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SOUNDS LIKE A WINNER



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Hidden Creek Farm's **Street Sounds** (Street Cry {Ire}), out of action since taking the Selima S. on the Laurel turf last November, staved off a challenge from favored **Forever Together** (Belong to Me) to take the GII Stonerside Beaumont S. at Keeneland yesterday. "She showed a lot of courage because I saw that horse on the outside coming, and she gave me an extra effort," said win-

ning rider Edgar Prado. It was her first start on an all-weather surface. "We weren't sure we were making the right move because she did so well on the turf, but she had trained well on the Polytrack and it worked out well," added winning trainer Michael Matz. **Cont. p2**

Thursday, Keeneland

STONERSIDE BEAUMONT S.-GII, \$250,000, KEE, 4-12, 3yo, f, a7f, 1:24 4/5, ft.

1--**@STREET SOUNDS**, 119, f, 3, by **Street Cry (Ire)**

1st Dam: **Rare Opportunity (GSP)**, by **Danzig Connection**

2nd Dam: **Andora**, by **Conquistador Cielo**

3rd Dam: **Sabin**, by **Lyphard**

(\$400,000 yrl '05 KEESEP). O-Hidden Creek Farm; B-Anderson Farms & Rod Ferguson (ON); T-Michael R Matz; J-Edgar S Prado; \$155,000. Lifetime Record: 6-3-0-2, \$258,400. *1/2 to Silver Highlight (Silver Charm), SW-Can, GSP-US, \$368,779. **Third GSW for sophomore sire (by Machiavellian).

2--**Forever Together**, 121, f, 3, Belong to Me--Constant Companion, by Relaunch. (\$30,000 wlng '04 KEENOV; \$27,000 yrl '05 KEESEP; \$240,000 2yo 2006 OBSMAR). O-Augustin Stable; B-White Fox Farm (KY); T-Jonathan E Sheppard; \$50,000.

3--**Palace Pier**, 119, f, 3, Out of Place--La Belle Danse, by Beau Genius. O-William A Sorokolit, Sr; B-William Sorokolit (ON); T-Darwin D Banach; \$25,000.

Margins: NK, 1 3/4, 2 1/4. Odds: 9.20, 1.50, 33.60. Also Ran: Silverinyourpocket, Baroness Thatcher, Eternal Grace, Sutra. Scratched: Pro Pink.

EASTER CLOSES WITH A BANG

Participants at the Inglis Australian Easter Sale were sent reeling as the market gained tidal-wave momentum on the third and final day of the event. An unprecedented 15 yearlings--nine fillies and six colts--surpassed the A\$1-million barrier Thursday, including hip 564, an Encosta de Lago (Aus)--Twyla (Aus) filly that topped the session at Woodland Stud's bid of A\$2.2 million. Sustained purchasing at the top end by representatives of Sheikh Mohammed, Sheikh Hamdan, Sheikh Mohammed bin Khalifa, and dominant leading buyer Woodlands Stud ensured plenty of fireworks as dusk fell over the Newmarket sale complex. An ebullient new group, headed by Tim Hughes, was also well-represented, with agent James Bester handling the bidding duties. The passed-in rate, a subject of much angst over the first two sessions, improved to a respectable 18.9 percent as the three-day sale closed with 445 lots sold for total receipts of A\$148,215,000. The third session average climbed to A\$373,466 and A\$332,545 overall, up 15 percent on last year's average of A\$288,497. The cumulative median was up 11 percent, to A\$200,000.



Lot 564 - A\$2.2 million filly
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WILL HE SHOW UP IN MAKER'S MARK?

Multiple Grade I winner **Showing Up** (Strategic Mission) is slated to make his seasonal bow in today's GII Maker's Mark Mile S. at Keeneland, but wet weather may put a crimp in those plans. Trainer Barclay Tagg will scratch the Lael Stables colt if rain forces the race off the turf. "I'm not going to run him if the race is run on the Polytrack," Tagg told *Daily Racing Form*. The chestnut, seven for nine lifetime, has not raced since posting a sharp victory in the GI Hollywood Derby Nov. 26. His early-season objective is the GI Woodford Reserve Turf Classic at Churchill May 5. **Cont. p4**



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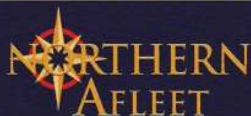


Stonerside Beaumont cont.

One couldn't have found Street Sounds with a pair of binoculars in her career opener, a Delaware main-track sprint July 15, when she faded to finish ninth by 57 3/4 lengths and earned a 0 Beyer Speed Figure, but the bay has been a model of consistency since. Third in her first route attempt Sept. 9, she earned her diploma in her turf bow at Delaware Oct. 3, then travelled to finish third in the Jessamine S. over the Keeneland lawn Oct. 26. The Ontario-bred returned to annex Laurel's Selima S. on the turf Nov. 25 and spent the winter at Palm Meadows. Breaking alertly from her outside post, Street Sounds was five wide while contesting the pace. She poked her head in front on the turn and padded her advantage in midstretch. The 3-2 favorite, previously unbeaten Forever Together, took a run at her late, but Street Sounds found the wire in time. Forever Together's trainer Jonathan Sheppard was philosophical about her first loss. "She didn't break as sharply in the beginning as she sometimes does, and I'm not sure why," he said. "But she ran very gamely; she was still coming on at the end."

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[GII Stonerside Beaumont S.](#) Street Sounds (Street Cry {Ire}) holds off Forever Together (Belong to Me).



Bullet Churchill Work for Hard Spun...

Fox Hill Farm's **Hard Spun** (Danzig) sailed through a five-furlong breeze in 1:00.20 yesterday at Churchill Downs, the fastest of 15 workers at that distance. Trainer J. Larry Jones had been reluctant to commit his colt to the GI Kentucky Derby pending a Churchill workout, but those concerns are behind him now. "He went over the track very nice and came back very fresh afterwards," said Jones. "That was going to be our determining key, just to see how much it took out of him having to fight the track and there apparently was no fight to it. He just kind of skipped across it, which is great." After capturing his first four starts, including the GIII LeComte S. Jan. 13 at Fair Grounds, the bay had a wide trip when fourth as the 1-2 chalk in Oaklawn's Southwest S. Feb. 19. He rebounded with a convincing tally in the GII Lane's End S. over Turfway's Polytrack Mar. 24 and will head to Louisville off a six-week break. "He will probably have a mile work at Keeneland, I'd like to say sometime around next weekend," Jones added. "By training into it [the Derby] and having six weeks between races, he's going to need something a little bit stiff, but we don't want a knockout punch. We're hoping to get something to build on instead of tearing down. Then he'll come back here [Churchill Downs] for his final work. I always felt that the horses in the Derby need that last work over the Derby track, so we're going to do that. It could range anywhere from the Sunday before the Derby to the Tuesday before the Derby, just depending on weather." **Cont. p3**



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Hard Spun Heading to Kentucky Derby cont.

Hard Spun will be the first Kentucky Derby starter for Jones. "Now I've got three weeks to really get the jitters, because up to now it [the Derby] was just kind of a dream--now it can feel like a reality," Jones continued. "It could be a long three weeks for me. I've been told that I have a lot of school friends that would want to call me, and stuff like that now. But it's just a dream come true, and at least we're going into it happy. I'd always said that I'd love to run in the Derby or be in the Derby, but I didn't want to be there unless I felt I belonged. I didn't just want to 'fill' the race. I've filled enough at Churchill in the cheap races--I don't want to fill in the Kentucky Derby. It could still happen, but at least we feel like going in that we have our t's crossed and our i's dotted, and we like what we've seen."

Teuflesberg Tunes Up...

Teuflesberg (Johannesburg) completed his preparations for Saturday's GI Toyota Blue Grass S. by blowing out three-eighths in :35. "It was very good," said co-owner and trainer Jamie Sanders. A front-running winner of the Southwest S. Feb. 19, the bay colt comes into the Blue Grass off a third-place finish in the GIII Rebel S. Mar. 17 at Oaklawn.



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Bone Bruise KO's Ketchikan...

The promising three-year-old Ketchikan (Mr. Greeley) will be sidelined after a bone bruise was detected at the end of his left front cannon bone. Owned by B. Wayne Hughes, the colt had finished second in the GII Louisiana Derby Mar. 10 and was slated to contest the GII Arkansas Derby. After a sparking work at Churchill last Friday, the chestnut came up lame Sunday and was sent to Rood & Riddle Equine Clinic for a complete examination. The injury is not career threatening, and Ketchikan will remain under the care of trainer Al Stall. "We're just going to lighten up on his training, walk him and that kind of stuff for a while," said Stall. "We'll just try to get those bruises healed and go on with him." Stall added, "[It could be] 30 days, 60 days--we just don't know," said Stall. "It'll be just whatever the horse tells us. It might work out better. He's a May 18 foal--he's big. If we can get all this behind him and let him get more mature, we might have some fun in the late summer or fall with him."

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Apr. 14	GI Toyota Blue Grass S. GII Arkansas Derby	Keeneland Oaklawn
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May 5	GI KENTUCKY DERBY	Churchill

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Friday, Keeneland, post time: 5:15 p.m. EDT

MAKER'S MARK MILE S.-GII, \$250,000, 4yo/up, 1mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER	ODDS
1	Free Thinking	Unbridled	Danner	12-1
2	Sky Conqueror	Sky Classic	Banach	12-1
3	Bayeux	Red Ransom	Biancone	6-1
4	Storm Caller	Stormy Atlantic	Lay	50-1
5	Old Dodge (Brz)	Dodge	Horgan	12-1
6	Purim	Dynaformer	Proctor	10-1
7	Remarkable News (Ven)	Chayim	Penna Jr	7-2
8	Showing Up	Strategic Mission	Tagg	6-5
9	Kip Deville	Kipling	Dutrow Jr	6-1

Shipping in from California are the top two finishers from the GI Frank E. Kilroe Mile H. Mar. 3, **Kip Deville** and **Bayeux**. The former captured the Bryan Station S. over this course Oct. 15. **Purim**, a graded-stakes winner on turf and dirt, captured the Col. E.R. Bradley H. on the Fair Grounds lawn Jan. 13 before tiring to be fifth on the main track in the GIII Mineshaft H. Feb. 10. The dark bay has two straight bullet works for this contest.



