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SLEW'S TIZZY CONFIRMED FOR BELMONT

Joseph LaCombe Stables' **Slew's Tizzy** (Tiznow), winner of back-to-back graded stakes in his last two appearances, has been given the green light for the GI Belmont S. in New York June 9. The dark bay colt made a pair of forgettable starts at the Fair Grounds this winter, clipping heels and unseating his rider in the GIII Risen Star S. Feb. 10 prior to a distant seventh in the GII Louisiana Derby Mar. 10. Duly sent off a 40-1 longshot in the GII Coolmore Lexington S. Apr. 21, he led from flagfall to finish and made it two straight with a 5-2 score in the GIII Lone Star Derby May 12. "Everything is falling into place," said trainer Greg Fox. "Right now the plan is to work Saturday." Slew's Tizzy will likely



Slew's Tizzy Horsephotos

need a new jockey for the Belmont. Robby Albarado, aboard for his last two starts, will ride **Curlin** (Smart Strike), assuming the GI Preakness S. winner goes postward as scheduled. "We've got a few guys in mind," Fox explained. "We hate to lose Robby, but there are a lot of talented riders out there. We're working out the details."

Kaplan, O'Neill Headed to the Big Apple...

Brooklyn native Bill Kaplan, an accountant-turned-pilot-turned racehorse trainer, is headed up the East Coast with **Imwildandcrazyguy** (Wild Event). A surprise fourth, just a half-length behind Curlin, in the GI Kentucky Derby, the gray colt did not contest last Saturday's GI Preakness S. in favor of entering the third jewel of the Triple Crown a fresh horse. "All along the Belmont has been our primary goal," said Kaplan, who trains on behalf of Lewis Pell and Michael Eigner. "He needs 2 1/2 miles, but he'll have to settle for 1 1/2," he quipped. Trainer Doug O'Neill has committed **Great Hunter** (Aptitude), 13th in the Derby, to the Belmont. "He needs to rebound," the conditioner said. "He came apart on us in the paddock before the Derby."

Half of Preakness One-Two Back on Track...

GI Preakness S. victor **Curlin** (Smart Strike) returned to the track yesterday morning, galloping a mile at Churchill Downs. He appears to have emerged from last Saturday's GI Preakness S. in good order. "He's doing great," said Scott Blasi, assistant to trainer Steve Asmussen. "Everything looks great." Asmussen was at Churchill Downs Monday morning and indicated that all systems appear go for a run in the Belmont. "Our responsibility is obviously his health," the conditioner commented. "I think the one thing that everybody wants out of [the Preakness] is for the top three finishers to come out of it as they obviously did out of the Derby. It was so nice to see them all at the Preakness, training the way



The Preakness finish
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they did with no chinks--no chinks in the armor. All of them were still tight together and [we] thought they were going to show up and you'd have to run really well to win, and I think that's what happened." Asmussen said Curlin would ship to Belmont the Wednesday before the race, should all continue to go well. Derby hero **Street Sense** (Street Cry {Ire}) walked the Carl Nafzger shedrow yesterday and was scheduled to return to the track this morning.

Tiago Gearing Up...

Mr. & Mrs. Jerome Moss's **Tiago** (Pleasant Tap) breezed an easy three furlongs over the Cushion Track at Hollywood Park Tuesday morning, covering the distance in :36.80. "His big work is coming up," trainer John Shirreffs told *Daily Racing Form*. "He had just worked five days ago, but because of the shipping arrangements we had to make to get him to New York, I couldn't wait and work him later. It just wouldn't have come out right. Things would have been out of synch. So I gave him a little work. This way, he can have a longer work when I want him to at the end of the week." The half-brother to 2005 Kentucky Derby Giacomo is scheduled to leave for New York May 29.

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Ground Fears for 'Swing...

Trainer John Oxx revealed yesterday that Pat Garvey's **Arch Swing** (Arch) may be forced to miss Sunday's G1 Irish 1000 Guineas at The Curragh if the weather turns conditions against her. Despite the current ground, listed as good, rain is forecast for the end of the week, and Oxx stated that Arch Swing, runner-up to Finsceal Beo (Ire) in Newmarket's G1 1000 Guineas earlier this month, may be scratched if it comes up soft. "The big concern at the moment is the forecast of some rain on Saturday and maybe Sunday," the conditioner told *PA Sport*. "It could be a bit wet, so that is the big question mark. She likes good to firm ground; she wouldn't be at her best on slower than good, and if it turned up soft we might not run. But if she gets her conditions we are hopeful she would run a very good race."

Authorized on Song...

Trainer Peter Chapple-Hyam gave a positive bulletin yesterday as Saleh Al Homaizi and Imad Al Sagar's **Authorized** (Ire) (Montjeu {Ire}) continued his preparation for next Saturday's G1 Epsom Derby. Regular work rider Noel O'Connor partnered the four-length G2 Dante S. winner in gentle exercise with a stable companion on the Limekilns Tuesday morning, and his conditioner was delighted with his progress. "He just enjoyed a nice canter with River Alhaarth--it was routine stuff," Chapple-Hyam said. "But I'm absolutely delighted with the horse. It seems as if his York race has brought him on. He will do one more proper piece of work between now and the Derby."

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

Prince Set Fair...

Sultan Ahmad Shah's **Strategic Prince** (GB) (Dansili {GB}), eighth in the G1 2000 Guineas at Newmarket, is on course for next Saturday's G1 Epsom Derby. Last year's G2 July S. and G2 Vintage S. hero has pleased trainer Paul Cole since his seasonal return in the May 5 Classic. "Everything is fine," Cole told *Racing Post*. "He is eating up and moving well. He is pretty fit and on schedule--there have been no hiccups. He has become more relaxed and is always going forward in his work, and he went forward in the 2000 Guineas. I think there could be around 14 runners and, hopefully, they will go a good pace. It's when there are too few runners you might not get any pace."

