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NOW IS THE TIME

A week after selling the \$1.6-million Medaglia d'Oro topper at Fasig-Tipton Calder, Ciaran Dunne was back at it again, leading over the session-topping \$650,000



Sales-topping Tiznow colt
 Marie Kizenko Photo

Tiznow colt at yesterday's Barretts March Sale. The bidding was spirited between Jimmy Bell and Kim Lloyd, vice president of sales for Barretts, who was on the phone with Jess Jackson. Bell, standing in the back of the pavilion, waved off the opportunity to top the winning salvo, and the sales slip was brought over to Lloyd to

sign on Jackson's behalf. Offered at the twilight of the sale, hip 121 is out of Hurricane Judy (Storm Cat), making him a half-brother to stakes-winner Ronton (Cryptoclearance). Dunne was quick to attribute his success to his Wavertree team. "We have a tremendous group of people at home who make it possible," he said. "John Howard has been out here with this colt while I was in Miami. Before that, he was at the farm with Mark Edmonds. There's a whole bunch of people at home who make it possible for me to be standing here [at the sale]." Wavertree's sales-topping youngsters are well acquainted. "It's amazing--for the last 30 days, those two colts have galloped together every day, because they're the only two horses on the farm that could work together," said Dunne. "They're just superior horses. They just lope along together. If you put another horse in [with them], it gets a little tough." He added, "We've sold two super colts. It's been an exciting couple of weeks." **Cont. p2**

WELL ARMED READY FOR WORLD CUP

Trainer Eoin Harty reported Grade I winner **Well Armed** (Tiznow) in top shape ahead of a second tilt at the G1 Dubai World Cup at Nad Al Sheba Mar. 28. The six-year-old gelding, third behind Curlin (Smart Strike) in last year's World Cup, won the 2008 GI Goodwood Breeders' Cup S., GII San Diego H. and GII San Antonio H. and was second in the GI Pacific Classic. In two starts this term, Well Armed ran fourth in the Jan. 10 GII San Pasqual H. and second in the Feb. 8 GII San Antonio. The bay



Well Armed Horsephotos

worked five furlongs at Santa Anita Monday in 1:00.40. "He worked really well; he's on target," Harty said. "He's really come around of late, and he's certainly doing as well this year as he did last year." Well Armed is expected to work again Mar. 16 before departing for Dubai Mar. 17. Harty acknowledged that Well Armed will not have it easy in the World Cup. "They don't give away the \$6 million," he quipped Monday. "But I'm happy to be in the position that I'm in."



BARRETTS MARCH SALE

Tuesday, Mar. 10, 2009

Session Totals	2009	2008
Catalogued	124	191
No. Offered	81	133
No. Sold	50	73
RNAs	31	59
% RNAs	38.3%	44.4%
No. Over \$500K	2	3
High Price	\$650,000	\$800,000
Gross	\$6,263,000	\$12,996,000
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Said and Dunne...

The sales-topping Tiznow colt put in an effortless :10 3/5 [breeze](#) at the training preview, and Dunne was pleased that he wasn't penalized for failing to fire a bullet. "We all need to say thank you to the buyers," he said. "They just made our jobs a whole lot easier, because now we can go out and buy nice horses, and not feel like we have to break them up going nine and change to get them sold." He added, "I think, for everybody who does what we do, the last 10 days, two weeks have been tremendous. We've just topped two sales with two colts who worked :10 and 3/5. [The prices reflected] more on the way they moved and what they showed at the barn."



Hip 121 Marie Kizenko Photo

Strikingly similar to his Horse of the Year sire, hip 121 was picked up for \$200,000 at KEESEP by Edmonton. That's a partnership between Dunne, Jack Goldthorpe of Lexington, Kentucky, and Vern Dubinsky of Edmonton, Alberta. "It's a big day for all of us," said the consignor. The colt's dam is a half-sister to GISW Imaginary Lady (Marfa); last year's champion three-year-old filly Proud Spell (Proud Citizen) is also under the second dam.

PINHOOK PROSPECTS - TOP 6 BY PRICE

Hip	Yrl Sale (\$)	2yo Price (\$)
26	\$280,000 KEESEP	\$325,000
f, Giant's Causeway --Miss Soft Sell, by Siyah Kalem Consigned by Wavertree Stables Inc (Ciaran Dunne), agent Purchased by Ben McElroy		
34	\$250,000 KEESEP	\$220,000
c, Empire Maker --Rahy Dolly, by Rahy Consignor by BC3 Thoroughbreds, agent Purchased by Mr. K Maeda		
118	\$250,000 KEESEP	OUT
f, Indian Charlie --Her She Kisses, by Dehere Consigned by BC3 Thoroughbreds, agent		
65	\$230,000 KEESEP	\$300,000
f, Thunder Gulch --Tricky Squaw, by Clever Trick Consigned by Jerry Bailey Sales Agency, agent Purchased by Marjorie Post Dye		
114	\$220,000 KEESEP	RNA
c, Tapit --Harve de Grace, by Boston Harbor Consigned by Eddie Woods, Agent II		
121	\$200,000 KEESEP	\$650,000
c, Tiznow --Hurricane Judy, by Storm Cat Consigned by Wavertree Stables Inc (Ciaran Dunne), agent Purchased by Stonestreet Stables		

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Beating Them to the Punch...

After a slow start, a Tiznow filly selling as hip 28 from the Scanlon Training Center consignment got things going when selling for \$390,000 to Robert Irvin of C-Punch Ranch. Irvin, who's been in the racing game for 35 years in California, was seated near trainer Ray Bell just a couple of rows from the ring. "I thought that maybe we paid a little too much for her," Irvin admitted, but smiled when asked if he might have had to fork over more last year. He added, "We thought she was an elegant filly. We liked the way she looked on the track, and vetted her out." As for the May foal's current plans, Irvin said, "She'll go to Nevada for some R & R." Irvin's C-Punch Ranch, which he termed the "largest cattle ranch in Nevada," is located in Lovelock, Nevada. Among the runners previously raced by Irvin and his wife Betty is stakes winner Jeweled Pirate (Pirate's Bounty). At last year's OBSMAR sale, Bell signed a \$450,000 ticket on Irvin's behalf for a Giant's Causeway colt. Named Kumiva, that colt is currently at Santa Anita awaiting his racing debut. Hip 28 is the second foal from Misty Lee (Level Sands), a half-sister to star sprinter Xtra Heat (Dixieland Heat), who was honored as champion three-year-old filly in 2001. **Cont. p3**



Beating Them to the Punch cont.

Hip 28 was a \$100,000 KEESEP yearling purchase by Scanlon Training Center as agent, and had been highly regarded from the start. "She's just always had a really nice walk on her," said David Scanlon. "She's got a nice frame--she's not heavily built, but more of a lighter-built filly. She's always floated over the ground." As for her May 3 foaling date, Scanlon commented, "She came along very nicely. We took our time with her. We just let her dictate the pace--she's very easy on herself in her action. She hits the ground nice and sound. Everything went right, and she checked all the boxes."

BUYING AT THE TOP OF THE MARKET AT THE 2009 BARRETT'S MARCH SALE

There were 2 juveniles purchased for \$400,000 or more at Barretts March 2009 (down from 10 in 2008)

Buyer	\$400K+ '09	\$400K+ '08
Hoods Up Stables	0	1
Demi O'Byrne	1	0
Larry Richardson, agent	0	2
Mike Ryan, agent	0	1
John Sadler, agent	0	1
Southern Equine	0	2
Stonestreet Stables	1	2
Tommy Town T'bred's	0	1
Total:	10	14

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Hip **Sex** **Sire** **Dam** **Price (\$)**
121 c Tiznow Hurricane Judy **650,000**

B-Stillmeadow Farm (Ky)
 (\$200,000 yrl '08 KEESEP)

Consigned by Wavertree Stables Inc (Ciaran Dunne), agent
 Purchased by Stonestreet Stables LLC

97 f **Tapit** **Cross Your Heart** **540,000**

B-Lynch Bages & Samac (Ky)

Consigned by Jerry Bailey Sales Agency, agent
 Purchased by Demi O'Byrne

28 f **Tiznow** **Misty Lee** **390,000**

B-Whisper Hill Farm (Ky)
 (\$100,000 yrl '08 KEESEP)

Consigned by Scanlon Training Center, Agent I
 Purchased by C-Punch Ranch Inc

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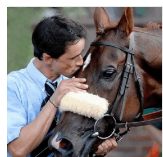
- 26** f **Giant's Causeway** Miss Soft Sell 325,000
B-Mary H Caldwell (Ca)
 (\$280,000 yrl '08 KEESEP)
 Consigned by Wavertree Stables Inc (Ciaran Dunne),
 Agent II
 Purchased by Ben McElroy
- 65** f **Thunder Gulch** Tricky Squaw 300,000
B-Liberation Farm & Oratis T'breeds (Ky)
 (\$230,000 yrl '08 KEESEP; \$105,000 wnl '07 FTKNOV)
 Consigned by Jerry Bailey Sales Agency, Agent I
 Purchased by Marjorie Post Dye
- 112** c **Consolidator** Funshine 300,000
B-Colby Fields Racing Group (Ky)
 Consigned by John O'Hara, agent
 Purchased by Narvick International Inc
- 122** c **Songandaprayer** Inviting 250,000
B-Larry Byer (Ky)
 Consigned by Eddie Woods, Agent X
 Purchased by Dan Hendricks, agent for Cecil Peacock
- 76** c **Indian Charlie** Young Star 240,000
B-Dreamfields, Don Brady & Tuition Stable (Ky)
 (\$175,000 yrl '08 KEESEP)
 Consigned by Wavertree Stables Inc (Ciaran Dunne),
 Agent V
 Purchased by Dennis R O'Neill
- 34** c **Empire Maker** Rahy Dolly 220,000
B-Summer Wind Farm (Ky)
 (\$250,000 yrl '08 KEESEP)
 Consigned by BC3 Thoroughbreds, agent
 Purchased by Mr K Maeda
- 67** c **Distant View** Upgraded 210,000
B-Palides Investments NV (Ky)
 (\$55,000 yrl '08 KEESEP)
 Consigned by BC3 Thoroughbreds, agent
 Purchased by J Paul Reddam

Knock, Knock, Who's There? It's Tapit!

