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**TEOFILO ON TRACK**

Unbeaten **Teofilo (Ire)** (Galileo {Ire}), Europe's top two-year-old last year, is back on course for the G1 2000 Guineas at Newmarket May 5, according to Jim Bolger. The three-year-old, winner of the G1 National S. and G1 Dewhurst S. in 2006, was uncomfortable during a morning jog last week and seemed uncertain for the Classic, but his County Carlow-based trainer announced to assembled press yesterday



**Teofilo (right)** [www.bbc.co.uk](http://www.bbc.co.uk)

that the homebred was over the setback. "This is his first trot since the hiccup," Bolger explained as Teofilo was put on display. "He'll canter on Wednesday, do a half speed on Thursday and then work on the weekend and on Tuesday. As long as all goes well, he will be on the plane to Newmarket. I have no worries whatsoever about him." A perfect five-for-five to date, Teofilo has not been out since besting Holy Roman Emperor (Ire) by a head in the Oct. 14 Dewhurst.

**ANOTHER WIN FOR SAFARI QUEEN?**

Arindel Farm's **Safari Queen (Arg)** (Lode) bids for her second straight graded score, and her fourth from her last five starts, in tomorrow's GIII Bewitch S. at Keeneland. The five-year-old mare, twice a Group 1 winner in her native Argentina, capped off 2006 with victories in the Nov. 4 GII Long Island H. and Dec. 16 GII La Prevoyante H. Runner-up in the Feb. 25 GIII The Very One H., she came back to take the Mar. 31 GIII Orchid H. Trained by Todd Pletcher and ridden by John Velazquez, she is the 4-5 favorite on the morning line.

**PEDIGREE INSIGHTS**

BY ANDREW CAULFIELD

**LANE'S END GREENHAM S.-G3, £48,000, Newbury, 4-21, 3yo, c/g, 7fT, 1:23.66, gd/fm.**

1--#**MAJOR CADEAUX (GB), 126, c, 3, by Cadeaux Genereux (GB)**

**1st Dam: Maine Lobster, by Woodman**

**2nd Dam: Capades, by Overskate**

**3rd Dam: Medal of Valor, by Damascus**

(37,000gns wnlg '04 TATDEC; €65,000 yrl '05 GOFORB). O-N A Woodcock, A C Pickford & David Mort; B-R Evain; T-Richard Hannon; J-Richard Hughes; £27,254. Lifetime Record: 3-2-1-0, £50,947.

Click for the [Racing Post chart](#) or the [free brisnet.com catalogue-style pedigree](#).

When accomplished stallions reach a certain age their popularity often dips as breeders search relentlessly for something new and potentially even more successful. These stallions' situation can become even more acute when they have popular sons and grandsons standing at lower fees, a good example being the champion European sprinter Cadeaux Genereux.



**Cadeaux Genereux**  
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Having been popular throughout his long career at Whitsbury Manor Stud, Cadeaux Genereux saw his book of mares dip from 93 mares at the age of 19 in 2004 to 35 in 2005 and 34 in 2006. At the same time, his increasingly popular son Bahamian Bounty has regularly been attracting more than 100 mares a year, having established himself the hard way with limited support.

However, there has been much more demand for Cadeaux Genereux's services in 2007 (when he is limited to 70 mares), this revival being fuelled partly by a reduction in his fee from £20,000 to £15,000. But the revival also owes something to several other factors, such as his results at the 2006 yearling sales, when his youngsters achieved such good prices as 280,000, 270,000 and 195,000 guineas.

**Triple Threats**

Horse (Sire)	Track	Distance	Time
<b>Curlin</b> (Smart Strike)	KEE	5f	1:00.80
<b>Hard Spun</b> (Danzig)	KEE	1m	1:42.40
<b>Nobiz Like Shobiz</b> (Albert the Great)	BEL (tt)	5f	:59.59
<b>Reporting for Duty</b> (Deputy Commander)	KEE	6f	1:12.40
<b>Zanjero</b> (Cherokee Run)	KEE	5f	1:01.00

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**Pedigree Insights cont.**

As a son of Young Generation and a Sharpen Up mare, Cadeaux Genereux also has the enduring appeal of having a largely outcross pedigree for many mares in Britain and Ireland--something increasingly hard to find in an industry dominated by the Danzig and Sadler's Wells lines. For example, he has four stakes winners out of Sadler's Wells mares, including the Group 1-winning May Ball, and has also sired Group 1 winners from daughters of Northfields and Nureyev.

Last week provided further reminders of Cadeaux Genereux's merits, with his name featuring in the pedigrees of the winners of both of Britain's main trials for the 2000 Guineas. First we saw the G3 Craven S. fall to Adagio, a Grand Lodge colt out of Cadeaux Genereux's daughter Lalindi, and then the G3 Greenham S. saw Cadeaux Genereux's son Major Cadeaux prove much too strong for Dutch Art. These colts--both of whom have plenty of physical scope--performed so well that the Newmarket Classic has been transformed from what appeared to be a one-horse race at the mercy of Teofilo into an intriguingly competitive affair. Adagio is now second favorite at around 3-1, while Major Cadeaux is third favorite at around 11-2.

**MAJOR GENEREUX (GB), c, 2004**

<b>Cadeaux Genereux (GB)</b>	Young Generation (Ire)	Balidar (Ire)	Will Somers (GB)
			Violet Bank (GB)
	Smarten Up (GB)	Brig Odoon (GB)	Shantung (Fr)
			Tam O'Shanter (GB)
		Sharpen Up (GB)	Atan
		Languissola (GB)	Rocchetta (GB)
<b>Maine Lobster Placed 4 Fls, 1 GSW</b>	Woodman	Mr. Prospector	Soderini (GB)
			Posh (GB)
	Capades GISW, \$1,051,006 10Fls, 1 SW	Playmate	Raise a Native
			Gold Digger
		Overskate	Buckpasser
			Intriguing
Medal of Valor 5Fls, 1GSW, 1SP		Nodouble	
		Overtstate	
		Damascus	
		La Fuerza	

Incidentally, it was hard not to be greatly taken by Diamond Tycoon, a Johannesburg colt who was so impressive in winning his maiden earlier on the Greenham card that he is now a 12-1 chance for the 2000 Guineas.

