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TEN LIKELY FOR LANE'S END

A field of 10 sophomores is shaping up for Saturday's GII Lane's End S. at Turfway. Pointing for the nine-furlong test are: **AP Cardinal** (A.P. Indy), **Bittel Road** (Stormy Atlantic), **Dynamite Bob** (Malabar Gold), **Flying Private** (Fusaichi Pegasus), **Hold Me Back** (Giant's Causeway), **Jack Spratt** (Candy Ride {Arg}), **Loch Dubh** (Friends Lake), **Orthodox** (Pulpit), **Parade Clown** (Distorted Humor) and **West Side Bernie** (Bernstein).

Jockey Garrett Gomez will fly in from the West Coast to pilot the Todd Pletcher-trained Bittel Road. The colt was fourth behind Pioneerof The Nile (Empire Maker) in his last two starts, the Dec. 20 GI CashCall Futurity and the Feb. 7 GII Robert B. Lewis S. "The form of his races has been holding up well," said Pletcher. "He's been racing against Pioneerof The Nile and I Want Revenge [GIII Gotham winner was second in the CashCall Futurity], but the key now will be to see how he transfers his races at Hollywood and Santa Anita to what is a little different synthetic surface at Turfway Park."

A big effort in the Lane's End could punch Bittel Road's ticket to the May 2 GI Kentucky Derby. "We're going to see how this race goes, and then we can decide whether to train him up to the Kentucky Derby or run once more in the Coolmore Lexington S. [GII, Apr. 18]," said Pletcher.

Bittel Road ships to Kentucky tomorrow.



Bittel Road *EquiSport*

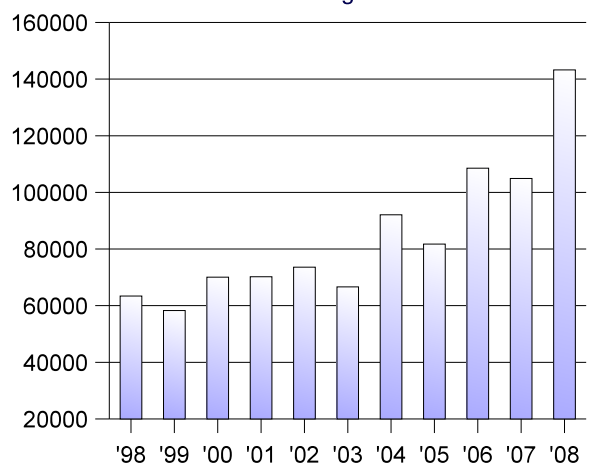
OBS MARCH ENTERS '09 OFF BIG RUN

The Ocala Breeders' Sales Company begins its two-day March Selected Sale of Two-Year-Olds in Training this morning at its complex in Ocala, Florida. A total of 523 horses have been catalogued, up from 460 in 2008. OBS March is a sale that has grown in leaps and bounds over the past five or six years. In 2003, March saw its horses average \$66,654, with a median of \$50,000. By the time last year's record-smashing edition was over, the average had soared to \$143,262 and the median had doubled to \$100,000. The on-going economic crisis has tempered expectations for the 2009 renewal of March, but sales company officials are hoping some of the momentum of recent years will help the sale stave off the roughly 30-percent declines witnessed by the three previous major juvenile sales this season (OBS February, Fasig-Tipton Calder and Barretts March). *Cont. p2*



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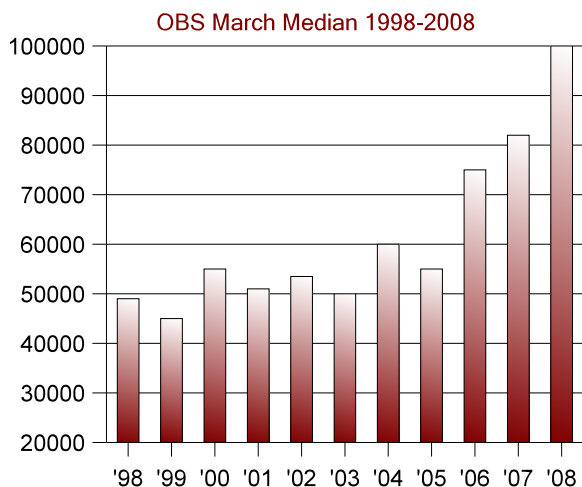
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Consignors are also keeping their fingers crossed that there will be lively trade across the board. "The major buyers that are cherry picking through the top are here, but I'm hoping we get an influx of trainers and agents who came in maybe Sunday night after a big weekend of racing," said Kip Elser of Kirkwood Stables. "Hopefully, they've been watching some videos and will get out here and look at some horses. That part [of the buying bench] has been a bit light. But this isn't a year when a guy will say, 'Hey, can you go look at this horse for me?' People are trying to do a little more of the legwork themselves and stay involved and be a little more careful with their choices."

Last year's March sale was topped by a More Than Ready--Jouled Rhythms colt that consignor Nick de Meric sold to trainer Bob Holthus, representing Iron Horse Racing, for \$650,000. Steve Klesaris, agent for Puglisi Racing LLC, was easily the sale's top buyer, landing 11 juveniles for \$2,030,000. B. Wayne Hughes, Zayat Stables, John Ferguson, Iron Horse Racing and Bear Stables all each spent more than \$1 million in 2008. De Meric was the sale's leading consignor, selling 21 head for \$3,843,000, an average of \$183,000. For more information, visit www.obssales.com.



OBS MARCH - TUESDAY, MAR. 17

**Hip 97, c, Holy Bull--Cherokee Canyon,
by Cherokee Run**

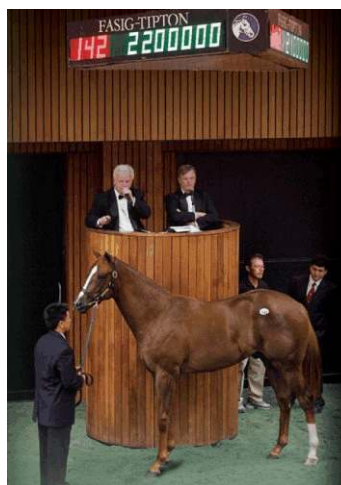
**Hip 183, f, Rock Hard Ten--Gemilli, by Lemon Drop Kid
Consigned by Eisaman Equine**

Barry and Shari Eisaman offer this promising pair of juveniles through their Eisaman Equine. Hip 97, a \$47,000 KEESEP yearling purchase, zipped through a quarter in :20 3/5 ([video](#)) despite coming off the turn a bit wide and running on his wrong lead for part of the stretch. Hip 183, named Ten Diamonds, is from the first crop of dual Grade I winner Rock Hard Ten (Kris S.). An Eisaman homebred out of the stakes-placed Lemon Drop Kid mare Gemilli, Ten Diamonds breezed a quarter mile in :21 flat ([video](#)). "Physically, they're big, robust, fast two-year-olds," said Shari Eisaman. "They're not little sprinters. They're big, two-turn-type horses, especially the Rock Hard Ten filly. She's got a two-turn pedigree with early speed. That's the interesting thing about her. She looks like the sire, but not as big. She's very muscular. Pictures and gallop-out videos of the two, and the rest of our horses, can be accessed on our website (www.eisamanequine.com), where we also have videos of their works."