Described by one consignor as the sire of the moment, Tapit was responsible for the highest-priced filly at Tuesday's sale, a \$540,000 chestnut purchased by Demi O'Byrne. Jess Jackson was the underbidder. Purchased for the partnership of Michael Tabor, John Magnier and Derrick Smith, hip 97 will be trained by Todd Pletcher. "I liked her," said O'Byrne. "She breezed well [and] she's good-looking. I've been lucky with [consignor] Jerry Bailey before. He told me she was very good, so I tend to believe Jerry." After RNA'ing for \$65,000 at FTKJUL, the filly was purchased privately by agent Kim Vallerio for an undisclosed client. "He is based out here and has raced out here," Bailey explained. "He kind of wanted to sell, because he's had some horses go AWOL." Bailey added, "She sold pretty well. I think that's pretty much the top end for a filly in today's two-year-old market. That's what I saw at Fasig-Tipton, and that's about as much as a filly's going to bring." As for O'Byrne's previous success with his program's graduates, Bailey offered, "He bought Thunder Gulch [privately] from me and, actually, Thunder Gulch was the very first horse he bought for Michael Tabor; he bought Honour and Glory out of this barn right here; and he was the underbidder on Dubai Escapade. We've had a good relationship with him over the years. I really believe in this filly. He was as excited about this filly as I've seen him about a horse in a while. He's a pretty good judge of a runner, so I really expect this is a graded-stakes filly." Hip 97 is out of Cross Your Heart (Miswaki), a half to MGSW Broken Vow (Unbridled) and SW Threshold (Homebuilder). With this filly in utero, the mare was purchased by Gaines-Gentry for \$175,000 at FTKNOV.



Hip 97 Jim Farios Photo



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Consolidated Shipping...

Emanuel de Seroux's Narvick International purchased two youngsters yesterday, both from John O'Hara's consignment. They were [hip 27](#), a Bernstein--Miss



John O'Hara *Jim Farias Photo*

Suilleabhain filly for \$100,000; and hip 112, a \$300,000 son of Consolidator--Funshine. The pair were acquired on behalf of Katsumi Yoshida. "We thought he was very good-looking and a good mover," de Seroux said about hip 112, who hails from the first crop of Consolidator (Storm Cat). "It's still too early to tell [what he'll be like as a sire],"

said de Seroux. "But he was a very good racehorse, and he's by Storm Cat." He added, "The market is fair." Out of Funshine (Deputy Commander), the chestnut RNA'd as a weanling for \$72,000 at KEENOV. "He's handled everything super," said O'Hara. "I'm happy for Emanuel--he bought the Bernstein also. He's liked them the entire time he's been here. Needless to say, I'm rooting for them." Of an original consignment of 19, O'Hara wound up selling seven for a total of \$930,000 and an average of \$132,857. Also in that number was [hip 50](#), a \$105,000 son of Maria's Mon--Snickeez. "I was a little disappointed in the Maria's Mon," O'Hara admitted. "He had quite a bit of vetting and showed well. I'm tickled that John Sadler got him--I think he'll do real well with him." O'Hara added, "At the end of the day, considering everything, it was a pretty good sale. We had horses that we could offer to everybody."

Crunching the Numbers...

Both of the previous in-training sales this year were down roughly 30 percent in average and median, and yesterday's auction followed suit. A trimmer catalogue led to just 81 horses being offered--after several late withdrawals--and the 50 that sold grossed \$6,263,00. That was half of last year's \$12,996,000, when 73 horses changed hands, but the average and median were \$125,260 and \$80,000, compared to \$178,027 and \$110,000, respectively. "All things considered, it's not too bad," said Bill Baker, Barretts' vice president and controller. "I didn't really have any expectations--they were going to bring what they were going to bring. There's no way to evaluate it in this market." He added, "I think the Japanese got outbid on a lot of these horses." He also said, "As usual, the consignors from Florida did better. I think [David] Scanlon brought three horses out here and sold all three of them." Both Baker and Kim Lloyd said an effort would be made in the future to encourage Florida-based consignors to make the trip out. "The money was here to buy the horses," said Lloyd. "I think that will give them the feeling that next year they can bring some more horses out, and we'll get it done for them. Everybody was a bit nervous this year, and rightfully so. Everyone knew it would be a soft market."

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12 c **Songandaprayer** **Madiera** **120,000**

B-Josham Farms Ltd (Ont)

*Consigned by Havens Bloodstock Agency, agent
Purchased by Darrell Vienna, agent*

Ned Kelly bought this colt for just \$20,000 as a yearling at FTKOCT. Out of a half to MSW and track record holder Gold Star Deputy (Silver Deputy), the bay stepped an eighth in :10 1/5 at the preview and provided a gold star profit with his second trip through the ring.

14 c **Castledale (Ire)** **Mary Carolyn** **150,000**

B-George Arnold Sr, Lacey Mason & Julie C Martinez (Ky)

*Consigned by Scanlon Training Center, Agent II
Purchased by Buzz Chace, agent for West Point T'breeds Inc*

Scanlon Training Center signed the ticket on this colt, now named Serial Lady Killer, for a mere \$19,000 as a FTMSEP yearling last fall. The chestnut dashed off a furlong in :10 1/5 at the under-tack show; and his connections were rewarded for that effort here.

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Nothing But Net cont.

67 f **Distant View** Upgraded 210,000
 B-Palides Investments NV (Ky)
 Consigned by BC3 Thoroughbreds, agent
 Purchased by J Paul Reddam

BC3 principal John Brocklebank went to \$55,000 to get this filly at KESEEP 2008. The January foal topped the under-tack show when she flew through an eighth in :09 4/5, and she was a top 10 seller in the ring as well.

112 c **Consolidator** Funshine 300,000
 B-Colby Fields Racing Group (Ky)
 Consigned by John O'Hara, agent
 Purchased by Narvick Int'l Inc

Bred by Colby Fields, the Pennsylvania-based partnership of Ben R. and Kara L. Tucker and Roy and Joyce Monroe, the chestnut RNA'd at \$72,000 as a KEENOV weanling. The decision to stand pat proved wise when he zipped a quarter in :21 1/5 at the preview, the second-fastest time at the distance.

op/ed feedback

Editor's note: Response to [Fred Pope's Op Ed](#) in the March 10 TDN was unprecedented, with approximately 100 responses generated from the piece. Some TDN readers contacted us to say that they received an error message when they tried to send an email to the groups suggested by Pope in support of amending the IHA. To pass along your support for change, please click on [this email link](#), and type "I Support Changing the IHA" in the subject line. A sampling of the replies appears below.

We desperately need to correct the Interstate Horseracing Act. Time is of the essence. I salute Fred Pope for leg one of our mission to save thoroughbred horse racing.

-Rick Porter

I believe that Fred Pope is dead right in his assessment of what we all need to do to save our great game! He has challenged all of us who love this game to change the IHA to avoid the impending collapse of thoroughbred racing in this country. There are lots of problems, but unless we change the upside down wagering model, there'll be an ever declining purse structure. We've all seen the signs; Grade II purses that were \$250,000 in 2002 now reduced to \$150,000. I lend my voice to the call for the establishment to get involved in developing a strategic plan to have the Congress change the IHA. Nothing else is more important to our sport's future.

