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A QUALITY WIN FOR JERKENS

Three years ago, trainer Jimmy Jerkens watched helplessly as Corinthian was demoted from an apparent victory in the Fountain of Youth. There were no such



Quality Road Photo by Z

issues this time around, as Edward Evans's **Quality Road** (Elusive Quality) rolled home a convincing winner of this year's event, the centerpiece of a big racing day sponsored by Fasig-Tipton. Cont. p2

Saturday, Gulfstream Park

FASIG-TIPTON FOUNTAIN OF YOUTH S.-GII,

\$250,000, GPX, 2-28, 3yo, 1m, 1:35, ft.

1--#**@QUALITY ROAD**, 114, c, 3, by [Elusive Quality](#)

1st Dam: Kobla, by Strawberry Road (Aus)

2nd Dam: Winglet, by Alydar

3rd Dam: Highest Trump, by Bold Bidder

O/B-Edward P Evans (VA); T-James A Jerkens;

J-John R Velazquez; \$150,000. Lifetime Record:

3-2-1-0, \$182,830. **Werk Nick Rating: C+ . Click for**

the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree.

2--**Theregoesjojo**, 116, c, 3, Brahms--Slewie Blues, by Seattle Slew. (\$42,000 yrl '07 FTKOCT).

O-Samotowka Stables LLC, Delfiner Partners, George

Krall & Magdalena Racing; B-Bob K Sliger (KY);

T-Kenneth G McPeck; \$50,000.

3--**Beethoven**, 122, c, 3, [Sky Mesa](#)--Moonlight Sonata, by Carson City. (\$235,000 wing '06 KEENOV;

\$300,000 yrl '07 KEESEP). O-John C Oxley;

B-Deerbrook Racing Inc (KY); T-John T Ward Jr;

\$25,000.

Margins: 4 1/4, 4, 1. Odds: 5.50, 4.80, 7.70.

Also Ran: Capt. Candyman Can, This Ones for Phil, Bee Cee Cee, Notonthesamepage, Jack Spratt, Taqarub, Break Water Edison.

Scratched: Rocketing Returns, Take the Points.

NEW HORIZONS FOR FASIG-TIPTON

Visitors to the backstretch of Calder Race Course this week couldn't help but notice the transformation that's taken place in advance of this year's Fasig-Tipton Two-Year-Old in Training Sale. Staging its first sale while under new ownership, Fasig-Tipton pulled out all the stops, complete with expanded hospitality services, social events and a number of audio/visual aids to assist buyers and sellers alike.

"Our goal was to really expand the sales experience, and we've added numerous layers around complementing the sales experience," said Fasig-Tipton Executive Vice President and COO Dan Pride.

"We have two host hotels with hospitality centers at each one. We

have hospitality services to help invited guests--the consignors, the buyers and the sellers. We also have the hospitality center at Calder, which essentially give clients a place to watch videos and, for the first time, we shot the video in high-definition, which we think is a big asset." Cont. p2



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The E musketeers

Three lightning-quick E Dubais have been cutting their opposition down to size early in 2009. Breeders' Cup Turf Sprint hero **Desert Code** is an impressive winner of the G3 Daytona Handicap, while three-year-olds **Mr. Fantasy** (next up, the G2 Gotham) and **What A Pear** (a dual wide-margin Stakes winner heading for the G1 Ashland) have yet to taste defeat.

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GRADE 2 FASIG-TIPTON FOUNTAIN OF YOUTH S.

Breeding Quality...

A little more than two years after Ajina clinched an Eclipse Award as the nation's leading sophomore filly in 1997, Edward Evans went to \$1.05 million for her full sister Kobla, carrying a foal by Mt. Livermore, at the Keeneland November sale. While the filly she was carrying in utero, named Mt. Kobla, became a two-time victress in 2003, the mare failed to produce another winner until Quality Road, a \$110,000 buyback as a yearling, splashed onto the scene with a highly rated, 2 3/4-length maiden tally at Aqueduct on the GII Remsen S. undercard Nov. 29. Shipped to South Florida in mid-December, the homebred colt missed the break in a seven-furlong allowance Jan. 10, then set a strong pace before succumbing to a late run from

Theregoesjojo (Brahms), going down by 2 3/4 lengths. Quality Road missed some training with a cough shortly thereafter, but those who believed in the quality of that heat would be richly rewarded in the Fountain of Youth.

Ridden for the first time by John Velazquez, Quality Road was alertly into stride and hounded **This Ones for Phil** (Untutttable), who got his opening quarter mile in a reported :23.85 and a half in :45.55. He took closer aim on the pacesetter on the turn, pressed by approaching the eighth pole and drew clear. Theregoesjojo was one of just two horses to make any sort of late impact, rallying from seventh while never a menace to the winner. **Beethoven** (Sky Mesa) came from last to finish third. "We've thought a lot of him from his first start," Jerkens said of the winner, who was not nominated to the Triple Crown at the first deadline. "We'll talk it over before making a decision on what's next. I'm a New York guy so the [GI] Wood [Memorial, Apr. 4 at Aqueduct] might be one option. On the other hand, he's trained great over the track down here (Palm Meadows) and weather isn't likely to interrupt his schedule, so the [GI] Florida Derby [Mar. 28] is naturally a possibility."

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Fasig-Tipton cont.

According to Pride, the changes at this year's sale are not strictly reserved to informational services.

"For the first time, the sale is preceded by a big day of racing at Gulfstream, and the big race, the GII Fountain of Youth S., is sponsored by Fasig-Tipton," he said, adding, "We are unveiling our new website at the same time, which has an a new enhanced video feature."

"We have a complete business center at Calder to give folks a chance to have private conference rooms, complete with video access and wireless access, and we have enhanced our repository here on site with a new system for viewing X-rays, which is a higher grade than we've had in the past."

And that's not all.

"We've added the cafe for food services for our clients," Pride remarked. "We also improved the food service at the breeze show to give more options and we will do the same thing on sale day [Tuesday]."

Leaving no stone unturned, Fasig-Tipton added several festivities surrounding the sale, including a paddock cocktail party following yesterday's races at Gulfstream, all in the spirit of giving clients a well-rounded experience.

During a time of economic uncertainty, Fasig-Tipton hopes to expand its client base, and ventured overseas to expand its fledgling trans-Atlantic client roster.

"We've actively recruited from Japan, and we have eight or nine groups coming from there, and we are obviously still actively recruiting here in the U.S.," explained Pride. "We're still catering to existing clients, but we are trying to introduce this sale to buyers who already participate in the Thoroughbred business, but maybe haven't been active here at this venue. That has been a big point of focus this year."

The Calder sale has always presented a boutique venue for juveniles in training, but Pride feels that, in addition to a great experience, it is most important to provide a climate for good business to all those involved.

"Miami is great international destination for a sale," said Pride. "Ultimately, our goal is to have a successful sale and to maximize the potential of the horses at this sale." F-T Calder coverage cont. p8

Dual Classic Winner at 3

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Saturday, Caulfield, Australia

ROCK EBONY FUTURITY S.-G1, A\$500,000, Caulfield, 2-28, 1mT, 3yo/up, 1:36.40, gd.

1--**NICONERO (AUS)**, 130, g, 7, by Danzero (Aus)

1st Dam: Nicola Lass (Aus) (GSP-Aus),
by Scenic (Ire)

2nd Dam: Dubai Lass (Aus), by Bletchingly (Aus)

3rd Dam: Frivolous Lass (NZ), by In the Purple (Fr)

O-P B Devitt, L C Gordon & D A Hayes;
B-Meadowvale Pastoral Co Pty Ltd, P B Devitt & L C
Gordon; T-David Hayes; J-Craig Williams;
A\$300,000. Lifetime Record: 52-12-5-5. * 1/2 to
Nicconi (Aus) (Bianconi), SW & GSP-Aus. **Werk Nick
Rating: A.** Click for the [eNicks report and 5-cross pedigree](#).

2--**Light Fantastic (Aus)**, 130, g, 4, [Danehill Dancer \(Ire\)](#)--

Leica or Not (Aus), by Kendor (Fr). O-Mr & Mrs R
Scarborough; B-Wood Nook Farm Pty Ltd; T-Mick
Price; A\$90,000.

3--**Alamosa (NZ)**, 130, c, 4, O'Reilly (NZ)--Lodore
Mystic (NZ), by Centaine (Aus). O-Wellfield Alamosa
Syndicate; B-G J Chittick; T-Mick Price; A\$45,000.

Margins: HF NK, HF NK, 3 1/4. Odds: 7-1, 11-4, 5-4.

Also Ran: Scenic Shot (Aus), Time Matters (Aus),
Rubijon (Aus), Annenkov (Ire).

Scratched: El Segundo (NZ).

Niconero, winner of the G1 Kingston Town S. in Perth Dec. 6, went unplaced in the G1 CF Orr S. Feb. 8 and was looking to get back on track here. After overtaking the pacesetter Annenkov (Danehill), Light Fantastic and the betting favorite Alamosa appeared to be set to decide the final outcome. Niconero announced his presence with 100 meters left, however, and the grizzled gelding made a late surge to collar those foes to take the first leg of the Asian Mile Challenge Series and earn his fourth Group 1 trophy. Trainer David Hayes said he was not tempted to go overseas with Niconero, who could possibly make his next start in the G1 Australian Cup at Flemington Mar. 7. "He's been a terrific galloper for us over many years, but one thing we've learned about him is that he doesn't travel alone very well at all," the conditioner said. The race was delayed more than 20 minutes as Light Fantastic's jockey Craig Newitt was told his father had been killed in an automobile accident earlier in the day.

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"We're a really close fraternity," said winning jockey Craig Williams. "We said Craig has to ride and he rode [Light Fantastic] perfectly. He didn't make any mistakes, but the best horse on the day won. Craig got the full support of the jockeys." Trainer Colin Little was forced to withdraw El Segundo (NZ) (Pins {Aus}), who was showing signs of joint soreness. Little said the injury wasn't serious, but El Segundo will be shut down for the autumn and be pointed towards the spring carnival instead.

Saturday, Turffontein, South Africa

L JAFFEE EMPRESS CLUB S.-G1, R1,000,000,

Turffontein, 2-28, 3yo/up, f/m, 1mT, 1:39.80, gd/sf.

1--**DANCER'S DAUGHTER (GB)**, 132, m, 5, by Act One (GB)

1st Dam: Reason to Dance (GB) (MGSP-Eng),
by Damister

2nd Dam: La Nureyeva, by Nureyev

3rd Dam: Flyingtrip, by Vaguely Noble (Ire)

(52,000gns yrl '05 TATOCT). O-G J & Mrs R D Beck;
B-Mrs D O Joly; T-Justin Snaith; J-Mark Khan;
R625,000. Lifetime Record: 18 starts, 11 wins,
6 places, R3,966,625. * 1/2 to Diktatorial (GB)
(Diktat {GB}), GSW-Eng. **Werk Nick Rating: B+.** Click
for the [eNicks report and 5-cross pedigree](#).

2--**Milk and Honey**, 131, f, 4, [Belong to Me](#)--Perfect

Valley (Brz), by Clackson (Brz). O-Haras de Gabba
Syndicate; B-Equine Group; T-Mike de Kock;
R200,000.

3--**Gypsy's Warning (SAf)**, 123, f, 3, Mogok--Gypsy
Queen (SAf), by Royal Chalice (SAf). O-Team Valor
International & R A Griffiths; B-Rathmor Stud;
T-Ormond Ferraris; R100,000.

Margins: 1, 4, 4. Odds: 1-3, 22-1, 7-2.

