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**VERTIGINEUX BROODMARE OF THE YEAR**

**Vertigineux** (Kris S.--For the Flag, by \*Forli), the dam of unbeaten champion mare Zenyatta (Street Cry {Ire}), was named Broodmare of the Year by the Kentucky Thoroughbred Owners and Breeders at their annual luncheon at Keeneland yesterday. Bought back by breeder Eric Kronfeld for \$120,000 as a KEESEP yearling, Vertigineux won two of seven career starts for trainer Michael Dickinson before heading to the



**Zenyatta**  
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breeding shed. Barren in 2001, she produced stakes winner Where's Bailey (Aljabr) the following year before foaling MGISW Balance (Thunder Gulch) in 2003. The 14-year-old gave birth to last year's GI Breeders' Cup Ladies Classic victress in 2004. She also has produced the unplaced three-year-old filly Treasure Trail (Pulpit), an unraced two-year-old colt by Giant's Causeway and a weanling filly by Bernardini. It was also announced Tuesday that Robert and Janice McNair's Stonerside was awarded the P.A.B. Widener Breeder of the Year Award. Stonerside bred last year's champion two-year-old colt Midshipman (Unbridled's Song) as well as GI Breeders' Cup Classic winner Raven's Pass (Elusive Quality). Citing a need to devote more time to their football team Houston Texans, the McNairs sold the majority of their interests to Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum's Darley operation in 2008.

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**NINE STAND GROUND FOR GANAY**

Seven horses were withdrawn at the first forfeit stage ahead of Sunday's G1 Prix Ganay Grand Prix Air Mauritius at Longchamp, with only four of the remaining nine housed domestically. Heading that quartet is last year's G1 Prix du Jockey Club hero **Vision d'Etat (Fr)** (Chichicastenango {Fr}), set to represent Jacques Detre and trainer Eric Libaud in the 1 5/16-mile contest. Sir Michael Stoute has taken out the G3 Gordon Richard S.-bound Tartan Bearer (Ire) (Spectrum {Ire}), leaving his likely representative as Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum's G3 Dee S. winner **Tajaaweed** (Dynaformer), while Luca Cumani has booked Christophe Patrice-Lemaire for the mount on Teruya Yoshida's **Cima de Triomphe (Ire)** (Galileo {Ire}). Khalid Abdullah will not have a runner after withdrawing his trio of Famous Name (GB) (Dansili {GB})--who is set for the G3 Mooresbridge S. at The Curragh May 4--Ideal World (Kingmambo) and Putney Bridge (Mizzen Mast). Godolphin took out their only hopeful, the recently acquired G2 Prix d'Harcourt scorer Trincot (Fr) (Peintre Celebre), while Aidan O'Brien scratched Poet (GB) (Pivotal {GB}), leaving the ex-Andre Fabre-trained **Thewayyouare** (Kingmambo) and the stable's trusty pacemaker **Red Rock Canyon (Ire)** (Rock of Gibraltar {Ire}) as his two likely starters in the race he has won in the last two years with Dylan Thomas (Ire) and Duke of Marmalade (Ire). Gestut Schlenderhan's 2007 G1 Deutsches Derby and 2008 G1 Deutschland-Preis hero **Adlerflug (Ger)** (In the Wings {GB}), Ecurie Wildenstein's **Loup Breton (Ire)** (Anabaa), Sergey Efros's **The Bogberry** (Hawk Wing) and Marquise de Moratalla's **Court Canibal (GB)** (Montjeu {Ire}) complete the list.

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- Two-Year-Old Colt:** Midshipman (Unbridled's Song)
- Two-Year-Old Filly:** Stardom Bound (Tapit)
- Three-Year-Old Colt:** Big Brown (Boundary)
- Three-Year-Old Filly:** Proud Spell (Proud Citizen)
- Handicap Horse:** Curlin (Smart Strike)
- Handicap Mare:** Zenyatta (Street Cry {Ire})
- Male Turf Horse:** Dancing Forever (Rahy)
- Female Turf Horse:** Forever Together (Belong to Me)
- Sprinter:** Midnight Lute (Real Quiet)
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**VISIONAIRE RETIRED FROM RACING** Visionaire (Grand Slam--Scarlet Tango, by French Deputy), a dual stakes winner in New York in 2008, has been retired from racing by Team Valor International and Vision Racing. Winner of two of his first three career starts for



Visionaire Adam Coglianesse

the Vision team, an interest in the colt was purchased by Team Valor shortly thereafter, and he finished third to Pyro (Pulpit) in the GIII Risen Star S. in his first appearance for the partnership. Few were able to see his fast-closing victory in the GIII Gotham S., as it was shrouded in fog, but he

was hard to miss in the prestigious GI King's Bishop S. at Saratoga in the summer. Well back early beneath Alan Garcia, the chestnut began to roll at the quarter pole and stormed down the center of the track for a decisive 2 1/4-length success. He was unplaced in two subsequent sophomore starts. "Visionaire most likely suffered a knee chip in the King's Bishop," said trainer Michael Matz. "His next two races were unlike him. Surgery was performed by Dr. Larry Bramlage last fall, but he has not trained to our satisfaction, so the owners have decided to retire him, rather than blemish his racing record." Bred in Kentucky by Reiley McDonald, Visionaire retires with a record of 12-5-1-2 and earnings of \$465,882. No stud plans have been set for the four-year-old, who has been sent to the Paragon Farm of Vision partners Brandon and Diannah Perry, where he is available for inspection.

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Date	Race	Track
Apr. 23	GIII Grey Goose Bewitch S.	KEE
Apr. 24	GIII Fifth Third Elkhorn S.	KEE
Apr. 25	GII La Prevoyante H.	CRC
	GII San Francisco Mile	GG
	GIII Withers S.	AQU
	GIII Miami Mile H.	CRC
	GIII Derby Trial S.	CD
	GIII Texas Mile S.	LS
Apr. 26	GIII Inglewood H.	HOL
Apr. 29	GIII Westchester H.	BEL
Apr. 30	GIII Kentucky Juvenile S.	CD



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**Thursday, Keeneland, post time: 4:35 p.m. ET**  
**GREY GOOSE BEWITCH S.-GIII, \$150,000, 4yo/up,**  
f/m, 1 1/2mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER	ODDS
1	Winter View	Thunder Gulch	Sheppard	8-1
2	Russian Rosie (Ire)	Traditionally	Attfield	8-1
3	Favorite Fantasy	Richter Scale	Fox	10-1
4	Empress	Empire Maker	Nihei	30-1
5	Caprice (Ger)	Monsun (Ger)	Motion	6-1
6	Absolutely Cindy	Arch	Kinmon	15-1
7	Communique	Smart Strike	Arnold	2-1
8	Dress Rehearsal (re)	Galileo (Ire)	Mott	8-5

The **brisnet.com** 'Race of the Day' is the **GII GREY GOOSE BEWITCH S.** at Keeneland. For pps and a complete race analysis, click [here](#).

**Saturday, Golden Gate**

**SAN FRANCISCO MILE S.-GII, \$300,000, 4yo/up, 1mT**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY
1	Our Partner	Partner's Hero	Antongrgi
2	Liberian Freighter	Bertrando	Rios
3	Storm Military (Arg)	Bernstein	Blanc
4	Silent Soul	Afternoon Deelites	Puglisi
5	Mr Napper Tandy (GB)	Bahamian Bounty (GB)	Garcia
6	Bold Chieftain	Chief Seattle	Gonzalez
7	Sky Cape	Najran	Sorenson
8	Ferneley (Ire)	Ishiguru	R Baze
9	Autism Awareness	Tannersmyman	Figueroa
10	Mr. Wolverine	Last Lion	Valdivia
11	Yacht Spotter	Slewdledo	Bisono
12	Siren Lure	Joyeux Danseur	Schvaneveldt

All carry 122 pounds.

**Saturday, Aqueduct**

**WITHERS S.-GIII, \$150,000, 3yo, 1m**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	WT
1	This Ones for Phil	Untutttable	Dominguez	123
2	Gone Astray	Dixie Union	Prado	116
3	Seal Team	Trippi	Elliott	118
4	Supreme Summit	Cactus Ridge	Coa	116
5	Mr. Fantasy	E Dubai	Migliore	116
6	Everyday Heroes	Awesome Again	Caraballo	118
7	Just a Coincidence	Forestry	Velasquez	116

**Saturday, Churchill Downs**

**DERBY TRIAL S.-GIII, \$100,000, 3yo, 7 1/2f**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY
1	Silver City	Unbridled's Song	Leparoux
2	Tintim Por Tintim	Broken Vow	Garcia
3	Gato Go Win	City Place	Borel
4	Checklist	Gone West	Bridgmohan
5	Santana Six	Hold That Tiger	Velazquez
6	Rendezvous	Victory Gallop	Douglas
7	Hull	Holy Bull	Mena
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**SMITH HERALDS INTERNATIONAL CAST**

Ascot's Head of Communications and International Racing Nick Smith is looking ahead to a 2009 Royal meeting containing a now-customary clutch of overseas runners following the announcement of the entries for the G1 King's Stand S. and G1 Golden Jubilee S. Among the list for the sprints are representatives from eight countries, including **Takeover Target (Aus)** (Celtic Swing {GB}) and **Scenic Blast (Aus)** (Scenic {Ire}) from Australia, **Inspiration (Aus)** (Flying Spur {Aus}) from Hong Kong, **Cannonball** (Catienus) from the States and **J J the Jet Plane (SAf)** (Jet Master {SAf}) from South Africa. "It is extremely encouraging to have attracted entries from all over the world for the King's Stand S. and Golden Jubilee S.," Smith said. "In Scenic Blast we have Australia's new kid on the block and a first in that he is trained in Western Australia. What more can you say about Takeover Target? The horse is a living legend and if anything he is getting better and better. The Golden Jubilee will be the seventh Royal Ascot race he has contested in four visits and so far he has never been out of the first four. The entries from Hong Kong, South Africa and the USA could really add spice to an already international mix, which stretches all over Europe."