-Lindsey Williams

BRIS Speed Ratings

Top Weekly Stakes Races

Horse	Sire	Race	BRIS Speed
I Want Revenge	Stephen Got Even	Gotham S.-G3	113
Ah Day	Malibu Moon	Toboggan S.-G3	105
Gio Ponti	Tale of the Cat	Frank E. Kilroe Mile H.-G1	105
Acoma	Empire Maker	Azeri S.-G3	103
Kiss With a Twist	Lemon Drop Kid	Wintergreen S.	102
Einstein (Brz)	Spend a Buck	Santa Anita H.-G1	101
Hypocrite	Outofthebox	Sunshine State S.	99
Let It Rock	Trippi	Razorback H.-G3	99
I Lost My Choo	Western Expression	Honey Fox S.-G3	98
Saarligh	Saarligh	Wide Country S.	98
Sweet August Moon	Malibu Moon	Honest Lady S.	97
Giant Moon	Giant's Causeway	Mr. G.J.G. S.	96
April Pride (GB)	Falbrav (Ire)	China Doll S.	95
Fierce Wind	Dixie Union	Challenger S.	95
Peisinoe	Yes It's True	Ocala S.	94
Snug	Swamp	Gold Cup S.	93
Super Danny	Intidab	SPRC Claiming Series Phase II S.	93
Winning Point	Point Given	Am Capable S.	93
Stardom Bound	Tapit	Santa Anita Oaks-G1	92
Gold Wonder	Golden Missile	Allen LaCombe Memorial H.	90
Mongoose Gold	Mongoose	Merry Colleen S.	84

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This is the critical issue that must be resolved with authority, uniformly and constructively or we will lose the breeding and racing business as we know it. The IHA, as passed in 1978 and as amended in 2000 was carefully drafted to enhance commerce, again needs to be amended to adjust for societal changes unanticipated and inconsistent with a healthy economic model. All good legislation undergoes constant scrutiny and revision to remain true to its original purpose. The IHA is no exception. We must act now to amend the IHA again!

-Joel B. Turner

It is inconceivable that the IHA was crafted for the purpose of creating highly profitable low overhead distributors to the detriment of the producers (originating tracks and local horsemen). I support the goal of trying to bring some fairness back into what is obviously an incredibly skewed revenue split derived from simulcast wagering on races.

-Gary Drake



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Can Giant Oak Get Chris Off the Derby Blocks...

Trainer Chris Block has enjoyed plenty of success in the Midwest before, but with Virginia H. Tarra Trust



Chris Block *Horsephotos*

homebred **Giant Oak** (Giant's Causeway), the 42-year-old has his first legitimate Triple Crown contender. Giant Oak emerged on the scene last summer at Arlington, winning a maiden on the turf and an allowance on the Polytrack. Eighth to Bittel Road (Stormy Atlantic) in the grassy Gill Bourbon S. at Keeneland, Giant Oak stepped up to national prominence in the Gill Kentucky Jockey Club S. at Churchill Nov. 29, when he ran Beethoven (Sky Mesa) to a neck in that dirt race. The race was impressive enough to

earn Giant Oak favoritism in the Gill Risen Star S. at Fair Grounds Feb. 7, but the colt was forced to steady and shuffled back on the far turn under Edgar Prado, and could do no better than fifth, beaten 5 1/2 lengths.

"He's such a big, long-striding horse, and if the rider gets in trouble and has to tap on the brakes, it's hard to get him going again," Block said of the Risen Star during a national teleconference yesterday. "It takes a few strides to get him back in motion and to allow him to use that stride to the best of his ability."

Giant Oak has two published works since the Risen Star, including a sharp five-furlong drill in 1:00 4/5 in New Orleans Mar. 7. For the Louisiana Derby, Block said he decided to make a rider change. Journeyman James Graham will be on Giant Oak for the first time Saturday.

"I took James for a couple of reasons," said Block. "One, he's been breezing the horse since we had him in New Orleans, and he and the horse seemed to have come together in the last 30 days since the Risen Star. I think he's got a real good handle on the horse. [Giant Oak] got real aggressive on the backstretch in the Risen Star and the pace slowed, and that's how we ended up in as much trouble as we did. I can't blame Edgar; I think it was the circumstances in front of him that put us in that position. But we're confident in James, and I don't think we'll talk a whole lot of strategy before the race."

One piece of advice that Block may impart is to make sure Giant Oak, who physically lives up to his moniker, doesn't get trapped inside of horses.

"From most of his races forward, I think we may have to give up some ground and get to the outside to give him a chance to stretch his legs and get his big stride going," said Block. "I love the surface at the Fair Grounds and the configuration fits us well because of the long stretch. The only negative is that the track is narrow and they do bunch up going into the far turn, so you do have to be in a position where you can get to the outside at some point from the three-eighths pole and the quarter pole to make a strong run down the stretch. That didn't happen in the Risen Star. We'll just chalk it up to bad luck and go forward. We're just hoping James can find a seam nearing the quarter pole and get him to the outside and turn him loose and let him do his thing from there."

Block's best horses to date include the millionaires and multiple graded stakes winners Mystery Giver (Dynaformer) and Fort Prado (El Prado {Ire}), as well as Grade I winner Vacare (Lear Fan), who began her career with the conditioner. -LM

2009 ROAD TO THE CLASSICS

<u>DATE</u>	<u>RACE</u>	<u>TRACK</u>
Mar. 14	GII Louisiana Derby	Fair Grounds
	GII Rebel S.	Oaklawn
	GII San Felipe S.	Santa Anita
Mar. 21	GIII Tampa Bay Derby	Tampa Bay
	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
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With Retirement Looming, Jones Boasts Double Threat...

Larry Jones says he still intends to retire at season's end, that despite boasting a stable that is the envy of most trainers in America. During a national



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teleconference yesterday, Jones said he hopes to go out with style, and if he's able to maintain the starting line-up that represents his barn in the coming week, that shouldn't be too hard.

In the next four days alone, the conditioner saddles a handful of divisional leaders, including the top three-year-olds **Old Fashioned** (Unbridled's Song),

who will go off favored in the GII Rebel S. at Oaklawn, and **Friesan Fire** (A.P. Indy), likely chalk in the GII Louisiana Derby. Both race Saturday.

It's been a tale of two horses for Jones regarding Old Fashioned and Friesan Fire. The former showed brilliance from the start and has won each of his four starts by a combined 27 lengths. Friesan Fire, meanwhile, has been more of a project for Jones, who admits the colt has had to mature mentally in order to become a Triple Crown prospect.

"He just didn't seem to be focusing," Jones said of Friesan Fire, who, after winning at first asking at Delaware in August, didn't find the winner's circle in his next three. "[We added blinkers in December], but he didn't seem to have the competitiveness to be number one--it wasn't the number one thing on his agenda. But now he's coming along and getting in that frame of mind."

Friesan Fire's last two tries have indeed put him squarely among the divisional leaders. After a lackluster second as the 2-5 pick in a Fair Grounds allowance Jan. 10, Friesan Fire notched his first stakes success when he beat **Patena** (Seeking the Gold) in the GIII Lecomte S. at Fair Grounds Jan. 10. Proving that was no fluke, he posted an authoritative two-length score in the GIII Risen Star S. Feb. 7. In Saturday's Louisiana Derby, Friesan Fire will try to become the first horse since Dixieland Heat in 1993 to sweep all three races. Friesan Fire will face nine others in the Louisiana Derby, which has also drawn the likes of Patena, **Giant Oak** (Giant's Causeway) and **Papa Clem** (Smart Strike).

"He's maturing now and is coming around the right way," said Jones, who will let his wife Cindy handle saddling duties Saturday at Fair Grounds. That's because--on her order, he says--he will be at Oaklawn to oversee Old Fashioned, the 7-1 favorite in the first Kentucky Derby future pool (excluding 'the field').

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Medaglia d'Oro	37	25	3 4	7	1 1	3	23 29	1 1
Candy Ride (Arg)	36	18	4 8	7	3 4	4	18 27	2 2
Speightstown	33	21	4 6	6	2 2	3	20 27	1 1
Lion Heart	31	24	1 1	6	0 0	2	20 25	0 0
Tapit	28	19	4 8	5	3 6	5	18 24	2 5
Chapel Royal	25	21	1 1	3	0 0	1	20 23	0 0
Cuvee	18	11	1 1	4	0 0	0	11 13	0 0
Friends Lake	17	13	2 2	3	0 0	0	12 15	0 0
Pleasantly Perfect	16	10	1 1	2	0 0	0	10 14	0 0
Peace Rules	15	11	1 1	1	0 0	0	11 14	0 0

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Double Threat cont.

Old Fashioned completed his juvenile season with a dominating seven-length romp in the GII Remsen S. at Aqueduct in November, then picked up right where he left off, winning by three in the GIII Southwest S. at Oaklawn Feb. 16. Old Fashioned beat **Silver City** (Unbridled's Song) that day, and the two will meet once again in the Rebel.

"It's always a scary thought, when a horse runs second to you and he wants to take another crack at you," said Jones. "You always feel like they maybe have an ace up their sleeve. Bret Calhoun's not driving all the way up from New Orleans just to try to run second."

Asked to compare his two runners, Jones said that the biggest thing that separated Old Fashioned and Friesan Fire was their focus. That gap appears to be closing, though.

"Old Fashioned, being undefeated, has shown that he has the right frame of mind for things," said Jones. "He's a very competitive horse. It seems he knows what he needs to do, and knows what the game is. Friesan Fire, early in his career, basically decided to be a herd animal. He had the talent--we knew it was there --but we were trying to get him to want to be number one. It was just something he didn't think he had to prove to the other horses. He was just satisfied just getting to go out and play with the other guys. But that is all turning around right now. He's deciding that he wants to be the top dog."