Also Ran: Outcome (SAf), Oracle News (SAf),
Glenrossal (SAf), Kiss for Kate (SAf), Blue Swift (Aus),
Mochachino (SAf), Angel Flight (SAf).

Fears of the higher altitude bringing Dancer's Daughter down to earth proved ill-founded as the grey reinstated her position as the country's top mare. Despite the wretched record of Cape Town trainees taking in their first visit to Johannesburg, connections sent her out early and she rewarded that foresight with a third win at the top level. Coming here off the back of a second to Pocket Power (SAf) in the Jan. 31 G1 J&B Met at Kenilworth, having dead-heated with that stellar performer in the 2008 equivalent, she made her move from rear to lead approaching the eighth pole and determinedly held Milk and Honey in the drive to the line.

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Saturday, Santa Anita

SHAM S.-GIII, \$200,000, SAX, 2-28, 3yo, 1 1/8m (AWT), 1:47 4/5, ft.

1--**THE PAMPLEMOUSSE**, 118, c, 3, by Kafwain

1st Dam: Comfort Zone, by Rubiano

2nd Dam: So Cozy, by Lyphard

3rd Dam: Special Warmth, by Lucky Mike

(\$80,000 yrl '07 FTKJUL; \$150,000 2yo '08 OBSMAR). O-Bienstock and Winner Stables, Solis II, Jeff Strauss, Tom Lenner & Skyline Stable; B-Clarkland Farm (KY); T-Julio C Canani; J-Alex O Solis; \$120,000. Lifetime Record: 5-3-0-1, \$209,280. [Click for the eNicks report and 5-cross pedigree](#). Werk Nick Rating: B+.

2--**Take the Points**, 118, c, 3, [Even the Score](#)--Ginger Ginger, by Fred Astaire. (\$160,000 yrl '07 FTKJUL). O-Starlight Partners; B-Phoenix Farm (KY); T-Todd A Pletcher; \$40,000.

3--**Mr. Hot Stuff**, 118, c, 3, [Tiznow](#)--Sweet Damsel, by Turkoman. (\$200,000 yrl '07 KEESEP). O/B-WinStar Farm LLC (KY); T-Eoin G Harty; \$24,000. Margins: 6, 1 3/4, HF. Odds: 0.50, 4.90, 8.40.

Also Ran: Bourbon Bay, Unbridled Roman, Smart Bid, Mark S the Cooler, Hi Flyin Indy, Tiz True, Balfour Park. Scratches: Lifeline, Ventana.

Stretched to a route of ground in his third career start at Hollywood Dec. 14, The Pamplemousse attended a fast pace and drew off to best subsequent stakes winner Mayor Marv (Distorted Humor) by 2 3/4 lengths. He made his graded-stakes bow in his latest and the victory came with similar ease, as the big colt led past every pole to hand Grade I winner Square Eddie (Smart Strike) a two-length beating in the GII San Rafael S. Jan. 17. Taken on early in this event, The Pamplemousse set a strong pace while a bit off the inside into the backstretch. Take the Points tried the eventual winner approaching the quarter pole, but The Pamplemousse lengthened away from his nearest competition to score handily. "I've never ridden anything like him," said winning jockey Alex Solis. "He has such a high cruising speed and he's getting more and more amazing." Next up is the GI Santa Anita Derby Apr. 4. [Click for the brisnet.com chart](#) or the [brisnet.com PPs](#). [Video, sponsored by Taylor Made.](#)

Saturday, Gulfstream Park

CANADIAN TURF S.-GIII, \$150,000, GPX, 2-28, 4yo/up, 1mT, 1:34 1/5, fm.

1--**@TWILIGHT METEOR**, 120, h, 5, by [Smart Strike](#)

1st Dam: One Over Prime, by With Approval

2nd Dam: Primarily, by Lord At War (Arg)

3rd Dam: Mostly, by *Grey Dawn II

(\$57,000 wlng '04 KEENOV; \$150,000 yrl '05 FTKJUL). O-Peachtree Stable; B-Kinghaven Farms Limited (ON); T-Todd A Pletcher; J-John R Velazquez; \$90,000. Lifetime Record: 17-4-4-3, \$575,291. [Click for the eNicks report and 5-cross pedigree](#). Werk Nick Rating: A.

2--**Buddy's Humor**, 120, h, 5, [Distorted Humor](#)--Hello Barbara Sue, by Dehere. (\$435,000 yrl '05 KEESEP). O-Eli Lomita; B-John C Oxley (KY); T-Bruce N Levine; \$30,000.

3--**Buffalo Man**, 122, h, 5, [El Prado \(Ire\)](#)--Perfect Six, by Saratoga Six. (\$190,000 2yo '06 ADNMAR). O-OI Memorial Stable & C E Glasscock; B-Adena Springs (ON); T-Cam M Gambolati; \$15,000.

Margins: 1, HD, 3/4. Odds: 6.20, 6.40, 17.30. Also Ran: Vanquisher, Passager (Fr), Rogue Victory, Just as Well, Bujagali, Sporting Art, Delightful Kiss, Hey Byrn.

After several heartbreaking defeats in graded-stakes company, Twilight Meteor finally had things fall his way. Runner-up in the GIII Kent S. and the GIII Hawthorne Derby by a nose and a head, respectively in 2007, the Ontario-bred made two starts last season, a seventh in the GII Muniz Memorial H. in March and a third in the GIII Fort Marcy H. Apr. 27. Sidelined thereafter, he took in a nine-furlong allowance at this venue Jan. 29 and was prominent before tiring a bit to be a close fourth. Allowed to stalk a moderate pace established by Buddy's Humor, Twilight Meteor engaged that one at the quarter pole, dueled to midstretch and edged clear. Winning trainer Todd Pletcher indicated in a post-race interview that Twilight Meteor could go next in the GI Maker's Mark Mile at Keeneland Apr. 10. [Click for the brisnet.com chart](#) or the [brisnet.com PPs](#). [Video, sponsored by Taylor Made.](#)

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Stakes Results cont.

Saturday, Hanshin, Japan

ARLINGTON CUP-G3, ¥76,730,000, Hanshin, 2-28, 3yo, 1600mT, 1:35.60, fm.

1--**@#DOUBLE WEDGE (JPN)**, 123, c, 3, by **Meiner Love**

1st Dam: **Fine Dimple (Jpn)**, by **Silver Hawk**

2nd Dam: **Fiendish**, by **Devil's Bag**

3rd Dam: **Connecting Link**, by **Linkage**

O-Tomiro Fukami; B-Mishima Bokujo;

T-Hidetaka Tadokoro; J-Futoshi Komaki;

¥40,511,000. Lifetime Record: 7-2-4-0. **Werk Nick**

Rating: A +. [Click for the eNicks report and 5-cross pedigree.](#)

2--**Meiner Elf (Jpn)**, 123, c, 3, Symboli Kris S--Gaily

Pixy, by Rahy. O-Thoroughbred Club Ruffian; B-Big Red Farm; ¥16,146,000

3--**Mikki Pumpkin (Jpn)**, 123, c, 3, Dance in the Dark

(Jpn)--Esyoueffcee (Ire), by Alzao. O-Mizuki Noda;

B-Oiwake Farm; ¥10,073,000.

Margins: 3/4, NK, HD. Odds: 9.70, 57.50, 5.40.

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GII Fasig-Tipton Fountain of Youth S. **Quality Road** (Elusive Quality) reverses form with **Theregoesjojo** (Brahms).

GIII Sham S. **The Pamplemousse** (Kafwain) turns in another devastating, front-running performance.

GIII Canadian Turf S. **Twilight Meteor** (Smart Strike) finally breaks through in graded-stakes company.

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☆ **PREVIEWS** ☆

Sunday, Gulfstream Park, post time: 5:14 p.m. EST

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

PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER	ODDS
1	Shared Account	Pleasantly Perfect	Motion	8-1
2	Stage Trick	Distorted Humor	Goldberg	8-1
3	Hopeful Image	Gulch	Procino	30-1
4	Frolic's Dream	Smoke Glacken	Tagg	2-1
5	Renda	Medaglia d'Oro	Arias	5-1
6	C. S. Silk	Medaglia d'Oro	Romans	6-1
7	Justwhistledixie	Dixie Union	McLaughlin	4-1
8	Casanova Move	Langfuhr	J Jerkens	10-1
9	Step Out Smartly	Came Home	Arnold	10-1

Frolic's Dream makes her first start this afternoon for Roy and Gretchen Jackson's Lael Stables and trainer Barclay Tagg. The morning-line chalk suffered her lone defeat to date when third behind the sidelined Gemswick Park in the blanket finish in the Jan. 4 GIII Old Hat S., but turned the tables on that rival with an authoritative 2 1/2-length victory in the GII Forward Gal S. Jan. 30. She'll have some company up front in the form of New York shipper **Justwhistledixie** and that could leave her vulnerable in the final furlong. Graham Motion brings in **Shared Account** off a pair of visually impressive victories at Laurel Park. The \$170,000 Keeneland September purchase owns a win at the one-turn mile configuration, and, although her figures don't match up with the best in here, she could prove tough from close range. **C. S. Silk** won last year's GIII Arlington-Washington Lassie, but was 13 lengths behind Frolic's Dream at the finish of the Forward Gal, her seasonal debut. The dark bay should improve off that tightener, but has just one published work in the month of February.



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Sunday, Santa Anita, post time: 3:36 p.m. PST

BALDWIN S.-GIII, \$100,000, 3yo, 6 1/2ft

PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER	ODDS
1	Beauteous Maximus	Western Fame	Barba	15-1
2	Preemo	Vindication	Sahadi	8-1
3	Brother Keith	Johar	Frankel	5-2
4	Dream of Kaylee	Cactus Ridge	Hess	4-1
5	Battle of Hastings (GB)	Royal Applause (GB)	Mullins	8-1
6	Dream Now	Medaglia d'Oro	Canani	9-2
7	Flashmans Papers (GB)	Exceed and Excel (Aus)	O'Neill	3-1
8	Luckiest Man	Grand Slam	Hofmans	12-1

☆ **NEWS TODAY** ☆

NZ DERBY POSTPONED 24 HOURS Saturday's G1 NZ\$2.2 million New Zealand Derby meeting at Ellerslie has been postponed 24 hours due to severe weather. "Although the track was safe to run on at 6:30 this morning, the constant rain and high winds would have resulted in a possible abandonment part-way through the meeting," said NZ Chief Steward Reid Sanders. "On the balance of probabilities we have taken the proactive decision to postpone racing for 24 hours to ensure everyone's safety is protected."



Triple Threats

Patena Works Towards Louisiana Derby...

IEAH Stables' **Patena** (Seeking the Gold), runner-up to Friesan Fire (A.P. Indy) in the GIII Lecomte S. at the Fair Grounds Jan. 10, breezed yesterday morning for his return to the Big Easy, going an easy six furlongs in 1:15.60 at Gulfstream Park. Trainer Rick Dutrow Jr. says the colt has been dealing with a variety of ailments since his arrival in South Florida last month. "When we got him here we wanted to go to work on some hind-end issues and try to help him put some weight on," the conditioner said Saturday morning. "He had been coughing for about 10 days. Today was the first day he scoped completely clean. We've been clearing different issues, and it seems to all be coming together." Exercise rider and jockey Mario Madrid was in the irons for the move and returned with positive feedback for Dutrow. "Mario told me that he pulled him to every pole this morning," said Dutrow. "He was very happy with him. We've got one more breeze to go here and then we will fly to New Orleans on the 12th. I'm under the impression we are right on target." Patena goes next in the GII Louisiana Derby Mar. 14.

Despite Slight Setback, 'Oak' on Course for La. Derby..

