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HIGH VOLTAGE

Earle Mack's **Electrocutionist** (Red Ransom) had already endeared himself to Italian racegoers and his first venture abroad yielded the ultimate accolade as the 9-2 third favorite swooped fast, wide and late to deny G1 Japan Cup winner **Zenno Rob Roy** (Jpn) (Sunday Silence) by a neck in a fevered climax to yesterday's aptly named G1 Juddmonte International S. at York. Although the eagerly awaited contest was low in quantity, it didn't lack for quality, nor excitement, as Michael Kinane timed his powerful run to perfection nearest the stands rail to secure the prize in the shades of the post.



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"Before the race, I told Michael there were no orders, just to stay behind if they went fast enough," explained conditioner Valfredo Valiani, "He is such a good jockey, I also said I wouldn't complain if he changed the orders. He was perfect and it was a brilliant ride." Click for the [Racing Post chart](#) or the [free brisnet.com catalogue-style pedigree](#).

Tuesday, York, Britain

JUDDMONTE INTERNATIONAL S.-G1, £460,000, York, 8-16, 3yo/up, 10f 88ydsT, 2:07.47, gd.

1--**ELECTROCUTIONIST, 131, c, 4, by Red Ransom**

- 1st Dam: Elbaaha (GB), by Arazi
- 2nd Dam: Gesedeh (Ire), by Ela-Mana-Mou (Ire)
- 3rd Dam: Le Melody (GB), by Levmosse (Ire)

O-Earle Mack; B-Compagnia Generale SRL; T-Valfredo Valiani; J-Michael Kinane; £266,800. Lifetime Record: G1SW-Ity 7-6-1-0, £616,936.

2--**Zenno Rob Roy (Jpn), 131, h, 5, Sunday Silence--**

Roamin Rachel, by Mining. (¥90,000,000 fl '00 JPNJUL). O-Mrs Kumiko Oosako; B-Shiraoi Farm; T-Kazuo Fujisawa; £101,200.

3--**Maraahel (Ire), 131, c, 4, Alzao--Nasanice (Ire), by Nashwan.** O-Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum; B-Shadwell Estate Company Ltd; T-Sir Michael Stoute; £50,600.

Margins: NK, HD, HF. Odds: 9-2, 4-1, 8-1.

Also ran: Ace (Ire), Norse Dancer (Ire), Doyen (Ire), New Morning (Ire).

HARD ACT TO FOLLOW

Without the awesome presence of G1 Irish Oaks heroine Shawanda (Ire), today's G1 Yorkshire Oaks is up for grabs and the Sangster Family's **Playful Act** (Ire) (Sadler's Wells) will be looking to become the first lady on the Knavesmire. Last year's G2 May Hill S. and G1 Fillies' Mile victress scrambled home on her return in the July 2 G2 Lancashire Oaks at Haydock before being upstaged by the French wonder in the Irish Oaks last time July 17, but has star billing this time. "She is in good form and ran very well in the Irish Oaks, beaten by what I believe is an exceptional filly," trainer John Gosden commented. "She worked nicely with Jimmy Fortune on Wednesday and it would be nice if they got more rain." Among the opposition is Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum's **Eswarah** (GB) (Unfuwain), who captured the G1 Epsom Oaks June 3 before losing her unbeaten tag when eighth in the G1 King George VI and Queen Elizabeth Diamond S. at Newbury on her last start July 23. She needs to rebound off that effort, but if she succeeds, she will be in the exalted company of Sun Princess (GB), Circus Plume (GB), Diminuendo, User Friendly (GB) and Ramruma, all of whom completed the Epsom-Yorkshire Oaks double. (cont. p2)



Playful Act Action Plus

Wednesday, York, Britain, post time: 3:05 p.m.

ASTON UPTHORPE YORKSHIRE OAKS-G1, £250,000, 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/2mT

| SC | PP | HORSE | SIRE | TRAINER | WT |
|----|----|----------------------|-------------------|----------------|-----|
| 1 | 8 | Hazarista (Ire) | Barathea (Ire) | Oxx | 130 |
| 2 | 10 | Lune d'Or (Fr) | Green Tune | Gibson | 130 |
| 3 | 5 | Punctilious (GB) | Danehill | bin Suroor | 130 |
| 4 | 1 | Aunt Julia (GB) | In the Wings (GB) | Hannon | 120 |
| 5 | 4 | Dash to the Top (GB) | Montjeu (Ire) | Cumani | 120 |
| 6 | 6 | Eswarah (GB) | Unfuwain | M Jarvis | 120 |
| 7 | 7 | Favourita (GB) | Diktat (GB) | C Brittain | 120 |
| 8 | 3 | Iota (Ger) | Tiger Hill (Ire) | Schiergen | 120 |
| 9 | 11 | Playful Act (Ire) | Sadler's Wells | Gosden | 120 |
| 10 | 9 | Right Key (Ire) | Key of Luck | K Prendergast | 120 |
| 11 | 2 | Shamdala (Ire) | Grand Lodge | de Royer-Dupre | 120 |

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☆ INTERNATIONALS. CONT. ☆

POWERHOUSE Electrocutonist stepped up from winning last year's Listed Gran Premio d'Italia to lose his unbeaten record when second to Shirocco (Ger) in October's G1 Gran Premio del Jockey Club Italiano at Milan's San Siro. He opened 2005 with a win in the G2 Premio Carlo d'Alessio at Rome May 22 and followed up with a hard-fought triumph in the G1 Gran Premio di Milano June 19. The blaze-faced bay was reserved several lengths in rear as Ace (Ire) (Danehill) set solid fractions from the gate in this contest. Mick Kinane inched his mount closer once into the long straight and he was ideally positioned on the heels of the leaders as the tempo increased on the run to the final quarter-mile. It was a sight to behold as battle was joined with new leader Maraahel, Norse Dancer (Ire) (Halling), Ace and Zenno Rob Roy, all five abreast at the eighth pole. Electrocutonist did not disappoint from there, running on strongest under a forceful drive for the win. "I will have to talk to Mr. Mack's racing manager and he will decide what we shall do," explained Valiani, who made a successful trip to this venue in the G1 Yorkshire Oaks with Super Tassa (Ire) in 2001. "I think he is a great horse for the [G1] Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe [Longchamp Oct. 2], unless it was really soft ground, and I think he deserves an option for the Breeders' Cup [Oct. 29] too." The sporting trainer was also keen to praise the runner-up. "I thought Zenno Rob Roy looked very well in the paddock beforehand--he is a true champion so this is a big honor," Valiani continued. "I must congratulate the Japanese team because they have done very, very well."

Zealous Zenno...

Connections of Japanese raider Zenno Rob Roy (Jpn) were rightly proud of his courageous effort, although representative Nobutaka Tada nominated the ground as a possible factor for defeat. "He tried very hard and we are very proud of him," Tada told *PA Sport*. "The jockey said the horse was losing his stride on the ground--it was a bit loose so that gave him trouble, but it was worthwhile coming here." Looking to possible future targets, he added, "He is in the [G1] Irish Champion S. [Leopardstown Sept. 10] and the Arc, but we will see how he takes this race first before we make any decisions." The mood of the runner-up's camp was dampened as jockey Yutaka Take incurred the wrath of local stewards and was given a four-day ban (Aug. 27-30) for using his whip with excessive frequency in the forehand position.

