen Up	4	2	2	5	9	238,589
All Others	24	4	18	28	48	484,210
Total*	87	30	60	90	180	3,321,939

* The Sires and Earnings columns include sires, published in the *Racing Post*, which had earnings of £2,100+

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This weekend his **KAREN'S CAPER** dazzled in the Coronation S.-**G1** at Royal Ascot, and he had his 17th winner (at Churchill) and 6th stakes performer (at Arlington Park).

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In most cases, the Danzigs were placing behind Mr. Prospectors. Eight of the 30 races (27 percent) were won by Mr. Prospector-line horses, or, to be more specific, by three Mr. Prospector-line sires, or their sons. Zafonic, the brilliant 1993 English 2000 Guineas winner (year-end Timeform 130) by Gone West, really did turn out to be a notorious fast-ground sire, and this fast-ground Ascot-at-York proved it (not to mention his other two stakes winners last Saturday, both on fast ground). Zafonic had three individual Ascot-at-York winners, headed by the G2 Queen Mary winner Flashy Wings, from his final crop of two-year-olds.

Also representing Mr. Prospector was Machiavellian, who has been getting a reputation of siring dirt runners after two Dubai World Cup winners, but the Royal meeting proved he's not quite finished yet as a turf sire: two winners, two seconds, plus a winner for his son, Titus Livius. The youngest of the three (and the only one still at stud) is Kingmambo, who had one winner and another four who ran 4-5-6. In addition, his son King's Best sired G3 Jersey winner Proclamation from his first crop.

Overall, though, when you add up all the branches of Northern Dancer, this line still dominates Europe: 47 of the 87 sires of top-six placegetters (54 percent) were Northern Dancer-line.

All right, the line had a slightly below-par 43 percent (13 of 30) of the meet's winners, but it had 60 percent of the second and third placegetters, and finished up with 53 percent (95 of 180) of the meet's total top-six placegetters--and with 61 percent of the money.

This is because, besides Danehill and Danzig, four other Northern Dancer branches made the leaderboard. Sadler's Wells had only one winner (Cruzspiel, by Singspiel, over two miles, six furlongs, in the meet's last race), and six who ran second and third, but another 21 by him, or from his branch of Northern Dancer, ran fourth, fifth, or sixth. Maybe that tells us he's not a fast-ground Northern Dancer.

The Nureyev branch had two winners (by Fasliyev and Pivotal), and the 'miscellaneous' Northern Dancer branch which includes Unfuwain (one), his son Alhaarth (one), and Night Shift (Azamour) had three winners.

Storm Bird had four: two by Giant's Causeway, as you know; one by Storm Cat himself (Indigo Cat), and one by Storm Bird's good sprint sire son, Mujadil--who also had G1 Golden Jubilee second, the three-year-old Galeota. It's partially because Northern Dancer has forked into so many different branches that his line is so dominant in Europe--even though, under the prevailing fast-ground conditions, Mr. Prospector had a blockbuster week.

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MAJOR SIRE LINES AT ASCOT-AT-YORK

Sire Group	%Sires	%1st	%2-3	%4-6	%Top 6	Earnings (£)	%Purses
All Northern Dancer	47 - 54%	13 - 43%	36 - 60%	46 - 51%	95 - 53%	2,029,826	61%
All Native Dancer	17 - 19%	10 - 33%	10 - 17%	17 - 19%	37 - 21%	647,503	20%
All Others	23 - 27%	7 - 23%	14 - 23%	27 - 30%	48 - 26%	644,610	19%

* The Sires and Earnings columns include sires, published in the Racing Post, which had earnings of £2,100+

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But, somewhat strangely, aside from Fappiano (who is like Nijinsky to Northern Dancer, they are just nothing alike), Mr. Prospector's top sons have really not established branches of their own. There is a debate about Gone West, and he may yet achieve it, but on the whole, there are just not the identifiable branches like there are with Northern Dancer. At the end of the day, there have to be sires of sires for a line to continue in tail-male, and it's conceivable that Mr. Prospector will be more like Bold Ruler (hanging by the threads that are Seattle Slew and A.P. Indy) than like Northern Dancer.

It seems unlikely, considering that six of the last nine American Triple Crown races were won by Mr. Prospector-line horses, another two were won by colts from the Fappiano branch of Mr. Prospector, and none at all were won by Northern Dancer. It may just be the great gulf that is The Pond now, or it may be that Mr. Prospector needs a couple more big-time sires of sires--say, for example, Kingmambo and Fusaichi Pegasus.