Kip Deville
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Friday, Oaklawn Park, post time: 5:38 p.m. CDT

COUNT FLEET SPRINT H.-GIII, \$150,000, 3yo/up, 6f

PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER	WT
1	Mach Ride	Pentelicus	Standridge	115
2	Semaphore Man	Formal Gold	K Von Hemel	115
3	Rodeo's Castle	Rodeo	Fowler	111
4	Junior College	Ide	Reinstedler	115
5	Bordonaro	Memo (Chi)	Spawr	121
6	Off Duty	Yes It's True	Whiting	113

Saturday, Aqueduct

COMELY S.-GII, \$150,000, 3yo, f, 1m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	WT
1a	Bare Dancer	Cherokee Run	A Garcia	116
2	Officer in Pursuit	Officer	Arroyo	120
3	Perfect Forest	Forestry	Dominguez	116
4	Boca Grande	A.P. Indy	Smith	122
5	Desire to Excel	Mt. Livermore	Lezcano	122
6	Winning Point	Point Given	L Garcia	116
7	Fee Fi Fo Fum	Giant's Causeway	Bravo	116
8a	My Kitty	Catienus	Hill	118
9	Lost Etiquette	Lost Soldier	Luzzi	116

The **brisnet.com** 'Race of the Day' is the GII Maker's Mark Mile S. at Keeneland. For pps and a complete race analysis, click [here](#).

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**INGLIS EASTER YEARLING SALE
THURSDAY - TOP 5 COLTS**

Lot	Sire	Dam	Price (A\$)
<u>570</u>	Redoute's Choice (Aus)	Urge to Merge (Aus)	2,100,000
Consigned by Arrowfield Stud Purchased by John Ferguson Bloodstock			
<u>412</u>	Redoute's Choice (Aus)	Procrastinate (Aus)	2,000,000
Consigned by Kia Ora Stud Purchased by John Ferguson			
<u>431</u>	Elusive Quality	Republic Lass (Aus)	2,000,000
Consigned by Tyreel Stud Purchased by Woodlands Stud			
<u>363</u>	Redoute's Choice (Aus)	National Treasure (NZ)	1,500,000
Consigned by Trelawney Stud Purchased by Tristarc Bloodstock			
<u>394</u>	Encosta de Lago (Aus)	Piavonic (Aus)	1,200,000
Consigned by Coolmore Stud Purchased by James Bester Bloodstock			
<u>495</u>	Exceed and Excel (Aus)	Skating (Aus)	1,200,000
Consigned by Segenhoe Stud Purchased by John Ferguson Bloodstock			

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Inglis Easter Yearling Sale coverage cont.

A total of 23 yearlings sold for seven-figure sums, with the Ingham family's Woodlands Stud accounting for just two of them despite topping the buyers' list with 25 purchased for A\$15.4 million. The Ingham buying team is comprised of patriarch Bob Ingham, bloodstock manager Trevor Lobb and his second-in-command Rick Connelly, trainer John Hawkes and various family members. Woodlands has purchased with deadly accuracy in recent years, sourcing G1 Golden Slipper winner Forensics (Aus) and G1 AJC Sires' Produce S. winner Camarilla (Aus) for A\$900,000 apiece at this sale last year. While prices have skyrocketed, so too has the quality on offer, with active top-end buyers unanimous in their view that there were considerably more outstanding individuals on offer than ever before, particularly on the third day.

**INGLIS EASTER YEARLING SALE
THURSDAY - TOP 9 FILLIES**

Lot	Sire	Dam	Price (A\$)
<u>564</u>	<u>Encosta de Lago (Aus)</u>	<u>Twyla (Aus)</u>	2,200,000
	Consigned by Coolmore Stud Purchased by Woodlands Stud		
<u>566</u>	<u>Redoute's Choice (Aus)</u>	<u>Tycoon Lil (Aus)</u>	2,100,000
	Consigned by Arrowfield Stud Purchased by John Ferguson Bloodstock		
<u>540</u>	<u>Redoute's Choice (Aus)</u>	<u>Tambara</u>	1,600,000
	Consigned by Segenhoe Stud Purchased by Shadwell Australia		
<u>433</u>	<u>Redoute's Choice (Aus)</u>	<u>Rich Silk</u>	1,500,000
	Consigned by Bellerive Stud Purchased by John Ferguson Bloodstock		
<u>372</u>	<u>Encosta de Lago (Aus)</u>	<u>Oceanfast (Aus)</u>	1,400,000
	Consigned by Yarraman Park Purchased by Tim Stakemire, agent		
<u>417</u>	<u>Encosta de Lago (Aus)</u>	<u>Push a Venture (GB)</u>	1,400,000
	Consigned by Coolmore Stud Purchased by E Bateman		
<u>418</u>	<u>Elusive Quality</u>	<u>Quays (Aus)</u>	1,300,000
	Consigned by Tyreel Stud Purchased by John Ferguson Bloodstock		
<u>524</u>	<u>Encosta de Lago (Aus)</u>	<u>Subterfuge (GB)</u>	1,250,000
	Consigned by Coolmore Stud Purchased by Clarry Connors		
<u>348</u>	<u>Fusaichi Pegasus</u>	<u>Monsoon Wedding (Aus)</u>	1,000,000
	Consigned by Coolmore Stud Purchased by John Foote Bloodstock		

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'More to Come...

Coolmore eclipsed all other vendors at Easter by selling 47 horses for A\$25.1 million, an average of A\$535,745, and it was from this draft that Woodlands purchased a A\$2.2-million Encosta de Lago (Aus) filly out of the Danehill mare Twyla (Aus), a 3/4-sister to Redoute's Choice (Aus). “We have had great success with our purchases to date and we hope that will continue with what we've bought this year,” said Trevor Lobb. “The fillies we are buying are great outcrosses for us. It has been a very strong sale for the top of the market.” Cataloged has hip 564, the elegant bay left Encosta de Lago within a whisker of perennial leading sire Redoute's Choice (Aus), with 39 yearlings by the Fairy King stallion averaging A\$644,487--a significant hike on his average of A\$345,000 last year, when he had just one of the top 10 prices, a A\$2.6-million sister to champion mare Alinghi (Aus). Perhaps some breeders got carried away with the tsunami that is Redoute's Choice and set unrealistic reserves, for he had a dozen passed in and his Easter average fell slightly from A\$710,857 to A\$662,105 for 57 sold.



The 'Choice' is Clear for Darley...

One buyer who is a fan of Redoute's Choice is Sheikh Mohammed's representative John Ferguson, with three of Ferguson's top five highest-priced youngsters by the son of Danehill. That group included Lot 566, a filly produced by New Zealand Horse of the Year and three-time Group 1 winner Tycoon Lil (Aus)--the dam of G1 VRC Oaks placegetter Empress Lily (Aus) (Zabeel



Lot 566 *inglis.com.au*

{NZ})--that Ferguson secured yesterday for A\$2.1 million. Just four lots after that one sold, Ferguson went after an extremely fetching Redoute's Choice colt from Last Tycoon (Ire) mare Urge to Merge (Aus), whose full brother made A\$1.6 million at Easter last year. The colt is a half-sibling to South African Group 1 winner Suntagonal

(Aus), whose second dam is the Ahonoora (GB) mare Princess Tracy (Ire). Lot 412, the Redoute's Choice--Procrastinate (Aus) colt offered by Kia-Ora Stud, was widely expected to be among the sale-toppers. Ferguson ensured this was so, going to A\$2,000,000 for the three-parts sibling to South African champion older sprinter Laisserfaire (Aus) (Danehill). "He had a lot of balance and a lot of presence and he was very athletic," said Ferguson. "We also bought a [Redoute's Choice] colt out of the Rizzi mare Rich Silk from the family of Encosta de Lago and Flying Spur and we are delighted to have him, he is a really good solid type." Ferguson paid A\$1.5 million for that colt, who was offered by Bellerive Stud, as agent. Ferguson added that those sort of price tags reflect a horse's stallion potential. "I think if you are spending a lot of money, you need to have that end result as a goal. You need to have the possibility that, if all goes well, they are going to be attractive stallion prospects." Ferguson also said he was thrilled to see Camarilla, a flag-bearer for the Darley stallion Elusive Quality whom Darley parted ways with, score at Group 1 level. "Sheikh Mohammed made the decision [that] we needed to sell all of our yearlings in order to be seen as serious about being commercial sellers here, because we are not in other parts of the world," Ferguson said. "He felt it didn't make sense to sell some, not all, of them. Camarilla was a beautiful filly and we are delighted she has done so well, for the Inghams, for us, and for 'Elusive' as a fledgling stallion here." Elusive Quality's second Australian crop averaged A\$545,000. Ferguson also signed the ticket for Lot 418, a A\$1.3-million Elusive Quality filly produced by G2 Wakeful S. winner Quays (Aus) (Royal Academy) offered by Tyreel Stud. Quays is a daughter of Group 1 winner Pontal Lass (Aus) (Marauding {Aus}) and is one of five mares owned by Jim Fleming's son Paul.

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"She was a very correct filly, just gorgeous in temperament and looks, and it was a great nick with Elusive Quality, who is selling well," said Paul Fleming. "I am over the moon. She has a Rock of Gibraltar colt on the ground and she is in foal to Encosta de Lago." Like his brother Dean, Paul has a select band of mares including Recurring (NZ), Wraparound (Ire), On Hallowed Ground (Aus), and Snowdrift (Aus).

Lovely Lad...

Woodlands Stud paid the co-second-highest price for a colt yesterday, an Elusive Quality youngster that was hammered down for A\$2 million.

