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GORELLA RETIRED

Martin S. Schwartz's **Gorella (Fr)** (Grape Tree Road {GB}--Exciting Times {Fr}, by Jeune Homme) has been retired due to a small chip in her ankle. The five-year-old mare will be boarded at Bluewater Farm in Lexington, Kentucky. Breeding plans have not yet been



Gorella
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finalized. The chestnut began her racing career in France for trainer Jean de Roualle, capturing the G2 Prix de Sandringham in June of her three-year-old season. She followed that with a third to champion Divine Proportions in the G1 Prix d'Astarte and closed out her French campaign with a second to champion Starcraft (NZ) in the G1 Prix du Moulin at Longchamp. Purchased privately by Schwartz and sent to Patrick Biancone, Gorella came up a head short in her U.S. bow, the GI Queen Elizabeth II Challenge Cup, then ran a

close third to Artie Schiller and champion Leroidesanimaux (Brz) in the GI Breeders' Cup Mile in 2005. During her four-year-old season, she was perfect in four starts against her own sex, displaying her stretch kick with victories in the GI Beverly D. S., GI Just a Game Breeders' Cup H. and GI First Lady S. Her two losses in 2006 came versus males: she was fifth in the GI Woodford Reserve Turf Classic and seventh in the GI Breeders' Cup Mile. She was a finalist for the Eclipse Award as the nation's top turf female. A half-sister to MSW & G1SP Porto Santo (Fr), Gorella retires with a record of 17-7-2-5 and earnings of \$1,456,168. Her dam sold for 900,000 guineas (\$1,843,411) in foal to Dubawi (Ire) at the 2006 Tattersalls December Sale.

SILVER TREE WINS APPLETON

Silver Tree (Hennessy) finished with a powerful late rush to just nab **Steel Light** (Stravinsky) in the shadow of the wire in yesterday's GIII Appleton H. at Gulfstream Park. Silver Tree, who famously came up 3/4 lengths short of Miesque's Approval with Jerry Bailey in the irons for the final time in last year's Sunshine Millions Turf, has now won four of six starts over the Gulfstream

Silver Tree *Equi-Photo*

lawn. The seven-year-old was making his first start since running fourth in the Sept. 2 Tri State H. at Ellis Park. "He was just old and tired and needed a rest last year," trainer Bill Mott said of the extended absence. "The plan always was to bring him back eventually."

WAIT A WHILE RETURNS A WINNER

Wait a While (Maria's Mon), champion three-year-old filly of 2006, didn't make her fans wait for long for something to cheer about in 2007, scoring an authoritative 1 1/4-length victory in yesterday's GIII Honey Fox H. at Gulfstream Park. "She was awesome," said winning rider John Velazquez. "I gave her one spank and she took off." **Cont. p2**

HONEY FOX H.-GIII, \$100,000, GPX, 3-4, 4yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16mT, 1:39 1/5, fm.

1--**WAIT A WHILE**, 123, f, 4, by **Maria's Mon**

1st Dam: **Flirtatious**, by A.P. Indy

2nd Dam: **Grand Charmer**, by Lord Avie

3rd Dam: **Regal Feeling**, by Clever Trick

(\$50,000 yrl '04 KEESEP; \$260,000 2yo 2005 OBSFEB). O-Arindel Farm; B-W S Farish & W Temple Webber Jr (KY); T-Todd A Pletcher; J-John R Velazquez; \$60,000. Lifetime Record: Ch. 3yo Filly, MGISW, 14-8-1-3, \$1,383,916.

2--**Precious Kitten**, 117, f, 4, Catienus--Kitten's First, by Lear Fan. O/B-Kenneth L and Sarah K Ramsey (KY); T-Robert J Frankel; \$20,000.

3--**Chaibia (Ire)**, 116, f, 4, Peintre Celebre--Mawhiba, by Dayjur. (€17,000 2yo 2005 GOFFEB). O-Malcolm Edward Parrish; B-Shadwell Estate Company Limited (Ire); T-Angel J Penna, Jr; \$11,000.

Margins: 1 1/4, 2, 1HF. Odds: 0.40, 8.50, 8.40.

Also Ran: Aunt Henny, Miss Shop, Brazilian, Aerocat. Scratched: Toll Taker.

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FRENCH CHAMPIONS HONORED Juddmonte Farms' **Rail Link (GB)** (Dansili {GB}), hero of last term's G1 Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe, has been awarded the accolade of France's Horse of the Year in a ceremony held at Auteuil racecourse yesterday. Also victorious in last term's G1 Grand Prix de Paris, the Andre Fabre-trained bay also claimed the honor of top three-year-old colt in a poll of racing journalists organized by racing magazine Courses et Elevage and presented in partnership with France-Galop. His Highness The Aga Khan's **Mandesha (Fr)** (Desert Style {Ire}), winner of the G1 Prix de l'Opera, garnered the three-year-old fillies award, while **Pride (Fr)** (Peintre Celebre) was successful in the older horse category. Susan Magnier's G1 Prix Jean-Luc Lagardere victor **Holy Roman Emperor (Ire)** (Danehill) was named best two-year-old, and **Or Noir de Somoza (Fr)** (Discover d'Auteuil {Fr}), who secured an eighth straight score at the Paris track for owner Sean Mulryan yesterday, was honored as best jumper.

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Wait a While Returns a Winner (cont. from p1)

Wait a While earned championship honors last season with a string of four straight open-lengths victories in graded stakes company. The gray filly won the GIII Sands Point S., the GI American Oaks, the GII Lake Placid S. and the GI Yellow Ribbon S., but had the



Wait a While Equi-Photo

win streak snapped with a fourth-place effort behind Ouija Board (GB) in the Nov. 4 GI Breeders' Cup Filly and Mare Turf. Making her first start since the Breeders' Cup in yesterday's GIII Honey Fox, Wait a While was soon on the lead, pulled clear when asked for run at midstretch and held **Precious Kitten** (Catienus) safe to the wire. "She gave some nice horses a lot of weight today," said trainer Todd Pletcher, enjoying a red hot weekend at Gulfstream. "I told Johnny [Velazquez] to use his judgment [on whether to go to the lead early], de-

pending on how the race developed. She was fresh coming off the layoff. It was a very good performance." On how he found himself on the lead, Velazquez commented, "There wasn't much speed in the race. I let her break and she broke well." Pletcher listed Hollywood's July 6 GII CashCall Mile, Arlington's GI Beverly D and Santa Anita's GI Yellow Ribbon as future targets for Wait a While, while adding, "There is no rush with her, but it's possible she could run in something at Keeneland before then." [Click for the brisnet.com chart.](#) [Video, sponsored by Taylor Made.](#)

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☆ RESULTS ☆

Sunday, Gulfstream Park

APPLETON H.-GIII, \$125,000, GPX, 3-4, 4yo/up, 1mT, 1:32, fm.

1--**SILVER TREE**, 118, h, 7, by **Hennessy**

1st Dam: **Blue Begum (MSP-Ger)**, by **With Approval**

2nd Dam: **Bogus**, by **Nijinsky II**

3rd Dam: **Chappaquiddick**, by **Relic**

O-Peter Vegso; B-Vegso Racing Stable (FL); T-William I Mott; J-Edgar S Prado; \$75,000. Lifetime Record: GISP, 29-9-6-5, \$1,188,929. *Full to Orchard Park, MGSW, \$669,722.

2--**Steel Light**, 117, g, 6, **Stravinsky--Idilic Calm (Ire)**, by **Indian Ridge (Ire)**. O/B-Moyglare Stud Farm Ltd (KY); T-Christophe Clement. \$25,000.

3--**Old Dodge (Brz)**, 117, h, 6, **Dodge--Ojeada Fighter (Brz)**, by **Irish Fighter**. O-Alnoff Stable; B-Haras Anderson (BRZ); T-Roger A Horgan; \$13,750.

Margins: NK, HF, 1 1/4. Odds: 2.80, 5.90, 8.40.

Also Ran: **Gin and Sin**, **Kiss the Kid**, **Tiganello (Ger)**, **Giant Wrecker**, **Better Than Bonds**.

Scratched: **Ecclesiastic**.

Silver Tree went postward five times in 2006, running second in the Sunshine Millions Turf in January and third in the Canadian Turf H. in March before winning the Turf Classic S. at Tampa Bay Apr. 8. The veteran was ninth in the GI Woodford Reserve Turf Classic at Churchill May 6 and returned four months later to run fourth in the Sept. 2 Tri State H. Making his first start since that effort, Silver Tree settled well off the pace. He was sixth entering the straight, but closed with a vengeance for a narrow victory. "I had to find room at the top of the stretch," explained winning rider Edgar Prado. "He's a horse with a lot of class." Trainer Bill Mott said future plans for Silver Tree are up in the air. "We're not sure what's next. His best distance is probably a mile and a sixteenth. And we know he's a two-turn horse."

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☆ INT'L RESULTS ☆

Saturday, Palermo, Argentina

GRAN PREMIO CRIADORES-G1, A\$52,500, Palermo, 3-3, 3yo/up, f/m, 2500m, 2:36.53, ft.

1--**BARTOLA (ARG)**, 120, f, 3, by **Roy**

1st Dam: **Baronesita (Arg) (GSW & G1SP-Arg)**, by **Political Ambition**

2nd Dam: **Baldeada (Arg)**, by **Pepenador**

3rd Dam: **Balduina (Arg)**, by **Amateur (GB)**

O-Stud La Esperanza; B-Haras Vacacion; T-J C

Maldotti; J-P Falero; A\$35,000. Lifetime Record:

7-4-1-1. *1/2 to **Barman (Arg) (Salt Lake)**, GSP-Arg.

2--**Sarapia (Arg)**, 121, f, 3, **Roy--Saragosse (Arg)**, by **Political Ambition**. O/B-Stud La Esperanza; A\$8,750.

3--**Condoleezza (Arg)**, 132, f, 4, **Interprete (Arg)--**

Consociada (Arg), by **Cipayo (Arg)**. O-Stud Creole;

B-Creole Investments Argentina SA; A\$5,250.

Margins: 8, HF, 16. Odds: 0.10A, 0.10A, 3.95.

Sunday, Nakayama, Japan

YAYOI SHO-G2-JRA (Listed), ¥104,980,000,

Nakayama, 3-4, 3yo, 2000mT, 2:00.50, fm.

1--**ADMIRE AURA (JPN)**, 123, c, 3, by **Agnes Tachyon (Jpn)**

1st Dam: **Biwa Heidi (Jpn) (Ch. 2yo Filly-Jpn,**

MSW-Jpn, \$1,492,878), by **Caerleon**

2nd Dam: **Aghsan (Ire)**, by **Lord Gayle**

3rd Dam: **Santa Luciana (Ger)**, by **Luciano (GB)**

O-R Kondo; B-Northern Farm; T-H Matsuda; J-Y Iwata;

¥55,036,000. Lifetime Record: 4-3-1-0. *3/4 to **Admire**

Japan (Jpn) (Sunday Silence), SW-Jpn, \$1,490,830.

2--**Coconut Punch (Jpn)**, 123, c, 3, **Manhattan Cafe**

(Jpn)--**Coco Passion (Fr)**, by **Groom Dancer**. O-Teruya

Yoshida; B-Shadai Farm; ¥22,296,000.

3--**Dream Journey (Jpn)**, 123, c, 3, **Stay Gold (Jpn)--**

Oriente Art (Jpn), by **Mejiro McQueen (Jpn)**.

