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STORMING THE BASTILLE

Longchamp hopes to host a national celebration on Bastille Day, but there could be a sting for the Parisians if Susan Magnier's **Scorpion (Ire)** (Montjeu {Ire}) spoils the party in the revamped G1 Juddmonte Grand Prix de Paris. Not sighted before winning on his debut at Leopardstown May 8, Scorpion was beaten a short head when runner-up in the G3 Gallinule S. at The Curragh a fortnight later. The three-year-old disappointed in the G1 Prix du Jockey-Club at Chantilly June 5, finishing off the board, but banished the memory of that display as he got to within a half-length of beating Hurricane Run (Ire) in the G1 Budweiser Irish Derby at The Curragh June 26. The colt will relish this race's new trip of a mile and a half, but he will have to get past trainer Andre Fabre's duo of Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum's **Desideratum (GB)** (Darshaan {GB}) and Khalid Abdullah's **Bellamy Cay (GB)** (Kris {GB}). The former has already proven himself in stakes company, beating **Orion Star (Fr)** (Sternkoenig {Ire}) in the G3 Prix du Lys over course and distance June 21, while Bellamy Cay showed promise when taking 10-furlong conditions events at this track May 19 and June 9. Fabre has collected eight renewals of this contest since 1989.



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A Bargain at Any Price...

Sheikh Mohammed also runs G2 King Edward VII S. winner **Plea Bargain (GB)** (Machiavellian), who finished runner-up in the G2 Prix Greffulhe at Saint-Cloud May 16 before his success at Royal Ascot at York last time June 17. "It is a very good race, but it is the logical step for him," trainer John Gosden commented. "We are clear about the task facing him, but it seems the right thing to do." Sheikh Maktoum bin Rashid Al Maktoum's **Laverock (Ire)** (Octagonal {NZ}) showed speed when winning the G3 Prix de Fontainebleau over a mile at this venue Apr. 24 before finishing seventh in the G1 Poule d'Essai des Poulains (French 2000 Guineas) here May 15. In his latest, the Prix du Jockey-Club, he had to settle for sixth after a troubled trip. "He ran a blinder in the French Derby considering he had little room," the owner's racing manager Joe Mercer said. "It is a very hot race and he has not run over a mile and a half before, but we are looking for a good run from him."



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Thursday, Longchamp, France, post time: 6:10 p.m.
JUDDMONTE GRAND PRIX DE PARIS-G1, €500,000,
3yo, c/f, 1 1/2 mT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER
1	5	Bellamy Cay (GB)	Kris (GB)	Fabre
2	4	Laverock (Ire)	Octagonal (NZ)	Laffon-Parias
3	7	Desideratum (GB)	Darshaan (GB)	Fabre
4	8	Plea Bargain (GB)	Machiavellian	Gosden
5	1	Musketier (Ger)	Acatenango (Ger)	Bary
6	9	Annenkov (Ire)	Danehill	E Lellouche
7	6	Scorpion (Ire)	Montjeu (Ire)	A O'Brien
8	3	Orion Star (Fr)	Sternkoenig (Ire)	Pantall
9	2	Airex (GB)	Unfuwain	Poulsen

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**AROUND
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 **NORTH AMERICA** 

EGG HEAD EUTHANIZED Stakes winner **Egg Head** (Honor Grades--Redding Ridge, by Screen King) was euthanized Monday after contracting laminitis. The three-year-old had finished first or second in six of his seven career starts, earning \$145,420. After he capped a three-race winning streak with a 9 1/2-length romp in the Francis "Jock" LaBelle Memorial S. at Delaware Park in May, the partnership of Steven Shahinian, John Marulli and Michael Mandara purchased a 45-percent interest in the colt from Harvey Clarke. The dark bay took on graded company for the first time in the June 11 GII Riva Ridge Breeders' Cup S. and finished a 1 1/4-length runner-up to Lost in the Fog. Kieran McLaughlin told *Daily Racing Form* that Egg Head came up lame about two weeks ago. "His hock blew up and we started treating it immediately," McLaughlin said. "We stayed on it, but the problem never got better, eventually spread to his other hock, after which he began to founder. We still have no real clue what caused it." He added, "This is devastating. These things don't happen very often, and in this case it's really a shame because Egg Head was one of the best horses I've ever trained, and Mr. Clarke is such a great owner."

STAKES CLOSINGS

TODAY, 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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FOUNDER OF CANTER EARNS DOGWOOD

DOMINION AWARD Jo Anne Normille, the founder and executive director of CANTER (Communication Alliance to Network Thoroughbred Racehorses) has been named this year's winner of the Dogwood Dominion Award. The award was established in 1993 to honor the "unsung heroes" in the sport of Thoroughbred racing. "Jo Anne saw a real need in Michigan to save bottom-level claiming horses from slaughter and she came up with a way of giving trainers a viable option," said Cot Campbell, president of Dogwood Stable. "From her years on the Michigan HBPA board, Jo Anne had the trust of the local horsemen. She also had an incredible network of horsemen in other disciplines who were looking for new horses. She became the middleman between trainers who needed to sell their horses and non-racing people who were looking for jumping prospects, for example." This year's judges were Anne Campbell, Penny Chenery and Jerry Bailey. Normille will be presented with a bronze statue of Dominion and a check for \$5,000 during a luncheon at the Saratoga Reading Rooms Aug. 3.

★ NEW YORK ★

Yesterday's Results:

8th-BEL, \$50,000, Alw, Opt. Clm. (\$75,000), NW3X, 4yo/up, f/m, 1 1/8mT, 1:50 2/5, .

1--**SABELLINA, 118, f, 4, Langfuhr--Restored Hope** (MGSW & MGISP, \$287,266), by He's Bad. O-Jay A Lieberman; B-John Valentino (NY); T-Joseph Aquilino. Lifetime Record: SW, 14-5-1-3, \$228,323.

2--**Provincial, 118, m, 5, Pulpit--Colonial Review, by Pleasant Colony.**

3--**Kevin's Decision, 123, m, 5, Expensive Decision--Fairy Queen, by Tom Rolfe.**

Margins: 2 3/4, 4 1/4, 1 1/4. Odds: 1.90, 16.80, 2.60. New York Report cont. p2

"CAME HOME showed speed and the ability to carry it a middle distance. Because of these characteristics, breeders have sent [CAME HOME] a choice book of mares that have the highest Class Performance Index among the 10 stallions profiled here. A weanling median and average right at \$100,000 last year shows that buyers were seeing promise in the stallion's initial offspring."

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New York Report cont.
8th-BEL, cont.