The legions of theorists who still believe that out-crossing to Northern Dancer is not only possible, but even desirable, will be heartened by the statistic that the Roberto branch of Hail to Reason garnered four wins, including one by Red Ransom and another two--both handicap wins--by his son, Intikhab. The latter, just a third-crop sire (first four-year-olds) has been rather dismissed by the 'commercialistos,' but, as sometimes happens, perhaps prematurely. Though short on household names, he finished 2004 with a 2.17 A Runner Index, and his Britannia winner, Mostashaar (one of four winners during the week for Sheikh Hamdan), was one of the meeting's easiest, surely taking this one-mile handicap for three-year-olds on the way to Group-race wins.

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TWO TRAIL SIOUX, f, 2001

Indian Charlie	In Excess (Ire)	Siberian Express	Caro (Ire)
		Dam 3	Dam 5
			Sire 6
	Soviet Sojourn	Leo Castelli	Sovereign Dancer
		Political Parfait	Suspicious Native
			Diplomat Way
Quiet Trail SP, 21-4-3-5, \$145,500 3FIs, 1GSW	Quiet American	Fappiano	Mr. Prospector
		Demure	Killaloe
			Dr. Fager
	Unending Love Unraced 10FIs, 4SP	Dixieland Band	Quiet Charm
		Regal Road 10FIs, 2 SW	Northern Dancer
			Graustark
		Mississippi Mud	
		On the Trail	

**WEEKEND PEDIGREE
PERSPECTIVES**
by Alan Porter

Saturday, Churchill Downs

FLEUR DE LIS H.-GII, \$330,000, CDX, 6-18, 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/8m, 1:48 2/5, ft.

1--**@TWO TRAIL SIOUX, 114, f, 4, by [Indian Charlie](#)**
1st Dam: Quiet Trail (SP, \$145,500), by Quiet American
2nd Dam: Unending Love, by Dixieland Band
3rd Dam: Regal Road, by Graustark
 (\$55,000 yrl '02 KEESEP). O-John D Gunther & Don Winton; B-Totier Creek Farm (KY); T-Wallace A Dollase; J-P Day; \$204,600. Lifetime Record: 10-6-2-1, \$424,960.

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With the Mr. Prospector and Northern Dancer and sire lines supplying around two-thirds of what might be considered the commercial U.S. stallion population, breeders are consistently on the look out for alternative strains. One strain which is emerging in this role through somewhat surprising sources is that of Caro. His son Cozzene, a turf champion and extremely successful sire of turf runners, is responsible for Alphabet Soup.

Upset winner of the GI Breeders' Cup Classic over Louis Quatorze and Cigar, Alphabet Soup has sired 20 stakes winners in his first four crops, including Grade I winners Alphabet Kisses and Our New Recruit. The second branch of the Caro line which is making an impact comes through his G1 French 2000 Guineas-winning son, Siberian Express. Overall, Siberian Express was a disappointment at stud, but he did get In Excess, a top-class dirt runner whose victories included the GI Suburban H., GI Metropolitan H. and GI Whitney H. and the GI Woodward S. Subsequently, In Excess retired to California where he has become not only the best sire to stand in that state for some considerable time, but also a candidate to be considered the best current U.S. sire at stud outside of Kentucky.

In Excess's best son thus far is Indian Charlie. Out of the very fast West Coast racemare, Soviet Sojourn, Indian Charlie captured his first three races a maiden at two, and an allowance race and the GI Santa Anita Derby at three before ending his career with a third in the GI Kentucky Derby. Now standing at Airdrie Stud in Midway, Kentucky, Indian Charlie is giving the impression that he has every chance of extending his male line. He started with five stakes winners in his first crop, including Pampered Princess, a six-time stakes winner.

His second crop, four-year-olds of 2005, has also produced four stakes winners, headed by Bwana Charlie, winner of the GII Amsterdam S. and GIII Lafayette S.; and Two Trail Sioux, who gained graded brackets in this weekend's Fleur de Lis S. at Churchill Downs.



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Indian Charlie also has stakes winners No Bull Baby, Kota (both also graded placed), Excusable and Lead For Speed in his third crop. Two Trail Sioux is out of Quiet Trail, a stakes-placed daughter of Quiet American. It was quite a weekend for Quiet American as a broodmare sire, as in that role, he was also responsible for the dam of the GI Stephen Foster H. victor Saint Liam. Quiet American daughters have already also produced the GI Futurity victor Whywhywhy; last year's G1 Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe runner-up, Cherry Mix; and other graded winners Lunarpal and Congressionalhonor; he really seems to be emerging as a promising young broodmare sire.