**Classic Corner**

**DELEGATOR HEADS 2000 LIST**

Poilin Good's **Delegator (GB)** (Dansili {GB}) tops the list of 29 colts remaining for next Saturday's G1 2000 Guineas after yesterday's forfeit stage. Thursday's G3 Craven S. winner has continued to please trainer Brian Meehan, who has scratched G1 Racing Post Trophy hero **Crowded House (GB)** (Rainbow Quest) from the £400,000 Newmarket Classic. "As far as I'm concerned, Delegator did what he needed to do last Thursday and he quickened up really well, which was wonderful to see," Meehan said. "He's ready to go and, although it's going to be a tough race to win, when you have a horse like this you have great confidence." Heading the opposition is a sextet from the Aidan O'Brien stable which include G1 Phoenix S. and G1 National S. scorer **Mastercraftsman (Ire)** (Daneshill Dancer {Ire}) and G3 Tyros S. winner **Rip van Winkle (Ire)** (Galileo {Ire}).  
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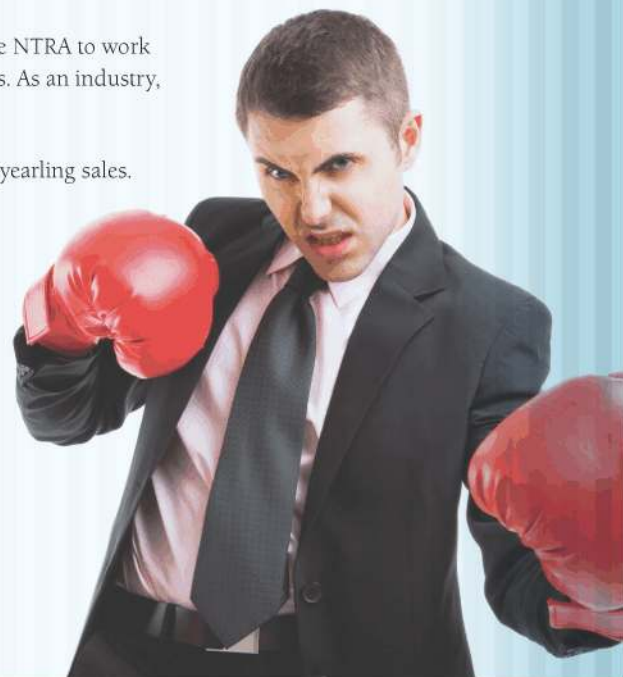
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**Delegator Heads List cont.**

Also among the strong Irish challenge is a duo from the John Oxx barn in His Highness the Aga Khan's G2 Futurity S. hero **Arazan (Ire)** (Anabaa) and Christopher Tsui's G2 Beresford S. victor **Sea the Stars (Ire)** (Cape Cross {Ire}). Freddy Head has left in Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum's G1 Prix Jean-Luc Lagardere winner **Naaqoos (GB)** (Oasis Dream {GB}), runner-up in the Apr. 10 Listed Prix Djebel at Maison-Laffitte. "No decision has been made yet," Head told the *Racing Post*. "I expect I will sit down with the Sheikh's team at the end of the week to decide, as it is not far away now. The horse is very well, I'm very happy with him."

**HAMDAN PAIR ON TARGET**

Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum's **Ghanaati** (Giant's Causeway) and **Shimah** (Storm Cat) yesterday featured among the 26 fillies remaining in next Sunday's £400,000 G1 1000 Guineas at Newmarket. While Ghanaati has yet to be pitched into this company, having won a maiden at Kempton on her last start in October, Shimah was the winner of the Listed Saoire S. before finishing runner-up in the G1 Moyglare Stud S. at The Curragh last term. Racing manager Angus Gold gave the lowdown on both fillies yesterday.

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"Ghanaati galloped on the Rowley Mile prior to racing last Wednesday, and everyone seemed happy with her afterwards, so the plan at the moment is to let her take her chance in the 1000 Guineas," he said. "It's a big ask for her but [trainer] Barry [Hills] has always liked her and is happy with her progress, so she's going to take her chance. Shimah will also hopefully run. I saw her on Tuesday morning and [trainer] Kevin [Prendergast] seems happy with her. I think that the forecast for faster conditions will suit her and her breeding suggests that she will prefer it." George Strawbridge has left in the G3 Nell Gwyn S. winner **Fantasia (GB)** (Sadler's Wells) alongside the unbeaten **Rainbow View** (Dynaformer), but remains committed to running the latter only, to which Rae Guest's G1 Cheveley Park S. heroine **Serious Attitude (Ire)** (Mtoto {GB}) is shaping up as the main danger. One of the highest-profile scratches is Khalid Abullah's G1 Prix Marcel Boussac scorer **Proportional (GB)** (Beat Hollow {GB}), third in the G3 Prix de la Grotte at Longchamp Sunday. The owner-breeder's racing manager Teddy Grimthorpe told *sportinglife.com*, "She's coming along fine and she's going to the French Guineas [G1 Poule d'Essai des Pouliches]. The Prix de la Grotte was only a trial and she was beaten by two pretty fit horses. It was her first start, she's still a little bit wintery and I would hope she'd come on in leaps and bounds for that."

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Tuesday, Gavea, Brazil

**GRANDE PREMIO ZEILA GONZAGA PEIXOTO DE CASTRO-G1**, R89,034, Gavea, 4-21, 3yo, f, 2400mT, 2:31.65, sf.

1--#**▲ESTRELA ANKI (Brz)**, 123, f, 3, by Thignon Lafre (Brz)

1st Dam: Marne La Coquette (G1SP-Brz),

by Effervescing

2nd Dam: Makarowa (Brz), by Magnasco

3rd Dam: Maria Josefa (Brz), by Sail Through

O-Stud Estrela Energia; B-Haras Sao Jose Da Serra; T-Givanildo Duarte; J-Marcelo Almeida; R38,867.

Lifetime Record: 9-3-1-1, R61,530.

2--**Smile Jenny (Brz)**, 123, f, 3, Wild Event--Jenny

Jacquet (Brz), by Roy. O-Stud Torna Surriento;

B-Haras Santa Maria de Araras; R182,305.

3--**Sagacita (Brz)**, 123, f, 3, Redattore (Brz)--Sarada

(Brz), by New Colony. O/B-Haras Sao Jose Da Serra;

R13,253.

Margins: HD, HD, NK. Odds: 22.40, 1.40, 23.70.

Dalva and Stefan Friborg's Estrela Energia's Estrela Anki spoiled the bid of even-money favorite Smile Jenny in the third and final leg of Rio de Janeiro's Fillies Triple Crown. Under a ground-saving trip from Marcelo Almeida, the Thignon Lafre filly rallied fastest nearest the rail to pull off the upset. Sao Paulo classic winner Tanta Honra (Brz) (Crimson Tide {Ire}) was fourth in the field of nine sophomore fillies.

Tuesday, Gavea, Brazil

**GRANDE PREMIO CRUZEIRO DO SUL-G1**, R96,272, Gavea, 4-21, 3yo/c, 2400mT, 2:35.69, sf.

1--**▲GIBSON (Brz)**, 123, c, 3, by Roi Normand

1st Dam: Eletrizada (Brz), by Rasputin (Chi)

2nd Dam: Refinada (Brz), by Kamel (Arg)

3rd Dam: Gifted (Arg), by In The Gloaming (GB)

O-Stud Estrela Energia; B-Haras Santa Ana do Rio Grande (Brz); T-Givanildo Duarte; J-Dalvo Duarte; R41,822. Lifetime Record: 10-4-1-1, R92,646.

\* 1/2 to Luzette (Brz) (Youth), MGSP-US & MG1SW-Brz; Peterman (Brz) (Falcon Jet {Brz}), GSP-Brz; full to Nitidez (Brz), GSW-Brz.

2--**Le Roi S'Amuse (Brz)**, 123, c, 3, Roi Normand--

Vitalina (Arg), by Itajara (Brz). O-Haras Nacional;

B-Haras Sao Jose e Expedictus (Brz); R13,729.

3--**Engaging (Brz)**, 123, c, 3, Arambare (Brz)--Great

Radiance (Brz), by Midnight Tiger. O/B-Haras Maluga (Brz); R9,546.

Margins: 3/4, 3/4, 1 1/4. Odds: 8.40, 57.70, 8.00.

Piloted by Dalvo Duarte, Gibson capped off a big day for the connections of Stud Estrela Energia, as he charged to victory in Rio de Janeiro's Derby, the third and final leg of the Jockey Club Brasileiro's Triple Crown series for sophomore colts. Outsider Le Roi S'Amuse was second over first-leg winner Engaging.

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Sao Paulo's Derby hero and Carlos Pellegrini runner-up Negro Da Gaita (Brz) (Know Heights {Ire}) finished a non-threatening eighth, while pacemaker and second-leg winner Uragano Point (Brz) (Nugget Point {Ire}) crossed the wire last of 11 after his rider's feet came out of the stirrups when straightening his mount after the first turn. Runner-up in the first leg of the series, Gibson entered off a fourth-place finish in the second leg of the series, the G1 Grande Premio Francisco Eduardo de Paula Machado Mar. 29.