Sabellina capped a four-race winning streak with a nose victory in the restricted Yaddo H. at Saratoga last August, but went off form thereafter, finishing off the board in two of her last three starts of 2004 and in her first two tries this term. The dark bay filly improved to be third in an optional claimer at Belmont May 11 and filled that spot again when beaten a neck against fellow state-breds in the June 19 Mt. Vernon H. The slight second choice facing open company here, she trailed early after getting away a step slowly, but closed on the outside at the top of the lane and outfinished Provincial to win handily.

7th-BEL, \$46,000, Alw, NW1X, 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16m, 1:45 3/5, gd.

MERRILL GOLD (f, 3, Gold Fever--Jolie Boutique, by Northern Jove), a distant sixth in Spun Sugar's GII Black-Eyed Susan S. May 20, finished a good second against her elders in a course-and-distance allowance June 24 and was coming into this off a runner-up effort in the off-the-turf Six Perfections S. just four days back. The 7-5 chalk on the drop in class, the half to Millennium Storm (Future Storm), SW & GSP, \$191,682, tracked the pace from second for the opening half mile, took command after six furlongs and stayed on for a 3 1/2-length victory over Flaming Heart (Touch Gold). The winner was a \$20,000 OBSAUG yearling and \$55,000 OBSMAR juvenile. Lifetime Record: SP, 12-4-3-1, \$119,324. O-Flying Zee Stable. B-Sally Anderson (FL). T-Carlos F Martin.

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★ **"TDN Rising Star"** ★

1st-BEL, \$41,000, Msw, (S), 2yo, f, 5f, :58 4/5, sy.
 + **NO REASON, f, 2, by Precise End**

1st Dam: Tammany Hall, by Clever Trick
2nd Dam: Tammi's Pal, by Lear Fan
3rd Dam: Debrah, by Dactylographer

No Reason posted a pair of solid quarter-mile works prior to this year's FTFEB sale and was knocked down for a final bid of \$50,000. Sent off the even-money choice in this field of state-breds, the dark bay sprinted to the front beneath Jerry Bailey, opened up at will when asked and stormed home 11 1/2 lengths best. Fellow firster Crispy Lights (Hennessy) finished closest to the winner. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$24,600. **Click for the [brisnet.com](http://www.brisnet.com) chart or the [Video, sponsored by Taylor Made.](#)**

O-Winter Park Partners. B-Thomas/Lakin (NY). T-Steven M Asmussen.

★ **ON THE WORKTAB** ★

BELMONT

- Artie Schiller** (El Prado {Ire}), 6f, •1:14.46, 1/3
- Daydreaming** (A.P. Indy), 4f, :50.92, 23/37
- Fifth Avenue** (Monarchos), 5f, 1:03.67, 9/12
- Leroidesanimaux (Brz)** (Candy Stripes), 5f, 1:04.20, 11/12
- Megascape** (Cape Canaveral), 4f, :52.50, 32/37
- Rebel Rebel (Ire)** (Revoque {Ire}), 4f, :49.70, 15/27
- Remind** (Deputy Minister), 4f, :51.27, 25/37
- Reverberate** (Thunder Gulch), 4f, •:47.49, 1/37
- Roman Ruler** (Fusaichi Pegasus), 4f, :47.91, 4/37
- Ruler's Court** (Doneraile Court), :50.01, 18/37
- Stellar Jayne** (Wild Rush), 3f, :36.56, 5/20

HOLLYWOOD PARK

- Bashert** (Tiger Ridge), 3f (g), :36.80, 7/19
- Pico Central (Brz)** (Spend a Buck), 5f, 1:00.00, 2/34
- Quero Quero** (Royal Academy), 5f, 1:00.40, 4/34

SARATOGA

- Chekhov** (Pulpit), 4f, •:47.64, 1/7

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New York Report cont.

★ **"TDN Rising Star"** ★

3rd-BEL, \$40,850, Msw, 2yo, f, 5 1/2f, 1:04 2/5, my.
 + **SENSATION, f, 2, by Dixie Union**

- 1st Dam: Ryn, by Mr. Prospector
- 2nd Dam: Wisla, by Danzig
- 3rd Dam: Gauri, by Sir Ivor

A \$475,000 KEESEP yearling purchase, Sensation was sent off the 2-1 second choice to win at first asking, but ran more like a 1-5 chance. A half sister to I've Decided (Bertrando), GSP, \$289,896, the bay filly was hustled to the front, repulsed a bid from Win McCool (Giant's Causeway) nearing the stretch and exploded to win by 11 lengths, despite racing greenly. Swap Filaroo (Exchange Rate) nosed out Win McCool for the place spot. Lasting Appeal (A.P. Indy), the full sister to Overbrook stallion Jump Start, was scratched. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$25,800. [Click for the brisnet.com chart](#) or the [Video, sponsored by Taylor Made](#). O-Cobra Farm & Castletop Stable. B-Hermitage Farm LLC (KY). T-Stanley M Hough.

NYTB Releases Farm Survey:

According to a survey by the New York Thoroughbred Breeders, Inc. and Friends of New York Racing, Inc., the typical New York Thoroughbred breeding farm is family owned and operated, covers less than 100 acres and relies on awards from the New York Breeding program and other non-farm income to keep afloat. A total of 101 of the 400 farms currently operating in New York answered the survey.

NYTB Survey cont.

"The New York Thoroughbred Breeding Farms' survey confirms what we at NYTB have known all along--that the majority of our breeders in New York are farmers who work seven days a week with their families to make a living in the breeding business," said Dennis Brida, president of NYTB. "As the State contemplates the future direction of horse racing, it is essential it factors in the jobs, economic contributions and preservation of working open space that these farms produce." The survey revealed that 88 percent of breeders own all or part of their farms and have been running the farms for a median of 11 years. The median gross income for the farms is \$75,000 and the median net income is \$5,000. The average farm employs 2.54 people. New York breeders have a median non-farm income of \$50-100,000, and two-thirds have a net worth of less than \$1 million.

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Congratulations to the best customers in the world on THREE Grade 2 winners!