(Yorkshire Oaks preview cont.)

As with all three of this meet's Group 1 events, there is an international flavor in the form of Gestut Schlenderhan's unbeaten **Iota (Ger)** (Tiger Hill {Ire}). She followed success in the G3 Schwarzgold-Rennen at Cologne May 16 with an authoritative four-length score in the G1 Preis der Diana at Hamburg last time June 5. Trainer Peter Schiergen is hoping she can go one better than Guadalupe (Ger) three years ago. "She is fresh and well and has had a little break since the Diana," he told the *Racing Post*. "Our filly has not made a mistake in her life, and we hope she has a chance of winning some money as long as the others are not too good." His Highness the Aga Khan will be represented by two runners: last year's third **Hazarista (Ire)** (Barathea {Ire}), who bids to provide conditioner John Oxx with his second renewal after the exploits of Key Change (Ire) in 1996 and the Alain de Royer-Dupre-trained **Shamdala (Ire)** (Grand Lodge). The latter may prove an able deputy for stablemate Shawanda if she builds on her last-time out defeat of the smart Fraloga (Ire) in the July 14 Listed Prix de Thiberville at Longchamp.

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(Results cont.)

Tuesday, York, Britain

DAILY TELEGRAPH GREAT VOLTIGEUR S.-G2, £135,000, York, 8-16, 3yo, c/g, 1 1/2mT, 2:32.04, gd.
 1--#**@HARD TOP (IRE)**, 121, c, 3, by Darshaan (GB)
 1st Dam: Well Head (Ire), by Sadler's Wells
 2nd Dam: River Dancer (Ire), by Irish River (Fr)
 3rd Dam: Dancing Shadow (Ire), by Dancer's Image
 O/B-Ballymacoll Stud Farm Ltd; T-Sir Michael Stoute; J-M Kinane; £78,300. Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-0, £81,921.
 2--**The Geezer (GB)**, 121, c, 3, Halling--Polygueza (Fr), by Be My Guest. (21,000gns yrl '03 TATDEC).
 O-J C Smith; B-Wickfield Farm Partnership; T-David Elsworth; £29,700.

3--**Avalon (GB)**, 121, c, 3, Kingmambo--Lady Carla (GB), by Caerleon. (1,000,000gns yrl '03 TATHOU).
 O-Michael Tabor & Susan Magnier; B-Addison Racing Ltd Inc; T-Aidan O'Brien; £14,850.

Margins: HF, HF, 4. Odds: 6-1, 6-4, 6-1.

Also ran: Kong (Ire), Brahminy Kite, Melrose Avenue.

Hard Top, fifth to Proclamation (Ire) in a Newmarket maiden last October, returned to take a Lingfield maiden in polished fashion July 20. That effort took on added luster when Proclamation garnered the G1 Sussex S. at Goodwood a week later. Taking a giant leap in class for this group race debut, the bay homebred staked his claim for the G1 St Leger at Doncaster Sept. 10 with this impressive performance. "He ran a promising race as a two-year-old, but got held up in the spring with niggles, so we couldn't get going until the other day [at Lingfield]," explained trainer Sir Michael Stoute. Positioned behind Melrose Avenue (Kris S.) and Brahminy Kite (Silver Hawk) from the outset, Hard Top was coaxed along soon after turning for home and angled outside for his run with 2 1/2 furlongs remaining. He looked held as The Geezer took a commanding advantage into the final furlong, but surged again to seize the glory from that rival nearing the line. As for a possible attempt at elusive St. Leger, Stoute continued, "We came here to find out if he was a Leger horse, and I think the trip [at Doncaster] will suit him." **Click for the [Racing Post chart](#) or the [brisnet.com catalogue-style pedigree](#).**

Tuesday, York, Britain

WEATHERBYS INSURANCE LONSDALE CUP-G2, £125,000, York, 8-16, 3yo/up, 15f 198ydsT, 3:22.71, gd.

1--**MILLENARY (GB)**, 130, h, 8, by Rainbow Quest
 1st Dam: Ballerina (Ire), by Dancing Brave
 2nd Dam: Dancing Shadow (Ire), by Dancer's Image
 3rd Dam: Sunny Valley (Ire), by Val de Loir (Fr)
 O-L Neil Jones; B-Abergwaun Farms; T-John Dunlop; J-Richard Quinn; £72,500. Lifetime Record: G1SW-GB, G1SP-Ger & GSP-Fr, 33-11-5-7, £894,931. * Full to Head in the Clouds (GB), GSW-GB & GSP-Fr; and 1/2 to Let the Lion Roar (GB) (Sadler's Wells), G1SP-GB, \$449,746.

2--**Distinction (Ire)**, 130, g, 6, Danehill--Ivy Leaf (Ire), by Nureyev. (28,000gns wnl '99 TATDEC; Ir£190,000 yrl '00 GOFORB). O-Highclere Thoroughbred Racing Ltd; B-Orpendale & Minch Bloodstock; T-Sir Michael Stoute; £27,500.

3--**Songlark (GB)**, 127, h, 5, Singspiel (Ire)--Negligent (Ire), by Ahonoora (GB). O-Godolphin; B-Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum; T-Saeed bin Suroor; £13,750.

Margins: 2HF, 1HF, 1 1/4. Odds: 12-1, 8-11, 11-2.

Also ran: Cover Up (Ire), Astrocharm (Ire), Lost Soldier Three (Ire), Kasthari (Ire), Cruzspiel (GB).

Eight-year-old Millenary rolled back the years with his typical late swoop for his 10th career stakes win. Successful in the G1 St Leger in his sophomore year, Millenary won the G3 Jockey Club Cup at Newmarket last October, but made uninspired runs in the G2 Yorkshire Cup May 13 and G2 Princess of Wales's S. back at Newmarket July 6. He hinted at a return to form when third in the G2 Goodwood Cup July 28 and came back to near his best for this score. Jockey Richard Quinn engaged autopilot aboard the bay in the rear as Cruzspiel (GB) (Singspiel {Ire}) and Kasthari (Ire) (Vettori {Ire}) guided the field into the straight. He progressed until let loose at the eighth pole and responded to sympathetic handling from there to win a shade cozily. "That was one of the most impressive performances of his career," claimed Quinn, twice successful aboard Persian Punch (Ire) in this contest. "He's got a turn of foot, you just have to deliver him right and it all went perfect today." **Click for the [Racing Post chart](#) or the [brisnet.com catalogue-style pedigree](#).**

| LEADING SIRES IN EUROPE IN 2005 | | | LEADING 2YO SIRES IN EUROPE IN 2005 | | |
|---------------------------------|------------------|-----------|-------------------------------------|-----------------|---------|
| IN ORDER OF PRIZE MONEY | | | IN ORDER OF PRIZE MONEY | | |
| Rank | Sire | Total £ | Rank | Sire | Total £ |
| 1 | MONTJEU | 3,013,375 | 1 | DANEHILL | 578,687 |
| 2 | DANEHILL | 2,749,241 | 2 | DANEHILL DANCER | 328,957 |
| 3 | GIANT'S CAUSEWAY | 1,811,915 | | | |
| 4 | SADLER'S WELLS | 1,751,123 | | | |
| 5 | NIGHT SHIFT | 1,638,941 | | | |
| 6 | Kingmambo | 1,514,812 | | | |

