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-Hall of Farm Trainer Nick Zito



### Patena Returns for IEAH...

The strong late run of **Patena** (Seeking the Gold) in the GIII Lecomte S. at Fair Grounds Jan. 10, which propelled him to a second-place finish behind **Friesan Fire** (A.P. Indy), caught the attention of a few folks, including the guys at IEAH Stable. The operation that sent out Big Brown to Kentucky Derby glory last year arranged to purchase a majority interest in Patena privately from the colt's breeders, John and Glenn Sikura, and in



**Patena (outside) at Woodbine**  
Michael Burns photo

Saturday's GII Louisiana Derby, Patena will make his first start wearing the red, white and blue colors of the IEAH team. "We saw a top pedigree," IEAH President Michael Iavarone said Tuesday from his office in Garden City, N.Y. "[Patena] wanted to go a lot farther than a mile. Stretching him out, he's just going to get better. He's got a real shot to find himself in the starting gate [for the Kentucky Derby], but he has to show up right away." Patena, who was switched from trainer Josie Carroll to Richard Dutrow Jr., will retain the services of jockey Robby Albarado.

### 'PIONEER' LOOKS TOUGH IN SAN FELIPE

With the two horses that finished nearest to him in the GII Robert B. Lewis S. on the road, Zayat Stables' **Pioneerof the Nile** (Empire Maker) will be the deserving prohibitive favorite in Saturday's 1 1/16-mile GII San Felipe S. at Santa Anita. The Bob Baffert-trained colt has drawn post two for the race and will be under regular jockey Garrett Gomez. On paper at least, there doesn't appear to be much to challenge Pioneerof the Nile, who beat last week's GIII Gotham S. hero I Want Revenge (Stephen Got Even) and this weekend's GII Louisiana Derby contender Papa Clem (Smart Strike) in the Lewis. Two of the horses in the San Felipe--**He's Really Big** (Johar) and **Feisty Suances** (Suances {GB}), got their first wins in maiden claiming company, and none in the race has registered a stakes victory. The asterisk to that statement is **Kelly Leak** (Runaway Groom), who finished first in the GII Best Pal S. last August before being demoted to fourth for interference. Tough and admirably consistent, Kelly Leak ran third to This Ones for Phil (Untuttable) sprinting six panels on Gulfstream's main track in the Sunshine Millions Dash Jan. 24, then came back to post a one-length tally in a one-mile grass allowance at Santa Anita Feb. 22. He prepped for this with a bullet four-furlong drill in :47 2/5 at Santa Anita last Saturday.



**Kelly Leak**

Benoit photo

### Saturday, Santa Anita

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY
1	He's Really Big	Johar	Gryder
2	Pioneerof the Nile	Empire Maker	Gomez
3	Feisty Suances	Suances (GB)	Flores
4	Shafted	Mineshaft	Rosario
5	Jeranimo	Congaree	Blanc
6	Kelly Leak	Runaway Groom	Espinoza
7	New Bay	Cuvee	Talamo

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☆ PREVIEW ☆

Saturday, Santa Anita

**SANTA MARGARITA INVITATIONAL H.-GI**, \$300,000, 4yo/up, f/m, 1 1/8m (AWT)

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	WT
1	Forest Melody	Forest Camp	Smith	113
2	Life Is Sweet	Storm Cat	Gomez	120
3	Bel Air Sizzle	Unusual Heat	Bejarano	114
4	Modification	Vindication	T Baze	113
5	Magical Fantasy	Diesis (GB)	Solis	117
6	Santa Teresita	Lemon Drop Kid	Talamo	117
7	Model	Giant's Causeway	Rosario	116

Saturday, Gulfstream Park

**GULFSTREAM PARK H.-GII**, \$300,000, 4yo/up, 1m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	WT
1	Cool Coal Man	Mineshaft	Lezcano	118
2	Formidable	Sky Mesa	Castellano	112
3	How's Your Halo	Halo's Image	Leyva	117
4	Bribon (Fr)	Mark of Esteem (Ire)	Velasquez	117
5	Finallymadeit	Concerto	Nunez	118
6	Smooth Air	Smooth Jazz	Lopez	118

Mount Joy Stable homebred **Smooth Air** makes his second start since running a solid seventh in the GI Breeders' Cup Classic at Santa Anita Oct. 25. Beaten only 5 1/4 lengths for it all by Raven's Pass (Elusive Quality), Smooth Air was granted a well-deserved vacation afterwards. "We gave him a month off at the farm [in Ocala] in November," trainer Bernie Stutts said yesterday. "Everything has gone right on schedule since the beginning of the year. We picked out the turf race to bring him back [second in Tallahassee S. at Gulfstream Feb. 7]. He just got beat on the wire and never saw that other horse coming, but the timing was perfect to get ready for this race."



Smooth Air

Jim Lisa

Stutts continued, "He's a different horse this year than last, when he was kind of laid back. He's become very aggressive in his training and wants to do more. The goal for him is to win a Grade I at some point this season to enhance his value as a stallion prospect. He's already accomplished quite a lot, but with his pedigree, a Grade I win would make all the difference."