Hip 97 Sandra Madison


Hip Happening cont. p3



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**Hip 108, c, Speightstown--Copano Bay,
by Seattle Slew**

Consigned by Eddie Woods, Agent III

The Gone West stallion Speightstown has gotten off to a fine start at stud, with the likes of graded stakes winners Gemswick Park and Lord Shanakill and MSW Haynesfield. This colt was produced by a Seattle Slew full-sister to the top racemare Lakeway and to a pair of stakes horses. He worked an eighth in :10 flat ([video](#)) at the breeze show. "He's just gorgeous, a beautiful liver chestnut," said consignor Eddie Woods. "He's the right shape and make and is correct, and worked a good :10 flat without having to get extravagant."

**Hip 109, c, Perfect Soul (Ire)--Copper Belle,
by Carson City**

Consigned by Kirkwood Stables, Agent V

This colt was purchased by Bob Baker for \$40,000 at Keeneland September. The chestnut flashed his speed



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during last Thursday's breeze show, cruising through an eighth in :10 flat ([video](#)). "He's a well-balanced horse with great presence," said consignor Kip Elser. "He's got a very nice, swinging stride at any gate." Asked if he improved making the switch to the OBS Training Center's synthetic

track, Elser said, "Well, he didn't improve--he's just always been nice. It was just what I expected--he was a nice horse at home and a nice horse here. He gets over the ground extremely efficiently. And the mother is quite a bit better than the catalogue shows--she won four of six starts and was fourth in a \$100,000 stakes."

**Hip 112, c, Grand Slam--Cosmic Wish,
by Dixieland Band**

Hip 132, c, Forest Danger--D'Enough, by D'Accord

Consigned by Off the Hook LLC, Agent I

Bred on the same cross that produced the tough MGSW Limehouse, hip 112 was an \$80,000 KEESEP yearling buy for Off the Hook. The sleek-looking gray was sent out to a quarter-mile drill at the breeze show and stopped the clock in a swift :20 3/5 ([video](#)). "And if you watch the video, he did nice and easy and relaxed--just the way you want it," said Off the Hook's Joe Appelbaum. "Cosmonaut's in his family, so he's got some distance there. He's not super massive, but he's very nicely balanced, very athletic, and we expect him to do pretty well." Hip 112 was produced by a half-sister to MGSW and millionaire Cosmonaut (Lemon Drop Kid).

Hip Happenings cont. p4



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Hip Happenings cont.

Appelbaum also likes the chances of hip 132, a colt from the first crop of Forest Danger (Forestry) bred along the same lines as his Grade I-winning brother D'wildcat (Forest Wildcat). "Both [he and D'wildcat] scored very well on stride-length analysis," said Appelbaum. "Coming in, we expected him to do well, and he's done just great. People seem to really like him." Hip 132 was a \$170,000 KEESEP yearling buy and breezed an eighth in :10 2/5 ([video](#)).

Hip 124, f, Johannesburg--DanceoftheFlags, by Avenue of Flags

Consigned by Leprechaun Racing, agent

A strongly made dark bay filly, this miss sold as a weanling at the 2007 Keeneland November sale for \$25,000. A Kentucky-bred, she is a daughter of



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DanceoftheFlags, a stakes winner of just over \$100,000. Hip 124 raced a bit greenly through the stretch in her breeze, but stopped the clock in a bullet :9 4/5 ([video](#)) nonetheless. "She's a really beautiful filly," said consignor Britt Mulligan, who traveled up Sunday night from her husband's side in Miami to attend the sale. "She reminds me a

lot of La Traviata." The comparison says a lot about Britt's opinion of the filly, given the innate talent of the Johannesburg filly La Traviata. Sold by Leprechaun to Demi O'Byrne for \$1.1 million at the 2006 Fasig-Tipton Calder sale, La Traviata won her first three starts, including the 2007 Post Deb S. and GIII Victory Ride S., by a combined 27 1/2 lengths, before injury cut her career short.

Hip 174, f, Macho Uno--Forbidden Kiss, by Touch Gold
Consigned by Eddie Woods, Agent XXVI

This juvenile's second dam is the MGSW Rabiadella (Dynaformer), who produced Grade II winner Diadella (Diesis {GB}) and this miss's winning dam Forbidden Kiss. McMahon Bloodstock gave \$160,000 for this filly at Fasig's Saratoga sale last August. At the breeze show, she ripped through an eighth in a co-bullet :9 4/5 ([video](#)). "She's very cat-like--a beautiful mover," said consignor Eddie Woods. "She worked really quick and galloped out well."

Hip 259, c, Forest Danger--Lady H, by Silver Deputy
Consigned by Nick de Meric, Agent V

This colt's dam, the \$450,000 FTMMAY juvenile Lady H, romped by 5 3/5 lengths as the favorite in a Saratoga maiden special weight in her lone career start back in August of 2004. A \$55,000 buyback at the Fasig July sale, the dark bay showed some of mom's speed when he ripped through an eighth in :9 4/5 ([video](#)) at the breeze show.

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John and Jill Stephens, who launched Stephens Thoroughbreds in 1998, joined forces with Brandon and Diannah Perry of Paragon Farms to form Vision Sales a few years ago, and the quartet has enjoyed success from the git-go.

"We started Vision Sales in 2007," John Stephens commented. "Brandon and Diannah, and Jill and myself, used to do a few horses in the years before that, and we did quite well. We all had the same mind set of not only wanting to sell horses and make money, but to buy what we thought were nicer prospects, and be able to afford to buy them. We founded Vision Sales and got investors so we'd have more money to be able to buy what we thought were the nicer horses. We felt like we were getting outrun on horses that we thought were really nice individuals--we couldn't afford to compete. But by putting the investors together, we were able to buy nicer horses, and a produce nicer end-product racehorse."

Leading West Coast GI Kentucky Derby contender **The Pamplemousse** (Kafwan) highlighted a very strong offering consigned by Stephens Thoroughbreds, agent for Vision Sales, at last year's OBS March sale. The handsome gray, purchased by Alex Solis Bloodstock for a modest \$150,000, has been perfect in three attempts since stretching to routes, including a decisive victory in the GIII Sham S. at Santa Anita Feb. 28. *Cont. p5*



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“He’s by Kafwain out of a Rubiano mare, so it was a big deal that he could go two turns,” the 47-year-old said of the son of Comfort Zone (Rubiano).



The Pamplousse
Benoit photo

“We’re very happy for the people who bought him. I think he’s exceeded their expectations, and that’s what you want. You want to sell somebody a nice horse. You want them to do very well and, hopefully, he’ll keep on going super for them. He’s done everything they’ve asked of him and I don’t think they

could be much happier. On the synthetic and two turns, he hasn’t met his match yet.”

The Pamplousse isn’t the only one who’s delivered on the racetrack from last year’s draft. **Pray for Action** (Songandaprayer), who was withdrawn after breezing an eighth in :10 2/5, became a stakes winner for Vision Racing after annexing the Darley Ocala Breeders’ Sale Sprint S. in February. **Chattertown** (Speightstown), purchased by Puglisi Stables for \$250,000, followed a 6 1/4-length maiden win at Philly Park in January with a second-place finish behind the promising Dream Play (Hennessy) in the Dearly Precious S. at the Big A Feb. 14.