Giant Oak (Giant's Causeway), who found all sorts of trouble when fifth in the GIII Risen Star S. Feb. 7, missed a few days of training owing to a minor injury, but the Illinois-bred colt remains on track for the Mar. 14 GII Louisiana Derby, according to trainer Chris Block. "He had either an abscess or a puncture in his mouth," Block told *Daily Racing Form*. "Sunday, he was just not himself, not eating the way we want him to, and he carried a low-grade temperature. We thought he might be getting sick, but within 24 hours we started to see some drool in his mouth. On the lower branch of his gum, on the left side, there was a sliver, maybe something from his grain." Giant Oak worked five furlongs in an easy 1:02 Feb. 21 and was booked to breeze back yesterday, but Block was forced to call an audible. "We'll put in a very good breeze next Saturday, and if everything went good there, we'd still be right on target," Block told *DRF*. "You don't want to miss any days, but cautiously, I think we've got it under control."

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DATE	RACE	TRACK
Mar. 7	GIII Gotham S.	Aqueduct
Mar. 14	GII Louisiana Derby	Fair Grounds
	GII Rebel S.	Oaklawn
	GII San Felipe S.	Santa Anita
	GIII Tampa Bay Derby	Tampa Bay
Mar. 21	GII Lane's End S.	Turfway
	Rushaway S.	Turfway
	Private Terms S.	Laurel
Mar. 28	GI Florida Derby	Gulfstream
Mar. 29	Sunland Derby	Sunland
Apr. 4	GI Santa Anita Derby	Santa Anita
	GI Wood Memorial S.	Aqueduct
	GII Illinois Derby	Hawthorne
Apr. 11	GI Toyota Blue Grass S.	Keeneland
	GII Arkansas Derby	Oaklawn
Apr. 18	GII Coolmore Lexington S.	Keeneland
Apr. 25	GIII Withers S.	Aqueduct
May 2	GI KENTUCKY DERBY	Churchill

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Fasig-Tipton Calder cont.

Consignors, Horses Happy After Breeze Show...

The general consensus among consignors is that horses came out of Friday's under-tack show in fine fettle and the stage is now set for Tuesday's Fasig-Tipton Selected Two-Year-Olds in Training sale at Calder Race Course near Miami. Friday's show was the first since Fasig-Tipton instituted a single-breeze format. A total of five horses shared the bullet for an eighth in :10 1/5, while [hip 63](#), a colt by Trippi--Xtra Emblem earned the bullet for a quarter-mile work after going :21 2/5 ([video](#)). [Hip 205](#), a colt by Fusaichi Pegasus--Lindsay Frolic, got the bullet for three-eighths with a :34 3/5 breeze ([video](#)).

The times were perhaps a tick or two off from recent breeze shows at Calder, which consignors attributed to a relatively deep, sandy surface and a significant headwind at times.

"This track loves water, and it gets a lot of rain in the summer, but in the winter it's dryer and it gets a little bit cuppy," said consignor Niall Brennan. "It's not much of a surprise at Calder. The most important thing is that the track was safe and fair and, personally, I felt it was very consistent all day. Having said that, some horses did struggle a bit over the surface. I had a pair of colts who I worked a quarter rather than an eighth, because I felt they would show themselves better if they got into their natural rhythm going a quarter rather than trying to bust out a quick eighth. They both worked in :22 flat, but both looked excellent and galloped out well. Times are really irrelevant. Look at OBS--the times there were ridiculously fast. But it's always about how they do it. At the end of the day, horsemanship rules."

Consignor Becky Thomas of Sequel Bloodstock had nothing but praise for Fasig-Tipton officials regarding the conditions for the breeze show.

"You know, I wasn't going to bring a consignment down here this year, because the last time I did I came out of the show with some serious issues," she said. "But [Fasig-Tipton executive vice-president and COO] Dan Pride and [chairman] Walt Robertson called me and promised that they weren't going to make the track like a highway, and that they're were going to bring people in and have buyers for us. It took some convincing for me, but I tell you, they did everything they said they were going to do and more. The five [renovation] breaks I loved--I couldn't be happier. It was a fair, even surface all day. The wind didn't help--there was a bad headwind--but it was as safe a surface as I've ever seen down here."

Two of the five :10 1/5 workers hailed from Thomas's Sequel consignment: there were [hip 230](#), a Rahy--Mstoyou filly ([video](#)); and [hip 210](#), a More Than Ready--Love Sick colt ([video](#)).

The other three to share the bullet for an eighth were [hip 66](#), a Dixie Union--Above Perfection filly ([video](#)); [hip 125](#), a Sky Mesa--Dancewiththebride colt ([video](#)); and [hip 137](#), a Speightstown--England's Rose filly ([video](#)).

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Date	Race	Track
Mar. 1	GII Davona Dale S.	GP
	GIII Baldwin S.	SA
Mar. 7	GI Santa Anita H.	SA
	GI Frank E. Kilroe Mile H.	SA
	GI Santa Anita Oaks	SA
	GIII Gotham S.	AQU
	GIII Toboggan H.	AQU
	GIII Honey Fox H.	GP
	GIII Razorback H.	OP
Mar. 8	GIII Azeri S.	OP
Mar. 14	GI Santa Margarita Invitational	SA
	GII San Felipe S.	SA
	GII Gulfstream Park H.	GP
	GII Louisiana Derby	FG
	GII Fair Grounds Oaks	FG
	GII Muniz Memorial H.	FG
	GII New Orleans H.	FG
	GII Rebel S.	OP
	GIII Cicada S.	AQU
	GIII Florida Oaks	TAM
	GIII Hillsborough S.	TAM
GIII Tampa Bay Derby	TAM	
GIII Palm Beach S.	GP	

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3 Grade II Winners

6 Grade III Winners

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THORN SONG (\$160,000 KeeSep yrlg)
Shadwell Turf Mile (GI), \$600,000, KEE
Firecracker H. (GII), \$200,000, CD

MANI BHAVAN (\$30,000 KeeSep yrlg)
Spinaway S. (GI) \$250,000, SAR
Adirondack S. (GII), \$150,000, SAR

LARAGH (Homebred & Sold by Mike Ryan)
Hollywood Starlet S. (GI) \$438,500, HOL
Jessamine S., \$150,000, KEE

STRIKE A DEAL (\$350,000 KeeSep yrlg)
Red Smith H. (GII) \$150,000, AQU

ROSHANI (\$190,000 KeeSep yrlg)
Las Palmas H. (GII) \$250,000, SA
Gallorette H. (GIII), \$100,000, PIM

CHARITABLE MAN (\$200,000 KeeSep yrlg)
Futurity S. (GII) \$250,000, BEL

NOTIONAL (G2SW) (\$77,000 KeeSep yrlg)
Salvator Mile H. (GIII), \$300,000, MTH

DENIS OF CORK (\$250,000 Barretts 2yo)
Southwest S. (GIII) \$250,000, OP
2nd, Belmont S. (GI), \$1,000,000, BEL
3rd, Kentucky Derby (GI), \$2,000,000, CD

NOONMARK (\$275,000 FT July yrlg)
Mr. Prospector H. (GIII) \$100,000, GP

SOCIAL QUEEN (\$275,000 KeeSep yrlg)
Eatontown H. (GIII), \$150,000, MTH
Politely S., \$70,000, MTH

CAROLYN'S CAT (\$650,000 FT Sar yrlg)
Cicada S. (GIII) \$100,000, AQU
T Storm Stakes, \$65,950, AQU

SARA LOUISE (\$180,000 FT July yrlg)
Pocahontas S. (GIII) \$100,000, CD

DESERT CODE (G3SW) (\$150,000 KeeSep yrlg)
Breeders' Cup Turf Sprint, \$1,000,000, SA
Joe Hernandez S., \$75,000, SA

FORT DRUM (\$135,000 FT July yrlg)
NY Times Square Stallion S., \$100,000, AQU

BARRIER REEF (\$90,000 KeeSep yrlg)
Whirlaway S., \$100,000, AQU

PAMONA BALL (\$120,000 KeeSep yrlg)
Sharp Cat S., \$100,000, HOL

INDEPENDENT GEORGE (\$65,000 KeeSep yrlg)
Sussex S., \$75,000, DEL

NATIONAL PRIDE (\$75,000 FT July yrlg)
Pass the Tab S., \$75,000, AQU

KILDERRY (\$50,000 KeeSep yrlg)
Oceanside S., \$75,000, DMR

MISS CHALLENGE (\$150,000 KeeSep yrlg)
Statuette S., \$75,000, BEL

STORM TREASURE (\$170,000 KeeSep yrlg)
Allen LaCombe Memorial H., \$60,000, FG

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Honey Bee S., \$60,000, MED

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Eillo S., \$50,000, CRC

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Yesterday's Results:

3rd-GPX, \$48,000, Alw, Opt. Clm. (\$100,000), C, 4yo/up, 1 1/16mT, 1:41, fm.

1--**GHOST HOUR, 122, h, 5, [Awesome Again](#)--Dark Hours (MSW, \$408,416), by Dynaformer.** O-Stronach Stables; B-Adena Springs (FL); T-Brian A Lynch. Lifetime Record: 14-5-2-0, \$199,630. *1/2 to Hour of Justice (Lit de Justice), GSW, \$484,608; and Sensational Score (Wild Rush), SW, \$275,734.

2--**Cherokee Triangle, 122, c, 4, Cherokee Run--Brief Bliss, by Navarone.** (\$35,000 2yo '07 FTMMAY).

3--**Musketier (Ger), 122, h, 7, Acatanango (Ger)--Myth and Reality (GB), by Linamix (Fr).**

Margins: NK, HF, NK. Odds: 5.50, 8.60, 6.50.

Ghost Hour, a winner over this course last January, went two-for-five at Woodbine before concluding 2008 with a fifth in the GIII Durham Cup on the Polytrack Oct. 11. The dark bay alternated with Cherokee Triangle from the start, but dug in when the tempo quickened and stayed on stubbornly all the way to the line. [Video, sponsored by Taylor Made.](#)

 **TODAY'S
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1:15p HRTV 1st-GPX, \$40K, Msw, 3yo, f, 6f
Summer Wind Farm homebred **KIDDARI ([Smarty Jones](#))** has been drawn widest of eight in her debut. Trained by Bill Mott, the dark bay is a half-sister to GSWs Forest Camp (Deputy Minister) and Spanish Empire (Pleasant Colony). The daughter of MSW La Paz (Hold Your Peace) worked a bullet three furlongs at Payson in :37 Feb. 19. [brisnet.com pps](#)



4:12p HRTV 7th-GPX, \$42K, Alw, 3yo, f, 5 1/2f
Phipps homebred **CONSEQUENCE ([El Prado {Ire}](#))**, a daughter of MGISW Educated Risk (Mr. Prospector), makes her sophomore debut. The chestnut made all three of her previous starts on the spinach, including a close fourth in the GIII Miss Grillo S. Oct. 1 and a sixth-place finish in the Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies Turf last time Oct. 24. **French Dip ([Speightstown](#))**, the first foal out of GISW Mayo On the Side (French Deputy), takes on winners after debuting with a 2 3/4-length win going five furlongs over this course Feb. 7. [brisnet.com pps](#)

7th-GPX, \$39,000, Alw, Opt. Clm. (\$62,500), NW2\$X, 3yo/up, 7f, 1:23, ft.