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Wednesday, York, Britain, post time: 1:55 p.m.
SCOTTISH EQUITABLE GIMCRACK S.-G2, £130,000,
2yo, c/g, 6fT

| SC | PP | HORSE | SIRE | TRAINER |
|----|----|-------------------------|---------------------|------------|
| 1 | 7 | Red Clubs (Ire) | Red Ransom | B Hills |
| 2 | 5 | Advanced (GB) | Night Shift | Charlton |
| 3 | 9 | Amadeus Wolf (GB) | Mozart (Ire) | K Ryan |
| 4 | 6 | Assertive (GB) | Bold Edge (GB) | Hannon |
| 5 | 10 | Balthazaar's Gift (Ire) | Xaar (GB) | Littmoden |
| 6 | 3 | Mullaad (Ire) | Mull of Kintyre | T Easterby |
| 7 | 2 | Mutawajid (Ire) | Zafonic | Hannon |
| 8 | 12 | Pacific Pride (GB) | Compton Place (GB) | Johnson |
| 9 | 13 | Playtotheaudience (GB) | Royal Applause (GB) | Fahey |
| 10 | 1 | Saville Road (GB) | Mozart (Ire) | Daly |
| 11 | 11 | Sir Xaar (Ire) | Xaar (GB) | Smart |
| 12 | 8 | Supercast (Ire) | Alhaarth (Ire) | Moore |
| 13 | 4 | Titus Alone (Ire) | Titus Livius (Fr) | Smart |

All carry 123 pounds bar Red Clubs, 128.

Red Clubs returns 10 days after his heavy defeat at the hands of George Washington (Ire) when third in the G1 Phoenix S. at The Curragh. The June 14 G2 Coventry S. winner is burdened with a five-pound penalty that only subsequent Irish 2000 Guineas winner Turtle Island (Ire) defied in recent times, but he hails from the Barry Hills stable, who was successful twice since 1995. With the Northern stables making their presence felt, York's heartland may keep the prize, which features a speech by the winning owner at the Gimcrack dinner, for the first time since 1994.

Blush With Pride..

Pacific Pride represents the new dynamic of Graham Wylie and Howard Johnson, so successful with their major purchases on the national hunt scene during the winter. This colt was 66-1 when almost making all in the Coventry and has enjoyed a confidence-boosting maiden success in the interim at Ayr July 11. Tim Easterby of Somnus (GB) fame saddles **Mullaad**, who beat the Coventry third **Amadeus Wolf** in a Chester conditions event July 8 before finishing third in the G2 Richmond S. at Goodwood last time July 29. Of the unexposed types, **Playtotheaudience** looked promising when winning a six-furlong maiden at Haydock on his latest start July 16 and warrants respect with Kieren Fallon in the saddle.

(Results cont.)

Tuesday, Saga, Japan

SUMMER CHAMPION S.-G3-NAR (Listed), ¥30,000,000 to winner, Saga, 8-16, 3yo/up, 1400m, 1:28.3, gd.

1--**#AGNES JEDI (JPN)**, 119, c, 3, by **Agnes World**
1st Dam: **Lucky Pisces (SW-NA, \$103,088)**,
by **Crafty Prospector**

2nd Dam: **Wig Hill**, by ***Cougar II**

3rd Dam: **Queens Wig**, by **Bald Eagle**

(¥36,000,000 fl '02 JPNJUL). O-Takao Watanabe; B-Shadai Farm (JPN); T-Hideyuki Mori; J-F Komaki; ¥30,000,000. Lifetime Record: 16-3-3-1, ¥86,490,000.
2--**Yoshino Ichibambosi (Jpn)**, 126, c, 4, Toyo Lyphard (Jpn)--Subaru Madonna (Jpn), by Shady Heights (GB). O-Masaaki Noda; B-Shizuo Sakai (JPN).

3--**Wonder Haab (Jpn)**, 123, h, 6, Erhaab--Hoppo Maria (Jpn), by Amber Shadai (Jpn). O-Nobuyuki Yamamoto; B-Nobuoka Farm (JPN).

Margins: NK, 3/4, 3. Odds: 1.8, 6.1, 9.5.

**REMAINING WORLD RACING
CHAMPIONSHIP RACES FOR 2005**

| Date | Track | Race |
|-------|---------------|---------------------------------------------|
| 9-4 | Baden-Baden | Grosser Preis von Baden |
| 9-10 | Leopardstown | Irish Champion S. |
| 10-2 | Longchamp | Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe |
| 10-22 | Moonee Valley | Carlton Draught Cox Plate |
| 10-23 | Woodbine | Pattison Canadian International S. |
| 10-29 | Belmont | Breeders' Cup Turf Breeders' Cup Classic |
| 11-27 | Tokyo | Japan Cup |
| 12-11 | Sha-Tin | Hong Kong Cup |



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Thursday, York, Britain

VC BET NUNTHORPE S.-G1, £220,000, 2yo/up, 5fT

| SC | PP | HORSE | SIRE | JOCKEY | WT |
|----|----|------------------------|---------------------|-----------|-----|
| 1 | 7 | Avonbridge (GB) | Averti (Ire) | Drowne | 137 |
| 2 | 10 | Bahamian Pirate | Housebuster | Sanders | 137 |
| 3 | 2 | Balmont | Stravinsky | Kinane | 137 |
| 4 | 5 | Benbaun (Ire) | Stravinsky | Spencer | 137 |
| 5 | 3 | Boogie Street (GB) | Compton Place (GB) | Hughes | 137 |
| 6 | 14 | Chineur (Fr) | Fasliyev | Lemaire | 137 |
| 7 | 15 | Fayr Jag (Ire) | Fayruz (GB) | R Quinn | 137 |
| 8 | 11 | Fire Up the Band (GB) | Prince Sabo (GB) | Nicholls | 137 |
| 9 | 13 | Majestic Missile (Ire) | Royal Applause (GB) | Fortune | 137 |
| 10 | 6 | Moss Vale (Ire) | Shinko Forest (Ire) | Fallon | 137 |
| 11 | 1 | Orienteur (GB) | Inchinor (GB) | Lynch | 137 |
| 12 | 16 | Talbot Avenue (GB) | Puissance (GB) | Williams | 137 |
| 13 | 12 | The Tatling (Ire) | Perugino | Moore | 137 |
| 14 | 9 | The Trader (Ire) | Selkirk | Durcan | 137 |
| 15 | 8 | La Cucaracha (GB) | Piccolo (GB) | M Hills | 134 |
| 16 | 4 | Nipping (Ire) | Night Shift | Soumillon | 132 |

GUN SALUTE, c, 2002

| | | | |
|-------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| Military | Danzig | Northern Dancer | Nearctic |
| | | Pas de Nom | Natalma |
| | Wavering Girl | Wavering Monarch | Admirals Voyage |
| | | Battle Creek Girl | Petitioner (GB) |
| Hail Roberta Unraced 8FIs, 1G1SW, 1SP | Roberto | Hail to Reason | Majestic Light |
| | | Bramalea | Uncommitted |
| | Queens Only 33-4-3-4, \$21,978 14FIs, 1GISW, 1GSW | Marshua's Dancer | His Majesty |
| | | Queen of Diamonds | Far Beyond |
| | | | *Turn-to |
| | | | Nothirdchance |
| | | Nashua | |
| | | Rarelea | |
| | | Raise a Native | |
| | | Marshua | |
| | | Alcibiades (GB) | |
| | | Queen Nasra | |

WEEKEND PEDIGREE PERSPECTIVES
by Alan Porter

SECRETARIAT S.-GI, \$400,000, APX, 8-13, 3yo,
1 1/4mT, 2:03 3/5, yl.