“Last year in March we brought four horses, and three of those are now stakes horses,” Stephens continued. “Two of them are stakes winners, and one’s a graded-stakes horse. That’s the thing you keep trying to do; keep trying to sell people a nice horse.”

The Stephens Thoroughbreds/Vision Sales tandem realized its most financially rewarding pinhook when **Seventh Street** (Street Cry {Ire}) sold to Darley representative John Ferguson for \$1 million at the 2007 FTFFEB sale.

Following three straight victories, the chestnut most recently placed a valiant second after rearing at the start in the Gil Barbara Fritchie H. at Laurel Park Feb. 14. She was previously acquired for \$100,000 as a KEESEP yearling.

“As far as the purchasing and sold for, yes,” Stephens said when asked if Seventh Street was the operation’s biggest pinhooking homerun thus far. “We gave \$100,000 for her as a yearling, and we sold her for a million. The biggest thing that we’ve had quite a bit of success in, is our horses are going on and running. We take a lot of pride in that.”

If one of their horses doesn’t garner the attention they feel he or she deserves come sales time--like the aforementioned Pray for Action-- the group then creates a racing partnership. As with the pinhooking venture, Vision Racing has gotten off to a fast start with its first two runners--GISW

Visionaire (Grand Slam) and **SW Keep Laughing** (Distorted Humor). Visionaire, a \$300,000 FTSAUG yearling purchase by Vision Sales, RNA’d for \$90,000 the following year at FTFFEB, then was purchased by Vision Racing for \$220,000 at the OBSJUN sale. Following an impressive Gulfstream allowance victory during his three-year-old season, a 51-percent interest in the son of Scarlet Tango (French Deputy) was sold privately to Barry Irwin’s Team Valor International. The chestnut emerged from out of the fog to secure Aqueduct’s GIII Gotham S., then unleashed a furious stretch rally to annex the prestigious GI King’s Bishop S. at Saratoga. Keep Laughing, an \$85,000 KEESEP acquisition, was withdrawn from the 2007 KEEAPR juvenile sale, and lived up to Vision Racing’s expectations with a game tally in last term’s Lafayette S. at Keeneland. He was last seen delivering in a Gulfstream Park allowance test Feb. 19.



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Hip 489 *Sherackatthesales*

Following a pair of withdrawals, this year's OBS March consignment consists of three colts, including a bay from the first crop of 2004 Horse of the Year Ghostzapper. Consigned as [hip 489](#), he is a half-brother to GISW Joey Franco (Avenue of Flags). The son of Susan Powter (Native Prospector), purchased by Vision Sales for

\$170,000 as a KEESEP yearling, worked an eighth in :10 1/5 ([video](#)).

"I was very pleased with his breeze," Stephens said. "He's been a little slow to mature, but he's being received very well, as people can see. He's probably just one work behind, but he's a quality horse, and that's the most important thing. He's done well here and he's starting to mature and you can see that's he's coming to hand. He's out of a super mare and he's very exciting to have in the barn. He's really the high-end horse."

[Hip 434](#), a Closing Argument colt out of the stakes-winning mare Secret Bullet (On Target), zipped an eighth in :10 ([video](#)). Vision Sales went to \$30,000 to secure the chestnut out of last year's EASSEP sale.

"The Closing Argument had a super breeze, and we're real excited about him," Stephens said. "He's a Pennsylvania-bred, and their program is so strong. He matches up against even the wide-open horses. I think he has to have one of the top breezes in the sale."

Rounding out the lot is [hip 300](#), a son of Lion Heart. Out of the unraced Coronado's Quest mare Minado, the \$50,000 KEESEP graduate got an eighth in :10 1/5 ([video](#)).

"I think they'll show themselves well here in this market," Stephens offered. "I think they are all horses that



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people have to look at. You're trying to present something well for the buyers, and let them decide. You want to offer a good product and, hopefully, they like it. Overall, we're very pleased with what we brought over here, and the horses are training well."

Stephens, a former assistant to trainers W.D. Anderson and Steve Young as well as veterinarians Dr. Ed Devine and Dr. Keith Evringham, decided to launch Stephens Thoroughbreds along with his wife Jill after a year of training at Charlotte Weber's Live Oak Stud.

"The opportunity presented itself [to go out on our own], and I really owe a lot of thanks to [trainer] Christophe Clement, who really made it possible for us to have the opportunity that we've had with some of his clients," Stephens said.

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Vision Sales cont.

“He was very instrumental and introduced me to Peter Karches, Charlie Harris and then later on to Mr. and Mrs. Jackson of Lael Stable,” Stephens continued. “He’s really been a big part of any of our success, and I owe him a big thanks.”

Stephens Thoroughbreds broke and trained Kentucky Derby winner Barbaro (Dynaformer) at their 100-acre facility in Marion County, Florida.

“He was just a wonderful horse to be around,” Stephens recalled of the ill-fated GI Kentucky Derby hero. “He did everything the right way; [he was] very professional and smart. He was a class act. You are very fortunate when one of those horses comes through your barn. We were just lucky enough that he came through ours.”

What They’re Saying At The Sales...

Bloodstock Agent Buzz Chace:

“There are some real nice horses here. It’s tough to tell from some of the breezes, but from looking at the horses in person at the barns, I’ve liked a lot of what I’ve seen.”

Consignor Joe Appelbaum, Off the Hook, on the advantage of buying horses foaled later in the season:

“We buy late foals much more than anyone else, because our feeling is, to fight it out for January foals, you have to pay 20 percent more. Our approach is probably a little more patient than most. We don’t mind pushing them back and going slow. We don’t send too many to the early sales. You’ll see a lot of April and May foals in our consignment, horses with a lot of upside.”



Consignor Nick de Meric, on speedy works:

“I don’t usually aim for freaky fast works. I did have a couple that worked fast, but I’m more concerned with how they do it--how they show themselves, how they move and how within themselves they are when they work. I think the buying bench is becoming more sophisticated about that. Witness, Ciaran Dunne has topped two sales this spring with horses that worked in :10 3/5.”



**PEDIGREE INSIGHTS
BY ANDREW CAULFIELD**

REBEL S.-GII, \$300,000, OPX, 3-14, 3yo, 1 1/16m, 1:44 2/5, gd.

1--#**@WIN WILLY**, 117, c, 3, by Monarchos

1st Dam: **City Fair (SW, \$299,527)**, by Carson City

2nd Dam: **Encorevous**, by Storm Bird

3rd Dam: **Encorelle (Fr)**, by Arctic Tern

(\$25,000 yrl '07 KEESEP). O-Jer-Mar Stable LLC; B-Overbrook Farm (KY); T-McLean Robertson; J-M Clifton Berry; \$180,000. Lifetime Record: 4-3-0-0, \$210,070. **Werk Nick Rating: B.**

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While winning the Kentucky Derby remains the Holy Grail for the vast majority of American racehorse owners, it is worth remembering that victory in this demanding Classic doesn’t confer an automatic ticket to stallion success--at least not in today’s industry.