PICTURAL (h, 5, [El Prado {Ire}](#)--Dance With Grace {SW}, by Mr. Prospector) was acquired by IEAH Stables following a stylish win on the Del Mar Polytrack for trainer Gary Mandella Aug. 24. The half-brother to Indy Dancer (A.P. Indy), GISP, \$164,580, made an inauspicious debut in the white, blue and red colors, finishing 10th in the GIII Phoenix S. at Keeneland Oct. 4, and ran sixth in the mud at Aqueduct Nov. 15. Given some time to regroup, the grey finished second to Mr. Sidney (Storm Cat) in a one-mile allowance on the Gulfstream turf Jan. 24. Sent off as the 2-1 second choice here, Pictural broke on top, but settled in fourth on the inside through a :22.36 first quarter. He angled to the outside turning for home, set his sights on favored Da' Tara (Tiznow) and Motovato (Proud Citizen) in the lane and rolled by that embattled duo to score by 2 3/4 lengths under a hand ride from Edgar Prado. Da' Tara won the place photo by a head. The winner was a €52,000 DEADEC juvenile. [Video, sponsored by Taylor Made.](#) Lifetime Record: 12-4-1-2, \$114,644. O-IEAH Stables. B-Wertheimer & Frere (KY). T-Richard E Dutrow Jr.

1st-GPX, \$35,000, Msw, 3yo, 6f, 1:10 2/5, ft.
SNAPSHOT (c, 3, [Awesome Again](#)--Cajun Flash, by Bertrando) was off the board as the favorite in two starts on synthetics for Cliff Sise Jr. in California, finishing sixth at Del Mar Aug. 2 and fifth at Santa Anita Jan. 3. The homebred had recorded three bullet works since arriving at Bill Mott's Payson barn since that effort and went postward at 6-1. Breaking alertly under Alan Garcia, the dark bay went straight to the front and was alone through a :21.61 opening quarter. He turned the corner with plenty in the tank and strode home a 2 3/4-length winner. The 64-1 longshot Juliano (Mud Route) came up the inside to nip 3-5 All the Bases (Grand Slam) to provide a \$626.60 exacta. Guam Typhoon (Distorted Humor) got off to a slow start before finishing fifth. Valid Name (Whywhywhy) broke down and fell on the turn, while Original Ink (Speightstown) was forced to jump his stricken rival and was pulled up. [Click for the brisnet.com chart. Video, sponsored by Taylor Made.](#) Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-0, \$22,300. O/B-Pam & Martin Wygod (KY). T-William I Mott.



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Gulfstream report cont.

6th-GPX, \$39,000, Alw, NW2\$X, 4yo/up, 1 1/16mT, 1:41 3/5, fm.

ARTIC CRY (g, 4, [Rahy](#)--Sailing Minstrel {SP}, by The Minstrel) won one of four starts last season for trainer Francois Rohaut. He didn't do much running in his Stateside bow, finishing 11th in a sprint on the Gulfstream dirt Jan. 15, but got the job done for a \$35,000 tag over this course Feb. 15. Sent off at 6-1, the bay was in the thick of things from the start, put his head in front approaching the eighth pole and prevailed by a neck over Broad River (Broad Brush) in a blanket finish. Arctic Cry, a 3/4-brother to Efficient Frontier (Mt. Livermore), SW & GSP, \$186,347; and half to Navesink (Irish River {Fr}), MGSW, \$475,518, was a \$95,000 KEENOV weanling before heading to Europe. He sold for €180,000 as a yearling at GOFORB yearling and for €75,000 as a horse in training at ARQARC last fall. Lifetime Record: 12-4-1-0, \$81,501. O/T-Eddie Kenneally. B-Robert N Clay, Roy Reiman & Bobbi Reiman (KY).

10th-GPX, \$35,000, Msw, 3yo, 1mT, 1:34 1/5, fm.

+ **AFFIRMATIF** (c, 3, [Unbridled's Song](#)--Wichitoz, by Affirmed) showed a pair of promising turf works at Palm Meadows and went postward as the 9-2 second choice in this 12-horse affair.



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Breaking alertly for Chris DeCarlo, the Triple Crown nominee went up to dispute the pace with Cardiologist (Lion Heart) through splits

of :23.39 and :47.81. He put that rival away approaching the quarter pole, took the far turn like a pro and opened up impressively in front of the stands to post a nine-length triumph. The final time was .04 of a second faster than that recorded by stablemate Twilight Meteor (Smart Strike) in the GIII Canadian Turf H. two races earlier on the card. A half-brother to Chitoz (Forest Wildcat), SW & GSP, \$154,928, the bay colt is out of Wichitoz, who was acquired by the Wertheimers for \$650,000 in foal to Cozzene at KEENOV in 2002. The chestnut mare, a half to champion sprinter Rubiano (Fappiano) and Tap Your Heels (Unbridled)--the dam of leading young sire Tapit (Pulpit)--has a two-year-old Awesome Again filly named Classic Affair and a yearling filly by Forest Wildcat. She aborted when bred to Unbridled's Song last spring. [Click for the brisnet.com chart. Video, sponsored by Taylor Made.](#) Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$21,000.

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Classic Crop 2009 Affirmatif (Unbridled's Song)

It's always nice to have options, and Todd Pletcher certainly does not suffer from a lack of them when it comes to Affirmatif.

His dam Wichitoz, whose sire Affirmed needs no further introduction, captured a pair of main track races during January of her three-year-old season. Meanwhile, the colt's four-year-old half-brother Chitoz (Forest Wildcat) is a winner on dirt, took last year's Anderson Fowler S. on turf and was third in the GIII Kentucky Cup Juvenile over Polytrack.

"He's a horse who has trained pretty well on the dirt, but we've got his older brother Chitoz for the Wertheimers and we saw him improve quite a bit on the grass," trainer Todd Pletcher said. "So we decided to work [Affirmatif] on the turf to get a line on him, and we were pretty impressed with what he did. He's a very big colt, so we felt like he'd be better-suited going long, but it's so much easier to run a horse long on the grass first out than to run on the dirt."

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Classic Crop 2009 - Affirmatif cont.

Affmatif's dam is a half-sister to Rubiano (Fappiano), winner of three Grade I events at a mile or less: the 1991 NYRA [now Cigar] Mile and the 1992 Carter H. and Vosburgh S. The earner of nearly \$1.3 million concluded his career with a third in the 1992 GI Breeders' Cup Sprint. Wichitoz is also a half to the stakes winner Tap Your Heels (Unbridled), who is the dam of Tapit (Pulpit), hero of the 2004 GI Wood Memorial and last year's leading juvenile and freshman sire by earnings.

With good workouts on dirt and turf and a diverse family tree, Pletcher is unsure what the future holds for Affirmatif.

"Obviously, we nominated him for the Triple Crown because we thought he was a quality horse and would run a route of ground," Pletcher said. "But we'll see how he comes out of it and keep all of our options open. We would love him to be a dirt horse down the road, but we're just going to play it by ear. The horse should handle synthetic surfaces as well."

Even an immediate jump into stakes company is possible.

"[Gulfstream has] a consistent program of allowance races, more or less every week or two, so that could be a possibility. By the same token, we may not waste a lot of time and it's possible he may show up in a stake pretty soon." -J.F.

2nd-GPX, \$35,000, Msw, 4yo/up, 1m, 1:38 1/5, ft. U S TREASURY (g, 4, [Seeking the Gold](#)--Salty Gal, by Cox's Ridge) made two starts for Bill Mott last winter, but was sidelined following a fourth over this track last February. A bang-up second in his first try for Marty Wolfson Jan. 9, the homebred faded to fifth over track and trip Feb. 6, and blinkers were added this time. The 6-5 choice sat just off the leaders, came four wide on the turn and got up late to prevail by a length over Seven Halo's (Halo's Image), who was disqualified to third after bumping Bet the Limit (Storm Cat). The winner is a half-brother to Mongoose (Broad Brush), GISW, \$694,531; and Hesanoldsalt (Broad Brush), GSW & GISP, \$514,938. [Video, sponsored by Taylor Made](#). Lifetime Record: 5-1-2-0, \$34,350. O-Live Oak Plantation. B-Live Oak Stud (KY). T-Martin D Wolfson.

Cool Coal Man, Dream Empress Breeze at PmM:

Robert LaPenta's **Cool Coal Man** (Mineshaft), winner of the GII Fountain of Youth S.

last winter at Gulfstream Park, tuned up for the GII Gulfstream Park H. Mar. 14, breezing an easy half-mile in :49 on a busy morning at the Palm Meadows Training Center. The bay colt, third to Big Brown (Boundary) in last year's GI Haskell Invitational S., most recently ran his Hallandale record to a perfect three-for-three, taking a



Cool Coal Man in 2008
Adam Coglianesi photo

6 1/2-furlong allowance by 2 1/4 lengths Jan. 28 and earning a lofty 107 Beyer Speed Figure. Also on the Palm Meadows tab was **Dream Empress** (Bernstein), victorious in last year's GI Darley Alcibiades S. over the Keeneland Polytrack. Trained by Ken McPeck for Livin the Dream Racing Stable, the GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies runner-up was timed in 1:00.85 for her five-furlong breeze. Last seen finishing a disappointing fourth to Rachel Alexandra in the GII Golden Rod S. at Churchill Downs Nov. 29, Dream Empress is set to make her seasonal debut in the GIII Herecomesthebride S. on the turf course Mar. 15. In another important morning trial, GI Donn H. hero **Albertus Maximus** (Albert the Great) went six furlongs in 1:12.90 for his upcoming start in the G1 Dubai World Cup at Nad al Sheba Mar. 28.

Castellano Injured:

In his very first ride since returning from an injury, jockey Javier Castellano fell from Valid Name in Saturday's first race at Gulfstream Park and was taken to Memorial Regional Hospital complaining of a sore back and right leg. He took off his remaining mounts yesterday, but was scheduled to honor his commitments this afternoon. Castellano was making his return after falling from Presto Change O Jan. 31.



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Yesterday's Results:

STYMIE H., \$71,305, AQU, 2-28, 3yo/up, 1 1/8m, 1:50 2/5, ft.

1--**BARRIER REEF, 119, c, 4, Mizzen Mast--Partyship, by Premiership.** (\$90,000 yrl '06 KEESEP; \$350,000 2yo '07 BESMAR). O-Darley Stable; B-Matthew R Herbener (KY); T-Thomas Albertrani; J-Ramon A Dominguez; \$42,783. Lifetime Record: 11-5-0-2, \$226,870. *1/2 to Artic Party (Eskimo), SP, \$323,397.

2--**Real Merchant (Chi)**, 121, h, 5, Merchant of Venice--Really Seeking, by Seeking the Gold. O-Pablo Gomez. \$14,261.

3--**True Resurgence**, 119, g, 5, Yes It's True--Our Resurgence, by Polish Pro. (\$85,000 wlng '04 OBSOCT; \$160,000 yrl '05 OBSAUG; \$84,000 2yo '06 FTMMAY). O-Vernon & Donna Dubinsky. \$7,131. Margins: 3 1/4, HF, 2 1/4. Odds: 2.20, 40.25, 7.20.

🌟 **"TDN Rising Star"** 🌟 Barrier Reef continued his love affair with the inner, posting his second straight stakes score. Winner of last term's Whirlaway S. over



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this strip, the gray began the year with a win in a \$50,000 optional claimer at the Big A Jan. 2 before adding the Evening Attire H. Jan. 17. Content to trail the field of eight through a half mile in

:47.72, Barrier Reef began to launch his rally while riding the rails entering the far turn. Briefly steadied in traffic by Ramon Dominguez, the lukewarm favorite was guided to the outside and went on to win for fun. "It was a bad choice to stay toward the inside," Dominguez admitted. "I got to the three-eighths pole behind Barcola (Old Trieste), and he was moving up so fast, he clipped heels and everything, bobbled some. I was very impressed with the fact that after he clipped heels, he came back running. If he is that good on the inner track, he has to be good on the outer track, too. Or any other track." According to trainer Tom Albertrani, the GIII Excelsior S. Apr. 4 will be next.