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**MARCH MADNESS**



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Saturday, Gulfstream Park

**PALM BEACH S.-GIII**, \$150,000, 3yo, 1 1/8mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	WT
1	Sweetlandofliberty	Anasheed	M Cruz	114
2	Stormaloy	Storm Cat	Douglas	116
3	Casey's On Call	Gimmeawink	Baird	114
4	Lime Rickey	Lemon Drop Kid	Velasquez	114
5	Duke of Homberg (GB)	Dynaformer	DeCarlo	120
6	Beacon Hill Road	Forestry	Lezcano	116
7	El Crespo	A.P. Indy	Castellano	114

Saturday, Aqueduct

**CICADA S.-GIII**, \$100,000, 3yo, f, 6f

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY
1	Dream Play	Hennessy	Castro
2	Daily Star	Five Star Day	Migliore
3	Heart Ashley	Lion Heart	Lopez
4	Purrfect Bluff	Lion Heart	Hill
5	Love That Dance	Not For Love	Luzzi
6	One Smokin' Lady	Smoke Glacken	Flores

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Saturday, Randwick, Australia

**RANDWICK GUINEAS-G1**, A\$550,000, 3yo, 1600mT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY
1	17	Rebel Raider (Aus)	Reset (Aus)	Lindop
2	2	Youthful Jack (Aus)	Youthful Legs	Thompson
3	13	Sousa (NZ)	Galileo (Ire)	Parr
4	1	Caymans (Aus)	Secret Savings	Brown
5	15	Mic Mac (Aus)	Statue of Liberty	Shinn
6	10	Predatory Pricer (Aus)	Street Cry (Ire)	Schofield
7	16	Desuetude (Aus)	Strategic (Aus)	Boss
8	6	Tobique (Aus)	Redoute's Choice (Aus)	Robl
9	14	Lucky Thunder (Aus)	Lucky Owners (NZ)	Mott
10	5	Rhyno Chaser (Aus)	Catcher in the Rye (Ire)	Munce
11	7	Rock Kingdom (Aus)	Rock of Gibraltar (Ire)	N Rawiller
12	8	Baci Amore (Aus)	Rock of Gibraltar (Ire)	Ford
13	18	Handsupfordetroit (Aus)	Tobougg (Ire)	Bowman
14	4	Metal Bender (NZ)	Danasinga (Aus)	Nikolic
15	3	Over the Wicket (Aus)	Over (Aus)	Cassidy
16	12	Snow Alert (Aus)	Red Ransom	Quinn
17	9	Boys Will Be Boys (Aus)	Hussonet	Clark
18	11	Roman Emperor (NZ)	Montjeu (Ire)	Buckley

All carry 125 pounds.

Saturday, Trentham, New Zealand

**NEW ZEALAND OAKS-G1**, NZ\$400,000, 3yo, f, 2400mT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY
1	8	Daffodil (NZ)	No Excuse Needed (GB)	Tinsley
2	21	Mill Duckie (NZ)	Magic Ring (Ire)	T Collett
3	14	Juice (NZ)	Bertolini	Innes
4	17	Alagant Satin (NZ)	Alakbar (Aus)	Jago
5	13	Ekstreme (NZ)	Ekraar	Holmes
6	2	Glamorous Girl (NZ)	Thorn Park (Aus)	Calder
7	10	Jungle Rocket (NZ)	Jungle Pocket (Jpn)	McDonald
8	15	Miss Millbrook (NZ)	No Excuse Needed (GB)	Johnson
9	11	Puttanesca (NZ)	Bertolini	No Rider
10	6	Awesome Planet (Aus)	Giant's Causeway	No Rider
11	22	Dutch Striker (NZ)	Van Nistelrooy	Lammas
12	19	Starmon (NZ)	Monolith (Aus)	Cameron
13	5	Can't Keeper Down (NZ)	Keeper (Aus)	No Rider
14	3	Cassini (Aus)	Reset (Aus)	Myers
15	9	Taatledoya (NZ)	Faltaat	Walker
16	7	Inferno (NZ)	Yaminin Vital (NZ)	Mundy
17	12	Set the Tempo (NZ)	Pins (Aus)	Grylls
18	1	Infinite Way (NZ)	Traditionally	No Rider
<b>Reserves</b>				
19	4	Bird (NZ)	Danasinga (Aus)	No Rider
20	16	Our Zara (NZ)	Yaminin Vital (NZ)	No Rider
21	18	Affairoftheheart (NZ)	Et saichi Pegasus	No Rider
22	20	Miss Judged (NZ)	Volksraad (GB)	No Rider

All carry 123 pounds.

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☆ NEWS TODAY ☆

**FASIG-TIPTON CANCELS '09 KENTUCKY**

**YEARLING SALE** Fasig-Tipton announced yesterday that it has cancelled the 2009 edition of its Kentucky October Yearling sale, which was scheduled for Oct. 26. Commenting on the decision, Fasig-Tipton Chief Operating Officer Dan Pride said, "A sale should be viable for consignors, buyers and, lastly, for the sales company. The feedback we are getting from our constituents indicated this was not the case for the October Yearling sale. This was also the majority position at our advisory board meeting in early March."



