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ASIATIC BOY ROLLS IN DUBAI

Still firing at age six, **Asiatic Boy (Arg)** (Not for Sale {Arg}) punched his ticket to the G1 Dubai World Cup Mar. 28 with a confident victory in the G2 Al Maktoum



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Challenge at Nad al Sheba yesterday. Settled at the back of the leading group in the early going, the bay was caught behind a wall of horses turning for home, but squeezed between foes midstretch, and under a strong hand ride by Johnny Murtagh, drove past **Happy Boy (Brz)** (Ski Champ) late to win by a comfortable 2 1/4-length margin. Winning trainer Mike de Kock also was responsible for third-place

finisher **Art of War (SAf)** (Kahal {GB}). Winner of the G2 UAE Derby in 2007, the Argentine-bred added a win in the following season's G3 Al Shindagha Sprint. In his only prior start this term, Asiatic boy was third in 1800-meter G3 Al Maktoum Challenge R2 Feb. 5. "The Dubai World Cup has been his target ever since last March and that run should have put him spot on," said de Kock. "To win from that draw was a great effort." [Click for the Racing Post Chart](#), [brisnet.com PPs](#), [free brisnet.com catalogue-style pedigree](#) or [DRC Video Replay](#).

Thursday, Nad al Sheba

AL MAKTOUM CHALLENGE-R3-G2, \$300,000,
NH/SH/4yo/up, 2000m, 2:03.03, ft.

1--**ASIATIC BOY (ARG)**, 126, h, 6, by Not for Sale (Arg)

1st Dam: S.S. Asiatic, by Polish Navy

2nd Dam: Asian, by Damascus

3rd Dam: Bamesian, by Buckpasser

O-Sh Mohd bin Khalifa Al Maktoum; B-Haras Arroyo De Luna; T-Mike de Kock; J-John Murtagh;

\$180,000. Lifetime Record: MGSW & G1SP-UAE, G1SP-Arg, 14-7-3-2, \$3,072,279. **Werk Nick Rating: A+**. [Click for the eNicks report and 5-cross pedigree](#).

2--**Happy Boy (Brz)**, 126, h, 6, Ski Champ--Ultra Maresca (Brz), by Filago. O-Sh Hamdan bin Mohd Al Maktoum; B-Haras Torrao De Ouro; T-Mubarak bin Shafya. \$60,000.

3--**Art of War (SAf)**, 126, g, 5, Kahal (GB)--Caridad (SAf), by Northern Guest. O-Sh Mohd Khalifa Al Maktoum; T-M de Kock; B-Summerhill Stud Ltd; T-Mike de Kock. \$30,000.

Margins: 2 1/4, 6 1/4, 3/4.

Also Ran: Kirklees (Ire), Muhannak (Ire), Dynamic Spirit, Jonquil (Ire), Glen Nevis, Tiz Now Tiz Then, Arqaam (GB), Jet Express (SAf), Merchant Marine, Lucky Ray (Arg), Team Victory (Brz), Pearly King, Varsity (GB). Scratched: Bruges (Ire), Hearthstead Maison (Ire), Monte Alto (Ire), Trust N Dustan.

MAGNA FILES FOR CHAPTER 11

Magna Entertainment Corporation filed for bankruptcy protection Thursday under Chapter 11 United States bankruptcy code in Delaware. Headed by Austrian-born Frank Stronach, the Canadian-based corporation, which had been experiencing financial difficulties over the last few years, reportedly has amassed debt totaling over US\$500 million. Magna will seek to sell its assets and implement a reorganization of the company under the filing. Bankruptcy was filed on the same day that a payment on an approximately \$40-million line of credit became due. Magna's parent company and largest creditor, MI Developments, is also owed an approximately \$175-million payment that is due in two weeks. As part of the agreement, Magna will sell several of its racetrack holdings to MI Development, including Gulfstream, Golden Gate, Palm Meadows Training Center, Lone Star, AmTote and XpressBet. According to a Magna release, the filing will not jeopardize any of its ongoing meets. Other racetracks owned by Magna are Pimlico, Laurel, Golden Gate Fields, Lone Star, Remington, Portland Meadows, Thistledown, and the now closed Great Lakes Downs. MI Developments has agreed to buy the assets for \$44 million in cash, the rights to a \$15-million lease, and a credit on \$136 million in debt Magna owes to MI Developments. However, the agreement can be topped by a third-party offer. A Magna subsidiary, XpressBet, was not included in the filing.

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DUBAI CITY OF GOLD S.-G2, \$250,000, NH/SH/4yo/up, 2400mT, 2:31.70, gd.

1--**FRONT HOUSE (Ire)**, 122, f, 4, by [Sadler's Wells](#)

1st Dam: Adjalisa (Ire), by Darshaan (GB)

2nd Dam: Adjriyna, by Top Ville (Ire)

3rd Dam: Adjarida, by Red God

(€160,000 yrl '06 GOFORB). O-Mrs John Magnier & Wilgerbosdrift Stud; B-Triermore Stud; T-Mike de Kock; J-Kevin Shea, \$150,000. Lifetime Record: GSW & G1SP-Saf, 9-5-3-1, \$285,942. *1/2 to Access All Areas (Ire) (Approach the Bench {Ire}), SW & G1SP-Ire, GSP-Eng, \$113,518. **Werk Nick Rating: A +**. [Click for the eNicks report and 5-cross pedigree.](#)

2--**Quijano (Ger)**, 131, g, 7, Acatenago (Ger)--Quila (Ire), by Unfuwain. O-Stiftung Gestut Fahrhof; B-Stiftung Gestut Fahrhof; T-Peter Schiergen. \$50,000.

3--**King of Rome (Ire)**, 127, c, 4, [Montjeu \(Ire\)](#)--Amizette, by Forty Niner. O-Sh Mohd bin Khalifa Al Maktoum; B-The Amizette Partnership; T-Mike de Kock. \$25,000.

Margins: HF, HF, 11/4.

Also Ran: Purple Moon (Ire), Kings Gambit (SAf), Fiery Lad (Ire), Mourilyan (Ire), Macarthur (GB), Pompeyano (Ire), Happy Spirit (SAf), Yahrab (Ire), Young Mick (GB), Classic Punch (Ire), Lion Sands (GB), Hattan (Ire), Razkalla. Scratched: Crime Scene (IRE), Drill Sergeant (GB), Love Galore (IRE), Pearly King.

Front House was runner-up in last season's G1 Woolavington 2000 S. before scoring in her South African finale in the G2 Gold Circle Oaks in July. A solid second in her UAE debut in the G3 Cape Verdi S. Feb. 5, the filly filled the same spot in her latest start in the



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G3 Balanchine S. Feb. 20. Well in hand while third in the early going, the bay forged to the front 600 meters from home and had enough left in the tank to hand closer Quijano a half-length defeat. "She is a nice filly and hopefully improving," jockey Kevin Shea explained. "She has improved for each of her two previous runs, and hopefully, we can look at the Dubai Sheema Classic now." [Click for the Racing Post Chart](#), [brisnet.com PPs](#), [free brisnet.com catalogue-style pedigree](#) or [DRC Video Replay](#).

Thursday, Nad al Sheba

BURJ NAHAAR S.-G3, \$200,000, NH/SH/3yo/up, 1600m, 1:37.00, ft.