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## Who is your longshot pick for the Kentucky Derby and why?

**Chuck Zacney, co-owner of (3-1) GI Preakness S. and (even) GI Belmont S. winner Afleet Alex, who was also third at 9-2 in the GI Kentucky Derby:**

I like Bill Mott's horse Hold Me Back. I like his breeding with Giant's Causeway on top and Unbridled's Song on the bottom. I think he can definitely go a route of ground and I really liked his last race. He was a good-closing second [in the GI Toyota Blue Grass S.]. I think he is just going to improve from here, and I think a mile and a quarter will be perfect for him. I will play the Superfecta and I think I will have him in first or second. I will also have I Want Revenge in there too, but I think he is going to be everyone's choice, so Hold Me Back offers more value and will be more of a longshot.



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## WRITERS UP

### BROTHERS CALLS IT A CAREER

By Lucas Marquardt

An era quietly came to an end on Saturday, Mar. 29, at Gulfstream Park. That's when Frankie Brothers, who earlier this spring had announced his intention to retire, saddled his last horse, a four-year-old filly named Ash.



*gulfstreampark.com*

The Helen Alexander-owned Ash came under the wire seventh that day, drawing the curtain on a career that spanned nearly four decades and, frankly, belying the success Brothers achieved.

Usually flying under the radar, Brothers sent out the likes of dual Classic winner and three-year-old champion Hansel, the very good race horse and even better sire Pulpit, the speedster Madcap Escapade, and the Grade I winners Arch, First Samurai, Oath, and Secret Hello. His list of graded winners includes Appealing

Breeze, Auto Dial, Barkerville, Beal Street Blues, Bel Air Beauty, Conserve, Dansil, Fast Catch, Frisco View, Mighty, Move, Nettie Commetti, Noble Savage (Ire), Ocean Crest, Police Inspector (his first, in 1984), Quiet a Gem, Salt Dome, Trip, Watch and Westheimer.

From the time he worked under Hall of Famer Jack Van Berg in the 1970s through his stints as a semi-private trainer with Lazy Lane Farms and Claiborne Farm, Brothers earned a reputation as a hard-working, honest horseman. He was good with two-year-olds, good with fillies, and had a sharp eye for yearlings.

"The thing that made Frankie such a good trainer was that he was able to see the whole picture," said Seth Hancock of Claiborne, which stands no fewer than three former Brothers trainees in Arch, First Samurai and Pulpit. "From understanding what took place on a breeding farm, to being an excellent judge of yearlings, to his role as a trainer, there was none better."

According to equineline.com, the numbers read like this: since 1977, Brothers's horses made 10,117 starts. An impressive 2,291 times, those horses found the finish line first, good for a career win percentage of 23 percent. He was good with first-timers, winning at a 20-percent clip. More importantly, he was good with stakes horses. Brothers won 50 graded races and sent out the winners of 281 stakes races in total.

"I've been in the game a long time," said Brothers when asked about his decision to retire at the age of 62. "It's a pretty good grind training these Thoroughbreds. I've tried to operate at the high end, and that's getting harder for us smaller guys."

"My opportunities were getting lighter," he continued. "I've had a great career and things went well, but I thought it might be time to do something else. I have a wonderful wife and a nice marriage. But I'd love to stay involved in the game--that's probably in the big picture."

### *Born on the Bayou...*

Frank L. Brothers was born in New Orleans, Louisiana, in October of 1946. The son of an electrical contractor, he began riding in the sixth grade when his dad bought a pony for \$100. By his mid-teens, he was showing national-caliber Quarter Horses. After graduating high school, he attended the University of Southern Mississippi for two years, but college life wasn't for him and he decided to return to horses.

"That's when I looked in my room, which was filled with all these trophies and saddles and awards, and I realized that I couldn't eat any of those things. So although I loved the Quarter Horses, I decided to go the Thoroughbred route," he explained.

One morning, Brothers showed up at the Fair Grounds and introduced himself to Van Berg, a gruff, well-respected racetracker and one of the premier trainers in the country. As the story goes, Van Berg eyed the young man in front of him and said, "You look like a clean-cut kid. There's a shank. You can walk some horses for me."

Their relationship flourished--Brothers has said that it had a father-son quality to it--and Brothers moved up the ranks within the operation, eventually becoming Van Berg's assistant. Asked what made Van Berg a good trainer and teacher, Brothers said, "I could talk for hours about that. Good trainers just have a feel for a horse. Jack had a tremendous work ethic and was just a natural. He knew what to do. A lot of it is trial and error, but a lot of times he just knew. I don't know that you can teach those things--you either have it or you don't. But his work ethic was tremendous, and he passed that on to his workers. It was either sink or swim with him."

Brothers worked for Van Berg for roughly 10 years before striking out on his own. Through the 1980s, he became one of the top trainers in Louisiana and then Arkansas. He was the leading trainer at Louisiana Downs for nine consecutive years, and was the leading trainer or runner-up at Fair Grounds for nine years. He would later add more training titles at Keeneland and Churchill.

### *To the Classics...*

In 1989, Brothers, looking to take his operation to the next level, went to work as the private trainer for Joseph Allbritton's Lazy Lane Farms. They enjoyed immediate success together, namely with the Private Account colt Secret Hello, who won that year's GI Arlington-Washington Futurity. Secret Hello won graded races in the following two seasons and banked nearly \$785,000.

**Writers Up cont.**



It was Brothers's next collaboration with Lazy Lane, however, that would yield the trainer's first real stand-out. Not long before Brothers won the Arlington-Washington Futurity with Secret Hello, he took note of a handsome bay colt while inspecting yearlings in Kentucky.

"I wound up giving \$150,000 for him a few months later, and I guess it was just one of those things where, thank the good Lord, it all came together," Brothers remembered.

The colt turned out to be Hansel, who would retire two years later with an Eclipse Award and over \$2.9 million in earnings.

"He was just a very athletic horse," Brothers said of Hansel's appeal as a yearling. "He was by a first-year sire named Woodman. It's easy to see now, because Woodman went on to be a helluva sire, but nobody knew much of him then. He was a champion in Ireland, I think, an American-bred horse they brought over here to stand stud. Hansel didn't have much pedigree on the bottom side, but he was very athletic."

Hansel won the GIII Tremont S. in his second start at two, ran second to Deposit Ticket in the GI Hopeful S. and completed his juvenile season with a victory in the Arlington-Washington. But Hansel really came into his own at three. He won the GII Jim Beam S. in track-record time and romped by nine lengths in the GII Lexington S., which earned him 5-2 favoritism in the GI Kentucky Derby. After a wide trip through much of the race, Hansel loomed a threat at the top of the lane, but began to struggle soon after and could do no better than a leg-weary 10th at the wire.

"It was very disappointing," admitted Brothers. "I knew going down the backside he wasn't going to run any good. He was a brilliant horse, but like a lot of horses, he had to have things his own way, and he didn't in that race. A lot of horses don't in the Derby."

Hansel would do his best to make amends. Brothers had originally planned to skip the GI Preakness S. and in fact had sent him from Kentucky to Chicago, but a sharp work by Hansel persuaded him to enter, and Hansel rewarded him with a dominating seven-length win. Then in the third leg of the Triple Crown, the GI Belmont S., Hansel dug in to beat the Derby hero Strike the Gold by a hard-fought head.

"When he won the Preakness, my first thoughts were that all the years I had worked on the track, that it was all worth it to win a Classic race," said Brothers. "To pick him out as a yearling and then train him all the way through, it's the most complete thing you can do. To win at that level, it's what you strive to do. It wasn't the Derby, but it was the Preakness. And it was great to come back and win the Belmont. He won that race with three shoes and just lasted."

Brothers added, "He won the two before the Derby and the two after the Derby, so what does that tell you? You can't say he tailed off, or was just getting good at a certain time. The Derby's just the Derby."

### *The Claiborne Connection...*

It wouldn't be long before Brothers had another top prospect for the first Saturday in May, this one by way of Claiborne Farm.

"I had a five-year contract with Lazy Lane, and by the mid-1990s the contract was up," Brothers explained. "Lazy Lane was kind of winding down, and Mr.

Allbritton didn't know if he wanted to continue on or not. So Seth [Hancock] called me and asked if I'd be interested in working for Claiborne. Mr. Allbritton and I had a good relationship, and he said to me, 'Well, you probably need to take that.' So with his blessing I joined up with Claiborne."



**Pulpit at Claiborne**  
*claibornefarm.com*

One of the first horses that Claiborne sent to Brothers was a homebred son of A.P. Indy named Pulpit. After winning four of his first five starts in the spring of 1997, including the GII Fountain of Youth S. and GI Blue Grass S., Pulpit was considered one of the best of his generation when he entered that year's Derby as a 5-1 chance to defeat Silver Charm and company. Up to set the pace, Pulpit dueled with Free House up the backstretch and was in the mix until mid-stretch, but tired in the final eighth and finished fourth, beaten six lengths.

The day after the race, it was discovered that Pulpit was suffering from several chips in a knee. He was later retired to Claiborne and today stands as one of the best sires and sire of sires in the country, with sons like Sky Mesa, Corinthian and Tapit to his credit.

As do many of his offspring, Pulpit had the reputation for being hot-blooded, which was probably deserved, said Brothers.

"He was always wound up, and you spent most of the time trying to settle him down," said Brothers. "He was a brilliant horse and a willing horse, but he would just get so wound up. There were many a wet saddle towel and a lot of miles with him, trying to get him to relax. I'd like to think we did a pretty good job with him."