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BACK TO EPSOM FOR PERCY Anthony Pakenham's G1 Epsom Derby hero **Sir Percy** (GB) (Mark of Esteem {Ire}) looks likely to return to that track for next Friday's G1 Coronation Cup. Trainer Marcus Tregoning is currently "leaning towards" the 12-furlong event for the four-year-old. "He obviously handled Epsom really well last year, so hopefully he will again and he goes there with a very good chance," Tregoning told *PA Sport*. "His work has been extremely good, and I've been very pleased with him. I think he'll be fit enough; he looks well and is healthy and physically I think he has improved quite a bit."

RANGER HAS ROYAL DATE **US Ranger** (Danzig), who lost his unbeaten record in the G1 2000 Guineas at Newmarket, is being aimed at the G1 St James's Palace S. at Royal Ascot. Seventh overall and second home on the far side of the track in the May 5 Newmarket Classic, the Jean-Claude Rouget-trained colt will bid for revenge in the June 19 mile contest. "The plan is to race the colt in the St. James's Palace S. at Royal Ascot," Andy Smith, racing manager for co-owner Joseph Allen, told *Racing Post*. "Things didn't quite go according to plan at Newmarket. He was still a little green and left in the middle of the track."

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SANTA ANITA TO INSTALL CUSHION TRACK

Officials at Santa Anita announced Wednesday afternoon that the track has contracted with Equestrian Surfaces of the United Kingdom to install Cushion Track, the identical surface laid down last year and currently in use at nearby Hollywood Park in Inglewood. Cushion Track is composed of silica sand mixed with synthetic fibers, elastic fiber and granulated rubber. The material is coated with a blend of wax.

"We believe we have done very thorough due diligence," said Santa Anita President Ron Charles. "We went to racetracks around the world numerous times to evaluate synthetic tracks from the point of view of the horsemen, jockeys, fans, weather conditions and track operators." Charles indicated that a major factor in the decision was to maintain consistency between two Los Angeles area racing surfaces. "We believe the horsemen will definitely appreciate this consistency, because there's a definite level of confidence that the horses display when they train daily over virtually the same surface." The target completion date is the first week in September, allowing for three weeks of training prior to the Oak Tree at Santa Anita meeting.

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TDN Top of the Crop - 3yo stallion prospects

Rank-Name	Owner	Acquired	Trainer	Last Race (Click for Vid/Cht)	Best '07	Next Race
1-STREET SENSE (Street Cry {Ire}) <i>(A Mr. Prospector-line champion juvenile & Derby winner from the family of Mr. Greeley & Danehill Dancer should have mares lining up...Marie Kizenko)</i>	Tafel	Homebred	Nafzger	2nd GI Preakness	113	June 9 GI Belmont S.?
2-HARD SPUN (Danzig) <i>(The son of Danzig will get his Grade I win...can you say Haskell?...Andy Belfiore)</i>	Fox Hill	Private	Jones	3rd GI Preakness	109	June 9 GI Belmont S.
3-CURLIN (Smart Strike) <i>(By a sire who's just now getting the respect he deserves; Preakness winner has speed, stamina & guts..Lucas Marquardt)</i>	Padua, et al.	\$57k Y	Asmussen	1st GI Preakness	113	June 9 GI Belmont S.
4-SCAT DADDY (Johannesburg) <i>(GISW at 2 and 3; on the board in 7 of 9; second dam a GISW by Nijinsky II; he'll rebound off dismal Derby try...Lucas Marquardt)</i>	Tabor/Scatuorchio	\$250k Y	Pletcher	18th GI Kentucky Derby	101	undecided
5-ANY GIVEN SATURDAY (Distorted Humor) <i>(A striking looking individual by a hot sire, with a good female family to boot. Needs a graded win..Christina Bossinakis)</i>	WinStar	\$1.1m Y	Pletcher	8th GI Kentucky Derby	105	undecided
6-RAVEL (Fusaichi Pegasus) <i>(By a Classic winner out of a mare produced by a Classic winner..Alan Garasso)</i>	Smith & Tabor	\$950k Y	Pletcher	1st GIII Sham S.	102	sidelined
7-GREAT HUNTER (Aptitude) <i>(A Grade I-winning juvenile who returned to win a Grade II sophomore race; by MGISW Aptitude out of a stakes-winning Roy mare...Jessica Martini)</i>	Reddam	\$30k Y-priv	O'Neill	13th GI Kentucky Derby	101	June 9 GI Belmont S.
8-CIRCULAR QUAY (Thunder Gulch) <i>(Showed precocity at 2 by winning the GI Hopeful; will surely improve off his Triple Crown efforts...Christina Bossinakis)</i>	Tabor	Homebred	Pletcher	5th GI Preakness	106	undecided
9-COWTOWN CAT (Distorted Humor) <i>(With the looks of a \$1.5 million sales topper, the dual GSW is from popular sire lines top and bottom...Andy Belfiore)</i>	WinStar/Gulf Coast	\$1.5m 2yo	Pletcher	20th GI Kentucky Derby	106	June 2 GII Ohio Derby
10-SAHARA HEAT (A.P. Indy) <i>(Pedigree, price and potential; a promising stallion prospect for Darley...Marie Kizenko)</i>	Darley	\$3.4m Y	Harty	1st GIII Marine S.	93	undecided

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BAY MEADOWS COULD RACE IN '08

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With State Sen. Leland Yee in attendance at its May 22 meeting in Sacramento, the California Horse Racing Board threw open the possibility that Bay Meadows could resume racing in 2008. Bay Meadows president Jack Liebau told the board that the 73-year-old track could reconsider its decision to shut its doors if it can get the calendar dates he wants. Bay Meadows announced in March that it would close when its fall meet ends Nov. 4 after the CHRB refused to waive its requirement that all major Thoroughbred tracks in the state install synthetic racing surfaces by 2008. Bay Meadows, which is facing demolition for redevelopment of the San Mateo property, has refused to make the multi-million dollar investment for a new track surface and sought a two-year waiver. The CHRB has come under some intense political pressure to reverse course. Yee, a Democrat whose San Francisco district includes San Mateo, has sharply criticized the board. He authored a State Senate resolution calling for the resignation of board chairman Richard Shapiro and also convinced a budget sub-committee to "zero out" the CHRB's budget for the coming fiscal year. The Bay Meadows reconsideration was not on the agenda for a vote, but after much debate, Liebau agreed to meet with representatives from Golden Gate Fields, the fairs, and the Thoroughbred Owners of California to see if an acceptable calendar for '08 can be worked out. They are expected to return to the board for its next meeting June 19. [Click here](#) for the complete story.