1--**@#SNAAFY**, 126, h, 5, by [Kingmambo](#)

1st Dam: Nafisah (Ire), by Lahib (SW & GSP-Eng, \$112,344)

2nd Dam: Alyakhh (Ire), by Sadler's Wells

3rd Dam: Al Bahathri, by Blushing Groom (Fr)

O-Sh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum; B-Shadwell Farm LLC (KY); T-Musabah Al Muhairi; J-Richard Hills. \$120,000. Lifetime Record: 12-5-1-3, \$294,633. **Werk Nick Rating: A**. [Click for the eNicks report and 5-cross pedigree.](#)

2--**Honour Devil (Arg)**, 126, h, 5, Honour and Glory--Diamond Fitz (Arg), by Fitzcarraldo (Arg). O-Sh Mohd bin Khalifa Al Maktoum; B-Haras Firmamento; T-Mike de Kock. \$40,000.

3--**Green Coast (Ire)**, 126, h, 6, [Green Desert](#)--Oriental Fashion (Ire), by Marju (Ire). O-Mohsin Al Tajir; B-Hadi Al Tajir; T-Doug Watson. \$20,000.

Margins: 2HF, 3 3/4, 2 3/4.

Also Ran: Grand Hombre, Don Renato (Chi), Lucky Find (SAf), Jalil, Pascal, Fares (Ire), Stubbs Art (Ire), Racecar Rhapsody, Jet (Brz), Amarna, Gold Sovereign (Ire), Echoes Rock (Ger). Scratched: Esquire (GB), Estihdaaf.

Snaafy posted a record of 7-1-2-3 in Britain before he found his best form on dirt in the United Arab Emirates. The homebred added blinkers and led from gate to wire to post a 4 1/4-length score in the Jebel Ali H. in his UAE and four-year-old debut, but was then sent to the sidelines for the remainder of the season. Returning from the lengthy layoff in this term's Jebel Ali H. Jan. 30, the bay led early, but weakened in the final 100 meters report home third. He was forced to employ new tactics after a slow start in his next outing, a 1400-meter Nad Al Sheba handicap Feb. 5. The blown start was fortuitous, however, as the five-year-old settled behind a hot pace in mid-division, then blew past the fatigued front runners to triumph by 1 3/4 lengths. Traveling an additional 100 meters in his most recent start, the five-year-old was kept wide before he kicked clear to a comfortable 2 1/2-length success in a handicap at this track Feb 20. Snaafy, seeking a third straight triumph here, raced in midpack before he was asked for more run with 500 meters remaining. Responding to Richard Hills' urging, the homebred made an inexorable charge to gun down the brave-but-beleaguered pacesetter Honour Devil. [Click for the Racing Post Chart](#), [brisnet.com PPs](#) or [DRC Video Replay](#).

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MAHAB AL SHIMAAL S.-G3, \$200,000, NH/SH/3yo/up, 1200m, 1:11.19, ft.

1--**GAYEGO**, 134, c, 4, by Gilded Time

1st Dam: Devils Lake, by Lost Code

2nd Dam: Diamonds 'n Dust, by Bob's Dusty

3rd Dam: Ribot's Ranch, Rungus

(\$32,000 yrl '06 KEESEP). O-Godolphin; B-Hargus & Sandra Sexton (KY); T-Saeed bin Suroor; J-Ted Durcan. \$120,000. Lifetime Record: GSW-US, 10-5-2, 0, \$883,020. **Werk Nick Rating A.** [Click for the eNicks report and 5-cross pedigree.](#)

2--**Big City Man**, 133, c, 4, [Northern Afleet](#)--Mini Appeal, by Valid Appeal. (\$15,000 yrl '06 OBSJAN; \$45,000 yrl '06 OBSAUG). O-Prince Sultan Mohd Saud Al Kabeer; B-Four Horsemen's Ranch (FL). \$40,000.

3--**Diabolical**, 131, h, 6, Artax--Bonnie Byerly, by Dayjur. (\$62,000 yrl '04 KEESEP; \$300,000 2yo '05 OBSFEB). O-Godolphin; B-Longleaf Pine Farm (KY); T-Saeed bin Suroor. \$20,000.

Margins: 3/4, 3HF, 1.

Also Ran: Diana's Choice (SAf), Change Alley, Artimino (GB), Hunting Tower (SAf), Barbecue Eddie, Crooner (Ire), Salaam Dubai (Aus), Halkin, New Freedom (Brz). Scratched: Redding Colliery.

Winner of the San Pedro S. at three, Gayego was runner up in the GII San Felipe S. before taking the GII Arkansas Derby. Off the board in three consecutive races--the GI Kentucky Derby, GI Preakness S. and seven-furlong Damascus S.--Gayego took his U.S. finale, an \$80,000 optional claimer over Hollywood's CushionTrack Nov. 30. Looking for his first win under the Darley banner, Gayego drifted out slightly at the break and settled at the back of the front rank. Big City Man, who broke well, led down the center of the track early as Diabolical, who was



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hampered at the start, came on to take a brief lead after 600 meters. Ready to roll, Gayego launched his rally with a quarter mile left to run. As Diabolical began to weaken, Big City Man appeared on his way to victory, but it was Gayego who was moving fastest late and inched clear to score.

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Thursday, Nad al Sheba

JEBEL HATTA S.-G2, \$250,000, NH/SH/4yo/up, 1777mT, 1:48.84, gd.

1--**@BALIUS (IRE)**, 126, h, 6, by Mujahid

1st Dam: Akhla, by Nashwan

2nd Dam: Beautiful River, Irish River (Fr)

3rd Dam: Beautiful Spirit, by Bold Bidder

O-Sh Rashid bin Mohd Al Maktoum; B-Stilvi Compania Financiera SA; T-Abdulla bin Huzaim; J-William Supple; \$150,000. Lifetime Record: MSW & GSP-Fr, MG1SP-HK, GSP-Mal, 23-9-8-1, \$1,701,890. *1/2 to Deflos (Ire) (Green Tune), MGSW-Fr, \$311,024. **Werk Nick Rating: B+ . Click for the eNicks report and 5-cross pedigree.**

(DH)-2--**Jay Peg (SAf)**, 131, h, 6, Camden Park--Laptop Lady (SAf), by Al Mufti. O-M Shirliff,E Braun, P Loomes, S Marcus; B-High Season Stud; T-Herman Brown. \$37,500.

(DH)-2--**Russian Sage (SAf)**, 131, h, 5, Jallad--Sage Blue (SAf), by Badger Land. O-Team Valor Intl, L Nestadt & G Barber; B-Highlands Farms Stud (Pty) Ltd; T-Mike de Kock. \$37,500.

Margins: 1 1/4, DH, HD.

Also Ran: Imbongi (SAf), Vodka (Jpn), Valectum (Aus), Strategic News (Aus), Blue Ksar (Fr), Biarritz (SAf), Vertigineux (Fr), Seihali (Ire), Tam Lin (GB), Mashaahed (GB), World Ruler (GB), Third Set (Ire). Scratched: Furnace (Ire), Hello Morning (Fr), Kachgai (Ire), Swop (Ire).

Balius, winner of the Listed Grand Prix de Marseille at three, added the Listed Prix Le Vase D'Argent, Listed Grand Prix De Bordeaux, Listed Grand Prix de La Region D'Alsace and Listed Prix Tantieme at four. Also that season, Balius chased home Spirit One (Fr) (Anabaa Blue {GB}) in second in the G3 Grand Prix de Vichy and checked in fourth in the G2 Prix D'Harcourt. In 2008, Balius, dismissed at 83-1 in the G1 Queen Elizabeth II Cup in Hong Kong, rallied after a tardy beginning to be runner-up, defeating Archipenko (Kingmambo) by 1 3/4 lengths. Third to Dubai City of Gold rival Jay Peg in the G1 Singapore Airlines International Cup in May, he returned from a layoff to take a Longchamp conditions event Oct. 14. He outran his odds once again at Sha Tin in his return to the Far East, flying late to be second in the G1 Hong Kong Cup in his final start for trainer Carlos Laffon-Parias. Making his debut for trainer Abdulla bin Huzaim here, the bay settled in midpack early, made smooth progress with 400 meters to go and forged to the lead in the final 100 meters to score. "He is a nice horse with some very good form in the book and he has quickened nicely there," said Willie Supple, who later completed the double when winning the Al Bastakiya S. with Soy Libriano (Arg). "We will have to look at the [G1] Duty Free [Mar. 28] with him." **Click for the [Racing Post Chart](#), [brisnet.com PPs](#), [free brisnet.com catalogue-style pedigree](#) or [DRC Video Replay](#).**

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AL BASTAKIYA S.-Listed, \$250,000, NH/SH/3yo, 1800m, 1:52.62, ft.