O-Sunday Racing; B-Shiraoi Farm; ¥14,148,000.

Margins: NK, 1 3/4, HF. Odds: 0.70, 16.10, 3.40.

Admire Aura ran second to **Daiwa Scarlet (Jpn)** at **Chukyo** in his juvenile finale Dec. 16, but turned the tables

on that rival in the **G3-JRA Nikkan Sports Sho Shinza Kinen** Jan. 8 and was heavily favored here. The bay

bested longshot **Coconut Punch** narrowly at the wire.

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 ¥82,670,000, Chukyo, 3-4, 4yo & up, 2000mT,
 1:56.90 (NTR), fm.

- 1--**ROSENKREUZ (JPN)**, 126, h, 5, by Sunday Silence
 1st Dam: Rose Colour (Jpn) (SW-Jpn, \$1,044,385),
 by Shirley Heights (GB)
 2nd Dam: Rosa Nay (Fr), by Lyphard
 3rd Dam: Riviere Doree, by Secretariat
 O-Sunday Racing; B-Northern Farm; T-Kojiro
 Hashiguchi; J-Yusuke Fujioka; ¥43,609,000. Lifetime
 Record: 17-4-4-2. *Full to Rosebud (Jpn), MSW-Jpn,
 \$2,783,079; and 3/4 to Rose Prestige (Jpn) (Dance
 in the Dark {Jpn}), SP-Jpn.
 - 2--**Silk Nexus (Jpn)**, 121, h, 5, Grass Wonder--Silky
 Heroine (Jpn), by Star Lift (GB). O-Silk Co; B-Hayata
 Farm; ¥17,174,000.
 - 3--**Forte Bellini (Jpn)**, 119, h, 5, Hector Protector--Air
 Bellini (Jpn), by Tony Bin (Ire). O-Shadai Race Horse;
 B-Shadai Farm; ¥11,087,000.
- Margins: 2, HF, 1 1/4. Odds : 9.40, 20.40, 14.50.

Sunday, Sha Tin, Hong Kong

HONG KONG GOLD CUP-G1-HK (Listed),
 HK\$8,000,000, Sha Tin, 3-4, 3yo/up, 2000mT, 2:04.4,
 gd/fm.

- 1--**VENGEANCE OF RAIN (NZ)**, 126, g, 6, by Zabeel (NZ)
 1st Dam: Danelagh (Aus) (G1SW-Aus), by Danehill
 2nd Dam: Palatious (Aus), by Semipalatinsk
 3rd Dam: Delicious Blue (Aus), by Rascolink (GB)
 O-Raymond Gianco Chow Hon Man & the Executors
 of the Estate of the late Chow Nam; B-K Biggs
 Enterprises Ltd, Porter St Investments, R N Russell &
 Dr J M Ticknell; T-David Ferraris; J-Anthony Delpech;
 HK\$4,560,000. Lifetime Record: Ch. Middle Distance
 Horse & Stayer-HK, MG1SW-HK, SW-Aus, 21-9-1-4,
 HK\$47,196,500. *Formerly Subscribe (NZ).
 - 2--**Viva Pataca (GB)**, 126, g, 5, Marju (Ire)--Comic (Ire),
 by Be My Guest. (26,000gns yrl '03 TATOCT).
 O-Stanley Ho Hung Sun; B-Floors Farming and Side
 Hill Stud; T-J Moore; HK\$1,760,000.
 - 3--**Bullish Luck**, 126, g, 8, Royal Academy--Wild
 Vintage, by Alysheba. (50,000gns yrl '00 TATOCT).
 O-Wing Keung Wong; B-Max & Isabel Morris; T-Tony
 Cruz; HK\$920,000.
- Margins: NK, HF, 1 3/4. Odds: 1.90, 0.90, 7.60.

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 and an (R) will be used for other restricted races.

Vengeance of Rain took the 2005 G1 Hong Kong Cup and the World Series Racing Championship, but the high-class galloper had failed to hit the winner's circle since. That all changed yesterday when the six-year-old stalked a muddling pace from second and streaked home to take the Hong Kong Gold Cup. "It was a tremendous win, one full of merit and I honestly think there is still some room for improvement in him," said trainer David Ferraris. "His bodyweight is still at 1200lbs and I can't get it off him--I think it's a legacy from his time in New Zealand last year." Following his Hong Kong Cup win, Vengeance of Rain was diagnosed with a heart arrhythmia and was sent to Cambridge Stud in New Zealand. He'd had four runs since his return in October, including a good third in last year's Hong Kong Cup Dec. 10 and a last-out fifth in the 1600-meter Stewards' Cup Jan. 28. He is engaged to the G1 Dubai Sheema Classic Mar. 31 and connections will make a final decision on that race "within 48 hours." Viva Pataca closed well from fifth off the slow fractions, while Bullish Luck raced more handily than usual and finished a good third. A decision on their participation on World Cup night is also pending. For a video replay, click [broadband](#) or [modem](#).

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★ WEEKEND WRAP UP ★

BRIGHT ONE EUTHANIZED Graded-stakes winner **Bright One** (Dance Brightly--Twinkle, by Lively One) was euthanized after sustaining a fractured sesamoid in his left foreleg in the GII Richter Scale Breeders' Cup Championship H. Saturday at Gulfstream, according to published reports. The four-year-old vied for the lead early with eventual winner Half Ours in that seven-furlong contest before giving way and crossing the finish fourth, three lengths behind Half Ours. He broke down after the wire and was vanned off the track. Bred by Mike Bruder and raced by the partnership of Carolyn Bruder and Delmar Daubs, the chestnut was a close second in his debut last May before rattling off three daylight victories, capped by a 5 3/4-length triumph in the GIII West Virginia Derby Aug. 6. He followed that with a seventh in the GII Indiana Derby Oct. 7, but rebounded with a front-running tally in an optional claimer Nov. 2 at Churchill Downs. He set the pace before giving way to 11th in the GI Clark H. at Churchill Nov. 24 in his final 2006 outing. The Richter Scale was his first start back for trainer Dale Romans. Bright One compiled a record of 8-4-1-0 with earnings of \$594,294.

O'Neill Runners Fine After Saturday Stakes Wins:

Lava Man (Slew City Slew) and **Great Hunter** (Aptitude) exited their victories on Saturday at Santa Anita in fine shape, according to trainer Doug O'Neill. "We had a great time celebrating last night," O'Neill admitted after watching Lava Man win the GI Santa Anita H. and Great Hunter take the GII Robert B Lewis S. Lava Man will now be trained towards the Mar. 31 G1 Dubai Duty Free at Nad al Sheba. Great Hunter heads to the Apr. 14 GI Toyota Blue Grass S. at Keeneland.

Fountain Also-Rans Ok:

Nobiz Like Shobiz (Albert the Great) returned from his third-place effort in Saturday's GII Fountain of Youth S. in good order, according to trainer Barclay Tagg. "He looks in good shape and ate up his dinner last night and seemed happy enough," Tagg said yesterday. Tagg was disappointed in Nobiz Like Shobiz's erratic performance Saturday. "He made things tough on himself," Tagg commented. "He blew the first turn and then tried to duck in and slipped back on the other turn. He lost about a length each time and then he gets beat only a half a length. I'm disappointed we lost, but I don't feel bad about the horse. We just have to try and get him to come out of his shenanigans soon." Tagg added that Nobiz Like Shobiz would make his next start in the Apr. 7 GI Wood Memorial S. at Aqueduct. **Adore the Gold** (Formal Gold) also exited the Fountain of Youth in good shape. The Mike Gorham trainee was fourth, beaten a length and a nose. "He came back fine and we're not too disappointed," Gorham said. "It was his first time going a mile and an eighth and having to overcome the outside post, to get beat only a length is no disgrace." The GII Swale S. winner will likely make his next appearance in the Mar. 31 GI Florida Derby.

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Yesterday's Results:

4th-GPX, \$49,500, Alw, Opt. Clm. (\$75,000), NW3X, 4yo/up, 6f, 1:09 3/5, ft.

1--**GUAPETON, 120, g, 4, Wagon Limit--Jaquenetta (GB), by Manila.** (\$3,500 yrl '04 OBSAUG).

O-Veranda Farm, Inc; B-J V Shields Jr (FL); T-Mario Morales. Lifetime Record: 7-4-1-0, \$90,300.

2--**Tacirring, 120, g, 8, End Sweep--Sahara Star, by Baldski.** (\$130,000 2yo 2001 OBSMAR).

3--**Qureall, 120, h, 5, Yes It's True--Sisters Creek, by Pentelicus.**

Margins: 3HF, 1HF, 3/4. Odds: 2.00, 3.10, 9.30.

Guapeton rounded out 2006 with a victory going six panels against optional claiming company at Tampa Dec. 9, but couldn't carry that form into his 2007 reappearance. Fourth in the seven-furlong Super S. Feb. 10, the gelding was well backed for this drop in class. Up to press the early pace, the chestnut took over on the final turn and eased clear for the win.

5th-GPX, \$41,500, Alw, Opt. Clm. (\$50,000), NW2X, 4yo/up, f/m, 5fT, :55 2/5, fm.

MOHEGAN SKY (f, 4, Straight Man--Seattle Moon {SP}, by Seattle Dancer), a nose back in second in his 2007 debut over this course and trip Jan. 24, went off the 5-2 second choice this time. Rated off the pace in sixth early, the grey swung wide turning for home and got up in time to post a 1 3/4-length victory over Truly Blushed (Yes It's True). The \$180,000 FTNAUG yearling is a half to Vous (Wild Rush), SW & MGSP, \$227,905. Lifetime Record: 9-3-3-0, \$108,465.

O-Sunset Stables. B-Adam Staple, Michaelyn & James Scott (NY). T-Linda Rice.

The **brisnet.com** 'Race of the Day' is the 8th Race, \$46,000 Allowance, at Gulfstream. For pps and a complete race analysis, click [here](#).

Gulfstream cont.

8th-GPX, \$40,000, Alw, NW1X, 4yo/up, 7f, 1:24 1/5, ft.

FLASHY BULL (c, 4, Holy Bull--Iridescence, by Mt. Livermore), second in the GII Remsen S. at Aqueduct during his two-year-old season, ran fourth in the GIII Holy Bull S., but was beaten by a strong cast that day, including Barbaro and My Golden Song. Across the wire third, but later promoted to second via the disqualification of Corinthian in last year's GII Fountain of Youth S., the grey looked like he was poised for bigger and better things. Well beaten in the GI Florida Derby and GI Kentucky Derby--both won by Barbaro--Flashy Bull showed a glimmer of that old lustre with a third-place finish in the GII Ohio Derby, but was nowhere to be found at the finish after encountering problems in the GI Haskell Invitational at Monmouth in August. Second going a sixteenth shorter over this track Jan. 26, the \$85,000 KESEP yearling and \$205,000 OBSFEB juvenile was installed the 2-1 choice here. Up to challenge for the early lead, the four-year-old poked his head in front after a half mile and fought bravely in the stretch to best Bound Notebook (Notebook) by 1 1/2 lengths. [Video, sponsored by Taylor Made.](#) Lifetime Record: MGSP, 15-2-5-3, \$241,650.

O-West Point Thoroughbreds LLC. B-Jerry & Liz Squyres (KY). T-Kieran P McLaughlin.

6th-GPX, \$38,000, Msw, 3yo, f, 1m, 1:38 3/5, ft.