Yesterday's Results:

STRAIGHT DEAL S., \$69,700, BEL, 5-23, 3yo, 1mT, 1:34 3/5, fm.

1--**STRIKE A DEAL**, 116, c, 3, by [Smart Strike](#)

1st Dam: **Shag (MSW, \$348,074)**, by **Dixieland Band**

2nd Dam: **Ismelda**, by **Wavering Monarch**

3rd Dam: **Scathing**, by **Vitriolic**

(\$350,000 yrl '05 KEESEP). O-Jayeff B Stables; B-Bee Zee LLC (KY); T-Alan E Goldberg; J-Javier Castellano; \$41,820. Lifetime Record: 5-3-1-0, \$139,765.

2--**Summer Doldrums**, 118, c, 3, Street Cry (Ire)--Dance for Dixie, by Unaccounted For. (\$150,000 yrl '05 KEESEP). O-Klaravich Stables Inc & William Lawrence. \$13,940.

3--**Twilight Meteor**, 123, c, 3, Smart Strike--One Over Prime, by With Approval. (\$57,000 wIng '04 KEENOV; \$150,000 yrl '05 FTKJUL). O-Peachtree Stable. \$6,970.

Margins: NO, 2 1/4, 1 3/4. Odds: 3.95, 3.45, 2.25.

Strike a Deal debuted with a fifth in a sprint over the Monmouth main track Aug. 9, but has been almost unstoppable since switching to the turf second time out. After graduating at Monmouth Sept. 22, the bay ran second in the Pilgrim S. over Belmont's inner course Oct. 22 and concluded his juvenile campaign with a victory in the Laurel Futurity Nov. 25. Strike a Deal, the fourth choice in this competitive contest, travelled comfortably on the outside through even splits of :48.77 and 1:12.26. Rallying three wide, the Jayeff B colorbearer hit the front in midstretch and dug in gamely to deny Summer Doldrums by a bob of the head. [Video, sponsored by Taylor Made.](#)

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CURLIN, Winner of the Preakness S. (GI) May 19 [Video](#)

O-Stonestreet Stables, Padua Stables, George Bolton & Midnight Cry Stables; B-Fares Farm Inc (KY); T-Steven Asmussen
Sold Keeneland September 2005 for \$57,000; Earnings to date: \$1,602,800
Consigned by Eaton Sales, Agent; Purchased by Kenneth McPeck, Agent

PANTY RAID, Winner of the Black-Eyed Susan (GII) May 18 [Video](#)

O-Glencrest Farm, LLC; B-Heaven Trees Farm (KY); T-Todd Pletcher
Sold Keeneland April 2006 for \$275,000; Earnings to date: \$242,275
Consigned by Niall Brennan Stables, Agent; Purchased by Glencrest Farm



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YANK'S MUSIC S., \$66,700, BEL, 5-23, (R), 4yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16m, 1:42 1/5, ft.

1--**DANCE AWAY CAPOTE**, 116, m, 5, **Capote**--Ingot's **Dance Away**, by Gate Dancer. (\$25,000 yrl '03 FTKOCT; \$75,000 yrl '03 KEEJAN; \$45,000 2yo '04 OBSMAR; \$325,00). O-Robert S Evans; B-Mt Brilliant Farm LLC (KY); T-Barclay Tagg; J-Javier Castellano; \$40,020. Lifetime Record: GSP, 15-5-2-2, \$445,263. * 1/2 to Platinum Couple (Tale of the Cat), SW, \$136,037.

2--**Altesse**, 116, f, 4, A.P. Indy--Aldiza, by Storm Cat. O-Helen C Alexander, Helen K Groves & Dorothy A Matz LLC. \$13,340.

3--**Sugar Swirl**, 116, f, 4, Touch Gold--Astrapi, by Distinctive Pro. O-Stronach Stables. \$6,670.

Margins: 2 3/4, 2HF, 2 1/4. Odds: 5.10, 1.10, 2.45.

It was almost exactly two years ago when Dance Away Capote had last won, but the five-year-old mare showed she had plenty of run left in her with this effort. The gray, winner of the Go For Wand S. on May 28, 2005, made just one start last term, missing the board in a minor Belmont stakes in May. Third in her first start in 11 months, a Mar. 9 Laurel allowance test, Dance Away Capote was most recently an even fifth in the GIII Doubledogdare S. over Keeneland's Polytrack Apr. 18. Taking advantage of an ideal pace scenario here, the late-running filly sat off the leaders as Sugar Swirl and Veneti (Old Trieste) set rapid :22 2/5 and :45 splits. The former had gamely taken command on the turn, but Dance Away Capote was full of run in the final furlong and bounded clear along the outside.