1--**SOY LIBRIANO (ARG)**, 130, c, 4, by Ride the Rails

1st Dam: Soy Ariana (Arg), by Equalize

2nd Dam: Sourise Grise (Arg), by General (Fr)

3rd Dam: So Tempting (Arg), by So Bold (Arg)

O-Sh Majid bin Mohd Al Maktoum; B-Haras Abolengo; T-Mubarak bin Shafya; J-William Supple; \$150,000. Lifetime Record: SW-Uru, 9-4-3-1, \$184,849.

Werk Nick Rating: A+ . Click for the eNicks report and 5-cross pedigree.

2--**Jose Adan**, 119, g, 3, Crypto Star--Markofclass, by Benchmark. O-Godolphin; B-Renee & Wayne Catalano Racing Stable Ltd (Ill); T-Saeed bin Suroor. \$50,000.

3--**I Am the Best (GB)**, c, 3, 119, **King's Best**--Needles and Pins (Ire)--Fasliyev. O-Hamad M Kadfoor Abdullah Al Mehairi; B-D G Hardisty Bloodstock; T-Ali Rashid Al Raihe. \$25,000.

Margins: 2, 1 3/4, 4 3/4.

Also Ran: Paso de Gloria (Arg), Muy Ponderado (Arg), Medici (Chi). Scratched: So Shiny (Arg).

Soy Libriano placed in a pair of stakes in Uruguay, then aired by 6 1/2 lengths in a Maronas conditions race June 8. Second best as the odds-on favorite in the Grand Prix Criterium at 1400 meters June 29, the dark bay broke through with a five-length success in the 1500-meter Prix Ensayo Aug. 10, also at Maronas.



Al Bastakiya S. cont.

Acquired privately by his current connections, the colt stalked and chased home I am the Best to report home second by 1 1/4 lengths in a 1400 meter Nad Al Sheba conditions event Dec. 26. The colt was kept three wide around the turn early, then was set for a drive with 400 meters to go. After collaring I am the Best with a furlong remaining, Soy Libriano held safely from a game Jose Adan, who re-rallied to take second. [Click for the Racing Post Chart](#) or [DRC Video Replay](#).

Saturday, Oaklawn

RAZORBACK H.-GIII, \$150,000, 4yo/up, 1 1/16m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	WT
1	Spotsgone	Bright Launch	Johnson	113
2	Jonesboro	Sefapiano	Borel	117
3	Catmantoo	Vision and Verse	Berry	112
4	Let It Rock	Trippi	Thompson	113
5	Silver Edition	Silver Deputy	McNeil	113
6	Shim's Pride	Awesome Again	Ocampo	113
7	Prom Shoes	Include	Emigh	117

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Saturday, Aqueduct

TOBOGGAN H.-GIII, \$100,000, 3yo/up, 6f

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	WT
1	Driven by Success	Precise End	Maragh	119
2	Eternal Star	Five Star Day	Pimentel	121
3	Place Your Bet	Out of Place	Stisted	121
4	Joey P.	Close Up	Castro	121
5	Lucky Island (Arg)	Lucky Roberto	Garcia	121
6	West Coast Flier	West Acre	Morales	119
7	Saint Daimon	Saint Ballado	Samyn	119
8	Grand Champion	Two Punch	Coa	121
9	Ah Day	Malibu Moon	Russell	121

☆ NEWS TODAY ☆

MULLIGAN STABLE, BUT CRITICAL Consignor Mike Mulligan, who underwent surgery Tuesday night to reduce pressure in his skull, is in stable, but critical condition at Memorial Regional Hospital in Hollywood, according to Fasig-Tipton's Director of Marketing, Terence Collier. Mulligan suffered head injuries in a fall following the F-T Two-Year-Olds in Training sale Tuesday. "The most recent tests, some of which included a visit by his attending physician at 9 a.m. this morning, show further signs of stabilization of his condition," he said. "The doctors are pleased with the direction that he's headed; it would be unlikely that he'd be out of the hospital within two weeks." Mulligan operates Leprechaun Racing along with his wife, Britt.

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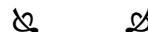
A year ago, fractional clockings for the 1 1/8 mile Fountain of Youth S. appeared suspiciously slow, and the suspicions were well-founded: the timing beam was triggered prematurely, and a new set of official times was released. This episode also brought to light that Gulfstream Park's oval is 17 feet longer than the intended circumference, due to a surveying error which necessitated a complex adjustment in the timing of nine-furlong races.

The distance of this year's Fountain of Youth, won fashionably Feb. 28 by Quality Road, was shortened to one mile. And many are again debating the accuracy of the internal fractions.

The questions are not without merit. But in this case, the fractions are accurate as posted.

Horseplayers unfamiliar with the timing of Gulfstream races are dubious a quick sprinter like This Ones For Phil could have grabbed a clear lead in a speed-laden field with a seemingly slow :23.83 first quarter-mile. They are doubly dubious of the half-mile fraction of :45.55, which meant the leaders blazed through the second quarter in a sensational :21.72.

The first fraction is easily explained, or rather, it has an explanation. For most American thoroughbred races, the starting gate is positioned about 20 feet behind the pole marker at which the timing of the race begins. In other words, horses get a running start before the clock is triggered. But because one-mile races at Gulfstream start at the rear of a long backstretch chute, the starting gate is placed much closer to the starting pole to provide horses additional room to maneuver in the cramped area between the gate and the fence at the back of the chute. Horses don't get as much of a head start in one-mile races, resulting in slower opening fractions. This Ones For Phil's first quarter-mile actually wasn't so slow--through Mar. 1, it was the sixth-fastest opening quarter of 71 one-mile races at the current Gulfstream meeting.



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The supersonic second quarter-mile doesn't have such a tedious explanation, but it doesn't need one, either. Digital timing of the replay confirms the horses indeed went that fast, with the four sixteenth-mile sections comprising that quarter-mile going in approximately 5.4, 5.4, 5.5 and 5.5 seconds. A big factor, of course, is that the second quarter is run on a straight-away as opposed to around all or part of a turn, which slows horses down.

A second quarter-mile in less than :22 seconds in one-mile races is unusual, but not unprecedented. At Aqueduct, which like Gulfstream is 1 1/8 miles in circumference and runs mile races around one turn, 15 races since 1994 have had such fast internal fractions.

It is also unusual for a three-year-old like Quality Road to race in close attendance to such a pace and still draw away through the stretch against graded stakes competition, but again, not unprecedented. On the same afternoon Smarty Jones won the 2004 Kentucky Derby, another brilliantly fast three-year-old named Medallist won Aqueduct's Withers S. by dueling through fractions of :22.50 and :44.06--a second quarter in :21.56--over a surface no faster than Gulfstream's on Fountain of Youth day, then opening up through the lane to win by daylight.

Medallist earned a 110 Beyer Speed Figure, compared to 113 for Quality Road.

Medallist, trained by legendary Allen Jerkens, could never carry his speed around two turns. For Quality Road, trained by Allen's son, Jimmy, the jury is still out.

