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TO CRESTWOOD**  
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**AFLEET ALEX RETIRED**

**Afleet Alex** (Northern Afleet--Maggy Hawk, by Hawkster), the leading candidate for the Eclipse Award as top three-year-old of 2005, has been retired. He will head to stud in 2006, but it has not yet been decided where he will stand. The colt was sidelined after his victory in the GI Belmont S. due to a condylar fracture in his left foreleg, and a recent set of xeroradiographs revealed a scallop-shaped lesion at the back of his lower cannon bone. According to trainer Tim Ritchey, the lesion may have been sustained during his eventful trip in the GI Preakness and could have triggered the hairline fracture, but it was not visible on earlier xeroradiographs. The injury would likely have forced Afleet Alex to miss most of next year. "It was unfortunate that it wasn't diagnosed earlier," said Ritchey. "But it just wasn't there earlier. If it had been detected, we would have gone in a different direction entirely. His safety and well-being is at the top of the chart for me." According to Ritchey, the colt is currently being hand-walked three times daily, and will remain with Ritchey's string at Gulfstream Park until stud plans are finalized. Winner of the GI Hopeful S. at two, the Cash is King Stable colorbearer was also second in the GI Champagne S. and the GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile, and was a finalist for the Eclipse as champion juvenile.

**Afleet Alex cont. p2**



**Afleet Alex** Adam Cogliandro

**ALKAASED TO DARLEY**

MG1SW **Alkaased** (Kingmambo--Chesa Plana {GB}, by Niniski), whose withdrawal from the Hong Kong festival was revealed yesterday, has been retired to stand at Darley Japan. A stud fee will be announced at a later date. The progressive five-year-old, winner of the G1 Grand Prix de Saint-Cloud in June, capped his career with a victory in last Sunday's G1 Japan Cup at Tokyo Racecourse. He set a world record of 2:22.1 for the 2400-meter event. "Alkaased is a very exciting prospect for three reasons," said John Ferguson, Sheikh Mohammed's bloodstock advisor. "He's a world-record breaker, he's by arguably the world's best stallion and he's a great looking individual." Finishing behind him in the Japan Cup were Japanese Horse of the Year Zenno Rob Roy (Jpn), Breeders' Cup winners Ouija Board (GB) and Better Talk Now and Arc hero Bago (Fr). Bred in Kentucky by Clovelly Farms, the bay sold to Shadwell for \$325,000 at Keeneland September. He broke his maiden in the blue and white colors at three before selling for 42,000gns at Tattersalls Autumn. After finishing first or second in each of his starts last year for owner M. R. Charlton and trainer Luca Cumani, Alkaased kicked off 2005 with a victory in the G2 Jockey Club S. in May. He ran second in the G1 Coronation Cup June 3 before posting his Saint-Cloud triumph three weeks later. Alkaased was produced by Chesa Plana, who was the highweighted older mare in Germany, where she placed in several Group 1 events. The five-year-old heads to the breeding shed with a record of 16-6-7-0 and earnings of \$2,801,580.



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**TATTERSALLS CONCLUDES BANNER YEAR**

The Tattersalls December Sale ended yesterday, concluding a banner year that saw the company realize a turnover of 185 million guineas. The December Sale saw a record gross of 74 million guineas, up 40 percent on 2004, with a 39,847gns average (+17 percent) and a 20,000gns median (+25 percent). **Cont. p2**



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**AFLEET ALEX**

(c, Northern Afleet--Maggy Hawk, by Hawkster)

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**Afleet Alex cont.**

Afleet Alex opened 2005 with a win in the Mountain Valley S. at Oaklawn, then bounced back from a sixth-place effort in the Gill Rebel S. to take the Gill Arkansas Derby by eight lengths over subsequent GI Travers S. hero Flower Alley. He came up 1 1/4 lengths short in the GI Kentucky Derby, finishing third behind Giacomo, but erased the memory of that effort in the second leg of the Triple Crown. After clipping heels with Scrappy T. and very nearly falling during the stretch run of the GI Preakness S., the bay showed his athleticism and tenacity as he went on to take that event by 4 3/4 lengths. He capped the series with a seven-length victory in the Belmont, but underwent surgery the following month to repair the condylar fracture. Although returned to training at Belmont last fall and pointed for the GI Breeders' Cup Classic Oct. 29, he was withdrawn from consideration after it was determined that he hadn't fully recovered. A possible start in the GI Cigar Mile was also scrapped, and the recent tests put an end to his racing career. "It's been a thrill; the fact that he's going on to a new career is emotional, but we're hoping he will continue to do well and that I'll be able to train some of his offspring," Ritchey said. As for where his stable star will end up next year, owner Chuck Zacney said, "At this point, we have zero plans. We pretty much turned everybody down because we planned to race him next year. Now we have to start all over from ground zero. We have some meetings [today] and we are looking to hire an agent early next week so we can figure where we should go from there." He added, "One of the things I have learned is that you have to make sure your stallion gets to good mares. That will be one of the most important factors when we consider where he will stand. Money will be important, but the type of mares he will get will be more important." Afleet Alex retires with eight victories from 12 starts and earnings of \$2,765,800.