LOST IN THE FOG, winner of the **Carry Back S. (GII)**, July 10

O-Harry J Aleo; B-Susan Seper (FL); T-Greg Gilchrist

Sold Keeneland November 2002 for \$13,000; Earnings now \$684,075

Consigned by Brookdale Farm: Fred Seitz, agent ; Purchased by Kelli Mitchell

MADCAP ESCAPADE, winner of the **Princess Rooney H. (GII)**, July 10

O-Bruce Lunsford; B-Needham-Betz Thoroughbreds & James Blackburn (KY); T-Frank L Brothers

Sold Keeneland September 2002 for \$160,000; Earnings now \$1,052,852

Consigned by Needham-Betz Hanley LLC, agent ; Purchased by Frank Brothers, agent

WOKE UP DREAMIN, winner of the **Smile Sprint H. (GII)**, July 10

O-Michael E Pegram; B-Harbor View Farm (KY); T-Bob Baffert

Sold Keeneland September 2001 for \$130,000; Earnings now \$576,475

Consigned by John Williams, agent; Purchased by Mike Pegram





★ EAST ★

Tuesday Night Results:

4th-CNL, \$25,250, Msw, 2yo, 5 1/2fT, 1:04 3/5, fm.
UNBRIDLED BEHAVIOR (c, 2, **Unbridled's Song--Belle Nuit {SW & GSP, \$162,392}, by Dr. Carter**), well back early, moved into contention along the hedge before angling out passing midstretch and driving to a half-length victory as the 5-2 favorite. Vegas Play (Exploit) completed the exacta. Unbridled Behavior, a \$55,000 KEESEP yearling, is a half brother to Belle Cherie (Belong to Me), MGSW, \$426,861; and to Be Mine Tonight (Belong to Me), SW, \$159,210. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$14,250.

O-Dennis G Haines. B-Franks Farms, Inc, Louis Brooks Ranch Limited Partnership, et al (KY). T-Raymond W Zegowitz.

Yesterday's Results:

8th-DEL, \$41,900, Alw, NW1X, 3yo, f, 1 1/16mT, 1:44 1/5, fm.
FOREVER SMART (f, 3, **Smart Strike--Champagne Forever {MSP}, by Caveat**) returned from a four-month vacation to handily defeat a group of maidens by 7 1/2 lengths over the main track May 23 and nearly made it two straight, finishing second by a neck in a first-level Delaware allowance June 22. The 4-5 chalk to get the job done this time around, the \$67,000 KEESEP yearling settled kindly while saving ground for the opening three-quarters, rallied three wide in upper stretch and powered home five lengths better than Lady Hillary (Zamindar). Lifetime Record: 7-2-2-2, \$70,040.

O-Win & Place Stable. B-Arthur B Hancock III (KY). T-Anthony W Dutrow.

4th-MTH, \$46,000, Msw, (S), 2yo, f, 5f, :59 1/5, sy.
+ PURE DISCO (f, 2, **Disco Rico--V for Vera, by Concorde's Tune**) drew in off the also-eligible list to become the first winner for her freshman sire (by Citidancer). The homebred had trained forwardly for her bow, including a bullet three-eighths in :35 over a "good" track July 10, and was part of an entry favored at a lukewarm 5-2. Quickly into stride to clear the field, the bay began to edge away at the quarter pole and drove to a 4 1/2-length victory. Greeneggssam (Numerous) was second best. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$27,600.

O/B-Patricia A Generazio (NJ). T-Frank A Generazio Jr.

★ CENTRAL ★

Tuesday Night's Results:

3rd-GLD, \$19,000, Msw, (S), 2yo, 4f, :50, ft.
LIL PERFECT STORM (c, 2, **Catienus--In a Perfect World, by Geri**), 7-1 in his bow, broke on top and quickly opened a clear lead en route to an easy 2 1/2-length win. A Songandapromise (Sultry Song), the 4-5 favorite, was second. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$11,210.

O-Tracy Davidson. B-Cheryl Lynn Mead (MI). T-Delcor D Waite.

Yesterday's Results:

5th-ELP, \$20,700, Msw, 3yo/up, f/m, 5 1/2f (off turf), 1:07 2/5, my.
+ BEAT THE BAND (f, 3, **Lord Avie--Mustbeabeauty, by Dixieland Band**) fired three consecutive bullets over this main track and was made the 3-5 favorite at first asking. Sent up to press the pace of My Kind of Music (Gold Tribute) in this off-the-turf affair, the dark bay took over while racing wide into the stretch and splashed off to defeat the front-runner by 4 3/4 lengths. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$13,200.

O-Nelson McMakin & William Strong. B-Nelson McMakin (KY). T-J Larry Jones.

★ SO. CALIFORNIA ★

Blooming Hills Stallions To Relocate:

You and I (Kris S.), **Golden Gear** (Gulch), and **D's Bertrando** (Bertrando), who stood the 2004 season at Blooming Hills Farm near Clements, California, have been sold by the farm and will take up residence at Sue Hubbard and Associates new operation near Creston, California. Purchased by Pete Parella from Ron and Fran Stolich earlier this year, Blooming Hills also stood **Candi's Gold** (Yukon), who will be pensioned at Woodridge Farm in Oakdale, and Sidney Craig's **Crowning Storm** (Storm Cat), who will shuttle to Argentina for the upcoming Southern Hemisphere breeding season. You and I, winner of the GI Metropolitan H. in 1995, will stand for \$5,000 in 2006, while Grade II stakes winner Golden Gear will be offered to breeders for \$3,000. A fee has not been set for D's Bertrando, who retired to Magali Farms early last year before being relocated to Blooming Hills.

BREEDERS' CUP STAKES CLOSINGS

CLOSES	TRACK	RACE	CONDITIONS	PURSE	RUNS
7/23	EMD	Mt. Rainer Breeders' Cup H.	3YO/UP, 1 1/8m	\$100,000	7/31
7/27	AP	Sea O'Erin Breeders' Cup Mile	3YO, 1mT	\$150,000	8/06
7/27	RET	Margarita Breeders' Cup H.	3YO/UP, f/m 1 1/16mT	\$50,000	8/06

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Yesterday's Results:

7th-HOL, \$55,400, Alw, Opt. Clm. (\$80,000), NW2X, 4yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16mT, 1:41 2/5, fm.

DREAM'S (CHI) (f, 4, Sam M.--Oak Tree {Chi}, by Nureyev Dancer), twice a Listed winner going long on the grass in her native country, made her U.S. debut in a 5 1/2-furlong turf allowance at Hollywood May 28 and got up to win it by a nose. The 6-5 chalk to go two-for-two trying two turns in her second stateside start, she pressed the pace, took over after six furlongs and turned back the challenge of Seeking the Heart (Seeking the Gold) to win it by a head. Lifetime Record: MSW-Chi, 10-6-0-0, \$74,570.

O-Tom Lenner. B-Haras Fantasias (CHI). T-Ronald L McAnally.