Over the last 30 years, there have been several notable failures for each Kentucky Derby winner that has developed into a first-rate stallion, such as Pleasant Colony, Sunday Silence and Unbridled. Winners of the first leg of the Triple Crown have been dispersed to New York, Texas, Maryland and Pennsylvania, with Germany, Brazil, Japan, Saudi Arabia and Turkey figuring among the destinations for quite a few others.

WIN WILLY, c, 2006

Monarchos	Maria’s Mon	Wavering Monarch	Majestic Light
		Carlotta Maria	Uncommitted
	Regal Band	Dixieland Band	Caro (Ire)
		Regal Roberta	Water Malone
City Fair SW 3Fls, 1GSW	Carson City	Mr. Prospector	Northern Dancer
		Blushing Promise	Mississippi Mud
	Encorevous Wnr 4Fls, 2SW	Storm Bird	Roberto
		Encorelle (Fr)	Regal Road
			Raise a Native
			Gold Digger
		Blushing Groom (Fr)	
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Pedigree Insights cont.

Leaving aside the reluctant breeder War Emblem, no winner since Unbridled, who triumphed as long ago as 1990, has a Northern Hemisphere Average Earnings Index as high as 1.70. To put this into perspective, the *Blood-Horse's* 2008 table of leading sires by AEI listed no fewer than 47 stallions with cumulative figures ranging from 1.70 to 3.15. Hopefully, some of the younger Kentucky Derby winners, such as Street Sense and



Big Brown Sarah K Andrew

Big Brown, will help redress the balance.

I don't intend to speculate about possible explanations, though my first thought was that Kentucky Derby winners possibly possess a bit too much stamina for today's speed-obsessed industry. But if that is true, how do we explain the presence of several winners of the quarter-mile-longer Belmont S. among those 47 stallions with higher Average Earnings Indices? Among them are A.P. Indy (3.15), Point Given (2.20), Lemon Drop Kid (1.98) and Empire Maker (1.76).

The 2001 Kentucky Derby winner Monarchos probably wasn't helped by being perceived as a horse whose long suit was stamina, even though he was fast enough to easily win a seven-furlong maiden on his three-year-old debut. Monarchos first gave the impression that he was primarily a stayer when he won the Florida Derby, in which he eventually drew away to score by 4 1/2 lengths after being in the rear for the first half mile. He was "outrun early on" when he failed to catch Congaree in the Wood Memorial, and it was a similar story at Churchill Downs. With Songandaprayer and then Congaree stoking a red-hot gallop, the race set up perfectly for Monarchos, who closed from 13th to catch Congaree nearing the final sixteenth. So strongly was he travelling at the end that he was nearly five lengths clear by the line, and he became only the second horse to slip under the two-minute mark in the Derby.

Unfortunately, Monarchos failed to reproduce his Derby form in either the Preakness or the Belmont, and he was then sidelined with a hairline fracture in his right knee. He also disappointed on his return from his six-month break in January 2002, and it was soon after that a tendon injury forced his retirement.

Monarchos started out at a fee of \$25,000 at Claiborne in 2002, but by 2007 his fee was down to \$7,500, and he has only 17 yearlings from that season. When he first retired, he may not have been helped by the fact that he was the first Grade I winner by Maria's Mon, who was himself the only Grade I winner sired by Wavering Monarch. Maria's Mon's profile was to rise substantially, thanks to the exploits of such as Wait A While, Latent Heat, Monzante and Monba, and his fee was up to \$60,000 by the time of his death. **Cont. p10**

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- 1 AZUL LEON**
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Informed Decision *EquiSport*

Monarchos left Claiborne for Nuckols Farm, where he is standing his second season at \$6,000. His fortunes have taken a turn for the better over the last six months. Informed Decision became his first graded-stakes winner when she took the GII Raven Run S. last October, and now his fourth-crop son Win Willy has sprung a considerable surprise in the GII Rebel S. Showing stamina worthy of

his sire, Win Willy came from last to first to end Old Fashioned's winning sequence.

Although Win Willy started at over 50-1 at Oaklawn Park and was in receipt of five pounds from the runner-up, this \$25,000 yearling merits respect as a Kentucky Derby contender, if he is added to the Triple Crown entries Mar. 28. Not only is he by an impressive Derby winner, but he also shares the same broodmare sire, Carson City, as Barbaro, the wide-margin winner in 2006.

The connection between Barbaro and Win Willy doesn't end there. Monarchos' third dam Regal Road shared all of her eight great-grandparents with Dynaformer, the sire of Barbaro.

As you'd expect of a colt bred at Overbrook, Win Willy has a pedigree full of good winners. His dam City Fair--unlike Barbaro's dam La Ville Rouge--was a typical daughter of the very speedy Carson City. A veteran of 30 races, City Fair demonstrated her speed and class with a victory in the six-furlong Correction H. and with her second to Xtra Heat in the Interborough H. Win Willy is her second foal.

Although City Fair raced almost exclusively over sprint distances, there is stamina in her pedigree. Her second dam Encorelle was an unraced sister to Escaline, who finished strongly to snatch victory in the French Oaks over 1 5/16 miles. A mating between Encorelle and Gone West resulted in Royal Abjar, a very smart European miler who took the German 2000 Guineas by six lengths. Encorelle had several foals by Storm Bird and Storm Cat, one of the best being her group-placed Storm Bird filly After the Sun, a sister to Win Willy's second dam, the 7.5-furlong juvenile winner Encorevous. After the Sun, a winner at up to a mile and a quarter, was considered good enough to contest the French Oaks. Encorelle's Storm Cat filly Stormagain was also talented enough to be group-placed in France and to finish a neck second in the Miesque S. over a mile at Hollywood Park.

The idea that Win Willy will stay further than 1 1/16 miles is also encouraged by the fact that he has two lines each to Northern Dancer and Hail to Reason in the first five generations.



WRITERS UP

By Bill Finley

Fourteen horses will line up Wednesday evening at Kempton in the Kentucky Derby Challenge S., none of them on anyone's list of top Kentucky Derby contenders, and most of them horses few outside of England even know exist. They are lightly raced, unproven on dirt, and there's not a graded stakes winner among them. Yet, one will likely be in the starting gate on the first Saturday in May when it comes time to run the Kentucky Derby.

For the first time, the winner of a Kentucky Derby prep race is guaranteed a spot in the Kentucky Derby, and it's not the Wood Memorial, Florida Derby or Blue Grass, but a \$112,000 race that will be run this week on a Polytrack surface in England. The idea is to drum up international interest in the Kentucky Derby. That makes the race a gimmick, but it's a gimmick European trainers have embraced. The American racing community may not be excited about the Kentucky Derby Challenge, but English trainers are. Several are intrigued about the concept, they are enthusiastic about the opportunity to run in the Kentucky Derby, and they are convinced the winner won't be embarrassed under the Twin Spires.

"With the way they've arranged everything, it would be silly for us not to run in the Kentucky Derby if we were to win," said trainer Paul Cole, who has a horse named Champagne entered. "I think the concept is fantastic. There's no other way we'd ever have a runner in the Kentucky Derby, so this opens a window."

