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## WAIT A WHILE DQ'D FROM BREEDERS' CUP

Champion **Wait a While** (Maria's Mon--Flirtatious, by A.P. Indy) has been officially disqualified from her third-place finish in the 2008 GI Breeders' Cup F/M Turf at



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Santa Anita, and purse money in the \$1,951,080 race will be re-distributed, according to *Daily Racing Form*. The California Horse Racing Board revealed in December that the grey had tested positive for procaine, a local anesthetic found in procaine penicillin G, a commonly administered antibiotic for horses. A hearing was held at Santa Anita Apr. 15, and a ruling on the purse redistribution was

made Thursday by Hollywood Park stewards. Attorney Neil Papiano, representing owner Alan Cohen and trainer Todd Pletcher, indicated that the ruling may be appealed. A two-time heroine of the GI Yellow Ribbon S. and the champion three-year-old filly of 2006, Wait a While was retired after her Breeders' Cup appearance. Should this decision stand, her record would be 24-12-3-6 with earnings of \$2,181,916. Visit (GB) (Dansili {GB}) now moves up to third in the Breeders' Cup F/M Turf and receives that share of the purse, while Vacare (Lear Fan) goes to fourth (\$108,630) and Muralakana (Fr) (Muhtathir {GB}) is now fifth (\$53,250).

## PAC CLASSIC MOVED TO LABOR DAY WEEKEND

Del Mar has announced a stakes schedule worth \$7,885,000 for its 2009 meeting, which will run July 22 through Sept. 9. "We've done some tinkering, some fine-tuning and some shifting about," said Tom Robbins, the track's director of racing. "In the end, we've come up with a stakes schedule I really like--one that builds to an exciting finish and has a little bit of everything for everybody." The \$1-million GI Pacific Classic has been moved from its traditional August spot to be run Sept. 6, while the traditional closing day feature--the GI Del Mar Futurity--has been moved to Labor Day, Sept. 7. The seaside track will host seven additional Grade I events: the \$350,000 Eddie Read S. July 25, the \$300,000 Bing Crosby S. Aug. 8, the \$300,000 Clement L. Hirsch S. Aug. 9, the \$350,000 GI John C. Mabee S. Aug. 16, the \$350,000 GI Del Mar Oaks Aug. 22, the \$300,000 GI Darley Debutante S. Sept. 5 and the \$300,000 Pat O' Brien S. Sept. 6. To view the complete schedule, go to [www.dmtc.com](http://www.dmtc.com).

## QUESTION FOR QUALITY ROAD

Edward P. Evans's **Quality Road** (Elusive Quality), the GI Florida Derby hero and in many circles the early favorite for next Saturday's GI Kentucky Derby, has developed a second quarter crack, but his connections are still hopeful he can make the "Run for the Roses." Trainer Jimmy Jerkens discovered the quarter crack Thursday morning after the colt was being reshod following his regular training session. "He wasn't sore or anything," said Jerkens. "We brought him in to pull his shoes afterward, and that's when we noticed it." The new quarter crack is in his right front hoof and is being treated by Ian McKinlay, who is also caring for a quarter crack in the right hind of Quality Road. Jerkens continued, "Ian closed the crack up with laces [Friday afternoon]. We will jog him [Saturday]; if there's no blood, we can patch him. He can gallop Sunday and breeze Monday, and if he is sound Tuesday, we'll ship to Kentucky." Jerkens had hoped to breeze the homebred this weekend. "Right now, he's absolutely sound," said Jerkens. "But to miss your last work... before the Derby is crucial." McKinlay also worked on last year's Kentucky Derby hero Big Brown. "Compared to Big Brown, this is a nice picnic in Central Park," he said. "The foot is cold, which is a tremendous sign. He's a little sensitive at the hairline, but now that it is stabilized [with the laces] the pain will go away. It's not bothering him, and I don't think there's any infection."



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☆ RESULTS ☆

Friday, Sandown, Britain

**BET365 CLASSIC TRIAL-G3**, £65,000, Sandown Park, 4-24, 3yo, 10f 7ydsT, 2:10.24, gd.

1--#**ABOVE AVERAGE (IRE)**, 126, c, 3, by [High Chaparral \(Ire\)](#)

1st Dam: **Crystal Valkyrie (Ire)**, by **Danehill**

2nd Dam: **Crystal Cross**, by **Roberto**

3rd Dam: **Crystal Cup**, by **Nijinsky II**

(€70,000 yrl '07 GOFMIL). O-J Hanson; B-C O P Hanbury; T-Barry Hills; J-Michael Hills; £36,900.

Lifetime Record: 4-1-1-0, £38,248. **Werk Nick Rating:**

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2--**Big Bound**, 126, c, 3, [Grand Slam](#)--Golden Cat, by Storm Cat. O-Lady Rothschild; B-Carwell Equities Ltd; T-John Gosden; £13,988.

3--**Malibu Bay**, 126, c, 3, [El Prado \(Ire\)](#)--Favorite Funtime, by Seeking the Gold. (\$750,000 yrl '07 KEESEP). O-Susan Magnier, Michael Tabor & Derrick Smith; B-Betty L & Larry Mabee; T-Aidan O'Brien; £7,000.

Margins: HD, 1 3/4, 2 1/4. Odds: 25-1, 6-1, 2-1.

Also Ran: **Saptapadi (Ire)**, **Taameer (GB)**, **Mishrif**.

The only maiden in the line-up and ignored at 25-1, Above Average belied that tag with a battling success at the expense of the enterprisingly ridden Big Bound. Off the board in two maiden starts at Newbury and Newmarket last fall, the bay was narrowly denied by Everynight (Ire) (Rock of Gibraltar {Ire}) in a Doncaster maiden on his return Mar. 28. Recovering from a tardy start here, he moved up to shadow the eventual runner-up and, after gaining a slight edge at the furlong pole, dug in to outgame that rival in the final yards. "We've always liked him and he only got beaten a short head at Doncaster and really came out of that race well," jockey Michael Hills commented. "He had tightened up and woken up after that and done smart pieces of work since--he's a solid stayer, and the 12 furlongs of the [June 6] G1 Epsom Derby will definitely suit him. He's won a Derby trial, which turned out to be a stayers' race, and can only beat what's about. He's improving and is going to have an exciting year ahead of him." The runner-up's trainer John Gosden added, "He's a progressive horse, and a mile and a quarter looks his trip, so the G3 Dee S. [at Chester May 8] is a possibility." **Click for the [Racing Post chart.](#)**

UPCOMING GROUP 1 RACES - GREAT BRITAIN

Date	Race	Track
May 2	2000 Guineas	Newmarket
May 3	1000 Guineas	Newmarket
May 16	Lockinge S.	Newbury
June 5	Oaks S.	Epsom
	Coronation Cup	Epsom
June 6	Derby S.	Epsom

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**FIFTH THIRD ELKHORN S.-GII**, \$200,000, KEE, 4-24, 4yo/up, 1 1/2mT, 2:29 1/5, fm.

1--**SPICE ROUTE (GB)**, 118, g, 5, by **King's Best**

1st Dam: **Zanzibar (Ire)** (G1SW-Ity, \$196,870), by **In the Wings (GB)**

2nd Dam: **Isle of Spice**, by **Diesis (GB)**

3rd Dam: **Gold Treasure**, by **Northern Dancer**

O-Harlequin Ranches, R Johnson & R Attfield; B-Usk Valley Stud (GB); T-Roger L Attfield; J-Rene R Douglas; \$124,000. Lifetime Record: GSP-Eng & GISP-Can, 19-5-2-5, \$719,647. **Werk Nick Rating:**

**A + + . Click for the [eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree.](#)**

2--**Musketier (Ger)**, 118, h, 7, **Acatenango (Ger)**--Myth and Reality (GB), by **Linamix (Fr)**. O-Johanna Louise Glen-Teven; B-Gestut Gorldsdorf (GER); T-Roger L Attfield; \$40,000.

3--**Brass Hat**, 118, g, 8, **Prized--Brassy**, by **Dixie Brass**. O/B-Fred F Bradley (KY); T-William Bradley; \$20,000.

Margins: 2, NK, 1. Odds: 4.10, 27.40, 17.50.

Also Ran: **Buddy's Humor**, **Always First (GB)**, **Better Talk Now**, **Champs Elysees (GB)**, **Transduction Gold**, **Sir Whimsey**, **Sudden War (Arg)**, **Quasicobra**, **Admiral's Cruise**. Scratched: **Sir Dave**, **Embossed (Ire)**.

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**Fifth Third Elkhorn-GIII result cont.**

Spice Route edged Champs Elysees (Danehill) for second in the GI Canadian International S. at Woodbine Oct. 4 before running third over the same course in the GII Sky Classic H. Oct. 25. He broke through in Calder's GIII Tropical Turf H. Dec. 6, but made just one subsequent appearance, finishing third in the GII Mac Diarmida H. at Gulfstream Feb. 21. Unhurried early through soft splits, the flashy chestnut drew closer approaching the final turn and was in striking position at the head of the lane. He hit the front in midstretch and finished up smartly to lead home an exacta for trainer Roger Attfield. "He's just a genuine little racehorse," said Attfield. "I'm delighted with him today. They both ran great." As for Spice Route's next start, Attfield remarked, "He'll go back up to Toronto with me [Saturday], and then we'll plan the summer for him then." Eight-year-old Brass Hat loomed boldly before settling for third. "He ran a big race," reported rider Calvin Borel. "He'd only run twice this year, so he had to get a little tired the last 40, 50 yards. The pace was pretty good going a mile and a half, so I was comfortable and turning for home I thought he was going to get the job done. He ran 110 percent." Favored Champs Elysees, well back early, advanced a bit on the inside before finishing seventh.



***Singer Acquires Interest in I Want Revenge...***

IEAH Stables has announced that Jeff Singer has acquired an undisclosed percentage in GI Wood Memorial S. hero **I Want Revenge** (Stephen Got Even), who will be among the favorites in next Saturday's GI Kentucky Derby. IEAH acquired a 50-percent interest in David Lanzman's homebred following his GIII Gotham S. victory in March. "It's a thrill to be back in the Derby hunt, and I Want Revenge is a great competitor," said Singer. "I'm very excited to be partnered with Mike [Iavarone] and the IEAH team heading into the first Saturday in May."

***Summer Bird Drills...***

K.K. and Vilasini Jayaraman's **Summer Bird** (Birdstone), a rallying third in the GII Arkansas Derby, worked six furlongs in 1:15.80 at Churchill Downs yesterday. "I got him in 1:15 3/5, but he doesn't work much by himself," said trainer Tim Ice. "He needs something in front of him."



