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VINDICATION COLT HEADS JRHA FINALE

A colt by Vindication, champion two-year-old in the U.S. in 2002, out of MGSW Roza Robata (Fire Maker) headed the final day of action at the Japan Racing Horse Association's Select Foal Sale, held at the Northern Horse Park on the island of Hokkaido. Masahiro Noda went up to \$1,696,429 to beat out Riichi Kondo for the colt. Hip 186, who is a member of his sire's first crop of foals, was consigned by Katsumi Yoshida's



Hip 186 JRHA

Northern Farm. Following on the heels of a successful opening session, Japanese stallion Agnes Tachyon (Jpn) proved very popular again on the second day when Hip 200, a colt out of G1 Prix Vermeille winner Queen Maud (Ire) (Akarad {Fr}), reeled in a \$1,339,286 final bid. Purchased by Hiroyoshi Usuda, the colt was consigned

by Teruya Yoshida's Shadai Farm. The good times continued to roll for the seven-year-old Agnes Tachyon when Hip 176, out of the Japanese champion juvenile filly Biwa Heidi (Jpn) (Caerleon), brought \$1,116,071. The colt was secured by Riichi Kondo, who owns the foal's three-quarter brother Admire Japan (Jpn), winner of the G3 Keisei Hai earlier this year. "He was my pick of the sale," said Kondo after the purchase. "I am very happy to acquire him." Hip 233, the first representative of 2003 GI Belmont S. winner Empire Maker to go through the sale's ring, was purchased for \$892,857. Consigned by Shadai Farm, the a half brother to GISW Magistretti, was purchased by Takaya Shimakawa's A.H.S. Inc. At the conclusion of two days of selling, 242 lots grossed \$71,178,571, representing a 3.78-percent increase over last year. The average price was \$294,126--a modest 0.3-percent increase over 2004, while the median of \$232,143 increased by 7.2 percent. The buy-back rate of 19.9 percent was the lowest in sale history. "Japanese buyers are very strong," said Teruya Yoshida, vice chairman of JRHA. "This is the market which owners in this country cannot miss, and this is the market which Japanese breeders must send the best horses they bred."

**JRHA SELECT SALE
TUESDAY'S TOP FIVE COLTS**

Hip	Sire	Dam	Price
186	Vindication	Roza Robata	\$1,696,429
		Consigned by Northern Farm Purchased by Danox Co Ltd	
200	Agnes Tachyon (Jpn)	Queen Maud (Ire)	\$1,339,286
		Consigned by Shadai Farm Purchased by Hiroyoshi Usuda	
176	Agnes Tachyon (Jpn)	Biwa Heidi (Jpn)	\$1,116,071
		Consigned by Northern Farm Purchased by Riichi Kondo	
233	Empire Maker	Ms. Strike Zone	\$892,857
		Consigned by Shadai Farm Purchased by A.H.S.	
221	Agnes Tachyon (Jpn)	Whitewater Affair (GB)	\$803,571
		Consigned by Shadai Farm Purchased by A.H.S.	

TUESDAY'S TOP FOUR FILLIES

Hip	Sire	Dam	Price
203	Sakura Bakushin O	Bisque Doll (Jpn)	\$366,071
		Consigned by Northern Farm Purchased by Makoto Kaneko	
198	Jungle Pocket (Jpn)	Sermon Time	\$272,321
		Consigned by Northern Farm Purchased by Yoshinobu Hayashi	
174	Symboli Kris S	Assam Hill (Jpn)	\$267,857
		Consigned by Shiraoi Farm Purchased by Zyuichi Hoshino	
249	War Emblem	Sin For Me	\$267,857
		Consigned by Shadai Farm Purchased by Takaya Shimakawa	



**JRHA SELECT FOALS
TUESDAY, JULY 12, 2005**

CUMULATIVE	2005	2004
No. Offered	302	308
No. Sold	242	234
RNAs	60	74
% RNA	19.9%	24.0%
Gross (¥)	7,972,000,000	7,682,000,000
Average (¥) (% change)	32,942,149 (+0.34%)	32,829,060
Median (¥) (% change)	26,000,000 (+7.21%)	24,250,000

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Thursday, Longchamp, France

JUDDMONTE GRAND PRIX DE PARIS-G1, €500,000, 3yo, c/f, 1 1/2mT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY
1	5	Bellamy Cay (GB)	Kris (GB)	Hughes
2	4	Laverock (Ire)	Octagonal (NZ)	Blancpain
3	7	Desideratum (GB)	Darshaan (GB)	Soumillon
4	8	Plea Bargain (GB)	Machiavellian	Fortune
5	1	Musketier (Ger)	Acatenango (Ger)	Thulliez
6	9	Annenkov (Ire)	Danehill	Peslier
7	6	Scorpion (Ire)	Montjeu (Ire)	Fallon
8	3	Orion Star (Fr)	Sternkoenig (Ire)	Jarnet
9	2	Airex (GB)	Unfuwain	Pasquier

All carry 128 pounds.

Saturday, Delaware Park

DELAWARE OAKS-GII, \$500,000, 3yo, f, 1 1/16m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	WT
1	Lisaized	Wayne County (Ire)	Vaz	115
2	Bayou Breeze	A.P. Indy	no rider	115
3	Pleasant Chimes	Pleasant Tap	no rider	119
4	Brooke's Halo	Southern Halo	Lumpkins	119
5	R Lady Joy	Vicar	Lezcano	119
6	Sis City	Slew City Slew	Prado	122
7	Dance Away Capote	Capote	Bejarano	119
8	Round Pond	Awesome Again	Elliott	122