2005 Preakness Horsephotos

**Tattersalls cont.**

"Coming into the December Sale, we had already enjoyed an exceptional year, but nothing prepared us for the frenzied demand for the breeding stock which has rounded off 2005 in such spectacular fashion," said Tattersalls Chairman Edmond Mahony. "We were confident that we had a good, solid catalogue, although perhaps a little short of being a truly vintage one, but the level of trade has been truly astounding. The dispersal of Ian Matthews' mares from Kirsten Rausing's Lanwades Stud was obviously the highlight of a truly memorable week, but...it will be the breathtaking depth to the trade which people will remember for a long while. The strong yearling and foal sales clearly engendered huge confidence in the buyers, but the key to the pre-eminence of the Tattersalls December Sale is its ability to attract a global buyer base like no other sale. The sheer number of people at Park Paddocks this week has been phenomenal and the demand, both domestic and international, has been unrelenting." Yesterday's top lot was three-year-old **Lady Hen (GB)** (Efisio {GB}) (Lot [2925](#)). Consigned by Harraton Stables, she was bought for 43,000gns by local agent Dwayne Woods to join the broodmare band at his Brook Stud.

**TATTERSALLS DECEMBER MARES etc.  
THURSDAY, DEC. 1, 2005**

<u>SESSION TOTALS</u>	<u>2005</u>	<u>2004</u>
No. Offered	320	260
No. Sold	227	212
RNAs	93	48
% RNA	29.1%	18.5%
Gross	1,728,000gns	1,905,400gns
Average	7,612gns (-15.3%)	8,988gns
Median	5,500gns (-21.4%)	7,000gns
<u>CUMULATIVE</u>	<u>2005</u>	<u>2004</u>
No. Offered	1,133	928
No. Sold	901	744
RNAs	232	184
% RNA	20.5%	19.8%
Gross	46,525,800gns	31,828,800gns
Average	51,638gns (+20.7%)	42,781gns
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**NORTH AMERICA** ★

**NTRA MOVES ON BREEDERS' CUP**

By Tom LaMarra, courtesy of [www.bloodhorse.com](http://www.bloodhorse.com)

The National Thoroughbred Racing Association, during a Dec. 1 meeting, approved a revised operating and licensing agreement with Breeders' Cup that will last at least one year, and received a report on what could be the first step toward formation of the long-awaited national Office of Wagering Integrity. The two organizations entered a 10-year joint operating agreement in 2001, with a review after five years, or in 2005. The board of directors of Breeders' Cup approved the one-year deal with the NTRA Nov. 4 under a scenario that would give the Breeders' Cup more input into the joint budget each year. The NTRA and Breeders' Cup adopted a strategic plan for 2006-10 that called for five-year membership renewals in the NTRA. However, the membership renewals and the revised joint operating deal will be reviewed at the end of 2006. The NTRA board received an update on the concept of a national Office of Wagering Integrity, the idea for which was borne from the 2002 Breeders' Cup Ultra Pick 6 fraud. The security company headed by former New York City mayor Rudolph Giuliani was hired by the NTRA and in 2003 recommended formation of the office.

For the complete story, click [here](#).

**STAKES CLOSINGS**

**TOMORROW, SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3:**

12-17 \$200,000 **W L McKnight H.-II, Crc,**  
3yo/up, 12fT (200)

12-17 \$200,000 **La Prevoyante H.-II, Crc,** 3yo/up, f/m,  
12fT (200)

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**TASTE OF PARADISE TO CRESTWOOD** Grade I winner **Taste of Paradise** (Conquistador Cielo--Tastetheteardrops, by What Luck), retired two weeks

after finishing a close second in the GI Breeders' Cup Sprint Oct. 29, will enter stud next season at Pope McLean's Crestwood Farm in Lexington, Kentucky. The six-year-old's stud fee will be \$6,000, live foal. Winner of the GII San Diego H. in 2003, the dark bay topped the 2004 Barretts January Mixed Sale at \$425,000 when selling to dissolve a partnership. He capped the year with a victory in the GIII Vernon O. Underwood H. at Hollywood. This season, after finishing third in both the GI Bing Crosby H. and the GII Pat O'Brien BC H., Taste of Paradise set a new stakes record of 1:08 4/5 in capturing the GI Vosburgh S. at Belmont Oct. 10. He enters stud with a record of 28-6-3-4 and a bankroll of \$1,019,455.



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★ **NEW YORK** ★

**Ground Storm to Pegasus Farm:**

GSW **Ground Storm** (Summer Squall--Flying Heat, by Private Account) will enter stud at Pegasus Farm in Dover Plains, New York for 2006. The nine-year-old won 11 of his 40 starts, taking the GIII Stymie H. in 2002 and again, when it was ungraded, in 2004. He was also second in the GIII Aqueduct H. twice and third in the GIII Excelsior BC H. and GIII Dominion Day H., and retires with earnings of \$628,599. A half-brother to GISW Pompeii and GSW Omi, he will stand as the property of a partnership for a fee of \$3,000 live foal.

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Around the World . . . . . 9 pages

**LEADING NORTH AMERICAN SIRES OF 2005 SWS  
(THROUGH 28 NOVEMBER 2005)**

RANK	STALLION (SIRE)	SW's
1	<b>STORM CAT</b> (Storm Bird)	14
2	<b>A.P. INDY</b> (Seattle Slew)	13
3	Dixieland Band ( <b>Northern Dancer</b> )	12
4	El Prado ( <b>Sadler's Wells</b> )	11

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★ EAST ★

**Yesterday's Results:**

7th-CRC, \$20,000, Alw, NW1X, 3yo, 1mT, 1:34 4/5, gd.