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Probable Starters--\$600,000 GI Metropolitan H. Monday, May 28, Belmont Park

Ah Day (Malibu Moon)	Political Force (Unbridled's Song)
Chatain (Forest Wildcat)	Silent Name (Jpn) (Sunday Silence)
Corinthian (Pulpit)	Silver Wagon (Wagon Limit)
Lawyer Ron (Langfuhr)	Sun King (Charismatic)
Latent Heat (Maria's Mon)	

TODAY'S INSIGHTS

3:04p TVG **5th-BEL, \$46K, Alw, 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16mT**
LEAR'S PRINCESS (Lear Fan) managed to win her career opener at Keeneland Apr. 26 by a nose despite being eased in the final sixteenth when her rider misjudged the finish line, and earned an 86 Beyer to boot. She stretches out in her turf bow. [brisnet.com pps](#)

4:40p TVG **8th-BEL, \$58K, Alw/Opt Clm, 4yo/up, 1 1/16m**
HARLINGTON (Unbridled) makes it back after 370 days on the shelf. The 5yo capped a 3-race winning streak with a neck score in the GII Gulfstream Park H. last March, but has not been out since finishing fourth behind Invasor (Arg) in the May 19 GI Pimlico Special. G3 winner **Art Master (Royal Academy)**, third in the GII Kelso BC H. last fall, makes his first appearance since finishing seventh in the Nov. 3 GIII River City H. [brisnet.com pps](#)

6:30p TVG **10th-APX, \$28K, Msw, 3yo/up, 1 1/16mT**
GENERAL SHERMAN (War Chant), a half to recent G3 Prix Penelope winner Mrs. Lindsay (Theatrical {Ire}), makes his debut. The 4yo has been working well on the Keeneland Polytrack. **Blue Gulf (Fusaichi Pegasus)** is the first foal to race out of GSW and MGISP Midnight Line (Kris S.). He makes his turf bow off a third at Mountaineer in April. **Warrior Ridge (Theatrical {Ire})**, a 4yo from the family of champions Bahri and Ajina, makes a belated first start. [brisnet.com pps](#)

7:20p TVG **7th-HOL, \$55K, Alw/Opt Clm, 4yo/up, 1 1/16m**
HEATSEEKER (IRE) (Giant's Causeway), third in the G1 National S. at two, made just one unsuccessful start last year. The 4yo returned after a 6 1/2-month layoff to be second by a head after an eventful trip down the hill at Santa Anita Apr. 8. He stretches out in his first all-weather appearance. GI Blue Grass hero **Sinister Minister (Old Trieste)** came back from a 6-month layoff to be second in an optional claimer at Santa Anita Mar. 3 and was third over this track and trip in his second start back Apr. 28. [brisnet.com pps](#)

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3rd-BEL, \$46,060, Alw, Opt. Clm. (\$50,000), NW2X, 3yo/up, 6f, 1:08 1/5, ft.
BOUND NOTEBOOK (c, 4, Notebook--Pretty Boundary, by Boundary) was let go a 9-1 outsider as the majority of the crowd backed Rondo (Grand Slam), who went postward as the prohibitive 1-5 choice. The favorite raced up to press Abraaj (Carson City) through :22 1/5 and :44 2/5 splits as Bound Notebook tracked in third. Rondo forged to the lead leaving the turn and looked to have plenty left for the stretch drive, but began to tire at the eighth pole and couldn't answer the challenge of the rallying Bound Notebook, who swept past on the outside to score by half a length. Rondo held for second, with a game Abraaj another head back in third. The winner is a half to Concorde's Edge (Concorde's Tune), SW, \$113,630. Lifetime Record: 15-3-2-6, \$122,615. [Video, sponsored by Taylor Made.](#)
 O-E Paul Robsham Stable LLC. B-E Paul Robsham (FL). T-Stanley M Hough.

6th-BEL, \$44,000, Msw, 3yo/up, 1 1/8mT, 1:49 1/5, fm.
BLAZING DYNAMO (c, 3, Dynaformer--Blazing Kadie {GSP, \$253,735}, by Our Native), a full brother to Blazing Fury, GSW & MGISP, \$513,884, had shown improvement in each previous outing, most recently rallying five wide to claim fourth, beaten 1 1/2 lengths, at Gulfstream Mar. 30. Sent off as the 7-2 third choice in his first start back, the bay colt settled in fifth towards the inside. He was forced to wait for room turning for home, but angled back to the fence and put in a sustained drive to best Sensational Humor (Distorted Humor) by a neck at the wire, with favored Port Royal (Giant's Causeway) a nose back in third. Lifetime Record: 5-1-1-0, \$35,712. [Video, sponsored by Taylor Made.](#)
 O-Patricia E & Ronald Nicholson, A Breed Apart LLC & Justi Nicholson. B-Patricia E Nicholson (KY). T-James J Toner.

★ CENTRAL ★

High Heels Takes to the Turf:

High Heels (E Dubai), the GII Fantasy S. winner who was most recently third to Rags to Riches in the May 4 GI Kentucky Oaks, breezed five-eighths of a mile on Churchill turf in 1:01.60 and will make her next start in the GIII Regret S. over the



High Heels Coady Photography

the Matt Winn turf course June 16. "She went good--really good," said trainer Gary Hartlage. "She galloped out real good and did everything good. We're just sitting on ready for the Regret." Despite the fact that she'll try the infield in her next start,

Hartlage is planning a summer campaign back on the main track, including an appearance in the GI Alabama S. at Saratoga Aug. 18. "That's our biggest goal right now," he explained. "Our first goals were the Fantasy and the Kentucky Oaks and we got one of them. The Alabama and the Breeders' Cup [Distaff] would be two of our others, so we'll see what happens."

UPCOMING MAJOR NORTH AMERICAN STAKES

Date	Race	Track
May 26	GII Sheepshead Bay H.	Belmont
	GIII Hanshin Cup H.	Arlington
	GIII Louisville H.	Churchill
May 27	GIII Jaipur H.	Belmont
	GIII Connaught Cup	Woodbine
May 28	GI Met Mile	Belmont
	GI Gamely BC S.	Hollywood
	GI Shoemaker BC Mile	Hollywood
	GIII Memorial Day H.	Calder
	GIII Winning Colors S.	Churchill
	GIII Golden Gate BC	Golden Gate
	GIII Lone Star Park H.	Lone Star
	GIII Dallas Turf Cup	Lone Star
GIII Oujia Board H.	Lone Star	



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Yesterday's Results:

6th-CDX, \$54,470, Alw, 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16mT, 1:42 2/5, fm.