1--▲**GUN SALUTE, 123, c, 3, by Military**

1st Dam: Hail Roberta, by Roberto

2nd Dam: Queens Only, by Marshua's Dancer

3rd Dam: Queen of Diamonds, by *Alcibiades II

O/B-Brant Laue (KY); T-William I Mott; J-C Velasquez;
\$240,000. Lifetime Record: 9-5-1-1, \$538,344.

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In his regular *TDN* column, my colleague Bill Oppenheim has more than once drawn notice to the relatively inexpensive young stallion Military. Well, over the weekend, Military broke into the big time when Gun Salute, a three-year-old from his second crop, accounted for odds-on favorite English Channel to take the GI Secretariat S. on Saturday.

Gun Salute captured his first stakes win in the Fore-runner at Keeneland. Third in the Gill Jefferson Cup next time out, he gained a first graded triumph on his most recent start when upsetting the then-unbeaten Purim to take the Gill American Derby. Military is a son of Danzig out of the Canadian champion two-year-old filly Wavering Girl. Physically, at least, he must have taken more after Wavering Girl's sire Wavering Monarch--a notably large horse--than Danzig, as he is advertised as standing at 16.3 hands. (*cont. p6*)

A # will distinguish first-time stakes-winners, a @ will indicate first-time graded stakes-winners, a ▲ will denote a first-time Grade/Group 1 winner, a + will first-time starters, an (S) will be used for state-bred races, a (C) will be used for maiden-claiming races and an (R) will be used for other restricted races. Purses for Canadian races are in Canadian dollars.

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A \$250,000 Keeneland September yearling purchase, Military began his racing career in England. Not surprisingly, in view of his size, he didn't run at two. As a three-year-old, he started five times, but displayed only modest form, taking a 10-furlong maiden event and finishing second in a handicap. Transferred to the barn of Wally Dollase in California for his four-year-old season, Military began to show greatly improved form. Successful in a mile allowance at Hollywood Park, he gained black-type with a victory in the 11-furlong Kobuk King S. The improvement continued with victories in the GII Citation H. at nine furlongs and in the 10-furlong GI Oak Tree Turf Championship. He also finished third in the GII Del Mar H. to end the year with four wins and a third from six starts, his only unplaced effort coming in the GI Breeders' Cup Mile. Military started just once at five, finishing unplaced, but it wasn't until the following year that he began his stud career, retiring to stand at Glencrest Farm in Midway, Kentucky at a fee of \$5,000.

Military's first crop produced 35 named foals, of which 29 have reached the track and 22 have won. Surprisingly, in view of his own race record and his physique, he was represented by nine first-crop two-year-old winners, including Tin Can Sailor, who gained a juvenile stakes victory in the Riley Allison Thoroughbred Futurity. That first crop also contained Atten Hut, a colt who captured the Manila S. at Arlington as a three-year-old; and Victoire Bataille, who was stakes-placed in Churchill Down's Open Mind S. at three. Military's second crop consisting of 27 named foals has produced 21 starters and 10 winners to date, with Military being joined as a stakes winner by Pirates Bite, who took the Regaey Island S. at Ellis Park.

Gun Salute is out of the unraced Hail Roberta, a daughter of Roberto. Hail Roberta had produced seven other foals prior to Gun Salute, but although all seven had won, only the Relaunch gelding Atiba, who placed second in the Columbia S. at Tampa Downs, had earned black type. Despite her non-existent race record and otherwise modest production career, Hail Roberta has a distinguished pedigree.

In addition to being by an Epsom Derby winner, who also owned the distinction of being the only horse ever to defeat the mighty Brigadier Gerard, she is from an outstanding family. Her half brother, Contested Bid (by Alleged) had top-class form on both sides of the Atlantic, finishing second in the G1 Prix Lupin and third in the G1 Irish Derby and the G1 Criterium de Saint-Cloud in Europe, and winning the GIII Hoist the Flag S. as well as finishing third in the GI Budweiser International S. in the U.S. Hail Roberta's half-sister Only Queens (Transworld) did even better. Winner of the GI Demoiselle S. and GII Tempted S. at two, she subsequently produced the GI Beldame S. and GI Gazelle H. heroine Tactile. She also appears as the granddam of graded winners Last Son and Brushing Gloom. Hail Roberta also has two other stakes-producing half sisters: Quiet Rumour, a sister to Contested Bid, is dam of Beebe Lake, who took the Soft Parade S. at Calder; and Quena (The Minstrel), the dam of stakes winner Queen of Norway and the granddam of the GIII San Miguel S. hero Popular.

Gun Salute's granddam Queens Only was just a modest winner, and the only stakes winners under her dam Queen of Diamonds are those which descend from Queens Only. However, the fourth dam Queen Nasra foaled the Gotham S. winner Native Royalty. She is also the granddam of champion two-year-old filly It's In the Air; G1 English Oaks and G1 Irish Derby heroine Balanchine; G1 French 1000 Guineas victress Musical Chimes; Grade/Group 1 winner Storming Home; and group and graded winners Romanov, Summer Note, Humble Eight, Bitoooh, Radu Cool and Slipstream.

Military is a representative of what has been a very productive cross, that of Danzig and his sons over Roberto-line mares. This formula has produced more than 40 stakes winners. In addition to Gun Salute, other notables bred on the Danzig/Roberto cross include GI Breeders' Cup Mile hero War Chant as well as Group/Grade 1 winners Furiously, Yashmak, Lucky Roberto, Istidaad, Roedean and County Tyrone.

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FROM THE DESK OF...
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DIVINING THE MARKET

Yes, that was a collective sigh of relief you heard last week, after the average and median at Saratoga rose by six percent each at the new, slimline, two-night Saratoga sale. After cataloguing one-third more, but selling fewer than 10-percent more, at their "\$100,000-average" sale in Kentucky (the percentage sold, of those offered, plummeted from 75 percent to 61 percent, and the gross actually dropped by four percent), there were plenty of nerves, heading into the Spa. But, limited as the evidence was--103 listed as sold, 31 percent fewer than last year--the other vital signs were good. The clearance rate was only marginally down, from 79 percent to 76 percent, and, though the gross dropped almost \$12.3-million, most observers thought beforehand it could have been down more. The combination of big hitters and pinhookers (who I thought ran rampant at Fasig July, no matter how nervous they were supposed to have been beforehand) provided enough buyers to justify the exercise. There are a few thousand more to go under the hammer next month before we can really say anything definitive about the 2005 American yearling market, but it would be hard to imagine the Saratoga meet without a proper Saratoga sale--maybe not for the hundreds of thousands who go to the races there, but certainly for the hundreds of us who frequent the sale.