**MINISTER'S JOY** (c, 3, Deputy Minister--Meghan's Joy {MSP, \$126,990}, by A.P. Indy) won his maiden by 1 1/4 lengths versus \$45,000 claimers in his turf bow at Belmont July 24 before turning in an even eighth-place effort in entry-level allowance company at Saratoga Aug. 27. Unraced since, the 19-10 second choice thoroughly dominated this field, rallying from last after a half mile to register a 5 1/4-length victory over favored Legendary Pacer (Pentelicus). Lifetime Record: 7-2-0-0, \$30,502.

O/B-Stuart S Janney III (KY). T-Claude R McGaughey III.

★ CANADA ★

**Wednesday Night's Results:**

2nd-WOX, \$59,471, Alw, NW2L, (S), 3yo/up, 1 1/16m, 1:45 1/5, ft.

**SOUL REBEL** (g, 3, Ascot Knight--Rivermaid Dancing, by Riverman) was sent off at odds of 7-1 in his Oct. 5 debut over course and distance, but ran more like an odds-on favorite, scoring by 7 3/4 lengths. The 1-2 chalk to go back-to-back, the homebred forced the early pace, took over after six furlongs and edged away in the stretch to post a 3 1/4-length success. Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, \$69,260.

O/B-Kingview Farms (ON). T-John Charalambous.

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★ CENTRAL ★

**Wednesday Night's Results:**

5th-TPX, \$23,165, Msw, 3yo/up, f/m, 1m, 1:41 3/5, ft. **CERCATORE** (f, 3, Seeking the Gold--Too Cool to Fool {SW, \$183,517}, by Foolish Pleasure) had filled the runner-up spot no fewer than five times in her seven previous starts, all on the turf. Switched to this barn in September, the bay completed the exacta in one-mile events at Arlington Sept. 9 and Hawthorne Oct. 16, and most recently going a mile and a sixteenth at Churchill Nov. 19. The 19-10 choice in her main-track bow, the \$125,000 FTFFEB juvenile came wide for the drive and closed well for a widening 3 1/4-length score over Coupe Aux Marrons (Horse Chestnut {SAF}). Lifetime Record: 8-1-5-0, \$46,446.

O-Jeffrey S Cooper. B-WinStar Farm LLC (Ky). T-Rebecca Maker.

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**Hollywood 3rd (Alw \$54K)** GSW Golden Rahy (Rahy) just holds off **Outta Here** (Dehere).

**Hollywood 2nd (Msw \$42K)** Carisolo (GB) (Dubai Millennium {GB}) takes his main-track bow.



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Yesterday's Results:

**8th-HAW, \$28,000, Alw, Opt. Clm.**  
 (\$50,000-\$40,000), NW1X, 2yo, 6f, 1:10 4/5, ft.  
**CELLULOID HERO** (c, 2, **Glitterman--Timely Legend**, by **Navarone**), a distant fifth in his Oct. 15 bow over course and distance, turned it around last time out, scoring by 1 1/4 lengths Nov. 12. Dismissed at 21-1 in his first try against winners, the \$50,000 KEESEP yearling was never far from the front, rallied wide into the stretch and closed for a 3/4-length victory over Casino Evil (Salt Lake). The winner is a half brother to Reel Legend (Mr. Greeley), GSP. Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-0, \$34,440.  
 O-Homewrecker Stable LLC. B-EH Beau Lane III (KY).  
 T-Hugh H Robertson.

**7th-LAD, \$35,000, Msw, 3,4,5yo, f/m, 6f, 1:12 2/5, ft.**  
**BAYLEY ALLEY** (f, 3, **High Yield--Hushed Goodbye** {SW, \$220,548}, by **Secret Hello**) broke slowly and never factored in her lone previous appearance, finishing seventh in an Aug. 18 during this track's regular meeting. An 8-1 chance in her return to action, the Melnyk runner disputed the pace from between rivals, edged to the front at the eighth pole and won it by 1 1/2 lengths. Favored Love Ballad (Yankee Victor), a Stonestreet Stables-owned firster from the Steve Asmussen barn, was second best. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$21,000.  
 O-Melnyk Racing Stables Inc. B-John R & Martha Jane Mulholland (KY). T-Albert M Stall Jr.

★ AMERICAN-BRED WINNERS ★

IN FRANCE:

**Slan**, f, 2, **Aljabr**. See "France."  
**Preah Kahn**, c, 2, **Elusive Quality**. See "France."  
**Imago Mundi**, g, 5, **Spinning World**. See "European Breeders' Edition."

★ SO. CALIFORNIA ★

Yesterday's Results:

**3rd-HOL, \$55,280, Alw, 3yo/up, 1 3/8m, 2:16 1/5, ft.**  
**1--GOLDEN RAHY, 124, g, 6, Rahy--Gold Fleece (GSW & GISP, \$289,875), by Deputed Testamony.**  
 (\$27,000 yrl '00 KEESEP). O-J T Alvarez III Family Trust; B-J T Alvarez III, L B Ham, Gainsborough Farm & R N Clay (KY); T-Robert J Frankel. Lifetime Record: GSW, 12-5-1-1, \$188,520.  
**2--Outta Here, 118, h, 5, Dehere--Just Out, by Forty Niner.** (\$37,000 yrl '01 KEESEP).  
**3--Sigfreto, 119, h, 7, Spunky Rascal--Memories of P J, by Flying Pidgeon.**  
 Margins: NO, 3/4, 3 3/4. Odds: 1.20, 2.90, 7.90.  
 Golden Rahy returned from a 17-month hiatus to be sixth in a Santa Anita turf allowance Mar. 9, then took several more weeks off before finishing eighth for a \$62,500 tag over the local turf May 12. The runner-up when dipped in for \$40,000 over the Del Mar lawn July 22. Rested three months off that one, the chestnut got up to win the Gill Carleton F. Burke H. at odds of 5-1 over the Santa Anita turf Oct. 30. Favored in this rare dirt marathon, Golden Rahy chased a solid pace from second, took command at the three-eighths marker and outdueled Outta Here to the line.