★ **INDUSTRY INFO** ★

Mark Shapiro to Deliver Round Table Keynote Address:

Mark Shapiro, executive vice president of programming and production for ESPN, will deliver the keynote address at The Jockey Club's 53rd annual Round Table Conference on Matters Pertaining to Racing at the Gideon Putnam Hotel and Conference Center in Saratoga Springs, New York Aug. 21. Shapiro will discuss the changing landscape of sports television and the networks' extensive coverage and promotion of Thoroughbred racing. Shapiro is responsible for the development, acquisition and scheduling of all programming for the ESPN family of networks and ABC Sports, as well as ESPN Original Entertainment. Also during the conference, National Thoroughbred Racing Association Commissioner D.G. Van Clief, Jr. will give an update on the NTRA and its strategic plan for the future. The conference will feature a segment on integrity in the industry, with emphasis on medication and wagering, with speakers including Dr. Don Catlin, founder and director of the UCLA Olympic Analytical Laboratory. Greg Means, a founding partner of the Alpine Group, the legislative advocacy firm which represents the NTRA, will provide an update on federal legislative issues confronting the industry as part of an overview of the changing economics of the Thoroughbred industry. Also in that segment of the conference, Tim Smith will give a progress report on the Friends of New York Racing, Inc. and Charles Hayward will provide an update on current activities and future plans for the New York Racing Association.

★ **WEST** ★

Favorite Trick to New Mexico:

Favorite Trick (Phone Trick--Evil Elaine, by Medieval Man) will be relocated from CloverLeaf Farms II in Reddick, Florida to JEH Stallion Station in New Mexico for the 2006 breeding season. The Horse of the Year and champion two-year-old in 1997, the 10-year-old began his stud career at Walmac International in Lexington before moving to the Sunshine State this year. His 2005 stud fee was \$5,000. From four crops to race, Favorite Trick has sired nine stakes winners. His progeny have earned more than \$5.4 million. His 2006 fee has not yet been announced.

★ **AMERICAN-BRED WINNERS** ★

IN IRELAND:

Littleton Telchar, g, 5, [Atticus](#)--Miss Waikiki (MSP), by Miswaki. Killarney, 7-12, Hcp, 4yo/up, 1m 100ydsT. B-Morven Stud Ltd. *\$14,000 wnlg '00 KEENOV; FF350,000 yrl '01 DEAAUG; 2,500gns HIT '03 TATJUL. **1/2 to Coqueteria (Cozzene), SP-Eng & GSP-Ger.

IN BRITAIN:

Cnoc Na Gaoithe, g, 2, [Rahy](#). See "Britain."

IN FRANCE:

+ **Le Retour**, c, 2, [Tale of the Cat](#). See "European Breeders' Edition."

IN ITALY

Individual King, c, 2, **Conscience Clear**. See "European Breeders' Edition."

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 **SOPHOMORE SPOTLIGHT**

Stakes/First-time Starters to Watch: Thursday, July 14

Sire (Sire's Sire), Farm, 2001 Fee, #foals of racing age/Winners/SW

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

DEPUTY DIAMOND (Deputy Minister), Red River, \$2K, 89/16/0

2-LAD, Msw, 5f, +It's My Heart, \$8K TEX DEC yrl, 6-1

LEMON DROP KID (Kingmambo), Lane's End, \$50K, 146/20/2

7-AP, Msw, 1m, +Beck and Call, \$15K KEE JAN yrl, 5-1

MORE THAN READY (Southern Halo), Vinery, \$15K, 161/40/8

4-BEL, Msw, 5f, +Ready Enough, \$55K OBS APR 2yo

PUERTO MADERO (CHI) (Gallantsky), Hideaway, \$4K, 39/2/0

4-MTH, Msw, 5f, +Madero's Blizzard

PURPLE PASSION (Northern Raja), Shamrock, \$2K, 17/2/0

3-CT, Msw, 4 1/2f, +Lord Robert's, 10-1

RIVER KEEN (IRE) (Keen {GB}), Duchess, \$5K, 52/4/0

1-BEL, Msw, 5f, +Lyphard's River

UNBRIDLED JET (Unbridled), Country Life, \$8K, 126/18/1

4-MTH, Msw, 5f, +Park Avenue

 **FRESHMAN FOCUS**

First-crop progeny to watch: Thursday, July 14

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

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

APTITUDE (A.P. Indy), Juddmonte, \$25K, 96/0/0

7-AP, Msw, 1m, Explosive Thunder, \$75K FTF FEB 2yo, 6-1

CITY ZIP (Carson City), Lane's End, \$8K, 66/3/0

1-BEL, Msw, 5f, Imperial Zip, \$80K OBS FEB 2yo

FLOM'S PROSPECTOR (Native Prospector), Moonlight, \$1000, 8/0/0

2-HOL, Msw, 5 1/2f, Flom Master

FREUD (Storm Cat), Lakland, \$5K, 33/0/0

4-BEL, Msw, 5f, +Highly Driven, \$14K OBS MAR 2yo

4-BEL, Msw, 5f, +Good Going Darl, \$41K SAR AUG yrl

LUFTIKUS (Meadowlake), Taylor Mtn, \$3K, 39/1/0

3-CT, Msw, 4 1/2f, I'm a Little Kus, 4-1

MR. NUGGET (Mr. Prospector) 25/0/0

4-MTH, Msw, 5f, Moetown

POINT GIVEN (Thunder Gulch), Three Chimneys, \$125K, 67/0/0

7-AP, Msw, 1m, Thats Our Point, \$100K KEE SEP yrl, 8-1

PUT IT BACK (Honour and Glory), Bridlewood, \$5K, 34/1/1

7-AP, Msw, 1m, Dormy Lake, \$26K OBS MAR 2yo, 10-1

RADIO STAR (Storm Cat), McMahan, \$5K, 31/0/0

4-BEL, Msw, 5f, +Short Wave, \$14K OBS APR 2yo

SNUCK IN (Montbrook), Cloverleaf, \$3K, 56/1/0

3-CT, Msw, 4 1/2f, Squeaky Sneakers, \$7K OBS APR 2yo, 15-1

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★  EUROPE ★

★ BRITAIN ★

Yesterday's Results:

Lingfield, 1.50, Mdn, £5,940, 2yo, 6f (AWT), 1:14.75, st.

CNOC NA GAOITHE (g, 2, **Rahy--Momentous {MSP, \$165,913}**), by **Summer Squall**), gelded since finishing unplaced on debut at Leicester May 23, broke well and stalked the early pace. Quickening to lead with a fur-long remaining, the 40-1 outsider asserted to beat Surf City (GB) (Distant Music) by a length. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, £3,861.

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

Lingfield, 2.50, Mdn, £5,940, 2yo, 6f (AWT), 1:05.24, st.

HILL OF GRACE (GB) (f, 2, **Desert Prince {Ire}**--Tycoon's Dolce {Ire} {SW & MGSP-Fr, \$125,963}, by **Rainbows for Life**) disappointed when down the field in a Doncaster maiden last time June 4 and was sent off at odds of 10-1. Positioned under cover against the rail while stalking the leading group early, she was switched for her run at the eighth pole and grabbed the lead with 50 yards remaining before holding the late thrust of Coburn (Fr) (Pivotal {GB}) by a short head. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-0, £4,178.