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TRIO ADDED TO OAKS

Sunday's G1 Darley Irish Oaks had its potential field swollen by three supplementary entries at yesterday's five-day stage. His Highness the Aga Khan was responsible for two of those when paying the €40,000 for both the Alain de Royer-Dupre-trained G3 Prix du Royaume winner **Shawanda (Ire)** (Sinndar {Ire}) and the Listed Victor McCalmont Memorial S. scorer **Hazariya (Ire)** (Xaar {GB}), from the John Oxx stable. Also added to the mile-and-a-half Curragh Classic was Lady O'Reilly's G3 Blue Wind S. and G3 Noblesse S. winner **Right Key (Ire)** (Key of Luck), trained by Kevin Prendergast. As expected, Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum's G1 Epsom Oaks heroine **Eswarah (GB)** (Unfuwain) will sidestep the race, which attracted a total of 21, including the Sangster Family's G1 Fillies' Mile winner **Playful Act (Ire)** (Sadler's Wells). She returned to take the G2 Lancashire Oaks at Haydock July 2 and her trainer John Gosden confirmed her on course for the Classic. "We are playing it by ear, but she is in good form," he told the *Racing Post*. "At this stage, there is no reason why she wouldn't be running." Also in the list is Helena Springfield Ltd's G3 Hopping S. winner **Dash to the Top (GB)** (Montjeu {Ire}), Joseph Joyce's G1 Irish 1000 Guineas scorer **Saoire (GB)** (Pivotal {GB}), Sheikh Maktoum bin Rashid Al Maktoum's Epsom Oaks third **Pictavia (Ire)** (Sinndar {Ire}) and Tony and Frances Donnelly's G1 Moyglare Stud S. heroine **Chelsea Rose (Ire)** (Desert King {Ire}). Track officials are forecasting ground on the fast side of good, with a dry week in prospect.



JRHA SELECT FOALS
TUESDAY, JULY 12, 2005

SESSION TOTALS	2005	2004
No. Offered	145	149
No. Sold	114	112
RNAs	31	37
% RNA	21.4%	24.8%
Gross (¥)	3,556,000,000	3,663,500,000
Average (¥) (% change)	31,192,982 (-4.6)	32,709,821
Median (¥) (% change)	24,000,000 (NC)	24,000,000

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War Chant

Keep sounding the drums

Last week he had his 7th stakes performer from his first crop (at Hollywood Park), his 8th stakes performer overall (in France) and his three-quarter brother (**IVAN DENISOVICH**) won the July S.-**G2** at Newmarket.



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FROM THE DESK OF...

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WARWICK BARTLETT INTERVIEW

The legalization of bookmaking in the early 1960s in Britain came none too soon for Warwick Bartlett. As a 12-year-old in 1960, he laid St. Paddy to win the Derby and was stung by "the people's choice" (and, as he puts it, "the pupils' choice, too,") Lester Piggott. He stuck with it. He worked in a local betting shop and, at 17, went to something called The London School of Turf Accountancy (is that great? If only they'd had one of those in Wichita). In June of 1966, aged 18 ¼, he became the youngest person in the UK to be granted a bookmaker's permit. An owner of independent betting shops in what are called the West Midlands (Birmingham and suburbs,) Bartlett became involved in bookmakers' trade organizations. By 1995, he was chairman of the BBOA (British Betting Office Association,) which had the first internet website of any trade association in Britain. This association then merged with another to form the ABB (Association of British Bookmakers,) of which Bartlett is still chairman. In the last 10 years, he has branched out dramatically into other forms of gambling, and now heads up a firm called Global Betting and Gaming Consultants, a world leader in advising gambling companies. Having come from the horse racing sector of the gambling business, Bartlett is well placed to comment on horse racing as a medium for gambling, especially in relation to other games people play, and especially in Europe and emerging gambling markets, such as Asia.



Warwick Bartlett

Oppenheim: For the last couple of years, the Guineas races at Newmarket, tremendously important one-mile Classics at the beginning of the season, have been sponsored by on-line poker companies. This tells me poker is bigger than horse racing, rather than the other way around. What is your view, generally, of horse racing and its current place in the gambling markets?

Bartlett: When I came into the business, horse racing represented 90 percent of legal betting turnover in Britain. During the 1980s it remained at about 70 percent. Then soccer, greyhounds, what we call FOBTs (Fixed Odds Betting Terminals) and Virtual Racing were all promoted extensively, simply because the horse racing product was the most expensive product for bookmakers. As a result, horse racing is now about 35

percent of betting turnover. As far as where it stands in the thinking of financial analysts, horse racing is just not on the radar screen at the moment. Analysts follow the money and, at the moment, on-line gaming, especially poker, is where the action is. This doesn't mean to say it will not return at some stage, but that will be up to the horse racing industry itself, and the way it adapts itself in the future. At the moment, U.K. Racing is doing very little to move itself forward. Its main efforts are directed toward maintaining the subsidy and getting as much as possible from the off-course betting industry. Let's face it: historically, governments have treated racing benevolently. It has been given monopoly status for legal betting in most countries, and laws tend to continue the subsidy status. That's fine to start with, but because we all tend to do only what we have to do, racing has not had to work hard, and consequently is falling behind. At the end of the day, subsidy money spent by committee gets frittered away and wasted, because it isn't earned.

Oppenheim: In America, all legalized betting on horse racing is through a Tote system, whereas here in Britain, the vast majority of betting takes place through 'fixed odds' bookmakers. Those of us coming from the breeding sector of the American side of the business have always imagined that our system is better because it guarantees purse levels (say, five percent of handle) to attract at least some owners. You say not. Why?