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**So. Cal Report cont.**

**2nd-HOL, \$42,252, Msw, 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16m, 1:45 1/5, ft.**

**CARISOLO (GB) (f, 3, Dubai Millennium {GB}--Solo de Lune {Ire} {SP-Ger}, by Law Society)** provided her late sire his first U.S. winner with a narrow success. The well-related filly made two starts in England for Sir Michael Stoute, finishing fifth in a 10-furlong maiden at Windsor June 13 before improving to be third going a mile and a quarter at Pontefract July 15. Slowly into stride in this dirt try, the homebred stalked a slow pace from third, bid three wide on the far turn, took a narrow lead past midstretch and fought off favored Kaydara (Kris S.) to win by a neck at odds of 2-1. She is a half sister to Cerulean Sky (Ire) (Darshaan {GB}), G1SW-Fr, GISP-NA, \$247,601; Qaatf (Ire) (Darshaan {GB}), GSP-Eng; L'anresse (Ire) (Darshaan {GB}), SW & G1SP-Ire, GISP-US, \$405,071. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-1, \$26,883. [Video, sponsored by Taylor Made.](#) O/B-Britton House Stud Ltd (GB). T-Neil D Drysdale.

★ WEST ★

**Yesterday's Results:**

**1st-GGX, \$38,400, Msw, 2yo, 6f, 1:09, sy.**  
**BOLD CHIEFTAIN (c, 2, Chief Seattle--Hooked On Music {SP}, by Seattle Dancer)** was bet down to 9-5 for his Oct. 23 debut over track and trip, but could do no better than fourth, beaten 4 3/4 lengths. Part of an entry sent off at 5-2, the half brother to Capt. Fly Hook (Fly Till Dawn), SP, \$167,300; and Hooked On Niners (Mr. Greeley), MGSP, \$184,500, dueled on a fast pace, opened it up turning into the lane and splashed home 5 1/2 lengths to the good of entymate Wilmore (Dixie Dot Com). Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$24,375. O-Dwaine Langbein Trust, W J Morey Trust, et al. B-Ernest L Langbein, William Morey, Kenneth Robinson & Dwaine Hall (CA). T-William J Morey Jr.

★ INDUSTRY INFO ★

**Voting Underway for NTRA Moment of the Year:**

Voting for the seventh annual "NTRA Moment of the Year" has begun. Racing fans, 18 years or older, can vote for one of 12 images, representing some of the highlights of the 2005 racing season, by registering at [www.ntra.com](http://www.ntra.com). The voters who select the winning image will automatically be entered into a drawing for a grand prize of \$1,000. Voting closes at 11:59 p.m. on Jan. 16, 2006, and the winner will be announced at the Eclipse Awards ceremony in Beverly Hills, California on Jan. 23, 2006.

**Youbet.com to Buy United Tote:**

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 **FRESHMAN FOCUS**

**First-crop progeny to watch: Friday, December 2**

*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, 96/9/0  
 7-ZIA, Msw, 5 1/2f, Peak Week, \$10K KEE SEP yrl, 2-1  
**FLAME THROWER** (Saint Ballado), Cloverleaf, \$7K, 44/5/0  
 3-CRC, Msw, 5f, Golden Flame, \$14K KEE NOV wnl  
**FREUD** (Storm Cat), Lakland, \$5K, 33/9/0  
 7-AQU, Alw, 6f, Psychotic Reaction, \$205K FTF FEB 2yo  
**LUFTIKUS** (Meadowlake), Taylor Mtn, \$3K, 39/7/1  
 3-CT, Msw, 6 1/2f, +He's Incredible, 8-1  
**PUT IT BACK** (Honour and Glory), Bridlewood, \$5K, 34/8/1  
 8-CRC, Msw, 5f, +Luvyasomuch, \$125K OBS APR 2yo  
**SONGANDAPRAYER** (Unbridled's Song), Walmac, \$10K, 61/17/2  
 8-CRC, Msw, 5f, +Redskin Rhumba, \$105K KEE APR 2yo  
**TIZNOW** (Cee's Tizzy), WinStar, \$30K, 90/8/1  
 5-HAW, Msw, 1 1/16m, So Busted, \$55K KEE SEP yrl, 4-1  
 9-LRL, Msw, 1m, Tiz Is, \$74K EAS SUM 2yo, 8-1  
**TRIPPI** (End Sweep), Ocala, \$8K, 71/15/0  
 8-CRC, Msw, 5f, +Karonova, \$75K OBS MAR 2yo

UPCOMING MAJOR NORTH AMERICAN STAKES		
Date	Race	Track
Dec. 3	GIII My Charmer H.	Calder
	GIII Tropical Turf H.	Calder
	GIII Vernon O. Underwood H.	Hollywood
	GIII Bessarabian H.	Woodbine
Dec. 10	GIII Queens County H.	Aqueduct
	GIII Native Diver H.	Hollywood
Dec. 11	GII Baykoa H.	Hollywood