O/B-Wood Hall Stud Limited; T-Jeremy Nosedá.

Catterick, 2.30, Cond, £5,390, 2yo, 7ft, 1:27.25, gd/fm.

CREATIVE MIND (IRE) (f, 2, **Danehill Dancer {Ire}**--**Inventive {GB}**), by **Sheikh Albadou {GB}**), runner-up at Carlisle a week previously, was sent off the 2-1 second choice. Settled off the fast early fractions in fourth, she challenging inside the final quarter. The 24,000 TATDEC weanling led at the eighth peg before holding the fast-finishing Dont Dili Dali (GB) (Dansili {GB}) by a half-length. Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, £4,560.

O-James Fretwell; B-Farmers Hill Stud; T-E O'Neill.
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Haydock, 6.20, Mdn, £5,315, 3yo/up, 10f 120ydsT, 2:18.24, gd/fm.

RAINBOW SKY (GB) (f, 3, Rainbow Quest--Safayn, by Lyphard), third in a Newbury maiden last time June 16, stalked the early pace in second and was committed at the three-furlong marker. Hitting the front soon after, the 4-1 second choice was driven out to hold Master of the Race (GB) (Selkirk) by a length. Rainbow Sky was an 85,000gns GOFORB yearling. Lifetime Record: 5-1-0-1, £5,071.

O-D M James; B-F Hinojosa; T-Barry Hills.

★ IRELAND ★

Yesterday's Results:

YPO SILVER FLASH S.-Listed, €53,020, Leopardstown, 7-13, 2yo, f, 6fT, 1:13.30, gd/fm.

1-#**ABIGAIL PETT (GB)**, 123, f, 2, by **Medicean (GB)**
 1st Dam: **Kalindi (GB) (SW-Eng)**, by **Efisio (GB)**
 2nd Dam: **Rohita (Ire)**, by **Waajib (Ire)**
 3rd Dam: **Ruby River (GB)**, by **Red God**.

(90,000gns yrl '04 TATOCT). O-June Judd; B-Barry Taylor; T-Jim Bolger; J-Kevin Manning; €35,805. Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-0, €48,825. *First stakes winner for freshman sire (by Machiavellian).

2--**Romantic Notion (Ire)**, 123, f, 2, Mujadil--Via Splendida (Ire), by Project Manager (Ire). €10,505.

3--**Beauty Bright (Ire)**, 123, f, 2, Danehill--Dietrich, by Storm Cat. €5,005.

Margins: 1, 1, HF. Odds: 9-2, 5-1, 100-30.

Also Ran: Summer Scent, Gist (Ire), That's Hot (Ire), Alethia (Ire), Glimpse of Joy (Ire).

Abigail Pett, who took a seven-furlong maiden here on her latest start June 15, showed the requisite speed to swoop late and pass every rival en route to a first stakes success. Breaking slowly, she was reserved in rear off the generous early pace and delivered widest of all at the top of the straight. Grabbing the newcomer Beauty Bright with 100 yards remaining, she was a cosy winner in the end as Romantic Notion failed to make a fist of it late on. "She's a little bit funny at the gate," jockey Kevin Manning explained. "She has plenty of pace, so the drop back to six was never a concern. She's done it well and is going the right way." Trainer Jim Bolger said he has The Curragh's G1 Moyglare Stud S. Sept. 4 in mind for the winner, adding, "She's pretty useful and could come back for another one of these before the Moyglare."

CHALLENGE S.-Listed, €53,020, Leopardstown, 7-13, 3yo/up, 1 3/4mT, 2:56.20, gd/fm.

1-#**ORPINGTON (GB)**, 135, c, 4, **Hernando (Fr)--Oops Pettie (GB)**, by **Machiavellian**. (120,000gns yrl '02 TATOCT). O-J Higgins; B-Mrs G Slater; T-Dermot Weld; J-Pat Smullen; €35,805. Lifetime Record: GSP-Ire, 9-3-2-0, €95,256.

2--**Dashing Home (Ire)**, 135, g, 6, Lahib--Dashing Rose (GB), by Mashhor Dancer. (Ir7,500gns yrl '00 TATIRE). €10,505.

3--**Virginia Woolf (GB)**, 117, f, 3, Daylami (Ire)--Vice Vixen, by Vice Regent. (85,000gns yrl '03 TATOCT). €5,005.

Margins: 1HF, 1HF, DIST. Odds: 4-5, 6-1, 13-8.

Also Ran: Enamoured (GB).

Orpington developed from a successful handicapper into a stakes performer last term, finishing fourth in the G2 Prix Chaudenay at Longchamp on the last start of his campaign in early October. He returned to finish fifth in the Listed Vintage Crop S. at Navan May 1 before filling the runner's-up spot in the G3 Curragh Cup last time June 25. Stalking Virginia Woolf throughout the early stages, he collared that rival at the quarter pole before asserting under a drive in the closing stages as Dashing Home closed.

Leopardstown, 7.00, Cond, €21,690, 3yo/up, 1 1/4mT, 2:05.50, gd/fm.

GRAND CENTRAL (IRE) (c, 3, Sadler's Wells--Rebecca Sharp {GB} {G1SW-Eng & GSP-Fr, \$373,373}, by Machiavellian) had looked unlucky when third after a trouble trip in the G2 Derrinstown Stud Derby Trial over course and distance May 8, but disappointed when only ninth in the G1 Epsom Derby June 4. He was found to have suffered a respiratory abnormality when down the field in the Listed Celebration S. at The Curragh last time June 26 and was sent off the 4-6 favorite dropped in class. Stalking the pace in second early, he was sent to the front passing the three-furlong marker and quickly established his superiority before being kept up to his work to beat Valentina Guest (Ire) (Be My Guest) by 2½ lengths. Grand Central is a half to Miss Pinkerton (GB) (Danehill), SW-Eng & SP-Fr. Lifetime Record: MGSP-Ire, 6-2-1-1, €52,155.

O-Susan Magnier; B-Hascombe and Valiant Studs; T-Aidan O'Brien.

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Leopardstown, 8.30, Mdn, €13,496, 3yo/up, 1mT, 1:39.50, gd/fm.

IRISH QUESTION (IRE) (f, 3, Giant's Causeway--Key to Coolcullen {Ire}, by Royal Academy) had finished runner-up to Tiger Dance in a maiden here in September and returned to fill fourth spot at The Curragh last time June 24. Breaking well, the 7-2 second favorite disputed the early lead before being sent into a clear advantage before halfway. Turning the screw in the straight, she maintained the gallop all the way to the line to beat Qassas (GB) (Nashwan) by a length. Lifetime Record: 4-1-1-0, €15,064.