Champagne (GB) (Orpen) is typical of many of the runners in the field in that he has shown little on the turf, but has been successful on synthetic tracks. He's three-for-three on all-weather surfaces, which gives Cole hope that he has a horse that is suited to American racing and the dirt. That's among the reasons he believes Champagne could be a contender in the Kentucky Derby.

"The ones that will be lining up at Kempton probably aren't anywhere near as good as the top horses in America, but a lot of serious American contenders have had hiccups, so maybe the field for the Kentucky Derby won't be as strong as it could be," Cole said. "A lot of English horses seem to improve when they go to America. It may all be up in the air, but you need to go out there and do it and see what happens."

Karl Burke, who has two starters, Keeptheboatafloat and Markyg (both by Fusaichi Pegasus), is even more confident that his horses can compete in the Kentucky Derby. Markyg is the better of the two. Out of a Storm Cat mare, he is two-for-two over synthetic tracks and has the added benefit of having won a race already this year at Kempton. **Cont. p11**



Kempton cont.

"He'd have an excellent chance," Burke said when asked about the possibility of running Markyg in the Kentucky Derby. "He's a horse who is in form. I also like his chances on dirt since he's two from two at Kempton on the Polytrack."

Trainer Mark Johnston will send out Mastery (GB) (Sulamani {Ire}) and Haashed (Mr. Greeley), both of whom are owned by Sheikh Hamdan. He said he cannot commit to the Kentucky Derby until consulting with the owner, but he is enthusiastic about the race and the idea of a European horse being given what is essentially a free pass into the Kentucky Derby. Haashed has run just once, winning on a synthetic surface at Lingfield. Johnston's only reservation is that races run on synthetic surfaces in England generally don't attract top-class horses.



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"At this stage, our horses might be up against it," Johnston said. "The two horses I am running are relatively unexposed horses, and they're not horses that at this stage we'd be thinking of jumping into Group 1 company at home. But that could change with a big performance on Wednesday. They'd have to be impressive on Wednesday to be up to the challenge of the Kentucky Derby. If a horse emerges out of our all-weather team, they won't be at a disadvantage [in terms of seasoning]. But there is still a situation in Britain--and the all-weather tracks won't like to hear me say this--where lower-grade horses compete on all-weather tracks. A few come through the ranks and emerge from it, but it is generally lower-grade racing. But it is things like this race that change that."

Another contender is Close Alliance, a Gone West colt who broke his maiden in October on a synthetic surface for John Gosden. The most familiar horse in the field is Deposer (Ire) (Kheleyf), who shipped to Kentucky last fall and finished fourth in the GI Lane's End Breeders' Futurity and then seventh in an allowance race at Keeneland.

Most believe the race will only get better. This is a first for English trainers, and it may take time for the Kentucky Derby Challenge to come onto the radar screen of all the stables. But Burke, for one, believes the race is destined to become an important event on the British racing calendar.

"I don't see why not," he said when asked if more stables will point for it in the future. "They'd be crazy not to. In fact, I'm surprised this race isn't more competitive than it is. It's a guaranteed entry into one of the top races in the world. I'm sure that will upset a few American entrants, but you can only play by the rules as they're written, so that's what we're going to do."

For the complete entries, click [here](#).

ADENA SPRINGS

Two-Year-Olds In Training Sale



Adena March Grad Ginger Punch (inside)

Sarah K. Andrew

March 16

GHOSTZAPPER COLT TOPS ADENA SALE

On Saturday, owner Thomas Conway and trainer Mike Maker will be at Turfway Park, rooting for last year's FTMMAY juvenile purchase Jack Spratt (Candy Ride {Arg}) in the GI Lane's End S. But yesterday, Maker was at the Adena Springs Two-Year-Olds in Training Sale in Ocala, adding to Conway's small string. The conditioner went to \$250,000 to get [hip 12](#), a son of freshman sire Ghostzapper out of GI Queen Elizabeth II Challenge Cup winner Collect the Cash (Dynaformer),



Mike Maker makerstables.com

a Stronach homebred. "Mr. Conway really liked his pedigree," Maker remarked. "He was a big fan of Ghostzapper, and this was a big, athletic colt." Pleased by the hammer price for the bay, Maker added, "I feel I get good value here." Conway, an attorney based in Louisville, currently has six horses in training. His latest acquisition is a half to stakes-placed Money My Honey (Red Bullet). The colt went through the ring at Keeneland September, but RNA'd at \$110,000. Adena Springs South Farm Manager Mark Roberts was not surprised the Ghostzapper topped proceedings. "He was a really nice horse," Roberts said. "On the racetrack, he was just incredible. The way he moved, the way he handled himself was awesome. He's a scopey, two-turn looking horse who moves real fluidly, and I think they'll do well with him."

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Adena Sale cont.

Ahead of the Curve...

While the major two-year-old sales thus far this year have shown declines of about 30 percent, the Adena Springs sale average was off only 17.8 percent, and the median actually climbed 28.5 percent. Mark Roberts was pleased with the results. "I thought it went pretty well," he remarked. "I thought there was a lot of action, a lot of people trying to buy horses. Our median was up, and our average was only down about [18 percent], which is better than what has been suffered in the rest of the country. Our RNA rate was [26 percent], which is where we usually tend to be--and that's less than the rest of the two-year-old sales. It's more like a yearling sale."

The Adena Springs Two-Year-Old Sale was nearly cancelled this year, but was saved by popular demand. Will there be a 2010 edition of the auction?

"I'm not going to comment on that right now," Roberts said. "I think there is a distinct possibility we will [hold the sale next year], but we have to see how things pan out, economy and numbers-wise."

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<i>B-Adena Springs (Ky)</i>				
Purchased by F. Thomas Conway				
<u>26</u>	f	<u>Ghostzapper</u>	<u>Herzblatt</u>	120,000
<i>B-Adena Springs (Fl)</i>				
Purchased by Hidden Brook, agent for Blue Devil Racing				
<u>67</u>	f	<u>Macho Uno</u>	<u>Vividly</u>	120,000
<i>B-Adena Springs (Fl)</i>				
Purchased by Clyde Rice				
<u>30</u>	c	<u>Macho Uno</u>	<u>Hour of Justice</u>	117,000
<i>B-Adena Springs (Fl)</i>				
Purchased by Eddie Kenneally, agent				

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UNBRIDLED BELLE TO A.P. INDY Team Valor International's GISW **Unbridled Belle** (Broken Vow--Little Bold Belle, by Silver Buck), pointing toward the May 1 GII Louisville Distaff S., will van from her winter base at



Sarah K Andrew

Palm Meadows to Kentucky this week--but before she returns to the races, she will make a visit to the breeding shed. The six-year-old will be bred to A.P. Indy, then resume training with Todd Pletcher. The winner of the GI Beldame S. and GII Delaware H. in 2007 and the GIII Obeah S. last year, Unbridled Belle was last seen running ninth in the Oct. 4 GI Spinster S.

at Keeneland. She went through the ring at the 2008 Fasig-Tipton November sale, but was led out unsold at \$1.2 million. If all goes well, her abbreviated 2009 campaign will include another tilt at the Delaware H. in July, and will conclude with the GI Personal Ensign S. at Saratoga in August. The mare's career earnings currently stand at \$1,509,340.