Selling as Lot 431, the colt is out of the champion staying mare Republic Lass (Aus) (Canny Lad {Aus}), winner of the G1 AJC Oaks and G1 Ranvet S. for Tyreel Stud owner Jim Fleming's son Dean Fleming, who has 15 mares at the Castlreagh farm. "He



Lot 431 *inglis.com.au*

looked a lot like her and he will grow into a really, really nice colt," enthused Fleming. "He is a beautifully balanced colt with a great walk."



Bester's Brief...

Sydney-based agent James Bester was given the task to find smart colts with stallion potential on behalf of a syndicate formed by businessman Tim Hughes. Hughes explained he himself would retain 30 percent, trainer David Hayes would take 20 percent, and other owners would buy 50 percent of the purchases. "I have got the best agent in Australia and the best trainer in Australia and I have a lot of confidence in both," said Hughes, whose racing portfolio has previously centered on fillies such as Virage de Fortune (Aus) and Banc de Fortune (Aus). One colt who fit the bill was Lot 394, an Encosta de Lago colt who was hammered down for A\$1.2 million. Hailing from Coolmore's draft, the colt is out of the G1 Manikato S. winner Piavonic (Aus) (Scenic {Ire}). "He was a stunning colt, the colt of the sale," Bester enthused. "His mother beat Sunline (NZ), and he had a great hind leg, the best action of any colt in the sale."

Full to Alinghi Brings \$1.4 Million...

Tim Stakemire, acting for Sheikh Mohammed bin Khalifa, paid A\$1.4 million for Lot 372, an Encosta de Lago full sister to champion Alinghi (Aus) and the promising juvenile Perfect Persuasion (Aus), herself a A\$2.6-million buy for Demi O'Byrne last year. The bay filly, out of Oceanfast (Aus) (Monde Bleu {GB}), was consigned by Yarraman Park. "We knew she wasn't going to make what last year's filly made, because [Perfect Persuasion] hasn't done it yet, although she is group-placed," admitted Yarraman's Harry Mitchell. "We knew we weren't looking in that sphere, but we were very satisfied. We thought we might get A\$1 million to A\$1.5 million, and she brought A\$1.4 million. And I think Tim Martin is going to train her, so that is great." Trained by Lee Freedman, the strongly made Perfect Persuasion has gone to the paddock following surgery to remove a bone chip in her knee.

<p>Why TDN</p>	<p><i>"Reading the TDN in the morning is like meeting the town gossip - after 20 mins you know everything that is going on!"</i></p> <p>Garrett O'Rourke, Juddmonte Farms</p>
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Exceeding Expectations...

Darley's freshman sire Exceed and Excel (Aus) (Danehill), off a A\$55,000 first-season fee, recorded a remarkable average of A\$285,000 for 26 sold, with John Ferguson the buyer of his top-priced Easter youngster, a colt from champion three-year-old sprinter Skating (Aus) (At Talaq) offered by Michael Sissian's Segenhoe Stud. The A\$1.2-million colt is a 3/4-sibling to Murtajill (Aus) (Rock of Gibraltar {Ire}), a A\$660,000 weanling purchase who won the Listed Breeders' Plate and has finished just off the board in both the G1 Slipper and G1 AJC Sires' Produce S. He's also a three-parts brother to Magic Millions winner Bradbury's Luck (Aus) (Redoute's Choice). "Exceed and Excel has left some quality horses. The market loves fast sons of Danehill, and he is the fastest son of Danehill," Ferguson said of the dual Group 1 winner. Segenhoe also supplied a A\$1.6-million filly by Redoute's Choice (Aus) from the Thunder Gulch mare Tambara, dam of G1 Avondale Gold Cup winner Upstaged (Aus) (In the Wings {GB}).

"Her first two foals

look decent and this filly seemed to have exceptional attitude; she was a lovely athletic filly," said purchaser Angus Gold, who outlaid A\$4,495,000 on eight yearlings. "We did not manage to get any Redoute's colts, and we were underbidder on a A\$2-million Elusive Quality."



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Mrs Lindsay, on the board in all of her career starts, wins the Prix Penelope (G3), a G1 Prix de Diane trial, on April 9th becoming the **NEWEST GROUP STAKES WINNER FOR THEATRICAL.**

Theatrical ranks among the Top 10 Sires by Average Earnings Index ahead of: Elusive Quality, El Prado, Dynaformer, Giant's Causeway, Gone West, Tale of the Cat, Yes It's True, Hennessy, Grand Slam, Fusaichi Pegasus, Langfuhr, Maria's Mon, Forest Wildcat, etc.



What They're Saying At The Sales...

Bloodstock agent John Ferguson:

"I understand what Inglis is trying to do--select sales are dangerous things because you exclude people and the important thing is that everybody understands that if they have got A\$100,000 they should be here trying to buy a horse."

Agent Mark Pilkington:

"It's Groundhog Day from Easter last year! The best-credentialed horses make a fortune, which is great news for vendors, and there is a very good strong middle market. When such a strong buying bench is assembled, people who could not find a market for their horse have to question whether or not it is their product, and not the sale and not the buyers."

Angus Gold, Shadwell Australia:

"I think the quality is higher; today was an exceptionally strong day in terms of horses. The first two days were decent, but today dwarfed the first two. This is much stronger than the last couple of years with the sheer number of nice horses. I am so impressed with the quality. It seems to get stronger every year. At the top end, it has been very strong [and] rather like Europe--a limited number of [top end] buyers and very healthy at top end, but just below that I am not sure."

Hong Kong agent Apollo Ng:

"The sale suits different levels of buyers, from the top guns down. The median is good and we [middle-market buyers] still can buy athletic horses for between A\$200,000 and A\$300,000, slightly below expectations. We bought a Galileo (Ire) colt and I believe I would not have been able to buy a Galileo colt at a sale in Europe, and we have a Zabeel (NZ) colt bred the same as Vengeance of Rain (NZ), and we think we have got real value for money."

South African agent Andy Williams:

"It is a good sale, [but] getting a bit expensive for South Africans. The top horses were a lot more expensive than what I expected, but on the whole there are some very nice horses and some nice bargains if you can find them."

Agent Dermot Farrington:

"It is a particularly strong sale for fillies; on physical type, this is one of the best sales ever. I bought early and I was very happy because I don't think I would have been able to afford it later in the sale. We bid on numerous other fillies and a couple of colts to no avail, and we have a couple more to go, but I don't like our chances as the sale is getting a lot stronger. There are a lot of pass-ins; people are worried about that, but there are a lot of horses making big money. I don't know if people are putting high reserves on because they are seeing these big prices. It is a good sale, but you've got to keep your feet on the ground when setting reserves, otherwise you won't sell these horses."

Harry Mitchell, Yarraman Park:

"I think because the sale was so strong last year, maybe people with A\$80,000 to A\$150,000 [to spend] tend to be a bit cautious, so that end of the market needs to strengthen up a little bit. I haven't got a firm view on whether it is a good idea [to have 100 extra horses in the catalogue], but I am not convinced it was a good idea."



INGLIS EASTER YEARLING SALE

THURSDAY, APRIL 12, 2007

SESSION TOTALS	2007	2006
Catalogued	241	200
No. Offered	227	13
No. Sold	189	162
RNAs	38	25
% RNA	16.7%	12%
Gross	A\$70,585,000	A\$47,935,000
Average (% change)	A\$373,466 (+26.2%)	A\$295,895
Median (% change)	A\$200,000 (0)	A\$200,000



What Do These Horses Have In Common?

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Trainer Graeme Rogerson:

"It is a great sale. I think there is probably too many horses; it makes for a long day. I am cutting back on my buying, but [prominent owner Lloyd Williams son] Nick Williams is up to 25 [purchases] and they will all go to our Melbourne stables."

Sydney trainer Matt Smith:

"The strength today has given the sale a real kickalong after a night session that was a little flat. We have always maintained that under A\$200,000 there is really good buying at this sale, but there is a lack of trainers here. A lot of us have bought at Classic and Premier and still need to find owners for those horses, and this is not an easy market in which to be specking horses even at A\$150,000, A\$200,000. You really do need to be turning up with a client, but there is still fantastic value. The other thing is that maybe vendors really do need to be realistic. If you have paid a A\$30,000 [or] A\$40,000 service fee, maybe you should be selling at A\$160,000 to A\$200,000, not A\$400,000."

Trevor Lobb, Woodlands Stud:

"It has been a very strong sale for the top of the market. There have probably been a few too many horses in the sale, but overall, it has been a very strong sale."

Andrew Baddock, Gooree Stud:

"I think service fees have got to be watched closely. They are going up, and we have been overdue for a correction, and I think expectations for the last couple of years have been high. A lot of the farms need to look closely at their service fees."

Mick Talty, Edinglassie Stud:

"It is a strong sale; very strong at the top end of the market, and middle to lower end is a bit tougher. I think the extra 100 is great to give people more variety and something else to look at, but having said that the pass-in rate is a bit high."

Jamie Inglis, acting managing director, William Inglis & Son:

"The number of million-dollar-plus yearlings sold puts Easter on a relative scale to any sale in the world. However, the most pleasing aspect is the diversity of the buying bench with solid competition from the United Kingdom, USA, Ireland, Europe, United Arab Emirates, New Zealand, Japan and Hong Kong. It's indicative of the esteem in which the Australian Thoroughbred is held and will have long-term ramifications for our breeding industry. I truly thought that with the extra 100 or so lots that we would struggle to maintain the average, so this result is truly remarkable."




FOALING NEWS

SILKEN CAT, 14, Storm Cat--Silken Doll, by Chieftain
Foal born Mar. 31, a filly by Unbridled's Song.
Will be bred back to Bernardini.
Owned by Aaron and Marie Jones.
Boarded at Taylor Made, Ky.
Accomplishments: Ch. 2yo Filly-Can, SW, \$102,120.
Dam of Speightstown (Gone West), Ch. Sprinter, GISW, \$1,258,256.

SOARING SOFTLY, 12, Kris S.--Wings of Grace, by Key to the Mint
Foal born Mar. 31, a filly by Distorted Humor.
Will be bred back to Gone West.
Owned by Phillips Racing Partnership.
Boarded by Darby Dan Farm.
Accomplishments: Ch. Turf Mare, MGISW, \$1,270,433.

