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BACK TO BIZNESS

Nobiz Like Shobiz (Albert the Great), given a break after his 10th-place finish in the May 5 GI Kentucky Derby, gets back to work in the GII Dwyer S. at



Nobiz Like Shobiz

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Belmont Park this afternoon. The bay colt, winner of the GII Remsen S. at two and the GIII Holy Bull S. in his sophomore bow, had blinkers added after finishing third in the GII Fountain of Youth S. He captured the GI Wood Memorial S. while sporting the new equipment, but was

off the board for the first time in his career in the Derby and will have blinkers off today. "I wasn't going to keep them on forever in the first place," trainer Barclay Tagg said. "I'm not sure he really needed them anyway. We put them on in the Wood and they worked to help him to focus more, but he's doing that on his own now." His is not the only equipment change in the Dwyer.

Sightseeing (Pulpit), second by a half-length in the Wood and a nose winner of the May 20 GII Peter Pan S., adds blinkers here. "I've been wanting to do it," trainer Shug McGaughey explained. "I was a little concerned about him not finishing up when he was asked in the Peter Pan. When [jockey Edgar Prado] asked him, it kind of took him a little while [to respond]. He's had a couple of good works in blinkers, so we thought we'd give it a try." Also in the field is Wood Memorial third-place finisher **Any Given Saturday** (Distorted Humor), eighth in the Kentucky Derby last time out; and **First Defence** (Unbridled's Song), who wired the field in a seven-furlong allowance at Belmont May 26.

Wednesday, Belmont Park, post time: 5:15 p.m. EDT

DWYER S.-GII, \$150,000, 3yo, 1 1/16m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER	ODDS
1	Helsinki	Distorted Humor	Zito	15-1
2	Nobiz Like Shobiz	Albert the Great	Tagg	8-5
3	Sightseeing	Pulpit	McGaughey	7-2
4	Believeinmenow	Tiznow	Bond	15-1
5	First Defence	Unbridled's Song	Frankel	4-1
6	Any Given Saturday	Distorted Humor	Pletcher	5-2

COOLMORE ACQUIRES HARADASUN SHARE

Coolmore has purchased a 50-percent interest in dual Group 1-winning colt **Haradasun (Aus)** (Fusaichi Pegasus) from the partnership of Arch of Gold Pty Ltd Syndicate, G. L. and Mrs. B. L. Moffitt and F. and Mrs. M. Meduri. The deal is believed to value the rising four-year-old at upwards of A\$50 million. The colt's major goal will be the G1 Cox Plate Oct. 27, followed by an international campaign. Haradasun, a half-brother to Elvstroem (Aus) and stakes-placed Hveger (Aus), has six wins and three second placings from 10 career starts for earnings of A\$2,003,350. He will continue to race in the yellow and red diamond colours also carried by Elvstroem. "I can confirm that Coolmore has acquired a 50-percent interest in Haradasun, who since Easter, has been the subject of some very substantial offers from another leading international stud outfit," part-owner Frank Tagg said in a statement. "Whilst those offers have certainly been tempting, they were for outright purchase of the horse and did not include an ongoing racing career. We have had a great association with Coolmore in recent years and are delighted to be racing Haradasun with them." Coolmore Australia's General Manager Michael Kirwan said, "As a dual Group 1 winner by Kentucky Derby winner Fusaichi Pegasus out of [G1] AJC Oaks winner Circles of Gold (Aus) (Marscay {Aus})...he is obviously already one of the best-bred and most exciting stallion prospects in Australasia, and we believe that the best is yet to come. The horse has matured a lot since the autumn and looks absolutely magnificent. He is a wonderfully athletic animal, with loads of quality and a great temperament. He is possessed of freakish ability and we couldn't imagine a more desirable racing and stallion prospect." Tagg has confirmed the G1 Cox Plate as Haradasun's major spring mission, with a trip to Dubai early next year also on the horse's program. "After that we'll look at racing him in Europe and possibly, also at the Breeders' Cup meeting in America," he said. "Obviously, the aim is to maximize his profile as a dual-hemisphere stallion." Haradasun captured the G1 George Ryder S. and G1 Doncaster H. earlier this year. Trained by Tony Vasil, who also put the polish on Elvstroem, he is expected to resume in the G3 Bletchingly S. at Caulfield Aug. 4.



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ANAMATO COMING AROUND; WON'T RUN ON LASIX Anamato (Aus) (Redoute's Choice {Aus}), who as the first-ever Australian to compete in the GI American Oaks will be watched closely Saturday, endured a



David Hayes
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few bumps in the road since arriving in the States two weeks ago, but is coming around well. Offering a bulletin on the three-year-old on a national teleconference yesterday, trainer David Hayes said a case of the nerves had caused the filly to lose a little weight after shipping, but that some international pals helped settle her down. "The first 10 days, I would've liked her to eat a bit more," admitted Hayes. "She was on her own in quarantine, and she was sort of fretting a little bit. But since the Japanese have arrived, she's had some friends and her feeding is back

to normal. So we're pleased that that happened. She's a little lighter than I'd like to present her, but I think by race day she'll be back to her normal look." A dilemma for trainers of horses shipping in from countries where Lasix is banned is whether to treat their charges with the anti-bleeding medication, which some contend improves performance. Hayes said Team Anamato considered it, but have decided against Lasix. "She's never had a history of bleeding, so we thought we wouldn't do it, because she's got to go back to Australia and race afterwards," he commented. "She is going to compete on Bute, which can only help on firm ground."



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Asked about the probability of a firm Hollywood course Saturday and how that would affect Anamato, Hayes added, "We have tracks that are similar to this; we've just come out of a huge drought down there, so she should be fine on the firm. I think her ideal track is probably good to yielding, but I think she'll be okay on this." Considered one of the top fillies in Australia, Anamato is coming off a win in the G1 Schweppes Oaks at Morphettville Apr. 21.

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'SMOKEY' READY TO LIGHT IT UP AGAIN? Few horses were hotter this winter and spring than Harry Aleo's **Smokey Stover** (Put It Back), who won four straight starts from January to April, including the Sunshine Millions Sprint, GIII Bay Meadows BC Sprint H. and GII Potrero Grande BC H. Rested for a few months by trainer Greg Gilchrist, the striking dark bay sprinter resumes his quest for a divisional championship in Saturday's GII Smile Sprint H. Gilchrist's decision to give 'Smokey' a brief vacation was influenced perhaps by the dull performance of another horse he trained-- Lost in the Fog--who ran off the board as the heavy favorite in the 2005 GI Breeders' Cup Sprint after an arduous season. Gilchrist said the goal is to have 'Smokey' primed for a go at the Sprint in October, he is confident his gelding will be ready Saturday. "You know you're not going to win every time; that doesn't happen very often," he said. "You really want your horse ready at the end of the year, when the Breeders' Cup comes around, and that's the day you want him to run his best race. [But] I sure think he's ready to go. He's not a big, heavy horse, so you don't have to drill him every week. He did work in :58 1/5 at Golden Gate [June 18] before I left, so if that's any indication, you'd have to think the horse is ready to run a big race. But when you have a layoff, you're always second-guessing yourself until the time they race. You know, 'Do I have them ready?'"



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	Click for	TV
1:30p EBF Brownstown S.-G3, LEO
4:43p Tom Fool BC H.-GII, BEL	(brisnet.com PPs)	TVG
4:53p Jersey Shore BC S.-GIII, MTH	(brisnet.com PPs)	TVG
5:15p Dwyer S.-GII, BEL	(brisnet.com PPs)	TVG
6:00p Stars & Stripes Turf S.-GIII, APX	(brisnet.com PPs)	TVG
7:23p Hollywood Juv. Ch. S.-GIII, HOL	(brisnet.com PPs)	TVG

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Wednesday, Belmont Park, post time: 4:43 p.m. EDT
TOM FOOL BREEDERS' CUP H.-GII, \$200,000, 3yo/up, 7f

PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER	ODDS
1	Awesome Twist	Awesome Again	Kimmel	20-1
2	Istan	Gone West	Mott	10-1
3	High Finance	Talk is Money	Violette	7-2
4	Rondo	Grand Slam	Bin Suroor	4-1
5	Will He Shine	Silver Deputy	Romans	8-1
6	Commentator	Distorted Humor	Zito	7-5
7	Saint Anddan	A.P. Indy	Frankel	5-1

The **brisnet.com** 'Race of the Day' is the
GIII Stars & Stripes Turf S.