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4:50p Withers S.-GIII, AQU	<a href="#">(brisnet.com PPs)</a>	HR/TVG
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6:45p San Francisco Mile S.-GII, GG	<a href="#">(brisnet.com PPs)</a>	HRTV
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Saturday, Golden Gate, post time: 6:45 p.m. EDT

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

PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER	ODDS
1	Our Partner	Partner's Hero	Hollendorfer	15-1
2	Liberian Freighter	Bertrando	Drysdale	10-1
3	Storm Military (Arg)	Bernstein	Frankel	6-1
4	Silent Soul	Afternoon Deelites	Hofmans	20-1
5	Mr Napper Tandy (GB)	Bahamian Bounty (GB)	Carava	8-1
6	Bold Chieftain	Chief Seattle	Morey Jr	4-1
7	Sky Cape	Najran	Mulhall	20-1
8	Ferneley (Ire)	Ishiguru	Cecil	5-2
9	Autism Awareness	Tannersmyman	Vallejo	20-1
10	Mr. Wolverine	Last Lion	Gutierrez	15-1
11	Yacht Spotter	Slewdledo	Lucarelli	8-1
12	Siren Lure	Joyeux Danseur	Sherman	15-1

All carry 122 pounds.

San Francisco Mile S. cont.

**Siren Lure** could become a millionaire this afternoon. Hero of the GI Triple Bend H. at Hollywood in 2006, the venerable eight-year-old has been thriving under Steve Sherman in the Bay Area, and has three straight wins over the local Tapeta, including the Golden Gate Sprint H. Mar. 21. He shifts back to turf for the first time since a fifth-place finish in the GIII Morvich H., contested on Santa Anita's hillside course Sept. 24. "The horse is sharp right now," Sherman told *Daily Racing Form*. "He's training good and he looks good." Sherman added, "This distance has me a little concerned, but I'm looking forward to seeing how he closes. It's always the last three-eighths where they run on the turf. Hopefully, they'll go quickly enough up front to make his late run effective."

Saturday, Calder, post time: 3:44 p.m. EDT

**LA PREVOYANTE H.-GII**, \$150,000, 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/2mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER	ODDS
1	Awesome Moment	Awesome Again	Romero	12-1
2	Long Approach	Broad Brush	Sheppard	3-1
3	Icon Project	Empire Maker	Ma Wolfson	4-1
4	Criticism (GB)	Machiavellian	Albertrani	9-5
5	Astrologie (Fr)	Polish Precedent	Clement	8-5

**Criticism** paired up victories in the GIII Long Island H. Nov. 1 at Aqueduct and GIII The Very One H. at Gulfstream Feb. 22, but tired a bit late when third in the GIII Orchid H. at the Hallandale oval Mar. 22. "I was a little disappointed after the Orchid," trainer Tom Albertrani admitted to *DRF*. "I thought she wound up being a little too close to a strong pace over some pretty soft ground and it might have used her up a little bit for the finish. But she came back fine and is training well leading up to this race, which looks like a pretty good spot for her." **Astrologie** adds Lasix in her first start since finishing third in the Long Island.



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**Saturday, Sandown, Britain, post time: 3:45 p.m.**

**BET365 MILE-G2, £100,000, 4yo/up, 1m 14ydsT**

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER	WT
1	1	Paco Boy (Ire)	Desert Style (Ire)	Hannon	132
2	7	Lovelace (GB)	Royal Applause (GB)	Johnston	130
3	6	Dream Eater (Ire)	Night Shift	Balding	126
4	2	Forthe Millionkiss (Ger)	Dashing Blade (GB)	Ostmann	126
5	8	Kandidate (GB)	Kabool (GB)	C Brittain	126
6	3	Stotsfold (GB)	Barathea (Ire)	Swinburn	126
7	4	Virtual (GB)	Pivotal (GB)	Gosden	126
8	5	Lady Deauville (Fr)	Fasliyev	Curtis	123

**Paco Boy** makes his European reappearance following an eighth in the Mar. 28 G1 Dubai Duty Free at Nad Al Sheba, and bids for a first success over this trip under a penalty. Third before his subsequent disqualification on his latest attempt at this distance in the G1 Prix du Moulin de Longchamp in September, the G1 Prix de la Foret scorer bids to provide a fourth winner in the last five years for trainer Richard Hannon. "After Dubai, our original plan was to wait for the G1 Lockinge S. [at Newbury May 16], but this is a good prize in its own right and, with three weeks between the two races, the timing is perfect," his conditioner explained. "Paco Boy worked really well last Sunday and again on Tuesday and, though he was tired for a few days when he got back from Dubai, he is in great nick again now."

Hannon added, "The race definitely looks within our compass and it would be nice to put the Nad Al Sheba experience behind us and go to Newbury on a high rather than head for another Group 1 on a retrieving mission." **Virtual** represents the red-hot John Gosden stable. He beat **Lady Deauville** by a neck when in receipt of two pounds in the Listed Prix Le Fabuleux at Maisons-Laffitte in October before defying a subsequent penalty in the Listed Ben Marshall S. at Newmarket the next month. "He's been in good form at home and will show a good level of performance, but you have to say Paco Boy is absolutely the pick of the horses on class," Gosden told *PA Sport*.

**Saturday, Sandown, Britain, post time: 4:15 p.m.**

**BET365 GORDON RICHARDS S.-G2, £65,000, 4yo/up, 10f 7ydsT**

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER
1	5	Buccellati (GB)	Soviet Star	Balding
2	2	Charlie Farnsbarns (Ire)	Cape Cross (Ire)	Meehan
3	1	Bushman (GB)	Maria's Mon	Simcock
4	7	Halicarnassus (Ire)	Cape Cross (Ire)	Channon
5	8	Indian Days (GB)	Daylami (Ire)	Given
6	6	Pipedreamer (GB)	Selkirk	Gosden
7	4	Steele Tango	Okawango	Teal
8	3	Tartan Bearer (Ire)	Spectrum (Ire)	Stoute

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**Gordon Richards S.-G2 preview cont.**

This sees the return of **Tartan Bearer**, last year's G2 Dante S. winner who went on to finish runner-up in the G1 Epsom Derby and third in the Irish equivalent at The Curragh when last seen in June. Representing the Sir Michael Stoute stable, successful four times in this race since 1990 with the likes of Singspiel (Ire) and Ask (GB), the flashy chestnut is at the beginning of a potentially prosperous season. "I saw him at Newmarket the other day at the Craven meeting and he looked really well," owner/breeder Ballymacoll Stud's General Manager Peter Reynolds told *PA Sport*. "I'm sure he'll need the run, but we'll see how he comes on." **Pipedreamer** is multiple Group 1-placed, but may have been past his best at the end of a tough season when seventh last time in Newmarket's G1 Champion S. in October.

**Saturday, Lone Star Park, post time: 6:47 p.m. EDT**

**TEXAS MILE S.-GIII, \$300,000, 3yo/up, 1m**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER	ODDS
1	Halo Najib	Halo's Image	Mitchell	9-5
<del>2</del>	<del>Smooth Air</del>	<del>Smooth Jazz</del>	<del>Scratched</del>	<del>SCR</del>
3	King Dan	Include	Keen	15-1
4	Por Que	Whywhywhy	Bruner	15-1
5	Jonesboro	Sefapiano	Morse	6-1
6	Encaustic	Broad Brush	Asmussen	15-1
7	Catmantoo	Vision and Verse	Ice	20-1
8	King Darius	Eltish	Ali	30-1

Morning-line favorite **Smooth Air** was scratched after coming down with colic Thursday night; the Florida-based runner had arrived in Texas Tuesday, according to *Daily Racing Form*. He was treated at an equine clinic at Lone Star Park. "I'm a little sad," trainer Bernie Stutts Jr. told *DRF*. "On the bright side, my horse is okay. Last night, he got very sick. He had the colic. We didn't sleep much last night." Stutts continued, "The horse is bright, the horse is much better. But they'll keep him all day, and if he's okay, we'll take him back to his stall." He added, "At this stage, where he'll run next, that's undecided."

**Saturday, Churchill Downs, post time: 5:17 p.m. EDT**

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

PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER	ODDS
1	Silver City	Unbridled's Song	Calhoun	5-2
2	Tintim Por Tintim	Broken Vow	Mott	10-1
3	Gato Go Win	City Place	Mullins	6-1
4	Checklist	Gone West	Pletcher	8-1
5	Santana Six	Hold That Tiger	Zito	7-2
6	Rendezvous	Victory Gallop	Hollendorfer	15-1
7	Hull	Holy Bull	Romans	3-1
8	Kensei	Mr. Greeley	Asmussen	8-1

All carry 117 pounds.

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# ANOTHER SMART WINNER EVERY TIME YOU PICK UP THE PAPER...



- ABOVE AVERAGE** won Classic Trial-Gr.3, Sandown, 24 April
- REDWOOD** won Feilden Stakes-L.R., Newmarket, 15 April
- MAGADAN** won Prix Lord Seymour-L.R., Longchamp, 12 April
- HIGH HEELED** won 3YO Conditions Stakes, Newbury, 17 April
- SAND RIVER** won 3YO Conditions Race, Longchamp, 16 April
- ACERO** won 3YO Conditions Race by 7 lengths, Milan, 13 April

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**Saturday, Aqueduct, post time: 4:50 p.m. EDT**

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

PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER	ODDS
1	This Ones for Phil	Untutttable	Dutrow Jr	8-5
2	Gone Astray	Dixie Union	McGaughey	6-1
3	Seal Team	Trippi	Asmussen	20-1
4	Supreme Summit	Cactus Ridge	O'Neill	5-2
5	Mr. Fantasy	E Dubai	McLaughlin	4-1
6	Everyday Heroes	Awesome Again	Ritchey	12-1
7	Just a Coincidence	Forestry	Zito	8-1

The swift **This Ones for Phil** was put up to first in the GII Swale S. at Gulfstream Mar. 28 when Big Drama (Montbrook) was disqualified. "He's been doing great since he got up to New York in early April," said trainer Rick Dutrow Jr. "He's been training good over the track, he's eating everything, and, hopefully, he'll run a big race. This is a big race for him." **Mr. Fantasy**, a half-brother to the ill-fated Tin Cup Chalice (Crusader Sword), aired in his first two starts versus New York-breds before finishing third to I Want Revenge in the GIII Gotham S. Mar. 7 over the inner track. He makes his first appearance since. "We opted to skip the Wood and give him a little time," said trainer Kiaran McLaughlin. "He's got speed inside and speed outside, but I like the No. 5 post. He's pretty fast, but he doesn't have to be on the lead." **Gone Astray** kicked off 2009 with a second to **Just a Coincidence** in a Gulfstream allowance Mar. 11, but oozed class with a facile 5 1/4-length success in a seven-furlong allowance over this strip Apr. 4. "This is the next step in a natural progression," said trainer Shug McGaughey. "It's a pretty solid race. I'll find out something about [him]."