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 **SOPHOMORE SPOTLIGHT**

**Stakes/First-time Starters to Watch: Friday, Dec. 2**

*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, 89/20/0  
9-EVD, Stk, 6f, Alex's Diamond, \$21K LTB WNT yrl, 15-1  
**DIXIE UNION** (Dixieland Band), Lane's End, \$30K, 126/43/9  
8-CRC, Msw, 5f, +Vigorous Union, \$67K FTK JUL yrl  
**MORE THAN READY** (Southern Halo), Vinery, \$15K, 161/59/10  
8-CRC, Msw, 5f, +Ready Golden Girl, \$40K OBS JUN 2yo  
**PULLING PUNCHES** (Two Punch), Red River, \$500, 64/10/0  
9-EVD, Stk, 6f, Shadow Punch, \$6K LTB SPR 2yo, 6-1



★ FRANCE ★

**Yesterday's Results:**

**PRIX LUTHIER**-Listed, €47,000, Deauville, 12-18,  
3yo/up, 7 1/2f (AWT), 1:28.40, stn.  
1--**#NARCISSE DU RHEU (FR)**, 121, f, 4, **Saint Cyrien (Fr)--Speed du Rheu (Fr), by Valanjou (Fr)**.  
O-F Pereira; B-C Duval; T-Didier Prod'homme; J-Julien Auge; €23,500. Lifetime Record: 18 starts, 4 wins, 7 places, €102,170.  
2--**Glad to be Fast (Ire)**, 128, g, 5, Big Shuffle--Glad to be Here (Ire), by Waajib (Ire). €9,400.  
3--**Sendalam (Fr)**, 123, c, 3, Sendawar (Ire)--Alamea (Ire), by Ela-Mana-Mou (Ire). (€26,000 yrl '03 DEAAUG; €26,000 2yo '04 GOFFRA). €7,050.  
Margins: SNK, 1HF, SNK. Odds: 15.70, 35.00, 20.00.  
Also Ran: Ryono, Pout (Ire), Nouvelle Noblesse (Ger), Search (GB), Tiberius Caesar (Fr), Vasywait (Fr), Mitico (Ger). Also Ran (not classified): King of Color (Ger), Palmotia (Fr). DNF: Horeion Directa (Ger), Mister Charm (Fr), Together (Fr)--all fell. Scratched: Roxagu (Ger).

**Prix Luthier cont.**

Narcisse du Rheu competed in 11 consecutive handicaps before running second in an Oct. 31 conditions event at Compiègne and recorded a first stakes success in an eventful renewal of this. Reserved off the pace from the bell, she avoided a three-horse spill coming out of the back straight and powered through the field once into the straight to deny the rallying Glad to be Fast.

**Deauville, 1.35, Cond, €25,000, 2yo, f, 6 1/2f (AWT), 1:17.90, stn.**

**SLAN (f, 2, Aljabr--Wezzo {SP-Fr}, by Bering {GB})** finished second on debut at Clairefontaine Aug. 27 and came here off a fourth in her only other start at Saint-Cloud Oct. 8. Settled eight lengths off the lead through the early fractions, the 43-10 chance made continued progress to lead with 100 yards remaining and ran on well thereafter to account for La Demoiselle (Fr) (Dansili {GB}) by 1 1/2 lengths. Lifetime Record: 3 starts, 1 win, 2 places, €17,900.

O-J P Ryan; B-C J Cummings & John Ryan; T-R Collet.

**Deauville, 1.05, Cond, €25,000, 2yo, c/g, 6 1/2f (AWT), 1:17.90, stn.**

**PREAH KAHN (c, 2, Elusive Quality--Better Be Sure, by Diesis {GB})** ran second in the Listed Prix du Haras de la Huderie on the turf here Aug. 26 and went postward as the 2-5 pick returning from an Oct. 12 win at Bordeaux-le-Bouscat. Positioned off the pace in sixth after the opening exchanges of this, he was pushed into contention inside the final quarter and kept on strongly in the closing stages to assert by 1 1/2 lengths from Soa (Ire) (Desert Style {Ire}). Preah Kahn was a \$45,000 KEENOV weanling and a \$95,000 KEESEP yearling purchase. Lifetime Record: SP-Fr, 4 starts, 2 wins, 2 places, €33,500.

O-Noel Forgeard; B-Golden Orb Farm & K David Schwartz; T-Jean-Claude Rouget.

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Yesterday's Results:

**Thajja (Ire)**, c, 4, **Daylami (Ire)**--Jawlaat, by Dayjur. Nad al Sheba, 12-1, Hcp, 1200m. B-Shadwell Estate Co Ltd.

**Channel Four**, g, 5, **Gold Fever**--Run to Reign, by Sovereign Dancer. Nad al Sheba, 12-1, Hcp, 1500m. B-Hugh Harlinton (Ky). \*\$5,000 wnlg '00 KEENOV; \$8,000 yrl '01 KEESEP; \$7,500 yrl '01 FTKOCT.

**Sapucaí (Arg)**, g, 5, **Lode**--Saint Donatila (Arg), by Saint Sever (Fr). Nad al Sheba, 12-1, Hcp, 2000m. B-Santa Maria de Araras. \*MGSP-Arg.