LAST SECOND (IRE), 14, Alzao--Alruccaba (Ire), by Crystal Palace (Fr)
Foal born Mar. 11, a filly by Storm Cat.
Will be bred back to Elusive Quality.
Owned by Prince Faisal Salman.
Boarded at Indian Creek Farm, Ky.
Accomplishments: GSW-Ire & MGSW & G1SP-Eng, \$236,038. Dam of Approach (GB) (Darshaan {GB}), SW & GSP-Eng, GSP-US, \$187,889; Intrigued (GB) (Darshaan {GB}), MSP-Eng; Aussie Rules (Danehill), G1SW-US & Fr, GSW-Eng, GSP-Ire, \$875,309.

ESCENA, 14, Strawberry Road (Aus)--Claxton's Slew, by Seattle Slew
Foal born Apr. 11, a colt by A.P. Indy.
Will be bred back to Empire Maker.
Foal owned by Madeleine Pickens.
Mare owned by Madeleine Pickens & Guy & Diane Snowden.
Boarded at Diamond A, Ky.
Accomplishments: Ch. Older Mare, MGISW, \$2,962,639.

 INGLIS EASTER YEARLING SALE THURSDAY, APRIL 12, 2007		
<u>CUMULATIVE</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2006</u>
Catalogued	588	492
No. Offered	550	450
No. Sold	446	406
RNAs	104	44
% RNA	24.5%	9.8%
Gross	A\$148,315,000	A\$117,130,000
Average (% change)	A\$332,545 (+15.8%)	A\$287,295
Median (% change)	A\$200,000 (+11.1%)	A\$180,000

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FRIDAY,
APRIL 13, 2007

TDN
THOROUGHBRED DAILY NEWS



**AROUND
THE WORLD**



★ KEENELAND ★

Yesterday's Results:

7th-KEE, \$61,250, Alw, Opt. Clm. (\$80,000), NW3X, 4yo/up, 1 1/8m, 1:49 4/5, ft.

1--WOOD BE WILLING, 118, h, 5, Pulpit--Woodmiss, by Woodman. O/B-Irving & Marjorie Cowan (KY); T-Michael R Matz. Lifetime Record: 13-4-1-3, \$120,665.

2--Sinners N Saints, 118, h, 6, Saint Ballado--Navarra, by El Gran Senior. (\$475,000 2yo 2003 FTFFEB).

3--Sidcup, 113, g, 5, Running Stag--Nice Change, by Gulch. (\$32,000 2yo 2004 ADNMAR).

Margins: 1 1/4, 2HF, NK. Odds: 11.00, 9.00, 9.90.

Campaigned exclusively on the turf to this point, Wood Be Willing closed out 2006 with a third at Laurel Oct. 25 and returned to fill the same spot at Gulfstream Park Jan. 14. Off slowly in a fourth-place effort in Hallandale Feb. 2, the bay was most recently equipped with a set of blinkers, and rounded out the superfecta at Gulfstream Feb. 23. Trying a synthetic surface for the first time, Wood Be Willing was trapped out wide for the run up the backstretch and made a middle move into contention approaching the far turn. He took over after six furlongs and stayed on gamely for the upset victory.

5th-KEE, \$49,450, Alw, NW1X, 3yo, 1 1/16mT, 1:43 4/5, fm.

DISTORTED REALITY (c, 3, Distorted Humor--Christy Love, by Unbridled), fourth in his Dec. 18 debut at Calder and a well-beaten sixth over the Gulfstream main track Jan. 27, switched to the turf, added blinkers and posted a two-length victory in South Florida Mar. 8. The 4-1 third choice raced in tandem for the opening half-mile with Mast Track (Mizzen Mast), put that one away for good on the far turn and drew off to beat that rival by four lengths. The winner is a half to Atticus Kristy (Atticus), GSW, \$541,312; and Fiery Dancer (Atticus), SW, \$172,494. Lifetime Record: 4-2-0-0, \$59,630. [Video, sponsored by Taylor Made.](#) O/B-Centaur Farms Inc (FL). T-Todd A Pletcher.

STAKES CLOSINGS

TOMORROW, SATURDAY, APRIL 14:
04-28 \$150,000 *Withers-III, Aqu, 3yo, 8f (150)*
www.stakesdigestweekly.com



6th-KEE, \$49,450, Alw, NW1X, 4yo/up, 6f, 1:08 1/5, ft.

HE LOVES ME NOT (g, 4, Not For Love--Wewarrenju, by Damascus), a half to Vice on Ice (Vice Regent), MSW, \$193,430, was on the board in a trio of starts in New Orleans over the winter, finishing third Dec. 14 and second Jan. 18 in six-furlong affairs. Most recently third going a mile Feb. 26, the \$100,000 FTSAUG yearling purchase was the 7-2 second choice. Last of 11 for the opening four furlongs, the bay came nine or 10 wide for the stretch drive and was along late for a one-length victory over Delta Storm (Storm Boot). Lifetime Record: 13-4-2-2, \$100,225.

O-Mount Joy Stables Inc, J Iracane, D Stewart, T Andres, & R McDonald. B-Richard L Golden (MD). T-Dallas Stewart.

4th-KEE, \$50,000, Msw, 3yo, f, 7f, 1:21 4/5, ft.

UPCOMING STORY (f, 3, Tale of the Cat--Old Star {Arg} {MGSW & G1SP-Arg}, by Southern Halo) capitalized on a strong pace in her Jan. 27 debut at Santa Anita, coming home generously to finish in a dead-heat for second, missing by a neck. Rested since, the chestnut was sent off as the 6-5 in her Bluegrass bow. Settled just short of midfield after taking a bump at the start from Over Under (Seeking the Gold), the \$80,000 FTKJUL yearling and \$170,000 BESMAR juvenile came six wide into the lane and pulled away to defeat Over Under by 4 1/4 lengths. Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, \$38,540. [Video, sponsored by Taylor Made.](#)

O-Lewis G Lakin. B-Elmlawn Stable (KY). T-Patrick L Biancone.

TODAY'S VIDEO HIGHLIGHTS



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5th-KEE (Alw \$49K) Distorted Reality (Distorted Humor) takes 'em nearly wire-to-wire.

4th-KEE (Msw \$50K) Upcoming Story (Tale of the Cat) excels in her second career start.

5th-SAX (Msw \$49.6) Ainamaa (Lemon Drop Kid) rallies stoutly for the victory.

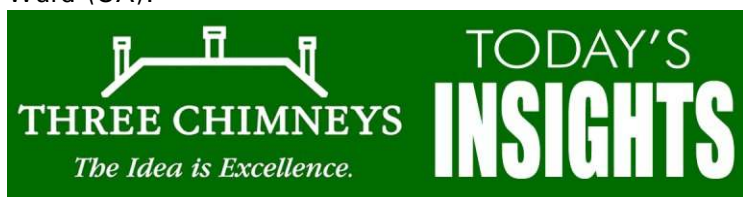
2nd-KEE (Msw \$45K) One Hot Wish (Bring the Heat) airs to set a new world record for 4 1/2 furlongs.



2nd-KEE, \$45,800, Msw, 2yo, 4 1/2f, :48 4/5 (NWR), ft.

+ **ONE HOT WISH** (f, 2, **Bring the Heat--Wish for a Jeanne, by Roar**) stopped the Keeneland teletimer in :48.87 to establish a world record for this distance. She became the second filly sent out by this trainer to best males and gives her sire (by In Excess {Ire}) four winners from five to race. Sent off at 7-5, the chestnut nearly outjumped the starter and got her opening quarter mile in :21.45. She was in full flight after a half in :43.05 and streaked home 12 1/4 lengths better than Lantana Mob (Posse). The final time, accomplished despite westerly crosswinds between 20 and 30 miles per hour, broke the previous record of :49.00 set by five-year-old gelding Motivo at Yavapai Downs last September. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$27,280. [Video, sponsored by Taylor Made.](#)

O-Robert C Tanklage & Wesley A Ward. B/T-Wesley A Ward (CA).



2:15p TVG 3rd-KEE, \$50K, Msw, 2yo, f, 4 1/2f
Freshman sires Empire Maker, Posse & Van Nistelrooy will all be represented by first-time starters here. **MISS GENERAL (Posse)**, a \$300K FTKJUL yearling, debuts from the eight hole for trainer Todd Pletcher. She is a half to MSW Stormin Away. **Posse Valley (Posse)**, out of the SP mare Eltisha, ships in from trainer Steve Asmussen's Sam Houston base for her unveiling. **Miss Red Delicious (Empire Maker)** worked four furlongs over this track in :47 2/5 Apr. 4. She is out of 2002 GII Schuylerville S. runner-up Miss Mary Apples. **Countessnistelrooy (Van Nistelrooy)**, a daughter of SP Countess Marq, shows a pair of bullets on the tab for this first run. [brisnet.com pps](#)

2:56p HRTV 5th-GPX, \$46K, Opt. Clm. (\$62.5K), 3yo, f, 6 1/2f
ALLUDE (Orientate) broke her maiden impressively last September at Belmont, then finished a disappointing sixth as the 2-1 favorite in the GI Frizette S. last out Oct. 14. The Darley colorbearer has been working smartly at Payson for her sophomore debut. **Tora (El Corredor)**, claimed for \$80K out of a 12 1/4-length maiden victory at Churchill last July, makes her first start since finishing a respectable fifth in Saratoga's GII Adirondack Breeders' Cup S. Aug. 16. The dark bay fired a five-furlong bullet in :59 3/5 at Palm Meadows Mar. 28. [brisnet.com pps](#)

3:15p TVG 5th-KEE, \$58K, Alw, 4yo/up, 1 1/8mT
GI Belmont S. winner **JAZIL (Seeking the Gold)** makes his turf debut here. The Shadwell colorbearer has finished second in two attempts this season, including a 9 1/2-length defeat to Corinthian in a GPX \$60K optional claimer last time Feb. 8. [brisnet.com pps](#)

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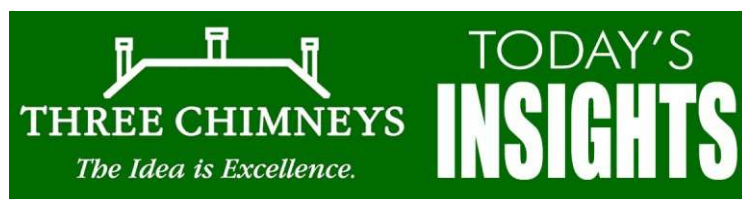
★ GULFSTREAM ★

Yesterday's Results:

7th-GPX, \$46,000, Alw, Opt. Clm. (\$50,000), NW1X, 3yo, 5f (off turf), :57 4/5, sy.