What, then, can we divine from Fasig's two sales combined, in which 471 yearlings grossed \$70,521,000, and averaged \$149,726. We have to say first that it's unlikely that we are comparing apples with apples. The \$100,000-average sale saw one-third more horses catalogued, and the \$300,000-average sale had one-third fewer days. But, it's highly unlikely those were interchangeable thirds. Some ex-Saratoga yearlings no doubt did turn up in Fasig July, but it's more likely that sale added a few September Book 3 yearlings, and that Saratoga lost some to September Book 1. So looking at comparable figures from this year and last year, combining the two Fasig sales, may or may not tell us what to expect in September. But they just might anyway. For the two sales combined, there were 15 percent more horses sent through the ring, but just under four percent fewer listed sales, so the combined clearance rate, for those sent through the ring, was significantly down, from 76 percent to 64 percent. The combined gross fell by 16 percent, and the combined average by 13 percent. If the overall September market reflects those figures--15 percent down--I don't think that would be a big surprise; and if it's down less than 15 percent, great. I would call that a good performance for the market, if not for breeders' profit margins.

Another great performance from *Racing Update's* Mike Brown, by the way. In his July 15 edition, he predicted the two-sale gross would be \$71,170,000, so he was within one percent of the actual total. If you like that, he says, you're sure to like their (fairly) new website, www.sireaverages.com; all the averages, minute by minute, hip by hip. Check it out. (cont. p8)

Fasig (July + Saratoga Combined)

| Year | Ring | Sold | %Sld | Gross | Average |
|------------|------|------|------|--------------|-----------|
| 2005 | 737 | 471 | 64% | \$70,521,000 | \$149,726 |
| 2004 | 643 | 488 | 76% | \$84,325,000 | \$172,797 |
| '05 vs '04 | +15% | -3% | | -16% | -13% |

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Hot Sires of New 2005 'A Runners'...

Last week we published mid-year 2005 APEX ratings for the top sires, plus the first figures for sires with their first three-year-olds this year. This week, we thought it would be useful to look at the leading sires and damsires of new 2005 A Runners. Even though this column will be on holiday the next two weeks, the machines will still be whirring, and we will have new APEX ratings for all relevant September sires available, both in the paper and on the TDN website, well before the column returns on Sept. 7 (he predicted, confidently). But, while the machines are whirring, we were able to shake out these two important leaders' lists.

There are no huge surprises among the leading damsires of new 2005 A Runners. Sadler's Wells tops the charts with 12, followed by Deputy Minister and Nureyev with 10 each, and four sires, including Caerleon, with nine each. Among the leading sires, though, it looks absolutely certain that Danehill is on his way to his sixth British/Irish Two-Year-Old Sire championship--not to mention possibly his first British/Irish General Sire championship, if he can overhaul Montjeu. Of Danehill's chart-busting 11 new 2005 A Runners, no fewer than five are two-year-olds. I've never seen a sire have so many two-year-old A Runners this early, and it's probably no coincidence that all five (the colts George Washington, Ivan Denisovich, Horatio Nelson, and Amigoni, and the filly Rumpelstiltskin) are trained by one Aidan O'Brien.

(Oppenheim cont.)

Three sires, tied with eight new 2005 A Runners, are Danehill's closest pursuers at the moment, and perhaps all three of them are a little bit of a surprise. Two are ex-European sires: Halling, who has now been decamped to the UAE and Unfuwain, whose last crop are three-year-olds this year. Four of Halling's eight new A Runners are three-year-olds, but four are either five- or six-year-olds, so that says a lot about their durability as older horses (Halling himself blossomed as a four-year-old). But what a loss Unfuwain is proving to be: Northern Dancer's final top sire son (and the final horse to prove what a great sire of sires he was) also has eight new A Runners this year--all three-year-olds. That would be impressive even if he had Coolmore-size crops. America's representative with eight new A Runners this year is Pulpit, who has been admittedly slow to arrive among the top rung of sires, but is now knocking on the door, with a new, improved 2.97 A Runner Index. Six sires are tied with seven new 2005 A Runners: Europeans Sadler's Wells and Machiavellian (unfortunately now dead), and Americans A.P. Indy, Rahy, Seeking the Gold, and Smart Strike, whose name does just keep popping up on these leading sire lists. At this rate he's going to head one of those lists pretty soon.

DAMSIRES OF NEW A RUNNERS 2005
(NA & EU Sires Only)

| DAMSIRE | NEW A's |
|-----------------|---------|
| SADLER'S WELLS | 12 |
| DEPUTY MINISTER | 10 |
| NUREYEV | 10 |
| CAERLEON | 9 |
| MR. PROSPECTOR | 9 |
| PLEASANT COLONY | 9 |
| STORM CAT | 9 |
| ALYDAR | 7 |
| DIXIELAND BAND | 7 |
| ROYAL ACADEMY | 7 |

SIRES OF NEW A RUNNERS 2005
(NA & EU Sires Only)

| SIRE | NEW A's |
|------------------|---------|
| DANEHILL | 11 |
| HALLING | 8 |
| PULPIT | 8 |
| UNFUWAIN | 8 |
| A.P. INDY | 7 |
| MACHIAVELLIAN | 7 |
| RAHY | 7 |
| SADLER'S WELLS | 7 |
| SEEKING THE GOLD | 7 |
| SMART STRIKE | 7 |



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WHEELAWAY FILLY TOPS FASIG FINALE A filly from the first crop of GISP Wheelaway (Unbridled) topped Monday's final session of the Fasig-Tipton New York-bred Yearlings Sale in Saratoga Springs with a final bid of \$160,000. The gray yearling, out of Karusha (Gate Dancer), was consigned by Summerfield, agent. Harvey Clarke made the winning bid. During the two-day auction, Fasig-Tipton sold 105 yearlings for \$4,975,500. The average fell 5.2 percent to \$47,386, but the median rose 11.1 percent to \$45,000. The buy-back rate was 42.6 percent.

**FASIG-TIPTON NY-BRED YEARLINGS
MONDAY'S TOP LOTS**

| | | | | |
|------------|------------|----------------------------------------|-----------------------|------------------|
| Hip | Sex | Sire | Dam | Price |
| 312 | filly | Wheelaway | Karusha | \$160,000 |
| | | B-Mina Equivest | | |
| | | Consigned by Summerfield, agent | | |
| | | Purchased by Harvey Clarke | | |
| 373 | colt | City Zip | Scherzando | \$142,000 |
| | | B-Eaton & Thorne, Inc | | |
| | | Consigned by Thorndale Farm, agent | | |
| | | Purchased by Barry Berkelhammer, agent | | |
| 335 | filly | Include | Ms Jaguar Type | \$100,000 |
| | | B-Joan T Simpson | | |
| | | Consigned by Denali Stud, Agent VI | | |
| | | Purchased by Murray Smith | | |

STAKES CLOSINGS

TODAY, WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 17:

08-27 \$150,000 **Arlington Breeders' Cup Sprint, AP, 3yo/up, 6f (100)**

09-05 \$300,000a **Niagara Breeders' Cup H.-II, Wo, 3yo/up, 12fT (300)**

TOMORROW, THURSDAY, AUGUST 18:

08-28 \$250,000 **Del Mar H.-II, Dmr, 3yo/up, 11fT (250)**



Yesterday's Results:

4th-DEL, \$39,900, Msw, 2yo, 5f, :58 3/5, gd.
+ **WILD REX (c, 2, Wild Event--Stormy Dynasty {SP}, by Future Storm)**, dismissed at 10-1, jumped out to the early lead and was never threatened in a 5 1/2-length victory. Behavioral Finance (Touch Gold) was second. Wild Rex was a \$35,000 FTMMAY juvenile. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$23,400.
O-Daniel M Ryan. B-Arthur I Appleton (FL). T-Michael V Pino.