Horseplayers don't have to question the Fountain of Youth fractions. Quality Road is indeed as talented as the teletimer indicated. The discourse should center on whether such a spectacular performance was too much too soon for a young colt, and also whether a horse with that kind of natural gas can be as effective at a mile-and-a-quarter.



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STALLION PROSPECTS - 3YOS

Rank (prev.)	Name	Owner	Breeder	Trainer	Last Race - Video	Best BRIS	Status
1(1)	MIDSHIPMAN (Unbridled's Song) ('08: 4-3-1-0, \$1,380,200) <i>(The Eclipse champion and BC Juvenile hero was injured training in Dubai; will miss Triple Crown)</i>	Godolphin	Stonerside Stable	bin Suroor	1st GI BC Juvenile	102	Sidelined
2(2)	PIONEER OF THE NILE (Empire Maker) ('09: 1-1-0-0, \$120,000; '08: 5-2-0-1, \$544,200) <i>(Gave Zayat Stables their first Grade I winner as a breeder; powerful stretch kick in Robert Lewis bodes well for his Derby chances)</i>	Zayat Stables	Homebred	Baffert	1st GII Robert Lewis	98	3/14 GII San Felipe
3(4)	OLD FASHIONED (Unbridled's Song) ('09: 1-1-0-0, \$150,000; '08: 3-3-0-0, \$173,280) <i>(Romping winner of the GII Remsen S. is a son of MGISP Collect Call; Larry Jones trainee came out running in 2009 and has yet to be challenged)</i>	Fox Hill Farms	R & L Rodriguez	Jones	1st GIII Southwest	101	3/14 GII Rebel
4(3)	SQUARE EDDIE (Smart Strike) ('09: 1-0-1-0, \$20,000; '08: 6-2-2-1, \$767,389) <i>(Authoritative winner of the GI Lane's End Breeders' Futurity on the shelf with sore shins; hasn't worked in a month)</i>	J Paul Reddam	Kinghaven Farm	O'Neill	2nd GIII San Rafael	100	Sidelined
5(6)	FRIESAN FIRE (A.P. Indy) ('09: 2-2-0-0, \$180,000; '08: 4-1-1-1, \$63,265) <i>(Scion of a top-class Australian family is the toast of New Orleans; looks even more promising with more distance)</i>	Vinery/Fox Hill	Grapestock LLC	Jones	1st GIII Risen Star	100	3/7 GII LA Derby
6(9)	DESERT PARTY (Street Cry {Ire}) ('09: 2-2-0-0, \$180,000; '08: 3-2-0-0, \$108,467) <i>(\$2.1-million FTFEB topper made it two-for-two in Dubai with decisive G3 UAE 2000 Guineas score; Godolphin's best Triple Crown hope?)</i>	Godolphin	Smith & Sinatra	bin Suroor	1st G3 UAE Guineas	93	3/28 G2 UAE Derby
7(*)	QUALITY ROAD (Elusive Quality) ('09: 2-1-1-0, \$182,830; '08: 1-1-0-0, \$25,800) <i>(Highly regarded colt blew the doors off his Gulfstream foes; plenty of stamina on the bottom side)</i>	Edward Evans	Homebred	J Jerkens	1st GII Fountain of Youth	110	3/28 GI Florida Derby
8(6)	CHARITABLE MAN (Lemon Drop Kid) ('08: 2-2-0-0, \$187,200) <i>(Perfect in 2 starts, the dark bay was sidelined with a minor injury following the Futurity, but is back on work tab; he went 4f in :47 4/5 Mar. 3)</i>	William Warren Jr	Edward Evans	McLaughlin	1st GII Futurity	100	Wintering in Florida
9(7)	VINEYARD HAVEN (Lido Palace {Chi}) ('09: 1-0-0-0; \$12,500; '08: 4-3-0-1, \$419,000) <i>(Impressive GI Hopeful and GI Champagne winner needs to get back on track after lackluster debut in Godolphin blue)</i>	Godolphin	Lynne Scace	bin Suroor	4th G3 UAE Guineas	106	3/28 G2 UAE Derby
10(*)	THE PAMPLEMOUSSE (Kafwain) ('09: 2-2-0-0, \$180,000; '08: 3-1-0-1, \$29,280) <i>(Big colt has galloped his rivals into submission in two straight stakes; heads for a Santa Anita Derby showdown)</i>	Bienstock, Winner, et al	Clarkland Farm	J Canani	1st GIII Sham	97	4/4 GI SA Derby

*New this week.

AT THE GAP: American Dance (A.P. Indy), Beethoven (Sky Mesa), Chocolate Candy (Candy Ride {Arg}), Dunkirk (Unbridled's Song), Flying Pegasus (Fusaichi Pegasus), Giant Oak (Giant's Causeway), Hello Broadway (Broken Vow), Haynesfield (Speightstown), Munnings (Speightstown), Notonthesamepage (Catienus), Papa Clem (Smart Strike), Patena (Seeking the Gold), Reynaldothewizard (Speightstown), Silver City (Unbridled's Song), Taqarub (Aldebaran), West Side Bernie (Bernstein).

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Yesterday's Results:

1st-AQU, \$43,000, Alw, NW1X, (S), 3yo, f, 6f, 1:10 4/5, ft.

RIGHTLY SO (f, 3, Read the Footnotes--Fit Right In, by Out of Place) beat up on Empire-breds by 10 1/4 lengths Jan. 25 and was 1-10 to clear her first condition here. Sent to the lead by Ramon Dominguez, the \$220,000 OBSFEB juvenile set fractions of :23.45 and :46.75, and drew off to win for fun. It was 5 3/4 lengths back to 45-1 chance Ampart Ridge (Cactus Ridge) in second. Lifetime Record: 3-2-1-0, \$58,600.

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4:43p 8th-GP, \$42K, Alw, N\$Y, 3yo, 1 1/8m HRTV WinStar's **AL KHALI (Medaglia d'Oro)** makes his U.S. debut after winning his last two starts in Peru by a combined 12 lengths. Off since late October, the \$15K KEESEP graduate fired a five-furlong bullet at Todd Pletcher's Palm Meadow's base in :59 4/5 Mar. 1. **Well Positioned (Awesome Again)**, tabbed as a ★ **"TDN Rising Star"** ★ following a 14 1/4-length tour-de-force at the Big A in November, looks to get back on track following a disappointing sixth-place finish at Gulfstream Jan. 31. **Chef (Smarty Jones)** takes on winners and a route for the first time. The Jayeff B colorbearer posted a smart 4 1/4 length debut victory going seven furlongs at Gulf Feb. 14. [brisset.com PPs](#)

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STAKES CLOSINGS

TODAY, THURSDAY, MARCH 5:

03-14 \$200,000 **San Felipe-II, SA, 3yo, 8.5f (AWT) (200)**

TOMORROW, FRIDAY, MARCH 6:

03-14 \$300,000 **Rebel-II, OP, 3yo, 8.5f (200)**

03-15 \$100,000 **Honeybee-III, OP, 3yo, f, 8.5f (0)**

04-26 \$1,800,000 **Audemars Piguet Queen Elizabeth II Cup-G1, ST, 3yo/up, 2000mT (0)**

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Yesterday's Results:

1st-GPX, \$40,000, Msw, 4yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:11 2/5, ft.
LITTLE MISS JULIEN (f, 4, **Is It True--Cielo's Dance, by Danzig**) disappeared following a seventh-place finish in her Saratoga bow as a juvenile. The \$170,000 OBSAPR juvenile resurfaced on the Calder lawn to finish a solid second last November, then finished fourth as the 4-5 chalk over the Gulfstream turf Feb. 4. Back on dirt here, the 7-2 chance sat in second after bobbling at the break. With John Velazquez aboard, the bay hit the front in the stretch and reported home a one-length victress over 2-1 Elusive Sparkle (Elusive Quality). Mattieandmorgan (Smart Strike), favored at 8-5, finished last of six. Lifetime Record: 4-1-1-0, \$31,853.