Major Cadeaux's 3 1/2-length victory over a dual Group 1 winner was made all the more creditable by the fact that he was making his first appearance since last June. Although he's by a horse who excelled over five and six furlongs, the way he strode away in the final stages of the Greenham suggests he will be suited by the extra furlong at Newmarket.

Major Cadeaux is likely to have inherited some stamina from his second dam, the accomplished American turf mare Capades, who gained a Grade I success in the Selima S. at two. With the Canadian champion Overskate as her sire and a mare by Damascus as her dam, Capades was bred to stay reasonably well: Overskate had set a track record over 1 3/8 miles and gone close to setting another over a mile and a half, while Damascus numbered the Belmont S. and the two-mile Jockey Club Gold Cup among his many wins.

Capades proved true to her bloodlines, with this million-dollar earner gaining one of her graded successes in the New York H. over 1 1/4 miles and another in the Athenia H. over 1 3/8 miles.

As Capades cost only \$19,000 as a yearling, it wasn't surprising that she proved less effective as a producer. Despite having foals by such stallions as Lyphard, Silver Hawk, Gone West, Seattle Slew, Woodman, Dixieland Band and Gulch, she produced nothing better than Cap Beino, winner of \$25,000 stakes races at Rockingham Park and Suffolk Downs.

As so often happens, one of Capades' less talented half-sisters has enjoyed greater success as a broodmare. Capades Dancer, a stakes-placed daughter of Gate Dancer, produced two smart French performers in Marechal and Vangelis, the latter winner of the G3 Grand Prix de Vichy over 1 1/4 miles.

Very smart racemares such as Capades who disappoint as producers sometimes make amends through their broodmare daughters.

Unbeaten winner of the 2000 Guineas-Gr.1.  
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**FOOTSTEPS IN THE SAND**

C. ex Miniver (LEFT). Owned by Sean Collins.  
F. ex Canterbury Lace (RIGHT). Owned by Cheval Court Stud.

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**Insights cont.**

Major Cadeaux is out of her Woodman filly Maine Lobster, an 80,000-guineas yearling who was placed twice over six furlongs at two for John Dunlop. This mare's price had fallen to 15,000 guineas by the end of her winless three-year-old season, and she also appeared in the sales ring at four, five and six years--a record which doesn't suggest she was showing much promise as a producer. She visited the inexpensive Indian Haven, winner of the Irish 2000 Guineas, at the Irish National Stud in 2005 and 2006.

However, Major Cadeaux has now highlighted her potential, so Maine Lobster should attract more attention if and when she reappears in the sales ring.

Maine Lobster is by no means the only daughter of Woodman doing well in 2007. The outstanding Australian filly Miss Finland is out of one of Woodman's well-bred daughters and so are the speedy GSW Oprah Winney and G3 Prix Penelope winner Mrs Lindsay. These good winners are the latest in a lengthy line of group/graded winners out of Woodman mares, with More Than Ready, Wando, Sutra, Carry On Katie, Snow Ridge, Mamool, Byron and Dark Islander among them.

If Major Cadeaux can stay sound, he has the potential to be as good as any of them.

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## TDN Top of the Crop - 3yo colts/geldings

Rank (Last)/Name	Owner	Acquired	Trainer	Last Race (Click for Vid/Cht)	Best '07 Bris	Next Race
1 (1)- <b>GREAT HUNTER (Aptitude)</b>	Reddam	\$30k Y-priv	O'Neill	<a href="#">5th GI Blue Grass</a>	100	May 5 GI KY Derby
				<i>(Will be loaded for bear on Derby Day...Andy Belfiore)</i>		
2 (2)- <b>STREET SENSE (Street Cry {Ire})</b>	Tafel	Homebred	Nafzger	<a href="#">2nd Blue Grass</a>	105	Kentucky Derby
				<i>(Primed to peak on Derby Day...Marie Kizenko)</i>		
3 (4)- <b>NOBIZ LIKE SHOBIZ (Albert the Great)</b>	Valando	Homebred	Tagg	<a href="#">1st GI Wood Memorial</a>	103	Kentucky Derby
				<i>(Capable of more than he's shown...Marie Kizenko)</i>		
4 (Un)- <b>CURLIN (Smart Strike)</b>	Padua, et al.	\$57k Y	Asmussen	<a href="#">1st GII Arkansas Derby</a>	102	Kentucky Derby
				<i>(\$3 million+ is starting to look like a bargain for this colt...Steve Sherack)</i>		
5 (3)- <b>CIRCULAR QUAY (Thunder Gulch)</b>	Tabor	Homebred	Pletcher	<a href="#">1st GII Louisiana Derby</a>	105	Kentucky Derby
				<i>(Has the talent and bloodlines to give Pletcher his first Derby score...Andy Belfiore)</i>		
6 (6)- <b>ANY GIVEN SATURDAY (Distorted Humor)</b>	WinStar	\$1.1m Y	Pletcher	<a href="#">3rd Wood Memorial</a>	105	Kentucky Derby
				<i>(Raced wide in the Wood and probably bounced a bit off Tampa Bay Derby 2nd; love Sunday's work in :58 4/5...Lucas Marquardt)</i>		
7 (7)- <b>SCAT DADDY (Johannesburg)</b>	Tabor/Scatuorchio	\$250k Y	Pletcher	<a href="#">1st GI Florida Derby</a>	101	Kentucky Derby
				<i>(Doing everything asked of him, but still underrated...Christina Bossinakis)</i>		
8 (10)- <b>STORMELLO (Stormy Atlantic)</b>	Currin & Eisman	Homebred	Currin	<a href="#">4th GI Florida Derby</a>	101	Kentucky Derby
				<i>(Game speedster has plenty of time to re-charge from back-to-back cross-country trips...Jessica Martini)</i>		
9 (Un)- <b>COWTOWN CAT (Distorted Humor)</b>	WinStar/Gulf Coast	Homebred	Pletcher	<a href="#">1st GII Illinois Derby</a>	106	Kentucky Derby
				<i>(Another Derby winner for Distorted Humor?...Christina Bossinakis)</i>		
10 (Un)- <b>HARD SPUN (Danzig)</b>	Fox Hill	Private	Jones	<a href="#">1st GII Lane's End</a>	106	Kentucky Derby
				<i>(Hard to fault a horse who's won five of six, but I'm guessing his best races will be ahead of him on turf/synthetic surfaces...Lucas Marquardt)</i>		

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**OBS SPRING SALE STARTS TODAY** The Ocala Breeders' Sales Company's Spring Sale of Two-Year-Olds in Training kicks off today with the first of four sessions. A total of 1,399 juveniles have been catalogued, representing top sires such as Awesome Again, Belong to Me, Distorted Humor, Dixieland Band, Dynaformer, Forest Wildcat, Grand Slam, Hennessy, Holy Bull, Pulpit, Rahy, Silver Deputy, Stormy Atlantic, Street Cry (Ire), Successful Appeal and Tale of the Cat.