Jones has saddled the runner-up in the past two editions of the GI Kentucky Derby--with Hard Spun (Danzig) in '07 and Eight Belles (Unbridled's Song) last term--and says the aim of getting horses to Churchill is to leave something in the tank for the Big Show.

"Physically, we haven't had to do a lot with both horses to get them where we want them," said Jones. "You don't want them peaking in February or March. Friesan Fire kind of tipped his hand at Fair Grounds [Monday] when he worked exceptionally quick [five furlongs in :58 1/5, best of 29]. He's coming to hand really quick right now. It's kind of a teeter-totter with us; we want to make sure he doesn't peak too quickly."

If those two weren't enough to keep Jones busy, he also has last year's three-year-old filly champ Proud Spell (Proud Citizen) returning tomorrow in an Oaklawn allowance, and saddles the good older horse Honest Man (Unbridled's Song) in the GII New Orleans H. and the sprinter Kodiak Kowboy (Posse) in the Duncan F. Kenner S., both on the Louisiana Derby undercard. With that schedule in mind, Jones laughed when asked about the status of his retirement plans.

"As of Sunday, I was here in Hot Springs, Arkansas racing horses," he said. "I had to haul a load of horses to Fair Grounds Sunday night, and we were there in New Orleans [Monday] to work the horses. Then I turned around and drove back to Oaklawn to work the horses [Tuesday] morning. So after those road trips, nothing is going to be good enough to make me now want to retire. But we hope we got out in style." -LM

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SOMBER NEWS AT KHRC MEETING

Kentucky's Horse Racing Commission could go broke by the end of its fiscal year, and two tracks in the state might seek reduced meets for this year or next, it was revealed during a KHRC meeting yesterday. Ellis Park owner Ron Geary informed the authority that he might ask to have his track's summer meet reduced to three racing days a week. Geary also said this could be Ellis Park's final summer of racing, due to overlapping race dates in nearby Indiana, and competition for horses caused by higher purses offered in other states. Citing similar problems, Kentucky Downs is considering a request to have the track's 2010 meet reduced from six to four or fewer racing days a week, according to Corey Johnsen, president of that operation. Turfway Park has also discussed a cut in race dates for 2010.

Geary and Johnsen informed the racing authority of the situations facing their tracks immediately after KHRC Chairman Robert M. Beck Jr. announced, "We, essentially, will be broke by the end of the fiscal year." Beck called this situation "a travesty," which "affects the integrity of the game." He added that funding from the state government has been radically reduced, and a state bill that would have increased funding for the commission died yesterday in committee.

The dire situations described at Ellis Park and Kentucky Downs come in the wake of two cancellations at Turfway Park in the past two weeks forced when entries failed to fill. Turfway also eliminated two stakes races, and announced purse cuts of 5 percent on claiming races. Betting is down by as much as 20 percent at Turfway from sources on- and off-track.

Keeneland and Churchill Downs representatives said they will apply for their customary number of race days for 2010 when applications come due in September. Keeneland, however, recently announced it has eliminated two stakes races from its spring program. Churchill Downs General Manager James Gates said that track will reassess its situation in the fall.

While Kentucky's smaller tracks have cited problems filling races and speculated that this could occur more frequently in the future, Churchill Downs sought and received approval yesterday to add one race to Kentucky Oaks day and another to Kentucky Derby day. Post time for both days will be changed from 11 a.m. to 10:30 a.m., with Oaks day to have 12 races and Derby day to have 13. Gates said he does not expect the extra races to cause a problem with entries during the following week.

On a Positive Note...

One upbeat sector in Kentucky racing has been the work of the Kentucky Equine Drug Council. Working from a different budget than the KHRC, the drug council yesterday heard about progress made in the possible acquisition of digital imaging equipment for use in a necropsy study that would involve both the injured leg and the opposite leg of horses destroyed after catastrophic breakdowns. A good portion of the drug council's work is focused in trying to determine the reasons for breakdowns. -Mary Jean Wall

UPCOMING MAJOR NORTH AMERICAN STAKES

Date	Race	Track
Mar. 14	G1 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
Mar. 15	GIII Tampa Bay Derby	TAM
	GIII Palm Beach S.	GP
	GII Inside Information S.	GP
	GIII Herecomesthebride S.	GP
	GIII Honeybee S.	OP



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STREET CRY TOPS AW SIRES

The sire of four California Grade I winners on all-weather tracks in his first three crops, Darley's first superstar sire, Street Cry, is now the world's leading sire on AW surfaces, ranked by cumulative all-weather average-earnings index among 503 sires with 10 or more all-weather winners in North America and Europe. Grade I winners Zenyatta and Street Boss are among the seven North American AW stakes winners sired thus far by Street Cry, who has a 5.13 cumulative AW AEI in North America, and still ranks as the world number one (3.77) when his 30 European AW runners are added in. This is according to statistics supplied by The Jockey Club Information Systems (TJCIS) through Mar. 2, and processed in Ireland by Brianne Stanley and Gary Hadden. While AW racing in North America began in October, 2005, these statistics also include AW racing in Europe back to 2001.


Because of the long meets that Woodbine runs on Polytrack, Canadian results account for the single highest number of AW races that have been run in North America since 2005. Consequently, the best Canadian stallions figure prominently on all our AW lists, including the first of the leaders' lists that follow this column: Leading AW Sires by Combined Cumulative AW AEI. Canadian sires Kiridashi, Bold Executive, and Archer's Bay rank second, third, and fourth, respectively, on this list. Rather than try to come up with some intricate way to justify making them a sidebar, from an international perspective the best thing to do is just skip over them, unless they're relevant to your operation--in which case you need to know, besides these three, that Ellajud (2.49), Trajectory (2.37), and Compadre (2.04) also score quite high. Another thing to remember is that this list includes horses like Archer's Bay and Silver Hawk who have few if any runners these days.

Good California stakes winners also make a big contribution to high AW ratings. Here again, the very promising second-crop sire Candy Ride (2.87) scores high, with 2009 California AW graded-stakes winners Evita Argentina, who beat the boys in the seven-furlong GII San Vicente S.; and the GIII El Camino Derby winner Chocolate Candy. F2003 sires, whose first crops raced in 2005, have been exposed to AW surfaces for most of their sire careers, and two of them, Tiznow (2.86) and Point Given (2.79), rank on this list's top 10, even with the Canadian sires included. Ironically, they each had a top Canadian filly in their second crops--Canadian Horse of the Year Sealy Hill for Point Given, and her contemporary Bear Now for Tiznow; that didn't hurt their AW figures.

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Tiznow has three AW Grade I winners in California, including Colonel John and Well Armed; Point Given had Go Between, winner of \$2.9 million, including the GI Pacific Classic, but he unfortunately died early this year.

Another perspective is to look at the leading sires by number of AW stakes winners (second table), and even just the number of AW winners (third table). The leading sire of AW stakes winners is none other than A.P. Indy, with nine, confirming he's simply one of the top three sires in North America, whatever the weather (or surface). Four sires have eight AW stakes winners each: top Canadian sire Bold Executive and top Californian Unusual Heat, as well as the ultra-prolific Giant's Causeway (all eight in North America, though 38 percent of his AW starters were in Europe), and another horse whose name just keeps cropping up, Lemon Drop Kid. Street Cry and Tiznow have seven each, along with Forest Wildcat and Tale of the Cat, so three sons of Storm Cat are among the nine sires that have sired seven or more AW stakes winners.

To see the table of 503 sires with 10 or more AW winners, ranked alphabetically, click [here](#).

To see the entire table of 3,756 sires with any AW starters in North America or Europe, click [here](#).



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Three European sires with more than 175 AW runners in Europe have four or five AW stakes winners. Dansili has five; he also has over 46 percent AW winners to starters--almost twice the European average of 24.25 percent--and he has a cumulative AW AEI of 2.02. He is the top AW sire in Europe. Cape Cross and Pivotal each have four AW stakes winners. That doesn't sound like that many, but when you realize that only one-third of one percent of European AW races historically have been black-type races, two or three percent stakes winners to AW runners in Europe has to index out at 4.00 or 6.00. In other words, these three have had a lot of AW runners, and should probably be considered the top three AW sires in Europe.

Dansili's claim to be considered Europe's top AW sire is confirmed in spades when you look at the next list, as he ranks second, behind only Grand Slam, by total number of AW winners: Grand Slam has 87, Dansili 84. The expansion of AW racing in Europe (which would be better reflected in the stakes percentages if we counted European racing from September, 2005, when AW racing began in North America) is demonstrated by the fact six of the top 10 sires of AW winners are European. Besides Dansili, these are: Royal Applause (75); Pivotal and Cape Cross again (74 each); Bertolini (71); and (former European sire) Fasliyev (67). The North American leaders are the Ashford F2002 twins, Grand Slam and Tale of the Cat (74 AW winners). Their first three-year-olds were racing when AW racing began in North America, and they're proving just as prolific at siring winners on the AW as they are on the dirt. This is something Bill Finley suggested in his 2008 book, 'Betiing Synthetic Surfaces': the best sires are, on the whole, the best sires, whatever the surface. Distorted Humor (70), besides the Canadian Bold Executive (78), is the other North American sire among this list's top 10.