O-Mrs J S Bolger; B/T-Jim Bolger.

Killarney, 7.20, Mdn, €10,604, 3yo/up, 1 3/4mT, 3:12.10, fm.

+ SUMMER SOUL (IRE) (c, 3, Danehill--Blend of Pace {Ire}, by Sadler's Wells) raced in behind the leading group early before taking up the running at the top of the straight. Pushed out from there, the 6-1 shot had extended his advantage over Clara Allen (Ire) (Accordion {Ire}) to 2 1/2 lengths at the line. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, €7,601.

O/B-Moyglare Stud Farm Ltd; T-Dermot Weld.

Tuesday Night Results:

Killarney, 8.50, Mdn, €14,460, 3yo/up, f/m, 1m 100ydsT, 1:44.90, fm.

STYLIST (IRE) (f, 4, Sadler's Wells--Filia Ardross {GB} {Ch. 3yo-Ger, MGSW & G1SP-Ger, GSW-Eng, GSP-Fr, \$159,297-UK & Fr}, by Ardross {Ire}) had been confined to just two prior starts, finishing fourth on the latest at Roscommon a week previously. Stalking Maria Luisa (Ire) (King's Best) throughout the early stages, the 5-4 second choice challenged at the top of the straight and wore down that rival at the eighth pole before asserting to score by a length. Stylist is a full to French Ballerina (Ire), Hwt. Older Mare-Ire at 14 + f, MSW-Ire; and a half to Sunspangled (Ire) (Caerleon), Hwt. 2yo Filly-Ire, G1SW-Eng & G1SP-Ire, \$241,624. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-0, €10,682.

O-Sir Michael W J Smurfit; B-Prof Klaus E Rohde; T-Dermot Weld.

★ FRANCE ★

Yesterday's Results:

Maisons-Laffitte, 3.05, Mdn, €18,000, 3yo, 1 3/8mT, 2:15.50, gd.

THE DEVIL (GER) (c, 3, Goofalik--Tascalina {Ger}, by Big Shuffle), runner-up in the Swiss Derby last time June 19, was sent straight to the front from the outset and had put clear distance back to his rivals at the top of the straight. In no danger from there, the 11-2 shot had four lengths to spare over Love Me Well (GB) (Sadler's Wells) at the line. Lifetime Record: 5 starts, 1 win, 3 places, €25,944.

O-Mme M E Binswanger; B-Gestut Brummerhof; T-Uwe Suter.

Thursday, Longchamp, post time: 5:40 p.m.

PRIX ROLAND DE CHAMBURE-Listed, €47,000, 2yo, 7fT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER	WT
1	8	Set Alight	Hennessy	Head-Maarek	123
2	1	Overshadow (Ire)	Desert Prince (Ire)	Fabre	123
3	5	Rendelsham (Fr)	Take Risks (Fr)	Gallorini	123
4	3	Mariol (Fr)	Munir (GB)	Rob Collet	123
5	9	Kimpes (Fr)	Panis	Sauve	123
6	6	Nobilita (Fr)	Orpen	Wattel	123
7	7	Ascot Blues (Ire)	Distant Music	Wattel	120
8	2	Private Dancer (Fr)	Green Tune	de Nicolay	120
9	4	Blue Blue Sky (Ire)	Anabaa	de Nicolay	120

Thursday, Longchamp, post time: 7:15 p.m.

PRIX DE THIBERVILLE-Listed, €47,000, 3yo, f, 1 1/2mT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER
1	5	Fraloga (Ire)	Grand Lodge	Fabre
2	2	Corcoran	Lear Fan	Perrett
3	1	Shamdala (Ire)	Grand Lodge	de Royer Dupre
4	4	Pyrana	Anabaa	de Nicolay
5	3	Harlem Dancer (GB)	Dr Devious (Ire)	E Lellouche

All carry 121 pounds, bar Fraloga, 126.

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Thursday, Longchamp, post time: 7:45 p.m.

PRIX AMANDINE-Listed, €47,000, 3yo, f, 7fT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER
1	3	Birthplace	King of Kings (Ire)	Zilber
2	6	Sichilla (Ire)	Danehill	Fabre
3	1	Sarlisa (Fr)	Rainbow Quest	de Royer Dupre
4	5	Crossover (GB)	Cape Cross (Ire)	Pantall
5	9	Starwoman (Fr)	Goldmark	Spanu
6	7	Stella Blue (Fr)	Anabaa	Bary
7	8	La Reine Mambo	High Yield	E Lellouche
8	2	Madame Topflight (GB)	Komaite	Pritchard-Gordon
9	4	Dilag (Ire)	Almutawakel (GB)	Fabre
10	10	Alice Town (GB)	Darshaan (GB)	Pease

All carry 123 pounds.

BREEDERS' EDITION AMERICA

ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

8th-MTH, \$48,500, NW1X, (S), 3yo/up, 6f, 1:11, sy.
CAPTURE THE WOLF (h, 5, Capture the Gold--Miss Dancing Wolf, by Wolf Power {SAf}) Lifetime Record: 16-2-6-1, \$108,110. O/B-Ro-Ron Stables (NJ). T-J F Mazza. *1/2 to Black Wolf (El Prado {Ire}), SP, \$161,541.

7th-MTH, \$48,092, Opt. Clm. (\$45,000), NW3X, 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16m, 1:45 1/5, sy.
DIAVLA (f, 4, Bahri--Change My Heart, by El Gran Senor) Lifetime Record: 17-4-3-2, \$117,541. O-Devil Eleven Stable & T Perri. B-Tokyo Thoroughbred Bureau, Inc (KY). T-Kelly J Breen.*\$30,000 2yo '03 FTMMAY.

2nd-BEL, \$43,120, NW1X, (S), 3yo/up, 1 1/16m, 1:45 4/5, my.
YANKEE MAGIC (c, 3, Distinctive Pro--Cherokee Mist {SW}, by Cherokee Fellow) Lifetime Record: 5-2-0-1, \$57,955. O-Jay Em Ess Stable. B-Mr & Mrs J DiDonato & Mr & Mrs T Everard (NY). T-J Rodriguez. *\$55,000 yrl '03 FTNAUG; \$220,000 2yo 2004 OBSFEB.

8th-APX, \$34,452, Opt. Clm. (\$62,500), NW3X, 3yo/up, f/m, a1 1/16mT, 1:47, gd.
CHIC DANCER (f, 4, Joyeux Danseur--Stylish Accent, by Beau's Eagle) Lifetime Record: SP, 11-4-1-2, \$78,070. O/B-S D Brilie Ltd Partnership (KY). T-Christine K Janks.