A. P. DREAM (f, 3, A. P. Indy--Dream Supreme {GISW, \$1,007,679}, by Seeking the Gold), fourth going six panels at the Spa last July, was given a 5-2 chance for this first start back. Content to track in fifth through an opening half mile in :46.73, the full to Crystal Current, SW, \$109,380, moved up to challenge favored Mini Sermon (Pulpit) in the final sixteenth and inched ahead of that foe late to win by a neck. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$25,150.

O-Kinsman Stable. B-Kinsman Farm (KY). T-William I Mott.



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Castellano Injured:

Jockey Abel Castellano Jr was taken to North Shore University Hospital in Manhasset, NY after he was injured in a spill in Aqueduct's seventh race on Sunday. Castellano was thrown to the track when his mount L C Tornado fractured a knee and fell. The five-year-old New York-bred mare was euthanized. Castellano suffered a shoulder injury in the spill.

Yesterday's Results:

BROADWAY H., \$72,840, AQU, 3-4, (S), 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:10 4/5, ft.

1--**#WAYTOTHELEFT**, 115, m, 5, Abaginone--**Waywayanda**, by **Belong to Me**. O-Winning Move Stable; B-Questroyal Stables Inc (NY); T-Gary C Contessa; J-Ramon A Dominguez; \$43,704. Lifetime Record: 24-5-3-3, \$208,871.

2--**Great Lady K**, 116, m, 5, Kelly Kip--Samantha D, by Cryptoclearance. O-Hardwicke Stable. \$14,568.

3--**Slew Motion**, 115, m, 5, Slew Gin Fizz--Inthemiddleofitall, by Proper Reality. (\$52,000 yrl '03 OBSAUG; \$60,000 2yo 2004 FTMMAY). O-IEAH Stables, Curragh Stables, Diamond Pride LLC and Andrew L Cohen. \$7,284.

Margins: 3 1/4, 3/4, HD. Odds: 22.30, 5.70, 14.10.

Waytotheleft was haltered for \$30,000 when fourth in her first start of the year against optional claiming company over this track Jan. 28 and appreciated the change when she returned a winner pitted against \$75,000 foes here Feb. 11. Unhurried in seventh in the early going, the five-year-old rallied along the inside to get within striking distance in the stretch and drew clear to collect her first stakes victory. "Gary [Contessa] and I both agreed that it looked like the race was going to set up for her," said winning rider Ramon Dominguez." She sat there professionally, and when it was time to go, she was full of run." [Video, sponsored by Taylor Made.](#)

7th-AQU, \$43,000, Alw, NW1X, (S), 4yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:12, ft.

FIVE SIBLINGS (f, 4, Phone Trick--Tank's Joy, by Allen's Prospect) was an easy 9 3/4-length winner when dropped in against \$35000 state-bred maidens Feb. 8 and was backed down to 6-5 favoritism to repeat in this step up in class. Following an awkward start, the dark bay was up to press the early lead set by Mheara Maskey (Dixie Brass). Free of that foe at the head of the lane, the \$41,000 FTMOCT yearling cruised home an easy 4 3/4-length winner. Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-0, \$36,874.

O-Hampshire Farm. B-Glenn Brok & John Davis (NY). T-Timothy A Hills.

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8th-GPX (\$40k Alw) FLASHY BULL (Holy Bull) records his first victory in over a year.

BROADWAY H. WAYTOTHELEFT (Abaginone) gets her first stakes win.

6th-AQU (\$44k MSW) INDIAN WAR DRESS (Indian Charlie) gallops to an impressive 6 1/2-length tally.

LA HABRA S. (7th-SAX) SUPER FREAKY (Smart Strike) storms clear.

9th-SAX (\$55K-Alw) AIR COMMANDER (Point Given) takes charge in authoritative win.

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6th-AQU, \$44,000, Msw, 3yo, f, 1m, 1:39, ft.
INDIAN WAR DRESS (f, 3, **Indian Charlie**--Prized Ambition {MSP}, by Prized), third going six furlongs Feb. 27, was sent off at 2-1 here. On the engine early, the bay led at every call and distanced the field late to score by 6 1/2 lengths. The winner was a \$30,000 KEESEP yearling; and \$190,000 FTMMAY and \$200,000 OBSFEB juvenile purchase. [Video, sponsored by Taylor Made.](#) Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-1, \$30,700.
 O-Paraneck Stable. B-Roger Browing (KY). T-J DeMola.

★ CENTRAL ★

Yesterday's Results:

9th-FGX, \$48,750, Alw, NW3X, 4yo/up, f/m, a1mT, 1:40 1/5, fm.

1--**BRIDGE GAME**, 119, f, 4, **Giant's Causeway**--Baba Light, by Majestic Light. (\$32,000 yrl '04 KEEJAN). O-Elisabeth H Alexander; B-Margaret Nigrelle (KY); T-T Proctor. Lifetime Record: 7-4-1-0, \$105,255.

2--**You Dancing Devil**, 114, m, 5, Joyeux Danseur--You Devil, by Diabolo.

3--**Kindling**, 119, m, 5, Boundary--Office Fire, by Kris S. (\$20,000 yrl '03 KEESEP).

Margins: 1 1/4, 1 1/4, 4 3/4. Odds: 0.80, 4.40, 5.80.

Bridge Game graduated when switched to the grass in her second career start Aug. 10 and promptly added a victory Sept. 7. Second on the lawn at Keeneland Oct. 19, the dark bay ran ninth in the Gil Mrs. Revere S. Nov. 18. She returned to action with a 4 1/4-length victory in a sprint over this course Jan. 26. The four-year-old went straight to the front and sauntered through splits of :52.26 and 1:16.90, leaving her with plenty in the tank to remain perfect on the year.

5th-TPX, \$26,700, Alw, NW1X, 3yo, f, 1m, 1:42 2/5, ft.
ELITIST (f, 3, **Honour and Glory**--Subtle Wave {SW}, by **Wavering Monarch**) graduated by 3 1/4 lengths Feb. 11 and was the 3-5 favorite here. Never far behind the early pace, the \$110,000 KEESEP yearling took over at the head of the stretch and drew clear to win by 1 3/4 lengths over Queen of the Ridge (Manndar). Lifetime Record: 3-2-1-0, \$34,690.

O-Jay Em Ess Stable. B-J Perrotta (KY). T-P J McGee.

★ SO. CALIFORNIA ★

Yesterday's Results:

LA HABRA S., \$113,400, SAX, 3-4, 3yo, f, a6 1/2fT, 1:12 3/5, fm.

1--**#SUPER FREAKY**, 116, f, 3, by **Smart Strike**

1st Dam: Elrose, by Deputy Minister

2nd Dam: Bonnie's Poker, by Poker

3rd Dam: What a Surprise, by Wise Margin

(\$140,000 yrl '05 KEESEP). O-Suarez Racing, Inc and AVenneri; B-Starlight Stables (FL); T-D O'Neill; J-Jon Court; \$68,040. Lifetime Record: 7-2-1-1, \$134,640.

*2--**Pay Wright**, 122, f, 3, French Envoy--Payal, by Welbred Fred. O-Richlyn Farms. \$22,680.

3--**Seaside Affair**, 118, f, 3, Sea of Secrets--Lucky Lady Dancer, by Gate Dancer. (\$9,500 yrl '05 FTKOCT). O-Edmund A Gann. \$13,608.

Margins: 1 1/4, NO, HF. Odds: 6.70, 2.90, 11.70.

*Macadamia (Artax) finished second, but was disqualified and placed sixth.

Super Freaky, a maiden winner over the Santa Anita course last October, was second in her seasonal debut over course and trip Jan. 15 and was coming off a fourth-place effort over the main track in the Jan. 27

Sunshine Millions Oaks. The dark bay filly settled in second as Voulez Vous (Elusive Quality) flew out to an early lead through fractions of :20.99, :42.74 and 1:06.25. Super Freaky moved to



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challenge that foe entering the straight and powered clear when the pacesetter faltered. "I was a little concerned that I made the lead as early as I did and I could have waited, but she was eager to run coming to the dirt and I decided not to interfere with her," said winning rider Jon Court. "She hit the dirt with authority and was able to kick clear and finish strong." Macadamia closed late to be second, but drifted out at midstretch impeding several runners. The longshot was disqualified for interference and placed sixth. Voulez Vous was pulled up. [Video, sponsored by Taylor Made.](#)



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9th-SAX, \$58,700, Alw, NW1X, 3yo, 1 1/8m, 1:51, ft. AIR COMMANDER (c, 3, [Point Given](#)--Santaria {SW & GISP, \$266,937}, by Star de Naskra) graduated on the stretch-out to 1 1/16 miles last time out Feb. 4. The 3-5 favorite pressed Stella Mark (Benchmark) through moderate fractions, then shrugged off that rival at midstretch and finished 1 3/4 lengths the best under a hand ride. The winner is a half brother to Medallist (Touch Gold, MGSW & GISP, \$421,375). [Video, sponsored by Taylor Made.](#) Lifetime Record: 4-2-1-0, \$72,200.

O-Robert Clay and Faisal Salman. B-Robert N Clay & Fair Way Equine, LLC (KY). T-Bob Baffert.

10th-SAX, \$59,040, Msw, 4yo/up, 1mT, 1:36 1/5, fm. BALLISTIC HEAT (g, 4, Unusual Heat--Ballistic Lady, by Show Dancer) had the best finish of his career when second over course and trip last time out Feb. 25. Let go at 7-1, the dark bay gelding stalked the pace, loomed a threat on the final bend and took over a sixteenth from home before holding sway over late-closing favorite The Big One (Gulch) to win by one length. Lifetime Record: 5-1-1-0, \$49,036.

O/B-David Abrams & Russell Wolkoff (CA). T-Barry Abrams.

★ AMERICAN-BRED WINNERS ★

IN SOUTH AFRICA:

Sylvan Fields, f, 4, [Silver Deputy](#)--Jaan's Brush, by Broad Brush. Kenilworth, 3-4, Hcp., 1400mT. O-G J & R D Beck; B-Monticule; T-Mike Bass. *\$75,000 yrl '04 KEESEP.

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- CONTEMPLATE** (Gone West), 8/0/0
- 4-PHA, Msw, 1m, Personalize Plate, 12-1
- [JUMP START](#) (A.P. Indy), Overbrook, \$10K, 179/26/2
- 4-PHA, Msw, 1m, Starting Gun, \$45K KEE SEP yrl, 9-2
- POLISH MINER** (Danzig), Northview, \$4K, 70/5/0
- 4-MNR, Msw, 5 1/2f, Dragndrop, \$1,000 NEW AUG yrl, 15-1

★ WEST ★

Yesterday's Results:

2nd-BMX, \$32,025, Msw, 3yo, f, 1m, 1:36 2/5, ft. LEMON KISS (f, 3, [Lemon Drop Kid](#)--Black Tie Kiss, by Danzig) was an even second going five panels in the slop at Golden Gate Feb. 10 and was installed the 3-5 choice to go one better this time. Quickest of all off the blocks, the \$40,000 KEESEP yearling increased his lead at every call and cruised home a much-the-best 5 1/2-length winner. Lifetime Record: 3-1-1-1, \$27,000.
 O-Mark Dedomenico, Jerry Hollendorfer & Dan Jelladian. B-Jayeff B Stables (KY). T-Jerry Hollendorfer.

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DERBY WINNER GOES TO HOLLYWOOD?