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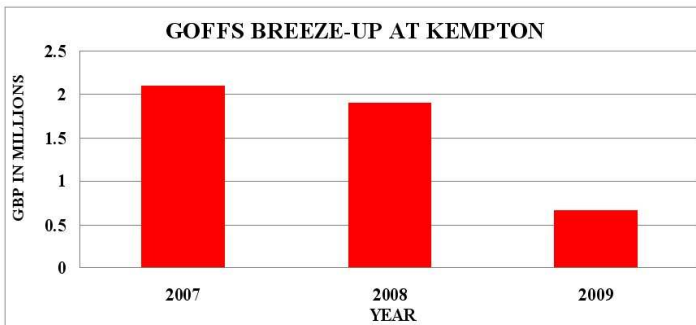
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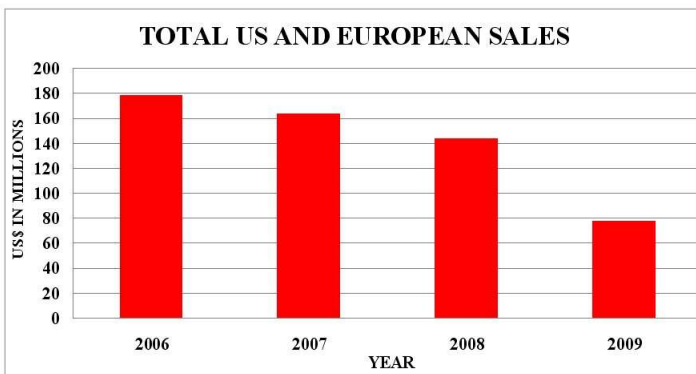
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–Bill Oppenheim



YEAR	CAT	RING	SOLD	% S/C	GROSS	AVG
2009	75	57	36	48.0%	£663,100	£18,419
2008	101	86	64	63.4%	£1,944,000	£30,375
2007	101	82	65	64.4%	£2,074,000	£31,908



YEAR	CAT	RING	SOLD	% S/C	GROSS	AVG
2009	4,601	3,375	2,426	52.7%	\$77,508,358	\$31,949
2008	5,848	4,228	3,079	52.7%	\$143,129,615	\$46,486
2007	6,813	5,405	3,892	57.1%	\$163,832,093	\$42,095
2006	6,519	5,082	3,874	59.4%	\$177,895,906	\$45,920

Data compiled by Brianne Stanley



LEADING AW SIRES by COMBINED AW AEI

SIRE	Comb Strtrs	Comb Wnrs	Comb Pct W/S	Comb SW	Comb AEI
Street Cry (IRE)	94	35	37.23%	7	3.77
Kiridashi	50	23	46.00%	2	3.46
Bold Executive	166	78	46.99%	8	3.17
Archers Bay	41	22	53.66%	3	2.90
Candy Ride (ARG)	29	11	37.93%	2	2.87
Tiznow	123	47	38.21%	7	2.86
D'wildcat	45	19	42.22%	2	2.81
Wixim	20	11	55.00%	0	2.80
Point Given	84	26	30.95%	3	2.79
Jade Robbery	26	13	50.00%	0	2.78
Red Bullet	32	12	37.50%	1	2.73
Chester House	83	38	45.78%	6	2.70
Whiskey Wisdom	69	29	42.03%	3	2.62
Silver Hawk	33	14	42.42%	1	2.61
Put It Back	40	18	45.00%	3	2.58
Most Welcome (GB)	41	19	46.34%	2	2.52
Elajjud	22	10	45.45%	2	2.49
Tribal Rule	58	28	48.28%	4	2.46
Pleasant Tap	80	34	42.50%	5	2.40
Trajectory	108	46	42.59%	6	2.37
Ski Chief	58	10	17.24%	0	2.30
Danzig	43	22	51.16%	2	2.25
Polar Prince (IRE)	20	10	50.00%	0	2.16
A.P. Indy	135	48	35.56%	9	2.16
Ocean of Wisdom	38	13	34.21%	0	2.13
Polar Falcon	45	14	31.11%	0	2.06
Stormy Atlantic	149	52	34.90%	5	2.05
Compadre	67	28	41.79%	1	2.04
Proudest Romeo	25	10	40.00%	1	2.03
Dansili (GB)	180	84	46.67%	5	2.02
Millkom (GB)	24	10	41.67%	0	2.01
Elusive Quality	164	40	24.39%	3	1.99
Milwaukee Brew	50	16	32.00%	2	1.98
Ascot Knight	80	28	35.00%	0	1.98
Magic Ring (IRE)	49	22	44.90%	1	1.97
Real Quiet	65	22	33.85%	1	1.94
Empire Maker	55	12	21.82%	2	1.93
Zafonic	103	39	37.86%	1	1.93
Harlan's Holiday	64	26	40.63%	3	1.90
Smart Strike	149	59	39.60%	5	1.90
Tethra	79	29	36.71%	2	1.87
Giant's Causeway	199	62	31.16%	8	1.87
Danehill	104	36	34.62%	2	1.87
Stravinsky	159	55	34.59%	4	1.86
Mozart (IRE)	48	15	31.25%	1	1.86
Bold n' Flashy	101	42	41.58%	0	1.86
Kingmambo	101	23	22.77%	1	1.86
Unbridled Jet	14	10	71.43%	0	1.85
Crown Attorney	41	14	34.15%	0	1.83
Exchange Rate	40	19	47.50%	3	1.80

LEADING AW SIRES by NUMBER OF AW Stakes Winners

SIRE	Comb Strtrs	Comb Wnrs	Comb Pct W/S	Comb SW	Comb AEI
A.P. Indy	135	48	35.56%	9	2.16
Bold Executive	166	78	46.99%	8	3.17
Giant's Causeway	199	62	31.16%	8	1.87
Unusual Heat	162	55	33.95%	8	1.62
Lemon Drop Kid	121	37	30.58%	8	1.46
Street Cry (IRE)	94	35	37.23%	7	3.77
Tiznow	123	47	38.21%	7	2.86
Forest Wildcat	144	41	28.47%	7	1.52
Tale of the Cat	200	74	37.00%	7	1.22
Chester House	83	38	45.78%	6	2.70
Trajectory	108	46	42.59%	6	2.37
Pleasant Tap	80	34	42.50%	5	2.40
Stormy Atlantic	149	52	34.90%	5	2.05
Dansili (GB)	180	84	46.67%	5	2.02
Smart Strike	149	59	39.60%	5	1.90
Stephen Got Even	109	38	34.86%	5	1.20
Deputy Commander	123	46	37.40%	5	1.10
Seeking the Gold	93	26	27.96%	5	1.06
Tribal Rule	58	28	48.28%	4	2.46
Stravinsky	159	55	34.59%	4	1.86
Cape Cross (IRE)	218	74	33.94%	4	1.68
Unbridled's Song	128	40	31.25%	4	1.64
Maria's Mon	126	52	41.27%	4	1.63
El Corredor	133	48	36.09%	4	1.61
Pivotal (GB)	210	74	35.24%	4	1.51
Bernstein	98	35	35.71%	4	1.49
Bertrando	148	53	35.81%	4	1.29
Catienus	103	40	38.83%	4	1.28
El Prado (IRE)	117	33	28.21%	4	1.28
Officer	82	30	36.59%	4	1.23
Grand Slam	216	87	40.28%	4	1.20
Black Minnaloushe	83	21	25.30%	4	1.05
Storm Boot	110	41	37.27%	4	1.05

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Grand Slam	216	87	40.28%	4	1.20
Dansili (GB)	180	84	46.67%	5	2.02
Bold Executive	166	78	46.99%	8	3.17
Royal Applause (GB)	238	75	31.51%	1	1.06
Tale of the Cat	200	74	37.00%	7	1.22
Pivotal (GB)	210	74	35.24%	4	1.51
Cape Cross (IRE)	218	74	33.94%	4	1.68
Bertolini	225	71	31.56%	1	1.08
Distorted Humor	189	70	37.04%	3	1.22
Fasliyev	229	67	29.26%	3	1.49
Mutakddim	155	65	41.94%	3	1.49
Singspiel (IRE)	186	65	34.95%	1	1.36
Danetime (IRE)	143	64	44.76%	1	1.69
Langfuhr	165	63	38.18%	2	1.12
Danehill Dancer (IRE)	236	63	26.69%	1	0.89
Cadeaux Genereux (GB)	166	62	37.35%	1	1.70
Giant's Causeway	199	62	31.16%	8	1.87
Mark of Esteem (IRE)	206	61	29.61%	2	1.13
Diktat (GB)	228	61	26.75%	0	0.83
Green Desert	165	60	36.36%	0	1.55
Royal Academy	178	60	33.71%	3	1.10
King's Best	194	60	30.93%	0	0.95
Smart Strike	149	59	39.60%	5	1.90
Orpen	183	59	32.24%	1	1.12
Grand Lodge	178	58	32.58%	1	1.29
Dr Fong	211	58	27.49%	3	0.89
Benchmark	134	55	41.04%	3	1.33
Stravinsky	159	55	34.59%	4	1.86
Unusual Heat	162	55	33.95%	8	1.62
Swiss Yodeler	140	53	37.86%	1	1.00
Bertrando	148	53	35.81%	4	1.29
Maria's Mon	126	52	41.27%	4	1.63
Stormy Atlantic	149	52	34.90%	5	2.05
Spectrum (IRE)	163	51	31.29%	1	1.42
Desert Prince (IRE)	185	50	27.03%	0	1.23
In Excess (IRE)	120	49	40.83%	2	1.78
Piccolo (GB)	169	49	28.99%	0	1.22
Victory Gallop	126	48	38.10%	1	0.89
El Corredor	133	48	36.09%	4	1.61
A.P. Indy	135	48	35.56%	9	2.16
Tiznow	123	47	38.21%	7	2.86
Red Ransom	150	47	31.33%	0	1.06
Trajectory	108	46	42.59%	6	2.37
Deputy Commander	123	46	37.40%	5	1.10
Compton Place (GB)	175	46	26.29%	0	1.14
Old Topper	98	45	45.92%	1	1.08
Invincible Spirit (IRE)	103	45	43.69%	1	1.39
Mujahid	119	45	37.82%	0	0.98
More Than Ready	148	45	30.41%	2	0.87
Night Shift	202	45	22.28%	1	0.95