**Saturday, Calder, post time: 4:42 p.m. EDT**

**MIAMI MILE H.-GIII, \$100,000, 3yo/up, 1mT**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER	ODDS
1	Vanquisher	Gulch	Griffith	4-1
2	Rogue Victory	Victory Gallop	Weaver	10-1
3	Cenzontle	Smart Strike	K Ziadie	12-1
4	Finallymadeit	Concerto	Negrete	12-1
5	Granizo (Brz)	Ibero (Arg)	Malek	20-1
6	Mambo Meister	King Cugat	Gleaves	3-1
7	Motovato	Proud Citizen	Ma Wolfson	12-1
8	Scientist	Intidab	Phipps	30-1
9	Dream Maestro	Concerto	Kaplan	15-1
10	Baron Von Tap	Pleasant Tap	K Ziadie	8-1
11	Fearless Eagle	Invisible Ink	Plesa Jr	6-1
12	Wesley	El Prado (Ire)	Hennig	6-1

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**NARROWING VISION** Jacques Detre and Eric Libaud's **Vision d'Etat (Fr)** (Chichicastenango {Fr}) faces his first serious test of this term in tomorrow's G1 Prix Ganay Grand Prix Air Mauritius at Longchamp. Last year's G1 Prix du Jockey Club hero lost his unbeaten record when fourth behind Zarkava (Ire) in the G1 Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe here in October after capturing the G2 Prix Niel over the same track and trip the previous month. His comeback effort was a highly respectable third to Trincot (Fr) and **The Bogberry** (Hawk Wing) under a maximum penalty in the Apr. 5 G2 Prix d'Harcourt over 10 furlongs of this circuit last time. "Obviously, the run in the Prix d'Harcourt was only a prep and certainly not his target, especially as it was his first race," trainer Eric Libaud explained. "He was also giving weight to the others and two out he really blew up and the jockey was not hard on him, so I'm confident he ran an excellent race on the day. He has improved a lot since, and I'm hoping he'll be able to run to his best, which would give him a real chance." All of the original declarations stood their ground yesterday, with Aidan O'Brien's duo **Thewayyouare** (Kingmambo) and **Red Rock Canyon (Ire)** (Rock of Gibraltar {Ire}) drawn in the one and two stalls, respectively.

**Sunday, Longchamp, France**  
**PRIX GANAY - GRAND PRIX AIR MAURITIUS-G1, €300,000, 4yo/up, 1 5/16mT**

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY
1	8	Tajaaweed	Dynaformer	R Hills
2	3	Vision d'Etat (Fr)	Chichicastenango (Fr)	Mendizabal
3	6	Loup Breton (Ire)	Anabaa	Crastus
4	7	The Bogberry	Hawk Wing	Mosse
5	4	Adlerflug (Ger)	In the Wings (GB)	de Vries
6	5	Court Canibal (GB)	Montjeu (Ire)	Peslier
7	1	Thewayyouare	Kingmambo	Murtagh
8	2	Red Rock Canyon (Ire)	Rock of Gibraltar (Ire)	McCabe
9	9	Cima de Triomphe (Ire)	Galileo (Ire)	Lemaire

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**Sunday, Sha Tin, Hong Kong**  
**AUDEMARS PIGUET QUEEN ELIZABETH II CUP-G1,**  
 HK\$14,000,000, 3yo/up, 2000mT

**Viva Pataca (GB)** (Marju {Ire}), second in the 2008 G1 Audemars Piguet Queen Elizabeth II Cup, completed preparations for this year's running with a Friday morning workout trainer John Moore described as "outstanding." The seven-year-old gelding covered the final 400 meters in :24.40 seconds, according to clockers. "His work was better than on Tuesday, because on the other day, he had a work companion, but today he was on his own and he did it hard-held and very easily," Moore said. "[Jockey] Darren [Beadman] said it was probably the best piece of work he has ever done before a big race." **Chinchon (Ire)** (Marju {Ire}) became acquainted with jockey Oliver Doleuze, who will ride the four-year-old for the first time under race conditions in Sunday's event. The duo had the quickest workout at Sha Tin Friday as the bay finished his 1200-meter move in a brisk :22.00. "The horse is looking very well, but at home he is quite lazy and we don't do a lot of work with him," said Stephane Duprey, assistant to trainer Carlos Laffon-Parias. "Hopefully he didn't do too much this morning."

**Sunday, Sha Tin, Hong Kong**  
**CHAMPIONS MILE-G1,** HK\$12,000,000, 3yo/up,  
 1600mT

Trainer John Moore's **Collection (Ire)** (Peintre Celebre) also put in his final workout in the lead up to Sunday's Group 1 doubleheader at Sha Tin. Moore believes the four-year-old gelding, winner of the 2000-meter Hong Kong Derby over this course last out Mar. 22, has the class to face international company. "Collection just hacked around, but he's in terrific shape and his barrier in seven is good," Moore commented. "The way we see it, if he is the genuine international Group 1 horse we truly believe he is, then he will be a major force in this Champions Mile." Moore was on site to observe both geldings, despite having suffered cuts and bruises in a bicycle accident Wednesday evening. "I hope all of my bad luck is out of the way now," Moore quipped, "but nothing would have kept me from seeing these horses this morning and, I'm telling you, they are both as fit and well as hands can make them."

**Sunday, Cologne, Germany**  
**74TH GERLING-PREIS-G2,** €65,000, 4yo/up, 1 1/2mT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY
1	3	Kamsin (Ger)	Samum (Ger)	Starke
2	2	Ambassador (Ger)	Acatenango (Ger)	Porcu
3	5	Dwilano (Ger)	Silvano (Ger)	Richter
4	6	Ostland (Ger)	Lando (Ger)	Hellier
5	4	Poseidon Adventure (Ire)	Sadler's Wells	Kerekes
6	1	Shawnee Saga (Fr)	Sagacity (Fr)	Mongil

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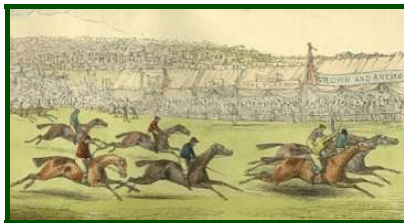
**INGLEWOOD H.-GIII,** \$100,000, 3yo/up, 1 1/16mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	WT
1	U S Ranger	Danzig	Gomez	116
2	Worldly (GB)	Selkirk	Gryder	114
3	Medjool	Monarchos	M Baze	114
4	Silent Soul	Afternoon Deelites	Puglisi	115
5	Awesome Gem	Awesome Again	T Baze	117
6	Becrux (Ity)	Glen Jordan (GB)	Bejarano	115
7	Storm Military (Arg)	Bernstein	Blanc	115
8	Madeo	Mizzen Mast	Smith	119
9	Mr Napper Tandy (GB)	Bahamian Bounty (GB)	Rosario	114

**Wednesday, Belmont Park**

**WESTCHESTER S.-GIII,** \$100,000, 3yo/up, 1m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	WT
1	Tale of Ekati	Tale of the Cat	Dominguez	121
2	Cave's Valley	Stephen Got Even	Coa	119
3	Wicked B. Havior	Unbridled's Song	Prado	117
4	Spin Master	Distorted Humor	Velazquez	117
5	Discreet Treasure	El Prado (Ire)	Velasquez	117
6	Per Incanto	Street Cry (Ire)	Maragh	119
7	Bribon (Fr)	Mark of Esteem (Ire)	Garcia	119
8	Wishful Tomcat	Tactical Cat	Castro	121
9	Formidable	Sky Mesa	Lezcano	117
10	Mor Chances	American Chance	Migliore	119



## Classic Corner

**POULAINS DECISION FOR NAAQOOS** Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum's **Naaqoos (GB)** (Oasis Dream {GB}) will stay in France and contest the G1 Poule d'Essai des Poulains, connections announced yesterday. Newmarket's G1 2000 Guineas was mooted as a live option before his defeat in the Listed Prix Djebel at Maisons-Laffitte Apr. 10, but the G1 Prix Jean-Luc Lagardere winner will head to Longchamp for the May 10 Classic. "The horse is very well and he has improved since his reappearance, but I thought it was better to wait for Longchamp, where he can run in his garden," trainer Freddy Head told *sportinglife.com*. "His run at Maisons-Laffitte wasn't that bad, but the decision is nothing to do with that. It was always 50-50 and, between myself and the Sheikh, we decided it was better for him to stay in France."

### *Shanakill Gallops...*

Mark Gittins's **Lord Shanakill** (Speightstown) will be taken to Ripon today to gallop on the track during racing ahead of his 2000 Guineas tilt. Conditioner Karl Burke was forced to sidestep Saturday's G3 Greenham S. at Newbury due to a temperature, but last year's G2 Mill Reef S. winner and G1 Dewhurst S. runner-up is ready to be geared up for next week's Newmarket Classic. "He's over his hiccup at the end of last week and, touch wood, he seems in tremendous form," Burke told *PA Sport*. "He'll work over seven furlongs with a couple of lead horses. I was keen to run him on a race day, so that it replicated race conditions as much as possible as we missed our race at Newbury last week. He will need this piece of work as he missed two or three days last week."

### *More Problems for Evasive...*

Cheveley Park Stud's **Evasive (GB)** (Elusive Quality) has suffered another setback ahead of Saturday's G1 2000 Guineas, but connections are still expecting him to make the race. Having been ruled out of the major trials with a foot abscess, the G3 Horris Hill S. scorer was found to be lame after exercise yesterday. The Stud's Managing Director Chris Richardson explained to *Racing Post*, "Sir Michael has reported that the horse took one lame step outside his box after returning from his two canters, but does not think it represents any long-term problem. I understand he was soon walking sound again and that, all being well, he remains on target for the Guineas."