Though Pulpit failed to see out the full 10 furlongs of the Derby, Brothers thinks he might have if it weren't for the knee chips.

"I could tell going into the far turn when he didn't change leads on cue that something was wrong," he said. "It was amazing that he hung in there and ran as well as he did. He was there pretty much until deep stretch. He pulled up fine, but I knew something was amiss. The next day, he was off in his stall pretty good, and we found a number of chips in his knee. I'd like to think he could have run a little bit better than that, but that's all speculation. I don't think distance was a limitation for him, but we'll never know that."

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**An Arch, an Escapade and a Samurai...**

Brothers's next big star for Claiborne was the big Kris S. colt Arch. Unlike the homebred Pulpit, Arch was a yearling purchase. Brothers helped select the colt at Keeneland July, and Claiborne purchased him for \$710,000.



**Madcap Escapade** *Horsephotos*

"Seth was always trying to get stallions for the farm, so he said, 'maybe we'll try to buy some yearlings who could wind up as stallions,'" said Brothers. "So for a couple years we did that, and I think Arch was one of the first. Arch was a big, grand-looking horse. Of course, he's out of Helen Alexander's great family of Courtly Dee, which is probably as good as any in the stud book. The weak side of his pedigree was Kris S., actually. But

he looked the part and we said 'what the hell?' We were on our last bid and hung in there and got him. He was a nice race horse and has been a pretty solid sire."

On the track, Arch won five of his first six starts, including the GI Super Derby and the GIII Fayette S. over Touch Gold as a three-year-old. He was well-beaten in Awesome Again's GI Breeders' Cup Classic in 1998 and, while in training for his four-year-old campaign, suffered a minor injury and was retired in time for the breeding season.

"I think he would have been a great four-year-old," said Brothers. "He came up with a little bit of an ankle in New Orleans in January, so we decided to retire him. He hadn't hit the grass yet, and you'd have to think there would be something there. He was a big, immature horse and still got something done at three. You'd have to think he would have been a better horse at four, but it wasn't meant to be, that's all."

As a sire, Arch is responsible for the likes of Canadian champion Arravale, the international sprint champions Les Arcs and Overarching, and the Grade I winners Pine Island and Prince Arch.

The next two stars to emerge from Brothers barn didn't wear the yellow silks of Claiborne, but rather the black and pink colors of Bruce Lunsford, owner of the brilliant filly Madcap Escapade and, along with Lansdon Robbins III, the top juvenile First Samurai.

"Madcap Escapade was the best filly I ever trained," said Brothers. "I hate to use the word and hardly ever do, but she was freakish."

Another horse that Brothers selected as a yearling, Madcap Escapade was knocked down for just \$160,000 as a Keeneland September yearling in 2002. In the spring of her three-year-old year, she won her first three starts by a combined 26-length margin, then took the skein to four with a tally over Ashado in the 1 1/16-mile

GI Ashland S. at Keeneland. That foe turned the tables in the GI Kentucky Oaks, with Madcap Escapade fading to third. The big bay returned from injury to run four times at four. She won three of those, including a dazzling romp in the GII Princess Rooney H. at Calder.



**First Samurai** *Adam Coglianese*

"She took your breath away in some of those races--it was unbelievable," said Brothers. "She was freakish in some of those. She had that blazing speed and she could carry it. She was pretty special and it was fun to be around her. She had a good temperament, but she was big and strong and like a colt, really. She was manageable, but it took a very good rider--my assistant Lisa Sloan rode her all the time--to ride her and get along with her."

Looking back at her races, Brothers said the Ashland stands out as his favorite.

"It was her first time around two turns and she beat Ashado," he said. "She got the jump on Ashado, who was a brilliant mare. Things didn't work out for us in the Oaks, but I thought the Ashland was a terrific race, to win a Grade I at Keeneland and to beat a top-class mare. She was brilliant, and I think, under the right circumstances, she could get two turns."

Madcap Escapade later sold to Hill 'n' Dale Farms and Southern Equine for \$6 million as a broodmare (Lunsford also retained a share). Last November, Hill 'n' Dale's John Sikura and Lunsford bought out Southern Equine when they paid \$3.1 million for her at Fasig-Tipton.

When jockey Jerry Bailey opted to stay at Saratoga to ride First Samurai in a first-level allowance before taking a plane and then a helicopter to Monmouth later in the afternoon to guide Roman Ruler to victory in the GI Haskell Invitational, it was an indication of the regard in which First Samurai was held by his connections.

With Bailey aboard, the strapping liver chestnut went on to win the GI Hopeful S. and GI Champagne S.--both over Henny Hughes--and completed his year with a third to Stevie Wonderboy in the GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile. One of the early favorites for the Derby, First Samurai ran second to Keyed Entry in the GII Hutcheson S. and was awarded the victory by DQ in the GII Fountain of Youth S., but came out of a poor effort in the GI Blue Grass S. with cracked ribs and was retired.



“He was the most brilliant two-year-old I ever trained, and had the opportunity to maybe be the best horse I ever trained,” said Brothers. “He was a special horse from day one. He had a good mind, was sound, and loved to run. He had all the tools. His two-year-old form was excellent, and I thought his three-year-old form was very good. He got impeded in the Fountain of Youth by a good horse in Corinthian, and that’s racing--bad luck on their part, good luck on ours. And then he injured himself in the Blue Grass, or somewhere around that time. We really don’t know how the hell he did that. And that was pretty much it.”

In contrast to Pulpit, Brothers is less sure how First Samurai would have fared in the Derby and the rest of the Classics.

“He was probably a top miler, if you want to call a spade a spade,” he said. “A mile was his best go, and I’m not sure he was a true mile-and-a-quarter horse. But he wasn’t just speed. The Juvenile at Belmont, when he was third, was probably his best race. He was fractious in the gate and got left; most people probably didn’t pay much attention, but I did because he was my horse. I think his first call was eighth or ninth. It was the first time he’d been that far back, and was getting sand in his face and had horses around him. He ran very professional and made a hell of a run. He really showed his guts there.

“But to win the Hopeful and Champagne--not a lot of them do that. If you had to pick two juvenile races to win on the East Coast, it would probably be those two. We’re rooting for him at stud.”

**Onward and Upward...**

One of the things he looks forward to most, Brothers says, is spending more time with his wife, Donna Barton Brothers, who after her career as a jockey became an exercise rider and is now a television racing analyst, as well.



**Frank & Donna Brothers & Lunsford**  
*Horsephotos*

“She’s the best thing that ever happened to me,” Brothers said. “I’d known her for quite a few years, and we got married 10 years ago. On the racing side of things, she was such a tremendous help because she’s such a great rider. But our relationship is much more than just the business side of things. That was really a small part of it.”

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Brothers said that no matter what he does, Donna will likely play some kind of role, however small. “She’s got her own things, but we always do a lot of stuff together. She doesn’t like to spend all day at the sales, but she loves the horses, and I’m sure she’ll make the Saratoga trip--though I’m not sure how much I’ll be able to get her to work there.”

Brothers said he still isn’t able to sleep in yet (“You just can’t turn that off,” he laughed), but plans to take a vacation or two in the coming months.

As for work, Brothers, who lives in Louisville, says he hopes to put that keen eye for young horses to use.

“I’d love to be involved on a part-time basis, doing bloodstock work or as a yearling or racing manager,” he said. “Some of the best horses I had, except for some of those Claiborne horses, where ones that I bought as yearlings. I’ve actually had a few inquiries, so things are going along all right.”

So is retirement agreeing with Frankie Brothers?

“So far it’s been good,” he said with a chuckle. “I think I’ve done the right thing. I’ve trained some wonderful horses for some fine people. I started out walking hot, and wound up having a lot of fun.”



**Brothers at Churchill Downs**

*Horsephotos*

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# op/ed

by barry irwin

## POLYTRACK HARD TO WATCH

by Barry Irwin

I will leave it up to analysts more qualified than me to figure out whether Polytrack is safer than dirt, even though the initial evidence suggests that the synthetic surface has already saved the lives of many of our equine warriors.

From my narrow perspective, however, if somebody can tell me the good part about watching races on Polytrack, I for one would love to hear about it.

When I asked this question of Keeneland's Rogers Beasley a few years ago, he told me that he longed for the days when Keeneland sold the offspring of such sires as Blushing Groom, Riverman and Lyphard, instead of some current horses whose names do not immediately send goose bumps up one's spine. He said he was tired of cheap American speed sires dominating the sire lists and sales catalogues.

I also have heard my good friend Bill Casner tell me that there is nothing more boring than watching a speed horse go to the front on dirt and lead home a parade of horses that never change position during the course of a race. (When I witnessed his Well Armed do just that to score as dominating victory in the World Cup as we have seen on the dirt since Secretariat won the Belmont Stakes, the irony slammed me right between the eyes.)

Polytrack, I guess, is supposed to render racing less boring by blunting speed and making races more interesting.

As much as Beasley and Casner want to get away from dirt, that is how much I want to flee having to watch races on the Poly.

I have three major reasons, as follows:

First and foremost, I think that the proliferation of Polytrack is harmful to the selection process of breeding Thoroughbreds.

Secondly, I think that racing on Polytrack robs the sport of a great deal of its beauty.

Finally, I think racetracks are relying on the synthetic surface too much when there is a threat of rain.

How, one may wonder, could Polytrack mess up the selection process?

Polytrack is such a forgiving surface that it allows crooked-legged horses with glaring conformation defects to perform at a high level regardless of their infirmities or deficiencies.