There are also two-year-olds from the first crops of Harlan's Holiday, Hook and Ladder, Mineshaft and Sky Mesa, to name a few. Last year's Spring Sale realized a record gross of \$24,565,500. The average was \$32,494, up 14.4 percent, and the median was \$17,000, on par with 2005. For the complete catalogue, go to [www.obssales.com](http://www.obssales.com).  
**Top works from the OBS Spring Preview, p2**

★ **EAST** ★

**Yesterday's Results:**

**9th-PHA, \$30,000, Alw, NW1X, 4yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16m, 1:45 3/5, ft.**

**CRIMSON MAPLE (f, 4, Rahy--Maplejinsky {MGISW, \$293,196}, by Nijinsky II)**, a three-parts sister to Sky Beauty (Blushing Groom {Fr}), Ch. Older Mare, MGISW, \$1,336,000, was well-beaten in a Gulfstream turf maiden in mid-January for trainer Alan Goldberg, then shipped north to be fifth, beaten 1 3/4 lengths, when saddled by Paul Conrad at Philly Park. A 3 1/2-length maiden victress sprinting six panels over this strip last time Mar. 25, Crimson Maple was looking for her second straight on the stretch out while back under Goldberg's care. In an ideal tracking spot early, the bay, a 4-1 shot, ranged up to take a narrow lead in upper stretch and outbattled Livonia (Mighty) to the wire for the neck score. Lifetime Record: 5-2-0-1, \$37,660. O/B-Jayeff B Stables (KY). T-Alan E Goldberg.

**7th-TAM, \$18,500, Msw, 3yo, f, 1mT, 1:38 2/5, fm. BLONDEHAIRBLUEEYES (f, 3, Langfuhr--Super Elite {GB}, by Good Times {Ity})** hit the board in two starts sprinting at the dirt at Tampa Bay last December and January. Fourth in her turf debut when stretched out in late February, she was third in her latest, a six-furlong dirt test Apr. 14. Adding ground once again here and returning to the sod, the 4-1 chance contested the early lead through a quarter in :23 4/5 and a half in :48 2/5. The chestnut drew off in upper stretch to lead by as many as three lengths and finished up well under urging to post the 2 3/4-length tally over Debeela (Gulch). Lifetime Record: 5-1-1-2, \$18,995. O-Brittingham Racing Stable. B-Irish Acres Farm (FL). T-P Noel Hickey.

**9th-TAM, \$16,500, Msw, 3yo, f, 1mT, 1:38 1/5, fm. VILLAGE SINGER (f, 3, Rahy--Preseli {Ire} {Hwt. 2yo Filly-Ire, Hwt. 3yo-Ire at 9.5-10.5f, G1SW-Ire, SP-US, \$219,376}, by Caerleon)** was sent off the 7-5 chalk in her unveiling going a sixteenth longer over this course Feb. 25 and ran with credit to be runner-up that day. An even shorter price this time at 4-5 odds, Village Singer was content to track early through a half in :47 4/5. Asked to pick it up two furlongs out, she split rivals with a decisive move and sailed clear to notch the 5 1/2-length maiden breaker. Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, \$12,780. O-Neil Jones. B-Abergwaun Farm (KY). T-Christophe Clement.

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## ★ CENTRAL ★

### Yesterday's Results:

**1st-HAW**, \$34,320, Msw, 2yo, 4 1/2f, :53 4/5, ft. + **PIXIE** (f, 2, Minardi--Tyke {SW}, by Storm Boot) came into this off three straight four-furlong works from the gate, including her latest going :48 4/5 over this strip Apr. 14, and was hammered down to 3-5 favoritism coupled with stablemate Instill (Proud Citizen). Away alertly, Pixie quickly established a daylight lead and lengthened her advantage down the lane to prevail by an impressive eight lengths. Instill completed the exacta. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$21,840. O-Sharon R Morgan. B-Terry L Morgan DVM (IL). T-John C Wainwright.

## ★ SO. CALIFORNIA ★

### Cal Racing Industry Launches TV Campaign:

The California Thoroughbred racing industry is launching a statewide television advertising campaign to promote the sport and on-track attendance. The trio of ads, set to begin running later this month, spoof the "What happens in Vegas, stays in Vegas" spots, suggesting it might be a better bet to head to the track. "A day at the races is a good time and a lot closer than Vegas," said industry spokesperson Shannon McDonald. "It's even safer." The campaign coincides with opening days at Hollywood Park and Golden Gate Fields, and will also be used by other California tracks when they open later in the year.

### STAKES CLOSINGS

**TOMORROW, WEDNESDAY, APRIL 25:**

05-05 \$150,000 **Mervyn Leroy H.-II, Hol**, 3yo/up, 8.5f (150)

05-06 \$100,000a **Hawthorne H.-III, Hol**, 3yo/up, f/m, 8.5f (100)

05-13 \$150,000 **Hendrie-III, Wo**, 4yo/up, f/m, 6.5f (150)

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### OBS SPRING

Under-tack preview-- April 21

#### 1/8-mile works

Time	Hip#	Sex	Sire	Dam
:10 1/5	<u>1093</u>	f	<u>Broken Vow</u>	Roulette
	<u>1204</u>	c	Northern Afleet	Sliver of Silver
	<u>1254</u>	f	<u>Van Nistelrooy</u>	Star White
	<u>1281</u>	f	<u>Kafwain</u>	Sutter Sutter
	<u>1314</u>	f	Freud	The Midnightrobber