For pps and a complete race analysis, click [here](#).

Tom Fool cont.

Godolphin's **Rondo**, a \$2.9 million FTFEB juvenile purchase, makes his stakes debut. The bay was two-for-two last year, crossing the finish line first at Belmont in June before being DQ'd and placed second, and breaking his maiden by 9 1/2 lengths at Saratoga in July. Sidelined for 8 1/2 months after that start, he returned to win a Gulfstream allowance test Apr. 18. The four-year-old finished second in an optional claimer at Belmont May 23 and most recently beat a similar field June 13. **Saint Anddan**, three-for-four this term, was freshened after taking the May 5 GII Churchill Downs H. The five-year-old worked a bullet six panels in 1:13 1/5 July 1 for this race. **Will He Shine**, third in the Churchill Downs H., switched to the turf and finished ninth in the May 27 GIII Jaipur S., but rebounded with a win in the June 9 GII True North H. **Commentator** boasts nine wins from his 12 career outings. The six-year-old gelding captured the GI Whitney S. by a neck over subsequent Horse of the Year Saint Liam in 2005. He started twice last year, winning the restricted Mugatea S. in July before finishing 10th in the Sept. 1 GI Forego H. On the shelf for nearly nine months after that victory, he came back to win the May 28 Richmond Runner S., beating fellow New York-breds by 11 1/4 lengths. "He's such a cool horse," trainer Nick Zito said. "He's doing everything right. This isn't going to be easy...but Commentator is going to run his race."

Wednesday, Arlington Park, post time: 5:00 p.m. CDT
STARS AND STRIPES TURF H.-GIII, \$200,000, 3yo/up, 1 1/2mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER	WT
1	Ramazutti	Honor Grades	Pletcher	116
2	Come On Jazz	Jambalaya Jazz	Williamson	112
3	Swagger Stick	Cozzene	Motion	111
4	Cloudy's Knight	Lord Avie	Kirby	116
5	Mining for Silver	Silver Charm	Maker	113
6	Stream Cat	Black Minaloushe	Biancone	116
7	Always First (GB)	Barathea	Voss	117
8	Major Rhythm	Rhythm	Beam	113
9	Fantastic Spain	Fantastic Fellow	Drysdale	116

4 STAKES WINNERS IN JUST OVER A MONTH...

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CINTAROSA	won Valid Expectations Stakes at Lone Star Park on May 28.
SILENCE DOGOOD	won Babae Stakes at Belmont Park on June 8.
MIDDLEWEIGHT	won Barksdale Handicap at Louisiana Downs June 23.
GRAND MINT	won Pola Benoit Memorial Stakes at Evangeline Downs on June 30.

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Wednesday, Monmouth Park, post time: 4:53 p.m. EDT
JERSEY SHORE BREEDERS' CUP S.-GIII, \$150,000,
 3yo, 6f

PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER	WT
1	Principle Secret	Sea of Secrets	Paasch	119
2	Sir Five Star	Five Star Day	Sanders	119
3	West Coast Flier	West Acre	Allard	121
4	Southwestern Heat	Gone West	Salzman	117
5	Idiot Proof	Benchmark	Sise	119
6	Cherokee Country	Yonaguska	Estrada	119
7	Spin Master	Distorted Humor	Romans	123

Wednesday, Hollywood Park, post time: 7:23 p.m. PDT
HOLLYWOOD JUVENILE CHAMPIONSHIP S.-GIII,
 \$100,000, 2yo, 6f (AWT)

PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER	WT
1	Sky Cape	Najran	Mulhall	117
2	Salute the Sarge	Forest Wildcat	Guillot	117
3	Tide Water	Impeachment	La Croix	117
4	Booted	A.P. Indy	Mandella	115
5	Sierra Sunset	Bertrando	Bonde	117
6	Leonides	Richter Scale	Cerin	117
7	Overextended	Monarchos	O'Neill	115
8	Whatever Whenever	Delaware Timeship	Miller	117
9	Kinetic Motion	Hussonet	Milligan	120
10	Ravin d'Or	Golden Gear	Nettles	115
11	County Tune	Gibson County	Marlow	117
12	Rivergrade Boy	Grand Slam	Dominguez	117

Wednesday, Leopardstown, Ireland, post time: 7:30 p.m.
IRISH STALLION FARMS EBF BROWNSTOWN S.-G3,
 €90,000, 3yo/up, f/m, 7fT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER	WT
1	4	Cheyenne Star (Ire)	Mujahid	F Crowley	135
2	1	Wake Up Maggie (Ire)	Xaar (GB)	Wall	135
3	7	Modeeroch (Ire)	Mozart (Ire)	Bolger	132
4	5	Redstone Dancer (Ire)	Namid (GB)	S Collins	132
5	8	Sakkara Star (Ire)	Mozart (Ire)	Halford	132
6	6	Evening Time (Ire)	Keltos (Fr)	K Prendergast	124
7	2	Precocious Star (Ire)	Bold Fact	Burke	124
8	3	She's Our Mark (GB)	Ishiguru	Flynn	124

Friday, Hollywood Park
CASH CALL MILE INV. S.-GII, \$1,000,000, 3yo/up,
 f/m, 8fT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	WT
1	Precious Kitten	Catienus	Bejarano	121
2	Arm Candy	Nashwan	M. Baze	119
3	Wait a While	Maria's Mon	Gomez	123
4	Koiuta (Jpn)	Fuji Kiseki (Jpn)	Uchida	119
5	Dancing Edie	Moscow Balet	Nakatani	123
6	Price Tag (GB)	Dansili (GB)	Prado	123
7	Lady of Venice (Fr)	Loup Solitaire	Leparoux	119
8	Alexandra Rose (Saf)	Caesour	Romero Flores	121
9	Kiss to Heaven (Jpn)	Admire Vega (Jpn)	Espinoza	123
10	Dia de la Novia (Jpn)	Sunday Silence	Iwata	121

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WEEKEND PEDIGREE PERSPECTIVES
by Alan Porter

POLITICAL FORCE AND OCTAVE

Already one of the most popular commercial sires in the U.S.--he stood at a fee of \$200,000 this year--Unbridled's Song enjoyed a career day on Saturday at Belmont, adding two new Grade I winners in the space of little more than 30 minutes. First, his daughter Octave produced a determine finish to take the GI Mother Goose S., then his son Political Force captured the GI Suburban H.

The Suburban marked a first stakes victory for Political Force. However, on his previous start he had been a closing second to Corinthian in the GI Metropolitan H., and with Corinthian, who started favorite here, running way below form, it was no surprise to see Political Force break his stakes maiden in a Grade I contest.

Political Force's dam is the highly accomplished Glitter Woman. A daughter of the good sprinter Glitterman, Glitter Woman was sold twice as a yearling, fetching \$7,000 at the OBS January Sales, and \$8,000 at Fasig-Tipton July, prices which placed her among the five least expensive of the more than 20 yearlings by her sire sold that year. Despite the lack of interest shown in her at the sales, Glitter Woman turned out to be an admirably tough and talented filly. Her lifetime record shows wins in 10 of 23 starts from two to five, for earnings of \$1,256,805. Her victories included the GI Ashland S., GII Bonnie Miss S., GIII Sixty Sails H., GIII Davona Dale S. and GIII Forward Gal S. She also placeg in 11 other stakes, two of them Grade Is.

The decision to breed Glitter Woman to Unbridled's Song can't have been a very difficult one, as her dam, Carols Folly had already produced GI Breeders' Cup Distaff winner Unbridled Elaine to the cover of that horse.

POLITICAL FORCE, c, 2003

Unbridled's Song	Unbridled	Fappiano	Mr. Prospector Killaloe
		Gana Facil	*Le Fabuleux Cheredi
	Trolley Song	Caro (Ire)	Fortino (Fr) Chambord (GB)
		Lucky Spell	Lucky Mel Incantation
Glitter Woman G1SW, 23-10-9-3, \$1,256,805 4FIs, 1GISW	Glitterman	Dewan	Bold Ruler Sunshine Nell
		Moon Glitter	In Reality Foggy Note
	Carols Folly SW, 12-5-0-2, \$32,756 9FIs, 2GISW	Taylor's Falls	In Reality Nilene Wonder
		No Trespassing 9FIs, 1SW, 1SP	Bob's Dusty Private Parking

TDN Star of the Week

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This week's accomplishment: wilson, a two-time Sovereign Award winner as Canada's top apprentice jockey and the leading rider by wins at Woodbine the last two years, became the first female rider to win Canada's Queen's Plate S. when she guided Mike Fox to victory in the June 24 Classic.