★ **EAST** ★

Florida HBPA Election Results:

The 2009 election results for the Florida Horsemen's Benevolent and Protective Association saw five new members added to the 15-member board. Owners Teresa Palmer and John Penn and trainers Barry Rose and Manny Tortora filled four of the five vacancies; the fifth spot, open to either an owner or trainer, went to trainer Larry Pilotti. All five will serve three-year terms. Alternates for the board are owner Jay Kotzen and trainer John Shaw. The "open seat" alternate is Ronald Gaffney. Alternates serve one-year terms.

Sunday Night's Results:

7th-MNR, \$21,800, Msw, 3yo, f, 5 1/2f, 1:08, ft. + COME ON KI KI (f, 3, Sir Cat--Rebina Lake, by Salt Lake), sent off at 9-2, sat just off dueling leaders, rallied five wide into the stretch and forged to the front late for a 3/4-length victory. The winner was a \$3,000 FTKFEB yearling. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$12,862. O-John Booker Jr & Amy Gill. B-University of Kentucky (KY). T-John A Booker Jr.

★ **AMERICAN-BRED WINNERS** ★

IN BRITAIN:

Soccerjackpot, g, 5, **Mizzen Mast**--Rahbaby (SW), by Rahy. Kempton Park, Britain, 3-16, Hcp, 4yo/up, 1m (AWT). B-Gary Chervenell (KY). *\$10,000 wnlg '04 KEENOV.

IN ABU DHABI:

Stalking Shadow, c, 4, **Storm Cat**--Strategic Maneuver (MGISW, \$414,340), by Cryptoclearance. Abu Dhabi Equestrian Club, 3-15, Hcp, 1300mT. Lifetime Record: 8-4-0-1. O-Sh Saeed bin Mohd Al Maktoum; B-Brushwood Stables (PA); T-Mubarak bin Shafya. *\$1,000,000 yrl '06 KEESEP. **Full to Cat Fighter, GSW-US, \$277,860; and 1/2 to Ishiguru (Danzig), GSW-Ire, \$114,781.

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- CAT DREAMS** (Storm Cat), Tommy Town, \$4K, 77/5/0 10-SUN, Alw, 6f, Po's Dream Kitty, \$2K BAR JAN yrl, 10-1
- CONGAREE** (Arazi), Adena Springs KY, \$15K, 142/25/3 8-TAM, Aoc, 6 1/2f, Conchacer, \$85K KEE SEP yrl, 5-2
- LION HEART** (Tale of the Cat), Ashford, \$30K, 288/43/5 9-SUN, Msw, 5 1/2f, +Cognac Cougar, \$4K HER JAN 2yo, 12-1 7-PHA, Msw, 6f, Debtcollector, \$9K ESM AY 2yo, 4-1
- MARINO MARINI** (Storm Cat), Rancho San Miguel, \$10K, 103/8/0 9-SUN, Msw, 5 1/2f, +Schlee Cat, \$5K BAR OCT yrl, 8-1
- OLMODAVOR** (A.P. Indy), Adena Springs South, \$10K, 117/19/2 9-PHA, Alw, 6f, Clair Bear, \$5K KEE SEP yrl, 5-1
- QUINTON'S GOLD** (Carson City), Doubletree, \$3K, 14/3/1 8-SUN, Alw, 1m, Quinton's First, 8-1
- RAINMAKER** (Storm Cat), All Star Tbreeds, \$2K, 68/2/0 8-TAM, Aoc, 6 1/2f, Call Nine One One, \$20K OBS JUN 2yo, 8-1
- SPEIGHTSTOWN** (Gone West), Winstar, \$40K, 195/26/4 9-PHA, Alw, 6f, Chattertown, \$250K OBS MAR 2yo, 9-5
- STORM OF GOSHEN** (Storm Cat), Callaway, \$2K, 21/2/0 8-SUN, Alw, 1m, Magnificent Storm, \$1K RUI YRL yrl, 6-1
- TETON FOREST** (Forestry), Spendthrift, \$5K, 103/6/0 9-PHA, Alw, 6f, Zoom Zoom Justice, \$7K EAS SEP yrl, 9-2



★ EUROPE ★

KINGSGATE NATIVE FAILS TO GET FIRST MARES IN FOAL MG1SW **Kingsgate Native (Ire)** (Mujadil--Native Force {Ire}, by Indian Ridge {Ire}), who entered stud at Cheveley Park this year, has failed to get his first 20 mares in foal, it was revealed yesterday. The four-year-old defeated older horses to win the G1 Nunthorpe S. as a two-year-old and added last season's G1 Golden Jubilee S. at Royal Ascot. He stood for £7,500 this season, and will continue in the breeding shed for the time being. Cheveley Park Managing Director Chris Richardson said in a press release, "Kingsgate Native's libido and covering style appear excellent, therefore he will continue to be bred to mares over the next week or so, whilst we await the scan results from the next 21 mares already bred to him. During this time, further consideration will be given to his future, based on the results of ongoing tests."

STRANGLES FEARS IN NEWMARKET Newmarket is at the center of a strangles scare after a case of the highly contagious disease was discovered in the stable of William Jarvis. In response to the finding, the British Horseracing Authority yesterday confirmed that the customary bio-security measures had been implemented and that the single case remained the sole evidence of infection in the town. Tim Morris, the BHA's Equine Science and Welfare Director, said, "There is one case at the moment and we can confirm no other stables have reported any incidents. Fingers crossed, it's very good news that no further cases have been reported." Strangles, which is caused by the bacterium *Streptococcus equi*, is one of the chief equine respiratory infections and affects horses of all ages. While it can be a killer, its main characteristic is the rate of spread among horses and recovered horses can harbor *Strep. equi* with no outward clinical signs.

★ EUROPEAN-BRED WINNER ★

IN JAPAN:
Rendir (Ire), c, 3, **Danehill Dancer (Ire)**--Streetcar (Ire), by In the Wings (GB). Nakayama, 3-15, Maiden Race, 8fT. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$71,429. O-Hiroo Race; B-Rockhart Trading Ltd; T-Kazuo Fujisawa. *75,000gns yrl '07 TATOCT. **3/4 to Luas Line (Danehill), GISW-US, MSW & G1SP-Ire, \$523,952.

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★ BRITAIN ★

Yesterday's Result:
Kempton Park, 15.00, Mdn, £7,300, 3yo/up, f/m, 1m (AWT), 1:39.03, stn.
+ PHOTOGRAPHIC (GB) (f, 3, Oasis Dream {GB}--Prophecy {Ire} {G1SW-Eng, \$139,301}, by Warning {GB}), sent off the 2-1 joint favorite, recovered from a tardy start to race keenly in mid-pack before moving up to challenge early in the straight. Taking control passing the quarter pole, the homebred drew away to score by 3 1/2 lengths from Mosqueras Romance (GB) (Rock of Gibraltar {Ire}). "She was a little bit weak last year, so we gave her plenty of time and she's done it nicely," the trainer Barry Hills' son and assistant Charlie commented. "Hopefully she will improve." The winner is a half to Arabesque (GB) (Zafonic), SW-Eng; and Modern Look (GB) (Zamindar), MGSW-Fr, SP-US, \$276,783. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, £4,727. O-Khalid Abdullah; B-Juddmonte Farms; T-Barry Hills.