#### 1/4-mile works

:21 1/5	<u>1152</u>	c	Put It Back	Shari's Glory
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#### 3/8-mile works

:33 1/5	<u>1215</u>	f	<u>Came Home</u>	Sochi
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Under-tack preview-- April 20

#### 1/8-mile works

Time	Hip#	Sex	Sire	Dam
:10	<u>856</u>	f	Straight Man	Miss Salt Lake

#### 1/4-mile works

:21 1/5	<u>947</u>	c	<u>Cape Town</u>	On Top of That
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Under-tack preview-- April 19

#### 1/8-mile works

Time	Hip#	Sex	Sire	Dam
:10 1/5	<u>352</u>	f	Precise End	Dashing Fashion

#### 1/4-mile works

:21 2/5	<u>497</u>	c	Yonaguska	Frankie's Lady
	<u>645</u>	c	Wiseman's Ferry	January Angel
	<u>497</u>	c	Trippi	Karon's Dream

#### 3/8-mile works

:33 4/5	<u>373</u>	f	Deputy Commander	Diamond Emblem
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Under-tack preview-- April 18

#### 1/8-mile works

Time	Hip#	Sex	Sire	Dam
:10	<u>275</u>	c	Double Honor	Clarabella

#### 1/4-mile works

:21 2/5	<u>003</u>	f	Out of Place	Waiting
:21 2/5	<u>133</u>	f	<u>Marquetry</u>	Baby Millie
:21 2/5	<u>181</u>	g	Cartwright	Boone's Band
:21 2/5	<u>243</u>	f	Untuttale	Cat in a Hat

#### 3/8-mile works

:34 2/5	<u>058</u>	c	<u>Tactical Cat</u>	Yes My Queen
:34 2/5	<u>169</u>	f	Outofthebox	Black Foot Beauty
:34 2/5	<u>290</u>	c	Suave Prospect	Cody Zamorra



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+ Loch Jipp, f, 2, [Belong to Me](#). See "Britain."  
 + Mount Pleasure, c, 2, Mt. Livermore. See "Britain."  
 Overrule, c, 3, Diesis (GB). See "Britain."

A Big Sky Brewing, c, 3, Arch. See "Breeders' Edition Europe."

IN JAPAN:

Yo Soro, c, 3, [Giant's Causeway](#)--Above Perfection (GSW & GISP, \$380,737), by In Excess (Ire). Tokyo, 4-21, Novice Race, 10.5f. Lifetime Record: 3-1-1-0, \$63,025. O-Yoichi Aoyama; B-ClassicStar; T-Ryuji Okubo.

Maltese Massive, c, 4, [Yes It's True](#)--Riveting Drama, by Notebook. Tokyo, 4-21, Fuji View Stand S., 7f. Lifetime Record: 10-4-0-0, \$385,378. O-Yoshio Fujita; B-Harold Queen; T-Masahiro Horii.

Eishin Lombard, h, 5, [Victory Gallop](#)--Pacific City, by Carson City. Tokyo, 4-21, Oume Tokubetsu, 7f. Lifetime Record: 27-4-4-2, \$674,454. O-Toyomitsu Hirai; B-Brilliant Stables Inc., Morris Brothers & Elliott Walden; T-Ken Kozaki. \*1/2 to Spirited Maiden (Saint Ballado), MSP, \$152,952.

Cafe Venetian, h, 7, [Unbridled's Song](#)--Astaire Case, by Chromite. Tokyo, 4-21, Plate Race, 8fT. Lifetime Record: 24-5-4-4, \$710,924. O-Kyoko Nishikawa; B-Alan S Kline; T-Yasuhisa Matsuyama.

JAPANESE WINNER BY U.S. SIRE:

Silk Ransom (Aus), c, 3, [Red Ransom](#)--Pier, by Riverman. Fukushima, 4-22, Novice Race, 6fT. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$42,017. O-Silk Co.; B-Tyreel Thoroughbreds; T-Tadashi Kayo. \*1/2 to River Majesty (Majestic Light), MGSW & GISP-US, SW & GSP-Fr, GSP-HK, \$519,109-Fr & US; Pontal Lass (Aus) (Marauding {NZ}), G1SW-Aus; Century Stand (Aus) (Marauding {NZ}), MGSP-SAf; My Special Scorpio (Aus) (Woodman), GSP-Aus.

First-crop starters to watch: Tuesday, April 24

Sire (Sire's Sire), Farm, 2004 Fee, #foals of racing age/Winners/SW Race #-track, race type, distance, runner, odds (if available)

COMIC GENIUS (Unbridled), Doubletree, \$3K, 22/1/0 5-SUN, Msw, 4 1/2f, Unbridled April, \$700 RUI AUG yrl, 6-1

Second-crop starters to watch: Tuesday, April 24

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

CREATION SONG (Sultry Song), 5/0/0 5-SUN, Msw, 4 1/2f, +Barneys Song, \$900 RUI AUG yrl, 12-1  
 UNBRIDLED TIME (Unbridled's Song), Signature Stallions, \$5K, 107/14/1  
 7-TAM, Msw, 1mT, +Fashionable Time, \$10K OBS JUN 2yo, 15-1  
 WINTER GLITTER (A.P. Indy), Lee Marie Farm, \$2K, 22/0/0 2-PRM, Msw, 5 1/2f, +Winter Treat, 7-2

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4/22 **NATIVE LEGEND** (3f) wins **Star Shoot S.** at Woodbine to go three-for-three.  
 4/21 **STARBASE** (3c) runs second in **Coolmore Lexington Stakes-Gr.2** at Keeneland.  
 4/15 **BATTLE PAINT** (3c) is a length second in **Prix de Fontainebleau-Gr.3** at Longchamp.

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Tuesday, Chantilly, post time: 3:20 p.m.

**PRIX DE SURESNES-Listed**, €52,000, 3yo, c/g, 1 1/4mT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER
1	1	Nearby (GB)	King's Best	Fabre
2	4	Hight Blue Sails (Fr)	Chichicastenango (Fr)	Demercastel
3	6	Thalamon (Fr)	Monsun (Ger)	Schiergen
4	8	Troque (Fr)	Enrique (GB)	Doumen
5	3	Silverlord (Fr)	Numerous	Head-Maarek
6	7	Meshugah (Ire)	Grand Lodge	Gibson
7	5	Harbore (Fr)	Raintrap (GB)	Lellouche
8	2	No Dream	Anabaa	Laffon-Parias

All carry 128 pounds.