Birthdate: Sept. 1, 1981.

Birthplace: Bramalea, Ontario.

Family: Mother Lynne, Father Jim, Sisters Leanne and Louise.

Current residence: Milton, Ontario (my own house).

Other than your win aboard Mike Fox, what has been your biggest victory to date? I would have to say that winning the Bell Canadian S. in 2005 was very meaningful to me. It was my first stakes win, and it was extra special because I rode a filly, Classic Stamp, that I had a long history with.

If you could change one thing about our sport, what would it be and why? Great question! Horse racing has been around for so long that it has been refined to an art. If anything, I would like to see technology benefit the game more. For example, I think that more cameras could be used to televise the sport on a regular basis; those overhead shots we get for the Derby are amazing! This would also allow a more accurate view for the stewards and a fairer game to the public.

Favorite music/musician? Rock; Nine Inch Nails.

Preferred beverage? Dr. Pepper.

Last good book you read? Any of the Harry Potter books.

What are your hobbies outside of racing? Camping and fishing. I enjoy hiking with my dog, Parker, a two-year-old whippet, as well as looking after my house.

If you could have dinner with one historical figure, who would it be? Leonardo da Vinci, because he was so creative and knowledgeable in so many aspects of life. He was so talented that, to sit with him for even a short period of time, someone is bound to learn something amazing.

Last Purchase? Lumber, to build a frame for my new garden shed.

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Pedigree Perspectives cont.

Carols Folly herself was a minor black-type winner, and another of her daughters, Gwenjinsky, is dam of two stakes winners, including three-time graded scorer Lead Story.

Glitter Woman's sire, Glitterman, is son of the Bold Ruler horse Dewan. Unbridled's Song has otherwise been very disappointing when crossed over Bold Ruler-line mares, but if we look elsewhere in the pedigree, the most likely pedigree reason for the mating to work becomes clear. Glitter Woman is inbred 3x3 to In Reality (broodmare sire of Glitterman, and sire of her maternal grandsire Taylor's Falls), and In Reality has enjoyed tremendous success with Fappiano--the grandsire of Unbridled's Song--and his descendents.

The key is almost certainly that Fappiano's broodmare sire, Dr. Fager, is a son of Rough 'n Tumble, and In Reality's dam, champion juvenile filly My Dear Girl, is a daughter of Rough 'n Tumble. Unbridled's Song's sire, Unbridled, has a second dam by In Reality, so there are four crosses of Rough'n Tumble in this pedigree.

While Political Force was making only his second start in a Grade I event, Octave had been threatening to score at that level for some time; her past performances include seconds in the GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies, GI Matron S., GI Kentucky Oaks and GI Ashland S.

A \$350,000 KESEEP yearling, Octave is a full sister to the listed black-type placed colt Unbridled Behavior. She is also half-sister to the excellent Belong to Me mare Belle Cherie (dam of 2006 stakes-winning two-year-old Last Best Place) and that horse's brother, New York-bred restricted stakes winner Be Mine Tonight. Octave's dam, Belle Nuit, was by Dr. Carter, a well-bred and talented son of Caro who turned out to be a major disappointment as a stallion. Belle Nuit was actually one of his better runners, winning the listed Alluvial S., and also gaining a graded-stakes place when third in the GIII Spicy Living H.

Belle Nuit was a half-sister to a much better filly in Ms. Eloise, winner of the GI Top Flight H. and GI Shuvee H., and subsequently dam of two stakes winners, including graded scorer Bibury Court.

The family goes back fairly quickly to a European tap-root, as the third dam, Christmas Belle II, is by Santa Claus out of The Blonde, a great-graughter of English Oaks winner Udaipur.

Unbridled's Song is by Unbridled out of a mare by Caro, a cross which also produced the GI Preakness winner Red Bullet. As Octave's broodmare sire, Dr. Carter, is a son of Caro, Octave is an example of the pattern of breeding a stallion back over a mare from his own broodmare sire line, and also of inbreeding to the broodmare sire of a sire (in this case Unbridled's Song's broodmare sire, Caro).

Octave's pedigree also has more than a little in common with that of Political Force. We noted that his dam was by a son of In Reality, and was inbred to that horse. By comparison, Octave's broodmare sire, Dr. Carter, has a double of In Reality's great-grandsire War Relic, and his dam, Gentle Touch, is half to In Reality. Alan Porter may be contacted at portrpedigree@msn.com. Please cc TDN at suefinley@thoroughbreddailynews.com.

UPCOMING MAJOR NORTH AMERICAN STAKES

<u>Date</u>	<u>Race</u>	<u>Track</u>
July 4	GII Dwyer S.	Belmont
	GII Tom Fool BC H.	Belmont
	GIII Hollywood Juv. Ch.	Hollywood
	GIII Jersey Shore BC S.	Monmouth
	GIII Stars & Stripes BC Turf	Arlington
July 6	GII CashCall Mile Inv	Hollywood
	GII A Gleam Inv H.	Hollywood
July 7	GI Prioress BC S.	Belmont
	GI American Oaks Inv	Hollywood
	GI Triple Bend Inv H.	Hollywood
	GI Vanity Inv H.	Hollywood
	GI United Nations	Monmouth
	GI Princess Rooney H.	Calder
	GII Smile Sprint H.	Calder
	GII Carry Back S.	Calder
	GIII Azalea BC S.	Calder
GIII Bashford Manor S.	Calder	
GIII Debutante S.	Churchill	

CAN'T MAKE IT TO THE TRACK?

Catch the Summit of Speed from Calder and the United Nations Handicap from Monmouth live on Sirius satellite radio this Saturday with host Dave Johnson. The two-hour broadcast, which will air on Channel 126, kicks off at 4 p.m. Eastern.

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FROM THE DESK OF...
Bill Oppenheim



NEW CROP

For the last couple of years, it seemed that Fasig-Tipton July's opening-day New Sire Showcase featured the new crop of Florida sires more than anything else. This year, the opening day of the sale that kicks off the major sale season in North American and European (Japan's Select Yearling and Foal sale is next week) is dominated by Kentucky stallions: 14 of the 17 first-crop sires with six or more catalogued in the two-day Fasig sale stand in Kentucky. Two stand in Florida and one in Maryland. In all, 41 sires with their first yearlings are represented in the Fasig catalogue, and the 256 yearlings by those sires comprise 44 percent of the sale.

But before we look at the new sires making their yearling sale debuts, it's important to note that this is the sale where we take the temperature, for the first time this year, of the most important Thoroughbred auction circuit in the world--the international marketplace, which begins now and appears in New York, Kentucky, Britain, Ireland and France by the end of the sale season in December. We estimate that marketplace reached the \$1-billion mark for the second time in 2004 (2000 was the first, before the dot-com blip and MRLS in Kentucky set it back), and grew to \$1.1 billion in 2005, then \$1.275 billion in 2006, setting new records both years. So it obviously matters how this billion-dollar circuit's opening sale goes.

In fact, that hasn't been so easy to assess the last couple of years, since this sale's gross has actually fallen by 8 percent (from \$38,620,000 in 2004 to \$35,598,000 in 2006), while the overall market has gained 27 percent. Moreover, the middle year, 2005, was an aberration, which coincided with Fasig-Tipton reducing the Saratoga sale from three days to two. In 2004, there were 495 yearlings catalogued in the Fasig July sale, of which ultimately 338 (68 percent) were listed sales; in 2006, the corresponding numbers were 477 catalogued, of which 307 (64 percent) sold.


Even though the gross was down, so was the number of yearlings sold, and the 2006 average of \$115,954 was actually about 1.5 percent higher than the 2004 average of \$114,260.

FASIG-TIPTON JULY YEARLING SALE 2004-2006								
Year	Cat	Ring	Sold	Pct s/c	Gross (\$)	Avg	Median	
2006	477	407	307	64%	35.598M	115,954	90,000	
2005	679	601	368	54%	37.106M	100,832	75,000	
2004	495	452	338	68%	38.620M	114,260	80,000	

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In 2005, there were a massive 679 catalogued, but even with 37 percent more catalogued, the number actually sold (368) was only 9percent higher than the previous year, meaning just 54 percent of those catalogued sold that year. That didn't work, and they went right back to the 2004 for last year. This year, there are 581 catalogued--22 percent more than last year, but still 98 fewer than in 2005.