One need only look at The Pamplemousse and General Quarters, two of the higher-rated contenders for this year's Kentucky Derby. I cannot recall the last racehorse of any quality that moved as badly as The Pamplemousse. I found it absolutely excruciating to watch him compete. General Quarters has the most tortured reverse corkscrew motion on his right foreleg one is ever likely to see in a horse that has ability.

These two animals would be severely compromised if they had to prove themselves solely on dirt on the road to the Triple Crown. The Pamplemousse has already departed the scene, without ever being subjected to racing on anything other than a synthetic surface. If my guess is right, General Quarters may next in line.

One could argue the positive merits of Polytrack or other synthetic surfaces for prolonging the careers of bad-legged and bad-moving racehorses that might otherwise not be able to make it to a high level of competition.

If we are racing horses in order to test them and improve the breed, do we not want to weed out the culls and try to breed the best-legged, best-moving stock possible? Is this not what all stockmen strive for?

How in the hell are breeders supposed to figure out which stallions to use, if the choice is between horses that ran only on Polytrack?

Breeders are in enough of a quandary because of the proliferation of permissive medication to try to figure out which racehorses at the highest level achieved their success with or without the help of performance enhancing drugs.

Toss in Polytrack and a breeder must surely throw his hands in the air and cry uncle.

As for beauty, I personally was drawn to the sport of racing because I like watching an athlete that moves well. The fluidity and grace of a top Thoroughbred is second to no other athlete in competition. Yet, when one is subjected, at a high level of competition, to witnessing the desperate action of bad-moving horses, the joy is replaced by anguish.

The substitution of an awkward-moving beast flailing his legs in every which direction for a speed horse skipping clear of his rivals by dint of his superior action is a trade off that I am having difficulty embracing. Polytrack makes the game ugly and robs the sport of its beauty. Is this what people really want?

Finally, there is the increased use of Polytrack by Keeneland as a substitute for grass racing anytime the weather forecast hints at measurable precipitation. Last week, some allowance races at Keeneland were switched from turf to Polytrack, as Keeneland feared the runners might cut up the course.

Geez, does Keeneland race enough days in the spring to have to worry about that happening? Halfway through the meet, they find it necessary to worry about a grass course that survived several years with rarely ever having to move a race off the turf?

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Barry Irwin cont.

Well, I suspect the answer has more to do with Keeneland's desire to promote a product they are manufacturing and selling than saving a virtually pristine and time-tested grass course.

Polytrack is not turf. All turf horses do not act on Polytrack. I would concur that if a race does have to be moved from turf to dirt that a synthetic surface would be preferable to a wet dirt surface. But I would argue strongly that anytime a drop of water hits the green sward that a race should be moved. There are horses that prefer different types of footing and to deny a horse that acts on soft turf an opportunity for a good performance because of Keeneland's commercial agenda is unfair to the connections of that horse.

Perhaps the best thing about the current economic downturn is that few, if any, racing associations are in a position to spend the money required to install Polytrack.

This respite, hopefully, also will allow racing people a chance to reflect on the merits and failings of the synthetic revolution and make wiser decisions moving forward.

American-bred horses used to be the envy of the world for their toughness and their speed. Now, internationally, they are a joke and our racing form is not considered to be top-class, because we have weakened our breed by being unable to properly make intelligent decisions on matings due to permissive medication and PEDs.

If the synthetic revolution does take hold, it could be the final nail in the coffin. And if Keeneland thinks that this is going to help them in the sales ring, they are sadly mistaken.

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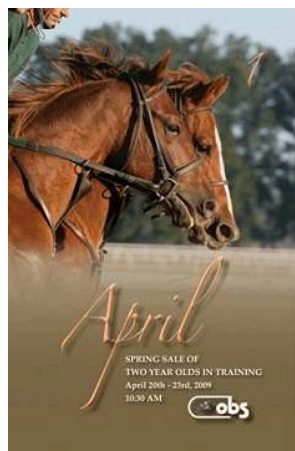
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**STORMY ATLANTIC FILLY TOPS OBS APRIL**

A filly by Stormy Atlantic topped the third session of the Ocala Breeders' Sales Company's Spring Sale of Two-Year-Olds in Training at \$170,000. The bay filly, out of the winning Mr. Greeley mare Virginia Miss, was purchased by Roger Dreyer. She was consigned by Randy Miles, Agent II. The topper, who zipped an eighth in :10 at the under-track show, was purchased by Michael Pino for \$30,000 as a FTKOCT yearling. For the session, 191 horses brought \$4,839,500. The average of \$25,338 was down 23.7 percent from last year's corresponding session. Through three days

of trading, 612 juveniles have brought \$15,353,300, down from last year's gross of \$17,470,600. The cumulative average of \$25,087 is down 16.3 percent. The Spring Sale's final session begins today at 10:30 a.m.



**OBS SPRING SALE -- WEDNESDAY'S TOP LOTS**

Hip	Sex	Sire	Dam	Price
<b>859</b>	filly	<b>Stormy Atlantic</b>	Virginia Miss	<b>\$170,000</b> (\$30,000 yrl '08 FTKOCT) <i>B-Christopher &amp; Bonnie Paasch (Ky)</i> Consigned by Randy Miles, Agent II Purchased by Roger Dreyer
<b>866</b>	filly	<b>Indian Charlie</b>	V Sign	<b>\$110,000</b> <i>B-McKathan Bros (Fl)</i> Consigned by McKathan Bros., Agent III Purchased by Kenneth L & Sarah K Ramsey
<b>1031</b>	filly	<b>Value Plus</b>	Bellarama	<b>\$110,000</b> <i>B-Patton's Creek Farm LLC (Ky)</i> Consigned by Costanzo Sales Purchased by Fox Hill Farm, Tom McGreevy, agent

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## ★ KEENELAND ★

### Money Missing at Keeneland:

Officials at Keeneland have reported to Lexington, Kentucky police that money is missing at the track, but details of the theft remained unclear as of Wednesday evening. According to the *Lexington Herald-Leader*, Keeneland reported the theft Mar. 13, but, pending an internal audit, has yet to determine how much money is actually missing. The track indicated the amount was over the \$300 minimum to qualify as a felony case. "At this time, I'm not sure we even know exactly where the money is missing from," police spokeswoman Sgt. Ann Gutierrez told the publication. Keeneland President Nick Nicholson revealed little when asked about the situation. "It's an ongoing investigation that involves not only Keeneland, but other places in town, and I'm not sure how long it's going to be before anybody knows if or how much there is a situation here," Nicholson told the *Herald-Leader*. "This did not start with Keeneland, nor do I imagine that it will end with Keeneland."

### Yesterday's Results:

**7th-KEE, \$61,000, Alw, Opt. Clm.** (\$100,000), NW36MX, 4yo/up, 6f (AWT), 1:10 1/5, ft.  
**1--CARNACKS CHOICE, 118, h, 5, Carson City--Ellesmere (SP), by Tabasco Cat.** (\$35,000 yrl '05 KEESEP). O-Sassafras Racing I, LLC; B-Eugene Melnyk (FL); T-Gregory D Foley. Lifetime Record: GSP, 22-5-3-4, \$264,905.  
**2--Knights Cross, 118, h, 5, Thunderello--Golden Gale,** by Summer Squall.  
**3--Amazing Results, 118, c, 4, Grand Slam--Ioya Two,** by Lord At War (Arg).  
 Margins: HF, 2, NO. Odds: 2.00, 1.30, 3.20.

Carnacks Choice, third in the GIII Phoenix S. over this track and trip last October, finished ninth in his only prior start this term in the restricted Sunshine Millions Sprint at Santa Anita Jan. 24. Favored here, the chestnut vied for the early lead with Knights Cross through opening splits of :22.27, :45.06 and :57.17 and gained command late to eke out the victory.

### STAKES CLOSINGS

**TOMORROW, FRIDAY, APRIL 24:**

#### MID-AMERICA TRIPLE

05-23 \$150,000 *Arlington Classic, AP, 3yo,* 8.5fT

07-11 \$300,000 *American Derby-II, AP, 3yo,* 9.5fT

08-08 \$400,000 *Secretariat-I, AP, 3yo,* 10fT

05-25 \$200/50,000 *Shoemaker Breeders' Cup Mile-I, Hol,* 3yo/up, 8fT (2500s)

05-30 \$200/50,000 *Gamely Breeders' Cup-I, Hol,* 3yo/up, f/m, 9fT (2500s)

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**3:05p 5th-KEE, \$50K, Msw, 2yo, f, 4 1/2f (AWT)**  
**TVG** Michael Tabor and Mrs. John Magnier's **CHINA** ([Tale of the Cat](#)) debuts for trainer Todd Pletcher, who hits with 18 percent of first-time starters. The \$110,000 KEENOV weanling has been getting into gear in the mornings of late, including a bullet four-furlong move in :46 flat here Apr. 19. Johnny Velazquez gets the call here. ([brisnet.com PPs](#))

*Eastern Daylight Time*



**8th-KEE, \$58,000, Alw, NW2\$X, 4yo/up, f/m,** 1 1/8mT, 1:51 2/5, fm.  
**1--GLORIA GOODBODY, 118, f, 4, Arch--Our Locket, by Mr. Leader.** (\$26,000 yrl '06 KEESEP). O-John and Kim Glenney; B-Jill D Ramsey (KY); T-John Glenney. Lifetime Record: 12-3-1-3, \$132,480.  
 \*1/2 to Beckon The King (Ghazi), GSW, \$471,777.  
**2--Vancy Pants, 118, f, 4, Van Nistelrooy--Almost Mystical,** by General Assembly.  
**3--Lady Attack, 118, m, 5, Mutakddim--She's a Slewpyp,** by Slewpyp. (\$150,000 2yo '06 FTFEB; \$30,000 yrl '05 KEESEP; \$105,000 HRA '09 KEEJAN).