**FASIG-TIPTON - 2009 SALES DATES**

Texas 2yos	Mar. 31
Midlantic 2yos	May 18-19



# Triple Threats

**BIG DRAMA OFF DERBY TRAIL; WAGERING SUSPENDED IN FUTURE POOL 2** Harold Queen's **Big Drama** (Montbrook), whose victory in the \$750,000 GIII Delta Jackpot last December all but assured him a spot in the starting gate on the first Saturday in May, has been taken off

the Kentucky Derby trail. Wagering on the colt has been suspended for Pool 2 of Churchill Downs' Kentucky Derby Future Wager, which opens its four-day run tomorrow. Trainer David Fawkes told *Daily*



Jim Lisa photo

*Racing Form* that a minor injury suffered earlier in the year has hampered Big Drama's training. Big Drama suffered a bone bruise in a stall mishap that required minor surgery, but the healing process took several weeks. "He's doing well, but because of the missed time, the prudent thing to do right now is not to rush him to try to get a two-turn prep and make the Derby," Fawkes told *DRF*. "We're just going to take our time." Big Drama, who swept the Florida Stallion Series as a juvenile, has won five of six starts and earned \$860,250.

### Sophomore Notes...

GIII Sham S. winner **The Pamplemousse** (Kafwain) worked three furlongs over Santa Anita's Pro-Ride Wednesday in a bullet

:36 seconds flat as he prepares for the GI Santa Anita Derby Apr. 4. "Awesome," is how trainer Julio Canani described the move under regular rider Alex Solis. **Bittel Road** (Stormy Atlantic), fourth to Pioneerof the Nile (Empire Maker) in the GII Robert B. Lewis S., is



**The Pamplemousse** Benoit

being pointed toward the \$500,000 GII Lane's End Futurity at Turfway Park Mar. 21, according to Todd Pletcher assistant Mike McCarthy.



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### Kentucky Derby Graded Stakes Earnings

Compiled by Churchill's Ben Huffman (Through Mar. 9)

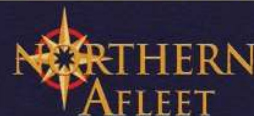
Horse	Trainer	Graded \$
<b>Square Eddie</b> (Smart Strike)	O'Neill	\$774,981
<b>Pioneerof the Nile</b> (Empire Maker)	Baffert	\$623,250
<b>Vineyard Haven</b> (Lido Palace {Chi})	bin Suroor	\$417,500
<b>Terrain</b> (Sky Mesa)	Stall	\$344,830
<b>I Want Revenge</b> (Stephen Got Even)	Mullins	\$324,000
<b>Old Fashioned</b> (Unbridled's Song)	Jones	\$270,000
<b>Desert Party</b> (Street Cry {Ire})	bin Suroor	\$241,667
<b>West Side Bernie</b> (Bernstein)	Breen	\$225,760
<b>Chocolate Candy</b> (Candy Ride {Arg})	Hollendorfer	\$220,000
<b>Friesan Fire</b> (A.P. Indy)	Jones	\$210,465
<b>Bittel Road</b> (Stormy Atlantic)	Pletcher	\$206,000
<b>Azul Leon</b> (Lion Heart)	O'Neill	\$203,600
<b>Crowded House (GB)</b> (Rainbow Quest)	Meehan	\$195,020
<b>The Pamplemousse</b> (Kafwain)	Canani	\$180,000
<b>Charitable Man</b> (Lemon Drop Kid)	McGlaughlin	\$150,000
<b>Quality Road</b> (Elusive Quality)	J Jerkens	\$150,000
<b>Beethoven</b> (Sky Mesa)	Ward	\$132,494
<b>General Quarters</b> (Sky Mesa)	McCarthy	\$121,645
<b>Munnings</b> (Speightstown)	Pletcher	\$105,000
<b>Cribnote</b> (Read the Footnotes)	Violette	\$90,000
<b>Flying Pegasus</b> (Fusaichi Pegasus)	Nicks	\$90,000
<b>Hello Broadway</b> (Broken Vow)	Tagg	\$63,860
<b>Theregoesjojo</b> (Brahms)	McPeck	\$58,063

 **NORTH AMERICA** 

**MID COULD SELL MEC TRACKS BY 2011** In its filing with the Securities and Exchange Commission, the parent company of Magna Entertainment Corp. indicates that it could sell their racing and gaming interests by the end of 2011. According to the filing, if MI Developments, the controlling shareholder in MEC, succeeds in acquiring the properties it is seeking, that horse racing and gaming assets would be "segregated from MID's real estate business and held in one or more wholly owned subsidiaries of MID," a company which would be called "Raceco." The filing goes on to say, "By December 31, 2011, MID would either (a) if Raceco were pro forma profitable and self-sustaining, sell it or spin it off to its shareholders, or (b) otherwise, cease racing and gaming operations at Raceco and either sell or develop all of Raceco's remaining assets." MID also states that should it be successful in acquiring the property at Golden Gate Fields, "it intends to immediately commence seeking all required approvals to develop the property for commercial real estate uses." Should that occur, Northern California could be left without major racing, following the closure of Bay Meadows last year.

**DELAWARE NORTH OUT OF AQUEDUCT CASINO DEAL** Delaware North, chosen by Governor David Paterson last October to construct and operate a casino at Aqueduct, has pulled out of the project after it was unable to obtain financing. "Today, we informed the governor's office that we are unable at this time to conclude a memorandum of understanding with the state to develop the Aqueduct facility," Delaware North's President William Bissett told *The New York Times*. "There has been a deterioration of the credit and equity financial markets in this recession economy which has caused Aqueduct Gaming LLC to restructure the timing for its financial offer." Construction on the casino had been expected to begin this month. New York state is expected to reopen the bidding process, but the governor's office gave no timetable for the process.