**Yesterday's Results:**

**Longchamp, 3.50, Cond**, €25,000, 4yo, 1 1/2mT, 2:33.60, gd.

**VISON CELEBRE (IRE)** (c, 4, [Peintre Celebre](#)--[Visionnaire {Fr}](#) {MG1SP-Fr, \$103,224}, by [Linamix {Fr}](#)) was an impressive winner when beating subsequent G1 Prix du Jockey Club hero Darsi (Fr) at this track last April, but had been on the shelf since that debut score. Restrained in rear from the outset of this return, the 2-5 favorite swooped for the lead under whipless encouragement at the distance and was on cruise control in the closing stages to easily best Royal Commander (Fr) (Commands {Aus}) by two lengths. The winner is a 3/4 to Visionario (Ire) (Spinning World), GSW, \$111,371. Lifetime Record: 2 starts, 2 wins, €29,000.

O-H H The Aga Khan; B-SNC Lagardere Elevage; T-Andre Fabre.

**Longchamp, 3.20, Mdn**, €21,000, 3yo, f, 1 1/2mT, 2:34.10, gd.

**DANCING LADY (FR)** (f, 3, [Dansili {GB}](#)--[Aka Lady {Fr}](#) {SW-Fr}, by [Sanglamore](#)), second over course and distance in his '07 bow Apr. 5, asserted for the early lead here. Pushed along when pressed in early stretch, the 6-4 chalk was clear at the eighth pole and was beyond recall as Spectra (Ire) (Spectrum {Ire}) closed to within 2 1/2 lengths at the wire. The winner is a half to Private Banking (Fr) (Anabaa, SW, \$109,950. Lifetime Record: 3 starts, 1 win, 2 places, €18,300.

O-Comte Herve de Talhouet-Roy; B-Comte Herve & Marquise de Talhouet-Roy; T-Jean-Marie Beguigne.

**Longchamp, 2.50, Mdn**, €21,000, 3yo, c/g, 1 1/2mT, 2:32.90, gd.

**DIANIMIX (FR)** (c, 3, [Linamix {Fr}](#)--[Diamonaka {Fr}](#) {MGSP-Fr}, by [Akarad {Fr}](#)), a course-and-distance second last time Apr. 5, raced fifth past the judge until moving into a close second at halfway. Ridden into a slight lead approaching the final furlong, the even-money choice was driven out in the latter stages to hold Shebiyr (Fr) (Kahyasi {Ire}) by a half length. The winner is a full to Diamonixa (Fr), GSW-Fr; and Diamilina (Fr), MGSW & G1SP-Fr, \$141,658; and a half to Diamond Green (Fr) (Green Desert), GSW & MG1SP-Fr, G1SP-Eng, MGSP-US, \$491,508. Lifetime Record: 3 starts, 1 win, 1 place, €14,700.

O-H H The Aga Khan; B-SNC Lagardere Elevage; T-Andre Fabre.

★ BRITAIN ★

**CONQUEST YORK-BOUND**

Highclere Thoroughbred Racing's sophomore **Conquest (Ire)** (Invincible Spirit {Ire}) will take on his elders in the G2 Duke of York S. May 16, connections announced yesterday. Trainer William Haggas reported the G2 Gimcrack S. winner on course for a return to the six furlongs over which he captured that contest in August. "He's got a Group 2 penalty, so we're rather restricted, but he's going to run in the Duke of York S., then possibly the G2 Temple S. [at Sandown May 31] and then either the [June 19] G2 King's Stand S. or [June 23] G1 Golden Jubilee S. at Royal Ascot," he said yesterday. "He's a real smart horse and he was a very mature looking two-year-old, but we hope we'll have a good season with him."

**Yesterday's Results:**

**Pontefract, 2.10, Mdn**, £6,000, 2yo, f, 5fT, 1:04.82, gd/fm.

+ **LOCH JIPP** (f, 2, [Belong to Me](#)--[Miss Keyonna](#), by [Septieme Ciel](#)) was alert from a wide draw and soon stalked the pace in a close third. Pushed along at the top of the straight, the \$27,000 KEESEP yearling quickened to the front at the distance and powered up the hill two lengths clear of Far Gone (GB) (Diktat {GB}) to cause a 50-1 shock. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, £3,886. O-I Barran; B-Robert L & Lorraine R Quinichett; T-John Wainwright.

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**British Report cont.**

**Windsor, 6.55, Mdn, £5,000, 3yo, f, 1m 67ydsT, 1:43.40, gd/fm.**

**GYROSCOPE (GB) (f, 3, *Spinning World*--*Far Across* {GB}, by *Common Grounds* {GB})**, third behind the smart Phoenix Tower on debut on Wolverhampton's Polytrack in October, was sent off the 5-6 crowd's choice. Breaking best of all, the filly settled in second early. Looking firmly in control when taking over passing the quarter pole, the €180,000 GOFORB yearling had reckoned without Truly Enchanting (Ire) (Danehill Dancer {Ire}) and had to work in the end to overcome that errant rival by a half length. The winner is a half to Arakan (Nureyev), MGSW-Eng, GSP-Ire, \$423,123. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-1, £3,623.

O-Cheveley Park Stud; B-Niarchos Family; T-Sir M Stoute.

**Windsor, 7.25, Mdn, £5,000, 3yo, 10f 7ydsT, 2:08.88, gd/fm.**

**OVERRULE (c, 3, *Diesis* {GB}--*Her Own Way*, by *Danzig*)**, who was unable to land a blow on debut at Newcastle in September, started at odds of 18-1 and rated behind the leading group early. Challenging widest of all at the top of the stretch, the \$60,000 KEENOV weanling and \$190,000 KEESEP yearling ground his way to the front with 1½ furlongs remaining before recording a half-length success from the closer Tranquil Tiger (GB) (Selkirk). Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, £3,238. O-Sheikh Marwan Al Maktoum; B-Avalon Farms, Inc.; T-Jeremy Nosedá.