9th-APX, \$31,000, NW2X, (S), 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:10 4/5, ft.

KICKAPOO PRINCESS (f, 3, Unreal Zeal--Palace Princess, by Stalwart) Lifetime Record: SW, 5-3-0-1, \$53,560. O-Tom Swearingen Racing Stable. B-Hal Snowden Jr (IL). T-Thomas H Swearingen.

5th-CNL, \$26,000, 7-12, NW1X, 3yo/up, 1 1/16mT, 1:42 3/5, fm.

MR SONG AND DANCE (g, 6, Rakeen--Mary Bo Peep, by Turn to Bo) Lifetime Record: SP, 37-4-3-6, \$81,735. O-Northern Lights Racing Stable LLC. B-George Swope (MD). T-Linda L Albert. *\$15,100 yrl '00 FTMOCT. **Mary's Buckaroo (Roo Art), MSW & GSP, \$724,395; Admiral Bo (Salutely), SP, \$220,464.

7th-CNL, \$26,000, 7-12, NW1X, 3yo/up, 1 1/16mT, 1:43, fm.

SITCOM (h, 5, Danzig--Ratings {MGSW, \$448,641}, by Caveat) Lifetime Record: 13-2-2-2, \$58,410. O-Augustin Stable. B-George Strawbridge Jr (KY). T-J E Sheppard. *Full to Recording, GSW, \$134,224.

7th-ELP, \$23,800, NW1X, 3yo, f, 1m (off turf), 1:42 3/5, my.

CANAPE (f, 3, Louis Quatorze--Cissy Blair, by Dallasite) Lifetime Record: 9-3-1-0, \$53,659. O-Philip A Sims, et al. B-Biggs Farm Inc (KY). T-Philip A Sims. *1/2 to Blarin Speed (Senor Speedy), MSW, \$281,125.

4th-ELP, \$23,800, NW2L, 3yo/up, 7f, 1:28, my.
STARS AND GLITTER (g, 3, Glitterman--Little Irish Nut {SW, \$149,731}, by Irish Tower) Lifetime Record: 12-2-2-1, \$41,778. O/B-John C Marker (KY). T-Jason G Cook. *1/2 to Sister Star (Langfuhr), GSW, \$252,785.

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	GII Delaware Oaks	Delaware
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	GIII Hollywood Juv. Chmp.	Hollywood
	GIII Long Branch BC S.	Monmouth
July 17	GII Delaware H.	Delaware
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	GIII Leonard Richards S.	Delaware
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6th-PRM, \$21,123, 7-12, NW1X, (S), 3yo/up, a1m70yd, 1:43 2/5, ft.

PARFECT DANCER (g, 5, Parfaitement--Teresa's Spirit, by Master Derby) Lifetime Record: 29-4-3-3, \$66,669. O-Lamonts Racing Stable LLC. B-Lee Marie Ranch & Eugene Bogash (IA). T-Warren E Lamont. *1/2 to Rejoui (Mighty Adversary), MSP, \$177,582; Bellamont Forest (Hermitage), SW-Swe & MGSP-Nor.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Angianna, f, 2, City Zip--Sleeping Number, by Lost Code. DEL, 7-13, (C), 5 1/2f, 1:08 3/5. B-Ask Thoroughbred Corp (Ky). *Third winner for freshman sire (by Carson City).

Abbagione, f, 3, Alphabet Soup--Heather's Apparel, by Buckaroo. BEL, 7-13, (S), 1m (off turf), 1:41 3/5. B-G Schoenborn Jr (NY). *\$28,000 yrl '03 FTNAUG; \$37,000 2yo 2004 FTMMAY; \$40,000 2yo 2004 OBSMAR. **1/2 to Fly To The Wire (Birdonthewire), GSP, \$196,071. ***Won by 13 1/4 lengths.

Samsincharge, f, 3, Dixie Brass--Wagers Delight (Chi) (G1SW-Chi), by Worldwatch. BEL, 7-13, (S), 1m (off turf), 1:42 1/5. B-Robert B Cohen (NY).

Kings Tudor, f, 3, Purdue King--Beau's Tudor, by Beau Genius. PRM, 7-12, (S), 5 1/2f, 1:04 4/5. B-Jack D Schatz (Ia).

Juley's Diamond, f, 4, Diamond--Juley Fir, by Slewp. CNL, 7-12, 1 1/16mT, 1:44 3/5. B-Dr L Schrock (Ky).

Gracie Terrace, c, 4, Silver Ghost--Captivating Grace (SW, \$130,828), by Damascus. MTH, 7-13, 1 1/16m (off turf), 1:47 1/5. B-Lambholm (FL). *3/4 to Questelavie (Conquistador Cielo), SW, \$107,816; and 1/2 to Gangsta Rap (Sultry Song), MSW, \$298,460.

Durandal, c, 4, With Approval--Inverness Lady (SW, \$251,240), by Inverness Drive. APX, 7-13, (S), a1 1/16mT, 1:50 1/5. B-John C Mullen (IL).

**BREEDERS' EDITION
EUROPE**

CONDITIONS WINNERS:

ITALY, Varese, 9.05, 7-12, €18,000, 3yo, 1 5/16mT, time: n/a, gd.

FLIGHT TO THE MOON (GB) (c, 3, Halling--Rising of the Moon {Ire}, by Warning {GB}) Lifetime Record: SP-Ity, 13 starts, 4 wins, 2 places, €54,910. O-Luigi Zocchi; B-West Lodge Stud; T-Maurizio Guarnieri. *10,000gns yrl '03 TATOCT.

BRITAIN, Lingfield, 3:50, Cond, £17,540, 3yo/up, 1m (AWT), 1:38.95, st.

CESARE (GB) (g, 4, Machiavellian--Tromond {GB} {SP-Eng}, by Lomond) Lifetime Record: 6-4-1-0, £31,883. O/B-Cheveley Park Stud Ltd; T-James Fanshawe. *1/2 to Nowhere to Exit (GB) (Exit to Nowhere), GSW & G1SP-Fr, \$236,324.

FRANCE, Pornichet-la-Baule, 8.30, 7-12, €13,000, 3yo, 1 7/16mT, time: n/a, sf.

GRISCHA (FR) (f, 3, Septieme Ciel--Glendale {Ger}, by Windwurf {Ger}) Lifetime Record: 5 starts, 2 wins, 2 places, €13,525. O/B-M Randelli; T-H Pantall.

ITALY, Naples, 11.15, 7-12, €10,800, 3yo, 7fT, time: n/a, gd.