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Active Stallions

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- #1 - Kingmambo
- #2 - A.P. Indy
- #7 - Smart Strike
- #8 - Gulch



Bartlett: In one sentence, because the competition provided by fixed-odds bookmakers gives consumers better value. The starting point is that no one would go to watch horse racing if there were no betting, so the more gamblers, the more likelihood the sport will succeed. The payout to the UK punters from bookmakers is currently around 88 percent; on some Tote products the deduction can be as high as 27 percent. In your country, there is an automatic deduction from the Tote, which varies depending on the bet and the state; the question really is whether racing in the US would do better if the betting offered better value. Since the government changed the betting tax in the U.K., and punters have been offered better value, interest in betting has risen considerably. The financing of racing is a difficult question. In Britain, there is a Levy, essentially financed by the bookmakers. In 2001, the Government introduced a Gross Profits Tax (GPT). Bookmakers pay 15 percent to the Government, and 10 percent of their profits *on horseracing only* into this fund, called the Horserace Betting Levy, which has been administered, indirectly, through the Government. Now, the government really wants no part of this, and it has decreed that, once and for all, the Levy will definitely be scrapped after 2008. At the moment, the Bookmakers are contributing 100 million (sterling) to the Levy, which then allocates monies for purses, racecourse improvements and so on. But, in 2009, there will be no Levy. This presents racing with a huge problem, and a committee headed by Lord Donoughue has been set up to find a solution. The Tote in the U.K. enjoys a monopoly license from Government, but, in the 1970s, because it could not compete against fixed odds, the Government allowed the Tote to also become a fixed-odds bookmaker. Today, besides their Tote pools, they also operate 460 fixed-odds betting shops. Along with the decision to end the Levy, the U.K. Government decided to sell off the Tote, to the racing industry, at a knock-down price. The Adam Smith Institute, an economic think tank, was so appalled at the idea, they put in a complaint to the European Competition authorities that this amounted to illegal state aid of an industry. If they're right--and I think they are--you will see the Tote sold off to the highest bidder.

Oppenheim: What about the Channel 4 deal, in which the Tote and some racecourses came up with enough money for a one-year deal to continue racing on commercial (i.e. not BBC) terrestrial television in the U.K.?

Bartlett: Bookmakers are paying 100 million (sterling) in levy and 40 million (sterling) in media rights. Isn't that enough? Why should a profitable television company be subsidized by a sport? What kind of precedent does that set? In the U.K., the racecourses own the pictures. The Channel 4 deal now means they have devalued them to minus zero. Compare it with soccer, which is the most extensively promoted sports product in the media, and will remain so. Soccer sells its TV rights; racing gives them away, or pays people to take them. Very odd, don't you think?

Oppenheim: One feature of British racing which has always fascinated me is how racecourses can charge such huge admission prices--I would almost say exorbitant. Just to get into the Members' Stand (equivalent to the Clubhouse in the U.S.) often costs \$30--and business is booming. People flock to the races here. Yet, in America, it might cost \$2 to get in the Grandstand and \$5 for the Clubhouse and, with off-track betting, attendances are terrible. Why do people here pay those prices in the thousands?

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Bartlett: Well, here it's an event when racing comes to town, whereas in the States you race five days a week for 12 weeks in a row, or something like that. Because grass will only take a certain amount of racing and needs time to recover, they can only race so often, and that has worked in its favor. In the U.K., the racecourses only get three percent of the handle from Tote betting, so they have to charge more at entrance, and make up the rest from food and beverage. So the bars are much larger than at a U.S. racecourse, but your betting facilities are correspondingly much bigger. Nevertheless, U.K. racing does attract big crowds, and customer service has improved in recent years. The new racecourse at Ascot will take the standard up several more notches. We live in an age when people are busy, and they have been trained through the global service industry to expect the same high standards of product delivery in any leisure-time activity. Any business that doesn't meet those criteria stands out as dysfunctional and inefficient. Ascot's management recognizes this, and I think they will produce the world's best racecourse. Racecourses here also have the problem of what to do when there isn't racing taking place, which, as we've just discussed, is most of the time. This is a most important point for ensuring the viability of the racecourse properties, and it's why my firm, Global Betting and Gaming Consultants, is teaming up with PMP, a firm of Sports and Leisure consultants, to take a close look at the racing product in order to find ways of creating synergy between racing's customers and other leisure-based industries. Going forward, racing needs to sweat its assets.

Oppenheim: One product, new in the last couple of years, which we see in betting offices, and even on satellite TV channels now, comes under the heading of 'virtual racing'. These are animated races, each with a set number of horses, and run by a computer program. There are no form books, they are basically completely random--and they have been universally condemned as 'mindless' by virtually everyone who has ever tried to handicap a horse race.

Bartlett: They are popular, and the racing purists made the mistake of writing it off the moment they saw it, foolishly ignoring the appeal to the consumers. They may be random, but there are no jockey scandals, no horses just out for a run, no losing your money on a race and reading the next day there's an investigation into unusual betting patterns. I'm sure Virtual Racing would be popular in America, too, because of the consistency of the product. You are the country that

invented McDonalds, after all. I can't comment on integrity elsewhere, but racing in the UK needs to be cleaned up. Gambling on racing is predicated on the sport being run fairly, and we have too many scandals and not enough convictions. I would introduce really harsh penalties: jockeys or trainers found cheating should be banned for six months the first time, and permanently for a second offence. The integrity issue, in my view, has worsened with the advent of betting exchanges, where it is easier to lay a horse to lose than to win, with the obvious ramifications.

Oppenheim: But you're all for competition. Don't betting exchanges have a place?

Bartlett: Yes, but they need to pay their fair share, too. Right now, if you are a big layer on the Exchanges, you pay nothing, not even commission to the Exchange, because they offer commission free, to provide the liquidity. Some exchanges 'seed' their own markets, but I doubt the new U.K. Gambling Commission will allow this, going forward. Compared to a traditional bookmaker, who pays tax and levy, the Exchanges have a massive advantage; it is one of the reasons the margin in bookmaking has narrowed so much and, in reality, is not sustainable. If they're going to be part of the betting landscape, the playing field in terms of the cost of doing business must be level for everybody.

Oppenheim: What is the future of racing as a gambling medium, meaning, the future of racing? What will racing look like in 25 years, in Britain or globally? Will there even be horse racing?