Quiet Trail is one of four stakes-placed horses produced by her dam, Unending Love. A daughter of Dixieland Band, Unending Love never ran, but she is a sister to the stakes winning Rampart Road, and a half sister to stakes winner Fappiano Road (by Fappiano, the sire of Quiet American).

She's also a 3/4-sister to Regal Band (the dam of GI Kentucky Derby victor Monarchos), who is by Dixieland Band out of a half sister to Unending Love. Two Trail Sioux's third dam Regal Road, a stakes winning daughter of Graustark, is one of a slew of notable runners and producers sired by Graustark or his brother His Majesty, out Regal Road's granddam Golden Trail or her daughters. These close relatives include Grade I winner Andover Way (by His Majesty out of Regal Road's dam, On the Trail), herself dam of Dynaformer, and granddam of graded stakes winners Supremo and Offlee Wild; graded stakes winner Java Moon (by Graustark out of On the Trail), most notably the granddam of Grade I winner Memories of Silver; graded stakes placed Kelley's Moon (by Graustark out of Golden Trail), the dam of Grade I winner Brian's Time, subsequently a champion sire in Japan; stakes placed Outward Sunshine (by Graustark out of Golden Trail), dam of champion turf horse Sunshine Forever; and Autumn Groy (by Graustark out of Golden Trail), who features as first, second or third dam of six group/graded stakes winners, including champion Ryafan.

We mentioned that the Caro line was a potential outcross for the Northern Dancer and Mr. Prospector line. That's not quite so with Indian Charlie, as his broodmare sire Leo Castelli is by a son of Northern Dancer out of a mare by Raise a Native (sire of Mr. Prospector). As is often the case with inbreeding in the center of the pedigree, doubling these strains has worked well for Indian Charlie. He has two stakes winners out of Northern Dancer line mares (plus another out of a mare by a son of Icecapade, a three-parts genetic relative to Northern Dancer). What's more, five of his 13 stakes winners are out of Mr. Prospector-line mares, and thus are inbred to Mr. Prospector through a daughter and a son.

Two Trail Sioux is particularly interesting in this regard, as his dam is bred on a reverse Raise a Native/Northern Dancer cross to Leo Castelli, and the same formula is found in Indian Charlie's stakes winning and graded stakes placed three-year-old No Bull Baby.

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☆ RESULTS ☆

Tuesday, Longchamp, France

PRIX DU LYS-G3, €71,250, Longchamp, 6-21, 3yo, c/g, 1 1/2mT, 2:34.00, gd.

1--**@DESIDERATUM (GB)**, 123, c, 3, by Darshaan (GB)

1st Dam: **Desired (GB)**, by Rainbow Quest

2nd Dam: **Dance of Leaves (GB)**, by Sadler's Wells

3rd Dam: **Fall Aspen**, by Pretense

O-Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid al Maktoum; B-Darley; T-Andre Fabre; J-Christophe Soumillon; €37,500. Lifetime Record: 6 starts, 4 wins, 2 places, €101,000.

2--**Orion Star (Fr)**, 123, c, 3, Sternkonig (Ire)--Okocha (Ger), by Platini (Ger). O-Horst Rapp; B-Chevotel de la Hauquerie; T-Henri-Alex Pantall; €15,000.

3--**Crabapple (Fr)**, 123, c, 3, Unfuwain--Delicieuse Lady (GB), by Trempolino. (€87,000 yrl '03 DEAAUG). O-Marquise de Moratalla; B-Meridian Stud; T-Mikel Delzangles; €11,250.

Margins: 1, 2HF, 8. Odds: 0.40, 1.90, 7.00.

Also ran: Long Range (Fr).

Andre Fabre unleashed Doyen (Ire) on the Longchamp racegoers in this race two years ago and he could have



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another top runner in Desideratum. After opening his account at this track Mar. 31, the bay disappointed on testing ground when fourth behind Ruwi (GB) in the G2 Prix Noailles back here Apr. 10. He bounced back to winning ways on his next two starts over course and distance

in a conditions event May 9 and in the Listed Prix de l'Avre 17 days later, and continued his climb through the ranks with a facile score here. Settled in a stalking second throughout the early stages by Christophe Soumillon, he was coaxed to the front approaching the furlong marker. In no danger from there, he was handridden to assert and was geared down to flatter the late-closing Orion Star's proximity.