**Senlis (Jpn)**, g, 5, **Real Shadai**--Pebbles (GB) (Ch. Turf Mare, Ch. Older Mare & Ch. Miler-Eng, GISW-US, MGISW-Eng, \$1,429,243), by Sharpen Up (GB). Nad al Sheba, 12-1, Hcp, 2000m. B-Darley Stud Management Co Ltd.

**Majaarat (Ire)**, h, 7, **Bering (GB)**--Massaraat (SW-Fr), by Nureyev. Nad al Sheba, 12-1, Hcp, 1200m. B-Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum.



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GROUP WINNER BY EUROPEAN SIRE:

**@Wild Queen (Aus)**, m, 5, **Loup Sauvage**--Crowning Jewel (Aus), by Bletchingly (Aus). Hawkesbury (New South Wales), 12-1, Hawkesbury Gold Cup-G3, 3yo/up, 1mT, A\$81,250 to winner. B-Barador Pty Ltd; T-Gai Waterhouse. \*1/2 to So Gorgeous (Aus) (Brief Truce), MGSW-Aus; Cumbria (Aus) (Lake Coniston {Ire}), GSW-Aus.

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ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

**2nd-WOX**, \$61,446, Opt. Clm. (\$80,000-\$77,500), NW3LX, 3yo/up, 6f, 1:10, ft.

**MILLFLEET (g, 4, Compadre--Artic Bleu, by Nain Bleu {Fr})** Lifetime Record: MSW, 25-4-1-6, \$316,777. O/B-Margaret Squires (ON). T-Hugo Dittfach. \*1/2 to Norfolk Knight (Tejabo), GSW, \$589,435.

**4th-WOX**, \$58,277, Opt. Clm. (\$62,500-\$60,000), NW2LX, 3yo/up, 6f, 1:09 1/5, ft.

**BULL RANCH (g, 3, Real Quiet--She's Bullheaded, by Marquetry)** Lifetime Record: SW & GSP, 13-4-2-1, \$213,691. O-Simichiello Stables Inc. B-Hal J Earnhardt III (KY). T-Robert Rohman.

**9th-AQU**, \$44,000, NW1X, (S), 3yo/up, 1 1/16m (off turf), 1:47 3/5, ft.

**DRIZZLY (c, 3, Summer Squall--Cherokee Chill {SW, \$244,032}, by Cherokee Fellow)** Lifetime Record: 10-2-1-1, \$72,400. O-Dogwood Stable. B-Raymond A Roncari & Leslie Roncari-Marconi (NY). T-George Weaver. \*\$40,000 yrl '03 FTNAUG. \*\*1/2 to Winloc's Glorious (Anjiz), SW, \$246,061.

**7th-GGX**, \$39,292, 11-30, Opt. Clm. (\$25,000), NW1X, 3yo/up, 1 1/4m (off turf), 2:02 3/5, wf.

**MAGNUM (ARG) (c, 4, El Compinche {Arg}--Merrymaker {Arg}, by Rainbow Corner {GB})** Lifetime Record: G1SP-Arg, 12-3-1-2, \$44,414. O-Herrick Racing LLC. B-La Quebrada (ARG). T-Darrell Vienna. \*Full to Medal of Honor (Arg), MG1SW-Arg.

**9th-LAD**, \$37,000, NW1X, 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16mT, 1:43 4/5, fm.

**ASHLEYS ART (f, 4, Theatrical {Ire}--Deanna's Special {SP}, by Storm Bird)** Lifetime Record: 19-2-7-0, \$77,685. O/B-E W & Deanna Lynn Jiles (KY). T-Kenny P Smith. \*1/2 to Patrick (Risen Star), SW, \$185,725; and Pikepass (Forty Niner), SW, \$101,763.

**8th-LRL**, \$35,000, Opt. Clm. (\$40,000-\$35,000), C, 3yo/up, f/m, 1m, 1:39, ft.

**FLEET BALLADO (f, 4, Saint Ballado--Afleet Francais, by Afleet)** Lifetime Record: 17-5-2-2, \$111,201. O-J D Huckabay Jr. B-Jackie D Huckabay MD (KY). T-F Stites. \*1/2 to Bold Feat (Capote), MSP, \$136,515.

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	GIII Tropical Turf H.	Calder
	GIII Vernon O. Underwood H.	Hollywood
	GIII Bessarabian H.	Woodbine
Dec. 10	GIII Queens County H.	Aqueduct
	GIII Native Diver H.	Hollywood
Dec. 11	GII Bayakoa H.	Hollywood
Dec. 17	GI Hollywood Futurity	Hollywood
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**7th-HAW, \$30,000, NW2X, 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16m, 1:45, ft.**

**DOTTIE BOOTH (f, 3, American Chance--Meryl's Myth {SW, \$267,687}, by Lion D'Or)** Lifetime Record: 17-4-2-3, \$77,650. O-Nemesis Racing. B-William Schaffrick (KY). T-David H Hinsley. \*1/2 to Cheryl's Myth (Lord Avie), SP, \$118,175.

**8th-TPX, \$29,130, 11-30, Opt. Clm. (\$50,000), NW3\$X, 3yo/up, f/m, a1m, 1:40 4/5, ft.**

**AMANUENSIS (f, 4, Northern Spur {Ire}--Ellejolet, by Seattle Slew)** Lifetime Record: 25-4-3-6, \$154,800. O/B-Charles J Cella (KY). T-Peter M Vestal.