Bartlett: My first gut reaction, because I love the sport, is "Yes"--of course there will be racing 25 years from now. It has existed for 300 or so years, why not a further 25 years? But the trend line of racing losing market share to all other gambling products is a worry, and we should take nothing for granted. Last week I learned that a fine bone china factory near to where I live is about to close. They have been in business since the 1700s. It came as a shock, but no one really seems to care. The reason is that no one buys fine china anymore: it's costly, it chips, and it doesn't like the dishwasher. Along the way to its demise I am sure people expressed concern at falling output numbers, and that was the time to turn it round. But they didn't, and now they have no customers to sell anything to. This is why no one cares. A lesson for horse racing, don't you think? **Bill Oppenheim may be contacted at bopp@erb.com. Please cc TDN management at suefinley@thoroughbreddailynews.com.**

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PERSPECTIVES**

by Alan Porter

PRIORESS S.-GI, \$250,000, BEL, 7-9, 3yo, f, 6f, 1:10 1/5, ft.

1--▲**ACEY DEUCEY**, 119, f, 3, by Abaginone

1st Dam: **Misty Mountains**, by **Al Nasr (Fr)**

2nd Dam: **Cascapedia**, by **Chieftain**

3rd Dam: **Princess Ribot**, by ***Ribot**

(\$35,000 2yo 2004 OBSAPR). O-Jeffrey Tucker; B-Glen Grey Farm (NY); T-John Morrison; J-D Nelson; \$150,000. Lifetime Record: 9-5-2-1, \$381,080.

*First Grade I winner for sire (by Devil's Bag).

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Abaginone--who joined the ranks of Grade I sires when his daughter Acey Deucey won the GI Prioress S. on Saturday--is a horse who is probably unfamiliar to most followers of breeding trends. We would wager, however, that he is well-remembered by West Coast race fans of the mid-1990s. A Devil's Bag half brother to GI Hollywood Starlet heroine Cara Rafaela, Abaginone combined brilliant speed with glass-like legs. Indeed, such was Abaginone's fragility, that he faced the starter just 10 times in three years of racing. At three, he won his first two starts--maiden and allowance races at Hollywood Park--in impressive style, before finishing third in a Del Mar allowance event. This defeat was followed by a nearly 10-month absence, before Abaginone returned to take a 6 1/2-furlong Hollywood allowance race by 10 lengths, covering the distance in a swift 1:14 3/5. A month later he added a similar event in a time just a tick slower. Sent east and made favorite for the GII True North H. at Belmont Park, Abaginone never really got into the race, and wound up eighth, beaten more than 12 lengths.

Presumably, Abaginone's problems had caught up with him again, as the True North was in July 1995, and Abaginone wasn't seen under silks again until the following March, when he captured Bay Meadows's Daly City H. by six lengths. Three weeks later, in the GIII Portero Grande H., Abaginone simply blitzed the field. In the lead at every call, he crossed the line six lengths clear of the runner-up, Grade I-winner Dramatic Gold, with that year's champion sprinter Lit de Justice off the board, recording a 116 Beyer in the process. Abaginone was to make just two more starts. In the six-furlong GIII Los Angeles H., he set breathtaking fractions, only to be caught late by that year's GI Breeders' Cup runner-up Paying Dues, who forced a dead-heat.

In his final outing, the GIII Bing Crosby Breeders' Cup H., Abaginone set his usual blistering fractions, but weakened close to home to finish fourth, just over five lengths behind the winner, Lit de Justice.

Abaginone retired to stand relatively cheaply under the Questroyal banner in New York. On the opposite coast to the one where he had made his name as a runner, he found it hard to attract mares in quantity: his biggest crop, his first, numbered 45, and he's had only 138 foals in his first four crops. However, 2005 has proved to be a standout year for him. Acey Deucey has also captured the Dearly Precious S. and the GII Comely S.; Uncle Cammie, a member of his second crop, won the GIII Bold Ruler H.; and Grab Bag, from his first crop, won the Manatee S. at Tampa. Unfortunately, this run came too late to rescue Abaginone's U.S. career, as he was sold to Mexico in 2003.

Good as she is, Acey Deucey has an even better distaffer--on record to date--at least as her second dam. This is Cascapedia, a daughter of Chieftain, who earned an Eclipse Award as champion older mare in 1977, after a year in which her achievements included wins in the GI Vanity H. and in the GII Milady H., and a second against colts in the GI Hollywood Gold Cup.

Acey Deucey's dam Misty Mountains is by the Lyphard stallion Al Nasr out of Cascapedia. Misty Mountains never ran, but although she had not produced a stakes horse prior to Acey Deucey, she had built a solid record as a broodmare. Of her six named foals prior to Acey Deucey, five had started, all had won races, and they included Jim's Mistake, an earner of over \$210,000, and the \$157,000-plus earner Eagle Peak.

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ACEY DEUCEY, f, 2002

Abaginone	Devil's Bag	Halo	Hail to Reason	
		Ballade	Cosmah	
	Oil Fable	Spectacular Bid	*Herbager	
		Northern Fable	Miss Swapsco	
Misty Mountains	Al Nasr (Fr)	Lyphard	Bold Bidder	
		Garetta (Ire)	Spectacular	
	Unraced 7Fls, 1GISW	Cascapedia Ch. Older Mare, GISW, 15Fls, 2GSW, 1SP	Chieftain	Northern Dancer
			Princess Ribot 15Fls, 1Ch, 2GSW	Fairway Fable
				Goofed
				Caro (Ire)
		Klainia (Fr)		
		Bold Ruler		
		Pocahontas		
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		Princess Matoaka		



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Cascapedia never did produce her equal as a runner, although her son Glacial Stream won the GII Malibu S. and her daughter Cascading Gold took the GIII Rancho Bernardo Breeders' Cup H. Her daughters, however, have made excellent producers. In addition to Acey Deucey, Cascapedia daughters have produced the G1 Australasian Oaks and G1 Ranvet S. heroine Republic Lass; Big Jag, winner of the Dubai Golden Shaheen and the GII Palos Verdes H.; and the Rutgers H. winner, and multiple graded stakes placed horse Deputy Strike.