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☆ NEWS TODAY ☆

KINGMAMBO DONE FOR THE YEAR Lane's End leading stallion **Kingmambo** (Mr. Prospector) has been given the rest of the year off from stud duty, according to *Blood-Horse*. "The vets thought it would be best to let him rest," Lane's End owner William S. Farish told the publication. "He's healthy, but needs the time off and we want him to come back fresh next year and be in good order." The 15-year-old missed some time earlier this season with an arthritic condition in his lower neck. Kingmambo, who stands for \$300,000, covered 36 mares this year.

SLOTS FOR BROWARD CAN BEGIN JULY 1 Broward County's four pari-mutuel operations, which include Gulfstream Park, can begin offering slot machines July 1, after a ruling by Broward Circuit Judge Leroy Moe Tuesday, according to published reports. Broward County voters approved slots in March, but the Florida Legislature has failed to pass any regulations since. Moe added that if the state legislature or Broward County Commission doesn't have regulations in place by July 1, he may establish them himself. "Our attorneys are in the process of reviewing the judge's decision," JoAnn Carrin, spokeswoman for Attorney General Charlie Crist, told the *Associated Press*. Moe's ruling came in a lawsuit filed by Hollywood Greyhound Track, Dania Jai-Alai, Pompano Park Racing and Gulfstream Park.

☆ CLASSIC CORNER ☆

SHUMAAL ADDED TO DERBY Saeed Manana's **Bahar Shumaal (Ire)** (Dubai Millennium {GB}) has been supplemented for Sunday's G1 Budweiser Irish Derby at The Curragh. Trainer Clive Brittain paid the €95,000 fee to add the Sandown maiden winner to the Classic, for which 13 stood their ground at the five-day stage. "I feel we can win it," he told the *Racing Post*. "If he's the horse I think he is, they've got us to fear--not the other way round." G1 Prix du Jockey-Club (French Derby) runner-up **Hurricane Run (Ire)** (Montjeu {Ire}) and G1 Epsom Derby second **Walk in the Park (Ire)** (Montjeu {Ire}) may be joined by Susan Magnier's **Gypsy King (Ire)** (Sadler's Wells), one of a trio left in by trainer Aidan O'Brien.

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NATIONAL: (Closing date in bold)

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06-18 200a Northern Dancer BC-III, CD , 8.5f (200),	6-04
06-18 100a Affirmed H.-III, Hol , 8.5f (100),	06-08
06-26 1000 Queen's Plate, Wo , 9 , 10f (1000),	CLSD
07-04 150 Dwyer-II, Bel , 8.5f (150),	06-18
07-09 400a Swaps BC-II, Hol , 9f (300),	06-29
07-16 150 Long Branch BC-III, Mth , 8.5f (100),	7-02

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★ EAST ★

MARIA'S MON COLT TOPS OBS Yesterday's opening session of the Ocala Breeders' Sales Company's June Sale of Two-Year-Olds and Horses in Training in



Maria's Mon Dan Dry photo

Ocala, Florida, struggled to keep pace with last year's figures, posting declines in gross, average and median. Hip **330**, by Maria's Mon, brought the afternoon's highest bid, going to agent Buzz Chace for \$135,000.

The last horse through the ring Tuesday, the colt hailed from the draft of Gabriel Dixon and is the fourth foal out of the stakes-winning Dixieland Band mare Dixie Daylight. The chestnut breezed an eighth in :10 3/5 during Sunday's under tack show. The only other horse to bring six figures was hip **134**, who was knocked down to Journeyman Bloodstock, agent, for \$110,000. The unnamed son of Siphon (Brz) was one of four horses who zipped a furlong in :10 1/5 at Saturday's breeze-up session. Hip 134, out of Quarrel Over (Time for a Change), was consigned by E.J. Sipus, Jr., agent. With 18 more horses going through the ring this year, the session's gross dipped by \$781,600 from 2004. Average fell nearly 12 percent, from \$21,953 to \$19,352, while median was down 27 percent, from \$15,000 to \$11,000. The buyback rate was up, from 17.9 percent in 2004 to 32 percent. The sale's second and final session gets underway today at 10:30 a.m.

Yesterday's Results:

FLOOR SHOW S., \$59,100, DEL, 6-21, 3yo, 1 1/16m, 1:45 2/5, ft.

1--#**LETTERMAN'S HUMOR**, 117, c, 3, by **Distorted Humor**

1st Dam: **Richie (SP)**, by Olden Times

2nd Dam: **Ricara**, by Thorn

3rd Dam: ***Rich and Rare III**, by Delville Wood

(\$29,000 wlng '02 KEENOV). O-Jerry K Humphreys; B-Thundering Home Farm & Winstar Farm LLC (KY); T-Ronald L Voss III; J-C L Potts; \$35,280. Lifetime Record: 12-3-2-1, \$90,665.