★ FRANCE ★

Yesterday's Result:
Compiègne, 14.50, Cond, €34,000, 3yo, f, 1 1/4mT, 2:04.61, vsf.
CELIMENE (IRE) (f, 3, Dr Fong--Lunassa {Fr}, by Groom Dancer), who scored on debut at Saint-Cloud in early November, was let go at 3-1 and stalked the early pace set by Sand River (Ire) (High Chaparral {Ire}). Sweeping by that rival with a quarter mile remaining, the €60,000 DEAOCT yearling registered a convincing 2 1/2-length success. She is a half to Lunaska (Fr) (Ashkalani {Ire}), SW-Fr. Lifetime Record: 2 starts, 2 wins, €28,000. O-Gerard Laboureau; B-Petra Bloodstock Agency Ltd; T-Carlos Lerner.

★ ITALY ★

Sunday's Results:
Rome, 15.00, Cond, €27,000, 3yo, c/g, 7 1/2fT, 1:40.40, gd.
LUI REI (ITY) (c, 3, Reinaldo {Fr}--My Luigia {Ire}, by High Estate {Ire}), winner of the G3 Premio Primi Passi at the San Siro in June and G2 Prix Robert Papin at Maisons-Laffitte the following month, was racing for the first time since finishing third in the Nov. 4 G2 Criterium de Maisons-Laffitte. Keen early under restraint off the moderate early tempo, the 3-10 favorite picked up his three rivals with ease to lead at the furlong marker and cruised to a two-length verdict over Miroslav (Ire) (Fasliyev). The victor is a half to My Central (Ity) (Central Park {Ire}), GSW-UAE, SW & GSP-Ity, \$277,921; and Ragiam (Ity) (Martino Alonso {Ire}), GSP-Ity. Lifetime Record: GSW-Ity & Fr, 7-4-1-1, €157,605. O-Scuderia Siba Spa; B-Azienda Agricola Antezzate Srl; T-Armando Renzoni.



(Italian report cont.)

Rome, 14.30, Cond, €22,500, 3yo, f, 1mT, 1:40.90, gd.

COCOT (ITY) (f, 3, Martino Alonso {Ire}--Emperor Circo {GB}, by Emperor Jones), runner-up on debut at Pisa Feb. 19, attracted plenty of support as the 2-5 favorite and pulled her way to the head of affairs early. Winding up the pace in the straight, she was always in control and had a comfortable 2 1/2-length margin to spare over Seattle Den (Ity) (Denon) at the line. Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, €13,243.

O/T-Alduino & Giuseppe Botti; B-Soc Ag Al Deni Srl.

Rome, 15.30, Cond, €22,500, 4yo/up, 1 3/8mT, 2:20.50, gd.

GIMMY (IRE) (h, 5, Lomitas {GB}--Pursuit of Life {GB} {MSW-Ity, \$165,888}, by Pursuit of Love {GB}), winner of this track's G3 Premio Carlo d'Alessio and third in the G1 Gran Premio di Milano last term, was racing for the first time since an unplaced effort in the Nov. 9 G1 Premio Roma. He broke well to track the honest early pace in third, seized the initiative with more than three furlongs to race and never looked likely to relinquish his advantage thereafter, prevailing by two lengths over Elleno (Ire) (Celtic Swing {GB}) at the line. Lifetime Record: GSW & G1SP-Ity, 22-7-3-5, €228,265. O/B-Lino Scarpellini; T-Bruno Grizzetti.

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FAIR GROUNDS

Kensei (Mr. Greeley), 5f, 1:02.60, 8/19

GULFSTREAM PARK

Tale of Ekati (Tale of the Cat), 5f, :59.20, 2/13

HOLLYWOOD PARK

Awesome Gem (Awesome Again), 3f, :37.00, 2/3

Elysium Fields (El Prado {Ire}), 6f, 1:12.80, 1/5

Leavenworth (Forest Wildcat), 4f, :46.00, 1/16

Tizfiz (Tiznow), 4f, :52.00, 15/16

U S Ranger (Danzig), 6f, 1:14.40, 2/5

PALM MEADOWS

Anak Nakal (Victory Gallop), 4f, :48.60, 3/20

Lady Carlock (Chester House), 4f, :53.00, 20/20

SANTA ANITA

Ariege (Doneraile Court), 5f, 1:00.80, 18/44

Foxysox (GB) (Foxhound), 5f, 1:01.00, 20/44

Hyperbaric (Sky Classic), 5f, :59.00, 1/44

Izarra (Distorted Humor), 3f, :38.40, 12/13

Riley Tucker (Harlan's Holiday), 4f, :47.40, 3/44

**BREEDERS' EDITION
AMERICA**

ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

11th-SUN, \$35,500, 3-15, NW3L, (S), 3yo/up, 6f, 1:10, ft.

LESTERS SECRET (g, 3, Lesters Boy--Beauty Secret, by Souvenir Copy) Lifetime Record: MSP, 9-3-3-1, \$95,664. O-Simply the Best Thoroughbreds. B/T-Henry Dominguez (NM).

4th-HAW, \$30,000, NW2X, (S), 3yo/up, 1m70y, 1:45 4/5, ft.

SWORD AND SHIELD (g, 4, Stephen Got Even--First Flurries, by Storm Bird) Lifetime Record: 15-3-3-1, \$83,320. O/B-Ben Barnow (IL). T-Richard P Hazelton.

3rd-HAW, \$28,000, Opt. Clm. (\$25,000-\$20,000), NW2X, 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:12 4/5, ft.

BANK DEPOSIT (m, 5, Brahms--Picnicin' {SW, \$103,323}, by Red Ransom) Lifetime Record: SP, 22-4-5-6, \$85,994. O-T C Stable LLC. B-T F Van Meter II (KY). T-Michael Reavis. *\$80,000 wlng '04 KEENOV.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Sophia Rose, f, 3, Tale of the Cat--Nature's Magic, by Nijinsky II. HAW, 3-16, 5 1/2f, 1:07 1/5. B-Iron County Farms Inc. (KY). *1/2 to Tough Speed (Miswaki), GSW-Eng, \$166,896; Asyouwish (Pioneering), SW, \$122,262.

★ WINNERS BY U.S. SIRE ★

IN JAPAN:

Dream Liner (Jpn), c, 3, Fusaichi Pegasus--First Night (Ire), by Sadler's Wells. Chukyo, 3-15, Novice Race, 10fT. Lifetime Record: 4-1-1-2, \$106,122. O-Yoichi Aoyama; B-Itaka Farm; T-Yasuo Ikee. *Won by four lengths.

Hishi Polaris (Jpn), h, 5, Point Given--Atarama (Ire) (MSP-Eng), by Sadler's Wells. Nakayama, 3-14, Plate Race, 9f. Lifetime Record: 21-4-2-3, \$536,225. O-Masaichiro Abe; B-Shigeki Tomimoto; T-Takahisa Tezuka.