**TODAY'S VIDEO HIGHLIGHTS**



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**STAKES CLOSINGS**

**TODAY, 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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- 8th-AQU (Alw/Opt. Clm.)** Accredit (E Dubai) takes them from pillar to post.
- 3rd-GPX (Alw)** Just a Coincidence (Forestry) racks up a second consecutive victory.
- 3rd-SAX (Msw)** Bandeira Union (Dixie Union) continues his improvement on the turf.
- 6th-SAX (Alw)** 3yo colt Supreme Summit (Cactus Ridge) improves to two-for-two with sharp score.
- 7th-SAX (Alw)** Mr Gruff (Mr. Greeley) does it easily.

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**TODAY'S  
 INSIGHTS**

**3:25p** 6th-AQU, \$44K, Msw, 3yo/up, 1 1/16m  
 HR/TVG **TWISTED DREAM** ([Distorted Humor](#)) was sent off the tepid 7-2 favorite in his debut going a mile over the turf at Gulfstream Park Jan. 28, but was off slowly and lost touch with the field from halfway, finishing 11th of 12. Shipped north soon thereafter, the Wertheimer homebred worked a bullet five-eighths from the gate in 1:00 1/5 over the Belmont training track Feb. 22 and can make amends. The bay is out of a half to GISWs Dare and Go and Go Deputy. [brisnet.com pps](#)

**6:11p** 10th-FGX, \$42K, Msw, 3yo, f, 6f  
 HRTV This shapes as the starting point for several well-meant fillies. Mrs. Yoshia Fujita's homebred **RAVI'S SONG** ([Unbridled's Song](#)), a daughter of five-time GSW Lu Ravi (A.P. Indy) capped her worktab with a five-furlong gate work in :59 3/5 Feb. 28, best of 53 moves at the distance. **Courante** ([Elusive Quality](#)), a \$350K KEESEP grad, is a full sister to Elusive Warning, winner of last year's G3 Burj Nahaar S. and runner-up in the G2 Godolphin Mile last season. **Belle Noelle** ([Scrimshaw](#)) was knocked down for \$435K at KEEAPR last year, the top price from 15 sales offerings by her sire. [brisnet.com pps](#)

**6:11p** 9th-OPX, \$40K, Alw/Opt. Clm., 4yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16m  
 HRTV Champion **PROUD SPELL** ([Proud Citizen](#)) preps this afternoon for the Apr. 4 GI Apple Blossom H. over track and distance. Retirement was in the cards after the 2008 GI Kentucky Oaks and Alabama S. winner finished her season with a disappointing runner-up effort in the GII Cotillion H. at Philly Park in October. But owner Brereton Jones called an audible and the four-year-old has been working with gusto for the comebacker. [brisnet.com pps](#)

**7:07p** 7th-SAX, \$63K, Alw, 4yo/up, 1mT  
 HRTV This event has drawn a half-dozen stakes winners, four of them in graded company, including Juddmonte's **MAST TRACK** ([Mizzen Mast](#)), who upset the field in last year's GI Hollywood Gold Cup. The Bobby Frankel runner is winless in three starts since and was scratched from last Saturday's GI Kilroe Mile in favor of this spot. The same can be said for **Monterey Jazz** ([Thunderello](#)), who seeks his first victory since taking the 2008 GIII Texas Mile by eight lengths last April. **Madeo** ([Mizzen Mast](#)) scored at 10-1 in the GII Del Mar Derby Aug. 31, but was pulled up and out of the GII San Fernando S. Jan. 17. A post-race exam found nothing amiss and he resurfaces here. [brisnet.com pps](#)

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★ GULFSTREAM ★

**Yesterday's Results:**  
**3rd-GPX, \$37,000, Alw, NW1\$X, 3yo, 1m, 1:36 4/5, ft.**  
**JUST A COINCIDENCE** (c, 3, [Forestry](#)--Scads, by **Forty Niner**), runner-up to Munnings (Speightstown) in his Saratoga debut Sept. 26, made one adventurous voyage around two turns last season at Churchill Nov. 5, leading after six furlongs before fading to sixth after hitting the rail in the stretch. A troubled fourth in his six-furlong comebacker at Gulfstream Jan. 31, the chestnut finally broke through by 5 1/4 lengths in a course-and-distance maiden Feb. 21. Steadied in behind favored B Z Warrior (Malibu Moon) down the backstretch, the half-brother to Plenty (Boundary), GSP, \$189,625, took over from that one on the turn and raced greenly in the run to the wire, but came home 1 3/4 lengths better than Gone Astray (Dixie Union). B Z Warrior held for third. The winner, a \$200,000 KEESEP yearling, was bought back on a bid of \$500,000 from the 2008 FTFFEB sale. Lifetime Record: 7-2-2-1, \$76,900. [Click for the brisnet.com chart.](#)  
[Video, sponsored by Taylor Made.](#)  
 O-Robert V LaPenta. B-Claiborne Farm (KY). T-N P Zito.



★ NEW YORK ★

Yesterday's Results:

8th-AQU, \$49,000, Alw, Opt. Clm. (\$75,000), NW3X, 4yo/up, 6f, 1:09 4/5, ft.

1--**ACCREDIT**, 118, c, 4, **E Dubai--Pocketbrook**, by **Montbrook**. (\$32,000 wlng '05 OBSOCT; \$160,000 yrl '06 KEESEP). O-South Elkhorn Stable; B-David Humphery (FL); T-Kiaran P McLaughlin. Lifetime Record: SW, 14-5-5-1, \$245,783.