Margins: 2 1/4, HD, 1HF. Odds: 34.40, 9.10, 7.30.

Gloria Goodbody, an easy winner going 12 furlongs in allowance company over this course last October, failed to land a blow in two starts this season, including a sixth while trying a repeat at Keeneland Apr. 5. Up to set a pedestrian early pace, the dark bay was comfortably in front a furlong out and extended her advantage late to post the victory. Belle Allure (Ire) (Numerous) was scratched. [Video, sponsored by Taylor Made.](#)

**6th-KEE, \$49,775, Alw, NW2L, 3yo, f, 1 1/8mT, 1:53,** fm.

**PRYTANIA** (f, 3, [Royal Academy](#)--Tchopitioulas, by Woodman) debuted with a respectable third going 8 1/2 furlongs at Tampa Feb. 1 before graduating by 3 1/2 lengths over that surface and distance Mar. 24. Sent off the 5-2 choice, the bay settled in eighth through the opening half, swung four wide on the second turn, took over entering the stretch and was good enough to score by 1 3/4 lengths over Suz Slew (Statement). [Video, sponsored by Taylor Made.](#) Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-1, \$44,520.  
 O/B-Glen Hill Farm (FL). T-Thomas F Proctor.

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Keeneland cont.

**9th-KEE, \$49,700, Msw, 3yo, f, 6f (AWT), 1:10 3/5, ft. SILVER TIME (f, 3, [Indian Charlie--Casanova Striker, by Smart Strike](#)), runner up over this track and trip Apr. 5, was sent off the 5-2 third choice this time. Up to press the pace through the opening quarter, the dark bay took over after a half and extended her advantage to 4 3/4 lengths over Lawless Falls (Fusaichi Pegasus) at the wire. Favored More to the Story (More Than Ready), breaking from the 12 hole, was hustled hard to get to the front early and held on gamely for third. [Video, sponsored by Taylor Made](#). Lifetime Record: 4-1-1-1, \$44,750.**

O-Cottonwood Stables LLC. B-Brereton C Jones (KY). T-J Larry Jones.

**5th-KEE, \$49,400, Msw, 3yo, f, 6f (AWT), 1:10 3/5, ft.**

**YES IT'S BARBARA (f, 3, [Yes It's True--Hello Barbara Sue, by Dehere](#)), ninth going a sixteenth further at Turfway Dec. 13, was a well-beaten fourth most recently while dropping back to five panels at Gulfstream Feb. 22, but an undeterred Julien Leparoux was back for the ride this time. In front from the start, the 7-2 chance opened up a solid advantage turning for home and had enough left in the tank to score by a length over Distorted Love (Distorted Humor). Concert (Mineshaft) was scratched. The winner is a the half to Buddy's Humor (Distorted Humor), GSW, \$358,648, [Video, sponsored by Taylor Made](#). Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-0, \$33,044.**

O/B-John C Oxley (KY). T-John T Ward Jr.

## ★ GULFSTREAM ★

Yesterday's Results:

**7th-GPX, \$35,000, Msw, 3yo, 6f, 1:10 2/5, ft. + HONEST WILDCAT (c, 3, [Yes It's True--Mike's Wildcat {SW}, by Forest Wildcat](#)), sent off at 8-1, stalked the early pace in third, drove to the front a furlong out and inched clear to score by 3/4 of a length over Peace Wine (Cuvee). The winner, a \$260,000 KEESEP yearling, is a half to Texas Wildcatter (Monarchos), SW, \$232,603. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$21,000. O-Mark B Grier. B-Stonerside Stable & Coneway Investment Partners, LP (KY). T-Mark A Hennig.**

**9th-GPX, \$35,000, Msw, 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16mT, 1:42, fm.**

**GOLD INDY (f, 3, [A.P. Indy--Girl of Gold, by Seeking the Gold](#)) was passed late to be second most recently over this course and trip Mar. 13 and was installed the 2-1 choice to go one better here. Reserved along the rail early, the \$500,000 KEESEP yearling angled out for the stretch run and was up late to graduate by 3/4 of a length over Scholastic (Johar). Lifetime Record: 5-1-1-2, \$37,350.**

O-Fares Farm Inc. B-Dinwiddie Farm (KY). T-Todd A Pletcher.

## ★ SO. CALIFORNIA ★

New Lease on Life for Barry Abrams:

Trainer Barry Abrams, who was diagnosed with cancer four years ago, learned last week that he is cancer-free. "Basically, all the scans showed that I'm cancer-free," Abrams, married and father of two daughters, said. "Dr. Yee in Arcadia said I don't need a scan for another 12 months, and then it will be five years, and it is likely it won't come back. I live one day at a time anyway, but after what I went through, I have a different perspective on life. Until you get a serious illness, you realize money doesn't mean anything. Nobody is happier than I am to get up in the morning." Abrams, who trained and co-owns leading California sire Unusual Heat, was diagnosed with cancer in March 2005 after a squamous cell carcinoma on a tonsil spread to form a golf-ball sized tumor in his throat. Chemotherapy and radiation treatments helped rid Abrams of cancer. "I'm happy, and the horses make me happy," he continued. "They kept me pepped up. Unusual Heat has been a strong sire and given me more incentive to keep going."

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**5th-KEE (\$49K Alw) Yes It's Barbara (Yes It's True) graduates in third try.**

**6th-KEE (\$49K Alw) Prytania (Royal Academy) comes from off the pace to win.**

**8th-KEE (\$58K Alw) Gloria Goodbody (Arch) wins on the front end.**

**9th-KEE (\$49K Msw) Silver Time (Indian Charlie) scores by 4 3/4 lengths.**

**7th-HOL (Harry Henson S.) Backbackbackgone (Put It Back) takes turf bow.**



**Yesterday's Results:**

**HARRY HENSON S.**, \$73,450, HOL, 4-22, 3yo/up, 6fT, 1:08, fm.

1--**BACKBACKBACKGONE**, 121, c, 3, by Put It Back

1st Dam: Pat's Sister, by Defrere

2nd Dam: Stop The Croquet, by Stop The Music

3rd Dam: Merci Croquet, by Jacinto

(\$65,000 2yo '08 OBSMAR). O-Gerson Racing, Charleville Stables & John Rogitz; B-Louie Rogers & David McKathan (FL); T-Peter Miller; J-Rafael Bejarano; \$43,830. Lifetime Record: 7-5-0-0, \$203,270.

2--**Position A**, 117, c, 3, Aldebaran--Propriety, by Storm Cat. (\$100,000 yrl '07 FTSAUG; \$675,000 2yo '08 KEEAPR). O-B Wayne Hughes. \$14,610.

3--**Wall Street Wonder**, 117, c, 3, City Place--Kisses and Hugs, by Kissin Kris. (\$145,000 yrl '07 OBSAUG; \$325,000 2yo '08 BESMAR). O-Stetson Land & Cattle LLP. \$8,766.

Margins: 2HF, NK, HD. Odds: 2.20, 3.40, 1.80.

Backbackbackgone, tabbed as a **★ "TDN Rising Star"** after airing by 10 lengths in his Bay Meadows debut last May, closed out his juvenile campaign with a close fifth in the Gill Hollywood Prevue S. Nov. 23. He kicked off his sophomore season with a win in Golden Gate's Golden Bear S. Jan. 1, then shipped to Gulfstream for a well-beaten 10th in the Sunshine Millions Dash S. Jan. 24. Trying turf for the first time here, he dueled his way clear following a :44.39 half mile to take it comfortably. [Video, sponsored by Taylor Made.](#)

3rd-HOL, \$58,000, Alw, Opt. Clm. (\$80,000), NW3X, 3yo/up, 1 1/16mT, 1:42 3/5, fm.

1--**UNION AVENUE**, 120, h, 6, **Gone West--Miss Union Avenue (GSW, \$336,608)**, by Steinlen (GB).

(\$300,000 yrl '04 KEESEP). O-William Deburgh; B-Lazy Lane Stables, Inc (VA); T-Jerry Hollendorfer. Lifetime Record: GSW, 15-4-1-2, \$303,640.

2--**Porfido (Chi)**, 120, h, 7, Mash One (Chi)--Piazza Venezia (Chi), by Roy.

3--**Men's Magazine (Ity)**, 120, h, 5, Dr Devious (Ire)--Sospel, by Kendor (Fr).

Margins: 1 1/4, HD, NK. Odds: 3.40, 2.10, 3.80.

Union Avenue, victorious in the Gil American Derby in 2006, hit the board in one of three starts for trainer Graham Motion last term. Runner up while negotiating this distance in a \$32,000 optional claimer at Pimlico June 6, the bay was sent to the sidelines for the remainder of the season. Sent off the third choice in his 2009 bow, the six-year-old saved ground early, was asked for his run turning for home and drove to the fore late to pick up the victory.

1st-HOL, \$46,400, Msw, (S), 2yo, 4 1/2f (AWT), :51 1/5, ft.

+ **GRACE UPON GRACE (c, 2, Rio Verde--Chasing Wind {SW}, by Mining)**, sent off at 9-2, took command early and held the advantage all the way home, scoring by a head over Really Uptown (Swiss Yodeler). The winner is a half to Rgirldoesn'tbluff (Pine Bluff), MSW & GSP, \$241,270. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$27,600. O-J Costello, R London, J Winters & T C Lovingier. B-Terry C Lovingier (CA). T-Walther Solis.