2--**Malibu Moonshine**, 122, c, 3, Malibu Moon--Time to Coast, by Coastal. (\$33,000 yrl '03 OBSAUG).

O-Woodrow Marriott. \$11,760.

3--**Killenaule**, 115, c, 3, Fusaichi Pegasus--Typically Irish, by Metfield. O-Rose & Purcell. \$6,468.

Margins: HD, 5HF, 3. Odds: 4.20, 1.10, 2.60.

Letterman's Humor, in the money in all three starts over this track this term, came home a 4 1/4-length winner against allowance foes May 17 before finishing a respectable second in the off-turf Nick Shuk Memorial S. June 5. Sent off the fourth choice behind even-money favorite Malibu Moonshine the dark bay stalked the early pace, bid three wide leaving the second turn, held a slight advantage into the stretch and was all out to hold off Malibu Moonshine. Trainer Todd Pletcher's, Storm Cat S. winner Killenaule weakened late, but held on to collect show money.

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No. Sold	157	174
RNAs	73	38
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Median (% change)	\$11,000 (-27%)	\$15,000

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STAKES CLOSINGS

TODAY, WEDNESDAY, JUNE 22:

07-02 \$150,000 **Arlington Classic-III, AP**, 3yo, 8.5fT (500)

07-02 \$100,000a **Landaluce-III, Hol**, 2yo, f, 6f (100)

07-03 \$200,000 **Stars and Stripes Breeders' Cup Turf-III, AP**, 3yo/up, 12fT (150)

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9th-DEL, \$40,800, Msw, 3&4yo, 1 1/16mT, 1:42 3/5, fm.

+ **WOOD BE WILLING** (c, 3, Pulpit--Woodmiss, by Woodman), an 11-1 shot, was unhurried in the early going, closed to be third turning for home, gained command in midstretch and drew clear late to score by 3 1/2 lengths over Sea Drama (Theatrical {Ire}). Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$23,400.

O-Marge & Irving M Cowan (KY). T-Michael R Matz.

 **FRESHMAN FOCUS**

First-crop progeny to watch: Wed., June 22

Sire (Sire's Sire), Farm, 2002 Fee, #2yos/Winners/SW

Race #-track, race type, distance, runner, odds (if available)

PIKEPASS (Forty Niner), Spendthrift, \$8K, 44/0/0

1-LS, Msw, 5 1/2f, Turnpike, \$4K FTK OCT yrl, 20-1

★  **EUROPE** ★

CHARITY EVENING AT NEWBURY Newbury will host the third Thoroughbred Breeders' Association Starlight Charity Race Evening June 30. In addition to



Barry Hills & Sadler's Wells filly
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to the evening's racecard, there will be a champagne reception and dinner, which will be followed by a charity auction. One of the highlights is the opportunity to buy a two-year, all-expense paid lease of a two-year-old Sadler's Wells filly out of Upper Circle (GB) (Shirley Heights {GB}). The juvenile, a half sister to the Classic-placed Starbourne (Ire), will be trained by Barry Hills. Coolmore donated the filly and Hills the training. The lessee will name the filly and retain any prizemoney won. Fifty percent of the auction price will go to the Rhinology and Laryngology Research Fund. Stallion nominations will also be offered.

Several holidays are also scheduled for the auction, including a house in Deauville and a racing excursion to Jersey. A complete list of available items is available on www.thoroughbredbreedersassociation.co.uk.

★ **BRITAIN** ★

Yesterday's Results:

Newbury, 6.55, Mdn, £8,720, 2yo, 5f 34ydsT, 1:01.94, gd/fm.

ZAVONE (IRE) (c, 2, Zafonic--Irish Teen, by Irish River {Fr}), third behind the smart Montzando (GB) in a Sandown maiden on debut 11 days ago, broke well and soon led. Asked to quicken passing the quarter pole, the 4-6 pick settled the result in a matter of strides before being eased in the closing stages to score by nine lengths. The winner was a 40,000gns TATOCT yearling. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-1, £6,404.

O-Lee Man Bun; B-Eurostrait Ltd; T-Richard Hannon.

Newbury, 8.30, Mdn, £8,680, 3yo, 5f 34ydsT, 1:01.14, gd/fm.