**Windsor, 5.55, Mdn, £5,000, 2yo, 5f 10ydsT, 1:01.35, gd/fm.**

**+ MOUNT PLEASURE (c, 2, *Mt. Livermore*--*Private Beach*, by *Unaccounted For*)**, let go at 12-1, missed the kick before racing freely in mid-division throughout the early stages. Despite rolling around when asked to challenge out wide, the \$42,000 KEENOV weanling and €39,000 GOFORB yearling was too strong for Avertitop (GB) (Averti {Ire}) in the final strides and scored by ahead. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, £3,238. O-Cavendish Star Racing; B-JMR Enterprises, USA; T-Jamie Osborne.

★ ITALY ★

**Sunday's Result:**

**Rome, 4.45, Cond, 4-22, €19,800, 4yo/up, 1 1/16mT, 1:44.50, gd.**

**RATTLE AND HUM (ITY) (c, 4, *Celtic Swing* {GB}--*Scuola Genovese* {Ire}, by *Ela-Mana-Mou* {Ire})** took the G2 Premio Parioli at this track last April and finished 10th in the G1 Derby Italiano here the following month when last seen out. Traveling smoothly in a distant second here, the 11-10 crowd's choice was pushed into the lead 75 yards from home and was ridden out late to repel the fast-finishing Kimbalon (Ire) (Celtic Swing {GB}) by a neck. Lifetime Record: Hwt 3yo-Ity at 7-9.5f, GSW-Ity, 8 starts, 6 wins, 0 places, €148,538. O-Scuderia San Valentino SRL; B-Azienda Agricola Loreto Luciani; T-Luigi & Fabrizio Camici.

★ GERMANY ★

**Sunday's Results:**

**Cologne, 2.00, Mdn, 4-22, €4,700, 3yo, 1 5/16mT, 2:15.91, gd.**

**NEXT STYLE (IRE) (c, 3, *Desert Style* {Ire}--*Night Petticoat* {Ger} {GSW-Ger, \$208,763}, by *Petoski* {GB})**, third in the Listed Junioren-Preis at Dusseldorf in September on his only previous outing, stalked the pace in second here. Ridden along after the final turn, the big colt responded well to urging and took control halfway down the stretch, scoring by 1 3/4 lengths from Feuersturm (Ger) (Samum {Ger}). No odds were returned for the winner. The winner is a half to Next Gina (Ger) (Perugino), G1SW-Ger, \$285,755 and a full to Next Desert (Ire), Hwt 3yo-Ger at 11-14f, G1SW-Ger, \$473,668. Lifetime Record: SP-Ger, 2 starts, 1 win, 1 place, €9,000.

O/B-Gestut Wittekinshof; T-Mario Hofer.

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**German Report cont.**

**Munich, 3.55, Mdn, 4-22, €4,300, 3yo, 6 1/2fT, 1:23.75, gd.**  
 + **ARABELLA QUEEN (GER) (f, 3, Big Shuffle--Arenea Diadema {Ire} {MSP-Ger}, by Digamist)**, the 2-1 second choice for this debut, tracked the leader in second. Showing a good turn of foot to lead turning for home, the €52,000 BBASEP yearling drew clear to score by eight lengths from Aradia (Ger) (Tertullian). Lifetime Record: 1 start, 1 win, €2,550.  
 O-Stall Impuria; B-Gestut Isarland; T-Axel Kleinkorres.

★ **EUROPEAN-BRED WINNERS** ★

**IN JAPAN:**

**Cafe Brooklyn (Jpn)**, h, 7, **Singspiel (Ire)**--Expect to Shine, by Mr. Prospector. Fukushima, 4-21, Plate Race, 5.75fT. Lifetime Record: 13-2-3-2, \$242,857. O-Kyoko Nishikawa; B-Shadai Farm; T-Yasuhisa Matsuyama.

**IN HONG KONG:**

**Pocket Money (Ire)**, g, 5, **Namid**--Duck Over (GB), by Warning (GB). Sha Tin, 4-22, Hcp., 1400mT. B-M Ervine. \*80,000gns yrl '03 TATOCT.  
**Bauhinia (Ire)**, g, 6, **Daggers Drawn**--Ravensdale Rose (Ire), by Henbit. Sha Tin, 4-22, Hcp., 1650m (AWT). B-D Maher. \*Ir£10,000 wnlg '01 GOFNOV.  
**Fat Choy Together (GB)**, g, 6, **Desert Style (Ire)**--Brilliance (GB), by Cadeaux Genereux (GB). Sha Tin, 4-22, Hcp., 1650m (AWT). B-Highclere Stud Ltd. \*28,000gns yrl '02 TATOCT.

**IN SOUTH AFRICA:**

**Polzeath (GB)**, f, 4, **Singspiel (Ire)**--West Devon, by Gone West. Scottsville, 4-22, Maiden, 1200mT. B-Juddmonte Farms Ltd. \*1/2 to Salcombe (GB) (Elmaamul), MSP-Eng. \*\*12,000gns 2yo '05 TATDEC.

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**ALLOWANCE RESULTS:**

**6th-PHA, \$39,600, NW2L, 4yo/up, 1m70y, 1:43, ft.**  
**SERENE HARBOR (g, 4, Valley Crossing--We Wak Harbor, by Waquoit)** Lifetime Record: 8-2-3-0, \$56,486. O/B-Mrs Timothy J Gardner (PA). T-Elizabeth M Merryman. \*1/2 to Shady Valley (Carnivalay), MSP, \$165,262.

**8th-PHA, \$31,320, NW1X, 4yo/up, f/m, 6 1/2f, 1:16 4/5, ft.**

**RILED AGAIN (m, 5, Wild Again--Cheerio Charmer, by Dixieland Band)** Lifetime Record: 32-4-7-7, \$74,169. O-Klaass Stable. B-SMR Investments, Ltd & Wild Again Partners (KY). T-W Anderson. \*\$20,000 yrl '03 KEESEP.