2--**Mr. Madison**, 118, g, 5, Wild Rush--Shorcount, by Oh Say. (\$40,000 wlng '04 FTMDEC).

3--**Shoptate**, 123, h, 5, Orientate--Shop Here, by Dehere.

Margins: 4HF, 3/4, 2. Odds: 2.25, 2.45, 3.40.

Accredit earned lofty speed figures when taking a second-level allowance over a muddy Aqueduct main track Nov. 15 and for a front-running success in the Dec. 11 Parlay Me S. on a sloppy inner dirt. Last of five behind True Quality (Elusive Quality) in the Paumonok H. Jan. 24, the dark bay earned a career-best number for a runner-up effort in a six-furlong optional claiming test Feb. 13. In for the tag here, Accredit sprinted to a clear early advantage, responded when set down and reported home an easy winner. He was claimed by trainer Mike Maker on behalf of Ken and Sarah Ramsey.

[Video, sponsored by Taylor Made.](#)

Joe Hirsch Tribute Service Belmont Stakes Week:

*Daily Racing Form*, together with the New York Racing Association, has invited family, horsemen, media and friends to remember and celebrate the remarkable life of turf writer Joe Hirsch during Belmont Stakes Week. The tribute service will be held from 10:30-11:30 a.m. Friday, June 5 at Belmont Park in the North Shore Terrace (fourth floor Clubhouse level). Hirsch, known to many as the dean of American racing writers, died at the age of 80 Jan. 9 after a lengthy battle with Parkinson's Disease.

★ CENTRAL ★

Yesterday's Results:

7th-TPX, \$21,717, Alw, Opt. Clm. (\$50,000), NW1X, 3yo, 6f (AWT), 1:12 1/5, ft.

**AZICHARMYOU** (g, 3, **Flatter--Azichill**, by **Plenty Chilly**), a debut second over track and trip Dec. 26, graduated by 6 3/4 lengths Jan. 9, but was well-beaten when eighth as a 2-1 chance from a wide barrier in the Feb. 7 WEBN S. Back to one turn here as the 8-5 second favorite, the chestnut jumped best of all and pulled away late to score by 3 1/4 lengths over Seldan (Monashee Mountain). Lifetime Record: 4-2-1-0, \$33,635.

O-H and S Gate. B-Gerald Holt (KY). T-Larry W Holt.

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## ★ SO. CALIFORNIA ★

### Yesterday's Results:

**5th-SAX, \$53,736, Alw, NW1X, 3yo, f, 1mT, 1:35 2/5, fm.**

**ROSY MANTLE (GB) (f, 3, Daylami {Ire}--Dominion Rose, by Spinning World)** won her maiden at first asking on the all-weather at Great Leighs Sept. 11, then nearly took down the half-million dollar Watership Down Stud Sales race at Ascot 15 days later. Runner-up in the Listed Radley S. at Newbury Oct. 25, she was last seen finishing sixth in the Montrose S. at Newmarket Nov. 1. Patiently handled from the second half of the field, the 9-10 chalk was ridden along on the turn, came out for the drive and powered past Spring Party (Smart Strike) to post an eased-down 1 1/4-length success. Lifetime Record: 5-2-2-0, \$151,379.

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O-Three Chimneys Racing LLC. B-Foursome Thoroughbreds (GB). T-Ben D A Cecil.

**7th-SAX, \$52,480, Alw, NW1X, 4yo/up, a6 1/2fT, 1:12, fm.**

**MR GRUFF (g, 5, Mr. Greeley--Ruff {GSW, \$215,220}, by Clever Trick)** has been very good when he's made it to the starting gate. Fourth and then second in two main track starts in spring of last year at Santa Anita, he went missing for over nine months before returning to romp by 4 1/4 lengths in a sprint down the hillside course Jan. 3. He just missed by a nose in a NW1X over course and distance Jan. 31, running second, but was back to winning ways here at 2-5 odds. Showing good speed under jockey Joel Rosario, Mr Gruff battled through a half in :43.79, drew off with conviction and finished up 2 3/4 lengths to the good of Suit Yourself (Tribal Rule). Mr Gruff was a \$200,000 BESMAR juvenile and a \$110,000 KEESEP yearling. Lifetime Record: 5-2-2-0, \$77,880. [Video, sponsored by Taylor Made.](#) O-Gary Broad. B-Robert Spiegel (KY). T-Ronald W Ellis.

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**6th-SAX, \$49,600, Alw, Opt. Clm. (\$80,000), NW1X, 3yo, 6 1/2f (AWT), 1:15, ft.**

**SUPREME SUMMIT (c, 3, Cactus Ridge--Studentofthe-week, by Sunny Clime)** earned a 91 Beyer when he rallied to capture his 5 1/2-furlong unveiling as a 7-2 shot Feb. 7. Given a 4-1 chance to handle the step up to winners in this salty test, Supreme Summit was hustled up from the rail draw to set :22 1/5 and :44 4/5 splits under Garrett Gomez. A host of challengers began to line up nearing the quarter pole, but Supreme Summit had another gear and kicked away to win by three lengths. Favored Bet On Victor (Yankee Victor) was second, with Ventana (Tocet) in third. Supreme Summit was a \$10,000 KEEJAN yearling and a \$42,000 OBSAUG yearling. Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, \$55,800. [Click for the brisnet.com chart](#) or [Video, sponsored by Taylor Made.](#)

O-Joseph La Combe Stables Inc & Gayle Woods. B-Wm A Thomson (KY). T-Doug F O'Neill.