Cascapedia herself was a sister to the graded stakes winner Tappahannock, and half sister to Brand of Elegance (granddam of the three-time Grade I winner Exotic Wood) and Captivating Gal (dam of the GI Queen Elizabeth II Invitational Challenge Cup victress Captive Miss). Cascapedia's third dam is Judy-Rae, ancestress of numerous notable runners and producers, including Creme dela Creme, Althea, Ali Oop, Foreign Courier, Green Desert, Ketoh, Balletto, Arch, Aldiza and Twining.

Acey Deucey is inbred 4x4 to Northern Dancer through a daughter and a son and she also has another cross of Northern Dancer's granddam Almahmoud through Halo, the paternal grandsire of Abaginone. Abaginone's dam and Misty Mountain, the dam of Acey Deucey, are bred on reverse Bold Ruler/Northern Dancer crosses, with the Bold Ruler through the similarly bred Bold Bidder and Chieftain (both by Bold Ruler with second dams by Princequillo) and both Northern Dancer strains (Abaginone's granddam Northern Fable and Misty Mountain's sire Al Nasr) are Northern Dancer/Nasrullah crosses.

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UPCOMING MAJOR NORTH AMERICAN STAKES

<u>Date</u>	<u>Race</u>	<u>Track</u>
July 16	GII Bowling Green H.	Belmont
	GII Delaware Oaks	Delaware
	GIII Dance Smartly H.	Woodbine
	GIII Hollywood Juv. Champ.	Hollywood
	GIII Long Branch BC S.	Monmouth
July 17	GII Delaware H.	Delaware
	GII Sunset Breeders' Cup H.	Hollywood
	GII Tom Fool H.	Belmont
	GIII Leonard Richards S.	Delaware
	Prince of Wales S.	Woodbine

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NATIONAL: (Closing date in bold)

06-11 1000 Belmont-I, Bel, 12f (100000s),	06-08
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, S, 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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 **NORTH AMERICA** 

★ **EAST** ★

Del 'Cap a Beautiful Spot for Bella:

While Eclipse Award winner Ashado is arguably the premier distaffer in the country at eight to nine furlongs, Sumaya Us Stable's **Isola Piu Bella (Chi)** (Rich Man's Gold) has a chance to prove her mettle at slightly longer distances when she goes postward in Sunday's \$1-million GII Delaware H. over a mile and a quarter. The champion three-year-old filly in her native country in 2002-2003 and a four-time Group 1 winner, the dark bay has carried over that form since her arrival in the U.S., winning three of her five starts, including the GIII Sabin H. at Gulfstream Feb. 26 and the GII Sixty Sails H. at Hawthorne Apr. 23. The five-year-old comes into the Del 'Cap off a two-length victory in the June 18 Obeah H. at the Wilmington oval. "She's a filly that's been consistently good. All of her races have been solid," trainer Todd Pletcher said during a Tuesday teleconference. "We felt it was important to get a prep at Delaware. We feel she's coming into it in good shape and 1 1/4 miles is right up her alley." Both owner and trainer are in search of a second victory in the Del 'Cap. Pletcher saddled Anstu Stable's Irving's Baby to victory in 2001, while Sumaya Us Stables' Wild Spirit (Chi) defeated Take Charge Lady by four lengths in 2003.



Isola Piu Bella Equi-Photo

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STAKES CLOSINGS

TODAY, WEDNESDAY, JULY 13:

- 07-23 \$250,000 **American Derby-II, AP, 3yo, 9.5fT (600)**
- 07-23 \$200,000 **Arlington H.-III, AP, 3yo/up, 10fT (150)**
- 07-23 \$150,000 **Modesty H.-III, AP, 3yo/up, f/m, 9.5ft (100)**
- 07-30 \$150,000a **Seagram Cup-III, Wo, 3yo/up, 8.5f (150)**
- 07-31 \$250,000 **Wonder Where, Wo, 3yo, f, 10fT (250)**

TOMORROW, THURSDAY, JULY 14:

- 07-23 \$400,000 **John C. Mabee H.-I, Dmr, 3yo/up, 9ft (400)**
- 07-24 \$400,000 **Eddie Read H.-I, Dmr, 3yo/up, 9fT (400)**
- 07-24 \$250,000 **San Diego H.-II, Dmr, 3yo/up, 8.5f (250)**

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Yesterday's Results:

SWEETTRICKYDANCER S., \$40,000, CRC, 7-12, 3yo, f, 7 1/2fT, 1:31 2/5, fm.

1--**#STATUE**, 117, f, 3, **Red Ransom--Sopran Mariduff (GB)** (GSW-US, MSW & G1SP-Ity, \$399,844), by **Persian Bold (Ire)**. O-David W Hutson; B-Vinery, LLC (KY); T-Martin D Wolfson; J-E Castro; \$24,000. Lifetime Record: 8-3-2-1, \$70,110.

2--**Ragtime Hope**, 117, f, 3, Dixieland Band--Good 'n Smart, by Smarten. (\$50,000 yrl '03 KEESEP). \$8,000.

3--**Darluna**, 122, f, 3, Premiership--Partridge Flight (Ire), by Siberian Express. (\$8,000 wnlg '02 OBSOCT). \$4,400.

Margins: 4, 3/4, 2 1/4. Odds: 3.30, 9.20, 5.60.

Statue was haltered for \$62,500 from trainer Bill Mott out of a Gulfstream maiden race in March and has come through for her new connections. The dark bay broke her maiden two starts later over Calder's sod in late April, then followed a second in an allowance event May 16 with a driving victory going course and distance June 3. Attempting stakes company here, Statue rated kindly in mid-pack, kicked into gear in upper stretch and powered away from the field with a wide move.