Logically, the gross should increase: it was \$35.6 million last year, so a 12percent gain, to \$40 million, seems a reasonable projection, especially since we have estimated that the North American two-year-old sale market was down by around 10 percent. These numbers, at least, give us some idea what to expect, so we have a better idea how to interpret the eventual results. That's the plan, anyway.

The leading new sire this year will undoubtedly be Smarty Jones (Elusive Quality), who would have retired an unbeaten Triple Crown winner of nine races had Birdstone not outstayed him in the GI Belmont S., in what turned out to be his final career start. Since he stands for almost as much (\$100,000) as the Fasig average, he'd be unlikely to have too many in this sale; sure enough, there is just one filly by Smarty Jones catalogued, though he does have four at Saratoga. Four of the five other stallions from this crop who stand in Kentucky, originally for \$30,000 or more, are in fact the names you're going to hear the most about.



Oppenheim cont.

The odd man out is Pleasantly Perfect. He defeated Medaglia d'Oro in both the 2003 GI Breeders' Cup Classic and 2004 G1 Dubai World Cup, but perhaps the fact that he's by Pleasant Colony, whose only really successful son so far has been Pleasant Tap (like Pleasantly Perfect a Lane's End stallion) means that we'll be seeing his yearlings more in September. He does have one at Saratoga, but none at Fasig Kentucky, where the emphasis is more on "commerciality."

The other four are all spectacular individuals with big-time race records themselves, so we should expect some fireworks from them out on Newtown Pike. Medaglia d'Oro was always a standout, even in Frankel's barn, and no wonder: bought out of David Vance's barn after winning his second career start, and his first at three, Medaglia d'Oro ran 15 times over three seasons for owner Edmund Gann and trainer Bobby Frankel. He won three Grade I's and four Grade II's, and was second in six other Grade I's, earning over \$5.7 million in all. He has to overcome an "indifferent" family, but that's par for the course these days. What he does have going for him is that he's a big, good-looking dude by Sadler's Wells's seriously successful son in America, El Prado; and five times he ran Beyers of 117+, which equates to Timeform 129+, at least. He has 10 in the sale; I predict some fireworks.

Same for Speightstown, who has seven. Champion sprinter as a six-year-old in 2004, he ran Beyers of 116, 115 and 117 in winning consecutive Grade II sprints in the spring and summer, and came back to win the GI Breeders' Cup Sprint. He was a \$2-million yearling, so you know he's good-looking, and he's by Gone West, a proven sire of sires (Mr. Greeley, Elusive Quality, Grand Slam, Zafonic, maybe Proud Citizen). Forest Wildcat proved a horse who got his first stakes wins late in his career could still make a sire, so there's no reason this guy can't. He'll be popular. Speightstown has another nine at Saratoga; Medaglia d'Oro has another seven.

Speightstown cost Eugene Melnyk \$2 million as a yearling, and Strong Hope, from the first crop by Gone West's son, Grand Slam, cost Melnyk \$1.7 million. One thing we do know, Mr. Melnyk and his advisors can spot the good-looking ones that can run.

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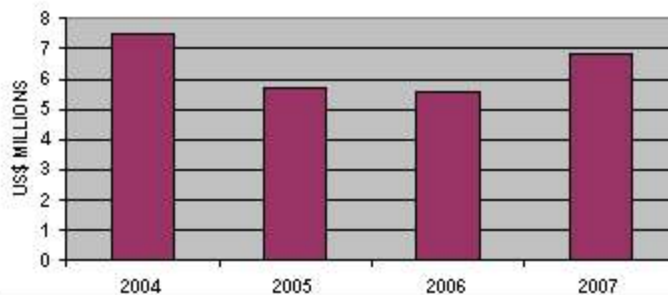
Weekly Sales Ticker

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"June Mixed sales in Florida and California, combining two-year-olds with horses of racing age, both went well. The OBS sale's gross was up 20% over last year, while Barretts was up nearly 50%. Combined they have added over \$8.5-million to the 2007 total." -- Bill Oppenheim

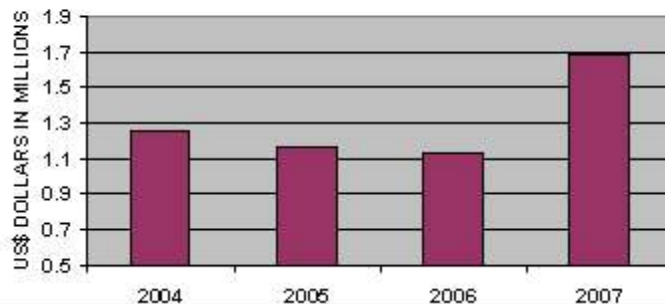
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YEAR	SOLD	GROSS	AVG
2007	316	6,860,700	21,711
2006	255	5,567,000	21,831
2005	313	5,733,700	18,319
2004	331	7,538,600	22,775

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Strong Hope won two Grade II races at three, the Dwyer and the Jim Dandy, and he placed in three Grade I's, ranging in distance from seven to 10 furlongs. Pulpit never won a Grade I either--horses who win strong Grade IIs (virtual Grade Is), especially if they get strong books of mares at farms like Claiborne, can make sires. Strong Hope has seven yearlings catalogued at Fasig, five at Saratoga.

The fourth horse of this originally-\$30,000+ quartet is Lion Tamer (\$25,000 this year). A \$1.4-million Calder two-year-old by Tale of the Cat, he was three-for-three at two, including the GI Hollywood Futurity. He was second to the aforementioned Smarty Jones in the GI Kentucky Derby, and later that summer won the GI Haskell Invitational H. He's already proving a commercial homerun, and will be having plenty of opportunities: 21 yearlings catalogued at Fasig, another 10 at Saratoga.

In fact, it's an Ashford one-two in terms of most representatives from their first crop at Fasig-Tipton: Lion Heart has 21 catalogued, while the good Grade II-winning 2003 two-year-old, Chapel Royal (by Montbrook), is runner-up in that category with 20.

There's no shortage of other interesting prospects, ranging from two-year-old form to high-speed sprinters and milers, as well as Classic and "older" two-turn horses. One which I think looks particularly interesting is Gainesway's Cuvee (14 Fasig yearlings), who was justifiably the 8-5 favorite for the 2003 GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile won by Action This Day (nine Fasig yearlings), off wide-margin wins in the GII Saratoga Special and the GI Futurity. His sire, Carson City, is the sire of City Zip and Five Star Day, both of whom are respectable stallions. Another fascinating prospect is Congaree (also has nine at Fasig), who won five Grade I's and seven times ran Beyers of 115+ as a five-year-old, in 2003. Can he overcome the fact that he's by the great two-year-old but noted sire flop, Arazi? He certainly had the ability to make a sire.

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Top Weekly Stakes Races

Horse	Sire	Race	BRIS Speed
Madison's Music	Prospector's Music	J. Archie Sebastien Memorial S.	108
Political Force	Unbridled's Song	Suburban H.-G1	108
Ready's Image	More Than Ready	Tremont S.	106
Remarkable News (Ven)	Chayim	Firecracker H.-G2	106
Benny the Bull	Lucky Lionel	Iowa Sprint H.	105
Buildakiss	Homebuilder	Attaway Darbonne Mem. Starter S.	105
Cort's P. B.	Huff	Junius Delahoussaye Mem. Sprint S.	104
Dry Martini	Slew Gin Fizz	Prairie Meadows Cornhusker BC H.-G2	104
Delightful Kiss	Kissin Kris	Iowa Derby	102
Miss Macy Sue	Trippi	Saylorville S.	102
Ahead of Her Time	Leestown	Frank A. "Buddy" Abadie Mem. S.	101
Grand Minut	Grand Slam	Pola Benoit Memorial S.	101
Lava Man	Slew City Slew	Hollywood Gold Cup S.-G1	101
Octave	Unbridled's Song	Mother Goose S.-G1	100
Run Brother Ron	Perfect Mandate	Everett Nevin Alameda Co. Futurity	100
Citronnade	Lemon Drop Kid	Beverly Hills H.-G2	99
Delosvientos	Siphon (Brz)	Arthur L S.	99
Leesa Lee	Leestown	Pierre LeBlanc Mem. Ladies Sprint S.	99
Lookinfortheseecret	Cimarron Secret	Minnesota H. B. P. A. Sprint S.	99
Pyrite Personal	Bernstein	Cleveland Gold Cup S.	98
Throng	Silver Deputy	Dr. Fager S.	98
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True Metropolitan	Proud and True	Dominion Day S.-G3	97

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THIS WEEK IN HISTORY...