**11th-SUN, \$27,400, 4-22, NW2L, 3yo, f, 6 1/2f, 1:15 3/5, ft.**

**LURAS LAST MUSIC (f, 3, Prospector's Music--Lucky Lady Laura {SW}, by Whitesburg)** Lifetime Record: 4-2-1-0, \$36,728. O-Barbara M and G Chris Coleman. B-Tim & Marianne Visnieski (OK). T-Gary W Cross. \*\$130,000 2yo 2006 OBSAPR.

**8th-EMD, \$20,000, 4-22, Opt. Clm. (\$50,000), NW1\$3M, 4yo/up, f/m, 5 1/2f, 1:02 3/5, ft.**

**KISSNTHEBOYSGOODBY (m, 5, Tropic Lightning--Raizel, by Chisos)** Lifetime Record: MSW, 15-7-3-2, \$106,769. O/B-Dean Essex DVM (WA). T-C Essex.

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**ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:**

**Navy Miss**, f, 3, **Carry My Colors**--Monica's Fantasy, by Club de Noche (Arg). FLX, 4-23, 5 1/2f, 1:05 2/5. B-Bernard & Jerry Gorsky (NY).

**Carts Street Rod**, c, 3, **Cartwright**--Dansait Dame, by Dance Bid. HAW, 4-23, (S), 6f, 1:13 4/5. B-Pam Davis (IL). \*\$13,000 yrl '05 FTKOCT; \$33,000 2yo '06 ILLAPR.

**Secret Start**, f, 3, **Jump Start**--Trimline, by Caller I. D. MNR, 4-22, 1m, 1:42 2/5. B-Taylor Made Farm, Inc., Wally Burlison & Baysore Stable (KY). \*\$70,000 yrl '05 KEESEP; \$50,000 2yo 2006 OBSMAR.

**Pine Hawk**, c, 4, **Siberian Pine**--Lark Hawk, by Hawkster. PHA, 4-23, 6 1/2f, 1:17 1/5. B-Kathy Ward (AR).

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**HANDICAP RESULT:**

**FRANCE, Longchamp, 1.50**, 4-23, €58,000, 3yo, 1 1/4mT, 2:06.20, gd.

**LA FEE DE BREIZH (FR) (f, 3, Verglas {Ire}--Double Bed River {Fr}, by Double Bed {Fr})** Lifetime Record: 8 starts, 2 wins, 5 places, €48,060. O-Mathieu Offenstadt; B-Y Letort; T-Stephane Wattel.

**CONDITIONS RESULTS:**

**ITALY, Rome, 5.15**, 4-22, €22,500, 3yo, 1 1/4mT, 2:04.50, gd.

**ETERNITY BOY (IRE) (c, 3, Monashee Mountain--Mindy Girl {Ire}, by Last Tycoon {Ire})** Lifetime Record: 8 starts, 2 wins, 3 places, €34,510. O-Enrico Tuoni; B-Eugenia Farm SRL; T-Giovanni Colella. \*€44,000 yrl '05 SGASEP.

**ITALY, Rome, 3.15**, 4-22, €19,800, 4yo/up, f/m, 1 1/4mT, 2:04.70, gd.

**RHODAGNA (IRE) (m, 5, Mark of Esteem {Ire}--Rainbow Mountain {GB}, by Rainbow Quest)** Lifetime Record: GSP-Ity, 27 starts, 4 wins, 9 places, €72,199. O/T-V Valiani; B-Azienda Agricola Patrizia. \*€45,000 yrl '03 ITYSEP. \*\* 1/2 to Cornelius (GB) (Barathea {Ire}), GSW-Ity, MGSP-Fr, GSP-Eng, \$223,448.

**ITALY, Florence, 4.50**, 4-22, €10,800, 3yo, 1 1/8mT, time: n/a, gd.

**BAYLANI DE S'ENA (IRE) (c, 3, Ashkalani {Ire}--Bayrika {Ire} {GSW-Fr}, by Kahyasi {Ire})** Lifetime Record: 6 starts, 2 wins, 1 place, €13,770. O-Scuderia Zenor; B-G Moro; T-Bruno Grizzetti.

**ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:**

**A Big Sky Brewing**, c, 3, **Arch**--Runalpharun, by Thunder Rumble. Pontefract, Britain, 4-23, Mdn, 3yo/up, 6fT. B-Braeburn Farm Corp. \*\$6,500 wnlng '04 KEENOV. + **Shippawa (GB)**, f, 3, **Hernando (Fr)**--Reef Squaw (GB), by Darshaan (GB). Nantes, France, 4-22, Mdn, 3yo, 1 1/2mT. B-The Niarchos Family. \*€50,000 yrl '05 DEAOCT.

**Rainaldino (Ire)**, c, 3, **Kahyasi (Ire)**--Regina Aldi (Ire), by Dowsing. Milan, Italy, 4-22, Mdn, 3yo, c/g, 1 1/4mT. B-Citai SPA. \* 1/2 to Rainer (Fr) (Saumarez {GB}), SW & GSP-Ity, \$256,167.

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**NOBIZ LIKE SHOBIZ** (Albert the Great), 5f (tt), •:59.59, 1/4

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•1:12.40, 1/4

**RICHWOMAN** (Successful Appeal), 4f, :48.60, 9/28

**WILDCAT BETTIE B** (Meadowlake), 6f, 1:16.00, 4/4

**ZANJERO** (Cherokee Run), 5f, 1:01.00, 14/18

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**STORM WOLF** (Stormin Fever), 3f, :35.20, 3/10



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**European Maiden Winners cont.**

+ **Vinea Federspiel (Ire)**, f, 3, **Singspiel (Ire)**--Far Fetched (Ire), by Distant Relative (Ire). Milan, Italy, 4-22, Mdn, 3yo, f, 1 1/4mT. B-Frank Dunne. \*5,000gns yrl '05 TATOCT. \*\*1/2 to Senor Dali (Ire) (Peintre Celebre), GSP-Ger, SP-Eng, \$140,756.

**Magnificent (Fr)**, c, 3, **Sternkoenig (Ire)**--Marquesa Island (Ger), by Hondo Mondo (Ire). Munchen, Germany, 4-22, Mdn, 3yo, 1 1/4mT. B-Gestut Virtual GmbH.

**Volo Cat (Fr)**, c, 3, **Volochine (Ire)**--The Cat Eater (Fr), by Tagel. Moulins, France, 4-22, Cond, 3yo, 1mT. B-GAEC de la Seguegne & Jean-Michel Campos.