FINALLYMADEIT (c, 3, Concerto--Gold for My Gal {MSW & MGSP, \$332,989}, by Gold Alert), eighth at triple digits in the GII Hutcheson S. Mar. 3, added Lasix for his latest and was a much-improved fifth to Street Magician in the Mar. 31 Aventura S. The 4-5 chalk stalked the pace, swept three wide on the far turn and waltzed home a 6 1/4-length winner. Lifetime Record: 7-2-0-2, \$57,550.

O-Rolbea Thoroughbred Racing LLC. B-Rolando Rodriguez & Rolbea Stables (FL). T-Javier Negrete.



4:15p TVG 7th-KEE, \$54K, Alw, 3yo, f, 1 1/16m
Kinsman Stable's **A.P. DREAM (A.P. Indy)** takes on winners after notching a GP maiden special weight by a neck Mar. 4. The daughter of MGISW Dream Supreme has been assigned the 11 post. Breaking one to her outside is **Panty Raid (Include)**. A 7 3/4-length maiden winner at first asking at Saratoga last summer, she could only manage a sixth-place finish in a GP allowance in her sophomore debut, but bounced back well to finish second, beaten a head in Turfway's GIII Bourbonette Breeders' Cup S. last time Mar. 24. [brisnet.com pps](#)

5:03p HRTV 3rd-SAX, \$55K, Opt. Clm. (\$62.5K), 4yo/up, 7f
PEACE CHANT (War Chant), a son of sprint champ Safely Kept, went into hiding following a runner-up effort behind Too Much Bling in the 2006 GII San Vicente S., but resurfaced 13 months later to notch a SA allowance in game fashion Mar. 18. The \$900K KEESEP graduate shows three good works in the interim, including a four-furlong move in :47 1/5 at Hollywood Apr. 8. [brisnet.com pps](#)

5:45p TVG 10th-KEE, \$50K, Msw, 3yo, a7f
TIGHT GRIP (Distorted Humor), a \$300K KEESEP yearling, makes his debut for Gary & Mary West. The Bobby Frankel-trained colt worked four furlongs over this strip in :47 Apr. 9. **Seeking No More (Dynaformer)** rallied from far back to place third in his Gulfstream debut Mar. 10. The half to GSW Seeking the Sky, GISP Seeking It All & GSP Seeking the Money should appreciate the added real estate here. [brisnet.com pps](#)

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★ NEW YORK ★

Racing Called Off:

Officials at Aqueduct Race Track were forced to cancel Thursday's live racing program after the second race due to torrential rainfall and strong winds. Jockey Alan Garcia rode the early daily double before racing was called off. The facility remained open for simulcasting and offered patrons a rain check for free admission, free parking and a free program. Racing is expected to resume this afternoon at 1 p.m.

★ EAST ★

Jacksons to Speak at RTCA Fundraiser:

Roy and Gretchen Jackson, owners of the late Barbaro, will address the 2007 Call to the Post Dinner and auction Apr. 22 to benefit the Ocala Farm Ministry of the Race Track Chaplaincy of America. "We know the Chaplaincy in Ocala is helping a lot of people," Mr. Jackson commented. "This is a nice event that's designed to help the [racing farm] workers in the entire area. We're really pleased to be a part of it."

★ CENTRAL ★

Yesterday's Results:

5th-OPX, \$34,000, Msw, 3,4,5yo, f/m, 6f, 1:11 3/5, ft.

INSTANT COVERAGE (f, 3, Storm Cat--McConnell Springs, by Deputy Minister), a debut sixth over course and distance Feb. 8, improved to be third going 5 1/2 panels Mar. 3 and took another small step forward last time, running second back at this trip Mar. 24. The slight 2-1 favorite was always within striking distance, went up after the lead on the turn and pulled away late to take it by three lengths. The \$210,000 KESEF yearling and \$300,000 FTFEB juvenile is a half to Talullah Lula (Old Trieste), GSP. Lifetime Record: 4-1-1-1, \$30,500.

O-JMJ Racing Stable, LLC & Becky Thomas.
B-Overbrook Farm (KY). T-Steven M Asmussen.

★ WEST ★

Yesterday's Results:

4th-BMX, \$28,872, Msw, 2yo, 2f, :21 4/5, ft.
+ **SASSY BLEND (f, 2, Richly Blended--Sassy Synner, by Synastry)** turned in a best-of-15 three furlongs in :35 from the gate at Golden Gate Apr. 8, but was let go as the 9-2 third choice. Up to engage odds-on Siphon the Kitty (Siphon {Brz}) from the start, the chestnut dug in gamely and got the better of that one late for a head success. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$16,302.
O-M A Douzos & Fernando & Sandra Matos. B-S & F Matos & Douzos (CA). T-Gil Matos.

★ SO. CALIFORNIA ★

Yesterday's Results:

2nd-SAX, \$63,800, Alw, Opt. Clm. (\$40,000), NW1X, 4yo/up, f/m, 1m, 1:39 4/5, ft.

YEARLY ATTITUDE (m, 5, Event of the Year--Excess Attitude, by In Excess {Ire}) took a one-mile turf event for state-breds at this track Oct. 8, then was third--put up to second--in the Cal Cup Matron H. on the main track Oct. 28. Rested a bit off that effort, thee bay was a distant ninth in the Jan. 27 Sunshine Millions Distaff S. at this venue. The 1-2 chalk in a four-horse field, she argued the early pace outside Karlee's Kitten (Pioneering), pressed by that one approaching the quarter pole and was driven out to an eight-length victory. Lifetime Record: MSP, 13-5-3-2, \$183,860.

O-Thomas J Wafer Jr. B-Mrs John C Mabee (CA).
T-William Spawr.

5th-SAX, \$49,600, Msw, 3yo, f, 9fT, 1:47 2/5, fm.
AINAMAA (f, 3, Lemon Drop Kid--Khibrah {Ire} {SW-GB}, by Lahib) didn't factor in her Aug. 3 career opener at Goodwood for trainer Ed Dunlop, but improved to be third in a Beverley maiden Aug. 27 and found herself on the block at Tattersalls Autumn. Sold for 32,000gns, the dark bay had been training steadily at Hollywood and went postward as the 5-2 second choice in her U.S. bow. Allowed to settle into stride by Brice Blanc, Ainamaa picked up the tempo on the far turn and ranged up alongside 4-5 Just Knock (Chester House). She moved by her, kicked away smartly in the final sixteenth for a 3 1/2-length tally over the favorite and was taken in hand late. [Video, sponsored by Taylor Made](#). Lifetime Record: 4-1-1-1, \$42,636.

O-Camptown Stable, Featherston, Miller, et al.
B-Shadwell Farm LLC (KY). T-Ben D A Cecil.

1st-SAX, \$40,872, Msw, 2yo, 2f, :21, ft.
+ **REMEMBER BOFFI (c, 2, Snowbound--Bid for Elegance, by Falstaff)**, a \$10,000 WASDEC yearling purchase, was sent off the 3-2 favorite at first asking. Quickly into stride from the middle of the gate, the chestnut covered his opening furlong in :10.78 and came home 1 1/4 lengths better than Friendly Half (Half Term). Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$21,600.
O-Firsthome Thoroughbreds, DeJulio or Carter. B-Todd P Havens (WA). T-Adam Kitchingman.

TDN CRITERIA

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

- EMPIRE MAKER** (Unbridled), Juddmonte, \$100K, 93/0/0
 3-KEE, Msw, 4 1/2f, +Miss Red Delicious, \$90K KEE SEP yrl, 12-1
- POSSE** (Silver Deputy), Vinery, \$10K, 74/0/0
 3-KEE, Msw, 4 1/2f, +Posse Valley, \$85K OBS WIN yrl, 6-1
 3-KEE, Msw, 4 1/2f, +Miss General, \$300K FTK JUL yrl, 5-2
- VAN NISTELROOY** (Storm Cat), Ashford, \$8K, 138/0/0
 3-KEE, Msw, 4 1/2f, +Countessnistelrooy, 12-1

★ **ON THE WORKTAB** ★

CHURCHILL DOWNS

- C P West** (Came Home), 4f, :51.00, 14/28
- Hard Spun** (Danzig), 5f, •1:00.20, 1/15

HOLLYWOOD PARK

- After Market** (Storm Cat), 6f, 1:15.80, 15/22
- Declan's Moon** (Malibu Moon), 6f, •1:11.60, 1/22
- Stormello** (Stormy Atlantic), 5f, 1:01.80, 20/38

KEENELAND

- Chatain** (Forest Wildcat), 5f, :58.00, •1/27
- Kingship** (King Cugat), 5f, :58.40, 2/27
- Magical Ride** (Storm Cat), 4f, :50.00, 23/25
- Mustanfar** (Unbridled), 5f, 1:01.00, 17/27
- Outperformance** (Aptitude), 4f, :48.40, 16/25
- Saint Stephen** (Saint Ballado), 4f, :47.00, 10/25
- Strike Softly** (Smart Strike), 5f, 1:01.00, 17/27
- Teufflesberg** (Johannesburg), 3f, •:35.00, 1/10

SANTA ANITA

- Selvatica** (Forestry), 4f, :48.00, 5/26

Second-crop starters to watch: Friday, April 13

*Sire (Sire's Sire), Farm, 2003 Fee, #foals of racing age/Winners/SW
 Race #-track, race type, distance, runner, odds (if available)*