### *Nehaam Has Dante Date...*

Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum's unbeaten **Nehaam (GB)** (Nayef) will run in the G2 Dante S. at York, connections announced yesterday. Having taken the £400,000 Tattersalls Timeform 3YO Trophy at Newmarket last Wednesday, the bay will tackle the May 14 Derby trial. "He's come out of the race well and we're pointing at the Dante at this stage," trainer John Gosden said. The owner's Racing Manager Angus Gold added, "We've won a lot of money with him and now it's time to see if he has the class to be a Derby horse. We always thought he had ability, but he can be a bit free, so we were delighted to see him settle and travel so well at Newmarket. In fact, he traveled so well, he may have got there a bit too soon, but he ran on nicely and the pedigree suggests he will stay further."

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# op/ed feedback

The following letters are in response to Barry Irwin's Op/Ed in Thursday's TDN (click [here](#),) and the follow-up response in [Friday's edition](#).

I love Blue Grass weekend.

I love Blue Grass weekend so much that we have created a family tradition of always being in Kentucky for it. My kids both went to college in the Midwest, and the tradition began back in their college days. I missed them, and springtime in Kentucky was a convenient time for us to meet and do something we all enjoy--go to the races at Keeneland. But what started out as a happy convenience has expanded into something much more.

We have rounded out the weekend with a visit to our mares and foals at Denali, and have added a Friday night dinner for the Darley Flying Start students and the University of Louisville equine program students, where we create an open forum to discuss marketing and the Thoroughbred industry.

But the pillars of the weekend are the two days at the races. I wouldn't consider myself much of a traditionalist, but I really enjoy seeing my kids--and other kids as well--in ties and jackets. I enjoy the atmosphere of a racetrack crowded with people on a pretty day. I came into this business as a person who enjoyed betting on horses. I don't get to spend the time going to the races that I used to, so each day that's blocked out as a racing day is special to me. I can say that on Friday, Apr. 10, I really appreciated the Polytrack. With central Kentucky being pelted by rain and hail, I was able to enjoy my rolling Pick Threes and 10-cent superfectas with interesting, formful, competitive runners and safe racing. The same afternoon at a track with a traditional dirt surface would have turned into a procession of four-horse fields; if that was the only day you could attend the races, you'd wish you were back at the office instead. The live product would have been completely uninteresting. My Friday at Keeneland was hardly robbed of beauty, as Barry Irwin suggests. Polytrack made sure of it.

--Barry Weisbord

The Op-Ed article written by Barry Irwin, and the responses in Thursday's paper, shouldn't be confused with valid arguments against continuing experiments with synthetic surfaces in American racing. Nobody said this process would be easy or simple, and we would do well to examine the basic assumptions and principles that should really shape the argument. All of the arguments cited bar Barry's one about breeding are about short-term inconveniences, but what this industry needs to address, and address with total seriousness, are long-term problems.

There's an endemic laziness people have when stating basic assumptions. Often we make arguments based on certain assumptions; if we're lucky, people don't notice and argue with us--they accept those assumptions. One of the assumptions made by Barry and his supporters, as regards the aesthetics of watching, as well as gambling on, races on synthetics, is that we have some responsibility to satisfy the current racing and gambling public. Which public is that, exactly? Is that the same public--are you the same public--who watched in horror as Barbaro, George Washington and Eight Belles suffered catastrophic breakdowns in dirt races? Or has the memory of the public outcry, transcending far beyond horse racing, faded already?

Let me state a couple of the assumptions I'm working from, which lead me to think that we'd better be a lot more serious, and a lot less petty, about what's happening with track surfaces in America. First: horse racing has no "divine right" to exist in the United States. If you will think back to the outcry over those deaths, you will remember there were plenty of animal lovers (which we are, too, I know--maybe something we need to accentuate more) who called for an outright ban on horse racing. You think it couldn't happen? It could, you know, and if horse racing became deeply unpopular on welfare grounds it won't matter what surface we race on, or how confused the gamblers are about different pace scenarios. So my first premise is that we, as an industry, better be doing whatever we can to persuade Joe Public that he should be for us, not against us or indifferent.

This leads to my second premise, which is that, given the choice, Safety trumps even Gambling. Of course, we have to do everything we can to attract more gambling, but that means future gamblers as well as current ones. The fact that current gamblers, raised on dirt racing, are having trouble converting doesn't trump the safety argument. That argument is simple and compelling: safety first. **Cont. p11**

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**Op-Ed Feedback cont.**

Barry does begin his piece by acknowledging that the safety issue exists, and he admits (as I do) that he isn't qualified to assess what data exists so far. But then he merrily hopscotches about, hitting on various things he doesn't like about the synthetics--as he himself says he's doing. I want to direct your attention back to that safety issue, because that is why all this is happening. We don't have the answers yet. That is why the experiment must continue, until we know: either these surfaces are safer, or they aren't. That, ultimately, is the critical question.

It's also important to understand the distinction between two types of evidence--scientific and anecdotal. Scientific evidence is a valid basis on which to make an argument, or reach a decision; anecdotal is not. If I had a dollar for every time I've heard a trainer say, "I've had two of those, they were no good," and, "don't send me any more, or I don't want to look at these at the sales," I really could retire. That is anecdotal evidence. It's one thing if you want to restrict your buying opportunities, in a context where the odds are something like 11 1/2 to one against a horse even paying for itself, but it's quite another if you think the industry can afford to make critical decisions like "what is the safest track surface?" based on anecdotal evidence like "I don't like watching races on Polytrack," or "the gamblers are having trouble converting." Well, I don't like watching races on dirt, especially Classic races when horses break down irretrievably on television in front of millions of people.

As far as Keeneland taking races off the grass to run on their synthetic surface, that's a complaint for a commercial operator, and has no bearing on anything to do with whether American racing should be conducted on real or synthetic dirt or turf. Barry's arguments about breeding are more applicable, but less convincing. I don't know that I even agree with the contention, "If we are racing horses to test them and improve the breed..." Surely we are racing horses to find out which horses have the most ability, and then we let the breeders and the stockmen decide which ones they choose to breed from. Moreover, the assumption that bad-moving or crooked horses are necessarily genetically deficient is itself open to question. Shocking, but maybe true. A veteran bloodstock agent who also spent decades managing farms--a proper stockman--once told me his experience was that most crooked horses were simply lying wrong in the mares; in those cases, there is absolutely no implication that "crooked makes crooked." We just assume it does because we have no way to test it. Blaming synthetic surfaces for being more forgiving to horses with ability, but suspect conformation, isn't convincing with regard to the surfaces or to breeding.

Barry's piece does highlight one inescapable fact about this industry: difference of opinion. It's great--we're all so lucky to live in a universe where individual expression is encouraged, and usually even listened to. But it cannot go unchecked. The problems this industry is facing are deadly serious, and cannot be solved by endless discussion and accommodation of different points of view. Ultimately, this industry must speak with one voice to the outside world, or we can only stave off decline, we cannot progress. Americans have reservations about the wholesale replacement of dirt with synthetics? Fine. Let's determine how the argument should be settled (safety first, I say) and by whom, then let's gather the scientific evidence, then let's decide--and let's see if we can't do a little less sniping among ourselves and a little more reaching out, both inside and outside the industry.

--Bill Oppenheim

In response to my good friend Barry Irwin's commentary on synthetic tracks, I would submit that, "Beauty is in the eyes of the beholder." I am an ardent supporter of synthetic tracks for a number of reasons, but the one that tops the list is: THEY SAVE HORSES' LIVES. This is not an opinion. It is a cold hard fact supported by Equibase figures based on over 125,000 horse starts that have been analyzed in every form or fashion. Catastrophic injuries are diminished by nearly 50 percent on synthetic tracks. I think that everyone would most certainly agree that the UGLIEST thing in racing is a horse that has broken down. It is like getting kicked in the stomach. More importantly, each time this occurs, it puts our riders at risk of losing their lives or spending the rest of their's in a wheelchair. The math is simple--reduce breakdowns by 50 percent and you will reduce the number of injured riders by 50 percent. Breakdowns are the worst nightmare of the industry. They destroy horses, riders and the beauty of our magnificent sport. We have heard countless stories in the wake of Eight Belles of fans, new and old, who will never attend or watch another horse race. I shudder to think of the consequences to our industry if we should experience another such event in this year's Kentucky Derby.

The three cycles of innovation are (1) ridicule, (2) violent opposition and, finally, (3) universal acceptance as being self evident. Our industry, on a global basis, is gravitating towards number 3. We know that synthetic surfaces are continuing to be installed in England, Ireland, France and other countries worldwide. The Jockey Club of Turkey, which is an emerging presence in world racing, has just installed a synthetic surface at their newest track, Velifendi. And, of course, the biggest owner in the world, Sheikh Mohammed, has installed the Tapeta surface on several training tracks in Dubai. **Cont. 12**



**Op-Ed Feedback cont.**

Sheikh Mohammed is a visionary and has done more for horse racing in the last 25 years than any single individual on the planet, and he has declared that a synthetic surface will be installed at the finest racing facility that has ever been built, Meydan City.

Speed has become a commodity revered in our industry for the past quarter century. Trainers and breeders have built their programs around fast, precocious horses. Synthetic surfaces have certainly taken away the advantage of speed. Horses can no longer go the first quarter in :22, kick dirt in the faces of horse behind them, and finish the last quarter in :25 or :26 and win. Handicapping, no doubt, has become more challenging. You can look at the head of the lane in most every race run on synthetic and see six to eight horses that have a shot at winning. Race riding on synthetics requires more skill. A rider has to have a keen sense of pace and has to be able to understand where the paths are developing. Oddly enough, the average finishing times at all distances on synthetics are faster--it's where in the race the speed is utilized.

It is only human nature to be driven by what is best for our wallets. For me that is certainly a component. As an owner who has huge investment in horses both monetarily and psychologically, I find the attrition rate of our horses unacceptable and deplorable. Well Armed, as a speed horse, may be significantly better on dirt than he is on synthetic, but the synthetic tracks are what have kept him in one piece. He is six years old and he is extremely sound. I have taken an annual chance on the dirt for the big money. I hope he is still running when he is nine, and I sincerely believe that synthetic tracks will give him that best opportunity to achieve that goal.

Change is a difficult thing for most people. We like familiarity and predictability, but the world is changing, and the facts are that every year there are more synthetic tracks being installed worldwide. The world racing community understands that these surfaces help preserve the lives of horse and riders. We can fight change or in the end we can incorporate it into our programs and use it to our advantage. I hope the progress towards these surfaces will continue in North America. Ultimately, it is the right thing for our horses, our riders and our industry.