July 4, 1954...Two-year-old **Ribot** won his first race, the Premio Tramuschio. He concluded his career in 1956, with 16 wins in as many starts.

July 4, 1972...Two-year-old **Secretariat**, ridden by Paul Feliciano, ran fourth to winner Herbull in his racing debut, blocked badly throughout the race, at Aqueduct. It was the poorest placing of Secretariat's illustrious career.

July 4, 1978...Trainer **D. Wayne Lukas** won his first \$100,000 stakes race--over the turf--taking the American Handicap with Effervescing, ridden by Laffit Pincay Jr., at Hollywood Park.

July 6, 1975...Locust Hill Farm's undefeated filly **Ruffian** engaged Kentucky Derby winner **Foolish Pleasure** in a match race at Belmont Park. Racing on the lead, Ruffian sustained a severe leg injury and was pulled up by jockey Jacinto Vasquez. Efforts to save her proved fruitless and she was euthanized the following day.

July 7, 1934...**Mary Hirsch** became the first female to be licensed as a Thoroughbred trainer, in Illinois. Hirsch subsequently was licensed in Michigan that year and two years later, on April 9, she was licensed by The Jockey Club to train in New York.



SIRES WITH FIRST YEARLINGS (F2006) AT FASIG-TIPTON JULY & SARATOGA SALES

SIRE	YR	HIS SIRE	ST	FARM	2007 Fee	2005 Fee	Ftk Jul	Sar	Beyer*
ACTION THIS DAY	2001	KRIS S.	KY	CASTLETON LYONS	10000	10000	9		92
ALKE	2000	GRAND SLAM	FL	CLOVERLEAF	4000	4000	4		108
BIRDSTONE	2001	GRINDSTONE	KY	GAINESWAY	10000	10000	3		108
BLACK MAMBO	1999	KINGMAMBO	FL	BRIDLEWOOD	5000	5000	3		
CANADIAN FRONTIER	1999	GONE WEST	KY	AIRDRIE STUD	7500	10000	4		107
CANDY RIDE	1999	RIDE THE RAILS	KY	HILL 'N' DALE	12500	10000	6		123
CHAMPALI	2000	GLITTERMAN	KY	GLENCREST	7500	4000	3		113
CHAPEL ROYAL	2001	MONTBROOK	KY	ASHFORD	10000	10000	20	1	100
CITY PLACE	2000	STORM CAT	FL	WALMAC SOUTH	4000	4000	2		
CONGAREE	1998	ARAZI	KY	ADENA SPRINGS	15000	15000	9	1	120
CUVEE	2001	CARSON CITY	KY	GAINESWAY	10000	10000	14		103
DOMESTIC DISPUTE	2000	UNBRIDLED'S SONG	MD	NORTHVIEW	5000	5000	7		108
DURING	2000	CHEROKEE RUN	KY	CLAIBORNE	7500	10000	5		107
EVEN THE SCORE	1998	UNBRIDLED'S SONG	KY	MILLENNIUM	7500	5000	11		109
FRIEND'S LAKE	2001	A.P. INDY	KY	AIRDRIE	15000	15000	8		92
JOHAR	1999	GONE WEST	KY	MILL RIDGE	15000	20000	3		112
LION HEART	2001	TALE OF THE CAT	KY	ASHFORD	25000	30000	21	10	110
MEDAGLIA D'ORO	1999	EL PRADO	KY	STONEWALL	40000	35000	10	7	120
NEWFOUNDLAND	2000	STORM CAT	KY	BROOKDALE	7500	10000	4		111
OCEAN TERRACE	2000	SAINT BALLADO	OK	BELLE MERE	2000		2		93
OLMODAVOR	1999	A.P. INDY	KY	ADENA SPRINGS	7500	10000	3		110
OMEGA CODE	2000	ELUSIVE QALITY	FL	WALMAC SOUTH	7500	7500	10		103
PEACE RULES	2000	JULES	FL	VINERY SOUTH	15000	15000	12		113
PERFECT SOUL	1998	SADLER'S WELLS	KY	DARBY DAN	15000	15000	2		107
PLEASANTLY PERFECT	1998	PLEASANT COLONY	KY	LANE'S END	30000	40000	0	1	119
READ THE FOOTNOTES	2001	SMOKE GLACKEN	NY	SEQUEL NY	8500	8500	2		113
ROAR OF THE TIGER	1999	STORM CAT	FL	WALMAC SOUTH	6000	6000	3		
SAARLAND	1999	UNBRIDLED	KY	DARBY DAN	10000	10000	8	1	110
SCRIMSHAW	2000	GULCH	KY	MILLENNIUM	5000	6500	4		101
SEATTLE FITZ	1999	FITZCARRALDO	KY	BUCK POND	8500	8500	4		113
SMARTY JONES	2001	ELUSIVE QUALITY	KY	THREE CHIMNEYS	100000	100000	1	4	118
SOTO	2000	DEHERE	KY	HIGHCLERE	7500	7500	4		114
SPEIGHTSTOWN	1998	GONE WEST	KY	WINSTAR	40000	40000	7	9	117
STROLL	2000	PULPIT	KY	CLAIBORNE	5000	7500	1		107
STRONG HOPE	2000	GRAND SLAM	KY	CLAIBORNE	30000	30000	7	5	113
TAPIT	2001	PULPIT	KY	GAINESWAY	12500	15000	13	1	98
TEN MOST WANTED	2000	DEPUTY COMMANDER	NY	SEQUEL NY	7500	12500	1		112
TENPINS	1998	SMART STRIKE	KY	WALMAC	6500	6500	5		111
TETON FOREST	2001	FORESTRY	KY	SPENDTHRIFT	5000	5000	2		110
THE CLIFF'S EDGE	2001	GULCH	KY	VINERY	15000	20000	5	1	111
TOCCT	2000	AWESOME AGAIN	KY	CASTLETON LYONS	20000	15000	13		107
WERBLIN	1999	UNBRIDLED'S SONG	FL	WALMAC SOUTH	5000	3000	1		

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NEW YORK THA BREAKS FROM EMPIRE RACING

by Tom Precious, courtesy of www.bloodhorse.com.
 The New York Thoroughbred Horsemen's Association is breaking its ties with Empire Racing Associates, a move that will further throw into confusion the process for naming a franchise holder to operate Aqueduct, Belmont Park and Saratoga. The announcement by the group came just one day after criticism by the New York State Inspector General of Empire Racing's bidding package. Industry sources said a decision has been made to withdraw, but final paperwork is still being prepared. In a July 3 letter to Richard Rifkin, Gov. Eliot Spitzer's counsel on the racing franchise matter, Empire Racing officials conceded the departure of the New York THA. Empire Racing said state procurement rules kept the New York THA from meeting with members of the governor's staff on non-franchise issues. "We are sympathetic to the fact that New York THA has a number of pressing issues, unrelated to its interest in Empire, which it must be free to pursue and advocated for in Albany," said the letter from Jeff Perlee, Empire Racing chief executive officer. Perlee said members of Empire Racing's board who are also on New York THA board will choose one of the two groups with which to remain as members. He said Empire Racing is considering taking the New York THA share in the franchise-seeking entity and assigning it to a trust "designed to facilitate the development of equine related economic development projects" in New York. Empire Racing said it is also offering an additional membership opportunities for \$350,000, which will be offered to existing members or to outside groups so long as they are members of the New York THA or the New York Thoroughbred Breeders Inc., or have made a "substantial contribution" to the Thoroughbred industry. Empire Racing also took the opportunity in the letter to Rifkin to criticize portions of the Inspector General's report issued July 2, saying there are a number of factual errors that, unless changed, "could paint an inaccurate and misleading picture for decision makers going forward." The letter did not provide specifics. New York THA president Rick Violette declined to comment on the situation July 3. The horsemen's group, according to the report by the inspector general, who reports to Spitzer, has a 3-percent interest in Empire Racing, whose corporate partners include Churchill Downs Inc., Magna Entertainment Corp., and Woodbine Entertainment. The state report, which criticized of all four bidding groups in an "integrity" review of the entities vying for the franchise now held by the New York Racing Association, said 38 individual horsemen are also involved with Empire Racing. But the report said the New York THA has no direct financial interests in Empire Racing other than its board last year voting to endorse the Empire Racing bid. For the complete story, click [here](#).