LINDBERGH (GB) (g, 3, Bold Edge {GB}--Halland Park Girl {Ire} {SW-GB, \$197,443}, by Primo Dominie {GB}), a 45,000gns TATDEC weanling and 135,000gns TATOCT yearling, ran down the field in a seven-furlong Salisbury maiden on debut June 7. This time, the bay broke smartly and stalked the furious early fractions.

Taking command approaching the quarter pole, the 13-2 chance quickened clear before being eased to record a seven-length success. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, £5,642. O-Cathal M Ryan; B-Lady Whent, Mrs B Burchett & R Hannon; T-Richard Hannon.

Brighton, 2.30, Mdn, £6,176, 2yo, 5f 213ydsT, 1:09.76, fm.

+ **CHAMPARA (IRE) (c, 2, Monashee Mountain--Zoya {Ire}, by Thatching {Ire})**, a 4-1 chance, chased the pace from the bell and was ridden to lead approaching the final furlong. The bay rallied gamely when tackled by Daggernought (Diesis {GB}) inside the closing panel to deny that rival by a neck. The winner was a €14,000 GOFNOV weanling and €15,000 TATIRE yearling. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, £4,014.

O-J C Fretwell; B-Laura Byrne; T-Eoghan O'Neill.

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★ FRANCE ★

Yesterday's Result:

Longchamp, 3.20, Cond, €25,000, 3yo, f, 1 1/2mT, 2:36.30, gd.

SHAMDALA (IRE) (f, 3, Grand Lodge--Shamadara {Ire} {GSW-Fr & G1SP-Ire, \$155,030}, by Kahyasi {Ire}) compromised her chance with a sleepy break on debut at Saint-Cloud May 16, but ran a much better race than the runner-up finish would suggest. Encouraged by that, she was hammered down to 2-5 at the tills and passed the first test by exiting the gate on terms this time. Settled at the rear of midfield throughout, she made progress in the straight to lead approaching the final furlong and was on cruise control in the latter stages to best Winter Silence (GB) (Dansili {GB}) by a cheeky half length. The Aga Khan homebred is a half to Shamdara (Ire) (Dr Devious {Ire}), GSP-Fr. Lifetime Record: 2 starts, 1 win, 1 place, €16,100. O-H H The Aga Khan; B-H H The Aga Khan's Studs SC; T-Alain de Royer-Dupre.



VAR TO SOUTH AFRICA Six-year-old Var (Forest Wildcat--Loma Preata, by Zilzal), Europe's top older sprinter of 2004, has been purchased for an undisclosed amount by Tony Taberer to stand at Avontuur Stud near Cape Town, South Africa. The deal was brokered by Rachel Boffey of Kern Lillingston Bloodstock and Robin Bruss of Northfields Bloodstock. Produced by the stakes-placed Loma Preata, the \$120,000 KEESEP yearling purchase began his career with little fanfare in the U.S., but rose to new heights when sent to Europe in 2004 by owner Mohammed Rashid. He won three of four starts, capping his season with a win in the G1 Prix de l'Abbaye de Longchamp for trainer Clive Brittain. "Var was a top-class horse who was tough, consistent and a gentleman to train," Brittain said. "The last horse I trained that went to South Africa was Foveros, who was champion sire six times, and Var looks a worthy successor. Certainly, Var is the fastest sprinter I have had, but, then again, not many people have had one as fast as this." Var came back for another year of competition this year and raced twice at Royal Ascot. He ran sixth in the G2 King's Stand S. and fifth in the G1 Golden Jubilee S. His stud fee will be announced at a later date.



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STAKES RESULTS:

WOLVERINE S., \$50,000, GLD, 6-20, (S), 3yo/up, 6f, 1:15 2/5, ft.

1--**ROCKEM SOCKEM**, 121, g, 4, **Ulises--Royalty in Motion**, by **Silver Deputy**. O-Mast Thoroughbreds LLC; B-Ed & Connie Pass (MI); T-Robert M Gorham; J-T D Houghton; \$30,000. Lifetime Record: 16-8-5-0, \$279,651.

2--**Dangel**, 119, h, 5, Danjur--Fawn's Angel, by Northern Prospect. \$10,000.

3--Above the Wind, 124, g, 8, Island Whirl--Farther Faster, by Great Above. \$5,500.

Margins: 1, HF, 1 3/4. Odds: 5.10, 8.60, 0.50.

ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

9th-MNR, \$47,800, 6-20, 3yo/up, 5 1/2f, 1:04, ft.