--Bill Casner

I don't understand the negative comments Barry Irwin makes regarding Polytrack (synthetic surfaces). First of all, he basically admits that horses are sounder on the surface, saving lives and protecting jockeys, but then says that he doesn't like their action on it. My observation is the opposite. Horses with bad action seem to float over the surface. The trainers will tell you they ALL work good on it, whether it is a horse's favored racing surface or not. His opinion that Polytrack robs racing of its beauty also makes little sense to me. Was the old insanely biased track at Keeneland a thing of beauty? Would he rather have the field strung out like Monday's wash, or have eight horses in with a chance at the eighth pole? What about sloppy tracks with five-horse fields? Is that pretty?

Finally, he tries to make the point that synthetics are too safe and we should run them on dirt to so we can better see which ones break down so we don't breed them. Huh? The horses that go to stud are the fast ones who win big races. Crooked or not, that has always been the case and always will be.

I also disagree with his other premise--that synthetics are not the same as grass. True, there a few animals who favor one or the other, but essentially it's the same form. The trainers know it--if a race comes off the grass and goes to Poly, there are few scratches. The European trainers salivated to run their grass horses on it in the Breeders Cup...and they cleaned up. The proliferation of synthetic tracks should be seen as akin to more grass racing. From a handicapping standpoint, my belief is many bettors overrate dirt form when handicapping Poly races. It's not the same, anymore than dirt form translates to turf. In England, I don't hear handicappers complaining about Polytrack, which has been in use for many years.

I do agree with Barry on one point. Let the horses run on soft turf. It suits many of them and they should have the chance.

--Bob Trussell

Ah, Mr. Irwin. He's always an interesting read, regardless of whether or not his arguments are grounded in sound reasoning. There were few passages in his TDN Op/Ed piece I didn't take umbrage with.

To name a few I did, though...

1) Mr. Irwin's first argument is that synthetic tracks "blunt speed and make races less interesting." The latter portion of this is opinion, while the former simply isn't true. While Keeneland, for instance, struggled through its first season with a too-deep track that overwhelmingly favored closers, the track has been fair to all running styles during its current meet. According to brisnet.com PPs, races going 1 1/16 miles on the main track have been won at a 31-percent clip by horses on the lead, and by a 27-percent clip by early presser types. Pressers have won at a 12-percent clip, and late-running stalkers have won at a 30-percent clip.

The numbers at the recently concluded Santa Anita meet were similar: (E = 26%; E/P = 18%; P = 21%; S = 35%). That seems about as fair as tracks can play.

**Cont. p13**

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**Op-Ed Feedback cont.**

2) Mr. Irwin goes on to argue that synthetic tracks are "harmful to the selection process of breeding Thoroughbreds," theorizing that synthetic tracks allow "crooked-legged horses with glaring conformational defects to perform at a high level." Those horses would then go on to be popular sires, the argument goes. Firstly, why would this be the case? No astute breeder I can think of uses race performance as his or her sole criterion for choosing a stallion. Pedigree, conformation and a horse's action on the racetrack does, or should, weigh heavily into breeding decisions. Mr. Irwin almost immediately undermines his own argument by naming The Pamplousse as a horse he finds "absolutely excruciating" to watch. If Mr. Irwin thinks the horse has poor action, he probably wouldn't breed to him for that reason. That's his right. The fact that The Pamplousse ran on a synthetic track did nothing to hide his action. Or is Mr. Irwin just sentimental about the days when breeders could rely on tried-and-true dirt horses? Like Captain Bodgit. Or The Deputy (Ire)?

3) Mr. Irwin also argues that the sport is robbed of some of its beauty because, presumably, synthetic tracks move up poor-moving horses, or allow them to compete at a higher level. While synthetic tracks may indeed allow poor-moving or poorly conformed horses to stay sound longer, there's no evidence whatsoever to suggest that synthetic tracks move them up performance-wise. One need only to look at the Giant's Causeway colt Hold Me Back to find a horse that doesn't seem to be hampered by his fine action. Ask 100 horsemen if they went shopping for crooked-legged, bad-acted horses at this year's two-year-old in training sales, expecting success on the all-weather, and my guess is that you'll find the vast majority are still steering clear of those individuals.

4) One of my biggest bones of contention with Mr. Irwin's argument is that it suggests that bad-moving, badly conformed horses who are also top performers are commonplace on synthetic tracks and a rarity on dirt tracks. Really? Take a look at at the winner's circle after any graded race at a dirt track and you're bound to find offset knees, horses back at the knee, upright pasterns, etc. Top performers have never, and likely won't ever be, just those horses with ideal conformation or the best action. One of our most accomplished performers over the past 20 years, the \$9.6-million earner Skip Away, wasn't exactly poetry in motion.

5) Mr. Irwin does concede that synthetic tracks have likely "saved the lives of many of our equine warriors." And, perhaps, some of our jockeys, too. If this is indeed the case, as I expect it is, we should all be singing the virtues of synthetic tracks.

I have heard a lot of grumbling about synthetic tracks, yet very little of it seems to be based in fact. Just because something is repeated over and over, doesn't make it so. Synthetic tracks deserve a fair shake.

--Raul Antigua

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On the relatively rare occasion when the brass at WinStar Farm reaches in and buys something at a two-year-olds in training sale, it probably makes sense to pay close attention.

In 2006, the operation headed by Bill Casner and Kenny Troutt went to \$1.5 million for Cowtown Cat, a son of WinStar stallion Distorted Humor, at the Barretts March sale. The chestnut would go on to win three of his first four starts at three, taking the Gill Gotham S. in New York and the Gill Illinois Derby in suburban Chicago.

Fast forward to the 2008 edition of the OBS February sale. The team focused their attention on hip 140, an Eisaman Equine-consigned son of then first-crop sire Chapel Royal, who breezed an eighth of a mile in :10.2 in the first under-tack show, then came back and drilled a quarter-mile in :21.1. A \$68,000 purchase by the Eisamans at the 2007 Fasig-Tipton Kentucky July yearling sale, they turned a nice profit when their colt was knocked down for \$170,000 to Tim Kegel, bidding on behalf of WinStar. Elliott



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Walden, the former trainer who now serves WinStar as its vice president and racing manager, explained their approach to the juvenile sales.

"We're there working every two-year-old sale," Walden said. "We look for horses by our sires, and then we look at the whole sale as far as colts go. We don't really focus on any fillies, but we do analyze every colt. What Advice did that impressed us was he galloped out very strongly. That's what intrigued us to begin with. We did our due diligence in the days leading up to the sale and we decided to buy him."

And how does WinStar select its two-year-olds to purchase?

"I think, as a yearling, we focus on a combination of pedigree and how they look conformationally, but when you get to the two-year-old sale, I think your tendency is to shift more towards athleticism," Walden explained. "We've had some success at the two-year-old sales over the last five years with the limited number we bought. We bought Cowtown Cat and now this horse, so we feel like we do get a bit of an edge getting to watch them train, and we have a very good rapport with all the guys who are selling the horses." **Cont. p14**

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That Advice might make a nice two-year-old was no surprise. By a sire who won a pair of graded stakes and was three times placed in Grade I company as a juvenile, the dark bay is out of a mare by the 1995 GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile runner-up. Judged by his connections as a horse that might appreciate a route of ground right off the bat, Advice debuted over Arlington Park's one-turn mile Sept. 13. The results were immediate and impressive.

"When he came out first time out, Todd [Pletcher] felt like he had a lot of ability," Walden offered. "At the time, they were running five and 5 1/2 furlongs, and we felt he needed more ground, so we put him in going a mile and he ran well. It did put us in jail for a little while. We didn't want to back him up and run him in shorter races, so we had to wait for the races to stretch out and that's why he had a two-month gap between his maiden win and the [GIII Sept. 13] Arlington-Washington Futurity."

Second, placed third after an eventful stretch run in that event, Advice was sent off the 7-2 chalk in the GI Lane's End Breeders' Futurity Oct. 4, but was never in it and checked in ninth behind Square Eddie (Smart Strike). Third in his seasonal bow over the Santa Anita Pro-Ride Feb. 26, the Florida-bred was an even fifth with blinkers on in the Mar. 29 Sunland Derby. The shades came off for the Lexington, and Advice was ridden to perfection by Garrett Gomez, getting up to score by a length. His 15-1 quote represented an overlay in Walden's eyes.

"Personally, as a former trainer, I like to be 6-5 rather than 15-1, because I know I'm in the right spot," he stated. "But as far as 15-1 shots go, we felt very good about him. We felt he had some legitimate two-year-old form, and most of the time that carries into the following year. Also, he had shown that he liked the artificial surface. Todd decided that the blinkers didn't help him at all at Sunland, in fact, might have hurt him a little bit, and so he took those off. The combination of those things made us feel like we had a chance going in, but we were pleasantly surprised."

Advice is now stabled at Churchill Downs, and a decision on his participation in the Derby--which would give WinStar three chances--will be made following a Monday breeze beneath the Twin Spires.

"He's doing well," Walden commented. "He looked good [Friday] morning. He galloped a mile and a half and had good energy and seemed like he was handling it fine. Being by Chapel Royal out of a Hennessy mare, I can't imagine he won't handle the dirt. He's going to have a good 10 days and a breeze over this racetrack."--Alan Carasso

**UPCOMING MAJOR NORTH AMERICAN STAKES**

Date	Race	Track
Apr. 26	GIII Inglewood H.	HOL
Apr. 29	GIII Westchester H.	BEL
Apr. 30	GIII Kentucky Juvenile S.	CD
May 1	GI Kentucky Oaks	CD
	GII Louisville Distaff BC	CD
	GIII Alysheba S.	CD
	GIII American Turf S.	CD
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**VIGNETTE**, 14, Diesis (GB)--Be Exclusive (Ire), by Be My Guest

Foal born Mar. 22, a colt by Dynaformer.

Will be bred back to Dynaformer.

Owned by George Strawbridge.

Boarded at Derry Meeting Farm.

Accomplishments: SW of \$132,803. Dam of Lucarno (Dynaformer), Co. Hwt. 3yo-Eng at 14 + f, G1SW-Eng, \$1,145,464.

**MEHTHAAF**, 18, Nureyev--Elle Seule, by Exclusive Native

Foal born Mar. 23, a colt by Street Cry (Ire).

Will be bred back to Invasor (Arg).

Owned by and boarded at Shadwell Farm.

Accomplishments: Hwt. 3yo-Ire at 7-9f, G1SW-Ire, MGSW-Eng, MG1SP-Fr, \$381,798. Dam of Najah (Ire) (Nashwan), Hwt. 3yo-Ity at 9.5-11f, GSW-Ity.