**3rd-SAX, \$48,000, Msw, 4yo/up, 1mT, 1:35 2/5, fm.**

**BANDEIRA UNION (c, 4, Dixie Union--Bandeira Nativa {Mare of the Year, MG1SW-Brz}, by Elmaamul)** returned from nearly a year's absence to finish third in a six-furlong Hollywood turf sprint Dec. 14, then was fourth in a Jan. 14 down-the-hiller at this venue. The bay was coming into this off a runner-up effort in a Feb. 6 test rained onto the Pro-Ride and was the 4-1 third choice in his first two-turn try on the weeds. Forwardly place for the opening six panels, the homebred bid three deep into the stretch, hit the front at the eighth pole and outfinished Itsnotjustagame (Rahy) for a half-length success. Lifetime Record: 5-1-1-1, \$44,220. [Video, sponsored by Taylor Made.](#) O/B-Diamond A Racing Corporation (KY). T-R Mandella.

### Upcoming Major North American Stakes

Date	Race	Track
Mar. 14	GI Santa Margarita Invitational	SA
	GII San Felipe S.	SA
	GII Gulfstream Park H.	GP
	GII Louisiana Derby	FG
	GII Fair Grounds Oaks	FG
	GII Muniz Memorial H.	FG
	GII New Orleans H.	FG
	GII Rebel S.	OP
	GIII Cicada S.	AQU
	GIII Florida Oaks	TAM
	GIII Hillsborough S.	TAM
	GIII Tampa Bay Derby	TAM
	GIII Palm Beach S.	GP

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10-FG, Msw, 6f, Rock 'n' Roll Gal, \$155K OBS FEB 2yo, 12-1  
**SPEIGHTSTOWN** (Gone West), Winstar, \$40K, 195/25/4  
5-DED, Msw, 7f, Adina Speightstown, 8-1  
**STRONG HOPE** (Grand Slam), Claiborne, \$30K, 176/9/0  
2-OP, Msw, 1 1/16m, Turtledove  
**TAPIT** (Pulpit), Gainesway, \$15K, 171/30/4  
6-AQU, Msw, 1 1/16m, Bindle Stick, \$5K OBS APR 2yo, 10-1  
**THE CLIFF'S EDGE** (Gulch), Vinery, \$2K, 125/18/0  
3-HAW, Aoc, 6f, Phillyonthedge, \$6K KEE SEP yrl, 5-1

**First/Second-crop starters to watch: Thursday, Mar. 12**

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

**CONGAREE** (Arazi), Adena Springs KY, \$15K, 142/25/3  
10-FG, Msw, 6f, +Anabranch, \$37K FTK JUL yrl, 4-1  
**JOHAR** (Gone West), Mill Ridge, \$20K, 105/13/0  
5-DED, Msw, 7f, Clear Visibility, \$47K KEE JAN yrl, 20-1  
**PEACE RULES** (Jules), Vinery, \$15K, 187/30/2  
4-GG, Msw, 1m, Cantankerous Clyde, \$80K OBS MAR 2yo  
**PERFECT SOUL (IRE)** (Sadler's Wells), Darby Dan, \$15K, 158/7/0  
4-GG, Msw, 1m, +Soul Seeker  
**SCRIMSHAW** (Gulch), Millennium, \$7K, 94/16/1  
10-FG, Msw, 6f, +Belle Noelle, \$435K KEE APR 2yo, 8-1

★ AMERICAN-BRED WINNERS ★

**IN BRITAIN:**

**Blockley**, g, 5, **Johannesburg**--Saintly Manner, by St.  
Jovite. Southwell, 3-11, Hcp, 4yo/up, 1 3/4m (AWT).  
B-Payson Stud Inc. \*\$37,000 yrl '05 KEESEP.

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★  **EUROPE** ★

**MASTER CLASS** Clive Smith's **Master Minded (Fr)** (Nikos {GB}) exploded onto the scene with a 19-length demolition in last year's G1 Queen Mother Champion Chase and the Paul Nicholls-trained six-year-old doubled up in yesterday's renewal of the £320,000 contest at Cheltenham. The 4-11 chalk was not as emphatic in victory as last year, but the world's highest-rated steeplechaser was never in danger of surrendering his title, despite the inconvenience of two false starts, and romped to a seven-length score from the injury-plagued **Well Chief (Ger)** (Night Shift). Settled off the clear leader in fifth, Master Minded made ominous headway to challenge at the penultimate obstacle and ran on strongly up the hill after sealing the deal with a fine leap at the last fence. "I don't think he was as good today as he can be, but he got worked up in the parade and there were a couple of false starts which made things messy," commented winning rider Ruby Walsh. "Good horses win on an off day and he is just a very very good horse." Owner Clive Smith was in equally jubilant mood and added, "He took it easier and didn't go out in front like he did last year, but he raced to win it and that's exactly what he did. [Jockey] Ruby [Walsh] is just about the best and [trainer] Paul [Nicholls] is sensational." The Festival action continues with today's third day of four which features the £260,000 World (Stayers') Hurdle as the highlight at the Prestbury Park venue.