Hollywood Park racecourse will offer the winner of Lingfield's Mar. 24 G3 Winter Derby free qualification to enter the June 30 GI Hollywood Gold Cup, it was announced yesterday. Staged atop the Los Angeles track's recently laid Cushion Track, which has been likened to Lingfield's Polytrack surface, the 10-furlong event for three-year-olds and up carries a purse of \$750,000. An additional \$10,000 will be donated for each leg of the horse's shipping costs, and the entry and running fees will be free of charge if the successful candidate goes on to win the 68th renewal of the Inglewood feature. "We have been building excellent relationships with racing in the U.S.A. for some time now and, with the American tracks following our lead and building new synthetic surfaces similar to Polytrack, we have been keen to link some of our high-profile Polytrack races with the race programme in the States," commented Ian Renton, racing director of Lingfield Park owner Arena Leisurez. He added, "Our Winter Derby race is attracting higher quality horses every year, and we were obviously delighted at the standard of horses this year headed by Derby winner Sir Percy (Ire). We hope that the winner of this year's race may wish to take up the opportunity to race in the Hollywood Gold Cup."

BOOM OPENING SESSION AT INGLIS PREMIER

Spirited bidding highlighted yesterday's first session of the Inglis Melbourne Premier Yearling Sale in Oaklands Junction, with top honors going to lot 129, an Encosta de Lago (Aus) colt, who sold for A\$420,000 to Anthony Cummings. The chestnut, produced by MGSW New Smyrna (Aus) (Rancho Ruler {Aus}), was consigned by Blue Gum Farm. "The colt is a strong, precocious type from a wonderful two-year-old family," said Cummings. "He simply has all the qualities you look for in a future Group 1 winner." The second-highest price of A\$400,000 was achieved by lot 98, a filly by Redoute's Choice (Aus), who was acquired by Tristarc Bloodstock. The daughter of GSW Maze (NZ) (Housebuster) hailed from the Bellerive Stud draft. She will be raced by Nick Columb, whose previous stars include Courtza (NZ) and Tristarc (NZ). "I purchased Brazen Hussey from this sale last year and she was a good thing beaten in the Inglis Premier yesterday," Columb said. "Meanwhile, [this] filly is a typical Redoute's Choice." In all, 177 lots sold for a gross of A\$12,840,500 at an average of A\$72,545. "We managed to secure purchasers from throughout South East Asia and South Africa which, together with our domestic buying bench, saw our average increase...on last year's figures," said William Inglis & Son Director, Peter Heagney. "While it's tremendous to have the likes of Redoute's Choice and Encosta de Lago 'headlining' the Melbourne Premier, it's important to remember that no less than 25 different sires were represented by yearlings which made A\$100,000 or more today, while 28 vendors from four states also sold six-figure lots." The sale continues today, commencing at 11 a.m.

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Consigned by Blue Gum Farm, agent Purchased by A Cummings				
<u>98</u>	f	Redoute's Choice (Aus)	Maze (NZ)	400,000
Consigned by Bellerive Stud, agent Purchased by Tristarc Bloodstock				
<u>252</u>	f	Flying Spur (Aus)	Starnet (Aus)	290,000
Consigned by Fulmen Park, agent Purchased by S Brady				



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ABSOLUTE CHAMPION BACK TO HIS BEST

Absolute Champion (Aus) (Marauding {NZ}), who earned the title as the world's highest-rated turf sprinter with his scintillating victory in the G1 Hong Kong Sprint Dec. 10, returned to his best form with a short-head victory in Sunday's Chairman's Sprint Prize at Sha Tin. A Group 2 winner in his native Australia prior to his export, the five-year-old has only recently come to hand for trainer David Hall, with wins in four of his last five appearances. His lone defeat in that streak came in his most recent start, where he went down by 3/4 of a length to the classy Scintillation (Aus) in the Centenary Sprint Prize Feb. 4. "He's looking for 1400 metres now, even a mile would suit," Hall commented. "He has had some tough runs at the top level and he still needs to have his races stretched out, but I think is more vulnerable at sprint trips nowadays." Despite holding an entry for the G1 Dubai Golden Shaheen Mar. 31, Absolute Champion will remain at home for the Queen's Silver Jubilee Cup over seven furlongs Apr. 9.

HISTORY IN THE GOLD CUP

Whiskey For Me (Slewship) and the mare **Who's Wavering** (Never Wavering), ridden by the brothers Rickey Walcott and Rico Walcott, respectively, charged down the stretch at the Garrison Savannah Saturday afternoon to complete an historic one-two finish in the B\$200,000 Sandy Lane Barbados Gold Cup. The duo, owned by the Aysha Syndicate, are trained by Liz Deane, marking the first victory for a female conditioner in the race. Who's Wavering and **Atul** (Clever Trick) duelled on the front end as Whiskey For Me lingered towards the rear, but the latter made progress nearing the four-furlong marker. The frontrunners raced heads apart into the stretch, but Atul hoisted the white flag shortly thereafter. That left Who's Wavering alone on the lead momentarily, but Whiskey For Me came with a stinging rally which carried the five-year-old gelding to a 3 1/4-length victory.

★ EUROPEAN-BRED WINNERS ★

IN HONG KONG:

Helene Brilliant (GB), g, 3, **Dr Fong**--Molly Brown (GB), by Rudimentary. Sha Tin, 3-4, Hcp., 1400mT. B-Lostford Manor Stud. *Formerly Doctor Brown (GB). **GSP-Eng. ***34,000gns yrl '05 DONSEP. ****Winner of the valuable St Leger Yearling Sales S. while trained by Brian Meehan, the bay was having his first start since finishing runner-up as the favorite in the G2 Mill Reef S. Sept. 16. Forwardly placed throughout, he wrested command at the 200-meter marker and stayed on nicely for a 3/4-length victory in the solid time of 1:22.10.

Tiramisu (GB), g, 8, **Sri Pekan**--Pennsylvania, by Northjet (Ire). Sha Tin, 3-4, Hcp., 1400mT. B-Cotswold Stud. *18,000gns yrl '00 TATOCT.

★ ON THE WORKTAB ★

BELMONT

Attila's Storm (Forest Wildcat), 4f (tr.), :47.40, 3/74

FAIR GROUNDS

Ketchikan (Mr. Greeley), 4f, :48.00, 2/77

Total (Forest Wildcat), 4f, :48.20, 4/77

HOLLYWOOD PARK

Les Grands Trois (Officer), 4f, :50.00, 29/35

Ravel (Fusaichi Pegasus), 4f, :47.40, 6/35

Circular Quay (Thunder Gulch), 5f, 1:00.40, 12/31

Grapelli (Thunder Gulch), 5f, 1:00.80, 15/31

Sugar Shake (Awesome Again), 5f, 1:01.80, 20/31

OAKLAWN PARK

Storm Force (Storm Cat), 4f, :49.80, 15/42

SANTA ANITA

Freakin Streakin (Tactical Advantage), 4f, :47.40, 6/29

Temecula Creek (Gulch), 4f, :50.60, 28/29

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Kip Deville's victory in Saturday's G1 Kilroe Mile was the 1,000th win of trainer Richard Dutrow's career.

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STAKES RESULTS:

PALO VERDE S., \$45,000, TUP, 3-4, 3yo, 6 1/2f, 1:15, ft.
 1--**CAPT. JOE BLOW**, 121, c, 3, **Lake Austin--Captain Messier**, by **Hail the Ruckus**. (\$12,000 2yo 2006 BESJUN). O-Thomas J Said; B-Sunrise Stable South (FL); T-Lanny Z Sharp; J-Glenn W Corbett; \$27,000. Lifetime Record: 7-4-1-1, \$81,380.
 2--**In to the West**, 118, g, 3, **Western Fame--Lovely Lindsey**, by **Incinderator**. \$9,000.
 3--**Top Emblem**, 121, g, 3, **Old Topper--Bankroll Babe**, by **Corwyn Bay (Ire)**. \$4,500.
 Margins: 2, 1 3/4, 2 1/4. Odds: 1.60, 13.50, 7.80.

TEXAS HERITAGE S., \$45,000, HOU, 3-3, 3yo, 1m, 1:39 3/5, ft.
 1--**SPEEDWAY**, 122, c, 3, **Forest Wildcat--Freefouracing (GSW-GB, SW & GSP-US, \$223,762)**, by **French Deputy**. O/B-Stonerside Stable (KY); T-Bernard S Flint; J-L Taylor; \$27,000. Lifetime Record: 10-4-1-0, \$149,847.
 2--**I Spy Wolfie**, 122, c, 3, **Chief Three Sox--Undervalued**, by **Cox's Ridge**. (\$17,000 2yo '06 TEXMAR). \$9,000.
 3--**Makeithapencaptain**, 122, c, 3, **Aptitude--Sharp Feline**, by **Storm Cat**. (\$42,000 yrl '05 OBSAUG; \$75,000 2yo '06 OBSMAR). \$4,950.
 Margins: 2 1/4, NK, NK. Odds: 3.80, 24.00, 3.40.

ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

6th-SAX, \$52,000, NW1X, 4yo/up, f/m, a6 1/2fT, 1:13, fm.
READY TO TALK (f, 4, **More Than Ready--My Sweet Talker**, by **Phone Trick**) Lifetime Record: 14-2-3-4, \$112,591. O-Ryan and Scatuorchio. B-Hinkle Farms (KY). T-T Pletcher. *\$120,000 yrl '04 KEESEP. **1/2 to **Sweettrickydancer** (Green Dancer), MSW, \$197,070.
8th-FGX, \$47,750, Opt. Clm. (\$35,000), NW2X, 4yo/up, 1m40y, 1:40 3/5, ft.
FLANDERS FIELDS (c, 4, **A.P. Indy--Flanders {Ch. 2yo Filly, MGISW, \$805,000}**), by **Seeking the Gold**) Lifetime Record: SP, 12-3-3-2, \$132,631. O/B-Overbrook Farm (KY). T-Dallas Stewart. *3/4 to **Surfside** (Seattle Slew), Ch. 3yo Filly, MGISW, \$1,852,987.

7th-FGX, \$47,500, NW1X, 4yo/up, a1 1/16mT, 1:46 1/5, fm.
FRIAR (h, 5, **Arch--Preach {GISW, \$304,656}**), by **Mr. Prospector**) Lifetime Record: 12-2-6-2, \$97,754. O/B-Claiborne Farm (KY). T-Albert M Stall, Jr. *1/2 to **Pulpit** (A.P. Indy), MGSW & GISP, \$728,200; **Tell It** (Storm Cat), \$162,283.

7th-BMX, \$38,635, Opt. Clm. (\$62,500), NW2X, 4yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:09 3/5, ft.
SOUTH NECKING (ARG) (f, 4, **Southern Halo--Besadora Toss {Arg}**), by **Egg Toss**) Lifetime Record: GSW & G1SP-Arg, 7-3-2-0, \$36,583. O-Don Brooks LLC. B-La Biznaga (Arg). T-Todd A Pletcher.

9th-OPX, \$37,000, NW1\$Y + X, 4yo/up, f/m, 5 1/2f, 1:05 4/5, ft.
FLOWERBUD (m, 5, **Cape Town--Honorably**, by **Star de Naska**) Lifetime Record: 14-4-4-2, \$144,310. O-Fox Hill Farms, Inc. B-Helen H Wickes (KY). T-J Larry Jones. *\$43,000 wnlg '02 KEENOV; \$150,000 yrl '03 FTKJUL.