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O-Randall Hartley, Dean De Renzo, Joe Pesci & Wesley Ward. B-Hartley/DeRenzo Thoroughbreds, Barbara Wennik & Cannon Creek Farm (FL). T-Wesley A Ward.

3rd-GPX, \$35,000, Msw, 3yo, 1 1/8m, 1:50 3/5, ft.
TOBY THE COAL MAN (c, 3, **Mineshaft--Major Melissa, by Partner's Hero**), a \$130,000 KEENOV weanling and \$290,000 KEESEP yearling purchase, was bought back for \$325,000 as a FTFFEB juvenile. The Robert LaPenta colorbearer completed the trifecta in his first two starts last term before closing out the year with a fourth-place finish behind American Dance (A. P. Indy) at the Big A Nov. 5. He reported home eighth behind Saratoga Sinner (Harlan's Holiday) at Gulfstream Jan. 7 and most recently was second-best Jan. 25. Favored at even-money to go one better, Toby the Coal Man sat a stalking second for most of the way, hooked up with Audeamus (Scrimshaw) in the stretch and outgamed that one to take it by a nose. Lifetime Record: 6-1-1-2, \$42,550. [Video, sponsored by Taylor Made.](#)
 O-Robert V LaPenta. B-IAS Management (KY). T-Nicholas P Zito.

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Peppers Pride Arrives at Richland Hills:

Undefeated **Peppers Pride** (Desert God) arrived at Richland Hills Farm Wednesday to begin her career as a broodmare, according to Nathan Fox, president of Richland Hills. Bred and owned by Joe Allen, the six-year-old was retired after her world-record 19th consecutive win. She is booked to Tiznow. "We are proud to have been selected as the home of Peppers Pride, a wonderful race mare who captured the attention of the public with her unprecedented race record," said Fox. "On behalf of the Richland Hills team, I wish to thank Joe Allen for entrusting us with his prize possession." Trainer Joel Marr vanned Peppers Pride from her home in New Mexico to Richland Hills and he will stay in town until the mare has acclimated to her new surroundings. "Peppers Pride is a classy, impressive looking mare, and it is easy to see why she was so successful on the racetrack," said Fox of the farm's newest resident. "She will knock your eyes out. We are excited to welcome Peppers Pride to her new Kentucky home."



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Wednesday Night's Results:

7th-CTX, \$29,000, Alw, NW2LX, 4yo/up, f/m, 4 1/2f, :53 2/5, ft.

GIRL HUMOR (f, 4, **Distorted Humor**--Gonetofarr {SW, \$262,023}, by **Southern Halo**), third in her Santa Anita debut for trainer Doug O'Neill Jan. 9, earned her diploma by 5 1/4 lengths at Penn National Feb. 7, and rallied to a 2 3/4-length decision here. Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-1, \$32,640.

O-Suarez Racing Inc. B-Pablo Suarez (KY). T-Stephanie S Beattie.

Memorial Service for Witham:

A memorial service for Bob Witham will be held Friday, March 27, 2009 from 11:30 to 2 p.m. at the National Steeplechase Museum/Carolina Cup office, Shadwell Farm has announced. The museum is located at 200 Knights Hill Road, Camden, South Carolina. Witham, a former jockey and trainer who came to the U.S. from Europe in the late 1960s, broke horses for Shadwell for more than 20 years. He died in December, 2008 as a result of injuries sustained from a fall from his pony at the Camden Training Center. A statement from Shadwell reads, "All friends are invited to share in remembering a wonderful, talented friend." Attendees are requested to r.s.v.p to Lisa Berry at 302-275-0495.

★ SO. CALIFORNIA ★

Rail Trip to Santana Mile:

Undefeated **Rail Trip** (Jump Start) is expected to make his next start in the Santana Mile at Santa Anita Apr. 4. "The [GII] Oaklawn H. is the same day, so I can kind of point for either race, but he's run well here and he's comfortable here," explained trainer Ron Ellis. "Plus, it gets him on schedule for races at Hollywood."


Indian Blessing Still Heading to Dubai?:


Champion **Indian Blessing** (Indian Charlie) might pass the GI Golden Shaheen in Dubai Mar. 28, according to trainer Bob Baffert yesterday. "I'm planning on going, but I'm looking for an excuse not to," said Baffert after the two-time Eclipse Award-winning filly worked five furlongs on Pro-Ride in :59 seconds flat Thursday. "I'm on the bubble. It's a long way to go, even though I wasn't planning to go myself. I was going to send Jimmy [assistant Jim Barnes], but he doesn't want to go if I don't go. I'm training her like she's running, but there's a lot of stuff going on. Johnny V. [Indian Blessing's jockey, John Velazquez] wants to ride Quality Road [in the Florida Derby the same day as the Golden Shaheen]." According to Baffert, a decision would have to be made prior to March 17, the scheduled departure date for Dubai.

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Yesterday's Results:

6th-SAX, \$48,800, Alw, NW1X, 3yo, f, 7f (AWT), 1:22 4/5, ft.

HEARTLESS VIXEN (f, 3, **Lion Heart**--Pebble Dash, by Mecke), a \$40,000 KEESEP yearling who later RNA'd for \$65,000 as a KEEAPR juvenile, rallied from seventh to deliver a debut victory going six furlongs at Santa Anita Feb. 6. Overlooked at 12-1 here, she was last of seven through a half mile in :45.82, and came flying down the center of the course to win in hand by an impressive 4 1/4 lengths. Gabby's Golden Gal (Medaglia d'Oro) completed the exacta. Pinkarella (Malibu Moon) was scratched. Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, \$55,800.

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O-Gary Broad. B-John Balfanz (KY). T-Ronald W Ellis.

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BOWMAN'S BAND (Dixieland Band), Lane's End, \$6K, 101/9/1

10-TP, Aoc, 1m, My Friend Ken, \$7K KEE SEP yrl

CANDY RIDE (ARG) (Ride the Rails), Hill 'n' Dale, \$10K, 215/27/4

7-HAW, Alw, 6f, Dangerous Gal, 5-2

10-TP, Aoc, 1m, Attractive Ride

9-FG, Alw, 1mT, Monterey Street, \$47K OBS MAR 2yo, 12-1

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

3-SA, Msw, 1m, Mythical Power

5-SA, Msw, 6 1/2f, Wiggle and a Wink, \$45K OBS APR 2yo

DURING (Cherokee Run), Claiborne, \$5K, 112/12/0

10-TP, Aoc, 1m, Pound the Rock

HERO'S TRIBUTE (Sea Hero), Buck Pond, \$5K, 42/5/0

6-MNR, Msw, 6f, +Harold's Tribute, 8-1

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

9-HAW, Msw, 5 1/2f, No Name Jo, \$7K ILL HRA 2yo, 12-1

LION HEART (Tale of the Cat), Ashford, \$30K, 288/41/4

11-TP, Msw, 5 1/2f, Heart of a King, \$95K KEE SEP yrl

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

8-GP, Alw, 1 1/8m, Al Khali, \$15K KEE SEP yrl, 4-1

OCEAN TERRACE (Saint Ballado), Mighty Acres, \$5K, 33/4/0

7-HAW, Alw, 6f, Saint Lilliam, \$12K FTK OCT yrl, 9-2

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

9-FG, Alw, 1mT, Dancin Perfect, \$20K TEX APR 2yo, 10-1

RAINMAKER (Storm Cat), All Star Tbreeds, \$2K, 68/2/0

6-MNR, Msw, 6f, Jemaru, 20-1

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

1-TP, Msw, 6 1/2f, Little Montie, \$12K KEE SEP yrl

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

8-AQU, Aoc, 1 1/16m, Sir John, \$65K OBS APR 2yo, 8-1

SMARTY JONES (Elusive Quality), Three Chimneys, \$100K, 161/13/1

8-GP, Alw, 1 1/8m, Chef, \$400K KEE SEP yrl, 5-2

STAGECOACH (Storm Cat), Double LL, 15/0/0

7-SUN, Msw, 2f, +Victory Stage, \$4K RUI YRL yrl, 10-1

TEN MOST WANTED (Deputy Commander), Gainesway, \$13K, 118/9/0

11-TP, Msw, 5 1/2f, +Half Loaded

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5-SA, Msw, 6 1/2f, Ruby Lane, \$45K KEE NOV wnl