1--MAURALAKANA (FR), 120, f, 4, Muhtathir (GB)--Jimkana (Fr), by Double Bed (Fr). O-M Hassan, L Lakin, R Giacobelli and Fab Oak Stable; B-SARL Classic Breeding & M Hassan (FR); T-Patrick L Biancone. Lifetime Record: GSW & G1SP-Fr, G1SP-US, 14-5-1-3, \$355,627. *1/2 to Petit Calva (Fr) (Desert King {Ire}), MSW & GSP-Fr, \$102,111.

2--Honey Rose (Arg), 120, m, 6, Lode--Honey Honey, by Strawberry Road (Aus).

3--Delicate Dynamite, 124, f, 4, Old Trieste--Majestic Dy, by Dynaformer. (\$25,000 yrl '04 KEESEP).

Margins: 4, NO, 2 3/4. Odds: 0.80, 5.10, 5.50.

The four-year-old Muralakana had put together some solid efforts in four starts in the States, but was winless since taking a listed event in France in April of her sophomore season. The bay, who arrived in the U.S. late last summer, ran a closing third in the GIII Noble Damsel BC H. at Belmont Sept. 23, then ran Vacare to a half-length when second in the GI Queen Elizabeth II Challenge Cup in mid-October. She never threatened in the GI Breeders' Cup Filly and Mare Turf and went to the sidelines. In her return, Muralakana contested the off-the-turf GII Jenny Wiley S. at Keeneland Apr. 14, where she ran a tired fourth after uncharacteristically setting the pace. Back to the lawn here, the Patrick

4th-CDX, \$49,100, Alw, NW1X, 3yo/up, 1 1/8m, 1:50 1/5, ft.

EXTREME SUPREME (c, 4, Deputy Minister--Low Tolerance {MGSW, \$353,995}, by Proud Truth) earned a 102 BRIS figure breaking his maiden at Saratoga last July, then hit the board in his next three, all against allowance competition. Bet down to 4-5 favoritism coming off the 5 1/2-month break at Keeneland Apr. 20, the colt ran second over the Polytrack that day, but was odds-on once again here. The crowd's 4-5 pick sat in second off the free-running leader, took closer order on the turn and, once in command, kept on well to post the three-length decision. Chekhov (Pulpit) came on for place honors. The victor, a \$100,000 KEESEP yearling and \$130,000 OBSFEB juvenile, is a half to Sazarac Jazz (Dixieland Band), MSW & MGSP, \$298,837; and Cat and the Hat (Storm Cat), GSP, \$159,640. Lifetime Record: 8-2-3-2, \$99,590. [Video, sponsored by Taylor Made.](#)

O-John C Oxley. B-Darby Dan Stables (KY). T-John T Ward Jr.

8th-CDX, \$49,100, Alw, NW2L, 3yo, 7f, 1:22, ft. FATE TAKES A HAND (c, 3, Tale of the Cat--Courtney Lake, by Meadowlake) was claimed away from trainer Todd Pletcher for \$75,000 out of an 8 1/4-length first-out win at Gulfstream Feb. 23. The chestnut ran a troubled fifth going seven panels at that course Mar. 31 and was a 5-1 chance here. The \$130,000 OBSFEB juvenile pressed the pacesetter from the outside before racing away to the 5 1/4-length win. Favored Mr. Rowdy (Mr. Greeley) was second. Pauillac (Mr. Greeley) raced wide and came home fourth. Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-0, \$49,670. [Video, sponsored by Taylor Made.](#) O-W Bruce Lunsford and Greg D Hudson. B-Stacy Leppala & Aron Yagoda (KY). T-Frank L Brothers.

9th-CDX, \$48,000, Msw, 3yo/up, 1mT, 1:36 4/5, fm. GASCONADE (c, 3, War Chant--Brave Raj {Ch. 2yo Filly, GISW, \$933,650}, by Rajab), sixth while sprinting in his debut at Saratoga last September, improved to third when stretched out to 1 1/16-miles at Keeneland last time out Oct. 12. Trying the turf for the first time off the seven-month layoff, the 2-1 shot jumped out to the early lead, set fractions of :24.45, :47.81, 1:12.89 and 1:24.42, and held sway late to score by 1 1/4 lengths over Terror On Track (High Yield). The winner, a \$210,000 KEESEP yearling, is a half brother to Bravo Bull (Holy Bull, SW, \$128,165). Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-1, \$35,253. [Video, sponsored by Taylor Made.](#) O-David E Garner. B-Patchen Wilkes Farm, LLC (KY). T-Ralph E Nicks.

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- [3rd-BEL \(Alw\)](#) Heavy favorite Rondo has to settle for second as Bound Notebook (Notebook) rallies to win.
- [6th-BEL \(Msw\)](#) Blazing Dynamo (Dynaformer) dead game to win by a neck.
- [4th-CDX \(Alw\)](#) Extreme Supreme (Deputy Minister) professional in three-length win.
- [6th-CDX \(Alw\)](#) Muralakana (Fr) (Muhtathir {GB}) proves much-the-best at 4-5 odds.
- [8th-CDX \(Alw\)](#) Fate Takes a Hand (Tale of the Cat) sharp in victory, going seven panels in 1:22 flat.
- [9th-CDX \(Msw\)](#) Gasconade (War Chant) leads every step of the way in turf debut.