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**FASIG-TIPTON NY-BRED YEARLINGS
MONDAY, AUG. 15, 2005**

| Session Totals | 2005 | 2004 |
|--------------------------|-------------------|-------------|
| No. Offered | 93 | 89 |
| No. Sold | 50 | 59 |
| RNAs | 43 | 30 |
| % RNAs | 46.2% | 33.7% |
| Gross | \$2,491,500 | \$3,134,500 |
| Average (% change) | \$49,830 (-6.2%) | \$53,127 |
| Median (% change) | \$50,000 (+11.1%) | \$45,000 |
| Cumulative Totals | 2005 | 2004 |
| No. Offered | 183 | 182 |
| No. Sold | 105 | 112 |
| RNAs | 78 | 70 |
| % RNAs | 42.6% | 38.5% |
| Gross | \$4,975,500 | \$5,596,500 |
| Average (% change) | \$47,386 (-5.2%) | \$49,969 |
| Median (% change) | \$45,000 (+11.1%) | \$40,500 |

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IN BRITAIN:

Palace Episode, c, 2, Machiavellian. See "Britain."

IN FRANCE:

Quinmaster, c, 3, Linamix (Fr). See "France."

★ INDUSTRY INFO ★

NTRA National Pick 4 Handles over \$1-million:

The National Thoroughbred Racing Association's National Pick 4 Wager, offered in conjunction with the 'Emirates Airline Super Saturday' series, drew total handle of \$1,162,771 and a payoff of \$1,301.60 for each \$1 winning ticket. Last weekend's Pick 4 was comprised of the GI Arlington Million (Powerscourt, \$12.40), GI Beverly D. S. (Angara, \$14.80), GI Sword Dancer Invit. H. (King's Drama, \$6.70) and GI Alfred G. Vanderbilt H. (Pomeroy, \$9.40). "We easily exceeded our pool guarantee, and we look forward to offering more NTRA products linking television and national wagers in the future," said Ken Kurichner, NTRA's senior vice president of product development. The next NTRA Pick 4 wager will be offered during the upcoming installment of Emirates Super Saturday Series Oct. 1.

Rockingham Joins Forces with Millennium Gaming:

Rockingham Venture Inc., owner of Rockingham Park in New Hampshire, announced yesterday that it has joined forces with Millennium Gaming Inc and Cannery Casino Resorts LLC in an effort to upgrade its live product and create additional entertainment opportunities. "This agreement gives Rockingham the opportunity to bring back the type of first-class live Thoroughbred and harness racing which is part of the tradition of Rockingham Park," said Ed Callahan, vice president and general manager of Rockingham Park. "We are in the preliminary stages of developing our plan to enhance and expand our existing facilities to create a world-class entertainment complex." Callahan indicated that plans would include expanded gaming at the Salem oval, assuming the state legalizes video lottery terminals at the existing track. Rockingham currently runs live harness racing during the spring and summer.

The **brisnet.com** 'Race of the Day' is the 6th Race, \$50,000 Allowance, at Saratoga. For pps and a complete race analysis, click [here](#).

FRESHMAN FOCUS

First-crop progeny to watch: Wed., Aug. 17

Sire (Sire's Sire), Farm, 2002 Fee, #2yos/Winners/SW
Race #-track, race type, distance, runner, odds (if available)
CITY ZIP (Carson City), Lane's End, \$8K, 66/7/0
 4-CT, Alw, 4 1/2f, Love Potion Zip, \$32K EAS MAY 2yo, 3-1
LUFTIKUS (Meadowlake), Taylor Mtn, \$3K, 39/1/0
 4-CT, Alw, 4 1/2f, +Blue Ribbon Choice, 15-1
PUT IT BACK (Honour and Glory), Bridlewood, \$5K, 34/1/1
 5-SAR, Msw, 5 1/2f, Mr Retsof, \$100K EAS MAY 2yo, 6-1
SONGANDAPRAYER (Unbridled's Song), Walmac South, \$10K, 61/5/2
 5-SAR, Msw, 5 1/2f, +Dade County, \$200K OBS FEB 2yo, 6-1
TALK IS MONEY (Deputy Minister), Millennium, \$5K, 44/3/0
 4-CT, Alw, 4 1/2f, Moneybru, \$29K TEX MAR 2yo, 7-2

SOPHOMORE SPOTLIGHT

Stakes/First-time Starters to Watch: Wed., Aug. 17

Sire (Sire's Sire), Farm, 2001 Fee, #foals of racing age/Winners/SW
Race #-track, race type, distance, runner, odds (if available)
ADCAT (Storm Cat), Farnsworth, \$5K, 73/13/1
 7-SAR, Stk, 1 1/8m, His Beauty, 5-1
CATIENUS (Storm Cat), Highcliff, \$4K, 112/35/3
 5-SAR, Msw, 5 1/2f, +Connecticat, \$3K NEW MIX yrl, 30-1
DAVID (Mt. Livermore), Dutchess, \$3K, 21/7/1
 7-SAR, Stk, 1 1/8m, If It's Meant to B, \$35K OBS MAR 2yo, 15-1
DIXIE UNION (Dixieland Band), Lane's End, \$30K, 126/29/4
 5-SAR, Msw, 5 1/2f, +High Cotton, \$110K KEE SEP yrl, 7-2
 5-SAR, Msw, 5 1/2f, +Unification, \$750K BAR MAR 2yo, 6-1
HIGH YIELD (Storm Cat), Ashford, \$25K, 199/36/1
 5-SAR, Msw, 5 1/2f, +Riproarious, \$160K OBS FEB 2yo, 10-1
ROYAL ANTHEM (Theatrical (IRE)), Hopewell, \$10K, 144/20/1
 7-SAR, Stk, 1 1/8m, Finlandia, 10-1
STRAIGHT MAN (Saint Ballado), Dunhill, \$5K, 157/38/0
 7-DEL, Msw, 1mT, +Straight Lemonade, \$50K EAS MAY 2yo, 9-2
SUCCESSFUL APPEAL (Valid Appeal), Walmac, \$5K, 81/26/8
 5-SAR, Msw, 5 1/2f, +Formal Appeal, \$750K FTF FEB 2yo, 3-1
WAR CHANT (Danzig), Three Chimneys, \$60K, 111/21/6
 3-WO, Msw, 1mT, +Light Tower Power, \$50K OBS APR 2yo, 4-1

A # will distinguish first-time stakes-winners, a @ will indicate first-time graded stakes-winners, a ▲ will denote a first-time Grade/Group 1 winner, a + will first-time starters, an (S) will be used for state-bred races, a (C) will be used for maiden-claiming races and an (R) will be used for other restricted races.