6th-DEL, \$40,200, Msw, 3&4yo, f, a1 1/16mT, 1:45 2/5, fm.

LUCREZIA (f, 3, Louis Quatorze--Manderley's Baby, by Northern Baby) got to within 1 3/4 lengths of the winner despite a rough trip when third in her turf bow at Pimlico June 8. The bay was offered up here at 6-1 odds and rewarded those willing to take a shot, clawing her way to the lead in mid-stretch and holding off Mother May I (Pleasant Tap) by 3/4 lengths late. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-1, \$27,820.

O/T-Edwin W Merryman. B-Mr & Mrs E Merryman (MD).

Monday Night Results:

7th-CNL, \$26,000, Alw, NW1X, 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16mT, 1:44 4/5, fm.

COZY GAIN (f, 3, Cozzene--Broad Gains {GSW, \$423,192}, by Broad Brush) overcame a troubled trip to get the nose victory in her first trip to the post sprinting on the dirt at Pimlico May 7. Fourth in an off-the-turf, sloppy running of a 1 1/16th-mile allowance at that track May 20, she ran a very good second in the restricted Pearl Necklace S. over a yielding lawn June 4--her turf debut. Made the 7-5 pick moving to Colonial, the gray saved ground just off the pacesetter, angled out leaving the quarter pole and drove clear to the 2 1/4-length score. Mood Indigo (Dixieland Band) was second. Lifetime Record: SP, 4-2-1-0, \$41,320. O-Fitzhugh LLC. B-Robert E Meyerhoff (MD). T-Richard W Small.



★ NEW YORK ★

Norine Spadaro Dies:

Norine Spadaro, the wife of Joe Spadaro, Deputy Executive Director of the New York Thoroughbred Breeding and Development Fund, died Monday after a lengthy illness. She was 61. Spadaro was a certified cardiac care nurse for 24 years at Glen Cove Hospital in Glen Cove, NY. A wake will be held Wednesday from 2-5 p.m. and from 7-9:30 p.m. at the Dalton Funeral Home in Hicksville, NY. A funeral Mass is scheduled for Thursday at 9:45 a.m. at St. Ignatius Loyola Church. In addition to her husband, Spadaro is survived by three sons, two brothers, a sister and four grandchildren. In lieu of flowers, contributions in Norine Spadaro's name may be made to: Casting for Recovery, Long Island Retreats, P.O. Box 1123, Manchester VT, 05254. Casting for Recovery is a national, non-profit support and educational program for women who have or have had breast cancer. Cards may be sent to Joe Spadaro at 11 Bamboo Lane, Hicksville, NY, 11801.

Full to Jump Start Heads Today's Third:

A field of well-related youngsters lines up in today's third race at Belmont Park, a 5 1/2-furlong sprint for two-year-old fillies over the main track. Leaving from post one is the unraced **Lasting Appeal** (A.P. Indy), a full sister to GII Saratoga Special S. winner Jump Start, who also finished second to Officer in the GI Champagne S. Lasting Appeal, who like Jump Start is an Overbrook Farm homebred, is trained by Todd Pletcher. Jump Start stands at Overbrook in Kentucky for \$10,000. Another homebred, Sabine Stable's **Win McCool** (Giant's Causeway), debuts for trainer Robert Barbara. The chestnut is a half sister to MGSW Graeme Hall (Dehere) and a three-parts sister to GISW Harmony Lodge (Hennessy). She has drawn the four hole. To her outside is **Sensation** (Dixie Union). The Stanley Hough charge cost \$475,000 at last year's Keeneland September sale--her sire's highest-priced yearling of 2004. Post time for the race is 2:01 p.m. EDT.

☆ TRACK OPENING ☆

ELLIS PARK - Henderson, Ky
Opens: Wednesday, July 13
Closes: Monday, Sept. 5
Racing Days: Wednesday through Sunday
Post Time: 12:40 p.m.
Stakes Schedule: 10 stakes worth \$850,000
Highlights: \$100,000 Ellis Park Breeders' Cup Turf-Aug. 20; \$150,000 GIII Gardenia H.-Aug. 20.
Website: www.ellisparkracing.com

★ CENTRAL ★

Six Go for Crown Glory:

Though short on numbers, Saturday's Claiming Crown Jewel is likely to be high on quality, as three graded-stakes winners are scheduled to be among an expected field of six in the \$150,000 event.



Claiming Crown Jewel hopeful Lord of the Game
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Lord of the Game (Saint Ballado), who broke his maiden for just \$10,000, enters off back-to-back narrow victories in Arlington's GIII Hanshin Cup H. May 28 and the July 2 GII Prairie Meadows Cornhusker Breeders' Cup H. in Iowa. Despite the presence of

Habaneros (Tabasco Cat), winner of the GIII C.F. Burke H. and runner-up in the Cornhusker; and GIII Berkeley H. hero **Desert Boom** (Boomerang), trainer Tom Tomillo wouldn't trade places with anyone. "He's as tough as them horses are. I feel like they have to beat him," the Chicago-based conditioner said yesterday. Despite the quick turnaround, Tomillo is convinced that the best is yet to come. "He comes back and does everything. He really comes back fast," he commented. "He didn't really know how to run until the Hanshin and he has showed some guts. The Cornhusker was 14 days to this race, and as long as he came out of that race well, then the Claiming Crown was always in our plans."