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IN BRITAIN:

Spring of Fame, c, 3, **Grand Slam**--Bloomy (SP-US, \$127,670), by Polish Numbers. Wolverhampton, 3-5, Hcp, 3yo, 1m 141yds (AWT). B-Brushwood Stable. *\$170,000 yrl '07 KEESEP. **Full to Slambino, MSP-US, \$163,617.

Distinctive Image, c, 4, **Mineshaft**--Dock Leaf, by Woodman. Wolverhampton, 3-4, Hcp, 4yo/up, 12f 50yds (AWT). B-Juddmonte Farms Inc. *25,000gns HIT '08 TATJUL.

IN DUBAI:

City Style, g, 3, **City Zip**. See "Middle East."

IN ARGENTINA:

Borshoi Jewell, f, 4, **Carson City**--Borshoi Ballet, by Theatrical (Ire). San Isidro, 3-4, Cond, 7f, 1:25.52. Lifetime Record: 5-2-0-1, P28,000. O-Stud La Esperanza; B-Martha F Gerry (KY); T-Juan Carlos Maldotti. *Won by 2 1/2 lengths over U.S.-bred Awesome Kris (Awesome Again).

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American-Bred Winners cont.

Crimson Allcat, m, 5, **Mutakddim**--Southern Cat, by Storm Cat. San Isidro, 3-4, Cond, 6f, 1:11.84. Lifetime Record: 12-3-4-2, P18,000. O-Stud Pueyrredon; B-Michael Riordan, Aaron Sones & Charles Luke (KY); T-Jorge Mayansky Neer. *\$45,000 yrl '05 KEESEP; \$6,000 HRA '08 KEEJAN. **Previously campaigned in the U.S.



BREEZING TO KEMPTON Goffs stages the third Kempton Park Breeze-Up sale today with a reduced catalogue of 59 lots scheduled to advertise their wares on the Surrey venue's Polytrack. Today's buyers will be the first to purchase candidates for the £500,000 Breeze Up Bonus, as a swathe of ready-to-win two-year-olds will be offered, all eligible for the valuable incentive. The two previous editions of the sale have already produced a haul of 45 individual two-year-old winners which includes last year's G2 Queen Mary S. victress **Langs Lash (Ire)** (Noverre), the California Derby hero **Yankee Bravo** (Yankee Gentleman), three-time Listed winner **Fat Boy (Ire)** (Choisir {Aus}) and fellow stakes scorer **Choose Your Moment (GB)** (Choisir {Aus}). However, this year's renewal has been hit by the withdrawal of the seven-strong draft from leading Irish consignor Mocklershill Stables and the eagerly-anticipated first foal of G1 1000 Guineas heroine Virginia Waters. "Interest in the catalogue has been very strong, particularly as it is the first sale under the new Breeze Up Bonus Scheme, which has received such an enthusiastic response from potential buyers," commented Goffs' Chief Executive Henry Beeby. "We will be missing a number of key lots from the sale as, regrettably, the Mocklershill draft has been withdrawn due to an infection in the yard, while [Lynn Lodge Stud's] Virginia Waters colt has also suffered a setback. It is desperately disappointing for the vendors, for Goffs and for buyers, but we hope to accommodate these and any other horses withdrawn from Kempton or DBS [sales] in our May Breeze Up Sale at Dundalk." Breezing takes place on the Polytrack at 11am with selling due to commence at 3pm. Catalogues, full results and video footage of today's breezes can be viewed at www.goffs.com.

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Hip 24, c, Kyllachy (GB)--Absolute Precision, by Irish River (Fr)
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The most expensive pinhook in the catalogue, this 70,000gns purchase at Tattersalls October Book 1 is one of just two Kyllachy representatives set to go under the hammer. The April-foaled chesnut is out of a half-sister to G1 Alabama S. and G1 Kentucky Oaks victress Flute (Seattle Slew).


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Hip 32, c, Alhaarth (Ire)--Carroll's Canyon (Ire), by Hatim

Consigned by Hayesfield Stud

In the absence of Hip 17, the first foal of G1 1000 Guineas winner Virginia Waters, this February-foaled bay is a candidate to top the sheets. Bought back at last term's Tattersalls October Book 1 sale, he is a full-brother to multiple Group 1-winning globetrotter Phoenix Reach (Ire).

Hip 62, c, Danehill Dancer (Ire)--Le Montrachet (GB), by Nashwan

Consigned by Jamie Railton Sales Agency

This March-foaled chesnut is eligible to contest the Tattersalls Timeform Million by virtue of his entry in last year's Tattersalls December Yearling sale where he was a vendor buy back at 40,000gns. Another candidate for top-lot honors, he hails from the immediate family of G1 Breeders' Cup Mile heroine Goldikova (Ire) (Anabaa), who also won last term's G1 Prix Rothschild and G1 Prix du Moulin.

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EPSOM DERBY ATTRACTS 138 Entries for this term's 230th renewal of the G1 Epsom Derby number 138 hopefuls, 13 more than at the same stage last year, it was revealed yesterday. Trainer Aidan O'Brien, who won with Galileo (Ire) in 2001 and High Chaparral (Ire) in 2002, boasts the highest entry with a staggering 36 possibles. Heading the Ballydoyle team is dual Group 1 winner **Mastercraftsman (Ire)** (Daneshill Dancer {Ire}), the highly-regarded G3 Tyros S. victor **Rip van Winkle (Ire)** (Galileo {Ire}), G1 Breeders' Cup Juvenile Turf runner-up **Westphalia (Ire)** (Daneshill Dancer {Ire}) and G1 Criterium de Saint-Cloud hero **Fame and Glory (GB)** (Montjeu {Ire}). There are a further 15 Irish-trained entries which include G1 Dewhurst S. winner **Intense Focus** (Giant's Causeway) and G2 Beresford S. scorer **Sea the Stars (Ire)** (Cape Cross {Ire}), a **"TDN Rising Star"** ☆ out of the recently-deceased Urban Sea. Impressive G1 Racing Post Trophy winner **Crowded House (GB)** (Rainbow Quest) leads the home defence and the Brian Meehan-trained chesnut is one of several entries also engaged in the May 2 G1 2000 Guineas. Godolphin's squad of nine includes the recently-acquired G3 Autumn S. winner **Kite Wood (Ire)** (Galileo {Ire}) and the unraced \$2.9 million Keeneland September yearling **My Vision** (Dynaformer). The £1.25 million June 6 contest enjoys a strong international flavor with five French-trained entries, one Italian-trained contender and three from Rashid Bouresly's United Arab Emirates base. All 138 three-year-olds were entered as yearlings, but there is a second £8,000 entry stage on Apr. 7 and a £75,000 supplementary entry opportunity five days before the race on June 1.