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Yesterday's Results:

ACOMB S.-Listed, £27,000, York, 8-16, 2yo, 7fT, 1:24.27, gd.

1--#**PALACE EPISODE, 125, c, 2, by Machiavellian**

1st Dam: Palace Weekend, by Seattle Dancer

2nd Dam: Royal Run, by Wavering Monarch

3rd Dam: Kazadancoa (Fr), by Green Dancer

(\$100,000 yrl '04 KEESEP). O-T Marnane; B-C Clay & Runnymede Farm; T-K Ryan; J-K Fallon; £16,200.

Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, £20,305.

2--**Araafa (Ire)**, 122, c, 2, Mull of Kintyre--Resurgence (GB), by Polar Falcon. (48,000gns wnl '03 TATDEC; 150,000gns yrl '04 TATOCT). £6,210.

3--**Silver Blue (Ire)**, 122, c, 2, Indian Lodge (Ire)--Silver Echo (Ire), by Caerleon. (€35,000 yrl '04 GOFORB). £3,105.

Margins: 1 1/4, SHD, HF. Odds: 16-1, 7-2, 11-1.

Also Ran: Ashaawes, Lake Poet (Ire), Jamieson Gold (Ire), Regal Royale (GB), Certain Circles.

Dismissed by the majority of punters, Palace Episode belied 16-1 odds to secure this stakes debut in decisive fashion. Returning from a first-out success at Catterick July 20, he broke well and settled third on the outside as Ashaawes (Kingmambo) led into the straight. He was pushed along approaching the final quarter mile and responded to a persistent Kieren Fallon drive inside the last 100 meters to assert from the running-on Araafa. "We expected a lot of improvement from his previous run and there's a lot more to come yet," explained winning trainer Kevin Ryam. "He'll definitely get a mile--he's got a high cruising speed and can quicken, so we've a lot to look forward to."

York, 1.20, Hcp, £34,410, 3yo/up, 12fT, 2:35.33, gd. **CAMROSE (GB) (c, 4, Zafonic--Tularosa {GB}, by In The Wings {GB})**, fourth in a Goodwood handicap July 26, had blinkers applied for the first time in this meeting opener. Positioned in a stalking fourth behind a steady pace, the 12-1 chance was pushed into a slight lead at the quarter-mile marker and was ridden clear from the eighth pole to account for Spring Jim (GB) (First Trump {GB}) by an easy three lengths. Lifetime Record: 17-3-3-2, £53,194.

O-Nicholas Cooper; B-Normandie Stud; T-John Dunlop.

York, 4.10, Hcp, £22,900, 2yo, 6fT, 1:10.89, gd. **PRINCE OF LIGHT (IRE) (c, 2, Fantastic Light--Miss Queen, by Miswaki)** broke his maiden at Goodwood last time July 26 and went postward for this competitive handicap as the well-backed 9-2 joint favorite. Racing in a prominent third from the outset, he eased to the outright lead at the quarter-mile marker and was ridden out inside the final furlong to safely account for Final Verse (GB) (Mark of Esteem {Ire}) by 1 3/4 lengths. The half brother to Chateau Istana (GB) (Grand Lodge), GSW-GB, \$127,643, was a €130,000 GOFFEB yearling purchase. Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-1, £23,850. O-Claire Riordan & Kieran Coughlan; B-High Bramley Grange Stud Ltd; T-Mark Johnston.

Wednesday, York, post time: 3:35 p.m.

COSTCUTTER ROSES S.-Listed, £30,000, 2yo, c/g, 5fT

| SC | PP | HORSE | SIRE | TRAINER |
|----|----|------------------------|---------------------|-----------|
| 1 | 2 | Green Park (Ire) | Shinko Forest (Ire) | Hannon |
| 2 | 7 | Ajigolo (GB) | Piccolo (GB) | Channon |
| 3 | 5 | Colorus (Ire) | Night Shift | Fahey |
| 4 | 9 | Desert Realm (Ire) | Desert Prince (Ire) | Johnston |
| 5 | 8 | Figaro Flyer (Ire) | Mozart (Ire) | Howling |
| 6 | 6 | Godfrey Street (GB) | Compton Place (GB) | Hannon |
| 7 | 1 | Louie Louie (Ire) | King Charlemagne | Callaghan |
| 8 | 3 | Moorhouse Lad (GB) | Bertolini | Woodward |
| 9 | 4 | Tabaret (GB) | Bertolini | Whitaker |
| 10 | 10 | Triskaidekaphobia (GB) | Bertolini | Burke |

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★ FRANCE ★

Yesterday's Results:

Clairefontaine, 2.50, Cond, €25,000, 3yo, f, 1 3/8mT, 2:31.50, gd/sf.

VIOLET LANE (GB) (f, 3, Danzero {Aus}--Banafsajee {MSW-Fr}, by Pleasant Colony), a half sister to Banksia (GB) (Marju {Ire}), SW-Fr, was let go at 33-5 despite winning last time at Vichy July 18. The Sheikh Maktoum colorbearer stalked the pace in second for most of this return. Coaxed along to tackle Reynosa (Ire) (Montjeu {Ire}) soon after turning for home, she proved a head better than that rival after a thrilling final-furlong duel. Lifetime Record: 6 starts, 3 wins, 2 places, €28,550.

O-Sheikh Maktoum bin Rashid al Maktoum;
B-Gainsborough Stud Management Ltd; T-Criquette Head-Maarek.

Clairefontaine, 1.50, Cond, €25,000, 3yo, c/g, 1 3/8mT, 2:22.70, gd/sf.

QUINMASTER (c, 3, Linamix {Fr}--Sherkiya {Ire}, by Goldneyev), third over an extra panel at Chantilly July 25, was reserved off the pace in fifth until encouraged for an effort swinging wide into the straight. Pushed along to challenge approaching the final furlong, the 11-10 pick grabbed the lead with 100 meters remaining and kept on well from there to deny pacesetter Carlux (Fr) (Linamix {Fr}) by a half-length. A 150,000gns TATHOU yearling purchase, he is a half brother to Choc Ice (Ire) (Kahyasi {Ire}), GISW-NA, SW & MG1SP-Fr, GSP-Ity, \$525,196. Lifetime Record: 8 starts, 2 wins, 5 places, €40,950.

O-Ecurie des Monceaux; B-Farish & Farish LLC;
T-Carlos Lerner.