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6th-AQU, \$43,000, Msw, 3yo/up, 6f, 1:12, ft. **NO QUESTIONS** (g, 4, [Whywhywhy](#)--Forest Blaze, by Green Forest) finished fourth in a sprint on Keeneland's Polytrack in his final start for Tom Proctor Oct. 12. Transferred to New York, the chestnut ran second for a \$20,000 tag in a local contest Dec. 11 and mirrored that effort in open company last out Jan. 22. The 5-1 shot cabooseed the field early here, but came flying up the center of the track in the lane and opened up by six lengths. A \$32,000 OBSOCT weanling and \$140,000 FTKJUL yearling, No Questions is a half-brother to Fit to Survive (Personal Hope), MSW-Tur. [Video, sponsored by Taylor Made.](#) Lifetime Record: 9-1-2-1, \$41,705.

O-Robert Kaufman & James H Iselin. B-Spenthrift Farm LLC (KY). T-James H Iselin.

★ EAST ★

Yesterday's Results:

MIRACLE WOOD S., \$50,000, LRL, 2-28, 3yo, 7f, 1:24 2/5, ft.

1--**#ROCK ON JUSTIN, 116, g, 3, Rock Slide--Hyatt Road, by Allen's Prospect.** O/B-Non Stop Stable (MD); T-Gary Capuano; J-Tony Maragh; \$30,000. Lifetime Record: 7-4-0-0, \$82,780.

2--**Shipwreckstreasure**, 116, g, 3, Service Stripe--Royal Mast, by Roy. O-Ocean View Stables. \$10,000.

3--**Adduce**, 116, c, 3, Service Stripe--That's a Plenty, by Dixieland Band. O-Ocean View Stables. \$5,500. Margins: 2 3/4, 3/4, 2. Odds: 3.10, 5.40, 5.40.

A 6 3/4-length graduate at Laurel Nov. 14, Rock On Justin rebounded from a fifth-place finish Dec. 10 to score by nine lengths at the Maryland oval Dec. 27. The bay went on to score by 4 1/4 lengths as the 1-10 chalk at Charles Town Feb. 1 and was the third choice this time. After a tardy start, the Maryland-bred attended the pace from the inside before shifting out on the turn. He shook free of Shipwreckstreasure late and went on to earn his first stakes success. "He's always shown a lot of talent," said winning trainer Gary Capuano. "We thought a lot of him early. I rushed him into the Maryland Million [ninth, Oct. 4 at Laurel] and should not have run him. Since then he has done nothing wrong. The only time he lost he had an excuse. He showed a lot today. He broke bad, rushed up and he looked like he was dropping back on the turn, but, when Tony eased him out, he took off and finished off nice. To overcome that was impressive." [Video, sponsored by Taylor Made.](#)

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East report cont.

9th-TAM, \$17,700, Alw, Opt. Clm. (\$25,000), NW1X, 4yo/up, 1m40y, 1:40 3/5, ft.

BRADY BABY (c, 4, [Gone West](#)--Indian Snow, by A.P. Indy), who RNA'd for \$190,000 as a KEESEP yearling, was a 13 3/4-length wire-to-wire debut winner going two turns at Calder Dec. 27, then tired to finish third behind Discreet Treasure (El Prado {Ire}) in a Gulfstream allowance Jan. 25. Sent to the lead here, the 4-5 chalk broke on top and ran off with a 7 1/2-length victory. Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-1, \$25,270. O-Dell Ridge Farm. B-Frank Justice (KY). T-Michelle Nihei.

★ CENTRAL ★

Yesterday's Results:

JOHN BATTAGLIA MEMORIAL S., \$100,000, TPX, 2-28, 3yo, 1 1/16m (AWT), 1:47 2/5, ft.

1--**PROCEED BEE**, 121, g, 3, by [Bernstein](#)

1st Dam: **Procession**, by **Private Terms**

2nd Dam: **Duty Dance**, by **Nijinsky II**

3rd Dam: **Discipline**, by ***Princequillo**

(\$40,000 yrl '07 KEESEP). O-William Stiritz; B-Hunter Valley Farm, H & W Thoroughbreds & Mary Wade (KY); T-Terry Gestes; J-Rodney A Prescott; \$60,760. Lifetime Record: 6-4-0-1, \$137,594.

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Werk Nick Rating: **A +**.

2--**Parade Clown**, 121, c, 3, [Distorted Humor](#)--Twilight Parade, by El Prado (Ire). O-Donamire Farm. \$19,600.

3--**Toccet Rocket**, 115, c, 3, [Toccet](#)--Tiy Buster, by Housebuster. (\$17,000 yrl '07 KEESEP). O-John & Lois Auer. \$9,800.

Margins: 1 1/4, 3HF, NK. Odds: 4.20, 0.60, 31.40.

Proceed Bee won two of his first three starts while racing in Illinois last term before annexing Churchill's grassy Grand Canyon H.

Nov. 29. Last seen finishing a well-beaten fifth in the Smarty Jones S. at Oaklawn Jan. 19, he lined up as the third choice here. Always within striking distance, the bay gelding rallied five wide on the turn for home and got the



Pat Lang photo

best of the chalk in the stretch. "Rodney [Prescott] did a great job riding him," said winning trainer Terry Gestes. "He was a little green around the second turn and wanted to shy away from horses, so Rodney had to stay after him, tap him on the shoulder." Gestes indicated that Proceed Bee could go next in the Rushaway S. at Turfway Mar. 21. [Video, sponsored by Taylor Made.](#)

TODAY'S VIDEO HIGHLIGHTS

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1st-GP (Msw) Snapshot (Awesome Again) wires the field in his first start for Bill Mott.

10th-GP (Msw) Affirmatif (Unbridled's Song) runs off and hides from his rivals.

2nd-SA (Msw) Turk (Vindication) breaks through after several close calls.

3rd-SA (Alw) Tuscan Evening (Ire) (Oasis Dream {GB}) stays perfect in two U.S. starts.

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6th-FGX, \$46,000, Alw, Opt. Clm. (\$40,000), NW2X, 4yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:09 3/5, ft.

DUBAI MAJESTY (f, 4, Essence of Dubai--Great Majesty, by Great Above) hit the board in a trio of graded events last year, finishing second in the Gill Azalea S. at Calder in July and third in both the Gill Indian Oaks at Hoosier Downs Oct. 3 and Gill Raven Run S. at Keeneland 15 days later. She began 2009 with a second to High Resolve (Put It Back) in the Sunshine Millions F/M Sprint at Gulfstream Jan. 24, an effort that saw her hammered down to 1-5 here. Under a good hold from Jamie Theriot early, the half-sister to Majestic Dinner (Formal Dinner), MSW, \$497,374, moved up to take command in midstretch and went on to post a popular three-length success. Lifetime Record: MGSP, 17-6-3-3, \$290,639.

O-Martin Racing Stable LLC & Dan Morgan. B-Harold J Plumley (FL). T-W Bret Calhoun.

8th-FGX, \$44,000, Alw, NW1X, 3yo, f, 6f, 1:10 1/5, ft.

SIMPLIFY (f, 3, Pulpit--Classic Olympio {MSW & MGSP, \$336,578}, by Olympio) was sent up to the big leagues following a debut Churchill maiden win in May, finishing a close third in the Gill Debutante S. beneath the Twin Spires June 28 and a well-beaten fifth in Saratoga's Gill Adirondack S. last time Aug. 13. Settled in fifth through a half mile in :46.08, the 2-1 chance rallied to get past 6-5 favorite Maryville (Petionville) by 3/4 of a length. The winner, who RNA'd for \$120,000 as a KEESEP yearling, is a half to Classify (Unbridled's Song), MSW, \$210,850. Lifetime Record: GSP, 4-2-0-1, \$71,950. [Video, sponsored by Taylor Made.](#) O-Ron Winchell. B-Winchell Thoroughbreds LLC (KY). T-Steven M Asmussen.

4th-FGX, \$42,000, Msw, 3yo, a5 1/2fT, 1:04 4/5, fm.

DON'T SHOOT (c, 3, City Zip--Dove Cry, by Dove Hunt), a half-brother to Sleeping Indian (Lemon Drop Kid), SW, \$117,040, debuted with a distant third to the highly regarded Nuclear Wayne (Mineshaft) in an off-the-turf affair Nov. 30 at Fair Grounds. The chestnut stretched out for his latest Feb. 5, but tired late to be fourth, and was making the move to the infield this time. Favored at 9-5, the blaze-faced colt settled into a sweet spot just off the leaders. He made his move turning for home and looked to be home free, but drifted in and then swerved out before getting to the wire 1 1/2 lengths in front of Evacuation Route (Omega Code). Don't Shoot was a \$120,000 KEESEP yearling and a \$250,000 OBSFEB juvenile. [Video, sponsored by Taylor Made.](#) Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-1, \$32,340. O/B-W S Farish (KY). T-Neil J Howard.

★ SO. CALIFORNIA ★

Yesterday's Results:

CRYSTAL WATER H., \$100,000, SAX, 2-28, (S), 4yo/up, 1mT, 1:34 1/5, fm.

1--**#MEDZENDEEKRON, 118, g, 6, Unusual Heat--Fleet Sparrow, by Cozzene.** O/B-Abrams/ Nakkashian/ Roberts (CA); T-Barry Abrams; J-Garrett K Gomez; \$60,000. Lifetime Record: GSP, 20-5-3-3, \$336,758.

2--**Liberian Freighter, 117, g, 4, Bertrando--Anachristina, by Slewpy.** O-Shawn L Dugan, Edward King & Charles Winner. \$20,000.

3--**Swift Winds, 117, g, 6, King of the Hunt--Chatter Box, by Time for a Change.** O-Jack Dempsey Burk. \$12,000.

Margins: HD, 1, 1 1/4. Odds: 3.50, 3.40, 7.20.

Medzendekron, third in the Gill Commonwealth S. at Keeneland last April, finished sixth in the Sunshine Millions Classic Jan. 24 at Gulfstream. The Cal-bred returned home to finish a narrow second in an off-the-turf optional claimer at Santa Anita Feb. 8, and had his picture taken after a local seven-furlong allowance over the main track on Valentine's Day. Back on grass here, the dark bay secured a spot in sixth, took to the outside to deliver his challenge and just got up in the shadow of the wire. "He settled real good with me going into the first turn and from there we had a very good trip," reported winning rider Garrett Gomez. "I reached back and backhanded him one time and he accelerated well and he ran down some decent horses today." [Video, sponsored by Taylor Made.](#)

3rd-SAX, \$50,528, Alw, NW1X, 4yo/up, f/m, a6 1/2fT, 1:11 4/5, fm.

TUSCAN EVENING (IRE) (f, 4, Oasis Dream {GB}--The Faraway Tree {GB} {GSP-Eng}, by Suave Dancer), second in the 2007 G3 Anglesy S. and third in the G2 Debutante S. at the Curragh, failed to get her picture taken in 11 attempts while racing overseas, but held her own versus better on several occasions. She crossed the wire second, beaten only a head in the G1 Irish 1000 Guineas in May, but was DQ'd and placed fourth for interference. She closed out her tenure for trainer John Joseph Murphy with a well-beaten 12th in a Cork maiden Oct. 18. Making her U.S. bow for the same connections as Heatseeker (Ire) (Giant's Causeway) going down the hill Jan. 22, Tuscan Evening reported home an impressive five-length wire-to-wire winner. Favored at 1-2 to make it two straight, the 4,500gns TATOCT yearling sped out to the lead and drew off impressively to win by 3 3/4 lengths. Lifetime Record: MGSP-Ire, 13-2-3-3, \$148,653. [Video, sponsored by Taylor Made.](#)

O-William Deburgh. B-Hascombe and Valiant Studs (IRE). T-Jerry Hollendorfer.