 **TODAY'S INSIGHTS**
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1:50p TVG **3rd-Mth, \$36k, Msw, 3yo/up, f/m, 6f**
CANDLELIGHT (Kingmambo), a half sister to MGISW Grand Slam, makes her second start and her first start since running third at Belmont Oct. 22. Joe Bravo has the call for Christophe Clement. **Songandapsalm (Songandaprayer)**, a half to GSW Badge, debuts for trainer Todd Pletcher.

2:03p TVG **3rd-Bel, \$52k, Msw, 2yo, f, 6fT**
 Brushwood homebred **MOROCCAN AFFAIR (Storm Cat)** debuts for trainer Todd Pletcher. The dark bay filly is a full sister to MGSP Dark Cheetah. Pletcher also saddles firster **Return to Paradise (El Prado {Ire})**, a half to SP Capac.

3:39p TVG **6th-BEL, \$52k, Msw, 3yo/up, 6f**
TENACIOUS STAR (Broken Vow) makes his first start for Richard Dutrow. While training with Ron Ellis in Southern California, the three-year-old was off the board in four turf appearances and has not been out since running fourth over the Hollywood lawn in May 2006. The \$475,000 KEESOP yearling is a half to Breeders' Cup Mile winner Singletary.

4:01p HRTV **9th-PHA, Dr J Penny Mem'I H., \$100k, 3/up, f/m, 1 1/16mT**
J'RAY (Distant View), winner of the GIII Bayou Breeders' Cup H. at Fair Grounds in February, makes her first start since taking the Mar. 25 Krantz Memorial H. and seeks her third straight with Chris DeCarlo in the irons for Todd Pletcher. Also seeking her third straight is **Meribel (Peaks and Valleys)**, winner of last year's GIII Valley View S. at Keeneland. The Clement trainee won Belmont's May 17 Steal a Kiss S. and the June 9 Foresta S.

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Yesterday's Results:

1st-CNL, \$26,500, Msw, 2yo, f, 5 1/2fT, 1:03 3/5, fm.
 + **MY LITTLE JOSIE** (f, 2, [Outflanker](#)--**To the Chapel**, by **Runaway Groom**), dismissed at 49-1, rated off the pace while saving ground. The bay filly moved to the outside for running room passing midstretch and closed well to earn a 3/4-length debut win. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$15,105.

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★ CENTRAL ★

Ellis Opens with Four-Percent Takeout on Pick Four:

Ellis Park opens its 2007 season with a bang today, introducing a four-percent takeout on its pick four wager. The reduced takeout is the lowest in the country. Last year's pick four takeout was 19 percent. The 46-day meeting which opens today is Ellis Park's first season with Ron Geary at the helm. Geary purchased the Henderson, Kentucky track from Churchill Downs last fall.

Monday Night Results:

PRAIRIE GOLD JUVENILE S., \$50,000, PRM, 7-2, 2yo, 5f, :57 1/5, ft.

1--**#POSSETOHEMAX, 118, c, 2, [Posse](#)--Storm Witch (SP, \$129,773), by Twining.** O-Heiligbrodt Racing Stable and Walter New; B-W L New and Heiligbrodt Racing Stable (KY); T-Steven M Asmussen; J-Terry J Thompson; \$30,000. Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-1, \$51,800. *Second stakes winner for freshman sire (by Silver Deputy).

2--**Robbing the Bank, 116, c, 2, Successful Appeal--Chain Gang, by Criminal Type.** (\$21,000 yrl '06 KESEP). \$10,000.

3--**Alex's Tomcat, 116, c, 2, Iron Cat--Always the Bride, by Prenup.** (\$3,000 yrl '06 ARZOC). \$5,000. Margins: 2 1/4, 7HF, 2. Odds: 0.50, 3.70, 10.40.

Possetothemax, third behind Sunday's Tremont S. winner Ready's Image on debut at Keeneland Apr. 20, graduated by 4 3/4 lengths at Arlington June 2. The heavy favorite jumped out to the early lead, set fractions of :22.14 and :45.03 and checked in an easy winner.

STAKES CLOSINGS

TODAY, WEDNESDAY, JULY 4:

7-14 \$350,000 **Swaps Breeders' Cup-II, Hol, 3yo, 9f (250)**

7-15 \$150,000 **Sunset Breeders' Cup H.-II, Hol, 3yo/up, 12fT (150)**

7-22 \$700,000 **Northern Dancer Breeders' Cup Turf-II, Wo, 3yo/up, 12fT (600)**

7-22 \$300,000 **Dance Smartly-III, Wo, 3/up, f/m, 9fT (300)**

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★ AMERICAN-BRED WINNERS ★

IN BRITAIN:

+ **Sir Gerry, c, 2, Carson City.** See "Britain."
 + **Eat Pie, f, 2, Thunder Gulch.** See "Britain."

IN FRANCE:

+ **Stern Opinion, c, 2, Mizzen Mast.** See "France."

★ WEST ★

Bay Meadows Granted Waiver:

The California Horse Racing Board voted to grant Bay Meadows a one-year exemption for installing a synthetic racing surface during a special conference-call meeting yesterday, according to published reports. The board had called for all California tracks to have synthetic tracks installed by 2008, but the San Mateo track was unable to meet that deadline. During its March meeting, the board rejected a petition for a two-year exemption, but yesterday's vote was unanimously past by all participating members: Chairman Richard Shapiro, Vice Chairman John Harris and commissioners Marie Moretti, John Andreini and Jess Choper. Commissioners Jerome Moss and John Amerman did not participate in the conference call.

★ INDUSTRY INFO ★

Content Providers on National HBPA Agenda:

Courtesy of www.bloodhorse.com

The National Horsemen's Benevolent and Protective Association will address distribution of racing content, equine drug testing, and health insurance during workshop discussions at its summer convention scheduled for July 19-22 in Williamsburg, Virginia. The convention will be held in concert with the July 21 Virginia Derby (gr. IIT) at nearby Colonial Downs. The workshops will be held July 20, and the full National HBPA board meeting July 22, at the Williamsburg Lodge. Workshops at National HBPA conventions have been lively in the past given the subject matter. During this year's winter convention, horsemen discussed the results of a study that indicated environmental contamination can result from simply putting a horse in a stall; a discussion on simulcast pricing models also raised some eyebrows. "The workshops we presented during our winter convention were very effective," National HBPA president Joe Santanna said in a statement. "So much so, that I feel strongly this technique of bringing together our horsemen and horsewomen and key industry experts for healthy dialogue will be a permanent fixture at our meetings." The content-provider issue came to the forefront earlier this year when Churchill Downs Inc. and Magna Entertainment Corp. formed TrackNet Media Group, which buys and sells signals. The National HBPA will tackle the topic in a panel titled, "The Debate Between Racing's Content Providers and Distributors: Where Do We Go From Here?" [Click for the complete story.](#)




Observations
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2.05 Clairefontaine, Mdn, €21,000, unraced 3yo, c/g, 1 1/2mT
COASTAL PATH (GB) (Halling) tackles seven fellow newcomers in this first go and is bred to appreciate an extended trip. He is a half-brother to G1 Prix du Cadran hero Reefscape (GB) and should therefore find 12 furlongs within his compass.

3.05 Clairefontaine, Mdn, €21,000, unraced 3yo, f, 1 1/2mT
WOOD LANE (IRE) (Sadler's Wells) is a daughter of G1 Woodbine International victress Infamy (GB) and carries the Sean Mulryan silks in this racecourse bow. Potential dangers to the Andre Fabre trainee include **Royale Danehill (Ire) (Danehill)**, a daughter of dual Oaks runner-up Royal Ballerina (Ire), and the Niarchos Family's **Pink Topaz (Tiznow)**, who is out of a full-sister to former French darling Divine Proportions.

7.20 Kempton, Mdn, £4,350, 3yo/up, f/m, 1 3/8m (AWT)
THINKING POSITIVE (GB) (Rainbow Quest) bids for a first win coming back from a second in a Nottingham maiden last month. George Strawbridge's homebred is a half-sister to multiple Group 1 placegetter Midnight Line and faces a cast of likely sorts. It includes Godolphin's **Salsa Verdi (Giant's Causeway)**, a daughter of G1 1000 Guineas winner Cape Verdi (Ire), and the James Fanshawe-trained **Sugarbush (GB) (Kingmambo)**, who is closely related to multiple Group 1 Classic winner Russian Rhythm.