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★ FRANCE ★

Yesterday's Result:

Deauville, 15.20, Mdn, €24,000, unraced 3yo, f, 7 1/2f (AWT), 1:30.80, stn.
 + **LANGRUNE (IRE) (f, 3, Fasliyev--Habilea {Fr}, by Grand Lodge)**, a £100,000 DEAAUG yearling, stalked the leading pair in third after the initial strides of this first go. Taking closer order off the home turn, the 3-5 favorite pounced for the lead at the eighth pole and drew off late to score by an easy three lengths from Little Cat (Fr) (One Cool Cat). Lifetime Record: 1 start, 1 win, €12,000.
 O-Gerard Augustin-Normand; B-Haras d'Etreham; T-Jean-Claude Rouget.



MIDDLE EAST



★ DUBAI ★

3rd-NAD, \$150,000, Cond, NH/SH/3yo, 1500mT, 1:32.35, gd.
CITY STYLE (g, 3, City Zip--Brattothecore (MSW-US, \$322,567), by Katahuala County) broke his maiden by 3 1/2 lengths at first asking in a \$25,000 maiden claimer at Lone Star, then was runner-up in a Louisiana Downs allowance Sept. 1. Stretched out and moved to the turf in his next start, the gelding came from far back to score by two lengths in the 1 1/16 mile Sunday Silence S. at the Shreveport, LA, track Sept. 20. The chestnut rallied in the Breeders' Cup Juvenile Turf Oct. 25, but missed third by a head and top honors by 2 1/2 lengths in his first start since being purchased by Darley. Subsequently moved to the Godolphin roster in Dubai, the former Stonerside colorbearer closed from midpack to take a 1300m conditions event on turf by 2 3/4 lengths at Nad Al Sheba Feb. 12 most recently. City Style duplicated that score here, settling off the pace early, stoking a rally approaching the 400m mark and driving clear despite drifting in to prevail by 1 3/4 lengths over stablemate Liberation (Ire) (Refuse to Bend {Ire}). Lifetime Record: SW-US, 6-4-1-0, \$338,670. [Click for the Racing Post Chart](#) or [DRC Video Replay](#).
 O-Godolphin; B-Stonerside Stable (KY); T-S bin Suroor.



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GULFSTREAM

DR. PLEASURE (Thunder Gulch), 5f, 1:02.60, 8/12

PALM MEADOWS

DESERT KEY (E Dubai), 4f, :49.10, 15/21
 NOWHERE TO HIDE (Vindication), 5f, 1:00, 1/8

OAKLAWN

JUST JENDA (Menifee), 4f, :51.60, 31/40
 PROUD SPELL (Proud Citizen), 5f, 1:00, 1/27

SANTA ANITA

CONGOR BAY (Speightstown), 5f, 1:01.80, 36/42
 INDIAN BLESSING (Indian Blessing), 5f, :59, 3/42
 PAPA CLEM (Smart Strike), 6f, 1:11.80, 1/17
 SHAFTEED (Mineshaft), 5f, 1:00.80, 22/42
 SPRING HOUSE (Chester House), 4f, :49.20, 26/37





BREEDERS' EDITION AMERICA

ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

9th-FGX, \$50,000, Opt. Clm. (\$30,000), NW4L, (S), 4yo/up, a1mT, 1:39 2/5, fm.

HALLWAY (h, 5, Graeme Hall--Silver Bride, by Runaway Groom) Lifetime Record: MSP, 25-4-10-3, \$288,617. O-Heiligbrodt Racing Stable. B-Majestic Farms LLC (LA). T-Steven M Asmussen. *\$110,000 yrl '05 KEESEP.

8th-FGX, \$48,000, NW3L, (S), 4yo/up, f/m, 1m, 1:39 3/5, ft.

MISS BEAN WAH (f, 4, Afternoon Deelites--X Strawdnair, by Malagra) Lifetime Record: 8-3-0-1, \$81,990. O-Brittlyn Stable Inc. B-Brittlyn Inc (LA). T-Albert M Stall Jr. *1/2 to Mean Butterbean (My Friend Max), SW, \$220,850; Brother Bean (My Friend Max), SW, \$245,160.

3rd-AQU, \$46,000, NW1X, 4yo/up, f/m, 1m70y, 1:43 3/5, ft.

BETTER AGAIN (m, 5, Thunder Gulch--Scenic Point {SW & MGSP, \$223,326}, by Unbridled) Lifetime Record: 11-2-2-3, \$91,275. O/B-Lee Lewis (KY). T-Mark A Hennig. *Full to Better Now, GSW, \$191,189.

8th-AQU, \$45,000, Opt. Clm. (\$25,000), NW2X, (S), 4yo/up, 1m, 1:37 3/5, ft.

LEAP DAY (g, 5, Gold Token--Senora Claudia {Chi} {Ch. 2yo Filly & G1SW-Chi}, by Great Regent) Lifetime Record: 11-3-4-2, \$128,520. O-Barry K Schwartz. B-Stonewall Farm (NY). T-Michael E Hushion.

9th-OPX, \$36,000, NW2X, (S), 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:11 1/5, ft.

AFFIRMED TRUTH (f, 3, Proudest Romeo--Encore Amour, by Affirmed) Lifetime Record: 5-2-0-0, \$45,000. O/B-Dr K K Jayaraman & Dr V Devi Jayaraman (AR). T-Tim A Ice.

7th-GGX, \$31,380, Opt. Clm. (\$32,000), NW1X, 3yo, f, 1 1/16m (AWT), 1:45 1/5, ft.

GLACIER PEAK (f, 3, Pulpit--Glacier Lily, by Deputy Minister) Lifetime Record: 10-2-1-3, \$55,990. O-Jerry Hollendorfer & Andrew Rosen. B-Dinwiddie Farm (KY). T-Jerry Hollendorfer. *\$70,000 yrl '07 KEEJAN; \$100,000 yrl '07 KEESEP.

6th-LRL, \$30,000, NW1X, 4yo/up, f/m, 7f, 1:25 3/5, ft.

PLEASANT HONOREE (m, 5, Double Honor--Feelin Groovy, by Groovy) Lifetime Record: 33-5-8-6, \$109,965. O-Robert L Cole Jr. B-Farnsworth Farms (FL). T-John Rigattieri. *\$15,000 yrl '05 OBSAUG; \$170,000 2yo '06 OBSAPR.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Slevin, g, 3, Belong to Me--Silverbobbin, by Silver Deputy. AQU, 3-5, (S), (C), 6f, 1:11 1/5. B-Eric Brophy (NY). *1/2 to Silvercup Baby (American Chance), SW, \$123,780.

The Black One, c, 3, Chapel Royal--La Barberina, by Nijinsky II. LRL, 3-5, a1 1/16m, 1:47. B-Barnett Enterprises (KY). *\$40,000 yrl '07 FTKJUL; \$80,000 2yo '08 FTMMAY. **1/2 to Ex Caelis (Fusaichi Pegasus), MGSP, \$347,956; Le Rossignol (Stravinsky), SW, \$116,650.

Thorondor, c, 3, Ferrari (Ger)--Prize Possession, by Prized. SAX, 3-5, (S), 1mT, 1:36 2/5. B-Charlotte M Wrather (CA).

Good Sermon, c, 3, Honour and Glory--Sermon, by Pulpit. OPX, 3-5, 1m, 1:38 2/5. B-Hopewell Investments LLC (KY). *\$95,000 yrl '07 KEESEP. **1/2 to Clearly Foxy (Volponi), GSW & GISP, \$240,266.

Differentiate, f, 3, Include--Cabinet Post, by Silver Ghost. OPX, 3-5, 1m, 1:39 1/5. B-Alex Lieblong (KY). *\$47,000 yrl '07 KEESEP. **1/2 to Never Out (Take Me Out), GSP, \$144,813.