7th-LRL, \$34,000, Opt. Clm. (\$25,000-\$20,000), NW2X, 4yo/up, f/m, 5 1/2f, 1:05 1/5, ft.
HATTIES GINGERSNAP (f, 4, **Lion Hearted--Robin's Nickel {SW, \$222,882}**), by **Salutely**) Lifetime Record: 11-3-2-2, \$76,345. O-Cordelia Stables. B-Charles Haugh (MD). T-Rodney Jenkins.

1st-OPX, \$34,000, NW1X, 4yo/up, 1 1/16m, 1:46 2/5, ft.
AIR CORREDOR (c, 4, **El Corredor--Simply Fantastic {SP}**), by **Cee's Tizzy**) Lifetime Record: 17-2-1-1, \$77,064. O-Fly Racing LLC. B-Machmer Hall (KY). T-Robert E Holthus. *\$60,000 yrl '04 KEESEP; \$130,000 2yo 2005 OBSMAR.

9th-PHA, \$32,596, NW1X, 3yo, 6 1/2f, 1:18 2/5, ft.
WEST COAST FLIER (g, 3, **West Acre--Judy's Turn to Fly**, by **Regal Search**) Lifetime Record: 5-2-1-1, \$42,220. O/B-Gilbert G Campbell (FL). T-Edward T Allard.

8th-LRL, \$32,000, NW1X, 3yo, 1m, 1:39 2/5, ft.
JOHNNY Z. (g, 3, **Broken Vow--Sheriffs Lap**, by **Quest for Fame {GB}**) Lifetime Record: 6-2-1-0, \$57,810. O-Joseph E Besecker. B-Runnymede Farm Inc & Catesby W Clay (KY). T-Scott A Lake. *\$40,000 yrl '05 KEESEP.

11th-SUN, \$31,900, NW19MX, 4yo/up, 5f, :56 4/5, ft.
ANY QUESTIONS (g, 6, **Suggest--Nifty Slew {SW}**), by **Slewledo**) Lifetime Record: 35-6-7-11, \$182,113. O-Maria G Gonzalez. B-Triple Crown Bloodstock (CA). T-Ramon O Gonzalez. *1/2 to **Hostility** (Devil His Due), MSW, \$401,829.

1st-HAW, \$30,000, NW2X, (S), 3yo/up, 1m70y, 1:40 1/5, ft.
HAIL VICTORY (g, 5, **Honour and Glory--Minty Flavors {MSW}**), by **Sheikh Albadou {GB}**) Lifetime Record: 16-4-3-2, \$86,220. O/B-Ben Barnow (IL). T-Richard P Hazelton.



8th-PHA, \$29,000, NW2L, 4yo/up, 6f, 1:11 1/5, ft. VOUDOUIST (h, 5, Petionville--Sidonia, by Seattle Slew) Lifetime Record: 9-2-5-0, \$50,640. O-Carl Bernstein and Dave Cohen. B-Everest Stables, Inc (KY). T-Edward J Coletti, Jr.

8th-DED, \$28,040, 3-3, NW1X, 4yo/up, f/m, 7f, 1:28 2/5, ft. SILENT ANGEL (f, 4, Valid Expectations--Silica Shine, by Carson City) Lifetime Record: 6-2-1-1, \$27,640. O/B-Donny L Bates (KY). T-Jerry D Cart.

7th-HAW, \$28,000, NW1X, (S), 3yo/up, f/m, 1m70y, 1:42 4/5, wf. AY YOU'RE ADORABLE (m, 5, Alphabet Soup--Check Ryder, by Red Ryder) Lifetime Record: 13-2-4-2, \$66,552. O-Nancy A Vanier & Win Place Show-Me Stable. B-Mr & Mrs Harvey L Vanier & Win Place Show-Me Racing Stable (IL). T-Brian Williamson.

8th-CTX, \$28,000, 3-3, NW1X, 4/up, 7f, 1:28 4/5, ft. DEACON TAYLOR (g, 5, Maria's Mon--Great Judgment, by Judge Smells) Lifetime Record: 30-7-6-4, \$92,700. O-Worcester Stable. B-Karen & James Stone (KY). T-Henry E Worcester III.

7th-SUN, \$27,400, NW2L, 3yo, 6f, 1:09 2/5, ft. JACK HES TOPS (g, 3, He's Tops--Castle Bet, by Peterhof) Lifetime Record: SP, 4-2-1-1, \$53,270. O-Lawrence M Karp & Dennis Ward. B-Ray & Charlotte Holmes & Jurene Stuart (CA). T-Dennis Ward. *\$10,000 yrl '05 NCASEP.

8th-TPX, \$25,640, NW1X, 3yo/up, 6f, 1:13 4/5, ft. TWILIGHT TAP (g, 5, Pleasant Tap--Glory's Light, by Halo) Lifetime Record: 15-3-1-3, \$66,961. O-Donamire Farm. B-Mira Ball (KY). T-Gregory D Foley. *1/2 to Twilight Road (Cahill Road), MGSW, \$791,207.

6th-HOU, \$20,000, Opt. Clm. (\$35,000), NW26MX, 4yo/up, f/m, 1m, 1:40 3/5, ft. OLMOSTA (f, 4, Olmos--Bet Me Up, by Foreign Survivor) Lifetime Record: MSW, 23-7-3-3, \$101,415. O-Anjo Racing, Inc. B-E Martinez Jr (TX). T-A Konkoly.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Brahms Fashion, c, 3, Brahms--Fashion Felony, by Ferdinand. CTX, 3-4, 4 1/2f, :53 2/5. B-Four Quarters Corp. (CA).
 + **Foreowonk Dog, g, 3, Count the Time--Sycamore Shoals (MSP), by Ancestral (Ire).** OPX, 3-4, (C), 1 1/16m, 1:47 1/5. B-Sandra D Clark & Dr. Janet C Tucker (KY). *\$5,000 yrl '05 FTKOCT. **1/2 to Papa's Bull (Major Impact), Ch. Imp. 2yo Colt-Pan; Ch. Miler-Pan, MSW-Pan.
 + **Sir Mitchum, c, 3, Disco Rico--Ninetyeight Karats, by Polish Numbers.** LRL, 3-4, (C), 5 1/2f, 1:07 2/5. B-Longwood Stables (MD).

Exciting Dream, f, 3, Exciting Story--Call My Name (SP, \$108,401), by Caller I. D. MNR, 3-3, 6f, 1:16 1/5. B-Ed Few (Tx). *\$10,000 yrl '05 TEXAUG.

Power Hitter, c, 3, Grand Slam--Biogio's Love, by Marquetry. MNR, 3-4, 6f, 1:14 1/5. B-Alfred & Joseph Nastasi (NY). *\$100,000 yrl '05 KEEJAN.

Screamingtothemax, g, 3, Max's Pal--Sea Screamer, by Mecke. CTX, 3-4, 4 1/2f, :53 3/5. B-Rick Sutherland (FL). *\$1,700 yrl '05 OBSAUG.

Create a Scene, f, 3, Miner's Mark--Mama Nook, by Belong to Me. PHA, 3-4, 5 1/2f, 1:05 1/5. B-Mary Jo Herbert (NY).

Curiously Sweet, f, 3, Mud Route--Ilona, by Pirate's Bounty. SAX, 3-4, (S), 1m, 1:38 2/5. B-Milt A Policzer (CA).

Moneyplaysjose, c, 3, Order--Exchanging Glances, by Silver Ghost. SAX, 3-4, (S), (C), 6f, 1:11. B-Robert Moreno (CA).

+ **Jeeter Jones, c, 3, Prospector Jones--Centurn, by Ack Ack.** SUN, 3-4, (S), 5 1/2f, 1:04 3/5. B-Richard Brunacini & Kay Thurman (NM). *Full to Ciento, MSW, \$805,137.

Georgenator, g, 3, Salvador--Ofelia Girl (SW & GSP, \$102,839), by Peterhof. CTX, 3-4, 4 1/2f, :53. B-Dr. Richard Lister (ON).

Jungle Storm, f, 3, Storm Boot--Primistal (SW, \$293,665), by Stalwart. SUN, 3-4, 6f, 1:10 3/5. B-Everest Stables Inc. (KY). *1/2 to High Humidity (Petionville), MSP, \$195,016; Primal Storm (Storm Boot), GSW, \$137,672.

Bull Song, c, 3, Sultry Song--Corporate Takeover, by Corporate Report. LRL, 3-4, 1 1/8m, 1:56 1/5. B-Catherine Hartsock (KY).

Never Think Twice, g, 3, Yonaguska--Wildwife, by Wild Gale. TPX, 3-4, 5 1/2f, 1:08. B-Tanya Lobsiger & Susan Forrester (KY). *1/2 to R Loyal Man (More Than Ready), MSW & GSP, \$150,238.

+ **Feather Dance, f, 4, Classified Facts--Gallant Spy, by Spy Signal.** HAW, 3-4, (S), 6f, 1:11. B-Hondo Ranch, Inc. (IL).

Odetta One, f, 4, Runaway Groom--Out by Noon (SP, \$210,191), by Bates Motel. AQU, 3-4, (S), 1m70y, 1:46. B-Anthony Piazza (NY).

UPCOMING MAJOR NORTH AMERICAN STAKES

Date	Race	Track
Mar. 9	GIII Razorback BC H.	Oaklawn
Mar. 10	GI Santa Margarita Inv.	Santa Anita
	GII Louisiana Derby	Fair Grounds
	GII Mervin Muniz Memorial H.	Fair Grounds
	GII New Orleans H.	Fair Grounds
	GII Fair Grounds Oaks	Fair Grounds
	GII Bonnie Miss S.	Gulfstream
	GII Forward Gal S.	Gulfstream
	GIII Gotham S.	Aqueduct
	GIII Toboggan H.	Aqueduct
	GIII Baldwin S.	Santa Anita
	GIII Azeri BC S.	Oaklawn
	GIII El Camino Real Derby	Bay Meadows

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SEA OF GREEN

Hopes are high on the eve of the Fasig-Tipton Calder sale, which gets underway tomorrow at 11:00 a.m., and with good reason. The industry's premier boutique auction for two-year-olds has produced world-record prices in the past three years.

Fusaichi Samurai (Fusaichi Pegasus) was knocked down for \$4.5 million in 2004, **Ever Shifting** (Tale of the Cat) sold for \$5.2 million in 2005 and **The Green Monkey** (Forestry), of course, became the most expensive horse ever to pass through an auction ring when Coolmore bought him for \$16 million last year. Not surprisingly, the boxcar prices have been accompanied by a sharp spike in average and, to a lesser degree, in median. Since 2003, when the sale average was \$209,187, Fasig-Tipton Calder has enjoyed significant increases each year. In 2006, the average reached \$403,812, an increase of 93 percent from 2003 and an 18.4-percent jump from 2005. The \$150,000 median of 2003 rose to \$200,000 in 2005, a 33.3-percent gain, and again was \$200,000 last year.



Money Talks...

The skyrocketing price tags of two-year-olds in training, especially at the top end, have generally meant more money in the bank for pinhookers. Confident the buyers will be there for horses with better pedigrees and conformation, and spurred on by competition from fellow consignors, pinhookers have reinvested heavily in their yearling purchases. That's especially true at this year's Calder sale, as no fewer than 18 of those catalogued cost \$300,000 or more as yearlings (*according to The Blood-Horse's Auction Edge*). Eight sold for \$400,000 or more, a pair made \$500,000 each, and two colts by Storm Cat broke the mold for pinhooked horses by eliciting bids as yearlings usually reserved for end users with deep pockets. Tragically, one of those horses, a son of Gone to the Moon that Hartley/De Renzo purchased for \$900,000 at last year's Fasig-Tipton Saratoga sale, collapsed and died after breezing at the first under-tack show.