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BREEDERS' EDITION EUROPE

CONDITIONS RESULTS:

FRANCE, Compiègne, 15.20, 3-16, €34,000, 3yo, c/g, 1 1/4mT, 2:15.24, vsf.

ALLYBAR (IRE) (c, 3, King's Best--Irika, by Irish River {Fr}) Lifetime Record: 6 starts, 2 wins, 3 places, €35,350. O/B-Wertheimer et Frere; T-Carlos Laffon-Parias.

FRANCE, Lyon-Parilly, 15.30, 3-15, €25,000, 3yo, 1mT, 1:47.50, gd/sf.

RAIN OF MELODY (IRE) (c, 3, Night Shift--Hit the Sky {Ire}, by Cozzene) Lifetime Record: 16 starts, 2 wins, 14 places, €73,800. O-R C Strauss; B-Kilfrush Stud Farm; T-Robert Collet.

FRANCE, Compiègne, 14.20, 3-16, €24,000, 4yo, 1 1/2mT, 2:47.04, vsf.

EYE OF THE TIGER (GER) (c, 4, Tiger Hill {Ire}--Evening Breeze {Ger} {SW-Fr, SP-Ger}, by Surumu {Ger}), Lifetime Record: 3 starts, 3 wins, €37,500. O/B-Baron Georg von Ullmann; T-Andre Fabre. *Full to Echoes Rock (Ger), SW & GSP-Fr, \$191,501; and 1/2 Eagle Rise (Ire) (Danehill), Hwt. 2yo Colt-Ger, Co-Hwt. Older Horse-Ger at 7-9.5f, MGSW-Ger, GSW-Ity, \$363,995; and Evensong (Ger) (Waky Nao {GB}), SW-Fr, SP-Ger.

ITALY, Milan, 15.05, 3-15, €19,800, 3yo, 1mT, 1:39.90, gd.

OSSERVATORIO (ITY) (c, 3, Colossus {Ire}--Oropa {Ire} {MSP-Ity}, by Indian Ridge {Ire}) Lifetime Record: 12-2-3-1, €27,472. O-Scuderia Razza dell'Olmo Srl; B-Azienda Agricola Antonio Boesso; T-Riccardo Menichetti.

FRANCE, Nancy, 16.15, 3-15, €10,000, 4yo/up, 1 1/2mT, 2:48.35, vsf.

HICKORY HILL (FR) (m, 5, Gold Away {Ire}--Ozalid {Fr}, by Rudimentary) Lifetime Record: 15 starts, 2 wins, 5 places, €17,800. O-Jean-Claude Zentz; B-M Hassan; T-P H Lefevre.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Maratima (Fr), f, 3, American Post (GB)--Legitime Defense (Fr), by Highest Honor (Fr). Nancy, France, 3-15, Mdn, 3yo, f, 1 1/2mT. B-EARL Loew.

Macrial (Ire), f, 3, Daggers Drawn--Reba (Ire), by Grand Lodge. Rome, Italy, 3-15, Mdn, 3yo, f, 1 1/8mT. B-J S Bolger.

Pleasing (Fr), c, 3, Green Tune--Plead (Fr), by Bering (GB). Mont-de-Marsan, France, 3-15, Mdn, 3yo, 1 1/4mT. B-Ecurie Skymarc Farm. *€40,000 yrl '07 DEAOCT.

Palazzo Vecchio (Ire), c, 3, Kalanisi (Ire)--Isla Mauritia (Ire) (SP-Ity), by Dolphin Street (Fr). Pisa, Italy, 3-15, Mdn, 3yo, 1 1/4mT. B-Maurizio Scarfi.

Brasilien (Fr), c, 3, Martaline (GB)--Brasile (Fr), by Champ Libre (Fr). Saint-Brieuc, France, 3-15, Mdn, 3yo, 1 1/2mT. B-Mlle J Rimbart, Mlle V Rimbart & Mlle D Rimbart.

+ **Le Roumois (Fr), c, 3, Muhtathir (GB)--Blanchelande (Ire), by Subotica (Fr).** Cholet, France, 3-15, Mdn, 3yo, 1 5/16mT. B-Suc O Lecerf & J Lecerf.

+ **Lord Vati (Fr), c, 3, My Risk (Fr)--Vatipan (Fr), by Trepan (Fr).** Compiègne, France, 3-16, Unraced 3yo, 7fT. B-G Amsaleg. *3/4 to Vatirisk (Fr) (Take Risks {Fr}), MSP-Fr, \$155,259.

Abbotswood (Ity), f, 3, Roi Danzig--Annonay (Ire), by Rousillon. Milan, Italy, 3-15, Mdn, 3yo, f, 1 1/4mT. B-Allevamento della Berardenga Srl. *Full to Ambohtra (Ity), MSP-Ity, \$187,609.

+ **Jakkalberry (Ire), c, 3, Storming Home (GB)--Claba di San Jore (Ire), by Barathea (Ire).** Milan, Italy, 3-15, Mdn, 3yo, c/g, 1 1/4mT. B-Soc Ag Al Deni Srl. *1/2 to Awelmarduk (Ire) (Almutawakel {GB}), G1SW-Ity, \$420,357.

Margoriska (Fr), f, 3, Take Risks (Fr)--Vasy Margot (Fr), by Noblequest (Fr). Angouleme, France, 3-15, Mdn, 3yo, 1 1/8mT. B-M & Mme J Boulesteix.

Caramell (Ire), f, 3, Val Royal (Fr)--Pine Wild, by Pine Bluff. Rome, Italy, 3-15, Mdn, 3yo, 1mT. B-Allevamento la Nuova Sbarra Srl.

Bigzam (GB), f, 4, Zamindar--Intrum Morshaan (Ire), by Darshaan (GB). Lyon-Parilly, France, 3-15, Cond, 4yo, 1 1/4mT. B-SCEA Haras de Saint Pair. *€24,000 HIT '07 DEAFEB. **1/2 to Prince Siegfried (Fr) (Royal Applause {GB}), G1SP-Fr, \$118,153.

★ WINNERS BY EURO SIRE ★

IN AUSTRALASIA:

Babinda Half (Aus), g, 7, Desert Prince (Ire)--Stellare (Aus), by Bletchingly (Aus). Doomben (Brisbane), 3-14, Hcp, 3yo/up, 5f 10ydsT. B-M A Pitt.

Cocinero (Aus), g, 7, Encosta de Lago (Aus)--Cantanela (Aus), by Zoffany. Moonee Valley (Melbourne), 3-9, Hcp, 3yo/up, 6fT. B-M V Roach & J Pither.

IN JAPAN:

Oceania Boss (Aus), c, 4, Red Ransom--Touched by God, by Sunday Silence. Hanshin, 3-15, Plate Race, 8fT. Lifetime Record: 9-2-1-4, \$252,755. O-Grand Prix Inc; B-Strawberry Hill Stud; T-Yoshito Yahagi.

Win Angelus (Jpn), m, 5, Bertolini--Eshq Albahr, by Riverman. Chukyo, 3-15, Plate Race, 5f. Lifetime Record: 15-3-1-2, \$338,776 O-Win Inc; B-Kawashima Farm; T-Nobuhiro Suzuki.

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