8.30 Leopardstown, Mdn, €12,000, 3yo/up, 1 1/2mT
WESTLAKE (GB) (Sadler's Wells) recorded an unwanted hat-trick of hitting the board behind an Aidan O'Brien-trained representative at this track three weeks ago and finds an opportunity to buck the trend. The half to Powerscourt (GB) lines up against likely market rival **Diego Velasquez (Ire) (Sadler's Wells)**, who is a full-brother to dual Group 2 winner Crimson Tide and another Ballydoyle incumbent.



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LAWMAN IN CHATEAU RETURN Claudio Marzocco and Enrico Ciampi's G1 Prix du Jockey Club winner **Lawman (Fr)** (Invincible Spirit {Ire}) is set to tackle this Sunday's G1 Prix Jean Prat, connections have confirmed. The bay sophomore worked at Chantilly's Les Aigles yesterday and trainer Jean-Marie Beguigne expressed satisfaction with the workout. "Lawman worked well over a mile and was very good," he told *Racing Post*. "He will run in the Jean Prat [back at Chantilly] on Sunday and is then likely to be aimed at the Irish Champion S. [at Leopardstown Sept. 8]." Olivier Peslier, who was aboard when Lawman landed the Apr. 15 G3 Prix de Fontainebleau at Longchamp, replaces Frankie Dettori for the €400,000 one-mile contest. "He did a nice handy gallop with two others," Peslier said. "He was very well, in good form and did a happy gallop."

ARQANA'S SUMMER BONANZA Saint-Cloud's Summer Sale, staged for the first time under the Arqana banner this year, has gained a reputation as a production line of jumps horses and that tradition is set to continue once action commences at the Parisian racetrack this morning. Following on from the 123-lot jumps catalogue, 23 unraced two-year-olds--reduced from 27 by four withdrawals--are set to go under the hammer having breezed on the adjacent track yesterday. They include [Hip 129](#), a Montjeu (Ire) filly from Con Marne's renowned Bansha House nursery, and Haras de Clairfeuille's [Hip 125](#), a Dr Fong filly whose page received an update with Racinger's success in next door's G2 Prix du Muguet May 1. The one-day sale concludes with a 127-strong horses-in-training catalogue, which boasts presentations from His Highness The Aga Khan, Claude Cohen, the Wertheimer brothers, the Niarchos Family, Skymarc Farm, the de Moussac family, Darley and Alec Head, as well as selections from many leading trainers. The sale begins at 11 a.m. and the catalogue and results can be viewed online at www.arqana.com.

★ IRELAND ★

Wednesday, Leopardstown, post time: 7:00 p.m.

GOLDEN FLEECE S.-Listed, €50,000, 2yo, 7fT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER
1	3	Bruges (Ire)	Marju (Ire)	Myerscough
2	2	Going Public (Ire)	Night Shift	Weld
3	1	Minneapolis (GB)	Sadler's Wells	A O'Brien
4	5	Remind Me Monday (Ire)	Spartacus (Ire)	Lyons
5	4	Allicansayis Wow	Street Cry (Ire)	Bolger

All carry 127 pounds bar Allicansayis Wow, 124.



★ FRANCE ★

Yesterday's Result:

PRIX YACOWLEF-Listed, €52,000, Deauville, 7-3, unraced 2yo, 5fT, 1:00.90, vsf.

1-- + **#STERN OPINION**, 128, c, 2, by [Mizzen Mast](#)

1st Dam: Helstra, by Nureyev

2nd Dam: Hail Atlantis, by Seattle Slew

3rd Dam: Flippers, by Coastal

O-K Abdullah; B-Juddmonte; T-P Bary; J-S Pasquier;

€26,000. Lifetime Record: 1 start, 1 win, €26,000.

* 1/2 to Dr Arbatash (Smart Strike), MSW-PR, \$282,241.

** Fourth stakes winner for sophomore sire (by Cozzene).

2-- **African Rose (GB)**, 125, f, 2, Observatory--

New Orchid, by Quest for Fame (GB). €10,400.

3-- **Kadance Blue (Fr)**, 125, f, 2, Anabaa Blue (GB)--

Kadance Ring (Ire), by Bering (GB). €7,800.

Margins: 2HF, 1HF, 5. Odds: 1.90, 4.50, 14.00.

Also Ran: Chasing Moonbeams (Ire), Kfar Eliaou (Fr),

Masque Rose (GB), La Madonetta (Ire), Iron Bieni (Ire).

Maintaining its place on the stakes roster with the unique condition that participants are newcomers, this contest continues to unveil potential stars of the future and this year's renewal appears to have upheld tradition with an impressive victory for Stern Opinion. Professional from the gate to seize instant control, he surged further clear of toiling rivals approaching the final furlong and was pushed out to lead home a Juddmonte exacta. "He has speed, but I'm convinced he will stay further," explained winning conditioner Pascal Bary. "He will be even better on good ground and the plan is to bring him back here for the July 29 G3 Prix de Cabourg."

★ BRITAIN ★

Yesterday's Results:

Thirsk, 6.15, Mdn, £5,000, 2yo, 6fT, 1:15.61, sf.

+ **SIR GERRY** (c, 2, **Carson City--Incredulous {Fr}**, by **Indian Ridge {Ire}**), a \$75,000 KEESEP yearling and 100,000gns TATAPR breezer, chased the front rank through the early stages of this first go. Making smooth headway from halfway, the 2-1 chalk was ridden to challenge at the distance and asserted under a drive to best Imperial Mint (Ire) (Tagula {Ire}) by three lengths. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, £3,239.

O-Mrs Gerry Galligan; B-Catherine Wills; T-J Fanshawe.

Lingfield, 7.00, Mdn, £5,000, 2yo, f, 6f (AWT), 1:14.67, stn.

+ **EAT PIE** (f, 2, **Thunder Gulch--Millie's Choice {Ire} {SW-Ire, \$104,152}**, by **Taufan**) raced in second until taking a slight lead at halfway. Ridden along rounding the home turn, the 8-1 chance kept on strongly in the short straight to comfortably hold Lille Ida (GB) (Hawk Wing) by 1 1/4 lengths. The winner is a half to Millie's Quest (Quest For Fame {GB}), GSW & GISP, \$163,458. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, £3,239.

O-Hillen/McIntosh/Walsh/Partners; B-K Bullitt; T-M Wallace.