But Hobby Kight will offer the first seven-figure yearling bought specifically for resale. [Hip 71](#) is out of GSP Moon Safari (Mr. Prospector), from the family of Classic winner and top sire Caerleon and MGISW Scan. **Sea of Green cont. p2**

FASIG-TIPTON CALDER SELECT 2YOs TUESDAY, FEB. 28, 2006

<u>Session Totals</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2005</u>
No. Offered	229	267
No. Sold	154	147
RNAs	75	120
% RNAs	32.8%	44.9%
Gross	\$62,187,000	\$50,132,000
Average	\$403,812 (+18.4%)	\$341,034
Median	\$200,000 (0%)	\$200,000



Sea of Green cont.

Million-Dollar Baby...

When asked three weeks ago at the OBS sale about the Storm Cat--Moon Safari colt he purchased for \$1 million at last year's Keeneland September sale, consignor Hoby Kight lit up like a boom light and said, "Man, I've never had a horse like this."

Kight's enthusiasm hasn't dimmed much in the interim, especially not after his charge breezed a sharp quarter mile in :21 2/5 at the initial under-tack show. Tomorrow, hip 71 is set to become the most expensive pinhook ever to go through a juvenile sale.

While seven-figure pinhooks aren't likely to become the norm any time soon, the inclusion of hip 71 highlights a change in the market place that finds more and more expensive yearlings reappearing at two-year-old sales. Part of the reason, said Kight, is that consignors are finding it difficult to buy a standout horse for a reasonable price.

"It's just gotten so hard to go and buy a good horse," he said. "You find yourself paying \$200,000, \$300,000 for a yearling by an average sire that has a limited pedigree."

In response to that trend, Kight said he and his wife Layna made the decision to swing for the fences and go after a blue-blooded yearling with the physical to match.

"We said this year that we were going to buy the best horse we could to bring to a two-year-old sale," Kight said. So far, added Kight, the colt hasn't put a hoof wrong since he arrived in Florida from Keeneland. "He's the best horse I've ever been around," he said. "I knew 45 days ago that's he was the best horse I'd ever trained. He's got the pedigree, he's got the physical talent; there's really nothing not to like."

While consignors like Kight up the ante with expensive pinhooks, sale officials are, not surprisingly, pleased to be featuring horses with such broad commercial potential.

"There's no question that it's exciting," said Fasig-Tipton Executive Vice President and COO Boyd Browning Jr. "It's indicative of the opportunities that exist in the marketplace now--that you can buy a million-dollar horse and it is a reasonable business proposition that you can resell the horse as a two-year-old. We have consistently seen over the last 10 years that the pinhookers have brought a better and better horse to the marketplace, and that's why the juvenile sales have grown so significantly."

Swell of Compassion...

The death of Randy Hartley and Dean De Renzo's \$900,000 Storm Cat colt, who was later determined to have suffered an aneurysm, was a stark reminder to every pinhooker that theirs is a business with great risks. It was also a reminder of the compassion and comradery shared by horsemen. "One nice thing about the horse business is that Dean and Randy received a lot of support and encouragement from their 'competitors,' from other consignors," said Fasig-Tipton's Boyd Browning Jr. "There is a sense of community. Everybody wants to do well, but they don't want to do well at the expense of one of their friends and neighbors. I think they appreciate the support they've received and the positive feedback they've gotten, the 'Hey, we're here for you, we're thinking about you.'"

TOP PINHOOK PRICES AT FASIG-TIPTON CALDER

(Outs not included)

Hip	Pedigree
71	Storm Cat --Moon Safari (Mr. Prospector) (\$1,000,000 yrl '06 KEESEP) <i>Consigned by Kight/Adams/Mattox & Raymon, Hoby & Layna Kight, agent</i>
50	Storm Cat --Luna Wells (Ire) (Sadler's Wells) (\$500,000 yrl '06 KEESEP) <i>Consigned by Kight/Adams & Mattox, Hoby & Layna Kight, agent</i>
290	Booklet --Fees Waived (Wavering Monarch) (\$500,000 yrl '06 KEESEP) <i>Consigned by John Brocklebank</i>
173	Vindication --Twosies Answer (Two's A Plenty) (\$450,000 yrl '06 KEESEP) <i>Consigned by Hartley/DeRenzo Thoroughbreds LLC, agent</i>
205	Mr. Greeley --Ahpo Hel (Mr. Leader) (\$365,000 yrl '06 KEESEP) <i>Consigned by M W Miller III, agent</i>
62	Tale of the Cat --Mer de Glace (Unbridled) (\$360,000 yrl '06 KEESEP) <i>Consigned by Wavertree Stables Inc, Agent V</i>
245	Sky Mesa --Cocktail Sauce (Tabasco Cat) (\$335,000 yrl '06 FTSAUG) <i>Consigned by Wavertree Stables Inc, Agent II</i>

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HIP 11 – Colt by **KAFWAIN** – Grand Storm, breezed in :10.3 ... [Video](#)

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The Right Nick...

Nick de Meric has been ringside at Fasig-Tipton Calder since the beginning. The sale celebrates its 24th renewal tomorrow; de Meric has been among the consignors for 23. And one of the biggest changes over the years has been the amount of money consignors are willing to risk to hit the pinhooking mother lode.

“The amount being spent on pinhooks is dramatically higher,” de Meric observed. “The focus used to be on the athletic individual, with less emphasis on pedigree. But now we are competing with the end users at the yearling sales and buying the best horse we can find. That makes it a huge gamble.

“Yes, the [two-year-old] prices have gone up to justify what we spend at the yearling sales, but the failure rate is higher, too. With the more prestigious boutique-type two-year-old sales, the market has become rather polarized. The rewards can be dazzling for the right horse, and non-existent for the wrong one. You pretty much need to hit some home runs every year to carry the freight on those horses perceived as less desirable. It’s a high-stakes game and not for the faint-hearted.”

Still, the British-born horseman has not gone as deep into his wallet as some. De Meric’s biggest sales purchase last year was a Giant’s Causeway colt that brought \$285,000 at Keeneland September. His Fasig-Tipton consignment cost between \$75,000 and \$250,000.

“When we are making our yearling selections, we try to zero in on those animals that have a special quality that speaks to you, but maybe doesn’t speak to everyone,” he explained. “That can allow you to buy under the radar, on occasion.”

De Meric and partner Pete Bradley uncovered one such gem at Keeneland September in 2005, getting a handsome Mr. Greeley yearling for just \$180,000. Later named Belgravia, the colt was purchased by Dr. Demi O’Byrne for \$2 million at Fasig-Tipton Calder last year. He captured the GIII Hollywood Prevue S. and was beaten just a length and a half when fourth in the GI Hollywood Futurity in his latest start.

But the sizeable stakes being wagered on pinhooking prospects are not the only way that two-year-old sales have evolved over nearly a quarter of a century.

“There are so many ways the business has changed,” de Meric said. “The most glaringly obvious thing is the emphasis on extreme workouts. There is no getting around it. You used to be able to sell a horse after a two-minute lick in a pretty pair. They would just stretch their legs down the lane--it was an understated work. de Meric cont. p4



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de Meric cont.

"That time is long gone," he added. "You wouldn't get a second glance with that kind of work now. The current buying bench is heavily influenced by speed, and also by style. The way a horse works is coming into the equation. It is a bigger issue, especially with the advent of videos that can be replayed over and over and over."

Technology has also had an effect in other areas.

"Vetting has become more stringent," de Meric said. "We have digital X-rays, endoscopes, heart monitors. That allows the buyers to acquire a lot more information to work from than they used to have available."

But the veteran consignor still relies heavily on that old-fashioned "eye for a horse" that has worked so well in the past.

"We are very careful when we vet horses and we try to be very thorough in the selection process, but I persistently focus my attention on trying to buy the consummate athlete," de Meric said. "I want the horse that looks like he will be able to perform on the race-track. At the end of the day, the selection process is geared toward finding those athletes."

The system is working. Over the years, de Meric has topped the list for stakes winners sold at the major two-year-old sales. He was the leading consignor at the 2007 OBS February sale, with eight juveniles (of nine offered) bringing an average of \$188,375.

That's not bad for someone who headed to the U.S. with little more than an extra change of clothes. Raised

in the town of Tilford, about 30 miles southwest of London, de Meric grew up showing ponies, then graduated to eventing and point-to-points. He hit the road after studying at Cirencester Agricultural College, touring East Africa and the Far East before spending a couple of years in Australia. In addition to working with horses, he picked apples, herded cattle and mined iron ore. But the Thoroughbred business was always his first love, and the U.S. was to become his home.



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"I first came to U.S. out of curiosity more than anything," de Meric explained. "I had returned to England because my sister was getting married, and I fully intended to return to Australia, but when it was time to move on again, I decided to come to the U.S."

"I arrived as I did everywhere in those years--with a backpack and not much else. I initially planned to stay six months, work some sales, and then play it by ear."

Two events conspired to turn de Meric's visit into a permanent move. While working for Eaton Sales in Kentucky, he met his future wife, Jaqui.

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Nick de Meric cont.

Married in 1983, the two have built their business together. "My darling wife has been my partner from the outset," de Meric said.

The second piece of the puzzle was an early trip to the sales in Florida.

"It became clear after a short time in the U.S. that Florida was the premier winter training ground," de Meric remarked. "Once I'd visited, I knew that's where I wanted to be. Then it was a natural progression from my love of training to finding a way to make a living buying and selling horses. I didn't want to spend my life on the road, or in some urban area."

The de Merics started with 40 acres in Ocala, and now operate out of their 270-acre Eclipse Training Center. There is evidence of their success at racetracks around the country. In addition to Belgravia, the couple sold \$90,000 KEESEP yearling Dream Rush last year. A \$285,000 OBSFEB buy for West Point Thoroughbreds, she beat champion Dreaming of Anna into third when taking the the Gill Old Hat S. by 3 1/2 lengths and is now three-for-four.

"I measure success not only by what I achieve at the sales, but also by what my graduates achieve at the racetrack," de Meric said. "I get as much out of the accomplishments of horses like Belgravia and Dream Rush as I do from a good sale."

Going "All In" Not Graham's Game...

Don Graham has upped his ante since getting into the pinhooking game seven years ago. After spending 35 years working with Quarter Horses, Graham made the change to Thoroughbreds because that's where the big bucks seemed to be. But that doesn't mean he is in any hurry to part with the profits he has made.

"I do this because I really love it and enjoy it," Graham said. "I'm just not comfortable spending a whole lot of money. It would take the fun out of it to go too deep. It is more enjoyable to live within my means. That's the approach I take. I'm looking for the best bang for my buck. So far, I have been very blessed, very lucky, there's no two ways about it."

Graham sold two of the top five fillies at the Fasig-Tipton Calder sale in 2006. The first, a daughter of Mr. Greeley that was purchased for \$115,000 as a KEESEP yearling, brought \$750,000. The second was a daughter of Elusive Quality that sold for \$775,000. Both were purchased by Dr. Demi O'Byrne. The Elusive Quality, now named Voulez Vous, broke her maiden in her second start, scoring by four lengths at Santa Anita Feb. 7.