**SOAR (GB)**, 7, Danzero (Aus)--Splice (GB), by Sharpo (GB)

Foal born Mar. 25, a colt by Pivotal (GB).

Will be bred back to Medicean (GB).

Owned by/boarded at Cheveley Park Stud, GB.

Accomplishments: Co-Hwt. 2yo Filly-GB, MGSW-GB, \$180,931.

**RUTHIAN**, 13, Rahy--Adoryphar, by Lyphard

Foal born Mar. 26, a colt by Empire Maker.

Will be bred back to Giant's Causeway.

Owned by Payson Stud.

Boarded at Stone Farm, KY.

Accomplishments: SW, \$212,592. Dam of Rutherienne (Pulpit), GISW, \$961,555; and Big Wig (A.P. Indy), SP.

**DESSERT**, 9, Storm Cat--Windsharp, by Lear Fan

Foal born Mar. 26, a colt by Distorted Humor,

Will be bred back to Mr. Greeley.

Owned by/boarded at Shadwell Farm, KY.

Accomplishments: GISW, \$259,560.

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 **NORTH AMERICA** 

★ **KEENELAND** ★

**Yesterday's Results:**

**8th-KEE**, \$59,750, Alw, Opt. Clm. (\$80,000), NW3\$X, 4yo/up, 1 1/16m (AWT), 1:42 4/5, ft.

1--**CHEROKEE ARTIST**, 120, c, 4, **Cherokee Run**--Race Artist (GSW, \$167,895), by Mr. Prospector. O/B-J Mack Robinson (KY); T-H Graham Motion. Lifetime Record: MGSP, 12-4-3-1, \$348,326. \*Full to Cherokee Girl, SW & GSP, \$170,718.

2--**Timbucto**, 118, g, 5, Carolina Kid--Flying Miss Alice, by Fly So Free.

3--**Sidcup**, 118, g, 7, Running Stag--Nice Change, by Gulch. (\$32,000 2yo '04 ADNMR).

Margins: 1 1/4, 1 3/4, NO. Odds: 1.50, 5.80, 18.80.

Cherokee Artist, runner-up in last term's GII Ohio Derby, ended his sophomore campaign with a \$40,000 optional-claiming tally at the Oak Tree meeting Oct. 24. Off the board in the GII San Fernando S. Jan. 17 and the GII Strub S. Feb. 7, the bay was last seen annexing a \$62,000 optional claimer at the Great Race Place Mar. 7. Favored in this spot, he stayed close in fifth and fought his way past the pacesetter to make it two straight. [Video, sponsored by Taylor Made.](#)

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 **TODAY'S INSIGHTS**  
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12:40p HRTV **1st-CRC, \$26K, Msw, 3/4/5yo, 6f**  
**PLUTO** (**A.P. Indy**), a \$1-million KEESEP purchase for the trio of Magnier, Tabor and Smith, makes his career bow for trainer Todd Pletcher. The bay is the second foal from GI Prioress S. winner House Party (French Deputy). [brisnet.com PPs](#)

2:25p HRTV **4th-AQU, \$48K, Alw/Opt Clm, 3yo/up, 1 1/16mT**  
**JUSTENUFFHUMOR** (**Distorted Humor**), a half to Dreaming of Anna (Rahy), Ch. 2yo Filly, GISW, \$2,024,550; and Lewis Michael (Rahy), MGSW, \$811,714, looks to run his turf record to a perfect three-for-three. The bay rallied from last to first to take a Gulfstream allowance test last time out Mar. 28. He takes on ★ **"TDN Rising Star"** ★ **Plan** (**Storm Cat**), a son of MGISW Spain (Thunder Gulch). The four-year-old captured a Group 3 at The Curragh last July, then was purchased privately by IEAH Stables and Pegasus Holdings. He followed up with a second in the Aug. 9 GI Secretariat S., but has not been out since, and makes his first start for trainer Rick Dutrow Jr. here. [brisnet.com PPs](#)

4:14p HRTV **8th-CD, \$50K, Alw, 3yo/up, 6f**  
Klein homebred **CASH REFUND** (**Petionville**) earned a 92 Beyer with his 6 3/4-length debut maiden score at Fair Grounds Feb. 19. He has been working sharply for his second start, including a bullet five-eighths in :59 4/5 at Churchill Apr. 12. **Unbridled Express** (**Unbridled's Song**) makes his second appearance off the 2 1/2-year layoff. The five-year-old disappeared after running third in the 2006 GI Hopeful S. He resurfaced in an Oaklawn allowance test Mar. 26 and just missed, finishing second by a head. Also showing an affinity for the Churchill surface, he posted a bullet five furlongs in :59 3/5 Apr. 9. [brisnet.com PPs](#)

4:45p HRTV **9th-CD, \$55K, Alw/Opt Clm, 3yo/up, f/m, 7f**  
★ **"TDN Rising Star"** ★ **Keep the Peace** (**Touch Gold**) drops back to the allowance ranks after running third in the Mar. 15 GII Inside Information S. Runner-up in the GIII La Troienne S. and GIII Dogwood S. at Churchill last May, the Gary and Mary West colorbearer returned after nearly nine months on the shelf to take a Gulfstream allowance in February, and makes her third start off the layoff here. [brisnet.com PPs](#)



Keeneland report cont.

7th-KEE, \$53,675, Alw, NW1X, 4yo/up, f/m, 1 3/16mT, n/a, fm.

**WOODFORD GIRL** (f, 4, Honour and Glory--Shawgatny, by Danzig Connection), a maiden winner at Fair Grounds last February, failed to find the winner's circle in her next six starts, including a fourth-place finish over the Churchill main Nov. 20 and a third-place finish over the Keeneland lawn Apr. 9. Back on the spinach here, the 3-2 chalk rallied from fifth to deliver a 3/4-length tally over With Flying Colors (A.P. Indy). Woodford Girl is a half to Satulagi (Officer), SW & GSP-Eng. Lifetime Record: 9-2-2-2, \$95,384. [Video, sponsored by Taylor Made.](#)

O/B-Lantern Hill Farm LLC (KY). T-Ian R Wilkes.

3rd-KEE, \$45,800, Msw, 2yo, f, 4 1/2f (AWT), :50 2/5, ft.

+ **LELA** (f, 2, Trippi--Pinta, by Carson City), an OBSFEB RNA, was sent off as the 4-5 chalk while debuting with Lasix. Hustled to the front after breaking from post one, she clicked off fractions of :22.23 and :44.44, and reported home a 2 1/2-length victress. Credit Crunch (Najran) completed the exacta. Lela is a half to Rojo Toro (Mountain Cat), GSW & GISP, \$269,545. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$27,280. [Click for the brisnet.com chart](#) or [Video, sponsored by Taylor Made.](#)

O-Heiligbrodt Racing Stable. B-Haras El Aguila SA (FL). T-Steven M Asmussen.

**First Winner for Sire**

6th-KEE, \$44,900, Msw, 2yo, f, 4 1/2f (AWT), :50 1/5, ft.

**MIDST** (f, 2, [Closing Argument](#)--Procure, by Quiet American), from the first crop of 2005 GI Kentucky Derby runner-up Closing Argument (Successful Appeal), reported home second after chasing the winner around the track in her Keeneland debut Apr. 4. Given a 3-1 shot this time, the bay broke like a shot from post 10 and quickly showed the way. With Miguel Mena aboard, she motored through a half mile in :44.38, and had 4 1/4 lengths on Truly a Myth (Yes It's True) at the wire. Midst, a \$40,000 OBSOCT weanling, is the first winner for her freshman sire. Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, \$36,080. [Click for the brisnet.com chart](#) or [Video, sponsored by Taylor Made.](#)

O-Heiligbrodt Racing Stable. B-Eddie G James & Kim James (FL). T-Mark E Casse.

**STAKES CLOSINGS**

**TODAY, SATURDAY, APRIL 25:**

05-09 \$200,000 Peter Pan-II, Bel, 3yo, 9f (200)

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★ EAST ★

Yesterday's Results:

4th-ATL, \$27,000, Msw, 3yo/up, f/m, 5 1/2ft, 1:07 4/5, gd.

**MERRY'S PEGASUS** (f, 3, [Fusaichi Pegasus](#)--Merry Princess {MSW, \$319,164}, by Polish Numbers), a \$70,000 KEESEP yearling, showed speed and tired to finish eighth in her debut over the Meadowlands lawn last October. Making her first start since here, the 2-1 chance broke on top and never looked back. Patsy Ann (Yankee Gentleman) finished second, 1 1/2 lengths behind the victress. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$16,540. O/B-Pewter Stable, Cheyenne Thoroughbreds, Anthony Cappaze & Robert Clay (KY). T-Kathleen A Demasi.

Thursday Night's Results:

2nd-PEN, \$31,610, Alw, NW1X, 3yo, f, 6f, 1:11, ft. **HOLLYWOOD HILLS** (f, 3, City Place--Pack'n the Sand, by Line In The Sand) aired by 7 1/2 lengths at Charles Town Mar. 8 and was sent off the 1-2 choice to repeat. In command from the start, the dark bay rolled home an easy 8 1/4-length winner. The winner was a \$40,000 OBSOCT weanling and \$55,000 OBSAUG yearling purchase. Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, \$37,680. O-Puglisi Racing LLC. B-Southern Chase Farm Inc (FL). T-Steve Klesaris.

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**3rd-KEE (Msw)** Lela (Trippi) takes her debut by 2 1/2 lengths.

**6th-KEE (Msw)** Midst (Closing Argument) becomes the first winner for her freshman sire.

**8th-KEE (Alw)** Cherokee Artist (Cherokee Run) wins his second straight.

A # will distinguish first-time stakes-winners, a @ will indicate first-time graded stakes-winners, a ▲ will denote a first-time Grade/Group 1 winner, a + will first-time starters, an (S) will be used for state-bred races, a (C) will be used for maiden-claiming races and an (R) will be used for other restricted races. Purses for Canadian races are in Canadian dollars.



## ★ WEST ★

### Thursday Night's Results:

**7th-GGX, \$36,038, Msw, 3yo/up, 1mT, 1:39 2/5, fm.**  
**+ CLARENCE PEAK (c, 4, Unusual Heat--Res Gestae, by Green Dancer),** let go at 25-1, was on the engine early, led at every call and drew clear to score by four lengths. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$22,620.  
 O/B-Philip C Paine (CA). T-Jerry Weaver.