**8th-CTX, \$26,000, 11-30, NW1X, 3yo/up, 6 1/2f, 1:20, ft.**

**TURN THE KEE (g, 4, Truckee--Countess Ferdinand, by Ferdinand)** Lifetime Record: 22-5-4-2, \$79,370. O-Steven M Phillips. B-Four Quarters Corp (CA). T-Stephanie S Beattie.

**7th-CTX, \$25,000, 11-30, NW3L, 3yo/up, f/m, 4 1/2f, :53 3/5, ft.**

**SAVETHEBESTFORLASS (f, 3, Crafty Friend--Stormy Lass, by Storm Bird)** Lifetime Record: 10-3-4-1, \$67,550. O-Theodore Tieken. B-Waverley Farm (KY). T-Franklin G Smith Jr.

**ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:**

**Questuary, f, 2, Archers Bay--Mordacious (MSW, \$149,705), by Ascot Knight.** WOX, 11-30, (S), 1 1/16m, 1:47 2/5. B-J F Howard & Donald Ross (On). \*SP.

**Magic Momentum, f, 2, Mighty Magee--Samantha D, by Cryptoclearance.** AQU, 12-1, (C), a1m70yd, 1:44 3/5. B-Elisabeth R Jerkens (Ky). \*1/2 to Spite the Devil (Devil His Due), GSW, \$770,473.

**Initforthemoney, c, 2, One Way Love--Rosalees Gold, by Ten Gold Pots.** WOX, 12-1, (S), 6 1/2f, 1:17 2/5. B-Robert Fawns & Linda Fawns (On). \*\$8,520 yrl '04 ONTSEP. \*\*SP. \*\*\*Ninth winner for freshman sire (by Regal Classic).

**Martini Pegasus, c, 2, Wild Rush--Starlet Minister, by Deputy Minister.** CRC, 12-1, (S), (C), 1 1/16mT, 1:43 2/5. B-W Schettine (FL). \*\$18,000 yrl '04 KEESEP.

**Frost Alert, c, 3, Alaskan Frost--Classic Artist, by Arts and Letters.** HAW, 12-1, (S), 6f, 1:11 2/5. B-Barbara J Burton & Robin Brown (IL).

**Penumbra Moon, f, 3, Malibu Moon--Musical Swords, by Crusader Sword.** LRL, 12-1, 1m (off turf), 1:39 3/5. B-Ruth Stone (MD). \*1/2 to Musical Vision (Not For Love), SP, \$111,520.

**Santino's Honour, c, 3, Matter of Honor--Ruth Ann d'Or (SP), by Tour d'Or.** WOX, 11-30, (S), 6f, 1:12. B-Reade Baker (On). \*\$10,000 yrl '03 FTCSEP.

**Punchy Louise, f, 3, Pulling Punches--Assert Louise, by Sir Richard Lewis.** LAD, 12-1, (S), 6f, 1:14 2/5. B-Sherry Dodd (LA). \*\$3,000 yrl '03 LOUNOV.

**Worthy Lover, g, 4, Rizzi--Love By the Hour, by Apalachee.** AQU, 12-1, (S), 5 1/2f, 1:06 2/5. B-E R Jerkens (NY). \*\$60,000 yrl '02 FTNAUG; \$57,000 2yo 2003 FTMMAY. \*\*1/2 to Plato's Love (Academy Award), MSW & GSP, \$287,745.

**Seeking the Green, c, 4, Seeking the Crown--Pay the Queen, by Bishop Northcraft.** CTX, 11-30, 6 1/2f, 1:22 1/5. B-Frank E Biddinger (WV).

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**CONDITIONS RESULT:**

**FRANCE, Deauville, 1.35 (Apprentices), €14,000, 4yo/up, 7 1/2f (AWT), 1:28.80, stn.**

**IMAGO MUNDI (g, 5, Spinning World--Turning Wheel {GSW-Fr, \$142,092}, by Seeking The Gold)** Lifetime Record: SP-Fr, 14 starts, 3 wins, 5 places, €35,150. O-Niarchos Family; B-Flaxman Holdings Ltd; T-J Pease.

**ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:**

**Armenian Boy (Fr), c, 2, Simon du Desert (Fr)--Jade d'Eau (Ire), by Lion Cavern.** Marseille Borely, France, 11-30, Mdn, 2yo, 1 1/4mT. B-Ecurie Fabien Ouaki & Haras de Bernesq.


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## WRITERS UP

### WITH PLETCHER, NOTHING IS IMPOSSIBLE

By Bill Finley

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Todd Pletcher is marching toward a likely and deserving Eclipse Award as the nation's most outstanding trainer and has already trampled the record for single-season earnings with \$20,109,318 currently in the bank. For him, it's been a great year, but there will be better—maybe far better. That's the scary thing about all of this.

By the high standards his barn has set in recent years, Pletcher didn't exactly do anything special in 2005. He didn't win a Triple Crown or Breeders' Cup race and his only legitimate Eclipse Award candidate is Ashado. His only \$1 million win came with Flower Alley in the Travers. (Honey Ryder won the E.P. Taylor, a \$1 million in race in Canadian dollars only).

Pletcher eclipsed the earnings record, previously held by Bobby Frankel, by grinding it out, using the massive and talent-laden barn at his disposal to pick off one stakes race after another. He has won 70 stakes races so far this year at 17 different racetracks.