- BRING THE HEAT** (In Excess {Ire}) 16/3/0
 3-KEE, Msw, 4 1/2f, Billie Bob, 4-1
- CAME HOME** (Gone West), Lane's End, \$40K, 157/16/0
 8-LRL, Msw, 5 1/2f, Loxina, \$47K KEE SEP yrl, 12-1
- CAT'S AT HOME** (Tabasco Cat), Dead, 92/6/1
 8-WO, Alw, 5f, Catsimile, \$8K CAN SEP yrl, 6-1
- DR. LEWIS** (Mr. Greeley) 10/0/0
 6-EVD, Msw, 5f, Shes a Dr., 8-1
- EXCITING STORY** (Diablo), Dead, \$5K, 39/12/1
 8-LS, Alw, 6 1/2f, Cielo's Love Story, \$4K TEX AUG yrl, 12-1
- FESTIVAL OF LIGHT** (A.P. Indy), Valor, \$4K, 57/17/0
 8-LS, Alw, 6 1/2f, Dawali, 5-2
- 8-LS, Alw, 6 1/2f, Guajilla Honey, \$37K TEX AUG yrl, 4-1
- ILE ST. LOUIS (CHI)** (Hussonet) 22/3/0
 8-OP, Aoc, 6f, Ile St Jaycee
- INCLUDE** (Broad Brush), Airdrie, \$13K, 170/32/4
 9-AQU, Msw, 1 1/16mT, Spinnaker Run, \$75K SAR AUG yrl
 6-EVD, Msw, 5f, Katrina's Fury, \$55K OBS AUG yrl, 4-1
 7-KEE, Alw, 1 1/16m, Panty Raid, \$275K KEE APR 2yo, 3-1
 8-LRL, Msw, 5 1/2f, So So Divine, 10-1
- KUKULCAN** (Cox's Ridge) 11/1/0
 5-OP, Msw, 6f, Cozy Bear
- LEELANAU** (Carson City), Walmac, \$3K, 46/4/0
 6-CT, Alw, 1 1/8m, Mozart, \$5K KEE SEP yrl, 6-1
- ORIENTATE** (Mt. Livermore), Gainesway, \$20K, 205/35/3
 5-GP, Aoc, 6 1/2f, Allude, \$150K BAR MAR 2yo
 8-LRL, Msw, 5 1/2f, Golden Orient, \$150K OBS JUN 2yo, 4-1
- PARISIANPROSPECTOR** (Geiger Counter), T.C. Westmeath, 53/3/0
 8-WO, Alw, 5f, Parisian Fog, 20-1
- SNOW RIDGE** (Tabasco Cat), Padua, \$5K, 116/24/1
 5-GP, Aoc, 6 1/2f, Snow Way, \$11K OBS APR 2yo
- STORM DAY** (Storm Cat), Clear Creek Stud, \$3K, 126/12/1
 6-EVD, Msw, 5f, Storm Phoenix, 15-1
- WHEELAWAY** (Unbridled), 124/10/1
 9-AQU, Msw, 1 1/16mT, We Love Our Kids, \$55K OBS APR 2yo
 9-AQU, Msw, 1 1/16mT, WheeltoWin, \$2K NEW AUG yrl
- YONAGUSKA** (Cherokee Run), Vinery, \$10K, 208/42/2
 6-CT, Alw, 1 1/8m, Digger, 8-5

★ **AMERICAN-BRED WINNERS** ★

IN BRITAIN:

- Sound of Nature**, c, 4, **Chester House**. See "Britain."
- Right to Play**, c, 4, **Kingmambo**. See "Britain."

IN IRELAND:

- Followmyfootsteps**, c, 3, **Giant's Causeway**. See "Ireland."

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★ BRITAIN ★

Yesterday's Results:

Leicester, 3.20, Cond, £10,000, 3yo, 5f 218ydsT, 1:12.95, gd/fm.

HE'S A HUMBBUG (IRE) (c, 3, Tagula {Ire}--Acidanthera {GB}, by Alzao) was sent off the favorite for the G2 Gimcrack S. at York in August, but disappointed in fifth there and was subsequently third in a Newmarket conditions event the following month. Sent to the front early in this return, the €22,000 GOFORB yearling and 32,000gns DONAPR juvenile maintained the gallop to register a one-length success from Southandwest (Ire) (Titus Livius {Fr}) and reward punters who made him the 11-4 pick. Lifetime Record: 4-1-0-1, £17,585. O-David Fravigar & Kathy Dixon; B-Denis McDonnell; T-Kevin Ryan.

Leicester, 5.40, Hcp, £8,000, 4yo/up, 7f 9ydsT, 1:23.78, gd/fm.

SOUND OF NATURE (c, 4, Chester House--Yashmak {GISW-US, SW & GSP-Eng, G1SP-Ire & Fr, \$528,595}, by Danzig), successful in a Windsor maiden in October, holds an entry in the May 19 G1 Juddmonte Lockinge S. at Newbury and started a warm order at 7-4. Slowly away, the homebred made up lost ground effortlessly and cruised to the front passing the quarter pole to win by a cozy length from Orpen Wide (Ire) (Orpen). Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-0, £8,419. O-Khalid Abdullah; B-Juddmonte Farms Inc; T-Henry Cecil.

Leicester, 4.30, Mdn, £7,000, 3yo/up, 9f 218ydsT, 2:06.88, gd/fm.

BERGONZI (IRE) (c, 3, Indian Ridge {Ire}--Lady Windley {GB}, by Baillamont), runner-up on Wolverhampton's Polytrack on his last start in November, was sent off at 11-2 and raced behind the early leaders. Grabbing the lead with a furlong remaining, the €190,000 GOFORB yearling was driven out to best Bedizen (GB) (Fantastic Light) by a neck. Lifetime Record: 4-1-1-0, £5,689. O-H R H Princess Haya of Jordan; B-Deerforest Stud; T-John Gosden.

TATTERSALLS - 2007 SALES DATES

Craven Breeze-Up	Apr. 17-19
Guineas Breeze-Up	May 3-4
July Sale	July 9-13
October Yearlings - 1	Oct. 9-12
October Yearlings - 2	Oct. 16-20
Autumn Horses in Training	Oct. 29-Nov. 1
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Leicester, 5.05, Mdn, £7,000, 3yo/up, 11f 183ydsT, 2:31.46, gd/fm.

RIGHT TO PLAY (c, 4, Kingmambo--Possibly Perfect {Ch. Turf Mare-US, MGISW-US, \$1,377,273}, by Northern Baby), off the board in maidens on Kempton's Polytrack in September and on turf at Nottingham the next month, started as the 3-1 second favorite and raced prominently throughout the early stages. Committed at the top of the straight, the \$950,000 KEESEP yearling was green in front on the run to the line, but had enough in reserve to best Grand Heights (Ire) (Grand Lodge) by a half-length. The victor is a 3/4-brother to Promontory Gold (Gone West), GSW-US, \$139,721. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-0, £4,533. O-H R H Princess Haya of Jordan; B-Mr & Mrs Robert A Witt; T-John Gosden.

Leicester, 2.10, Mdn, £5,000, 2yo, 5f 2ydsT, 1:00.86, gd/fm.

+ KERSAINT (IRE) (c, 2, Catcher in the Rye {Ire}--Quivala, by Thunder Gulch), sent off at 10-1, broke well and chased the early leaders before getting to the front at the furlong marker. Driven out from there, he was determined and duly held the flourish of Silver Guest (GB) (Lujain) by a short head. Kersaint becomes the first winner for her freshman sire (by Danehill), who was runner-up in the G1 French 2000 Guineas in 2003. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, £3,238. O-Brendan P Hayes; B-Kilfrush Stud; T-Kevin Ryan.

★ IRELAND ★

Yesterday's Results:

Tipperary, 5.10, Cond, €20,000, 3yo, 5fT, 57.80, gd/fm.

SPEED DREAM (IRE) (c, 3, Pivotal {GB}--Copper Creek {Ire}, by Habitat) was third on debut at The Curragh in September before flopping at Naas next time in October. Starting at 12-1 in his seasonal debut, the €115,000 GOFORB yearling was reserved off the early speed duel, but swept to the front at the eighth pole and held Divert (Ire) (Averti {Ire}) by a head. The winner is a half-brother to Wathik (Ogygian), MSW-UAE; Copper Play (Fast Play), MSP-US, \$159,697; Topsy Creek (Dayjur), MGSW-Eng, \$160,954; and Abunawas (Ire) (In the Wings {GB}), GSW-Ire, \$181,771. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-1, €14,876. O-Joseph Joyce; B-Airlie Stud; T-David Wachman.

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Tipperary, 6.45, Mdn, €17,000, 3yo, f, 7f 100ydsT, 3yo, f, 1:35.00, gd/fm.

ELA ENTA (GB) (f, 3, Royal Applause {GB}--Hasanat {GB} {GSP-Ire}, by Night Shift), fourth on debut behind the smart Ballydoyle prospect Uimhir a Haon (Ire) at Leopardstown in October, broke sharply before taking a lead through the first six furlongs. Always in control in the closing stages, the 4-1 second choice was driven out to beat Joshua's Princess (GB) (Danehill) by a length. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, €12,379. O-Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum; B-Shadwell Estate Company Limited; T-Kevin Prendergast.

Tipperary, 7.15, Mdn, €12,750, 3yo, c/g, 7f 100ydsT, 1:34.50, gd/fm.

FOLLOWMYFOOTSTEPS (c, 3, Giant's Causeway--Lady Carson {SW-US, \$126,298}, by Carson City) was making his first appearance since finishing fifth on debut at The Curragh in June and drifted to 5-2 second favoritism. Quickly away, he was reined back to stalk the early pace before being produced with a sustained run to lead with 150 yards remaining. Pushed out to assert from there, he had a comfortable 1 3/4-length margin to spare over Eskadron (GB) (Mark of Esteem {Ire}) at the line. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, €8,810. O-Michael Tabor; B-Kathleen Ann Schonefeld; T-David Wachman.