Profit, f, 3, Not For Love--Refugee (GSP, \$114,070), by Unaccounted For. LRL, 3-5, (C), 7f, 1:25 4/5. B-Needham-Betz Thoroughbreds Inc., D.J. Stable, Brian Graves & Dr Chuck Kidder (MD). *\$20,000 yrl '07 FTMOCT; \$57,000 2yo '08 FTMMAY.

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Empty Wallet, g, 3, **Stanislavsky**--Money Flies, by Hidden Vice. AQU, 3-5, (S), 5 1/2f, 1:04 3/5. B-Paula Ann Cohn Hallman (NY).

Valid Ritz, g, 3, **Valid Expectations**--Miss Ritz (MSW, \$260,673), by Spend a Buck. DED, 3-4, 5f, :59 1/5. B-Ken Murphy (TX).

Gayle's Band, f, 4, **G. W.'s Band**--Gayle's Approval, by With Approval. DED, 3-4, (S), 5f, 1:00 2/5. B-Dr. Glen Warren (LA). *Won in dead heat.

Granny's Secret, f, 4, **Placid Fund**--Who's Secret, by Secret Claim. DED, 3-4, (S), 5f, 1:00 2/5. B-Gregory Hoffman. *Won in dead heat.

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IN CHILE:

High Winning (Chi), c, 4, **High Yield**--Spinning n Winning, by Spinning World. Valparaiso Sporting Club, 3-4, Hcp, 1000m. O-Mr Roberto Figueroa; B-Haras El Sheik; T-Gabriel Reyes.

IN URUGUAY:

Translake (Arg), f, 4, **Salt Lake**--Transadora (Arg), by Robin Des Bois. Maronas, 3-1, Cond, 6f, 1:10.08. Lifetime Record: 5-3-0-1. O/B-Haras De La Pomme; T-Yolanda Davila

BREEDERS' EDITION EUROPE

CONDITIONS RESULTS:

FRANCE, Deauville, 15.50, 3-5, €26,000, 4yo, 7 1/2f (AWT), 1:28.20, stn.

NATAL LAD (IRE) (c, 4, Acclamation {GB}--Gentle Guest {Ire}, by Be My Guest) Lifetime Record: 30 starts, 8 wins, 16 places, €97,481. O-Angelo Pettinari; B-Mrs S O'Riordan; T-Nicolas Bertran de Balanda. *1,200gns yrl '06 DONOCT.

BRITAIN, Wolverhampton, 19.50, 3-5, £8,000, 3yo, 1m 141yds (AWT), 1:52.38, stn.

AKHENATEN (GB) (c, 3, High Chaparral {Ire}--Lady Adnil {Ire}, by Stravinsky) Lifetime Record: 7-2-0-1, £16,678. O-Box 41; B-Netherfield House Stud; T-Mick Channon. *77,000gns wnlg '06 TATDEC; 60,000gns yrl '07 TATOCT.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Bougival (Fr), c, 3, **Dyhim Diamond (Ire)**--Baie des Roses (Ire), by Hamas (Ire). Marseille-Borely, France, 3-4, Mdn, 3yo, 1 1/4mT. B-Maurice Rohaut-Leger.

+ **Le Valentin (Fr)**, g, 3, **Slickly (Fr)**--Vallabelle (Fr), by Valanour (Ire). Deauville, France, 3-5, Mdn, unraced 3yo, c/g, 7 1/2f (AWT). B-Mlle Françoise Perree & Gunter Rohe.

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HALLOWED DREAM (IRE), 7, Alhaarth (Ire) – Salul (GB), by Soviet Star

Foal born Jan. 29, a filly by Malibu Moon. Will be bred back to Raven's Pass. Owned by Rancho San Peasea. Boarded at Taylor Made, Ky. Accomplishments: GSW-N.A., G1SP-Ity, SP-Eng, \$365,235.

CINTAROSA, 6, Grand Slam – Silver Stockings, by Seattle Sleet

Foal born Feb. 4, a filly by Unbridled's Song. Will be bred back to Tiz Wonderful. Owned by Jack Grunwald. Boarded at Taylor Made, Ky. Accomplishments: SW of \$177,730.

ASTOR PARK, 5, Ecton Park – Noassemblyrequired, by General Assembly

Foal born Feb. 5, a filly by First Samurai. Will be bred back to Proud Citizen. Owned by Gary Barber, Team Valor & Highfield Stock Farm. Boarded at Taylor Made, Ky. Accomplishments: SW of \$103,215.



WRITERS UP

IT'S ABOUT TIME

By Bill Finley, special to *espn.com*

There was good news last week coming out of the California Horse Racing Board, which announced that it is preparing to rescind what was among the dumbest rules in the history of horse racing. After a mandatory 45-day comment period, California will likely remove a rule from its books that prohibited its tracks from sending its signal to wagering outlets that provide customers with rebates.

It seems that someone finally figured out that rebates stimulate handle, exactly the reason why they should be embraced and encouraged, not banned.

It's simple math. Most players bet without rebates and into the teeth of destructively high takeout rates. That's among the main reasons that horse racing isn't more popular with most gamblers; it's just too hard to win. Even a savvy handicapper with a big bankroll will have a very difficult time staying ahead of the game and will be forced to limit his or her wagers. Either that or go broke.

But rebates change everything. The same bettor who used to lose can become a winner when a rebate is factored in. Thanks to rebates, there are many big bettors out there wagering millions each year who otherwise might not be betting a dime on horse racing. If you're a good enough handicapper to break even or even lose a small percentage under normal circumstances, then you can make a sizeable profit once the rebate is factored in. Some shops will give customers rebates as high as 10 percent.

It's good for the player, good for whatever wagering outlet is giving them the rebate and good for the track sending out the signal the player is betting on. Like any other account wagering firm, the rebate outlets pay their fair share to the tracks hosting the races. Rebates are good for business. Case closed.

Yet, somehow rebates have become taboo within the racing industry, which leads you to believe there are a lot of racing leaders who understand neither their customers nor economics. Would someone please explain to me what he or she has against rebates? I don't get it. The notion that it keeps players from betting at the racetracks themselves is preposterous. Is the big player sitting in his living room in Michigan really going to find a way to make on-track bets in California if unable to get a rebate?

End rebates and most big bettors would either wager less or stop betting all together. Prohibit certain tracks from sending their signals to rebate shops and the big bettors will just bet on other tracks. In all cases, the only losers are racetracks and states that prohibit rebating.

Fortunately, there are people involved with California racing that figured this out. Prominent horse owner Jerry Moss, who is also a commissioner with the California Horse Racing Board, proposed at a recent meeting of the agency that the rule be done away with. Moss's timing was perfect. With the economy battering business at racetracks everywhere, Moss argued that no one could afford to stand in the way of anyone wanting to bet on California racing or any wagering firm willing to offer the product. No one seems to be arguing with him.

According to the Blood-Horse, Moss said he was opposed "to anything that stands in the way of business."

It also seems that the rule wasn't being enforced in the first place. Magna Entertainment, the owners of Santa Anita, a track the CHRB was supposedly trying to protect, is even in the rebate business. Magna owns XpressBet, which offers a 2 percent rebate to its biggest customers. That's how silly this thing had gotten.

"Rebating is here and everyone is doing it," Hollywood Park President Jack Liebau said, according to the Blood-Horse. "I don't think the California Horse Racing Board should take any action that will discourage people from betting on California races. I can't believe you'd do that."

Good for Liebau, Moss and the others who took a stand. Horse racing needs to find ways to build its business and needs to take a harder look at things like exchange betting, proposition betting and rebates. Times have changed and they are tough. The game needs every betting dollar it can get its hands on. Rebating works, and it needs to be supported. For more columns on horse racing by Bill Finley and others, visit

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