This past weekend pretty much summed up what Pletcher does best. From Thanksgiving Day through Sunday, he started 29 horses, won 13 races and earned \$1,231,460. He won the Falls City with Indian Vale; the Clark Handicap with Magna Graduate; the Cigar Mile with Purge; the Remsen with Bluegrass Cat. He also had horses finish second and third in the Demoiselle and second in the Top Flight. Of his 29 starters, only one failed to pick up a check.

### ★ ON THE WORKTAB ★

#### HOLLYWOOD PARK

**Beerux (Ity)** (Glen Jordan {GB}), 3f, :37.60, 7/13

**Wilko** (Awesome Again), 6f, 1:15.20, 5/13

**Your Tent Or Mine** (Forest Camp), 6f, 1:17.20, 10/13

#### SANTA ANITA

**A.P. Surprise** (Pulpit), 3f, :36.00, 6/24

**Chinese Dragon** (Stravinsky), 4f, :49.40, 23/37

**Healthy Addiction** (Boston Harbor), 3f, :37.20, 21/24

**Osidy** (Storm Cat), 5f, :59.20, 3/44

**Pickle (GB)** (Piccolo {GB}), 6f, 1:11.60, 2/15

**Resplendency** (Tale of the Cat), 4f, :47.00, 2/37

**The Tin Man** (Affirmed), 5f, :59.20, 3/44

**Valentine Dancer** (In Excess {Ire}), 4f, :47.80, 12/37

**We All Love Aleya** (Nines Wild), 5f, :59.20, 3/44

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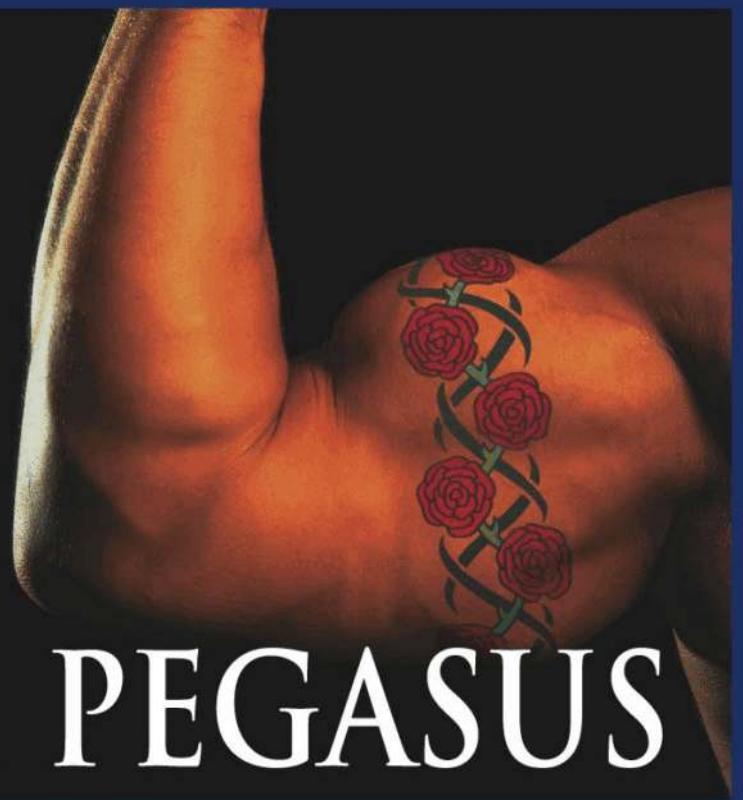
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He's able to do such things because he may be the most versatile top trainer in history. Most successful trainers have a flaw. Wayne Lukas could never seem to win on the grass. Neither does Nick Zito. Bobby Frankel and Bill Mott rarely win with 2-year-olds. Bob Baffert specializes in young horses. Pletcher is good at everything. He has won stakes this year with fillies, colts, grass horses and dirt horses, 2-year-olds, 3-year-olds, 4-year-olds, 5-year-olds, sprinters, routers, New York-breds, Kentucky-breds.

With a huge stable and divisions all over the East Coast and in Florida and Kentucky, it's hard to imagine that Pletcher's operation can get much bigger, but it can get better. His accomplishments thus far in his brief training career have come despite the fact he has never won a Triple Crown race and has had just two Breeders' Cup winners. This year, he just had a bunch of nice horses like Flower Alley, Magna Graduate, Bandini, Pollard's Vision, Honey Ryder, English Channel. Even Ashado didn't have nearly the year she had in 2004.

It's inevitable that he will win dozens of Triple Crown and Breeders' Cup races before his career is over. He's just 38, has been out on his own since only 1996 and has set up his operation in such a manner that it will surely churn along for decades to come. With dozens of owners at his disposal, he doesn't run the risk of losing the type of primary client he can't do without. That's what happened to Lukas with the death of Eugene Klein and to Mott when Allen Paulson passed away. Neither does he have any other flaws that could drive owners away. He's personable, down to earth, honest, straightlaced and he wins. There's nothing about him not to like.

So, what happens when he gets a real break-out horse? Add an Afleet Alex or a Saint Liam to his barn and, suddenly, you are looking at something like \$25 million in yearly earnings. With the types of horses that Pletcher gets to work with, it's possible that he could have a year where he has three or four superstars at his disposal.

He's already racing's first \$20 million dollar trainer. What's next? With Pletcher, absolutely nothing is impossible.

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