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**WARREN'S WHISTLE**, 11, Wolf Power (SAf)--Velve-teen, by Pirateer  
 Foal born Jan. 28, a colt by Include.  
 Will be bred back to War Pass.  
 Owned by William A. Carl Estate.  
 Boarded at Woodstock, LLC, Ky.  
 Accomplishments: MSW & MGSP, \$608,308.

**INGLIS MELBOURNE MARCH BEGINS** The Melbourne March Thoroughbred Sale, which has been extended to two days this year, begins today at 11 a.m. at Oaklands. The catalogue, which is made up of 370 head, plus an additional 58 supplementary entries, includes significant reductions from Darley, Emirates Park and Sutton Grange Stud. Other notable entries include Sovereign Ruby (Aus), the dam of multiple Group winner Doubting (Aus) (Redoute's Choice {Aus}), in addition to the dams of stakes winners Lightning Command (Aus) (Scenic {Ire}), Storming Bai (Aus) (Geiger Counter), Zingo (NZ) (Zabeel {NZ}), Quarterman (Aus) (Strategic {Aus}) and Abdullah (Aus) (Desert Sun {GB}). Kilmore Cup winner Tszyu (Aus) (Encosta de Lago {Aus}) is among a host of strong entries in the racehorse section, while Group 3 placed Spielmeister (Aus) (Singspiel {Ire}) is being offered as a stallion prospect, alongside Redoute's Choice three-year-old Beijing Sun (Aus). The sale will be broadcast at [www.inglis.com.au](http://www.inglis.com.au) and online bidding will be available for to buyers. Horses passed in through the sale will be available via the Inglis 'Make an Offer' service, which still has available unsold yearlings from the Inglis Classic and Premier Sales and last Friday's Sydney Autumn Thoroughbred Sale.

**TDN TODAY**

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★ JAPAN ★

Thursday, Funabashi, Japan

**DIOLITE MEMORIAL S.-Listed**, Funabashi, 3-11, 4yo/up, 2400m, 2:32.1, yl.

1--**FURIOSO (JPN)**, 123, h, 5, **Brian's Time--Fursa**, by **Mr. Prospector**. O-Darley Japan Farm; B-Hashimoto Farm; T-Masayuki Kawashima; J-Keita Tosaki; ¥40,000,000. Lifetime Record: G1SW-Jpn, 21-7-7-1, \$4,070,202.

2--**Meiner Hourglass (Jpn)**, 123, h, 5, **Brian's Time--Meine Pretender (NZ)**, by **Zabeel (NZ)**. O-Thoroughbred Club Ruffian; B-Big Red Farm (Jpn).

3--**Roll of the Dice (Jpn)**, 121, c, 4, **Twining--Love Forever (Jpn)**, by **Sunday Silence**. O-Tokyo Horse Racing; B-Shadai Farm (Jpn).

Margins: 4, 2, 4. Odds: 1.10\*, 6.40, 8.70.

**BREEDERS' EDITION AMERICA**

**ALLOWANCE RESULTS:**

**7th-AQU**, \$45,000, Opt. Clm. (\$25,000), NW2X, (S), 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:12, ft.

**CALLING MY COLORS (f, 4, Carry My Colors--Charm Appeal, by Scarlet Ibis)** Lifetime Record: 14-7-2-1, \$141,879. O-Vincent S Scuderi & Gabrielle Farm. B-Kandor Breeding LLC (NY). T-Sydney Dutrow.

**8th-LRL**, \$34,000, Opt. Clm. (\$32,000-\$28,000), NW3X, 4yo/up, 1m, 1:36 3/5, ft.

**CRIMSON COMIC (c, 4, Distorted Humor--Madame Red {SW & GSP, \$323,001}, by Forest Wildcat)** Lifetime Record: 13-5-2-0, \$121,306. O-Premier Stable Unlimited. B-WinStar Farm LLC (KY). T-Mark Shuman.

**12th-SUN**, \$32,000, 3-10, NW3L, 3yo/up, 1m, 1:36, ft.

**LOBO COUNTRY (g, 5, Ore Grade--Mary's A. T. M., by Wolf Power {Saf})** Lifetime Record: 7-3-0-1, \$46,245. O-Reverse CC, Cecilia Prince, et al. B-Ore Grade Inc (WA). T-Bobby McMeans.

**8th-WRD**, \$27,900, 3-10, 4yo/up, 1m, 1:38 3/5, ft. **SLEW BY SLEW (g, 5, Slew City Slew--Cradlesong, by Pine Bluff)** Lifetime Record: SW, 28-4-7-5, \$164,320. O-Justforfun Stables. B-Lavin Bloodstock (KY). T-Jody Pruitt. \*\$7,000 yrl '05 KEEJAN.

**7th-WRD**, \$22,000, 3-10, NW1X, 4yo/up, 6f, 1:11 2/5, ft.

**VESTAL (g, 7, Burbank--Fire Show, by Devil's Bag)** Lifetime Record: 29-4-5-4, \$71,468. O-Southern Okie Boys. B-Champion Horse Park (OK). T-Boyd Caster.