**Abri (GB)**, c, 3, **Zamindar**--Reine du Lac (Ire), by Dr Devious (Ire). Rome, Italy, 4-22, Mdn, 3yo, 1 5/16mT. B-Azienda Agricola San Felice & Andreina Toselli.

"I derived great satisfaction from last year, but it is racing and you don't have to get carried away with it," Bolger commented. "I try and steer a fairly level course--I never hit the lows and I don't get up in the clouds either. So if something goes wrong, you don't go into freefall and despair."

As the trainer of St. Jovite, Erins Isle (Ire), Park Appeal (Ire), Give Thanks (Ire), Jet Ski Lady, Desert Style (Ire), Park Express (Ire) and Alexander Goldrun, among others, Bolger is well placed to analyse how racing has developed over the past two or three decades.

"The horses haven't changed," he stated. "Okay, we have more now than we had 25 years ago, but in any year there really is only a half a dozen that matter. It just depends on who has that half dozen. When I started training first, Vincent O'Brien was at his peak. Seamus McGrath had a huge string and had trained an Arc de Triomphe winner a few years previous to that. Dermot Weld and Kevin Prendergast had big strings. The late Mick Connolly always had some very talented two-year-olds. It was just as competitive then as it is now. It is just that there were a few soft years in between."

It was suggested that the bar may have been raised again over the last 10 years, but Bolger disagreed.

"Nijinsky was champion two-year-old and champion three-year-old in the early seventies," Bolger added. "I think he ended up with a *Timeform* rating of 137 or thereabouts. In between him and St. Jovite--apart from Generous--there wasn't another horse to hit 135."

When asked if the good horses will always rise to the top, he answered, "Well, you have to manage and nurture it very carefully. We would like to think that any top horse that we have had, we have managed to get the best out of them and we gave them an opportunity to strut their stuff. But it is something that has to carefully nurtured and planned."

That planning certainly helped the monster Teofilo cap an unbeaten juvenile campaign with a battling success in the G1 Dewhurst S. at Newmarket, his second defeat of Ballydoyle's best Holy Roman Emperor (Ire).



**WRITERS UP**

**BACK IN THE BIG TIME**

*By Dave Keena*

After the victory of **Teofilo (Ire)** (Galileo {Ire}) in the G1 National S. at The Curragh last September, the general consensus was that Jim Bolger was back where he belonged. **Finsceal Beo (Ire)** (Mr. Greeley) kept that momentum going with a wide-margin success in the G1 Prix Marcel Boussac at Longchamp on Arc day, and a few days later, scorched the Newmarket turf when she bolted up in the G2 Rockfel S. At the end of what was a hugely successful year, the master of Coolcullen had bagged four Group 1s, with a flared nostril preventing him from making it five at Goodwood, as Alexander Goldrun (Ire) was touched off by Ouija Board (GB) in that epic Nassau S.

Following news of a minor setback to Teofilo last week, which the colossus has now overcome, it is significant that his trainer has a balanced view of life.

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**Back in the Big Time cont.**

“Teofilo always looked the part from the day he was born,” commented his breeder, owner and trainer. “He had this big step to him and nothing seemed to faze him. He just kind of looked after himself in a herd situation. He wasn’t a bully, but his patch was never threatened by those around him. Then when he became a racehorse, he always oozed class. He got a little bit excited the first day he got to The Curragh, but he settled down well after that.”

Finsceal Beo’s achievements in winning the Prix Marcel Boussac in scintillating fashion and record time were no less remarkable. For Bolger, her end-of-season successes were no surprise.

“With Finsceal Beo, she won first time out at Leopardstown and we always knew she was good,” he said. “She was due to go for the G3 Swordlestown Stud Sprint S. at Naas, but on the morning of the race she didn’t appear to be sound. It later transpired that she had a hairline fracture of her cannon bone. We wanted to get her back to go to Longchamp and that wasn’t possible with the normal amount of training. I thought I had her fit enough to win a nursery down in Tralee, but she was carrying top weight on soft ground...the race brought her on a lot.

“Then when she went to The Curragh for the Goffs Million, she was drawn on the wrong side. We were happy with the run and felt that if the race was run again, that she could probably have won it, so we went off to Longchamp with her then and the rest is history.”

Asked if he still enjoyed the build-up to the big races and it was evident that the years have not withered his enthusiasm.

“I don’t do an awful lot else except train racehorses and there is a lot of enjoyment and satisfaction in that,” Bolger explained.

“It is a great way of life and we have managed to take any pressure out of the situation by building up our own broodmare band. I get huge satisfaction out of training big winners, irrespective of who owns them. It is when you come home in the weeks and months afterwards and know you have a really nice horse and there is never any danger that it is going to go any place--that has its own satisfaction.”

As for Teofilo, Bolger had some surprise news.

“If we can keep him alive, we are going to have him around again for next year,” he revealed. “Whereas, if he were owned by somebody else, he could be sold. Okay, most owners will leave them with you to see it through, but with top horses, if they are not in the right ownership, they can get sold or moved on. We don’t have to live with that anymore.”



Bolger is firmly back in business, then.

“When I came into racing, my first ambition was that I could make it viable and that it would be both a career and a pastime. The height of my ambition was to win the G1 Moyglare Stud S. I have managed to win it twice and that was my ambition achieved, so I never set myself any goals after that. In the second half of the ‘90s and in the early 2000s, things were a bit leaner from a group point of view. I told my staff that we would be back in 2005 and I knew from the way we had the broodmares positioned that we would have the horses.”

So does he feel the pressure?

“I take the big days as another great day,” he explained. “I love the competition. I love taking a good two-year-old to the races for the first time and then moving them up. It is a lovely feeling to go the races with what you think is a top horse. To be proven

right to yourself, to get that confirmed before the journey back home, that is where I get great satisfaction.”  
*Wednesday, Bolger outlines his main hopes for 2007.*

<p>Why <b>T</b>  <b>D</b>  <b>N</b></p>	<p><i>“No matter where I travel, it’s the first thing I reach for when I wake up in the morning. I can’t live without it.”</i></p> <p><i>-Mike Marten, Eclipse Award-winning photographer</i></p>
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