SoCalifornia report cont.

2nd-SAX, \$45,400, Msw, 3yo, 5 1/2f (AWT), 1:03, ft. TURK (c, 3, [Vindication](#)--Turkana, by Deputy Minister) finished second, beaten a nose in his first two starts at Hollywood Dec. 20 and Santa Anita Jan. 10. Stretched to a mile at the Great Race Place Feb. 1, the \$20,000 KEESEP yearling purchase reported home third behind Colonel John (Tiznow)'s full brother, Mr. Hot Stuff. Hammered down to 1-2 here, Turk was a close fifth through an opening quarter of :22.23. With Garrett Gomez in the irons, he was swung off the rail in the stretch and powered clear to post a 4 1/2-length decision over Monolingual (Maria's Mon). Great Legacy (Storm Cat) finished a well-beaten sixth. Lifetime Record: 4-1-2-1, \$48,720. **Click for the [brisnet.com chart](#) or [Video, sponsored by Taylor Made.](#)**

O-Natalie J Baffert. B-Ten Broeck Farm Inc (KY). T-Bob Baffert.

CHRB Announces New Chairman, Vice-Chairman:

Prominent California horseman John Harris was named chairman of the California Horse Racing Board and David Israel was named vice-chairman of the same body during Thursday's monthly meeting of the Board at Santa Anita. Harris was previously chairman of the CHRB in 2004 and 2005 and since then has served as vice-chairman. First appointed by Gov. Gray Davis in November 2000, he was reappointed by current Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger to a term that expires in July 2011. Harris is the owner and operator of Harris Farms in the San Joaquin Valley. Israel took up an appointment on the board last July, and has been a writer and producer for television series and movies, such as "The Untouchables" and "Monday Night Football." A graduate of Northwestern University's Medill School of Journalism, Israel has appeared as a reporter and syndicated columnist for the *Chicago Daily News*, *Chicago Tribune* and *Sports Illustrated*. In other business, Dr. Rick Arthur reported to the Board that medication violations have decreased greatly since the enactment of tough penalty guidelines. Concerning equine fatalities, Arthur stated that there has been just one racing fatality at Santa Anita since Dec. 31 and none at Golden Gate in Northern California since that meet started Dec. 26.

SYNTHETIC SURFACES IN NORTH AMERICA

Track	All-Weather Surface
Arlington Park	Polytrack
Del Mar	Polytrack
Keeneland	Polytrack
Turfway Park	Polytrack
Woodbine	Polytrack
Hollywood	Cushion Track
Santa Anita	Pro-Ride
Golden Gate	Tapeta Footings
Presque Isle Downs	Tapeta Footings
OBS Training Center	Safetrack

★ WEST ★

Yesterday's Results:

BORDERLAND DERBY, \$100,000, SUN, 2-28, 3yo, 1 1/16m, 1:43 4/5, ft.

1--#**SCOREWITHCATER, 120, c, 3, by [Even the Score](#)**

1st Dam: Runaway Cater, by Runaway Groom

2nd Dam: Cater, by Sham

3rd Dam: Alert Princess, by Raise a Native

O-Robert Master; B-Hall's Family Trust (KY); T-Doug F O'Neill; J-M C Baze; \$60,000. Lifetime Record: 8-4-2-0, \$131,720. *Third SW for sophomore sire (by Unbridled's Song). **1/2 to Rubialedo (Rubiano), MSP, \$167,653. **Werk Nick Rating: B+.**

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2--**Mine That Bird, 122, g, 3, [Birdstone](#)--Mining My Own, by Smart Strike. (\$9,500 yrl '07 FTKOCT). \$22,000.**

3--**Smokin' Legend, 118, g, 3, [Smoke Glacken](#)--Binalegend, by Binalong. (\$130,000 yrl '07 FTKJUL; \$100,000 2yo '08 OBSFEB). \$10,000.**

Margins: NK, 4 1/4, HF. Odds: 2.30, 3.60, 15.30.

Scorewithcater was claimed for \$40,000 out of his Hollywood maiden tally Nov. 20, then followed with a starter allowance victory for his new connections Dec. 10. He finished fourth behind Shafted (Mineshaft) in a Santa Anita allowance Jan. 2, but stepped up with a narrow win in an \$80,000 optional claimer Jan. 29. Making his stakes bow here, Scorewithcater was a close sixth through a half mile in :48.03, began to rally on the turn for home and was all out to defeat the very game runner-up.

★ AMERICAN-BRED WINNERS ★

IN BRITAIN:

Ebraam, g, 6, [Red Ransom](#)--Futuh (SP-Eng), by Diesis (GB). Wolverhampton, Britain, 2-27, Hcp, 4yo/up, 5f 216yds (AWT). B-Shadwell Farm LLC (KY) *16,000gns HIT '06 TATAUT. *1/2 to Tamhid (Gulch), MGSP-US, SP-Eng & UAE, \$232,237; Hayil (Dajur) (G1SW-Eng, GSP-Fr, \$125,861); and Ghurra (War Chant), GSP-US, \$145,501.

IN ITALY:


Golden Event, h, 5, Wild Event. See "Breeders' Edition, Europe."

IN ARGENTINA:

Stone Tina, f, 4, [Stravinsky](#)--Infringe (G1SP, \$109,925), by Irish River (Fr). La Plata, Argentina, 2-26, Cond, 6f, 1:12.00. Lifetime Record: 6-2-1-2, P22,000. O-Stud Arroyo de Luna; B-Matthew K Firestone (KY); T-Horacio Torres. *\$22,000 yrl '06 KEESEP. **1/2 to England's Rose (Nureyev), GSW, \$136,686.



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ACTION THIS DAY (Kris S.), Spendthrift, \$10K, 148/14/1

6-GP, Msw, 1mT, My Violin, \$50K KEE SEP yrl, 15-1

5-TAM, Msw, 1 1/16mT, Soft Music, 7-2

ALAJWAD (Storm Cat), Lou-Roe, \$4K, 80/7/1

6-GP, Msw, 1mT, Justify, 20-1

ALKE (Grand Slam), Vinery FL, \$4K, 130/21/0

11-SUN, Stk, 1m, Miriam's Star, \$2K OBS OCT wnl, 6-1

BIRDSTONE (Grindstone), Gainesway, \$10K, 114/17/4

9-OP, Alw, 1m, Stone Legacy

10-OP, Msw, 6f, +Summer Bird

CONGAREE (Arazi), Adena Springs KY, \$15K, 142/24/3

7-GP, Alw, 5 1/2f, One Hot Toddy, 10-1

EVEN THE SCORE (Unbridled's Song), Millennium, \$9K, 170/16/3

11-SUN, Stk, 1m, Lauren P., \$12K BAR MAY 2yo, 10-1

GARNERED (Holy Bull), Naylee, \$3K, 33/2/0

9-CT, Msw, 4 1/2f, +Rare Garnet, 12-1

9-CT, Msw, 4 1/2f, +Gonna Go to Heaven, 6-1

JOHAR (Gone West), Mill Ridge, \$20K, 105/13/0

7-SA, Stk, 6 1/2f, Brother Keith, \$150K KEE SEP yrl

MEDAGLIA D'ORO (El Prado {Ire}), Stonewall, \$35K, 251/30/4

9-GP, Stk, 1m, Renda, \$11K KEE SEP yrl, 5-1

4-GP, Alw, 1mT, Al Khali, \$15K KEE SEP yrl, 6-1

7-SA, Stk, 6 1/2f, Dream Now, \$80K GOF ORB yrl

9-GP, Stk, 1m, C. S. Silk, \$120K KEE SEP yrl, 6-1

9-AQU, Msw, 6f, Crema d'Oro, \$100K ESM AY 2yo, 5-1

9-OP, Alw, 1m, Payton d'Oro, \$35K KEE SEP yrl

5-TAM, Msw, 1 1/16mT, Gold d'Oro, 2-1

PERFECT SOUL (IRE) (Sadler's Wells), Darby Dan, \$15K, 158/7/0

7-FG, Msw, 5 1/2fT, +Perfect Sweetie, 8-1

PLEASANTLY PERFECT (Pleasant Colony), Lane's End, \$40K, 116/13/1

9-GP, Stk, 1m, Shared Account, \$170K KEE SEP yrl, 8-1

ROAR OF THE TIGER (Storm Cat), Hartley, 168/19/0

9-AQU, Msw, 6f, Live Tiger, \$75K OBS APR 2yo, 30-1

SAARLAND (Unbridled), Darby Dan, \$10K, 148/10/0

9-OP, Alw, 1m, Himynameissarah, \$19K KEE SEP yrl

SCRIMSHAW (Gulch), Millennium, \$7K, 94/16/1

9-OP, Alw, 1m, Love Chamonix, \$19K TEX APR 2yo

SIR CHEROKEE (Cherokee Run), Crestwood, \$8K, 55/5/1

11-SUN, Stk, 1m, Cherry One, 9-2

SMARTY JONES (Elusive Quality), Three Chimneys, \$100K, 161/12/1

1-GP, Msw, 6f, +Kiddari, 3-1

6-GP, Msw, 1mT, Artisan, 12-1

7-FG, Msw, 5 1/2fT, Smarty Marty, \$85K KEE SEP yrl, 8-1

SPANISH STEPS (Unbridled), Martin Stables, \$5K, 103/10/0

3-FG, Msw, 5 1/2fT, +Rock 'n' Roll Gal, \$155K OBS FEB 2yo, 8-1

SPEIGHTSTOWN (Gone West), WinStar, \$40K, 195/24/4

7-GP, Alw, 5 1/2f, French Dip, \$270K KEE SEP yrl, 5-2

TAPIT (Pulpit), Gainesway, \$15K, 171/30/4

4-GP, Alw, 1mT, Keeping the Honor, \$200K FTF FEB 2yo, 8-1

WHERE'S THE RING (Seeking the Gold), Gardiner, \$4K, 111/5/1

1-GP, Msw, 6f, Hum This, \$71K CAN SEP yrl, 6-1



EUROPE



★ EUROPEAN-BRED WINNER ★

IN ARGENTINA:

Top Seven (Ire), h, 6, Highest Honor--Sporades

(GSW-Fr), by *Vaguely Noble. San Isidro, Argentina,

2-25, Cond, 9f, 1:49.89. Lifetime Record: 7-4-1-0.

P19,000. O-Stud Tresiete; B-Haras du Mezeray;

T-Miguel Diaz. **€52,000 DEAAUG yrl '04. **1/2

Leave Us Leap (Summer Squall), GSP-Fr, \$156,822.



AFRICA



★ SOUTH AFRICA ★

GROUP WINNER BY U.S. SIRE:

Our Giant (Aus), g, 5, Giant's Causeway--Macrosa (NZ)

(MSW & GSP-Aus), by Mr McGinty (NZ). Turffontein,

2-28, Hawaii S.-G2, 1400mT, 1:26.81. O-Mr & Mrs I

M Jooste; B-D R Fleming; T-C S Laird. *G1SW-SAf.

**1/2 to Rocket Man (Aus) (Viscount {Aus}), SW-

Mal.



AUSTRALASIA



WEEKEND HUSSLER SIDELINED INDEFINITELY

A sore back and an uncertain offside foreleg injury will

force **Weekend Hussler (Aus)** (Hussonet) to abandon his

autumn campaign, according to trainer Ross McDonald.

The four-year-old gelding was expected to start in the

G1 Futurity S., then aim for the G1 Dubai Duty Free at

Nad Al Sheba Mar. 28.