★ ON THE WORKTAB ★
CALDER

D'Wildcat Speed (Forest Wildcat), 5f, 1:01.60, 2/14

DEL MAR

Choctaw Nation (Louis Quatorze), 5f, 1:00.80, 13/28

Congrats (A.P. Indy), 5f, 1:00.60, 12/28

Beau Soleil (General Meeting), 5f, :57.40, 1/28

Fusaichi Rock Star (Wild Wonder), 4f, :46.40, 1/27

Resplendency (Tale of the Cat), 4f, :48.60, 15/27

Rock Hard Ten (Kris S.), 5f, 1:00.40, 11/28

Siphonizer (Siphon {Brz}), 5f, 1:00.20, 7/28

Total Impact (Chi) (Stuka), 5f, :59.00, 4/28

SARATOGA

Aggadan (Carnivalay), 6f, 1:16.17, 1/2

A.P. Arrow (A.P. Indy), 4f (tr), :48.96, 2/8

Forest Music (Unbridled's Song), 5f (tr), 1:04.71, 2/4

Henny Hughes (Hennessy), 5f, :59.01, 1/11

Honey Ryder (Lasting Approval), 4fT, :49.53, 4/8

Roman Ruler (Fusaichi Pegasus), 4f, :45.98, 1/33

Ruler's Court (Doneraile Court), 4f, :51.31, 30/33

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ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

7th-DMR, \$60,800, 8-15, Opt. Clm. (\$25,000), NW1X, (S), 3yo/up, 6f, 1:09 1/5, ft.

SLIDE HOME (c, 3, Western Fame--Fatihma, by Fatih) Lifetime Record: 6-2-0-0, \$70,940. O-Joe Pesci & Ray Sainz. B-Applebite Farms (CA). T-Wesley A Ward. *\$17,000 yrl '03 BESOCT.

8th-DEL, \$43,600, NW2X, 3yo/up, f/m, 1m (off turf), 1:40 2/5, gd.

SHE'S ROSALIE JANE (m, 5, Sir Cat--She's Royal, by His Majesty) Lifetime Record: 22-8-2-1, \$150,610. O-Home Team Stables. B-K 2 Equine LLC (KY). T-Scott A Lake. *\$8,000 wlng '00 KEENOV; \$6,700 yrl '01 FTMOCT.

6th-DEL, \$41,600, NW1X, 3yo, 5 1/2f, 1:05, gd.

RUFFLES AND RIDGES (g, 3, Quaker Ridge--Dara's Appeal, by Valid Appeal) Lifetime Record: 20-7-3-4, \$128,800. O-One & Won Stable. B-Donna Colli (FL). T-King T Leatherbury. *\$2,200 yrl '03 OBSJAN; \$9,500 yrl '03 OBSOCT.

5th-DEL, \$41,600, NW1X, 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:12 2/5, gd.

MAID GUINEVERE (f, 3, Gilded Time--Dear Guinevere, by Fearless Knight) Lifetime Record: 15-3-6-2, \$92,560. O-John D Murphy Sr. B-Mr & Mrs Fred M Mitchell (KY). T-Michael E Gorham. *\$70,000 yrl '03 FTKJUL. **1/2 to Carson Creek (Carson City), GSP, \$195,476; Mass Market (Marquetry), GSW & GISP, \$452,320.

8th-CRC, \$28,000, Opt. Clm. (\$25,000), NW2X, 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:11, ft.

BABAGANUSH (f, 3, Capture the Gold--Saramy, by Personal Hope) Lifetime Record: SW, 11-3-1-3, \$166,550. O-Tanourin Stable. B-Clover Leaf Farms II, Inc (FL). T-Rodolfo Garcia. *\$31,000 2yo '04 OBSAPR.

9th-EVD, \$26,850, Opt. Clm. (\$30,000), NW4L, 3yo/up, 1m, 1:41, ft.

WALK IN THE SNOW (h, 6, In a Walk--Snow Starlet, by Snow Chief) Lifetime Record: MSW, 32-10-12-2, \$539,790. O-Ginger A Taylor. B-Virginia S Cobb (LA). T-Peter P Derousselle.

6th-CRC, \$25,000, Opt. Clm. (\$20,000), NW3L, 3yo/up, 1 1/16mT, 1:41 4/5, fm.

SCALATOR (c, 3, Fusaichi Pegasus--From Time to Time {SW, \$164,735}, by Rahy) Lifetime Record: 8-3-1-1, \$56,375. O-Tanourin Stable. B-ClassicStar LLC (KY). T-Rodolfo Garcia. *\$20,000 yrl '03 KEESEP.



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ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Coppertone Kid, c, 2, **Gold Case**--Mia Petra, by Peteski. DEL, 8-16, 6f, 1:12 3/5. B-Dan Mallory (Ky). *\$22,000 yrl '04 TEXAUG; \$40,000 2yo 2005 FTMMAY.

Itchy Palm Slew, c, 3, **Slew the Surgeon**--Deal Me in Jessie, by Plain Dealing. EVD, 8-15, 1m, 1:41 1/5. B-Thomas N & Darlene E Hopkin (La).

Overclocked, g, 5, **Diazo**--Jill's Angel, by Division. PRM, 8-16, (S), a1m70yd, 1:44 1/5. B-Denny Looman (Ia).

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HANDICAP RESULTS:

BRITAIN, York, 4.45, 8-16, £23,720, 3yo/up, 6fT, 1:10.74, gd.

FICTIONAL (GB) (c, 4, **Fraam {GB}**--**Manon Lescaut {GB}**, by **Then Again {Ire}**) Lifetime Record: 15-4-2-5, £51,732. O-John Fretwell; B-Lady Bland & Dr Susan Barnes; T-Ed McMahon. *4,500gns wnl '01 TATDEC; 7,000gns yrl '02 DONSEP.

CONDITIONS RESULTS:

ITALY, Merano, 3.50, 8-15, €18,000, 2yo, 7 1/2fT, time: n/a, sf.

DEEP BLUE (ITY) (c, 2, **Martino Alonso {Ire}**--**Moblu {Ire}**, by **Bluebird**) Lifetime Record: 2 starts, 2 wins, €15,725. O-Scuderia Siba SPA; B-Allevamento Deni SRL; T-Alduino & Giuseppe Botti.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Weekend Fever (Ire), c, 2, **Indian Danehill (Ire)**--Hajal (Ire), by Mujtahid. Hamilton, Britain, 8-16, Mdn, 2yo, 6f 5ydsT. B-Peter & Jackie Grimes. *19,000gns wnl '03 TATDEC; 39,000gns yrl '04 TATOCT.

Ti Adora (Ire), f, 3, **Montjeu (Ire)**--Wavy Up (Ire), by Brustolon (GB). Hamilton, Britain, 8-16, Mdn, 3-4yo, 11f 16ydsT. B-Star Pointe Ltd. *62,000gns yrl '03 TATDEC.

Fafarella (Ger), f, 3, **Dr Fong**--Freixenet (Ger), by Big Shuffle. Munich, Germany, 8-15, Mdn, 3yo, 1 1/4mT. B-Gestut Rietberg.

Shades of Beige (UAE), f, 3, **Timber Country**--Ildrica (GB), by Rainbow Quest. Munich, Germany, 8-15, Mdn, 3yo, 1 1/4mT. B-Darley Dubai. *8,000gns HRA '05 TATJUL.

Beloki (Ger), c, 3, **Waky Nao (GB)**--Be My Dream (Ger) (MSP-Ger), by Dictator's Song. Clairefontaine, France, 8-16, Mdn, 3yo, 7fT. B-Gestut Ohlerweiherhof.

Zoran (Ger), c, 3, **Waky Nao (GB)**--Zephira (Ger), by Platini (Ger). Munich, Germany, 8-15, Mdn, 3yo, 7fT. B-Klaus Martin.

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