★ FRANCE ★

Yesterday's Result:

Nantes, 2.35, Cond, €26,000, 3yo, 1 1/2mT, 2:41.70, sf.

STANDING ORDERS (FR) (c, 3, Kahyasi {Ire}--Standing Around {Fr}, by Garde Royale {Ire}) ran third at Lyon Parilly on seasonal return Mar. 20. Racing in second down the backstretch here, the 9-2 third choice was pushed to the lead rounding the home turn and was driven out late to gamely hold Spirit de l'Aube (Fr) (Lord of Men {GB}) by a length. Lifetime Record: 3 starts, 2 wins, 1 place, €20,850. O/B-Mme Antonia Devin & Peter Spiller; T-Eric Libaud.

★ ITALY ★

Wednesday's Result:

Milan, 3.25, Cond, €27,000, 3yo, f, 1 1/8mT, 1:50.30, gd.

TURFROSE (GER) (f, 3, Big Shuffle--Turfquelle {Ire}, by Shaadi), a €15,000 BBASEP yearling, scored at Rome Apr. 1 and shadowed the leader from the bell in this return. Quickening to the fore with 500 meters remaining, the 3-5 choice was soon clear and stayed on strongly to best Miss Sultin (Ire) (Celtic Swing {GB}) by an easy 3 1/2 lengths. Lifetime Record: 4-3-1-0, €35,275. O/T-Pierluigi Giannotti; B-Gestut Auenquelle.

BREEDERS' EDITION AMERICA

STAKES RESULTS:

FIFTH SEASON S., \$100,000, OPX, 4-12, 4yo/up, 1 1/16m, 1:42 4/5, ft.

- 1--**SILENT PLEASURE, 122, c, 4, Real Quiet--Wholelotapleasure (SP), by Vice Regent.** (\$2,700 yrl '04 FTKOCT). O-S & S Stables LLC; B-John Franks (KY); T-Howard Scarberry; J-Luis S Quinonez; \$60,000. Lifetime Record: 14-5-1-2, \$211,555.
 - 2--**Kid Grindstone, 117, g, 5, Grindstone--Lady in Waiting, by Woodman.** (\$19,000 wlng '02 KEENOV; \$25,000 yrl '03 KEESEP). \$20,000.
 - 3--**Like an Eagle, 117, g, 4, Victory Gallop--She Who Kissnfly, by Sky Classic.** \$10,000.
- Margins: 2, 4, HF. Odds: 3.50, 2.20, 11.10.

ILLINOIS THOROUGHBRED BREEDERS AND OWNERS FOUNDATION SALES GRADUATE S., \$45,000, HAW, 4-12, 3yo, 6 1/2f, 1:19, my.

- 1--**#HE'S HOT SAUCE, 122, g, 3, Cartwright--Zen's Hot Sauce, by Zen.** O-Tom Swearingen Racing Stable & Sy Sommer; B-Edward R Evans (IL); T-Thomas H Swearingen; J-Christopher A Emigh; \$27,000. Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-1, \$45,570.
 - 2--**Sweet Baby Ray, 122, g, 3, Chief Seattle--Miss Purana, by Alysheba.** \$9,000.
 - 3--**T J Charge, 122, g, 3, Allen Charge--So Intoxicating, by Honeyland.** \$4,950.
- Margins: 4, 4, HD. Odds: 1.20, 20.00, 1.20.

ILLINOIS THOROUGHBRED BREEDERS AND OWNERS FOUNDATION SALES GRADUATE S., \$45,000, HAW, 4-12, 3yo, f, 6 1/2f, 1:20 3/5, my.

- 1--**#TINSEL TIME, 121, f, 3, More Than Ready--Sound of the West, by West by West.** O/B-Mast Thoroughbreds LLC (MI); T-Robert M Gorham; J-T D Houghton; \$27,000. Lifetime Record: 8-2-1-0, \$52,932.
 - 2--**Tootie's Gal, 121, f, 3, Commendable--Prelone, by Defensive Play.** \$9,000.
 - 3--**Aly's Sweet Sheba, 121, f, 3, Twining--Chanting Sweetly, by Alysheba.** (\$8,000 2yo 2006 ILLAPR; \$5,000 yrl '05 KEESEP). \$4,950.
- Margins: NO, 10 3/4, 3. Odds: 6.90, 3.10, 19.50.

ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

8th-GPX, \$41,500, Opt. Clm. (\$50,000), NW2X, 4yo/up, 1m, 1:36, sy.

BARCOLA (c, 4, Old Trieste--Myrtle Beach, by Kingmambo) Lifetime Record: 13-3-2-0, \$92,982. O-J Paul Reddam. B-Stonerside Stable (KY). T-Mark A Hennig.



9th-OPX, \$36,000, Opt. Clm. (\$40,000), NW2X, 3yo/up, 6f, 1:10 1/5, ft.
SUB FUTZ JR (g, 5, Subordination--Kroneh, by Chief's Crown) Lifetime Record: 22-6-7-2, \$200,448.
 O-Homewrecker Stable LLC. B-Gary Leverton (IL).
 T-McLean Robertson.

7th-LRL, \$32,000, NW1X, 4yo/up, 5f (off turf), :58 3/5, gd.
TYROS BEACH (g, 4, Disco Rico--Road Music, by Strawberry Road {Aus}) Lifetime Record: 17-2-5-2, \$83,620. O-Ioannis T Korologos. B-John Korologos (MD). T-Peter Bazeos.

1st-EVD, \$21,500, NW1X, 3yo/up, f/m, 5 1/2f, 1:05 2/5, ft.
BIENHEUREUX (f, 3, Karen's Cat--Bien Sur {SP}, by Is It True) Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-0, \$23,610. O/B-Victoria Ashford (KY). T-Troy Young.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Tycoon Doby, c, 3, **Cherokee Run**--Marseille Express (SP-Ire), by Caerleon. BMX, 4-12, 7 1/2fT, 1:31 3/5. B-Grapestock LLC (KY).

Buy the Barrel, f, 3, **E Dubai**--Affordable Price (SW, \$181,450), by Drouilly (Fr). OPX, 4-12, 6f, 1:11 1/5. B-Hinkle Farms (KY). *1/2 to Lady Skywalker (Skywalker), MSW, \$214,245; Moore's Flat (High Brite), MSW & MGSP, \$512,563; Divine Line (Boundary), SP, \$154,784; and Surf N Sand (Boston Harbor), MSW, \$244,655.

Pure White, f, 3, **Hennessy**--Margay (Ire) (GSP-Ger, SP-Ire), by Marju (Ire). GPX, 4-12, (C), 1 1/8m (off turf), 1:56 1/5. B-Upson Downs Farm & New Phoenix Stable (KY).

Take It and Run, f, 3, **Petionville**--Cool Million, by Dixie Brass. LRL, 4-12, 5f (off turf), 1:00 3/5. B-Everest Stables Inc. (KY).

W W Old School, f, 3, **Royal Academy**--Nafir (GB), by Mark of Esteem (Ire). HAW, 4-12, (S), 6f, 1:13 4/5. B-William P Stirtz (IL).

Thunder Warning, c, 3, **Thunder Gulch**--Something Else, by Seeking the Gold. OPX, 4-12, (C), 6f, 1:11 3/5. B-Folly Quarter Stable LLC (KY). *\$250,000 yrl '05 FTSAUG.

Minidrop, g, 4, **Lemon Drop Kid**--Ministorm, by Storm Cat. GPX, 4-12, 1m (off turf), 1:39 2/5. B-Edward P Evans (VA).

My City by the Bay, g, 4, **Perfect Mandate**--Shes Enchantingtoo, by Publicity. SAX, 4-12, (S), (C), 6f, 1:10 2/5. B-Mr & Mrs John J Cayer & Old English Rancho (CA).

Gift of Valor, g, 4, **Touch Gold**--Noble Pursuit, by Affirmed. AQU, 4-12, (C), 1m (off turf), 1:41 1/5. B-Calumet Farm (KY). *\$62,000 yrl '04 KEESEP. **1/2 to Kansas City Boy (Boston Harbor), MGSP, \$151,802.

**BREEDERS' EDITION
 EUROPE**

CONDITIONS RESULTS:

FRANCE, Marseille-Borely, 3.30, 4-11, €29,000, 3yo, 1 1/4mT, 2:02.51, sf.

ALL IS VANITY (FR) (f, 3, Gold Away {Ire}--Castilly {GB}, by Inchinor {GB}) Lifetime Record: SP-Fr, 10 starts, 4 wins, 6 places, €59,300. O-Mme I Corbani; B-Jedburgh Stud; T-W J Cargeeg.

FRANCE, Nantes, 2.05, 4-12, €26,000, 3yo, 1mT, 1:43.24, sf.

KARAZI (SWI) (c, 3, Arazi--Karapucha {Ire} {SP-Fr}, by Kaldoun {Fr}) Lifetime Record: 5 starts, 2 wins, 3 places, €30,000. O-Mme S Egloff; B-Stall Sohrehof; T-Henri-Alex Pantall.

FRANCE, Nantes, 3.35, €24,000, 4yo/up, 1 1/2mT, 2:39.56, sf.

RAGAZZO MIO (IRE) (f, 4, Generous {Ire}--Via Salaria {Ire}, by Arazi) Lifetime Record: SP-Fr, 9 starts, 2 wins, 4 places, €48,380. O/B-N P Bloodstock Ltd; T-Alain de Royer-Dupre. *1/2 to Perfect Hedge (GB) (Unfuwain), GSW & G1SP-Fr, SW-Ire, \$194,134.

ITALY, Milan, 2.50, 4-11, €19,800, 4yo/up, f/m, 1mT, 1:38.20, gd.

INDIAN FILLY (GB) (m, 6, Indian Ridge {Ire}--Speremm {Ire}, by Sadler's Wells) Lifetime Record: SW-Ity, 42-8-15-2, €190,383. O-Scuderia Briantea SRL; B-Taker Bloodstock; T-Mario Ciciarelli. *35,000gns yrl '02 TATOCT.