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INGLIS PREMIER SALE HAS TOUGH ACT TO FOLLOW

The Inglis Melbourne Premier Yearling Sale, flattered by the success of graduates such as last week's G1 Blue Diamond winner Reward for Effort (Aus) (Exceed and Excel {Aus}) and reigning Horse of the Year Weekend Hussler (Aus) (Hussonet), kicks off today. Following withdrawals, 575 yearlings are scheduled to go through the ring during Session 1, which will run Mar. 1-3. Wednesday's Session 2 will offer 152 lots. The first sale to kick off the season last year, Premier Session 1 recorded a 56-percent increase in gross and new records for average and median. The A\$750,000 paid for an Exceed and Excel colt was also an all-time mark. In total for the Session 1, 439 lots sold at an average of A\$84,353--up 25.7 percent on 2007--while the A\$65,000 median was a 30-percent increase. "There's no doubt Premier was one of the great success stories of 2008, but it didn't just come out of the blue," said Inglis Managing Director Mark Webster. "Vendors have been bringing top quality horses to this sale for some time and it was great to see them well rewarded." The 2008 sale produced 14 individual stakes winners, according to Webster. As always, Victorian-based sires have strong representation. Elvstroem (Aus) (Danehill) has 53 catalogued, compared to 31 for God's Own (Aus) (Redoute's Choice {Aus}), 28 for Reset (NZ) (Zabeel {NZ}) and 22 for Bel Esprit (Aus) (Royal Academy).

Pleasant Surprise...

Inglis director Peter Heagney believes that while the local market is "a little fragile," the market has proven resilient compared to the Northern Hemisphere's. "I think, generally, we have been pleasantly surprised how well the market has held up," Heagney said. "The Australasian bloodstock market has been considerably stronger than the overseas markets, and we are grateful for that. The director believes quality "will still command good attention," but horses with pedigree or conformation flaws will be difficult to sell. "As long as vendors are realistic in their assessment of their stock, they should experience satisfactory returns," Heagney reasoned. "At the same time, our market has been very buoyant for a number of years and it was always going to be difficult to sustain that level." Heagney said Inglis' partnership with Luxbet has added extra interest to the sale and that the company would offer marquee hospitality. "We have built a new 180-stable barn, taking our stabling total to 820," he said. "This has allowed us to stable both Premier 1 and Premier 2 yearlings at the same time. It has been an expensive venture, but we are confident it will be of benefit." Heagney added that a marketing push to Japan, Korea, Malaysia and Singapore, Hong Kong and South Africa has drawn an encouraging response. "Our sale seems to sit in a comfortable price bracket for buyers from those countries," he said. Full catalogue and results are available [here](http://www.inglis.com.au).

GROUP WINNER BY U.S. SIRE:

@#Colour (Aus), f, 2, **More Than Ready**--Regrowth (Aus) (MSW & GSP-Aus), by Unbridled's Song. Morphettville (Adelaide), 2-28, South Australian Breeders' S.-G2, 2yo, 6fT, A\$63,650 to winner. B-Mr M Sissian; T-Lee Freedman.

GROUP WINNERS BY EUROPEAN SIRE:

@#Ekstreme (NZ), f, 2, **Ekraar**--Cashcade (NZ), by Anziyan. Trentham (Wellington), 2-28, Lowland S.-G3, 3yo, f, 1 5/16mT, NZ\$46,875 to winner. B-Karaka Group Ltd; T-Bryce Revell.

@#Stokehouse (Aus), 122, g, 3, **Anabaa**--Malapert (Aus), by Encosta de Lago (Aus). Caulfield (Melbourne), 2-28, Autumn Classic-G2, 3yo, 1 1/8mT, A\$105,000 to winner. B-Echo Beach Bloodstock; T-David Hayes.

@#Mic Mac (Aus), g, 3, **Statue of Liberty**--Amandine (Aus), by Tertian. Rosehill (Sydney), 2-28, Hobartville S.-G2, 3yo, 7fT, A\$130,000 to winner. B-Mr M Messara; T-Greg Eurell.

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STAKES RESULTS:

WAYWARD LASS S., \$65,000, TAM, 2-28, 4yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16m, 1:45 2/5, ft.

1--#**STRIKING TOMISUE**, 120, m, 5, **Smart Strike**--**Avenging Tomisue**, by **Belong to Me**. O-Tomisue Hilbert & John R Menard; B-Hilbert Thoroughbreds Inc (KY); T-Nicholas P Zito; J-Jermaine V Bridgmohan; \$30,000. Lifetime Record: 21-5-2-2, \$173,230.

2--**Moon Catcher**, 116, m, 5, Malibu Moon--Smartster, by Smarten. (\$49,000 wlng '04 FTMDEC; \$75,000 yrl '05 KEESEP; \$1,350,000 HRA '08 KEEJAN). \$10,000.

3--**Boudoir**, 116, m, 5, Mutakddim--Cafe Risque, by Thirty Six Red. \$5,000.

Margins: 1, 1, 1 1/4. Odds: 2.70, 1.20, 26.10.



SARAH LANE'S OATES S., \$60,000, FGX, 2-28, (S), 3yo, f, a1mT, 1:39 3/5, fm.
 1--**WANNA CUDDLE**, 116, f, 3, **Leestown--Something Light, by Time for a Change.** (\$10,000 yrl '07 LTBOCT). O-Daniel Family Farms LLC; B-J Adcock & Neal McFadden (LA); T-Abdallah H Ishaq; J-Corey J Lanerie; \$36,000. Lifetime Record: 8-3-2-2, \$165,587.
 2--**Tensas Palmyra**, 118, f, 3, **Afternoon Deelites--Xylophone, by Dehere.** (\$32,000 yrl '07 KEESEP). O-Roger G Smith. \$12,000.
 3--**Sunday in the Bay**, 116, f, 3, **Sunday Break (Jpn)--Scarlet Gilia, by Hay Halo.** (\$17,000 yrl '07 LTBOCT). O-P Dale Ladner. \$6,600.
 Margins: 2 3/4, 3, NK. Odds: 8.90, 1.00, 70.80.

GENTILLY S., \$60,000, FGX, 2-28, (S), 3yo, a1 1/16mT, 1:46 3/5, fm.
 1--**#MILWAUKEE MIRACLE**, 119, c, 3, **Milwaukee Brew--Miners Miracle, by Prized.** O/B-Tom Curtis & Wayne Simpson (LA); T-Robert A Young; J-Donnie J Meche; \$36,000. Lifetime Record: 7-3-0-2, \$85,630.
 2--**Smoothcideup**, 118, c, 3, **Magic Cat--Shinycideup, by Stalwart.** O-Bellamy Stable LLC. \$12,000.
 3--**Hear No Angel**, 116, c, 3, **Eavesdropper--Strawberry Angel, by Red Attack.** (\$50,000 yrl '07 OBSAUG). O-Heiligbrodt Racing Stable. \$6,600.
 Margins: 2HF, NK, NK. Odds: 15.90, 10.40, 3.40.

KING GLORIOUS H., \$52,750, GGX, 2-28, 3yo, 6f (AWT), 1:09 3/5, ft.
 1--**CHARLIE'S MOMENT**, 122, g, 3, **Indian Charlie--Moment of Light, by Bold Revenue.** (\$17,000 yrl '07 KEESEP). O-Gramer, Pycz, Nicolarsen, Rasky & W Solis; B-McKathan Bros (FL); T-Walther Solis; J-Danny Sorenson; \$30,350. Lifetime Record: GSP, 9-3-2-2, \$150,800.
 2--**Mr. Monkey Jones**, 122, g, 3, **Black Mambo--Pentera, by Pentelicus.** (\$1,000 yrl '07 OBSAUG; \$35,000 2yo '08 OBSJUN). \$10,000.
 3--**Ultra Blend**, 117, f, 3, **Richly Blended--Ankha, by Desert Classic.** \$7,800.
 Margins: 2 1/4, HD, HF. Odds: 3.30, 3.80, 1.20.

MOUNTAIN VALLEY S., \$50,000, OPX, 2-28, 3yo, 6f, 1:11 3/5, ft.
 1--**CITIZEN**, 119, c, 3, **City Zip--Rachel's Star, by Seeking the Gold.** O-L T B Inc & Naveed Chowhan; B-Stonerside Stable (KY); T-Bernard S Flint; J-Jon Kenton Court; \$30,000. Lifetime Record: 10-3-1-1, \$96,481.
 2--**Flying Private**, 116, c, 3, **Fusaichi Pegasus--Beautiful Treasure, by Unbridled.** (\$700,000 yrl '07 KEESEP). \$10,000.
 3--**Lyin' Heart**, 119, c, 3, **Lion Heart--Rumba Punch, by Green Dancer.** (\$100,000 yrl '07 FTKJUL). \$5,000.
 Margins: HD, 3/4, NK. Odds: 29.00, 15.00, 4.30.

ALLOWANCE RESULTS:
10th-FGX, \$46,000, NW1X, (S), 4yo/up, 6f, 1:10 4/5, ft.
RIGHTEOUS BROTHER (c, 4, Storm Passage--Sweep and Roll, by End Sweep) Lifetime Record: 8-2-3-2, \$83,380. O-Heiligbrodt Racing Stable. B-Natalie & Jim Montgomery (LA). T-Steven M Asmussen. *\$20,000 yrl '06 LOUOCT; \$180,000 2yo '07 TEXMAR.

3rd-AQU, \$45,000, Opt. Clm. (\$75,000), NW1X, 4yo/up, 6f, 1:11 2/5, ft.
DR. W (c, 4, Cat Thief--Port St. Mary {GB} {SW-US}, by Seattle Slew) Lifetime Record: 20-5-5-4, \$194,250. O-Millennium Farms. B-Braeburn Farm Corp (NY). T-Steven M Asmussen. *1/2 to Frisky Thunder (Thunder Rumble), MSW, \$150,618.

7th-AQU, \$44,000, NW1X, (S), 3yo/up, 1m70y, 1:44 3/5, ft.
TOP LEADER (g, 4, Gold Token--Lady Buckingham {GSP, \$149,167}, by Formal Dinner) Lifetime Record: 15-2-1-3, \$85,408. O-Edward C Potash. B-Barry R Ostrager (NY). T-James T Ryerson. *\$2,500 yrl '06 KEESEP; \$9,500 2yo '07 OBSAPR.

4th-GGX, \$33,660, NW1X, 4yo/up, 6f (AWT), 1:09 2/5, ft.
CASTLE DERMOT (g, 5, Smoke Glacken--Ghuffran, by Wild Again) Lifetime Record: 18-4-6-3, \$102,610. O/B-Ann Marie Farm (KY). T-Lloyd C Mason.

7th-CTX, \$33,000, 2-27, Opt. Clm. (\$25,000), NW2X, 4yo/up, 6 1/2f, 1:19 3/5, ft.
WIZARD'S LAUGH (c, 4, Distorted Humor--Cuando {MSW & MGSP, \$329,967}, by Lord At War {Arg}) Lifetime Record: 9-3-1-2, \$89,727. O-TYB Stable. B-Mueller Farms Inc (KY). T-Steve Klesaris. *\$325,000 yrl '06 KEESEP.

6th-CTX, \$31,000, 2-27, NW1X, 3yo, 7f, 1:27 2/5, ft.
DAKOTA DUNES (g, 3, Yonaguska--Cali Cali, by Tale of the Cat) Lifetime Record: 6-2-0-1, \$44,060. O-Anthony Mitola. B-Dixiana Stables Inc (KY). T-Michael J Trombetta. *\$50,000 yrl '07 KEESEP.