First-crop starters to watch: Wednesday, July 4

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

CACTUS RIDGE (Hennessy), Walmac, \$7K, 69/2/0

5-PRM, Msw, 5f, Gran's Piggy, 4-1

7-PRM, Msw, 5f, +Hadnot, 12-1

EASYFROMTHEGITGO (Dehere), 519 Tbreeds, 33/0/0

9-LAD, Msw, 5f, Velvet Meg, \$10K TEX APR 2yo, 20-1

FLATTER (A.P. Indy), Claiborne, \$5K, 81/0/0

1-MTH, Msw, 5f, +Bold Child, \$30K EAS SEP yrl, 5-1

FULL MANDATE (A.P. Indy), Hartley, \$, 97/3/1

3-LS, Msw, 5 1/2f, +One Hot Date, \$17K OBS AUG yrl, 5-2

GREATNESS (Mr. Prospector), Adena South, \$5K, 41/0/0

3-LS, Msw, 5 1/2f, +Grayness, \$2K TEX AUG yrl, 12-1

INDIAN TERRITORY (Carson City), Special K, \$2K, 20/0/0

5-PRM, Msw, 5f, +Navajo Beach, 20-1

MILWAUKEE BREW (Wild Again), Adena South, \$15K, 83/1/0

3-BEL, Msw, 6f, +Dicey D J, \$70K EAS SEP yrl

NAJLAN (Runaway Groom), Hopewell, \$8K, 70/1/0

7-HOL, Stk, 6f, Sky Cape, 4-1

PARKER'S STORM CAT (Storm Cat), Country Life, \$3K, 52/1/0

5-PRM, Msw, 5f, +Gown, 7-2

POSH (Deputy Minister), Jake E. Bryant, \$2K, 22/0/0

5-PRM, Msw, 5f, Walk the Posh, 15-1

5-PRM, Msw, 5f, Quillo Posh, 15-1

STORM PASSAGE (Storm Cat), Red River, \$2K, 24/0/0

9-LAD, Msw, 5f, +Little Thorn, \$5K LOU OCT yrl, 12-1

VINDICATION (Seattle Slew), Hill 'n' Dale, \$50K, 119/2/0

3-BEL, Msw, 6f, Chita Girl, \$55K KEE SEP yrl

Second-crop starters to watch: Wednesday, July 4

Sire (Sire's Sire), Farm, 2003 Fee, #foals of racing age/Winners/SW

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

ERLTON (Buckaroo), Red River, \$2K, 50/14/0

9-LAD, Msw, 5f, +Erly Prospect, \$20K TEX APR 2yo, 8-1

GIBSON COUNTY (In Excess {Ire}), McKathan Farms, \$3K, 32/12/1

7-HOL, Stk, 6f, County Tune, \$1K OBS WIN yrl, 20-1

HOLY STING (Saint Ballado), 25/0/0

2-EVD, Msw, 5 1/2f, +Haloloveman, \$2K LTB AUG yrl, 20-1

IT'SALLIN THE CHASE (Take Me Out), 15/0/0

7-PRM, Msw, 5f, +The Chase Is On, 6-1

ORIENTATE (Mt. Livermore), Gainesway, \$20K, 205/47/4

8-DEL, Stk, 6f, Allude, \$150K BAR MAR 2yo, 5-2

8-DEL, Stk, 6f, Welcome Inn, 7-2

OUTOFTHEBOX (Montbrook), Ocala Stud Farm, \$8K, 149/23/0

7-PRM, Msw, 5f, +Steel Box, \$40K TEX APR 2yo, 5-1

PERSONAL FIRST (Personal Hope), Rosebrook Farm, \$3K, 34/7/0

7-ELP, Msw, 5 1/2fT, +Itsaffirmed, \$2K OBS OCT wnl, 15-1

SNOW RIDGE (Tabasco Cat), Padua, \$5K, 116/29/1

8-DEL, Stk, 6f, Snow Way, \$11K OBS APR 2yo, 8-1

STORM DAY (Storm Cat), Clear Creek Stud, \$3K, 126/19/1

9-LAD, Msw, 5f, +Connor's Sister, \$6K LOU OCT yrl, 12-1

UNBRIDLED TIME (Unbridled's Song), Signature Stallions, \$5K, 109/18/1

1-MTH, Msw, 5f, +Apache Gray, \$40K OBS AUG yrl, 15-1

YONAGUSKA (Cherokee Run), Vinery, \$10K, 208/56/3

9-MTH, Stk, 6f, Cherokee Country, \$210K KEE NOV wnl, 6-1



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ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

8th-DEL, \$44,600, NW2X, 3yo, 1 1/16mT, 1:44 1/5, fm.
WHEELS UP AT NOON (c, 3, Outflanker--Noontime Jet, by Tri Jet) Lifetime Record: 10-3-0-1, \$68,820. O-Club K Racing. B-Mr & Mrs William AT Rainbow, William AT Rainbow Jr, et al (FL). T-Ann W Merryman. *\$10,000 yrl '05 FTMOCT; \$55,000 2yo 2006 FTMMAY. **1/2 to Mad 'bout You (Skip Trial), SW.

9th-PHA, \$30,276, NW1X, 3yo/up, 5fT, :57 1/5, fm.
POLAR FRONT (g, 4, Polish Numbers--Chilling Prospect {SW}, by Allen's Prospect) Lifetime Record: 7-2-3-0, \$49,980. O/T-Eugene E Weymouth. B-Longwood Stables (MD). *\$48,000 yrl '04 FTMOCT.

9th-MNR, \$27,800, 7-2, NW1X, 3yo/up, f/m, 5f, :59 1/5, ft.
BEAUTIFUL RAINBOWS (f, 4, Salt Lake--Bold Rainbows, by Air Forbes Won) Lifetime Record: SP, 24-6-5-3, \$89,283. O-Don Vance and Doug Lancaster. B-Millsap Stables Inc (AR). T-William N Martin. *\$2,200 yrl '04 TEXAUG.

3rd-FLX, \$22,600, NW2BX, (S), 3yo/up, f/m, 5 1/2f, 1:05 4/5, ft.
JACKIES DREAM (m, 5, Rizzi--Sweet Cali Cat, by Tabasco Cat) Lifetime Record: 28-6-4-9, \$92,434. O/T-Charlton Baker. B-Sez Who Thoroughbreds, Inc (NY). *\$2,500 yrl '03 OBSAUG; \$23,000 2yo 2004 OBSAPR.

7th-FLX, \$22,600, NW1BX, (S), 3yo/up, 1 1/16m, 1:48 2/5, ft.
SEEKING REDEMPTION (g, 6, Deputy Minister--Seeking Regina {GSW}, by Seeking the Gold) Lifetime Record: 27-4-5-4, \$82,310. O-Timothy Murphy and Dave Brown. B-Stonewall Farm (NY). T-Timothy P Murphy. *1/2 to Seeking the Sky (Storm Cat), GSW, \$143,589; Seeking it All (A.P. Indy), GISP, \$176,930; Seeking the Money (Capote), GSP, \$368,142.

☆ **TRACK OPENING** ☆

ELLIS PARK - Henderson, Ky
Opens: Wednesday, July 4
Closes: Monday, Sept. 3
Racing Days: Wednesday through Sunday
Post Time: 12:40 p.m.
Stakes Schedule: 10 stakes worth \$650,000.
Highlights: Claiming Crown-Aug. 4 ●
\$150,000 Gill Gardenia H.-Aug. 18.
Website: www.ellisparkracing.com

8th-FLX, \$22,600, NW2BX, (S), 3/up, 6f, 1:11 4/5, ft.
BEARMINT (g, 5, Open Forum--Flashy Dance, by Dancing Champ) Lifetime Record: 10-5-3-1, \$64,044. O-Oakwood Stable. B-John G Allen & Nancy Harris (NY). T-Daniel H Conway, Jr.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Ondale, g, 2, My Favorite Grub--Mystique Flight (SP, \$189,587) by D. C. Tenacious. PHA, 7-3, (C), 4 1/2f, :54 1/5. B-Andrea Gonzalez (PA).
We Love L. A., f, 2, Trail City--Mabel Kent, by Sharp Victor. PLN, 7-2, 5f, :58 1/5. B-Patricia Youngman (CA). *\$18,000 yrl '06 NCASEP.
Lenape Lou, f, 4, Judge T C--Mai Debeau, by Nepal. PHA, 7-3, 1m70yT, 1:41 4/5. B-Wind O'Hill Farm (PA).

BREEDERS' EDITION EUROPE

CONDITIONS RESULTS:

FRANCE, Deauville, 4.20, 7-3, €34,000, 3yo, 1 3/16m (AWT), 2:00.80, stn.
ILIE NASTASE (FR) (c, 3, Royal Applause {GB}--Flying Diva {GB}, by Chief Singer {Ire}) Lifetime Record: 8 starts, 3 wins, 5 places, €66,550. O-John Livock; B-Deln Ltd; T-Richard Gibson. *€47,000 yrl '05 DEAAUG. **1/2 to Black Amber (Ire) (College Chapel {GB}), GSW-Fr, GSP-Eng.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Four Miracles (GB), f, 3, Vettori (Ire)--North Kildare, by Northjet (Ire). Brighton, Britain, 7-3, Mdn, 3yo/up, 9f 209ydsT. B-A G Antoniadis. *3,000gns yrl '05 TATOCT.

★ **ON THE WORKTAB** ★

CALDER

Imawildandcrazyguy (Wild Event), 3f, :37.00, 8/14

CHURCHILL DOWNS

Eyes on Eddy (Touch Gold), 7fT, 1:32.60, 1/1
Ketchikan (Mr. Greeley), 4f, :48.80, 17/37
Tiz Wonderful (Tiznow), 6f, 1:18.80, 1/1

COLONIAL DOWNS

Alumni Hall (A.P. Indy), 5f, 1:00.80, 1/8

DELAWARE PARK

Hard Spun (Danzig), 3f, :38.80, 12/16

HOLLYWOOD PARK

Anamato (Aus) (Redoute's Choice {Aus}), 4f, :53.60, 36/37
Balance (Thunder Gulch), 4f, :47.60, 4/37
Ex Caelis (Fusaichi Pegasus), 5f, 1:00.20, 5/35

KEENELAND

Spellbinder (Tale of the Cat), 4f, :50.00, 31/52
Teufflesberg (Johannesburg), 4f, :48.60, 11/52

SARATOGA

Minister's Bid (Deputy Minister), 5f (tr), 1:01.28, 2/23