## ★ INDUSTRY INFO ★

### Filly Auction to Benefit Lexington Cancer Foundation:

A yearling filly by Quest out of Seiran (Ire) (Lomond), who was produced through the teamwork of Arthur Hancock, Lori Kirk Wagner and Peter O'Callaghan, will be auctioned off at The Lexington Cancer Foundation's Kentucky Bluegrass Wine Auction at Keeneland Racecourse Apr. 30. The idea to breed a filly to benefit the Lexington Cancer Foundation, rather than just auctioning off a stallion season, was born three years ago. Hancock donated the season to then first-year sire Quest (Seeking the Gold), and Wagner offered the mare, who is from the family of champion and top sire Theatrical (Ire), champions David Junior and Paradise Creek, GISWs Forbidden Apple and Wild Event, and \$5.5-million earner Taiki Blizzard. O'Callaghan boarded the mare and raised the foal at his Woods Edge Farm in Lexington. Dr. Kevin Pfeister donated veterinary services during the reproductive phase, and Dr. Bob Hunt did the sales evaluation. In addition, Hancock's Stone Farm Training Center in Paris, Kentucky, will board, break and train the chestnut filly, Dr. Bryan Boone will provide basic vet care until Jan. 1, 2010 and Patricia Headley Green of Silks Unlimited will contribute a set of personally designed racing silks. All profits from the auction will go to the Janice Jones Annual Fund at the Lexington Cancer Foundation. Jones, the late wife of John T. L. Jones Jr., passed away after a battle with ovarian cancer in 2003. Her Fund supports the American Cancer Society's Hope Lodge at the University of Kentucky, which was founded by local businessman, Fasig-Tipton bid spotter and cancer survivor Bill Robbins. "This filly is quite simply a lovely filly," said O'Callaghan. "She is well grown, with very good bone and conformation, is an excellent mover and, like most good fillies, she has a beautiful head with an intelligent eye and, importantly, a lovely temperament." For pre-sale inspection, contact Lisa Reynolds at Woods Edge at (859) 983-1412. For more information on the auction, contact Kristi Martin at the Lexington Cancer Foundation at (859) 388-2620. For the wine auction catalogue, click [here](#) or go to [www.lexfoundation.net](http://www.lexfoundation.net).

### Olds Friends To Hold Contest To Name Rescued Horse:

A Thoroughbred stallion rescued from Ernie Paragallo's farm in upstate New York arrived at Old Friends in Georgetown, Kentucky, Thursday; in order to raise funds for his care, and to raise awareness of the circumstances of his rescue, the organization will hold a contest to find a name for the five-year-old. Anyone can enter by submitting a \$50 donation and a suggestion for a name for the son of Aristotle out of Prospect Street (Fortunate Prospect). The winner will be determined by an Old Friends panel, and will be announced at the "Annual Homecoming" fundraiser, to be held May 3 at the Georgetown farm. If possible, the winning name will be registered with The Jockey Club, so it can be no more than 18 characters (including spaces), and cannot be an already existing name. Contestants can enter as often as they like, with a separate donation for each entry. All donations are tax deductible. Entries can be mailed to 1841 Paynes Depot Rd., Georgetown, KY 40324, or emailed to [sylvia@oldfriendsequine.org](mailto:sylvia@oldfriendsequine.org), or they can be made on the Old Friends website at [www.oldfriendsequine.org](http://www.oldfriendsequine.org), or by phone at (502) 863-1775. The deadline is midnight, Friday, May 1, 2009. The winner will also receive a complimentary gift bag of Old Friends apparel and merchandise. For more information, please contact Old Friends at the telephone number above.

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#### AQUEDUCT

Benny the Bull (Lucky Lionel), 3f, :36.61, 4/9  
 What a Pear (E Dubai), 5f, 1:01.70, 15/34

#### BELMONT PARK

Discreet Treasure (El Prado {Ire}), 5f (tr.), 1:01.13, 5/21  
 Lime Rickey (Lemon Drop Kid), 5f, 1:01.02, 3/15  
 Mogul Man (Black Minnaloushe), 5f, 1:02.88, 13/15

#### CHURCHILL DOWNS

Cool Coal Man (Mineshaft), 4f, :49.80, 22/56  
 Justwhistledixie (Dixie Union), 4f, :49.00, 15/56  
 Secret Gypsy (Sea of Secrets), 4f, :48.20, 6/56  
 Summer Bird (Birdstone), 6f, 1:15.80, 3/3

#### FAIR HILL

Mani Bhavan (Storm Boot), 6f, 1:14.60, 1/1  
 Whatsthescript (IRE) (Royal Applause {GB}), 6f, 1:16.60, 9/11

#### KEENELAND

Terrain (Sky Mesa), 4f, :47.60, 15/47  
 Turn Away (Empire Maker), 4f, :49.00, 29/47

#### GULFSTREAM PARK

Dynaforce (Dynaformer), 5fT, 1:02.20, 26/28

#### SANTA ANITA

Porto Santo (Fr) (Kingsalsa), 5f, 1:00.80, 4/22



★ AMERICAN-BRED WINNERS ★

**IN BRITAIN:**

Smart Endeavour, c, 3, [Smart Strike](#). See "Britain."

**IN IRELAND:**

+ Walk Beside Me, f, 3, [Theatrical \(Ire\)](#). See "Ireland."

**IN FRANCE:**

Quetsche, f, 3, [Gone West](#). See "France."

Planet Five, c, 3, [Storm Cat](#). See "France."

**IN PERU:**

+ El Controvertido, c, 3, [Red Bullet](#)--Allegedly, by Rahy. Hipodromo de Monterrico, 4-23, Mdn, 5f, :59 1/5. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$5,000. O-Haras Fiesta; B-Adena Springs (FL); T-Armando Filipuzzi. \* \$5,000 yrl '07 KEESEP.

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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)

**INTIMIDATOR** (Gone West), 11/0/0

4-LS, Msw, 4 1/2f, +Ms Golden West, \$20K TEX APR 2yo, 5-2

**WIMBLEDON** (Wild Rush), Valor, \$4K, 39/0/0

4-LS, Msw, 4 1/2f, +Millie's Fault, 8-1

**First/Second-crop starters to watch: Saturday, Apr. 25**

Sire (Sire's Sire), Farm, 2005 Fee, #foals of racing age/Winners/SW

Race #-track, race type, distance, runner, odds (if available)

**ACTION THIS DAY** (Kris S.), Spendthrift, \$10K, 148/18/1

6-WO, Stk, 1 1/16m, Rapid Release, \$106K GOF ORB yrl, 9-2

**BOWMAN'S BAND** (Dixieland Band), Lane's End, \$6K, 101/10/1

4-LS, Msw, 4 1/2f, +Ruby's Big Band, \$5K TEX AUG yrl, 20-1

**CANDY RIDE (ARG)** (Ride the Rails), Hill 'n' Dale, \$10K, 215/34/5

7-LS, Stk, 1mT, Ticfaw, \$20K KEE SEP yrl, 6-1

**CHAMPALI** (Glitterman), Glencrest, \$8K, 117/12/0

6-HAW, Stk, 6f, Bow Tie Pasta, \$62K OBS AUG yrl, 8-1

**CITY PLACE** (Storm Cat), Hartley, 89/11/0

10-CD, Stk, 7 1/2f, Gato Go Win, \$145K BAR MAY 2yo, 6-1

**EVEN THE SCORE** (Unbridled's Song), Millennium, \$9K, 170/24/3

6-LS, Stk, 6f, Gilded Score, 20-1

**GREY MEMO** (Memo {Chi}), Ridgeley, \$4K, 28/2/0

5-HOL, Stk, 7f, Grey Babe

**Rookies cont.**

**JOHAR** (Gone West), Mill Ridge, \$20K, 105/14/0  
9-HOL, Stk, 1 1/8m, He's Really Big, \$900 BAR SUM 2yo

7-LS, Stk, 1mT, Har D Boy, \$40K KEE SEP yrl, 12-1

**LION HEART** (Tale of the Cat), Ashford, \$30K, 288/53/5

6-WO, Stk, 1 1/16m, Bear's Rocket, \$350K FTK JUL yrl, 8-5

**MOMENTUM** (Nureyev), Vessels, \$5K, 88/10/0

9-HOL, Stk, 1 1/8m, Green Card James

**SOTO** (Dehere), Walmac, \$8K, 68/10/2

8-EMD, Stk, 6f, Where I Belong, \$14K EAS SEP yrl

**SPANISH STEPS** (Unbridled), Martin Stables, \$5K, 104/13/0

6-HOL, Stk, 1 1/16m, Spanish Ice

**STROLL** (Pulpit), Claiborne, \$8K, 57/12/3

7-LS, Stk, 1mT, And Music Came, \$7K KEE SEP yrl, 10-1

8-PRM, Stk, 6f, Stroll By, \$10K KEE NOV wnl, 6-1

**SUANCES (GB)** (Most Welcome {GB}), Rancho Temescal, \$3K, 36/1/0

9-HOL, Stk, 1 1/8m, Feisty Suances

2-HOL, Stk, 6 1/2f, +Suances Rio, \$47K BAR OCT yrl

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

6-HOL, Stk, 1 1/16m, Hudler

**TOCCE** (Awesome Again), Castleton Lyons, \$15K, 157/30/0

6-WO, Stk, 1 1/16m, Awesome Rhythm, \$20K OBS APR 2yo, 10-1

**VRONSKY** (Danzig), Old English, 29/2/0

10-HOL, Stk, 6 1/2f, +Premiere Flyer

**WILD HORSES** (Saint Ballado), Our Pleasure, \$2K, 42/2/0

4-LS, Msw, 4 1/2f, +Singing Wild, 20-1



★ BRITAIN ★

**Thursday's Results:**

**Beverley, 16.30, Mdn, £4,000, 3yo/up, 1m 100ydsT, 1:47.44, gd/fm.**

**THE FONZ (GB) (c, 3, Oasis Dream {GB}--Crystal Cavern, by Be My Guest)**, fourth on Lingfield's Polytrack when last seen in October, stalked the early tempo before grinding his way into contention in the home stretch. Taking awhile to get to Wilfred Pickles (Ire) (Cadeaux Genereux {GB}), the 7-4 pick got on top in the final strides to score by a neck. The winner is a half to Crystal Star (GB) (Mark of Esteem {Ire}), SW & GSP-Eng, in turn the dam of GSW Crystal Capella (GB) (Cape Cross {Ire}). Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-1, £3,624. O-Anthony & David de Rothschild; B-Southcourt Stud; T-Sir Michael Stoute.