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SIRE	Comb Comb Comb Comb Comb				
	Strtrs	Wnrs	Pct	W/S	SW AEI
Unbridled Jet	14	10	71.43%	0	1.85
Wild Event	37	22	59.46%	1	1.56
I Can't Believe	19	11	57.89%	0	1.61
Yankee Gentleman	42	24	57.14%	1	1.61
Joyeux Danseur	21	12	57.14%	1	1.39
Gotham City	20	11	55.00%	0	1.32
Wixim	20	11	55.00%	0	2.80
Cactus Ridge	39	21	53.85%	1	1.24
Friendly Lover	26	14	53.85%	0	1.55
Archers Bay	41	22	53.66%	3	2.90
Twining	38	20	52.63%	0	1.20
Skywalker	21	11	52.38%	0	0.66
Danzig	43	22	51.16%	2	2.25
Full Mandate	30	15	50.00%	1	1.27
Jade Robbery	26	13	50.00%	0	2.78
Storming Home (GB)	22	11	50.00%	0	0.76
Polar Prince (IRE)	20	10	50.00%	0	2.16
Free House	39	19	48.72%	0	1.27
Greenwood Lake	31	15	48.39%	2	1.61
Tribal Rule	58	28	48.28%	4	2.46
Exchange Rate	40	19	47.50%	3	1.80
Bold Executive	166	78	46.99%	8	3.17
Dansili (GB)	180	84	46.67%	5	2.02
Favorite Trick	43	20	46.51%	1	1.12
Most Welcome (GB)	41	19	46.34%	2	2.52
Poteen	26	12	46.15%	1	0.97
Kiridashi	50	23	46.00%	2	3.46
Old Topper	98	45	45.92%	1	1.08
Chester House	83	38	45.78%	6	2.70
Delaware Township	22	10	45.45%	1	1.18
Elajjud	22	10	45.45%	2	2.49
Bold Edge (GB)	51	23	45.10%	0	1.33
Put It Back	40	18	45.00%	3	2.58
Slewdledo	40	18	45.00%	0	0.70
Magic Ring (Ire)	49	22	44.90%	1	1.97
Danetime (Ire)	143	64	44.76%	1	1.69
Richly Blended	36	16	44.44%	1	0.99
Wild Wonder	36	16	44.44%	0	0.94
Adcat	27	12	44.44%	1	1.27
Pembroke	43	19	44.19%	0	0.84
Tejano Run	43	19	44.19%	1	1.25
Dance Master	25	11	44.00%	0	1.00
Lucky Lionel	25	11	44.00%	0	1.20
Ordway	25	11	44.00%	0	0.52
Repriced	25	11	44.00%	1	1.57
Gold Case	80	35	43.75%	1	0.84
Invincible Spirit (Ire)	103	45	43.69%	1	1.39
Snow Ridge	30	13	43.33%	1	1.56
Decarchy	42	18	42.86%	1	1.32
Event of the Year	35	15	42.86%	0	1.25
Three Wonders	35	15	42.86%	1	1.11

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 **NORTH AMERICA** 

MEC STOCK DELISTED FROM NASDAQ Magna Entertainment Corp. has been notified by the Nasdaq Stock Market that the MEC securities will be delisted as of the opening of the market on Monday, Mar. 16. Nasdaq officials cited MEC's recent filing for Chapter 11 bankruptcy as among the reason for the delisting. According to a press release, MEC will not appeal the decision. The stock, MECA, dropped to a 52-week low yesterday, closing at \$.05. It's 52-week high of \$13.60 was hit June 27, 2008. It was announced last week that MEC stock would be delisted from the Toronto Stock Exchange effective with the close of trading on Apr. 1, 2009.

MULLIGAN'S FAMILY OFFERS THANKS FOR SUPPORT The family of Mike Mulligan issued a press release yesterday to thank the many people in the Thoroughbred industry who have reached out to them since Mulligan was injured on the night of Mar. 3. Mulligan, who operates Leprechaun Racing in Ocala, Florida, with his wife Britt, was at a Miami-area restaurant shortly after the conclusion of the Fasig-Tipton Calder sale when he fell and suffered a head injury. He underwent brain surgery that night, and remains in Memorial Regional Hospital in Hollywood. "I cannot say enough about our industry, especially our fellow two-year-old consignors and the people from Fasig-Tipton," said Britt. "From the time we arrived at the hospital, I have been so thankful for the many friends and well-wishers who have come by, called, texted and emailed." Britt added, "Jacqui de Meric has ordered silicone wristbands, custom made with shamrocks. The industry support has been sensational during this trying time, and we are very appreciative." Leprechaun Racing sold two of three juveniles that brought in excess of a million dollars at last week's Calder sale in Miami.

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No.	Horse	Sire	M-L Odds
1	*Bear's Rocket	Lion Heart	50-1
2	Beethoven	Sky Mesa	30-1
3	Big Drama	Montbrook	30-1
4	Chocolate Candy	Candy Ride (Arg)	30-1
5	*Desert Party	Street Cry (Ire)	30-1
6	*Dunkirk	Unbridled's Song	12-1
7	Flying Pegasus	Fusaichi Pegasus	20-1
8	Friesan Fire	A.P. Indy	12-1
9	*General Quarters	Sky Mesa	30-1
10	Giant Oak	Giant's Causeway	20-1
11	Hello Broadway	Broken Vow	30-1
12	I Want Revenge	Stephen Got Even	10-1
13	*Imperial Council	Empire Maker	20-1
14	Old Fashioned	Unbridled's Song	8-1
15	Papa Clem	Smart Strike	15-1
16	Patena	Seeking the Gold	15-1
17	Pioneer of the Nile	Empire Maker	10-1
18	*Quality Road (N)	Elusive Quality	12-1
19	Silver City	Unbridled's Song	30-1
20	*Take the Points	Even the Score	30-1
21	The Pamplemousse	Kafwain	10-1
22	*Therergoesjojo	Brahms	15-1
23	West Side Bernie	Bernstein	30-1
24	Mutuel Field ("All Others")		8-1

*New Wagering Interest. (N) - Not Triple Crown nominated.
morning line odds by Mike Battaglia

STAKES CLOSINGS

TODAY, WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11:
03-21 \$150,000 *Bourbonette Oaks-III, TP, 3yo, f, 8f (150)*

TOMORROW, THURSDAY, MARCH 12:
03-21 \$150,000 *San Luis Rey H.-II, SA, 4yo/up, 12fT (150)*
03-22 \$150,000 *Santa Ana H.-II, SA, 4yo/up, f/m, 9fT (150)*

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Mar. 12-15

No.	Horse	Sire	M-L Odds
1	Be Fair	Exchange Rate	20-1
2	Bon Jovi Girl	Malibu Moon	20-1
3	Devotee	Elusive Quality	20-1
4	Dream Empress	Bernstein	15-1
5	Elusive Heat	Elusive Quality	10-1
6	Empressive Lady	Empire Maker	20-1
7	Fitz Just Right	Seattle Fitz (Arg)	20-1
8	Four Gifts	Even the Score	20-1
9	Frolic's Dream	Smoke Glacken	20-1
10	Haka	Dynaformer	30-1
11	Just Jenda	Meniffee	20-1
12	Justwhistledixie	Dixie Union	12-1
13	Laragh	Tapit	15-1
14	Nan	High Yield	30-1
15	Our Dahlia	Belong to Me	30-1
16	Persistently	Smoke Glacken	20-1
17	Rachel Alexandra	Medaglia d'Oro	6-1
18	Renda	Medaglia d'Oro	50-1
19	Rock Candy	Mineshaft	30-1
20	Sky Diva	Sky Mesa	20-1
21	Stardom Bound	Tapit	5-1
22	Third Dawn	Sky Mesa	50-1
23	What a Pear	E Dubai	15-1
24	Mutuel Field ("All Others")		10-1

morning line odds by Mike Battaglia

• ON THE WORKTAB •

GULFSTREAM PARK

Backseat Rhythm (El Corredor), 4f, :46.60, 3/27
 Hello Broadway (Broken Vow), 5f, :59.40, 1/15
 Lovely Isle (Double Honor), 5f, 1:00.40, 3/15
 Tale of Ekati (Tale of the Cat), 5f, 1:00.60, 4/15