This year's consignment was purchased for prices ranging from \$70,000 to \$175,000. Graham is hoping to hit another one out of the park with [hip 57](#), a filly to Forestry out of MGSW March Magic (Evansville Slew).

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The dark bay, named Timber Trick, was picked up for \$120,000 at Keeneland September. She topped the first under-tack show with an eighth in :10 ([video](#)).

What caught Graham's eye five months ago?

"She was a really scopy filly and had a lot of presence," he remarked. "She's beautifully conformed and she looked like a pretty mover, a pretty walker. And, of course, Forestry is probably one of the hottest sires going. I just liked her attitude and the class she exuded."

Graham will send out eight juveniles tomorrow. He had six go through the ring last year, with five selling for an average of \$419,000.

"Miles" Ahead of the Game...

Randy Miles made a splash in his first trip to Fasig-Tipton Calder. Miles brought three to the sale last year, and two found new homes, with a Yonaguska colt bringing \$500,000 from John Ferguson and a Gone West filly going for \$400,000 to Tadakuni Sugiyama. After scratching three of the quartet he had catalogued, he will have just one on offer this time around, but don't let the minimal consignment fool you. Business has been booming for the Virginia native.

"Last year, we had 25 horses," Miles said. "This year, we have 70. I guess I'm the new face on the block, and people want to give me a shot. Hopefully, I won't let them down. We have a lot of nice horses."

The 30-something consignor was introduced to the world of horses by his father. A regional sales manager for Reynolds Aluminum, Lenny Miles was also an avid rider. To make extra money, he would break a few babies every year, then take them to the Fasig-Tipton Midlantic sale in May. Randy Miles helped out, but he never planned to make a living at it.

"I didn't have any interest in horses when I was growing up," he recalled. "I played sports--that's what I was good at. I went to Virginia Commonwealth University and studied computers...and I can't even get on the Internet anymore. That seems like a long time ago."

"When I got out of college, I saw the kind of money my father was making. I thought if he could make that kind of money with two or three horses, what could you make if you had 10? But he didn't want me to get into the business."

The elder Miles was worried that his son might not have the dedication for the long hours and the seven-day-a-week schedule that horsemen endure. His concerns were not without merit.

"I was not a responsible person when I was young," Miles admitted. "I didn't get into any major trouble, but I didn't have a sense of responsibility. But when you are 20 or 22, you are trying to find something you want to do for the rest of your life. Sometimes you don't have a clue until it hits you in the face. I was determined--this was what I wanted to do."

Miles cont. p7

When compared to sires (F96-F02) his A Index would place him second on the list.

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Smart Strike	3.85
Forestry	3.80
Awesome Again	3.29
Unbridled's Song	3.02
Fusaichi Pegasus	2.87
Dixie Union	2.67
Yes It's True	2.44
Giant's Causeway	2.40
Langfuhr	2.39
Mutakddim	2.37
Pulpit	2.37
Montbrook	2.33
Stormy Atlantic	2.19
Alphabet Soup	2.18
Smoke Glacken	2.15
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Miles cont.

Miles would have to get started on his own. He headed to Kentucky and caught on at Crestwood Farm.

"I was lucky enough to work with Pope McLean at Crestwood," he offered. "I worked for him for a year, and he was super to me. I felt like I was part of the family--10 years later, we are still best friends. I was fortunate. Pope taught me about integrity and honesty and about taking care of the horses. He gave me a head start. After that year, my father was ready for me to come home, and he really helped me then."

Miles started out modestly, selling 10 or 12 horses at the Midlantic sale. In 2001, his consignment attracted high bids from \$9,000 to \$32,000, but, by 2005, he had produced a quartet of six-figure sales in Maryland. His debut at Keeneland April that year was highlighted by a Forest Wildcat filly that brought \$440,000.

His star continued to rise last year. Following the Fasig-Tipton Calder Sale, he headed to Keeneland April with five two-year-olds. Two failed to reach their reserves, but a Not for Love filly was purchased for \$460,000 by Stonestreet Stables and a Point Given topped the distaff offerings, going to Zayat Stables for \$725,000. Named Point Ashley, she went on to win the GI Del Mar Debutante and run second in the GI Oak Leaf S.



Point Ashley *Benoit Photo*

before going back through the ring at Keeneland January. Bought for \$1.8 million by Hill 'n' Dale Bloodstock, the three-year-old has since been retired and will be bred to Storm Cat.

Miles also had the top-selling filly at Midlantic, with a daughter of Two Punch going to Zayat for \$380,000. His success has not gone unnoticed. The stable has nearly tripled in size this year.

"I felt it coming on," Miles said. "After the two-year-old sales last year, when I went to the July sale in Kentucky, people were approaching me. I could feel that it was going to happen and prepared for it. I hired three great assistant managers so I could oversee everything.

"It was hard to get organized, but once we got it together, it wasn't as bad as I thought it would be," he added. "I have a great team, people like Tracy Price, who are a big part of where we are and who we are."

Miles credits a move south with adding to his achievements.

"Last year, we made our first trip to Ocala," he explained. "We took the horses to Oak Ridge Training Center in Morriston. It's a brand new facility with a one-mile track. It's super, and I think training there helped us have a lot of success.

"This year, instead of renting one barn, we rented three. As we grew, everything just fit."

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DANZIG and SUCCESSFUL APPEAL #1 Sires by 2006 2YO ABC Index – 5.08

Other selected sires by 2006 2YO ABC Index

Storm Cat	3.89
Fusaichi Pegasus	3.02
A.P. Indy	2.98
More Than Ready	2.78
Forestry	2.76
Unbridled's Song	2.70
Yes It's True	2.62
Dixie Union	2.60
Pulpit	2.47
Smart Strike	2.47
Distorted Humor	2.35
Tale of the Cat	2.33
Forest Wildcat	1.91
Gone West	1.72
Giant's Causeway	0.97

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Miles cont.

Clients including Ken Luke's Eldon Equine, who joined the team early, and Gainesway, have also contributed mightily to Miles's rise in the business. But the consignor believes he may have grown just a little too big.

"I don't think I want to have 70 horses again," he said. "I am a horse lover, not a businessman. With 70, you lose contact with the horses. The only time I get to enjoy them one-on-one is when everybody has left the barn. Then I can go and pet on them and pay attention to them and see how they are. I like to be hands-on and have a bond with each horse. You can't do that with 70 horses. I think I want to cap out with 50 horses."

First attracted to the world of pinhooking by the money, Miles now gets his deepest satisfaction from the animals in his care.

"I give the horses the credit," he said. "They gave me a sense of responsibility. Once I brought that first group home, they didn't have anyone else to depend on. I had to be there for them. They really saved me. That's why I really want to give back to them now...I want to take the best care of them that I can."

That philosophy spills over into his training.

"One of the things we try to stick with is that we don't want to get into too much speed," Miles said. "We want to avoid too many strenuous works. My horses have a good bottom---I'll have them gallop a mile and a half or two miles--but I don't breeze them fast. We want to sell horses that the owners will be happy to bring home. We want them to be healthy and have longevity in their racing careers."

Miles's lone offering at Calder is [hip 133](#), a filly by Street Cry (Ire) who worked an eighth in :10 4/5 at the first preview ([video](#)).

"She is by the right sire and she is a super, super classy filly," Miles said. "She won't have the fastest breeze in the sale, but she really has a lot of talent."

Miles is hoping the filly can add to his growing resume. He also has nine catalogued for Keeneland April, but, rather than making predictions for the future, he is enjoying his current success.

"We have been reaching all of our goals," he said. "I keep pinching myself--I can't believe I am doing it."

Blum Makes Rare Appearance in 2yo Sales...

Most people know breeder Peter Blum from the prominent horses he has sold as weanlings or yearlings, like Devil His Due and GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies runner-up La Spia. Or mares like Sassy Pants, the dam of Dubai Escapade and Madcap Escapade who made \$4.5 million at Keeneland November last year. But tomorrow, the Atlanta-based businessman takes a rare dip into the two-year-old market with a pair of colts he hopes can make names for themselves, too. One is a horse that didn't quite meet expectations at last year's Keeneland September sale. Hip [38](#), by Empire Maker out of the Storm Bird mare Lady of Choice, RNA'd for \$340,000. He is joined by another Blum-bred colt from the same family, a colt by Vindication cataloged as hip [151](#). Both horses are consigned by Scanlon Training Center.

"I don't usually do the two-year-old sales, but these where two colts we thought would do well, and we're hopeful," Blum said last week.

In addition to being from the same family--hip 38's third dam is Mine Only (Mr. Prospector), the second dam of hip 151--the two have other similarities. Both are by exciting freshman sires with Classic-type pedigrees, and both are half-siblings to speedy horses. Hip 38, named Decisive Choice, is a half to Multiple Choice (Mt. Livermore), a three-time Grade III winner in sprints. The unnamed hip 151 is a three-parts sibling to the fast \$2.5-million yearling Tomahawk (Seattle Slew), second in the G1 Dewhurst S. and G1 Middle Park S. and highweighted juvenile colt in Ireland in 2002.

Asked to comment on the pair, Blum said, "Both of them are pretty advanced. The Empire Maker will probably be more of a two-turn horse, but we still thought he would show well."

Decisive Choice worked an eighth in :11 at the first breeze show ([video](#)); hip 151 worked the same distance in :10 3/5 ([video](#)). While Blum isn't a regular at the juvenile sales--he reckons it's been six or seven years since he last offered up a two-year-old--he's not a complete stranger to them. Blum sent eventual Grade II winner Academy Award, a son of Mine Only, through this sale in 1988, but bought him back. He sold graded winner Griffinite for \$250,000 at Calder in 2000.



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HIP #20 F. Street Cry/Holiday Runner

Holiday Runner won the Three Chimneys Juvenile S. beating **Posse & Zavata** (see video at consignment)

HIP #127 C. Grand Slam/Scarlet Tango

Colt worked 10.2 sec. Bred on a similar cross as **Strong Hope (MGSW)**. Grand Slam was the 2006 leading sire by number of individual winners.

HIP #116 F. Empire Maker/Roll Over Baby

Well-bred filly with an exceptional pedigree. 1/2 or 3/4 sister to stakes horses **Value Plus**, **Majorbigtimesheet**, **Roll Hennessy Roll**, and **Werblin**.

HIP #280 C. Unbridled's Song/Everyday Angel

Colt worked 10.2 sec. First foal out of stakes placed **Everyday Angel**, by Forestry. She broke her maiden at Saratoga as a 2YO by 12 1/2 lengths, posting a 7 1/2 Ragozin.



LaPenta Well Stocked...

Take away the horses that Robert LaPenta has in the Fasig-Tipton Calder catalog and that catalog gets quite a bit thinner. The 61-year-old businessman, through his Whitehorse Stables, accounts for no fewer than 20 horses here before outs. LaPenta's horses are split between consignors Scanlon Training Center and Kirwood Stables, with the former accounting for 13 in the catalog and the latter another seven. "I think we've got a couple of real nice horses," commented LaPenta recently. Among those LaPenta said to keep an eye on are:

- Hip 3, a colt by Fusaichi Pegasus--Gera, by Capote, from the family of Dixie Union.
- Hip 92, a colt by Fusaichi Pegasus--Pas Who, by Pas Seul, who is a three-parts sibling to three stakes winners.
- Hip 99, a colt by Came Home--Pleasant Point, by Pleasant Colony out of a full-sister to Grade I winner Colonial Colony.