DANIELTOWN (g, 4, **Pioneering--Cathy's Dynasty**, by **Gate Dancer**) Lifetime Record: MSW, 31-12-7-3, \$446,611. O-Stonerside Stable LLC. B-Catherine Young (KY). T-Bernard S Flint. * \$75,000 yrl '02 FTKJUL; \$30,000 yrl '02 KEEJAN.

8th-DEL, \$47,600, Opt. Clm. (\$50,000), NW4X, 3yo/up, 1m, 1:36 4/5, ft.

GADACE'S KHAMSEH (c, 4, **Piccolino--Rosie O'Raidy**, by **Island Whirl**) Lifetime Record: SW, 11-5-3-1, \$167,754. O-Angelo Chinnici. B-David Assoulin (FL). T-Philip T Aristone.

The **brisnet.com** 'Race of the Day' is the 9th Race, \$49,600 Alw, at Churchill Downs. For pps and a complete race analysis, click [here](#).

★ ON THE WORKTAB ★

BELMONT

Epicentre (Kris S.), 4f, :49.42, 14/40
Summerly (Summer Squall), 4f, :47.43, 1/40
Riskaverse (Dynaformer), 5f (Tr.), 1:02.04, 1/2

CHURCHILL DOWNS

Bwana Charlie (Indian Charlie), 4f, :48.60, 9/21
Kitten's Joy (El Prado {Ire}), 5fT, 1:01.20, 2/8
Cool Conductor (Stravinsky), 7f, 1:24.80, 1/1

HOLLYWOOD

Megahertz (GB) (Pivotal {GB}), 4f, :49.20, 12/24

SANTA ANITA

St Averil (Saint Ballado), 4f, :48.20, 8/32
Island Fashion (Petionville), 5f, 1:00.80, 17/38



6th-DEL, \$43,600, NW2X, 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:10 3/5, ft.

TRUE GOLD (f, 4, Touch Gold--Notagoldbrick {GSW, \$248,500}, by Fortunate Prospect) Lifetime Record: 6-3-0-0, \$80,187. O-Candy Stables. B-Classic Thoroughbreds XIV, LLC (KY). T-Michael E Gorham.

4th-MNR, \$32,400, 6-20, NW3L, 3yo/up, f/m, 1mT, 1:37, fm.

MELODY MAIDEN (f, 4, Saint Ballado--Lake Placid {Ire}, by Royal Academy) Lifetime Record: 11-3-4-1, \$73,225. O/T-Dale Baird. B-Mr & Mrs Guy Snowden (KY). * \$230,000 yrl '02 FTSAUG;.

7th-CNL, \$26,000, 6-20, NW1X, 3yo/up, 5 1/2fT, 1:04, fm.

ALLEN'S DREAM (c, 3, Exploit--Flowers Kris S. {SP}, by Kris S.) Lifetime Record: 4-2-0-1, \$31,360. O-David A Ross. B-A-Cross Ranch, Ltd, Pat Payne & Taylor Made Farm (KY). T-D Michael Smithwick Jr. * \$16,000 yrl '03 KEESEP. ** 1/2 to Nonproductiveasset (Stalwart), MSW & GISP, \$491,439.

9th-PHA, \$23,320, NW1X, 3yo, a1m70yd, 1:46 4/5, ft.

LASER SHOT (c, 3, Vicar--Winnowing Wind, by Super Moment) Lifetime Record: 13-3-1-5, \$44,850. O-Pat & Ron Scorese. B-Lucy G Bassett (KY). T-Eli Betancourt. * \$40,000 yrl '03 KEESEP. ** 1/2 to Falconese (Imperial Falcon), MSW, \$168,080.

4th-SUF, \$21,560, NW2\$6MX, 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:11 1/5, ft.

FLAXEN FLYER (m, 6, Muhtafal--Highland Flyer, by Highland Park) Lifetime Record: SP, 30-7-10-3, \$221,943. O-Barry R Ostrager. B-John P Reisz & Charles Short (KY). T-Michael J Collins.

8th-SUF, \$21,560, 3yo/up, a1m70yd, 1:44 3/5, ft.

MYBOYBRUNO (c, 4, Wheaton--John Scott Live, by Big Sal) Lifetime Record: 27-6-7-2, \$108,010. O-Monarch Stables Inc. B-John S Scott (FL). T-John Rigattieri.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Good Intentions, f, 2, Anet--Orena, by Runaway Groom. CRC, 6-21, (C), 5 1/2f, 1:06 4/5. B-Donald R Dizney (FL).