2nd-HOL, \$46,276, Msw, 3yo/up, f/m, 6f (AWT), 1:08 1/5, ft.

**DONTELLMEWHATTODO (f, 3, Strong Hope--Tropic Depression, by Storm Cat)**, second going a sixteenth shorter at Del Mar last summer, failed to fire and was 10th in her final start of the season at Santa Anita Sept. 27. A \$50,000 KEESEP yearling purchase, the 7-5 choice settled in a stalking third in the early going of this one, swung three wide turning into the stretch and drew off late to graduate by 2 3/4 lengths over Spun Silver (Grand Slam). Sweeterthanthe day (Medaglia d'Oro) never got into the mix of things and came home fourth. Lifetime Record: 3-1-1-0, \$38,000. O-Suarez Racing Inc & Paul Lo Duca. B-Dinwiddie Farm (KY). T-Doug F O'Neill.

★ AMERICAN-BRED WINNERS ★

**IN BRITAIN:**

**Saloon**, g, 5, **Sadler's Wells--Fire the Groom (GISW-US & SW-Eng, \$785,698)**, by Blushing Groom (Fr). Kempton Park, Britain, 4-22, Hcp, 4yo/up, 1 1/2m (AWT). B-R D Hubbard & Coolmore. \*\$400,000 yrl '05 KEESEP; 16,000gns HIT '07 TATHIT. \*\*1/2 to Stravinsky (Nureyev), Hwt. 3yo-Eng at 5-7f, MG1SW-Eng, \$360,071; full to Moscow Ballet (Ire), GISP-US, SW & GSP-Eng, \$163,644; Sweet Firebird (Ire), GSP-Ire.

• ON THE WORKTAB

BELMONT PARK

Frolic's Dream (Smoke Glacken), 5f, 1:04.42, 1/2

CHURCHILL DOWNS

Hightap (Tapit), 4f, :52.60, 49/52  
Indian Blessing (Indian Charlie) Filly 4 59.40

KEENELAND

Consequence (El Prado {Ire}), 3f, :37.80, 14/15  
Mr. Sidney (Storm Cat), 4f, :48.60, 12/35  
Mushka (Empire Maker), 4f, :51.00, 30/35

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*Sire (Sire's Sire), Farm, 2006 Fee, #foals of racing age/Winners/SW*  
*Race #-track, race type, distance, runner, odds (if available)*  
**GRAND REWARD** (Storm Cat), Hill 'n' Dale, \$13K, 131/0/0  
2-AQU, Msw, 4 1/2f, +Reward Pending, \$6K EAS SEP yrl, 12-1  
1-KEE, Msw, 4 1/2f, +Angus Kahn, 20-1

**KITTEN'S JOY** (El Prado {Ire}), Ramsey, \$25K, 104/0/0  
5-KEE, Msw, 4 1/2f, +King Kitten, 9-2  
1-KEE, Msw, 4 1/2f, Cater to Kitten, \$3K KEE SEP yrl, 5-1  
**ORATORY** (Pulpit), Country Life, \$5K, 57/0/0  
2-AQU, Msw, 4 1/2f, +Work for a Cure, \$8K EAS SEP yrl, 4-1  
**SAINT LIAM** (Saint Ballado), Lane's End, \$5K, 98/0/0  
5-KEE, Msw, 4 1/2f, +Metallic Mist, \$50K KEE APR 2yo, 15-1

**First/Second-crop starters to watch: Thursday, Apr. 23**

*Sire (Sire's Sire), Farm, 2005 Fee, #foals of racing age/Winners/SW*  
*Race #-track, race type, distance, runner, odds (if available)*  
**CHAPEL ROYAL** (Montbrook), Ashford, \$10K, 279/53/2  
5-KEE, Msw, 4 1/2f, +Doc Thunderbolt, \$13K KEE SEP yrl, 20-1  
**CUVEE** (Carson City), Gainesway, \$10K, 208/33/2  
2-AQU, Msw, 4 1/2f, +Good Wine, \$19K EAS SEP yrl, 4-1  
5-KEE, Msw, 4 1/2f, +Noble's Promise, \$25K OBS AUG yrl, 6-1  
**GREAT NOTION** (Elusive Quality), Northview, \$4K, 70/6/1  
5-KEE, Msw, 4 1/2f, +Hoolihan, 15-1  
**SMARTY JONES** (Elusive Quality), Three Chimneys, \$100K, 162/18/1  
9-KEE, Msw, 6f, +Baku Breeze, \$75K KEE APR 2yo, 8-1  
**TETON FOREST** (Forestry), Spendthrift, \$5K, 103/6/0  
9-KEE, Msw, 6f, +Readyroll, \$11K KEE SEP yrl, 30-1  
**TOMAHAWK** (Seattle Slew), Park Stud, \$9K, 94/11/1  
5-KEE, Msw, 4 1/2f, +Dashing Tom, \$66K CAN SEP yrl, 15-1

• ON THE WORKTAB

HOLLYWOOD

Hyperbaric (Sky Classic), 4f, :49.20, 19/38

SANTA ANITA

Cry and Catch Me (Street Cry {Ire}), 6f, 1:12.40, 1/14  
Valbenny (IRE) (Val Royal {Fr}), 3f, :36.40, 5/19

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1 1/4mT

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1	2	Topclas (Fr)	Kutub (Ire)	Demercastel
2	3	Baalibblue (Fr)	Anabaa Blue (GB)	Bertran de Balanda
3	1	Acteur Celebre (GB)	Galileo (Ire)	Lellouche
4	1	Feels All Right (Ire)	Danehill Dancer (Ire)	Libaud

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★ BRITAIN ★

**Yesterday's Results:**

**Epsom, 15.15, Hcp, £50,000, 4yo/up, 10f 18ydsT,**  
2:08.73, gd.

**DUNCAN (GB) (c, 4, Dalakhani {Ire}--Dolores {GB} {SW & G1SP-Eng, \$127,596}, by Danehill),** seventh in Newmarket's Listed James Seymour S. when last seen for the John Dunlop yard in November, was sent off at 8-1 making his first start for the in-form Gosden stable in this City and Suburban H. Wide in mid-division early, the 100,000gns TATOCT yearling swooped to the front with a furlong remaining before drawing away for a 2 1/2-length success from Lake Poet (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}). The winner is a half-brother to Samuel (GB) (Sakhee, SW & GSP-Eng). Lifetime Record: 6-2-2-0, £37,982. O/B-Normandie Stud Ltd; T-John Gosden.

**Epsom, 15.40, Cond, £20,000, 3yo, 10f 18ydsT,**  
2:08.92, gd.

**DEBUSSY (IRE) (c, 3, Diesis {GB}--Opera Comique {Fr} {GSP-Ire}, by Singspiel {Ire}),** off the mark by nine lengths on Lingfield's Polytrack last time Mar. 21, was sent off the 11-4 choice for this Blue Riband Trial S. and raced in fourth early. Making his move wide in the straight, the homebred rolled by Midday (GB) (Oasis Dream {GB}) approaching the furlong marker and onto a 1 1/4-length success. "He won on Winter Derby day and was still very green," conditioner John Gosden commented. "He got in a muddle on this track changing leads, but has learned a lot and got tired in the last half-furlong, as I hadn't done much with him in between races. He'll go for the [May 7] G3 Chester Vase, as he should stay the mile and a half--his dam stayed and is a half to Belmez--and strip a sharper, wiser horse there. That was his only third run and his first on grass, so he's on a steep learning curve." Click for [Racing Post chart](#). Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-0, £17,319. O-H R H Princess Haya of Jordan; B-Darley; T-John Gosden.



British report cont.

**Catterick, 16.05, Cond, £11,800, 3yo, 11f 214ydsT, 2:36.84, gd/fm.**

**TOO MUCH TROUBLE (GB) (c, 3, Barathea {Ire}--Tentpole, by Rainbow Quest)** had the subsequent G1 Criterium International winner Zafisio (Ire) (Efisio {GB}) back in third when registering a win on his sole start at Sandown in August and was hammered into 1-3 to emulate the success of the same connections' Youmzain (Ire) (Sinndar {Ire}) in this three years ago. Settled behind his two rivals early, the 80,000gns TATOCT yearling was sent to the front at the top of the stretch and turned the final quarter mile into a procession before registering an 18-length success. Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, £12,533. O-Jaber Abdullah; B-Fittocks Stud; T-Mick Channon.

**Epsom, 16.50, Mdn, £7,000, 3-4yo, 1m 114ydsT, 1:45.56, gd.**

**BOTHY (GB) (c, 3, Pivotal {GB}--Villa Carlotta {GB} {SW-Ity & Ire, SP-Eng, \$116,953}, by Rainbow Quest)**, an entry in Chantilly's G1 Prix du Jockey Club June 7, was the 2-1 crowd's choice on the strength of his debut second to the subsequent G1 Racing Post Trophy third Skanky Biscuit (GB) (Peintre Celebre) at Newbury in October. Keen early under restraint in mid-division, the homebred made a sweeping move wide in the stretch to lead passing the quarter pole and dug in resolutely to best Lady Francesca (GB) (Montjeu {Ire}) by a short head following a protracted dual. [Click for Racing Post chart.](#) Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, £6,170. O-J H Richmond-Watson; B-Lawn Stud; T-Ralph Beckett.