4th-CTX, \$29,000, 2-27, NW4L, (S), 4yo/up, 7f, 1:27 1/5, ft.
FORBES (g, 4, Runaway Macho--Betty Forbes, by Fobby Forbes) Lifetime Record: 15-4-0-3, \$72,330. O-Carlos McDaniel. B-Ronald R & Anne Bowles Kilbourne (WV). T-Carlos W McDaniel.

10th-TPX, \$24,800, Opt. Clm. (\$40,000), NW2X, 3yo/up, f/m, 5 1/2f (AWT), 1:05, ft.
KRISTABELLA (m, 5, More Than Ready--Racey Rumors, by Lively One) Lifetime Record: 12-3-1-2, \$46,394. O/B-Raquel Racing Stable Inc (KY). T-Raquel Albright.



11th-TPX, \$22,850, 2-27, NW1X, 3yo/up, f/m, 1m (AWT), 1:39 2/5, ft.

QUEEN STEPHANIE (f, 4, Proud Citizen--All Royal, by Kris S.) Lifetime Record: 8-2-2-0, \$41,170. O-Kenneth L & Sarah K Ramsey. B-Old Friends Inc (KY). T-Michael J Maker. * \$30,000 yrl '06 KEESEP.

7th-TAM, \$20,200, Opt. Clm. (\$50,000), NW1X, 3yo, 1 1/16m, 1:46 4/5, ft.

POUND FOOLISH (g, 3, Exchange Rate--Kobella Bean, by Mecke) Lifetime Record: 13-2-2-4, \$44,453. O-Jacqueline Tortora. B-Emanuel & Jacqueline Tortora (FL). T-Emanuel Tortora.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Cover Story, f, 3, **Dynaformer**--Jenny Lake, by Danzig. TPX, 2-28, 1m (AWT), 1:42 2/5. B-G Watts Humphrey Jr & Louise I Humphrey (KY).

Mein Fraulein, f, 3, **Saarland**--Adena's Girl, by Personal Flag. OPX, 2-28, (C), 6f, 1:12 2/5. B-Charles Parker & Bradley Purcell (KY). * 1/2 to Ready And Tough (Good and Tough), MSP, \$181,262.

Clicquot Cat, f, 3, **Slew Gin Fizz**--Early Cat, by Afternoon Deelites. CTX, 2-27, (S), 7f, 1:29 2/5. B-Mr & Mrs Laurence O Stoney Jr (WV).

+ **Smarty Bull**, f, 3, **Smarty Jones**--Bam Bam Bull (SW), by Holy Bull. GPX, 2-28, (C), 6f, 1:11 3/5. B-Dennis Drazin (KY). * Won by seven lengths.

Gold Plated, f, 3, **Touch Gold**--Sira, by Capote. SUN, 2-28, 6f, 1:10 1/5. B-Woodlynn Farm Inc & Elliot Horowitz (KY). * \$185,000 wlng '06 KEENOV; \$300,000 yrl '07 KEESEP.

Tripstar, g, 3, **Trippi**--Hi Avie, by Lord Avie. TAM, 2-28, 7f, 1:25. B-Harold J Plumley (FL). * \$20,000 yrl '07 OBSAUG.

Midges Expectation, f, 3, **Valid Expectations**--Midge Too (MSW, \$506,283), by Regal Conquest. DED, 2-27, (S), 6 1/2f, 1:23 2/5. B-Jerry D Cart & Lynette Burns (LA).

Woodacre, c, 3, **Yes It's True**--Twinkle and Shine, by Fly So Free. PHA, 2-28, 6f, 1:12. B-Elizabeth Jones Valando (KY).

★ WINNERS BY U. S. SIRE ★

IN AUSTRALASIA:

Tale of Love (Aus), 118, f, 2, **Tale of the Cat**--Djel D'Amour (Aus), by Dehere. Caulfield (Melbourne), 2-28, Inglis Premier (Restricted Cond), 2yo, 6fT, A\$150,000 to winner. B-Dr C M Rogers & Byron Rogers; T-Robert Smerdon.

IN ARGENTINA:

Alghero (Arg), c, 3, **Indygo Shiner**--Cerdena (Arg), by Southern Halo La Plata, 2-26, Stk, Especial Uruguay, 10f, 2:02.08. Lifetime Record: 6-4-0-0. O/B-Haras La Quebrada; T-Roxana San Millan.

Alicurca (Arg), f, 3, **Indygo Shiner**--Alsacia (Arg), by Logical. La Plata, 2-24, Mdn, 6f, 1:13.89. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0. O-Stud S de B; B-Haras La Quebrada; T-Edumundo Rodriguez.

La Dulzaina (Arg), f, 3, **Mutakddim**--Gambuzina (Argi), by Grand Chelem (Ire). Palermo, 2-27, Cond, 6f, 1:09.37. Lifetime Record: 6-2-2-0. O/B-Stud Green & Black; T-Carlos Zarlengo.

+ **Magia Celta (Arg)**, f, 3, **Pure Prize**--Magic Wand (Chi), by Golden Voyager. La Plata, 2-24, Mdn, 6f, 1:14.33. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0. O-Stud La Manija; B-Haras Carampangue; T-Cleber Sanguinetti.

Honrosa Ines (Arg), f, 4, **Honour and Glory**--Reina Ines (Arg), by Senor Pete. Palermo, 2-23, Cond, 8f, 1:36.89. Lifetime Record: 6-3-3-0. O/B-Haras La Biznaga; T-Roberto A Pellegata.

My Berttime (Arg), h, 6, **Mutakddim**--My Gal Shall, by Believe It. Palermo, 2-27, Cond, 7f, 1:23.88. Lifetime Record: 13-5-2-2. O-Stud Los 4 y La Yapa; B-Haras La Quebrada SA & Haras Orilla del Monte SA; T-Rene J Ayub.

IN CHILE:

La Especial (Chi), f, 2, **Mizzen Mast**--Jolie's Valentine, by Storm Cat. Club Hipico de Santiago, 2-27, Mdn. 1100m. O/B Haras Cinco Estrellas; T-Oliverio Martinez.

Bella Belen (Chi), f, 3, **Muqtarib**--Mirada Sonadora (Chi), by The Great Shark. Club Hipico de Santiago, 2-27, Alw, 1200m. O-Stud Olimpique; B-Haras Porta Pia; T-Ricardo Rojas.

Via Romana (Chi) f, 3, **Muqtarib**--Mi Primera Victoria. Club Hipico de Santiago, 2-27, Hcp, 1100m. O/B-Haras Sumaya; T-Marco Pavez.

Harmonist (Chi), c, 4, **Doneraile Court**--Harmonique (Chi), by Hussonet. Club Hipico de Santiago, 2-27, Hcp, 1400m. O-Stud Los Primos; B-Haras Carioca; T-Raul Serrano.

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CONDITIONS RESULTS:

FRANCE, Toulouse, 12.15, 2-28, €24,000, 4yo/up, 1 1/4mT, 2:09.49, gd/sf.

MARONI (IRE) (g, 4, Oasis Dream {GB}--Miss Chryss {Ire} {SW-Fr, GSP-US, \$104,885}, by Indian Ridge {Ire}) Lifetime Record: 10 starts, 3 wins, 5 places, €53,150. O-Michel Perret; B-Janus Bloodstock Inc & Chevin Bloodstock Ltd; T-Francois Rohaut. *€34,000 yrl '06 DEAOCT.

ITALY, Rome, 16.40, 2-27, €22,500, 3yo, 5fT, :59.60, gd/sf.

KATHY RIDGE (IRE) (f, 3, Indian Ridge {Ire}--Katy Guest {Ire}, by Be My Guest) Lifetime Record: 11-4-1-0, €36,227. O-Allevamento la Nuova Sbarra Srl; B-Al Pian di Neve Srl; T-Antonio Peraino. *€55,000 yrl '07 ITYSEP. **1/2 to Kathy College (Ire) (College Chapel {GB}), GSW-Ity, \$238,311; and Kathy Pekan (Ire) (Sri Pekan), SW-Ity, \$206,677.

ITALY, Rome, 17.10, 2-27, €13,500, 4yo/up, 1 3/8m (AWT), 2:21.60, stn.

GOLDEN EVENT (h, 5, Wild Event--Tryst Me, by Believe It) Lifetime Record: 28-5-4-6, €50,372. O-Sandro Pinardi; B-Casey Seaman; T-Francesco Natalizi. *\$12,500 wnlg '04 OBSOCT; \$16,500 yrl '05 OBSAUG. **1/2 to Stake Prospect (Fortunate Prospect), SW-PR, \$269,723.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

+ **Burza (GB)**, f, 3, **Bold Edge (GB)**--Welcome Star (Ire), by Most Welcome (GB). Wolverhampton, Britain, 2-27, Mdn, 3yo, 1m 141yds (AWT). B-Norman A Blyth.

Domeside (GB), c, 3, **Domedriver (Ire)**--Buck's Fizz (GB), by Kris (GB). Toulouse, France, 2-28, Mdn, 3yo, 1 5/16mT. B-Appleby Lodge Stud. *5,000gns wnlg '06 TATDEC.

Ortokapi (GB), f, 3, **Hawk Wing**--Connemara (Ire) (GSP-Eng), by Mujadil. Rome, Italy, 2-27, Mdn, 3yo, 6fT. B-Agricola Ficomontanino Srl.

★ WINNERS BY EURO SIRES ★

IN ARGENTINA:

Miss Perugia (Arg), f, 3, **Numerous**--Perugia (Arg), by Forlitano (Arg). San Isidro, 2-25, Mdn, 8f, 1:35.41. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-0. O/B-Haras Firmamento; T-Juan C Etchechoury Jr.

IN CHILE:

+ **Della Carina (Chi)**, f, 2, **Della Francesa**--Carine (Chi), by Hussonet. Club Hipico de Santiago, 2-27, Mdn, 5.5fT, 1:03.12. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0. O/B-Haras De Pirque; T-Guillermo Aguirre.

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BALISTROIKA, 21, Nijinsky II--Balidaress (Ire), by Balidar (Ire)

Foal born Feb. 16, a colt by Mr. Greeley.

Will be bred back to Street Cry (Ire).

Owned by Brushwood Stable.

Boarded at Brushwood Stable and Eaton Farm.

Accomplishments: Dam of Russian Rhythm

(Kingmambo), Ch. 3yo Filly-Eur, Hwt. 3yo Filly at 7-9.5f

& 9.5-11f, MG1SW-Eng, \$1,260,634; and

Perfectperformance (Rahy), GSW-Eng, \$198,843.

HIGH BUTTON SHOES, 7, Carson City--Marianka, by

Ascot Knight

Foal born Feb. 4, a filly by A.P. Indy

Owned by My Meadowview LLC.

Boarded at Darby Dan Farm.

Will be bred back to Dynaformer.

Accomplishments: GSW, \$278,221.

DEVOTION UNBRIDLED, 9, Unbridled--Icy Warning, by

Caveat

Foal born Feb. 8, a filly by Awesome Again.

Will be bred back to Awesome Again.

Owned by/boarded at Live Oak Stud.

Accomplishments: SW & GSP of \$163,500.

SEAFREE, 7, Chief Seattle--Queen Randi, Fly So Free

Foal born Feb. 9, a colt by Badge of Silver.

Owned by Bowman Mill, LLC.

Boarded at Mill Ridge Farm.

Will be bred back to Exchange Rate.

Accomplishments: GSW & GISP, \$280,566.

BAYOU BREEZE, 7, A.P. Indy--Bayou Storm, by Storm

Cat

Foal born Feb. 9, a colt by Awesome Again.

Owned/Boarded by Mt. Brilliant Farm.

Will be bred back to Unbridled's Song.

Accomplishments: SW, \$113,518.