FRESHMAN FOCUS

First-crop progeny to watch: Wed., July 13

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

- BRAHMS** (Danzig), Vinery, \$13K, 81/2/0
 1-LS, Msw, 7 1/2fT, +Billie Blazes, \$18K TEX MAR 2yo, 6-1
- BROKEN VOW** (Unbridled), Pin Oak, \$10K, 92/1/0
 4-LS, Msw, 7 1/2fT, +Perseverance, \$67K KEE SEP yrl, 20-1
- CATASTROPHE** (Storm Cat), The Horse, \$2K, 6/0/0
 3-CT, Msw, 4 1/2f, +Pee Wee, 10-1
- CITY ZIP** (Carson City), Lane's End, \$8K, 66/2/0
 1-BEL, Msw, 5f, Caught Inthe Zip, \$65K SAR AUG yrl
- DISCO RICO** (Citidancer), Murmur, \$4K, 39/0/0
 4-MTH, Msw, 5f, +Pure Disco, 8-1
- EXCHANGE RATE** (Danzig), Padua, \$10K, 47/2/0
 4-LS, Msw, 7 1/2fT, Lovely Exchange, \$5K TEX MAR 2yo, 6-1
- 3-BEL, Msw, 5 1/2f, +Swap Fliparoo, \$75K OBS MAR 2yo
- SAILOR'S WARNING** (Storm Cat), Dead, \$3K, 23/0/0
 4-MTH, Msw, 5f, Chi Hori, 20-1
- UNCLE ABBIE** (Kingmambo), Key, \$2K, 24/0/0
 4-LS, Msw, 7 1/2fT, +Glitter N Grey, 15-1
- VISION AND VERSE** (Storm Cat), Hill N Dale, \$8K, 62/2/0
 3-CT, Msw, 4 1/2f, +Victory Stormer, \$15K EAS MAY 2yo, 5-2



 **SOPHOMORE SPOTLIGHT**

Stakes/First-time Starters to Watch: Wed., July 13

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

PRECISE END (End Sweep), Japan, \$6K, 101/28/3

1-BEL, Msw, 5f, +No Reason, \$50K FTF FEB 2yo

1-BEL, Msw, 5f, +Point Me to It

WHY CHANGE (Time for a Change), End of Trail, \$2K, 17/2/0

4-MTH, Msw, 5f, +Excitable Miss, 12-1

YES IT'S TRUE (Is It True), Three Chimneys, \$10K, 149/37/6

1-BEL, Msw, 5f, +Song of Sarah

★  **EUROPE** ★

SCORPION HEADS LEGER 39 Susan Magnier's G1 Irish Derby runner-up **Scorpion (Ire)** (Montjeu {Ire}) yesterday headed the 39 remaining entries for the £450,000 G1 Ladbrokes St Leger at Doncaster Sept. 10. That colt is one of seven entries from Ballydoyle, while Michael Tabor's G1 Epsom Derby second **Walk in the Park (Ire)** (Montjeu {Ire}) is one of a host of contenders set to represent the form of the blue riband in the absence of the Royal Ascot Racing Club's Motivator (GB). That syndicate's Racing Manager Harry Herbert explained the decision to sidestep the oldest Classic. "From a commercial perspective, the Leger is a very difficult race for a Derby winner to go for and it is sadly the case that not a lot will do it now," he told the *Racing Post*. Other notables include His Highness the Aga Khan's G1 Irish Derby third **Shalapour (Ire)** (Darshaan {GB}) and the Sangster Family's G1 Fillies' Mile winner **Playful Act (Ire)** (Sadler's Wells), who lines up in Sunday's G1 Darley Irish Oaks. She is one of a clutch of fillies entered this year including two from Godolphin headed by **Dubai Surprise (Ire)** (King's Best), who has not been seen since finishing runner-up in the G1 Criterium International at Saint-Cloud in late October.



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★ **IRELAND** ★

Wednesday, Leopardstown, post time: 8:00 p.m.

YPO SILVER FLASH S.-Listed, €50,000, 2yo, f, 6fT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER
1	5	Abigail Pett (GB)	Medicean (GB)	Bolger
2	7	Alethia (Ire)	Danehill	C O'Brien
3	1	Beauty Bright (Ire)	Danehill	A O'Brien
4	3	Gist (Ire)	Namid (GB)	W Martin
5	6	Glimpse of Joy (Ire)	Soviet Star	Bolger
6	2	Romantic Notion (Ire)	Mujadil	Halford
7	8	Summer Scent	Kingmambo	Weld
8	4	That's Hot (Ire)	Namid (GB)	Lyons

All carry 123 pounds.

★ **FRANCE** ★

Yesterday's Results:

Clairefontaine, 4.50, Mdn, €18,000, 2yo, c/g, 7fT, 1:27.00, sf.

BRIBON (FR) (c, 2, Mark of Esteem {Ire})--Rowat Arazi {GB}, by Arazi, runner-up on debut to Nobilita (Fr) after a memorable duel in a conditions event at Saint-Cloud June 20, dwelt from the stalls and had to be roused to recover. Soon in contention, the 3-10 pick grabbed the lead at the top of the straight and was pushed out to beat Funmaker (Ire) (Xaar {GB}) by 1 ½ lengths. Lifetime Record: 2 starts, 1 win, 1 place, €15,200.

O/B-Darpat S L; T-Carlos Laffon-Parias.

★  **AFRICA** ★

ALADO TO STAND AT OAKLANDS STUD **Alado** (Danzig--Alborada {GB}, by Alzao), an unraced four-year-old, will take up stud duties for the upcoming Southern Hemisphere breeding season at Oaklands Stud in South Africa. The bay is the first foal of dual G1 Dubai Champion S. winner Alborada and had been in training with Sir Mark Prescott before an injury derailed his racing career. "This colt always showed great ability at home and superb temperament to match it," Prescott said. "He is a grand individual and his family is as good as any in the stud book." Alado was owned and bred by Kirsten Rausing's Lanwades Stud. Blandford Bloodstock brokered the deal to send the stallion to South Africa. His stud fee has not yet been announced.



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ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

4th-MNR, \$47,800, 7-11, 3yo/up, f/m, 5fT, :55 2/5, fm.

NICOLE'S DREAM (m, 5, Northern Trend--Flying Twosie, by Two's a Plenty) Lifetime Record: 38-18-6-3, \$504,296. O-Dare to Dream Stable LLC. B-Frank & Irene Weaver (FL). T-Larry Rivelli.