## BREEDERS' EDITION AMERICA

**STAKES RESULTS:**

**DAYLIGHT SPRINT THOROUGHBRED S., \$50,000, SUN, 4-21, 3yo, 6f, 1:09 1/5, ft.**

1--**#DOS AND DON'TS, 118, c, 3, Petionville--Mini Dee, by Private Terms.** O-Tommy Town Thoroughbreds LLC; B-Everest Stables Inc (KY); T-Johnnie L Nall; J-Casey T Lambert; \$30,000. Lifetime Record: 4-3-0-0, \$86,200. \*1/2 to Stunning Stag (Running Stag), GSP, \$263,658.

2--**Sky Jedi, 120, c, 3, Yankee Victor--Thesky'sthelimit, by Northern Prospect.** (\$35,000 wlng '06 KEENOV). \$11,000.

3--**Accolades N Praise, 116, c, 3, Old Topper--Praise the Lady, by Bold Ruckus.** \$5,000. Margins: 3/4, NK, HF. Odds: 3.10, 0.90, 7.50.

**ALLOWANCE RESULTS:**

**7th-AQU, \$55,200, Opt. Clm. (\$30,000), NW2X, (S), 3yo/up, 1m (off turf), 1:38 1/5, sy.**

**JOE CORRIGAN (g, 4, Regal Classic--All Net Joe, by Cure the Blues)** Lifetime Record: 11-4-1-0, \$128,562. O-Joseph G McMahon. B-McMahon of Saratoga Thoroughbreds LLC (NY). T-Rodrigo A Ubillo.

**3rd-AQU, \$43,700, NW1X, 3yo/up, 1 1/8m, 1:51 4/5, my.**

**EVEN RAISE (h, 5, Stephen Got Even--Wild Raise, by Wild Again)** Lifetime Record: 20-13-3-1, \$172,716. O-Winning Move Stable, Sanford H Robbins LLC, Orchard Kids Stable, et al. B-Stanley M Ersoff (FL). T-Gary C Contessa. \*1/2 to Askforaraise (Indian Charlie), MSP, \$168,153.

**10th-SUN, \$42,500, 4-21, (S), 2yo, 4 1/2f, :52 1/5, ft. QUINTON'S PLACE (g, 2, Quinton's Gold--Spectacular Place, by Out of Place)** Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-1, \$26,500. O-Paul and Steve Prather. B-Steve Prather (NM). T-Todd W Fincher.

**8th-GPX, \$39,000, Opt. Clm. (\$62,500), NW2\$X, 4yo/up, 1mT, 1:33 4/5, fm.**

**BLUES STREET, 122, g, 5, Street Cry {Ire}--Capote Blues, by Capote** Lifetime Record: SP, 12-3-3-3, \$114,628. O-Anstu Stables Inc. B-Harriet Finkelstein (KY). T-Todd A Pletcher. \*\$85,000 yrl '05 KEESEP.

**11th-SUN, \$32,500, 4-21, NW2L, (S), 3yo/up, f/m, 6 1/2f, 1:17 1/5, ft.**

**LA RITA (f, 4, Chimes Band--Posh Ability, by Hickman Creek)** Lifetime Record: 9-2-1-2, \$50,650. O/B-Phil Like (NM). T-Harold Grubb.

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**CRITICAL EYE, 12, Dynaformer--Critical Crew, by Dr. Blum**  
Foal born Mar. 16, a colt by Pulpit.  
Will be bred back to Tale of the Cat.  
Owned by Herbert Schwartz.  
Boarded at Taylor Made.  
Accomplishments: MGISW of \$1,060,984.



**Breeders' Edition cont.**

**9th-MNR, \$25,600, 4-21, NW3L, (S), 3yo/up, 6f, 1:11, sy.**

**MILWAUKEE FUN (c, 4, [Milwaukee Brew](#)--Midday Fun, by The Prime Minister) Lifetime Record: 15-3-3-4, \$99,780. O-Taylor Mountain Farm LLC. B/T-James W & Ann M Casey (WV).**

**9th-IND, \$25,000, 4-21, Opt. Clm. (\$30,000), NW2X, 3yo/up, 5 1/2f, 1:04 3/5, sy.**

**SAUCY'S GOT IT (g, 4, [Halo's Image](#)--Saucy's Smokin, by Fast Ferdie) Lifetime Record: 12-4-2-1, \$63,879. O/B-Circle S Ranch (FL). T-Lori A Smock. \*\$20,000 yrl '06 OBSAUG.**

**4th-IND, \$25,000, 4-21, NW2L, (S), 3yo/up, f/m, 5 1/2f, 1:08 1/5, sy.**

**BATTLE WITCH (m, 6, [Bedivere](#)--Battle Eve, by Iroquois Park) Lifetime Record: 16-2-1-5, \$40,155. O-Phillip Clark. B-Mrs Stacy J Hinton (IN). T-Phillip Clark.**

**7th-IND, \$25,000, 4-21, Opt. Clm. (\$25,000), C, 3yo/up, 1m, 1:39 4/5, sy.**

**DISTORTED GEM (g, 4, [Distorted Humor](#)--Bare It Properly, by Proper Reality) Lifetime Record: 6-3-0-0, \$37,077. O-Smith and Hunt Ventures. B-Stoneway Farm (KY). T-Richard B Kohnhorst. \*\$125,000 yrl '06 KEESSEP. \*\*1/2 to Proper Gamble (Prospectors Gamble), MGSW & GISP, \$374,922.**

**8th-WRD, \$23,500, 4-21, NW1X, 3yo/up, f/m, 5f, :58 2/5, ft.**

**STRAWBERRY CHASE (f, 4, [It'sallinthechase](#)--Summer Fortune, by Slewacide) Lifetime Record: 11-4-0-3, \$79,150. O/B/T-Robert L Listen (OK).**

**6th-IND, \$21,000, 4-21, NW1X, 3yo/up, f/m, 5 1/2f, 1:06, sy.**

**AIN'T BEHAVIN' (f, 3, [Include](#)--Not Behavin, by Bound-ary) Lifetime Record: 5-2-1-0, \$30,665. O-Ripplewood Farm. B-Tim Thornton (KY). T-Thomas M Amoss. \*\$52,000 wlng '06 KEENOV.**

**ADDITIONAL STAKES WINNERS:**

**Cheeseburger Cat, g, 3, [Sir Cat](#)--Marty Lu, by Executive Order. IND, 4-22, (S), 5 1/2f, 1:06 4/5. B-Frank B Brown & Jim Hall (IN).**

**+ Mr. B. B., g, 4, [Easy Friend](#)--Tori Dancer, by Danzatore. WRD, 4-21, (S), 5 1/2f, 1:04 1/5. B-Robert Sanderson (OK).**

**Fleet Dayjur, c, 4, [Songandaprayer](#)--Ribbony, by Dayjur. IND, 4-21, 5 1/2f, 1:06 3/5. B-Marablue Farm LLC (FL).**

**Twilight Victory, f, 4, [Victory Gallop](#)--Twilight Encounter (GSP, \$125,260), by Regal Classic. SUN, 4-21, 6 1/2f, 1:17 4/5. B-Brylynn Farm Inc. (KY). \*1/2 to Twilights Prayer (Allen's Prospect), MSW, \$196,400.**

**Arhat, g, 7, [Elnadim](#)--Nomzamo, by Shoot the Works (GB). TAM, 4-22, a1 1/16mT, 1:48. B-Laura Buenaventura & Michael T D'Angelo (KY).**

## BREEDERS' EDITION EUROPE

**HANDICAP RESULTS:**

**IRELAND, Limerick, 20.10, 4-21, €14,000, 3yo, 11f 70ydsT, 2:42.40, yl.**

**ALIYFA (IRE) (f, 3, [Spinning World](#)--Aliya {Ire} {SW-Ire}, by Darshaan {GB}) Lifetime Record: 6-2-1-2, €25,045. O-His Highness The Aga Khan; B-H H The Aga Khan's Studs SC; T-John Oxx.**

**CONDITIONS RESULTS:**

**ITALY, Florence, 16.45, 4-21, €9,000, 3yo, 6fT, time: n/a, gd.**

**YAJALA (GB) (f, 3, [Fasliyev](#)--Desacara {GB}, by Arctic Tern) Lifetime Record: 5-2-0-2, €11,866. O-Laghi Snc; B-Razza del Terminillo; T-Emilio Borromeo. \*1/2 to Desami (GB) (Prince Sabo {GB}), GSP-Ity, \$156,616.**

**ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:**

**Kersivay (GB), g, 3, [Royal Applause](#) (GB)--Lochmaddy (GB), by Selkirk. Catterick, Britain, 4-22, Mdn, 3yo, 7fT. B-Brook Stud Bloodstock Ltd. \*24,000gns wnlng '06 TATDEC; 50,000gns yrl '07 TATOCT; 13,000gns HIT '08 DONHIT.**

**Tripitaka (GB), g, 3, [Sulamani](#) (Ire)--Memo (GB), by Groom Dancer. Kempton Park, Britain, 4-22, Mdn, 3-5yo, 1 1/3m (AWT). B-Genesis Green Stud Ltd.**



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**DANCE AWAY CAPOTE, 7, Capote--Ingot's Dance Away, by Gate Dancer**

Foal born Mar. 16, a colt by Street Cry (Ire).

Will be bred back to Tiznow.

Owned by Robert Evans.

Boarded at Taylor Made.

Accomplishments: GSW of \$586,773.

**FAST AND EARLY, 15, Carson City--Missadoon, by Matsadoon**

Foal born Mar. 16, a filly by Harlan's Holiday.

Will be bred back to Midnight Lute.

Owned by Gulf Coast Farms.

Boarded at Taylor Made.

Accomplishments: Dam of Speed Hunter (Alydeed), SP, \$392,334; Sharp Impact (Siphon {Brz}), GSW, \$206,568.