ITALY, Milan, 4.35, 4-11, €18,000, 3yo, 1mT, 1:38.20, gd.

MY COUSIN VINNY (IRE) (c, 3, Barathea {Ire}--My Little Girl {Ity}, by Sikeston) Lifetime Record: 5-2-1-0, €21,675. O/B-Razza Montalbano SRL; T-Bruno Grizzetti.

ITALY, Florence, 5.55, €18,000, 4yo/up, 1 3/8mT, time: n/a, gd.

JACK AUBREY (GB) (h, 5, Alzao--Asmita {GB} {SW-Ity}, by Efisio {GB}) Lifetime Record: MSP-Ity, 26-4-9-5, €115,396. O-Antonio Folco; B-Azienda Agricola Rosati Colarieti; T-Francesca Folco. *€32,000 yrl '03 ITYSEP.

ITALY, Florence, 3.55, €10,800, 3yo, 7 1/2fT, time: n/a, gd.

SILVIAN WOOD (GB) (f, 3, Titus Livius {Fr}--Lovely Silvia {Ire} {SP-Ity}, by Nordico) Lifetime Record: 7-3-1-2, €28,203. O-Luigi Colasanti; B-Azienda Agricola Il Verdino SRL; T-Francesca Folco.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Inzone (Ire), f, 2, **Fayruz (GB)**--Royal Interlude (Ire), by King's Theatre (Ire). Tipperary, Ireland, 4-12, Mdn, 2yo, 5fT. B-M V Millett. *€6,200 yrl '06 TATFLT.



WRITERS UP

MASSARO BROTHERS 'TEAM' UP

By Steve Sherack

Team Stallion Racing was launched in September 2004 with a \$20,000 claim on an unraced Gold Fever juvenile at the Meadowlands. The two-year-old, named Lieutenant Danz, won off the screen that night at the East Rutherford, New Jersey racetrack, and has gone on to bankroll more than \$200,000 for Team Stallion.

"It was one of those late, late nights when you're going to bed as your morning paper is being delivered," Team Stallion Founder Jeffrey Massaro recalled. "We were searching for a young, well-bred colt that was lightly raced. I came across a two-year-old Kentucky-bred that was making his career debut and he caught my eye. We researched the pedigree and immediately knew that we found what we were looking for."

Massaro, 31, serves as Team Stallion's president and manages the company along with his 27-year-old brother Dave.

"What's great is that we both share the same passion for the business as well as the same philosophy," Massaro continued. "We are both highly involved and active in the selection of new acquisitions and it helps to have a second and different point of view that is trying to accomplish the same goal. I think that greatly attributes to our success."

The duo, born and raised in Wayne, New Jersey, became interested in horse racing through their stepfather, Frank Fiorello. Fiorello has more than 20 years in the business as a trainer, owner and partnership manager. He serves as Team Stallion's senior advisor.

"My stepfather always showed a strong passion for the game of horse racing and as I got older, I began to understand why," Massaro said. "He would tell stories of his training and ownership experiences, and then we'd look at the winner's circle photos hanging on the wall."

The elder Massaro, a Fordham University graduate, left law school in 2001 when Dave graduated from Seton Hall University. The siblings quickly began an entrepreneurial partnership, beginning with the founding of an insurance agency, a ticket brokerage company and lastly Team Stallion. All three companies are still owned by the brothers, but they have delegated the insurance agency and ticket company's day-to-day operations to competent management in order to focus primarily on managing Team Stallion.

According to Massaro, they looked at other racing companies such as IEAH Stables, Karakorum Racing and Dogwood Stables before forming Team Stallion.

"In the planning stages, my vision was to create a company that respected the game's history while being innovative," he explained. "Team Stallion's mission is to become a standard industry name, like Darley Stable and Coolmore Stud."

Taking it further, the brothers hope to eventually assist the NTRA in raising the sport's awareness and fan base to the next level.

"You can buy a Barbaro hat or a Smarty Jones hat online, but it would be nice if you could buy one of those in a store at your local mall," Massaro said. "Hopefully, the industry's fan base will eventually grow to that level and hopefully Team Stallion can be a part of that achievement."

Since its inception, Team Stallion has targeted horses in the \$10,000-\$90,000 range. That approach has kept Team Stallion in the black with success stories like the aforementioned Lieutenant Danz, as well as Rob'em Blind and Son of Sabato. Rob'em

Blind was picked up for \$16,500 at auction and went on to finish fourth behind subsequent three-year-old champion Bernardini in last season's Gill Withers S. at Aqueduct and third in that track's Whirlaway S. before getting claimed for \$50,000. Son of Sabato went through the ring for \$12,000 as a two-year-old and was stakes-placed before earning his diploma against New York-breds in his third career attempt last November. The son of Precise End is currently on the comeback trail after spending the winter on Mike Schrader's In Front Training Center in Ghent, New York.

"We realize that pedigree is a major component to success on the racetrack and select pedigree does not come cheap," Massaro said from Team Stallion's Clifton, N.J. headquarters. "We have been amazingly successful in finding and acquiring racehorses that did not bring six- or seven-figure dollar amounts, but had the heart and talent of those that do. Some of that probably has to do with luck, but I believe a bigger part of that has to do with our close attention to detail and endless hours of research. It also doesn't hurt when you have the skillful eyes of Gary Contessa in your corner."

Team Stallion recently expanded into the pinhooking market and breeding industry. In 2006, the New Jersey-based operation purchased yearlings by Cat Thief, David, Ecton Park and Max's Pal. Now juveniles, the sales acquisitions have already been syndicated to Team Stallion's existing client base for either racing or pinhooking. **Writers Up cont. p9**



Jeff Massaro, Gary Contessa & Dave Massaro in the Big A paddock (left to right)
Sherack photo



Massaro Brothers cont.

“There is a different philosophy and strategy employed when purchasing horses to pinhook rather than race,” Massaro offered. “With yearlings, you don’t have the opportunity to show that you found a diamond in the rough by winning races. So pedigree is a much larger factor when we purchase weanlings and yearlings for resale rather than for racing.”

For now, Team Stallion’s breeding operation is centered around the acquisition of broodmares. Massaro said he hopes for the company to have two or three mares in foal by the end of the year.

When watching races in New York or New Jersey, it’s pretty easy to spot Team Stallion’s runners on the racetrack. The racing company’s silks are composed of yellow and black sleeves and have a large yellow lightning bolt across a white front and back.

“The lightning bolt design was inspired by *The Natural*,” Massaro explained. “In the movie, a baseball team puts a lightning bolt on their baseball uniform and they start winning games, making their way to first place. For the baseball team, the lightning bolt represented teamwork and winning, and for Team Stallion, it represents the same thing on our uniform.”

Even with their fast beginning, don’t expect to see any Team Stallion commercials on TVG or advertisements in *Daily Racing Form* just yet. Team Stallion has operated mainly within “its own nucleus” which consists of pre-existing relationships and new relationships formed at the racetrack.

“We’re open to the public, so to speak,” Massaro said. “But our success on the racetrack has translated into our best form of advertising. Some of our clients are those who witnessed and wanted to join in our success. We have toyed with the idea of advertising on TVG and in the *Daily Racing Form*, but we want to make sure that the proper framework is in place before that type of expansion.”

Contessa, a perennial leading conditioner on the New York circuit, has trained for Team Stallion since 2005.

“Jeff and Dave are two good young guys, with good eyes for horses and a great enthusiasm for the game,” Contessa commented. “They’ve come into this game and they seem to have the Midas touch. They’ve claimed some horses and they’ve done well and they also bought some babies that have done well. They seem to have a future. A lot of this business is about luck and they seem to be very lucky.”

For more information on Team Stallion Racing, visit www.teamstallion.com or call (888) 388-RACE.



Jockey Eibar Coa sporting Team Stallion’s silks
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FOALING NEWS

ANGEL’S TEARLET, 14, Silver Deputy--Willow Miss, by Dust Commander
Foal born Mar. 5, a colt by Mineshaft.
Will be bred back to Street Cry (Ire).
Owned by and boarded at Cobra Farm, Ky.
Accomplishments: MSW & GSP, \$280,051. Dam of Mr. Trieste (Old Trieste), MSW, \$580,590.

CHECKERED FLAG, 9, A.P. Indy--Shawnee Creek, by Mr. Prospector
Foal born Mar. 5, a colt by Ghostzapper.
Will be bred back to First Samurai.
Owned by Tony Holmes & Dr & Mrs Walter Zent.
Boarded at Marula Park Stud, Ky.
Accomplishments: Dam of Victory Lap (Touch Gold), MSW & MGSP, \$265,311; Zanjero (Cherokee Run), MGSP, \$203,299.

DAZZLE ME, 6, Tactical Cat--Social Girl, by Chief’s Crown
Foal born Mar. 5, a filly by Vindication.
Will be bred back to Gone West.
Owned by and boarded at Padua Stables, Fl.
Accomplishments: GSW of \$266,276.

I AIN’T BLUFFING, 13, Pine Bluff--Cup of Honey, by Raise a Cup
Foal born Mar. 5, a filly by Empire Maker.
Will be bred back to Songandaprayer.
Owned by Mace & Samantha Siegel.
Boarded at Mill Ridge, Ky.
Accomplishments: MGISW of \$580,329.

KEY TO THE CAT, 6, Tale of the Cat--Key to Paradise, by Pleasant Colony
Foal born Mar. 5, a filly by Songandaprayer.
Will be bred back to Malibu Moon.
Owned by Gulf Coast Farms.
Boarded at Taylor Made, Ky.
Accomplishments: SW of \$133,981.

PROSPECTOR’S SONG, 12, Prospector’s Music--Music Bell, by Stop the Music
Foal born Mar. 5, a colt by Pleasantly Perfect.
Will be bred back to Vindication.
Owned by Jane and Frank Lyon.
Boarded at Summer Wind Farm, Ky.
Accomplishments: MSW of \$264,256. Dam of Song of the Saints (Saint Ballado), SP.