PALM MEADOWS

Bold Union (Dixie Union), 4f, :47.60, 1/34
 Ginger Brew (Milwaukee Brew), 5f, 1:02.00, 6/17
 Tomcito (Street Cry {Ire}), 6f, 1:13.80, 1/1



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TODAY'S
INSIGHTS

2:12p HRTV 3rd-GP, \$43K, Alw, 3yo, 1m
B Z WARRIOR ([Malibu Moon](#)) debuted with a head score going 6 1/2 furlongs over this track Feb. 11. The Zayat runner makes his second start for trainer Todd Pletcher, who hits with 22 percent of his second-time starters. **Gone Astray** ([Dixie Union](#)) graduated in a Saratoga sprint last August before coming home a flat fifth in the seven-furlong GII Futurity S. at Belmont Sept. 13. In his latest, the dark bay was fourth--beaten 8 1/4 lengths by Vineyard Haven (Lido Palace {Chi})--in the GI Champagne S. Oct. 4. A Phipps stables homebred, the Shug McGaughey trainee has been sharp in the morning of late, including a bullet four-furlong move in :47 4/5 Mar. 2. **Bear's Conductor** ([Congaree](#)) showed plenty of early speed and tired late to be a narrowly beaten second in his most recent start in the GIII Grey S. at Woodbine Oct. 5. The Bear Stables' colt makes his first start on the dirt here. [brisnet.com PPs.](#)

6:36p HRTV 6th-SA, \$48K, \$80k Opt. Clm., 3yo, 6 1/2f
VENTANA ([Tocet](#)), third in last November's GIII Hollywood Prevue S., kicked off the season with a respectable fifth, despite encountering trouble in the San Pedro S. Jan. 19. He closed to be fourth in his latest start in the GII San Vicente S. Feb. 16. **Point Attended** ([Tale of the Cat](#)) graduated on the front end Dec. 20 before closing to be a close second in the aforementioned San Pedro S. Most recently, the Southern Equine representative failed to fire and was 10th in the San Vicente, but came back to post an impressive four-furlong work in :46 4/5 at Hollywood Feb. 28. [brisnet.com PPs.](#)



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★ EAST ★

Pimlico Spring Meet Reduced to 20 Days:

The Maryland Jockey Club and Maryland Thoroughbred Horsemen's Association announced the reduction of racing days for Pimlico's upcoming spring meeting. Reduced from 31 to 20 days, the 2009 meet is slated to begin Apr. 18 and runs through May 23. The decision was made to cut the upcoming meet in an effort to maintain a \$160,000 purse structure on the overnight during the period. "This decision had nothing to do with last week's Chapter 11 filing [of Magna Entertainment Corporation]," said Tom Chuckas, president and chief operating officer of the Maryland Jockey Club. "We felt it was best to address the situation sooner rather than later in the year. We would like the MTHA for working with us for the best solution as this gives us an opportunity to compete with surrounding states within our purse structure. We are looking forward to the Pimlico meet, especially Preakness week when the best Thoroughbreds in the country come to Baltimore." The local purse account stands at a deficit of approximately \$2 million as of the current Laurel Park winter meeting. "We are in a difficult period and the battle becomes more challenging each day," added Chuckas.

Horse Farm Worker's Scholarship Applications Open:

The Horse Farm Worker's Educational Fund is currently accepting applications from recent high school graduates for partial college tuition scholarships or scholarships to technical programs. Applicants must be the children of a parent or parents who have worked full-time on a Central Kentucky Thoroughbred farm for a minimum of three years. Applications are due July 1, and are available by calling (859) 269-1719 or via e-mail at Mstuart727@msn.com.

Yesterday's Results:

9th-TAM, \$20,200, Alw, Opt. Clm. (\$50,000), NW1X, 3yo, f, 1mT, 1:40, fm.

IZTACCIHUATL (f, 3, Chapel Royal--Southern Issue, by Southern Halo) romped in her debut while trying 8 1/2 furlongs in an off-the-turf event Jan. 13 before tiring to third while cutting back to 6 1/2 furlongs against similar company Feb. 6. Settled just off the pace, the 3-1 took over after three quarters and drew clear to score by two over Mi Helena (Seeking Daylight). The winner was \$13,000 KEENOV weanling and \$42,000 OBSAUG yearling purchase. Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-1, \$26,121. O-St George Stable LLC. B-Dr Michael G Marenchic (FL). T-Kirk Ziadie.

• ON THE WORKTAB •

FAIR GROUNDS

Secret Gypsy (Sea of Secrets), 5f, :59.20, 1/21
Sky Mom (Maria's Mon), 4f, :50.00, 14/29

Monday Night's Results:

8th-MNR, \$21,800, Msw, 3yo/up, f/m, 1m, 1:42 4/5, gd. SWEET AND FLAWLESS (f, 3, Unbridled's Song--Sweet and Ready {GSW, \$251,598}, by El Prado {Ire}), third in her bow sprinting over the Polytrack at Turfway Dec. 27, closed to be fifth despite a wide trip in her first try past two turns over that surface Jan. 19. Sent off the 4-5 choice in this first try on the dirt, the dark bay missed the break and settled near the back early. Launching her rally on the far turn, the half to Matikanetamakazura (Kingmambo), SP-Jpn, \$334,448, took over in deep stretch and drew clear to graduate by 1 1/4 lengths over Bella Rita (Commendable). Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-1, \$14,958.

O-Jerry Jamgotchian. B-WinStar Farm LLC (KY). T-Eric R Reed.

★ CENTRAL ★

Fasig-Tipton Texas Catalogue Now Available:

The catalogue for the Fasig-Tipton Texas's Two-Year-Olds in Training Sale, to be held at Lone Star Park Mar. 31, is now available at www.fasigtipton.com. The one-day sale has drawn 237 entries. The under-tack show is set for Sunday, Mar. 29. "This sale, in its 13th year at Lone Star, has really grown in stature and, with the enhancements and changes we will make for 2009, it will have the same feel as any of the better two-year-old in training venues," said Tim Boyce, director of sales for Fasig-Tipton in Texas. "From 2009, all F-T's in training sales will have the same whip and horse-shoe regulations in place for under-tack shows and we will have random medication checks throughout the show. Buyers are afforded new levels of protection within our revised conditions of sale for medication and anabolic steroid misuses."

★ AMERICAN-BRED WINNERS ★

IN PERU:

+ **Laugh And Be Happy, f, 3, Thunder Gulch--Joyous Day, by Settlement Day.** Hipodromo de Monterrico, 3-8, Mdn, 6f, 1:15.60. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$4,700. O-Stud Couet; B-Greg Osterloch (KY); T-Juan Suarez. *Won by three lengths. **\$9,700 yrl '07 KEESEP.

• ON THE WORKTAB •

HOLLYWOOD

El Gato Malo (El Corredor), 4f, :51.40, 20/22
Reynaldothewizard (Speightstown), 5f, 1:00.00, 6/11
Elysium Fields (El Prado {Ire}), 6f, 1:16.60, 5/6

PAYSON PARK

J Z Warrior (Harlan's Holiday), 4f, :49.60, 1/12



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AUSTRALASIA



TESTA ROSSA FILLY TOPS ADELAIDE TUESDAY A filly by Testa Rossa (Aus) topped yesterday's second session of the BMW Magic Millions Adelaide Yearling Sale, bringing a final bid of A\$115,000 from Victorian agent Kevin Dagg. [Lot 309](#) was consigned by Gerry Harvey's Baramul Stud. The yearling is the first foal of Scone (Aus) (Zabeel {NZ}), a half sister to stakes winner Sunrise Silence (Aus) (Squill). "She's a great-looking Testa Rossa filly," Dagg said. "She reminded me a lot of [MGSW] Rostova (Aus) (Testa Rossa {Aus}) as a yearling. I've had a bit of luck buying fillies by Testa Rossa in the past with [GSW] Vormista (Aus). This filly has been purchased for the same syndicate who race her." Through two sessions, Magic Millions has sold 261 yearlings for a total of A\$5,246,500 and an average of A\$20,102. The average is down 23.5 percent from a year ago, when 200 horses sold for A\$5,258,000 and an average of A\$26,290. The auction was gaining strength during yesterday's session, according to Magic Millions Managing Director David Chester. "There was plenty of great buying to be had," Chester said. "Those who bought yearlings over the past couple of days will certainly be back next year. The value this year was the best I've seen and, even before this year, the Adelaide Sale has been regarded as one of the best value sales in the Southern Hemisphere. Today's second session was much stronger as a whole than last night's opening session. To end up with the gross of the sale just A\$11,500 lower than last year is a particularly pleasing figure considering the current economic climate." The third and final session of the sale begins at 12 p.m. (SA time) Thursday.