• ON THE WORKTAB •

FAIR GROUNDS

Forty Thieves (Read the Footnotes), 5f, 1:02.40, 9/15  
 Song of Solomon (Unbridled's Song), 5f, •1:00.60, 1/15  
 Sterwins (Cozzene), 4f, :48.60, 6/25  
 Transduction Gold (Formal Gold), 3f, :36.20, 5/13

GULFSTREAM PARK

Arson Squad (Brahms), 5f, 1:01.40, 7/13

HOLLYWOOD

Pinkarella (Malibu Moon), 6f, •1:11.80, 1/7

OAKLAWN PARK

Going Ballistic (Lite the Fuse), 5f, 1:02.40, 2/10

PALM MEADOWS

Bluegrass Princess (Dynaformer), 4f (T), :49.50, 2/18  
 Diamondrella (GB) (Rock of Gibraltar {Ire}), 4f (T), :52.40, 14/18  
 Don Gato (Storm Cat), 4f, :50.20, 19/26  
 Genuine Devotion (Ire) (Rock of Gibraltar {Ire}), 3f (T), :39.60, 4/4  
 Quality Road (Elusive Quality), 4f, :49.00, 7/26

PAYSON PARK

Astrologie (Fr) (Polish Precedent), 4f, :51.20, 5/13  
 Carribean Sunset (Ire) (Danehill Dancer {Ire}), 4f, :51.20, 5/13  
 Silver Tree (Hennessy), 3f, :39.00, 1/1  
 Society's Chairman (Not Impossible {Ire}), 4f, :50.20, 2/13  
 Spice Route (GB) (King's Best), 4f, :50.60, 4/13

SANTA ANITA

Cry and Catch Me (Street Cry {Ire}), 3f, :37.60, 8/12  
 Evita Argentina (Candy Ride {Arg}), 5f, 1:01.40, 20/41  
 Mayor Marv (Distorted Humor), 5f, 1:00.60, 11/41  
 Noble Court (Doneraile Court), 6f (T), 1:14.60, 4/4  
 The Pamplemousse (Kafwain), 3f, •:36.00, 1/12  
 U S Ranger (Danzig), 6f (T), •1:13.20, 1/4

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**ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:**

**With Moms Blessing**, f, 3, **Halo's Image**--Withmom's approval, by With Approval. GPX, 3-11, (C), 1m, 1:40 1/5. B-Happy Alter (FL).  
**Hooked On Money**, f, 3, **Hook and Ladder**--For Money (SP), by Not For Love. AQU, 3-11, (S), (C), 6f, 1:13. B-Chester & Mary R Broman (NY).  
**Infernal**, c, 3, **Sir Cherokee**--Flaming Satan, by Java Gold. SUN, 3-10, 1m, 1:37. B-George M Stryker (KY). \*\$32,000 yrl '07 KEESEP. \*\*1/2 to Armonk (Mizzen Mast), SW & GSP, \$193,248.  
**Hannah's Dowery**, f, 3, **Stephen Got Even**--Rich Legacy, by Polish Numbers. CTX, 3-10, 6 1/2f, 1:21 4/5. B-Frank P Wright (MD).  
 + **Concern's Girl**, f, 4, **Concern**--Copilot Girl (SP), by Paramount Jet. WRD, 3-10, (S), 5 1/2f, 1:07 1/5. B-Phyllis & Louie E Bunch (OK).  
**Away I Go**, g, 4, **Fusaichi Pegasus**--Blissful Kiss (MSW, \$340,836), by Kissin Kris. MNR, 3-10, 1m70y, 1:44 3/5. B-Stonestreet Mares LLC (KY). \*\$100,000 yrl '06 KEESEP.  
**Red Rullah**, g, 4, **Maid's Minister**--Calumar Star, by Calumar. SUN, 3-10, (S), 5 1/2f, 1:03 4/5. B-Rosemary C Davis (NM). \*\$1,700 yrl '06 RUIAUG.  
**Cherokee War Cry**, g, 4, **Yonaguska**--Magical Trick, by Phone Trick. CTX, 3-10, 4 1/2f, :53 1/5. B-Gatsas Thoroughbreds LLC (FL). \*Won in dead heat.  
**Smarty Thompson**, g, 5, **Westminster**--Marco Maa, by Marco Bay. CTX, 3-10, 4 1/2f, :53 1/5. B-Dale T Clark (PA). \*Won in dead heat.

**BREEDERS' EDITION EUROPE**

**CONDITIONS RESULTS:**

**ITALY, Rome, 14.40**, 3-10, €22,500, 3yo, c/g, 1mT, 1:42.70, gd/sf.  
**SEUL BLUE (ITY) (c, 3, Tout Seul {Ire}--Bluebold {Ire}, by Bluebird)** Lifetime Record: MSP-Ity, 17-5-3-3, €62,152. O/B-Scuderia Razza Dell'Olmo SRL; T-Riccardo Menichetti.

**ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:**

**Sanvean (Ire)**, f, 3, **Danehill Dancer (Ire)**--Russian Muse (Fr) (SP-Fr), by Machiavellian. Kempton Park, Britain, 3-11, Mdn, 3yo/up, 1m (AWT). B-Ceka Ireland Ltd. \*€65,000 yrl '07 GOFMIL; 65,000gns 2yo '08 TATAPR.  
**Royal Crest (GB)**, g, 3, **Royal Applause (GB)**--Noble Lady (GB), by Primo Dominie (GB). Southwell, 3-11, Mdn, 3yo/up, 6f (AWT). B-Cheveley Park Stud Ltd. \*40,000gns wnlg '06 TATDEC; €85,000 yrl '07 GOFMIL; €11,000 2yo '08 GOFMAY.

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