7th-DEL, \$47,300, Opt. Clm. (\$50,000), NW4X, 3yo/up, a1m70yd, 1:42, ft.

THIS FLEET IS DUE (h, 7, Devil His Due--Northern Fleet, by Afleet) Lifetime Record: SP, 23-6-5-5, \$351,090. O-Tradewinds Stable. B-Robert H & Bea Roberts (KY). T-John Charles Zimmerman. * 1/2 to Catboat (Tale of the Cat), GSW, \$209,078.

8th-DEL, \$44,200, NW2X, 3yo/up, f/m, a1 1/16mT, 1:44 2/5, fm.

LADY PRANTLACK (m, 5, Royal Academy--Raffinierte {Ire} {MSP}, by Surumu {Ger}) Lifetime Record: 13-4-0-1, \$97,409. O-Henry H Prieger. B-Henry H Prieger, Digby Barrios, David Lester & Laura Vukovich (KY). T-Michael R Matz. * 1/2 to Raffie's Majesty (Cormorant), GISP, \$249,000.

3rd-MNR, \$28,800, 7-11, NW2L, 3yo/up, f/m, 1 3/8mT, 2:16 3/5, fm.

(DH)--R LADY DEPUTY (m, 5, Deputy Commander--A Bimp in the Bye, by Silent Screen) Lifetime Record: 16-2-1-3, \$43,817. O-Paul Ares & Robert Sims. B-Nordic Thoroughbreds (KY). T-Don Combs. * \$10,000 yrl '01 KEESEP.

(DH)--MORTY'S LEGACY (m, 5, Deputy Commander--Affair At Dawn, by Black Tie Affair {Ire}) Lifetime Record: 28-2-3-7, \$59,628. O-Douglas L Johnson & White Knight Stable. B-Schelford Farm (KY). T-Douglas L Johnson. * \$22,000 yrl '01 KEESEP; \$10,000 HRA 2004 KEENOV.

9th-PHA, \$22,880, NW1X, 3yo/up, a1m70yd, 1:44 1/5, ft.

STROUD (g, 6, Meadowlake--Cherokee Damsel, by Cherokee Colony) Lifetime Record: 24-4-7-4, \$93,260. O-Top Shelf Stable. B-Eaglestone Farm, Inc (KY). T-Scott A Lake. * \$75,000 wlng '99 KEENOV; \$80,000 yrl '00 KEESEP; \$30,000 2yo 2001 FTFFEB.

3rd-SUF, \$21,560, NW2\$6MX, 3yo/up, a1m70ydT, 1:45 2/5, fm.

MILKY WAY GUY (h, 7, Skip Trial--Milky Way Gal {MSW, \$203,807}, by Valid Appeal) Lifetime Record: MSP, 38-15-6-2, \$237,720. O-Yasou Stable Trust. B-Arthur I Appleton (FL). T-Charles Assimakopoulos.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Texas Guinan, f, 3, Pine Bluff--Mill Waki's Best, by Miswaki. CRC, 7-12, 5 1/2f, 1:05 4/5. B-Maurice Miller (FL).

Our Joy, f, 4, El Prado (Ire)--Landholder, by Dixieland Band. PHA, 7-12, 7 1/2fT, 1:34 1/5. B-Audley Farm Inc (Va). * \$8,500 yrl '02 FTMSEP.

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ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

La Frangine (Fr), f, 2, Grape Tree Road (GB)--Ker Llinka (GB), by Snurge (Ire). Clairefontaine, France, 7-12, Mdn, 2yo, f, 7fT. B-A Tordjman.

Alugat (Ire), f, 2, Tagula (Ire)--Notley Park (GB), by Wolfhound. Beverley, Britain, 7-12, Mdn, 2yo, 5fT. B-Rathbarry Stud. * €8,500 yrl '04 DONSEP.

Golden Asha (GB), f, 3, Danehill Dancer (Ire)--Snugfit Annie (GB), by Midyan. Brighton, Britain, 7-12, Mdn, 3-4yo, 5f 213ydsT. B-Norcroft Park Stud and A J Hollis.

Little Sally (Fr), f, 3, Octagonal (NZ)--Renovate (GB), by Generous (Ire). Chinon, France, 7-11, Mdn, 3yo, 1750mT. B-Ste. Breeding Horse Inc. * €3,000 wnlg '02 DEADEC.

SO. HEMISPHERE WINNERS BY EUROPEAN SIRES:

Wolfman (Aus), g, 5, Octagonal (NZ)--Catriona (Aus), by Bellotto. Eagle Farm (Brisbane), 7-9, Hcp, 3yo/up, 1mT. B-Woodlands Stud.

Desert Flight (NZ), g, 6, Desert Sun (GB)--Fantasy Flight (NZ), by Never Til Dawn. Eagle Farm (Brisbane), 7-9, Hcp, 3yo/up, 1 1/8mT. B-Mrs A C, Mrs N E & R J Coxon.

★ ON THE WORKTAB ★

AQUEDUCT

**Swingforthefences (Boston Harbor), 5f, 1:01.65, 7/9
Willy O'the Valley (Will's Way), 5f, 1:00.48, 4/9**

BELMONT

**Mr. Light (Arg) (Numerous), 3f, :37.04, 4/9
Smokume (Smoke Glacken), 6f, 1:17.89, 2/2**

CHURCHILL

**Battle Won (Honour and Glory), 4f, :47.00, 1/22
Lady Tak (Mutakddim), 4f, :53.20, 21/22**

MONMOUTH

**Habiboo (Unbridled's Song), 4f, :51.00, 40/47
Zoffinger (Unbridled), 5f, 1:06.00 B 16/16**

SARATOGA

Wild Desert (Wild Rush), 5f (tr.), 1:07.92, 16/17