LaPenta has been in the pinhooking game for just five years, but has already made his mark, especially at this sale. His biggest score as a seller came in 2004, when he sold Fusaichi Samurai at Fasig-Tipton Calder for \$4.5 million, then a world record for a two-year-old in training. Other LaPenta horses that have graduated from Calder include multiple graded stakes winner Zavata (\$170,000 yearling, \$575,000 two-year-old); multiple Grade I winner Pomeroy (\$45,000 yearling, \$300,000 two-year-old); and more recently the Kentucky Derby hopeful Cobalt Blue (\$100,000 yearling, \$325,000 two-year-old); and Came to Pass (\$210,000 yearling, \$350,000 two-year-old), a promising Darley colorbearer.

LaPenta's business plan for pinhooking is simple. He purchases a few dozen yearlings through Whitehorse, with trainer Nick Zito acting as his bloodstock advisor, offers them up at the two-year-old sales and races those who don't meet their reserve.

For the most part resisting the trend to increase his spending on yearlings, LaPenta has concentrated on purchasing prospects in the \$150,000 to \$200,000 range. A total of 17 of his 20 cataloged horses at Fasig-Tipton cost \$200,000 or less, with his most expensive pinhook coming in the form of 201, a Johannesburg colt out of GSP Accountable Lady (The Minstrel), who was bought for \$310,000.

"A \$300,000, \$400,000 pinhook is a tough gamble," said LaPenta. "What you're faced with is putting them in a sale with a big reserve on them, and it's a risky game at that level. Listen, it's a risky game at any level--there are so many variables and so many issues. It's not an easy thing to do."

That said, LaPenta hasn't been shy about buying the occasional 'expensive' yearling, nor has he been shy about buying back horses at big prices.

"I'm not going to give them away," he stated. "We put a number on them and if we don't get it, we take them back and try to make them successful on the racetrack."

It's a philosophy that has worked well for him. In 2004, LaPenta bought back Andromeda's Hero, a \$310,000 yearling, for \$725,000 at Keeneland April. By Fusaichi Pegasus, the horse that LaPenta calls 'The Hero' went on to finish second in Afleet Alex's GI Belmont S. and now stands for \$12,500 at Richland Hills.

Last year, LaPenta RNA'd the Came Home colt C P West for \$750,000 at Keeneland April. Later in the season, the colt, originally a \$425,000 yearling, notched a second-place finish to King of the Roxy in the GII Futurity S. at Belmont, an effort that gained a little luster when King of the Roxy won Saturday's GII Hutcheson S. at Gulfstream.

Perhaps LaPenta's 'best' buyback was one of his cheapest. At the 2003 Calder sale, a Gulch colt whom LaPenta had acquired for \$200,000 as a yearling worked slowly during the breeze show, reportedly because of feline intervention.

"I remember being on the phone with my racing manager and I said, 'Hey, how'd the Gulch do?'" said LaPenta. "He said, 'Oh man, what a mess! A cat ran across the track, the horse got spooked, and he ran :11 and change.' So we put a reserve of I think \$250,000 on him."

Bidding on the horse, later named The Cliff's Edge, stalled out at \$195,000, but in the end that result couldn't have been better for LaPenta. Carrying LaPenta's maroon and gold colors and representing Zito's stable, The Cliff's Edge won the 2005 GI Blue Grass S., banked over \$1.2 million and now stands at Vinery in Kentucky for a \$15,000 fee.

FASIG-TIPTON FORECAST

Tuesday: Partly cloudy, with a high of 75F. Winds NE at 13 mph. Humidity at 56%.

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Big Three Highlight Fasig Freshman Sires...

Boasting the strongest commercial appeal since the 2004 class of Giant's Causeway, Fusaichi Pegasus, et al, this year's group of freshman sires is led by a trio of talented Grade I winners with pedigrees for the Classics. Two of them--Horse of the Year **Mineshaft** (A.P. Indy) and GI Belmont S. hero **Empire Maker** (Unbridled)--began their stud careers at a fee of \$100,000, while GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile winner and champion two-year-old colt



Empire Maker
stallionregister.com

Vindication (Seattle Slew) went to stud for \$50,000. The trio didn't have any representatives at the OBS February sale three weeks ago, but between them have 18 on offer at Fasig-Tipton Calder. Hill 'n' Dale Farms' Vindication has 11 catalogued juveniles here, joined by four youngsters by Mineshaft and three by Empire Maker. "Without question it's exciting to be selling horses by these sires," said Fasig-Tipton's Boyd Browning Jr. "As a group, this is probably the most exciting roster to come out in several years." With stud fees that reflected both racetrack performance and sterling pedigrees, hopes were high for the trio during last year's yearling sales, and they didn't disappoint. Empire Maker's \$379,125 average (32 of 43 sold) was best among freshman, as was his median of \$270,000. Vindication came next with a \$340,281 average (64 of 86 sold), which included a \$4.6 million half-brother to Roman Ruler and El Corredor that sold at Keeneland September. Vindication's median was \$210,000. Mineshaft, champion older male and Horse of the Year in



Mineshaft
Tony Leonard



Vindication
hillndalefarms.com

2003, saw his yearlings average \$292,415 last term (33 of 41 sold), with a \$200,000 median.

Also represented by members of their first crops are Grade I winners **Aldebaran** (Mr. Prospector), **Booklet** (Notebook), **Changeintheweather** (Gone West), **D'wildcat** (Forest Wildcat), **Harlan's Holiday** (Harlan), **Hawk Wing** (Woodman), **Hold That Tiger** (Storm Cat), **Macho Uno** (Holy Bull), **Sky Mesa** (Pulpit) and **Whywhywhy** (Mr. Greeley). Freshman stats, p10

F-T FRESHMAN SIRES

Sire (Sire's Sire)	'04 Fee	Sold	Average
Aldebaran (Mr. Prospector)	\$50,000	40	\$94,550
Booklet (Notebook)	\$6,500	2	\$252,000
Changeintheweather (Gone West)	\$7,500	27	\$10,976
Drewman (Unbridled)	\$2,500	9	\$9,133
D'wildcat (Forest Wildcat)	C\$10,000	19	\$39,754
Empire Maker (Unbridled)	\$100,000	32	\$379,125
Full Mandate (A.P. Indy)	\$5,000	33	\$26,606
Harlan's Holiday (Harlan)	\$17,500	58	\$96,699
Hawk Wing (Woodman)	€25,000	73	\$118,039
Hold That Tiger (Storm Cat)	\$15,000	79	\$55,389
Hook and Ladder (Dixieland Band)	\$3,500	24	\$52,379
Kafwain (Cherokee Run)	\$10,000	51	\$77,204
Macho Uno (Holy Bull)	\$15,000	28	\$44,150
Mineshaft (A.P. Indy)	\$100,000	33	\$292,415
Najran (Runaway Groom)	\$7,500	24	\$20,116
Posse (Rahy)	\$10,000	36	\$68,488
Proud Citizen (Gone West)	\$12,500	52	\$54,918
Sky Mesa (Pulpit)	\$30,000	57	\$130,368
Sunday Break (Jpn) (Forty Niner)	\$10,000	47	\$36,800
Vindication (Seattle Slew)	\$50,000	64	\$340,281
Whywhywhy (Mr. Greeley)	\$7,500	29	\$79,489
Yankee Gentleman (Storm Cat)	\$10,000	39	\$50,415
Zavata (Phone Trick)	\$7,500	28	\$34,074

FASIG-TIPTON - 2007 SALES DATES

Texas 2yos in Training	Apr. 3
Previews	Apr. 1
Midlantic 2yos in Training	May 21 & 22
Previews	May 16 & 17
Midlantic 2yos/HIT	June 26
Previews	June 25



What Do These Horses Have In Common?

- Ghostzapper
- Medaglia D'Oro
- Afleet Alex
- Rock Hard Ten
- Smarty Jones
- Bernardini
- Leroidesanimaux
- Lava Man

They did not top Kela's 132 Equibase Speed Figure



FASIG-TIPTON CALDER FRESHMAN SIRES

Aldebaran	66 , 118 , 199 , 279
Booklet	290
Changeintheweather	84
Drewman	295
D'wildcat	155
Empire Maker	38 , 116 , 231
Full Mandate	159
Harlan's Holiday	12 , 106 , 163 , 214 , 271
Hold That Tiger	167 , 170 , 248
Hawk Wing	140
Hook and Ladder	203
Kafwain	11 , 24 , 86 , 88 , 104 , 153 , 156 , 175
Macho Uno	299
Mineshaft	166 , 195 , 226 , 252
Najran	148
Posse	23 , 150 , 282
Proud Citizen	5 , 21 , 35 , 136 , 164 , 223
Sky Mesa	33 , 58 , 95 , 107 , 120 , 169 , 207 , 245 , 265
Sunday Break (Jpn)	32 , 69
Vindication	7 , 96 , 113 , 125 , 131 , 151 , 173 , 211 , 216 , 235 , 291
Whywhywhy	297
Yankee Gentleman	14 , 162 , 197 , 213
Zavata	139

Hip numbers with lines through them have been scratched.

TOP FIVE AT F-T CALDER - 2006

Name	Sire	Dam	Price
The Green Monkey c	Forestry	Magical Masquerade	\$16,000,000
<i>(\$425,000 yrl '05 FTKJUL)</i>			
B-Padua Stables (Fl)			
Consigned by Hartley/De Renzo Thoroughbreds LLC, agent			
Purchased by Dr. Dermot O'Byrne			
Positive Force	c Storm Cat	Brushed Halory	\$2,200,000
B-Racehorse Management (Ky)			
Consigned by Hartley/DeRenzo Thoroughbreds LLC, agent			
Purchased by Dale Romans, agent			
Belgravia	c Mr. Greeley	Peaks Mill	\$2,000,000
<i>(\$190,000 wnl '04 KEENOV; \$180,000 yrl '05 KEESEP)</i>			
B-Margaret Patterson & Spendthrift Farm (Ky)			
Consigned by Nick de Meric, agent			
Purchased by Dr. Dermot O'Byrne			
Mercantile	c Golden Missile	Silverdew	\$2,000,000
<i>(\$175,000 yrl '05 KEESEP)</i>			
B-Dark Hollow Farm & Kildaire Investments (Md)			
Consigned by O & H Bloodstock, agent			
Purchased by John Ferguson, agent			
Samurai Tigers	Indian Charlie	Pear Shape	\$1,200,000
<i>(\$250,000 yrl '05 KEESEP)</i>			
B-Gaines-Gentry Thoroughbreds & Richard Nip (Ky)			
Consigned by Wavertree Stables Inc, Agent IV			
Purchased by Nobutaka Tada			

Note: click names for video of the horses' F-T works

FASIG-TIPTON TWO YEAR OLDS IN TRAINING

1/8-mile works				
Time	Hip#	Sex	Sire	Dam
10.0	20	f	Street Cry (Ire)	Holiday Runner
10.0	25	c	Successful Appeal	House d'Or
10.0	64	f	More Than Ready	Miss Garland
10.0	74	f	Storm Boot	Motel Lass
10.0	87	c	Distorted Humor	Nothing Special
10.0	107	c	Sky Mesa	Procession
10.0	120	c	Sky Mesa	Sailing On
10.0	176	c	Forestry	Unbridled Spirit
10.0	252	c	Mineshaft	Coral Sea

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1/4-mile works				
21.0	181	f	Malibu Moon	Val U Me

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