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Yesterday's Results:

7th-HOL, \$60,384, Alw, NW1X, 3yo, 6f, 1:10 1/5, ft. IDIOT PROOF (c, 3, Benchmark--Perfectly Pretty, by Bertrando) won his maiden at first asking last June, then was first-up in the Jan. 27 Sunshine Millions Dash at Gulfstream Park, but overcame the lengthy layoff to be a strong second. He cruised to an easy victory against entry-level state-bred competition at Santa Anita Mar. 16 and was most recently fifth after setting a searching pace in the Apr. 8 San Pedro S. in Arcadia. Allowed to stalk the pace from the inside in this open-company test, the homebred edged to the front under a hand ride at the quarter pole and took a good look at the grandstand down the lane, but proved 2 3/4 lengths too good. Scat Thief (Cat Thief) was second best. According to trainer Clifford Sise Jr., Idiot Proof will head to Calder for the \$300,000 Gil Carry Back S. July 7. Lifetime Record: 5-3-1-0, \$147,272. O/B-Martin & Pam Wygod (CA). T-Clifford Sise Jr.

5th-HOL, \$52,718, Alw, NW1X, 3yo, 1mT, 1:34 3/5, fm. TYCOON DOBY (c, 3, Cherokee Run--Marseille Express {SP-Ire}, by Caerleon) was third in a seven-furlong Santa Anita maiden Feb. 17, but was caught wide every step of the way in a one-mile event Mar. 14 and was last of 10. Shipped to Bay Meadows for his turf bow Apr. 12, the Triple Crown nominee came from off the pace to score by 2 1/2 lengths. Steadied into the first turn, the bay stalked from the rail, came out for the drive and ran down Robbos Courage (Mr. Greeley) for a head success at 5-1. Lifetime Record: 6-2-1-1, \$63,225. O-Stuart C Hyman. B-Grapestock LLC (KY). T-Patrick Gallagher.



FOALING NEWS

ROSES IN THE SNOW (IRE), 14, Be My Guest--Desert Bluebell (GB), by Kalaglow (Ire)
Foal born Apr. 1, a filly by Gulch.
Will be bred back to Gulch.
Owned by West Lodge Stud.
Boarded at Diamond Eagle Farm, Ky.
Accomplishments: SP-Eng. Dam of Snowdrops (GB) (Gulch), MGSW, \$594,787.

SNOWDROPS (GB), 7, Gulch--Roses in the Snow (Ire), by Be My Guest
Foal born Apr. 24, a colt by Red Ransom.
Will be bred back to Dansili (GB).
Owned by West Lodge Stud.
Boarded at Templeton Stud, UK.
Accomplishments: MGSW of \$594,787.

★ INDUSTRY INFO ★

"Thoroughbred Week" on Keeneland Website:

The popular racing program "Thoroughbred Week," is now being featured on the Keeneland website. The 30-minute program recaps the most important races of the previous week in depth and offers comments on winning owners and breeders, as well as the racing and sales history of each stakes winner. Now entering its 11th season, "Thoroughbred Week" is hosted by John Henderson, a longtime industry broadcaster and pedigree reader at Keeneland and other auction houses around the country. Henderson co-produces the program with Scott Rion of Rion & Associates, an equine advertising agency in Lexington. To access the link, visit www.keeneland.com and select the simulcast racing tab. From the pulldown menu, choose video and then Thoroughbred Week.

★ AMERICAN-BRED WINNERS ★

IN BRITAIN:

+ **Baffled**, f, 2, [Distorted Humor](#). See "Britain."

Philatelist, c, 3, [Rahy](#). See "Britain."

IN ITALY:

Le Rossignol, c, 3, **Stravinsky**. See "Breeders' Edition Europe."

IN SOUTH AFRICA:

Zooming Zellie, f, 4, **King of Kings (Ire)**--**Bezelle** (GB) (Ch. 2yo Filly-Ire, GSW-Eng & Ire, MSW-US, \$202,479), by **Dominion** (GB). **Clairwood**, 5-23, Hcp., 1450mT. O-G J & R D Beck; B-D M Ryan; T-Mike Bass. *1/2 to **Bastille** (Quiet American), MSW, \$251,993. **\$75,000 wnlg '03 KEENOV; 52,000gns yrl '04 TATOCT.

★ ON THE WORKTAB ★

BELMONT

SAINT STEPHEN (Saint Ballado), 4f, :49.34, 18/36
SHARP SUSAN (Touch Gold), 4f, :49.14, 14/36

CHURCHILL

APPEALING ZOPHIE (Successful Appeal), 4f, :52.00, 34/34
ERMINE (Exchange Rate), 6f, 1:14.00, 4/5
SOUL SEARCH (A.P. Indy), 5f, 1:02.40, 11/16

HOLLYWOOD

EL ROBLAR (War Chant), 7f, 1:26.40, 2/2
STORMELLO (Stormy Atlantic), 5f, 1:01.20, 6/45

SANTA ANITA

ARSON SQUAD (War Chant), 6f, •1:10.40, 1/4



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Second-crop starters to watch: Thursday, May 24

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- ERLTON** (Buckaroo), Red River, \$2K, 50/12/0
3-EVD, Msw, 4 1/2f, +Spiritland, \$5K LTB AUG yrl, 10-1
- SKIMMING** (Nureyev), Cardiff Stud, \$8K, 145/12/1
3-CT, Msw, 4 1/2f, +Malibu Katie, 10-1
- THREE WONDERS** (Storm Cat), Hidden Point, \$5K, 138/25/1
5-AP, Msw, 6 1/2f, +Sharp Surprise, \$15K OBS WIN yrl, 12-1



Thursday, Goodwood, post time: 2:35 p.m.

PETERS OPAL S. (REGISTERED AS THE COCKED HAT S.)-Listed, £26,000, 3yo, c/g, 1 3/8mT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER
1	3	Halicarnassus (Ire)	Cape Cross (Ire)	Channon
2	1	Broghill (GB)	Selkirk	Gosden
3	2	Eastern Anthem (Ire)	Singspiel (Ire)	bin Suroor
4	4	Man of Vision	Kingmambo	Channon

All carry 126 pounds bar Halicarnassus, 131.