First/Second-crop starters to watch: Wed., Mar. 11

Sire (Sire's Sire), Farm, 2005 Fee, #foals of racing age/Winners/SW Race #-track, race type, distance, runner, odds (if available)

- ANASHEED** (A.P. Indy), Questroyal at Liberty, \$5K, 38/9/0 5-DED, Msw, 7f, Anasheed Class, \$11K OBS AUG yrl, 4-1
- CONGAREE** (Arazi), Adena Springs KY, \$15K, 142/25/3 3-GP, Alw, 1m, Bear's Conductor, \$52K FTK JUL yrl, 6-1
- DOMESTIC DISPUTE** (Unbridled's Song), Northview, \$5K, 156/12/0 1-CT, Msw, 4 1/2f, +Disputed Touch, \$3K EAS SEP yrl, 8-1
- GREAT NOTION** (Elusive Quality), Northview, \$4K, 70/5/1 1-CT, Msw, 4 1/2f, Great Norton, \$1K EAS SEP yrl, 6-1
- ROAR OF THE TIGER** (Storm Cat), Hartley, 168/19/0 1-CT, Msw, 4 1/2f, +Awesome Tiger, \$4K ESM AY 2yo, 5-1
- TAPIT** (Pulpit), Gainesway, \$15K, 171/30/4 7-TP, Aoc, 6f, Whiskey Tap
- TOCCE** (Awesome Again), Castleon Lyons, \$15K, 157/22/0 6-SA, Aoc, 6 1/2f, Ventana, \$410K BAR MAR 2yo

EUROPE

PUNJABI VICTORIOUS AT CHELTENHAM Third in the contest last term, Raymond Tooth's **Punjabi (GB)** (Komaite) improved two places to claim yesterday's £370,000 G1 Champion Hurdle on the opening day of Cheltenham's four-session festival. The Nicky Henderson-trained six-year-old, who includes five flat wins in his portfolio, prevailed by a neck in a thrilling finish to the day's feature event and caused a minor shock with a 22-1 victory. Settled off the pace until taking closer order from halfway, he made his bid at the penultimate flight and won the war of attrition up the punishing climb to withstand the rallying cries of **Celestial Halo (Ire)** (Galileo {Ire}) and stable companion **Binocular (Fr)** (Enrique {GB}). "It was a great performance and I didn't go for it all until after the last hurdle, but he ran on really well," explained winning rider Barry Geraghty. Punjabi's win marked the first festival score for Tooth, who has also enjoyed big-race flat success with G1 Cheveley Park S. and G1 Coronation S. victress **Indian Ink (Ire)** (Indian Ridge {Ire}). "I couldn't believe it as the last 100 yards were like slow motion and I didn't think we were going to do it, but he managed to just hang on," Tooth said. "This is a fantastic horse, and I hope there will be many more [festival] victories to come." Today's action includes the £320,000 G1 Queen Mother Champion Chase.

		ADELAIDE YEARLINGS SALE	
		Tuesday, March 10, 2009	
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• ON THE WORKTAB •

SANTA ANITA

Hyperbaric (Sky Classic), 3f, :35.80, 1/13
Papa Clem (Smart Strike), 3f, :36.20, 1/2



BREEDERS' EDITION AMERICA

ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

9th-PHA, \$41,450, NW1X, 4yo/up, f/m, 1m70y, 1:42 3/5, ft.

PROSPERITY AVENUE (f, 4, Yes It's True--Lovely Cabrini, by Cabrini Green) Lifetime Record: 10-2-2-1, \$63,157. O-Silver Rod Stables Inc. B-John Waterman (FL). T-Edward Lehman. *1/2 to Cab (Trippi), SW & GSP, \$200,814.

8th-WRD, \$21,400, C, 3yo/up, f/m, 1m, 1:40 2/5, ft. VOWED (f, 4, Broken Vow--Fairway Vice, by Capote) Lifetime Record: 8-3-0-2, \$54,153. O-James Green, Darrell Lewis & Joey Ruhsam. B-Katy Cowan (KY). T-Martin Lozano. *\$18,000 wlng '05 KEENOV.

7th-TAM, \$20,200, NW1X, 3yo, 1mT, 1:39 4/5, fm. BALLY BUFF (g, 3, Forbidden Apple--Bally Duff Dancer, by Nureyev) Lifetime Record: 4-2-0-1, \$28,798. O-Joanna Reisler & Deitra Bardon. B-Michael Fennessy (FL). T-Timothy F Ritchey.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Sand Plum, f, 3, City Street--Cherokee Made, by Cherokee Run. WRD, 3-9, 6f, 1:12. B-Huddleston Bros. Farm (OK).

★ WINNERS BY U. S. SIRE ★

IN ARGENTINA:

+ Stormy Student (Arg), f, 2, Bernstein--Forty Schoolgirl (Arg), by Roar. Palermo, 3-9, Mdn, 7f, 1:22.72. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0. O/B-Stud La Biznaga; T-Roberto M Bullrich.

Mr. Cacht (Arg), c, 4, Numerous--Cacht Fitz (Arg), by Fitzcarraldo (Arg). San Isidro, 3-8, Hcp, 6fT, 1:08.22. Lifetime Record: G1SP-Arg, 14-7-0-3. O-Stud Rubio B; B-Haras Firmamento; T-Juan Carlos Etchechoury Jr. *1/2 to Cacht Wells (Arg) (Poliglote {GB}), G1SW-Arg & GSW-US, \$185,920-US; and Cachorra Wells (Arg) (Poliglote {GB}), G1SW-Arg.

IN BRAZIL:

Jobi (Brz), c, 3, Put It Back--Boomtown Days, by Mining. Cidade Jardim, 3-8, Cond, 5fT, :56.49. Lifetime Record: 9-4-3-1. O-Stud Senhor Moreno; B-Haras LLC; T-I Oliveira.

Sphere (Brz), c, 3, Put It Back--Montecazza (Brz), by Reve Dore. Gavea, 3-8, Mdn, 5.5f, 1:08.16. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-1. O-Stud West Point; B-Haras Santa Maria de Araras; T-C P Almeida.

Notavel Surena (Brz), f, 3, Redattore (Brz)--Estrela Surena (Brz), by Music Prospector. Cidade Jardim, 3-7, Classico Donetica-L, 3yo/up, f/m, 9.5f, 1:56.86; R9,000 to winner. Lifetime Record: 7-3-1-1. O/B-Haras Old Friends Ltd (Brz); T-Selmar Lobo.

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CONDITIONS RESULTS:

FRANCE, Saint-Cloud, 16.30, 3-10, €33,000, 4yo/up, 1 7/8mT, 3:34.60, hy.

BASSEL (FR) (c, 4, Daliapour {Ire}--Bint El Hawa {Fr}, by River Mist) Lifetime Record: 18 starts, 4 wins, 8 places, €96,140. O-Eric Pechadre, Henri-Alex Pantall, Raymond Paquier & Max Fournier; B-Mlle Amelie Zaccour; T-Henri-Alex Pantall.

ITALY, Naples, 17.30, 3-9, €10,800, 4yo/up, 7fT, time: n/a, gd/sf.

TIBROSO (ITY) (h, 5, Tibullo--Calabrosa {Ire}, by Barathea {Ire}) Lifetime Record: SW-Ity, 31-8-8-3, €103,479. O-Scuderia Siba SPA; B-Azienda Agricola Antezzate SRL; T-Armando Renzoni.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Never Lose (GB), f, 3, Diktat (GB)--Enchanted Princess (GB), by Royal Applause (GB). Southwell, Britain, 3-10, Mdn, 3yo, 6f (AWT). B-Susan J Jensen. *10,000gns yrl '07 TATOCT.

Last Samurai (Ire), c, 3, One Cool Cat--Art Fair (GB), by Alzao. Naples, Italy, 3-9, Mdn, 3yo, 1mT. B-A Robiati.

Sundown (Fr), f, 3, Singspiel (Ire)--Gerone (Fr), by Saumarez (GB). Saint-Cloud, France, 3-10, Mdn, 3yo, f, 1 5/16mT. B-Julian Ince & Ralf Ernst. *€55,000 yrl '07 DEAAUG.

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IN ARGENTINA:

Mr. Cacht (Arg), c, 4, Numerous--Cacht Fitz (Arg), by Fitzcarraldo (Arg). San Isidro, 3-8, Hcp, 6fT, 1:08.22. Lifetime Record: 14-7-0-3. O-Stud Rubio B; B-Haras Firmamento; T-Juan Carlos Etchechoury Jr.

IN BRAZIL:

+ Ice Cold (Brz), f, 2, Beat Hollow (GB)--Ice Cracker (GB), by Polar Falcon. Cidade Jardim, 3-7, Mdn, 5fT, :57.34. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0. O/B-Haras Interlagos Ltda; T-Felipe Nickel.

IN URUGUAY:

Mr. Splendid (Arg), c, 3, Numerous--Splendida Fitz (Arg), by Fitzcarraldo (Arg). Maronas, 3-8, Cond, 7.5f, 1:29.66. Lifetime Record: 7-2-1-1. O-Stud Patria Blanca; B-Haras Firmamento (Arg); T-W Baez.