Duck Sauce, c, 3, Allen's Prospect--Egg Roll, by Waquoit. DEL, 6-21, (C), 6f, 1:12 3/5. B-Charlton Bloodstock Agency (Pa). * \$70,000 yrl '03 KEESEP.

+ Harmonizing, f, 3, Allen's Prospect--Warble, by Oh Say. DEL, 6-21, (C), 5 1/2f, 1:05 1/5. B-Wm L Pape & Jonathan E Sheppard (Pa).

Blue Forest, f, 3, Forestry--Blue Moonlight (SW & GISP, \$189,363), by Mining. CNL, 6-20, 5fT, :57 3/5. B-Roberta Mary Zuckerman (Ky). * 1/2 to High Commissioner (Deputy Minister), GSP, \$158,060.

Mr Easy E, c, 3, Crafty Friend--Roseabelle Believe (SP, \$129,935), by Little Missouri. MNR, 6-20, a1m70yd, 1:46 2/5. B-James I Matia (Oh).

Mecke's Queen, f, 3, Mecke--Telina, by El Gran Senor. PHA, 6-21, 5fT, :57 2/5. B-Equiflor Corporation (FL). * \$4,200 wlng '02 OBSOCT; \$32,000 yrl '03 OBSAUG; \$77,000 2yo 2004 OBSMAR. ** 1/2 to Eagle Time (Light Of Morn), MSW, \$253,723.

Come On Helen, f, 3, Seattle Sun--Helen's Sweetheart, by Shining So Bright. PRM, 6-21, a1m70yd, 1:44. B-C L & Helen L Craig (Ok).

Super Woman, f, 3, Tour D'Or--Super Elite (GB), by Good times. Fex, 6-21, 6f, 1:12. B-Irish Acres Farm (FL).

Lineuponthelvee, m, 5, Line in the Sand--Play On the Levee, by Play On. MNR, 6-20, 1mT, 1:38 1/5. B-David W Margulies (FL). * \$2,500 yrl '01 OBSAUG.

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CONDITIONS RESULTS:

FRANCE, Salon-de-Provence, 3.30, 6-20, €22,000, 3yo, 1 1/2mT, 2:37.56, gd/sf.

MARIE OCTOBRE (FR) (f, 3, Daylami {Ire}--Third Dimension {Fr}, by Suave Dancer) Lifetime Record: 7 starts, 4 wins, 3 places, €40,300. O-Antoine Capozzi; B-Michel Pehu; T-Julie Laurent-Joye Rossi. * €57,000 yrl '03 DEAOCT.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Rising Cross (GB), f, 2, Cape Cross (Ire)--Woodrising (GB), by Nomination (GB). Beverley, Britain, 6-21, Mdn, 2yo, f, 7f 100ydsT. B-J R Wills. * 10,500gns wnl '03 TATDEC; €20,000 yrl '04 TATIRE.

Tien Vao (Fr), f, 2, Ski Chief--Tien Ngo (Fr) (SP-Fr), by Sky Lawyer (Fr). Salon-de-Provence, France, Mdn, 2yo, 5 1/2fT. B-n/a.

Ashkal Way (Ire), g, 3, Ashkalani (Ire)--Golden Way (Ire), by Cadeaux Genereux (GB). Beverley, Britain, 6-21, Mdn, 3yo, 1m 100ydsT. B-Gainsborough Stud Management Ltd.

Deuzia (Fr), f, 3, Definite Article (GB)--Bahighara (Fr), by Johann Quatz (Fr). Durtal, France, 6-20, Mdn, 3yo, f, 1 3/8mT. B-Gerard & Bruno Camus Denais. * €25,000 yrl '03 DEAAUG.

Sultan Fontenaille (Fr), c, 3, Kaldounevees (Fr)--Diane Fontenaille (Fr) (SP-Fr), by Tel Quel (Fr). Durtal, France, Mdn, 3yo, c/g, 1 3/8mT. B-Mme Henri Devin.

+ Cyr My Son (Fr), c, 3, Saint Cyrien (Fr)--Miss Madison (Fr), by Rivelago (Fr). Nort-sur-Erdre, France, Mdn, 3yo, 1 9/16mT. B-Philippe Guyot.

Bye Bye Loev (Ire), c, 3, Sinnandar (Ire)--Maharani, by Red Ransom. Longchamp, France, 6-21, Cond, 3yo, c/g, 1 1/2mT. B-Scuderia San Pancrazio. * €70,000 yrl '03 DEAAUG. ** 1/2 to Joe Bear (Ire) (Peintre Celebre), GISP-US, \$137,645.