Observations
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4.20 Goodwood, Mdn, £6,000, 2yo, f, 6fT
LIMELIGHT (Dalakhani {Ire}) is the latest produce of the highly talented Last Second (Ire), who flew the flag for Faisal Salman and the Sir Mark Prescott stable when winning the G2 Nassau S. here and G2 Sun Chariot S. at Newmarket in 1996. Last Second's two daughters, Approach (GB) and Intrigued (GB), showed smart stakes form for the same trainer, while her son Aussie Rules turned out to be out of the top drawer last year. Despite her middle-distance pedigree, it may be significant that Prescott, the master of Heath House, has chosen to send Limelight out this early. Her speed will be tested by the likes of Susan Roy's **Twilight Belle (Ire) (Fasliyev)**, a half to her 2003 G2 Duke of York S. winner Twilight Blues (Ire) from the Brian Meehan stable.

Thursday, Goodwood, post time: 3:10 p.m.
RAYMARINE S. (REGISTERED AS THE HEIGHT OF FASHION S.)-Listed, £26,000, 3yo, f, 9f 192ydsT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER
1	3	Sudoor (GB)	Fantastic Light	J Dunlop
2	5	Bicoastal	Gone West	Meehan
3	6	Cosmodrome	Bahri	Cumani
4	7	Impetuous (GB)	Inchinor (GB)	Tyrrell
5	1	Les Fazzani (Ire)	Intikhab	Wallace
6	4	Lost in Wonder	Galileo (Ire)	Stoute
7	8	Shimoni (GB)	Mark of Esteem (Ire)	Knight
8	2	So Sweet (Ire)	Cape Cross (Ire)	Channon

All carry 126 pounds bar Sudoor, 129.

Yesterday's Results:

Ayr, 2.20, Mdn, £7,000, 2yo, 6fT, 1:14.44, gd/sf.
NINE STORIES (IRE) (c, 2, [Catcher in the Rye {Ire}](#)--Irinatinvidio {GB}, by Rudimentary), a €13,500 GOFNOV weanling and 40,000gns DONSEP yearling, was a first-up fourth at Newcastle May 15. The bay colt tracked the leading wave along the rail here. Driven along to challenge approaching the closing panel, the 8-1 chance kept on well under a continued drive to defeat Ink Spot (GB) (Diktat {GB}) by 2 1/2 lengths. Nine Stories marks the fourth winner from the first crop of his sire (by Danehill). Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, £4,822.

O-Transcend Bloodstock LLP; B-Stefano Stivali; T-Howard Johnson.

Lingfield, 4.40, Mdn, £5,000, 3-4yo, 1 1/2m (AWT), 2:32.87, stn.

PHILATELIST (c, 3, [Rahy--Polent {GB}](#), by Polish Precedent), who hit the board at Chester May 10, was out smartly to occupy a prominent role from the outset of this third go. Assuming command rounding the home turn, the 4-11 chalk was ridden out late to score by an easy three lengths from Khyberie (GB) (Kahyasi {Ire}). The bay homebred hails from the family of Lammtarra, et al. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-1, £4,298.

O-Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum; B-Darley; T-Michael Jarvis.

Lingfield, 2.10, Mdn, £4,800, 2yo, f, 6f (AWT), 1:14.24, stn.

+BAFFLED (f, 2, [Distorted Humor--Surf Club, by Ocean Crest](#)), the 5-4 pick, raced in a midfield eighth until making rapid headway into fourth at halfway. Ridden along to challenge approaching the final furlong, the \$350,000 KEESEP yearling rallied late to wrest a short-head victory from Bastakiya (Ire) (Dubai Destination) on the line. Baffled is the second foal from Surf Club, a half-sister to GISW Awesome Humor (Distorted Humor), whose Storm Cat yearling colt sold for \$8.2 million at KEESEP in 2006. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, £3,109.

O-Tom Ludt; B-International Equities Holding Inc; T-Jeremy Noseda.



★ IRELAND ★

Yesterday's Result:

Sligo, 5.30, Mdn, €14,000, 2yo, 6 1/2fT, 1:36.19, gd.
+ RIVOLETTO (IRE) (f, 2, Bahri--Bel Sole {Ity}, by Spectrum {Ire}) was away swiftly to settle in the wake of the leader after the opening exchanges of this contest. Coaxed to the fore approaching the home turn, the 11-8 choice was ridden out from the eighth pole to hold the late bid of Rouvres Girl (Ire) (Rouvres {Fr}) by a half-length. Rivoletto was a €16,000 GOFNOV weanling. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, €6,674.
 O-Highbrook Syndicate; B-Sandro Garavelli; T-Francis Ennis.

★ ITALY ★

Tuesday's Results:

Rome, 3.20, Cond, €22,500, 2yo, 6fT, 1:12.60, gd.
GOLDEN ATLANTIC (ITY) (f, 2, Rob's Spirit--Golden Sabrehill {GB}, by Sabrehill) was let go at 67-5 coming back from a claiming win here Apr. 29. Stalking the front rank from the get-go, she took a slight advantage at the eighth pole and was pushed out to best Different Opinion (Ire) (Noverre) by 3/4 of a length. Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, €14,875.
 O/T-Salvatore Saggiomi; B-Scuderia Golden Horse SRL.

Rome, 4.20, Mdn, €18,000, 2yo, c/g, 6fT, 1:11.70, gd.
+ DYNAMIC POWER (IRE) (c, 2, Namid {GB}--Hunzy {Ire} {SP-Ity}, by Desert King {Ire}) just missed the kick and chased the leaders through the early strides in this career opener. Making smooth headway along the hedge to lead with 500 meters remaining, the 53-5 chance was ridden out in the closing stages to deny Aldobrandini (Ire) (Mull of Kintyre) by a head in the bobber. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, €8,500.
 O-Scuderia Razza Dell'Olmo SRL; B-Pat Droney; T-Riccardo Menichetti.