BALLA NANDO (IRE) (c, 3, Indian Ridge {Ire}--Island Lover {Ire}, by Turtle Island {Ire}) Lifetime Record: 7 starts, 2 wins, 2 places, €17,068. O-Vincenzo Covone; B-Tullamaine Castle Stud; T-Raffaele Biondi. *20,000gns yrl '03 TATOCT; 25,000gns 2yo '04 TATAPR.

ITALY, Naples, 8.45, 7-12, €10,800, 3yo/up, 1mT, time: n/a, gd.

POLAR DOUB (IRE) (f, 4, Polar Falcon--Doubles {GB} {SP-Fr}, by Damister) Lifetime Record: 26 starts, 7 wins, 8 places, €79,526. O-Federico Pierluigi; B-Al della Berardenga SRL; T-Gianluca Bietolini.

BRITAIN, Haydock, 7:55, Cond, £10,200, 3yo, 6fT, 1:14.06, gd/fm.

BANJO PATTERSON (GB) (c, 3, Green Desert--Rumpipumpy {GB} {GSW-US, \$484,491}, by Shirley Heights {GB}) Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-0, £10,842. O-T P Ramsden; B-Mrs G Slater; T-Geoff Huffer. *115,000gns yrl '03 TATOCT.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Individual King, c, 2, Conscience Clear--Klassy Individual (MSW-US, \$385,015), by Acaroid. Naples, Italy, 7-12, 2yo, 7 1/2fT. B-Martin Stables Inc. *\$5,500 yrl '04 OBSAUG. **First winner for freshman sire (by Relaunch).

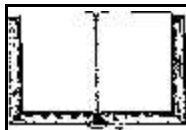
Anna Pavlova (GB), f, 2, Danehill Dancer (Ire)--Wheeler's Wonder (Ire), by Sure Blade. Haydock, Britain, 7-13, Mdn, 2yo, f, 6fT. B-Raymond Cowie. + **Belle Axelle (Fr), f, 2, Genereux Genie (Fr)**--Sliderne (Fr), by Sleeping Car (Fr). La Teste de Buch, France, 7-12, Unraced 2yo, f, 6fT. B-Sebastien Constant & Cedric Boutin.

+ **Le Retour, c, 2, Tale of the Cat**--Miss u Fran, by Brocco. La Teste de Buch, France, 7-12, Unraced 2yo, c/g, 6fT. B-Ray Stark Revocable Trust. *\$25,000 yrl '04 KEESEP.

Buster Hyvonen (Ire), g, 3, Dansili (GB)--Serotina (Ire), by Mtoto (GB). Lingfield, Britain, 7-13, Mdn, 3-4yo, 1mT. B-Hollington Stud. *13,000gns wnlg '02 TATDEC; 25,000gns yrl '03 TATOCT.

Highest Regard (GB), c, 3, Mark of Esteem (Ire)--Free as a Bird (GB), by Robellino. Lingfield, Britain, 7-13, Mdn, 3-4yo, 1m (AWT). B-Kingwood Stud. *3,000gns yrl '03 TATOCT.

+ **Epicurean (GB), f, 3, Pursuit of Love (GB)**--Arminda (GB), by Blakeney (GB). Catterick, Britain, 7-13, Mdn, 3yo, 7fT. B-Workshop Manor Stud.



TDN Book REVIEW

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HORSEPLAYERS: LIFE AT THE TRACK

It's a familiar story: Boy goes to track. Boy wins his first time betting. Boy, convinced he's been given a license to print money, entertains thoughts of becoming a full-time handicapper. It's a phenomenon that's happened to more than a few of us, including Ted McClelland.

In the mid-nineties, McClelland, who hadn't been to the races since he was a child, trekked to Arlington Park near Chicago to kill an afternoon with his father. He put five bucks on a horse in the second and, a few minutes later, had himself a winner. It was only a matter of time before McClelland was hooked on the sport and wondering out loud—*Could I be among the two percent of handicappers who actually beat the races?*

In his new book *Horseplayers* (Chicago Review Press, \$24.95), McClelland, a journalist by trade, does what most of us have dreamed of on occasion: he leaves the safety net of "conventional" wage earning—and all its "comfort" and "happiness"—and sets up camp at the track, intent on coaxing home enough winners to pay the bills and call himself a professional handicapper.

A writer for the weekly newspaper *Chicago Reader*, McClelland convinced his editors to allow him to work from Arlington and Hawthorne, writing articles for the paper while he compiled notes—and losing tickets—for *Horseplayers*. He got a \$4,000 advance on royalties from Chicago Review Press, who publishes *Horseplayers*, that served as his bankroll, and that was it. McClelland joined the ranks of Chicago handicappers, armed with a *Form* and dream.

At Hawthorne, McClelland found a cast of characters typical to many tracks around the country—hard-nosed hustlers trying to turn around a lifetime of bad luck in a \$2 exacta box; track rats with their noses buried in past-performance lines. Guys like Lewis, an elderly blind man who panhandles for betting money, playing horses on an irrational number system.

His theory? "Add up the top and bottom numbers in the first three races...add up the top and bottom numbers in the last three races...now count down 71 horses."

Looking to find a better way to bet, McClelland hooked up with Scott McMannis at his 'Rebel Enclave' at Arlington. McMannis is all numbers and charts, all patience and discipline, and tries to mold a ragtag band of would-be handicappers in his image.

McClelland embarks on a 'McChump Tour,' bouncing around the midwest from bull ring to bull ring, making time for the Miles City Bucking Horse Sale at the Eastern Montana Fairgrounds—an annual event of street dances, livestock auctions and the \$8,075 Paint Horse Derby.

As a relative newcomer to the sport, McClelland knows to not get mired down in racetrack jargon. It's its own language, and any term that may be foreign to the reader is explained. Exactas and superfectas and bullets and bugs quickly enter the lexicon of track novices. Forgot what a chalk is? McClelland has been nice enough to include a glossary in the back. The book, however, doesn't suffer because McClelland is patient with those who don't know. It's not a beginner's guide to the track.

McClelland does well to give us both sides of gambling—not just the sad storylines of folks who didn't know when to step away from the window. He explains the appeal of poring over the *Form*, the intellectual pursuit and the drive to be smarter than the fellow standing next to you in the paddock, but also the comradery that develops between bettors.

Most of the players in racing—whether owners, trainers, jockeys or handicappers—suffer through disappointment on a regular basis in search of that one moment in the sun. When it comes, the feeling can make it all worthwhile, and the lessons learned en route should not be underestimated. McClelland understands, and after completing *Horseplayers*--at a very manageable 263 pages--maybe the reader will, too.



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