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★ AFRICA ★

SOUTH AFRICAN SIRE RAKEEN EUTHANIZED

Rakeen (Northern Dancer--Glorious Song by Halo), a two-time Group winner in South Africa, was euthanized at Lammerskraal Stud in the Western Cape, South Africa, according to *sahorseracing.com*. The 20-year-old stallion was put down last week due after complications arose from a hock injury sustained a few years ago. Retired to stud in 1992 at Aldora Stud in the KwaZulu-Natal Midlands, the half brother Singspiel (Ire) and Rahy produced Group 1 winners Jet Master (SAf), North by Northwest and Young Rake (SAf) in his initial crops. Sent to Northview Stallion Station in Maryland in 1995, the regally-bred horse was moved to Lammerskraal in 1998. This season, the stallion is represented by G1SW Malteme (SAf) and Group 2 winner Long Dollar (SAf).

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ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

7th-DEL, \$43,500, NW1X, 3yo/up, f/m, a1 1/16mT, 1:43 4/5, fm.

QUEEN OF THE TURF (m, 5, Lordhyexecutioner--Advocate n'Doctors, by Advocator) Lifetime Record: 24-4-6-4, \$109,361. O-Linda M Harding. B-Bruno Schickedanz (FL). T-A Ferris Allen, III.

5th-DEL, \$42,900, NW1X, 3yo/up, f/m, a5fT, :57 4/5, fm.

LOUISE'S FANTASY (m, 5, Phone Fantasy--Medieval Lady, by Dee Lance) Lifetime Record: 25-3-8-6, \$82,210. O-Lisa B Allen. B-Richard & Louise Trimble (TX). T-Randy Allen.

9th-MNR, \$35,300, 5-22, NW4L, 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:11 3/5, ft.

A LITTLE WILD (f, 4, Wild Wonder--Pam's Delight, by Slew the Slewor) Lifetime Record: 10-4-4-1, \$94,406. O-Shady Lady Stable LLC. B-Shade Tree Thoroughbreds Inc (FL). T-Charles A Walker.

8th-PRM, \$31,669, 5-22, NW1X, (S), 3yo/up, 1m, 1:39 1/5, ft.

TIMELYSUPREME (g, 3, Supremo--High Misty, by Highland Blade) Lifetime Record: 7-3-1-0, \$45,690. O-Bill Hayes. B-Bobbie L Steenbergen (IA). T-Thomas M Amoss.

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8th-SUF, \$21,560, Opt. Clm. (\$50,000), NW2\$6MX, 3yo/up, f/m, 1m, 1:40 1/5, ft.
NIJINSKY BULLET (f, 4, Silver Charm--Nijinsky's Passion {GSW & GISP, \$355,326}, by Nijinsky's Table)
 Lifetime Record: SP, 22-3-6-2, \$64,996. O-Aurora Springs Stable. B-Adena Springs (FL). T-Rafael Ramos. *\$95,000 2yo '05 ADNMAR. **Won by 8 1/4 lengths.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Guided Affair, c, 3, Golden Missile--Lily's Affair (MSW, \$528,970), by Colonial Affair. DEL, 5-23, 1m, 1:38 3/5. B-Adena Springs (ON). *\$40,000 yrl '05 KEESEP.

Makepeace, f, 3, Jade Hunter--Hoxsey, by Deputy Minister. CDX, 5-23, (C), 1 1/16m, 1:46 4/5. B-Willmott Stables (KY).

Texas Elegance, g, 3, Polish Pro--Houston Elegance, by Houston. BEL, 5-23, (S), 1mT, 1:35 4/5. B-E. Paul Robsham (NY).

Run Judy Run, f, 3, Tejano Run--Punch a Dragon, by Two Punch. MNR, 5-22, 6f, 1:13 2/5. B-Stepping Stone Farm (KY). *\$2,500 wlng '04 KEENOV; \$6,500 yrl '05 OBSAUG.

Pieces of Paradise, f, 4, Stephen Got Even--Paradisa, by Seeking the Gold. HOL, 5-23, (C), 6 1/2f, 1:17 3/5. B-Woodlynn Farm Inc. (KY). *\$32,000 yrl '04 KEEJAN; \$50,000 yrl '04 KEESEP.

+ Final War, c, 3, Will's Way--Current War, by Lord At War (Arg). MNR, 5-22, 5 1/2f, 1:06 2/5. B-Popatom, LLC (KY).

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CONDITIONS RESULTS:

ITALY, Rome, 3.50, 5-22, €22,500, 3yo, 1m (AWT), 1:41.90, stn.

LE ROSSIGNOL (c, 3, Stravinsky--La Barberina, by Nijinsky II) Lifetime Record: 8-2-1-3, €30,940. O-Riccardo Menichetti; B-Barnett Enterprises; T-Maria Rita Salvioni. *\$20,000 yrl '05 KEESEP; 3,500gns HIT '06 TATAUT. ** 1/2 to Ex Caelis (Fusaichi Pegasus), MGSP, \$296,489.

ITALY, Florence, 5.25, 5-22, €10,800, 3yo, 1 1/4mT, time: n/a, gd.

GERSON (IRE) (c, 3, Xaar {GB}--Margaretha Lay {Ire}, by Namaqualand) Lifetime Record: 18-3-2-3, €32,470. O/T-Pierluigi Giannotti; T-Pierluigi Giannotti & Patrizio Bertagni.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNER:

Drifting Snow (GB), f, 3, Danehill Dancer (Ire)--Ma N'ieme Biche, by Key to the Kingdom. Sligo, Ireland, 5-23, Mdn, 3yo, 6 1/2fT. B-Mrs J Bailey. *€80,000 yrl '05 GOFORB.

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