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**Yesterday's Results:**

**Sandown Park, 13.25, Hcp, £25,000, 3yo, 1m 14ydsT, 1:42.92, gd.**

**RACKETEER (IRE) (c, 3, [Cape Cross {Ire}](#)--Flirtation {GB}, by Pursuit of Love {GB})** was off the mark on Southwell's fibresand in mid-December and entered this Esher Cup as the 10-3 second choice. Stalking the early pace, the homebred rolled to the front traveling with ease with a quarter mile remaining before surging clear for a convincing six-length success from Thief of Time (Ire) (Clodovil {Ire}). "The ground and uphill finish suited him well and there is a handicap at Haydock to look at next," trainer John Gosden commented. "He's won off eight-stone-four and should win getting that sort of weight if he's all right." The winner is half to Attraction (GB) (Efisio {GB}), Ch. 2yo Filly-Eur, Hwt. 2yo Filly-Eng, Hwt. Older Mare-Ire at 7-9.5f, MG1SW-Eng & Ire, \$1,586,237. Lifetime Record: 3-2-1-0, £20,185. O-Duke of Roxburghe; B-Floors Farming; T-John Gosden.

**Sandown Park, 15.10, Cond, £12,000, 3yo, 1m 14ydsT, 1:44.47, gd.**

**PARTHENON (GB) (c, 3, [Dubai Destination](#)--Grecian Slipper {GB}, by Sadler's Wells)**, third as the highweight in a competitive mile nursery at Doncaster in late October, attracted solid support as the 11-10 crowd's choice and was soon at the head of affairs. Turning the screw in the final quarter, the homebred was kept up to his work to best Militarist (War Chant) by 4 1/2 lengths. He is a half to Magna Graecia (Ire) (Warning {GB}), GSW-Fr; and Graikos (GB) (Rainbow Quest), GSW-Fr. Lifetime Record: 4-2-0-1, £14,709. O-Sheikh Hamdan bin Mohammed Al Maktoum; B-Darley; T-Mark Johnston.

**Wolverhampton, 13.50, Mdn, £5,000, 3yo, 7f 32yds (AWT), 1:29.93, stn.**

**SMART ENDEAVOUR (c, 3, [Smart Strike](#)--Luminance, by Deputy Minister)**, a debut seventh at Newbury last June, was handily placed on the heels of the leaders for most of this second go. Seizing the initiative passing the two pole, the 11-10 pick was ridden clear before gearing down late to score by seven lengths from Ask the Oracle (GB) (Where or When {Ire}). The winner was a \$135,000 KEESEP yearling. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, £3,238. O-The Lamplighters; B-Silverleaf Farms Inc; T-Walter Swinburn.

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★ **NEW "TDN Rising Star"** ★

**Sandown Park, 15.45, Mdn, £8,000, 3yo, f, 10f 7ydsT, 2:09.95, gd.**

+ **STAR RUBY (IRE), f, 3, [Rock of Gibraltar \(Ire\)](#)**  
 1st Dam: **Purple Spirit (Ire), by Sadler's Wells**  
 2nd Dam: **Purchasepaperchase (GB), by Young Generation (Ire)**  
 3rd Dam: **Tin Goddess (Ire), by Petong (GB)**

Well supported into 9-4 favoritism on her racecourse bow, Star Ruby showed a professional attitude from the break to sit in a stalking second under Alan Munro. Asked to take on the long-time leader Hidden Brief (GB) (Barathea {Ire}) at the three-furlong marker, the 105,000gns TATOCT yearling duly asserted under mainly hand riding to register a comfortable 2 1/4-length success, with eight lengths back to the third. Winning trainer Peter Chapple-Hyam told *PA Sport*, "She is not in any of the big races, but I will put her in the G2 Ribblesdale S. [at Royal Ascot June 18] next week and hopefully she can pick up some black type through the season." Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, £5,181. [Click for the free brisnet.com catalogue-style pedigree.](#)

O-Michael Tabor; B-Grangecon Stud; T-Peter Chapple-Hyam.

★ **IRELAND** ★

**Yesterday's Results:**

**Dundalk, 18.30, Mdn, €14,000, 2yo, f, 5f (AWT), :59.11, stn.**

**WRONG ANSWER (GB) (f, 2, [Verglas {Ire}](#)--Wrong Key {Ire} {SW & MGSP-Ire, \$152,389}, by Key of Luck)**, a debut second at Cork Apr. 13, was roused from the gate to occupy a prominent role in this return. Ridden along to challenge with 1 1/2 furlongs remaining, the 4-7 chalk kept on strongly thereafter to best Bank on Black (Ire) (Big Bad Bob {Ire}) by 1 3/4 lengths. Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, €12,054.

O-Lady O'Reilly; B-Skymarc Farm & Castlemartin Stud; T-Kevin Prendergast.

**Dundalk, 21.25, Mdn, €11,500, 3yo, f, 10f 150yds (AWT), 2:16.06, stn.**

+ **WALK BESIDE ME (f, 3, [Theatrical {Ire}](#)--Where We Left Off {GB} {GSW-US, \$291,039}, by Dr Devious {Ire})** raced off the pace from the outset of this first go. Making headway on the outside once into the straight, the 9-2 chance went to the front approaching the final eighth and was ridden out to best Parabola (GB) (Galileo {Ire}) by two lengths. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, €7,947.

O/B-Moyglare Stud Farm; T-Dermot Weld.

Ireland report cont.



**GOFFS DITCH COMMISSION FOR OPEN YEARLING SALE**

Goffs yesterday announced that they will not charge commission during their one-day Open Yearling Sale Oct. 23. Goffs Chief Executive Henry Beeby outlined the new initiative, which involves the entry fee of €350 being payable before the catalogue is printed and the vendor being paid out when payment is received. "Our reduction in sales days for 2009 has been met with support from breeders who themselves are focusing more on quality over quantity," he said. "However, we are sympathetic to the fact that there remain plenty of horses in the middle to lower sectors of the market and Goffs are pleased to offer the Open Yearling Sale as a low-cost option to our vendors and a viable service to breeders. The Open Sale's objective is to provide a low-cost market place, which will result in some differences from the service and promotion of a normal Goffs Sale, but the ultimate aim of selling horses remains the same."

★ FRANCE ★

**Thursday's Results:**

**Chantilly, 16.20, Mdn, €24,000, 3yo, 6fT, 1:10.90, gd.**

**PLANET FIVE (c, 3, Storm Cat--Six Perfections {Fr} {Ch. 2yo Filly-Eur, Hwt. 2yo Filly, Hwt. 3yo & MG1SW-Fr, GISW-US, G1SP-Ire & Eng, \$1,911,028}, by Celtic Swing {GB}),** seventh over a mile on debut here in September and third over seven furlongs at Maisons-Laffitte the following month, was ignored at 11-1 and raced prominently throughout the early stages. Kicking clear passing the quarter pole, the homebred had six lengths to spare over Rappel (GB) (Royal Applause {GB}) at the line. The winner is the first foal from Six Perfections, who overcame a wide draw to take the 2003 GI Breeders' Cup Mile at Santa Anita. She is the dam of the unraced two-year-old Six Realms (Storm Cat), however her foal of 2008, a colt by Kingmambo, died last year. Lifetime Record: 3 starts, 1 win, 1 place, €15,300.

O-Niarchos Family; B-Flaxman Holdings Ltd; T-Pascal Bary.



**Yesterday's Results:**

**PRIX FBA AYMERI DE MAULEON-Listed, €55,000, Toulouse, 4-24, 3yo, 1mT, 1:36.41, gd/sf.**

**1--LITTLE DREAMS (Fr), 128, c, 3, by Della Francesca**

**1st Dam: Little Anchor (Fr), by Kendor (Fr)**

**2nd Dam: Petite Ancre (Fr), by Slip Anchor (GB)**

**3rd Dam: Petite Soeur, by Lyphard**

(€20,000 yrl '07 DEAAUG). O-Ecurie Camacho Courses; B-Hubert Honore & Mme Claire Lamotte d'Argy; T-Frederic Rossi; J-Franck Blondel; €27,500. Lifetime Record: 12 starts, 5 wins, 7 places, €128,150.

**2--Rolling Bag (Fr), 128, c, 3, Rashbag (GB)--Kirtsou (Fr), by Great Palm. €11,000.**

**3--Ciel Rouge (Fr), 125, f, 3, Red Ransom--Raisonnable (GB), by Common Grounds (GB). (€110,000 yrl '07 DEAAUG). €8,250.**

Margins: HF, 1, 2. Odds: 5.10, 1.70, 3.20.

Also Ran: Bellinissimo (Ire), Aranel (Ire), Faylan (Fr), Family Man (Fr), Queen America (Fr).

Successful in the Listed Prix Delahante at Marseille-Borely last November, Little Dreams then ran second in the Feb. 8 Listed Prix de la Californie at Cagnes-sur-Mer, but dropped to fourth in the Mar. 23 Listed Prix Omnium II at Saint-Cloud last time. Stalking the front rank from flagfall here, he came under pressure at the top of the straight and kept on resolutely under continued urging to outlast Rolling Bag.

**PRIX CARAVELLE - HARAS DES GRANGES-Listed, €55,000, Toulouse, 4-24, 3yo, f, 1 5/16mT, 2:15.20, gd/sf.**

**1--#QUETSCHKE, 123, f, 3, by Gone West**

**1st Dam: Que Belle (Hwt. Older Mare-Ger at**

**9.5-11f, MGSW & G1SP-Ger, SW-US,**

**G1SP-Fr, \$1,407,291), by Seattle Dancer**

**2nd Dam: Qui Bid, by Spectacular Bid**

**3rd Dam: Qui Royalty, by Native Royalty**

(\$450,000 yrl '07 KEESEP). O-Ecurie des Monceaux; B-Malibu Farm LLC; T-Jean-Claude Rouget; J-Christophe-Patrice Lemaire; €27,500. Lifetime Record: 6 starts, 3 win, 3 places, €57,250. \*1/2 to Osidy (Storm Cat), GSW-US, GSP-Fr, \$297,208.

**2--Cool and Composed, 123, f, 3, Buddha--Fire and Shade, by Shaded. €11,000.**

**3--Liaison Fatale (Fr), 123, f, 3, Lord of Men (GB)--Mayence (Ire), by Mondrian (Ger). €8,250.**

Margins: 1, 3/4, HF. Odds: 4.60, 14.00, 7.90.

Also Ran: Yes Yes Yes (Fr), Pearl of Charm (Fr), Black Crystal.

Fifth on stakes debut in the Feb. 21 Listed Prix Policeman at Cagnes-sur-Mer, Quetsche was the last-out winner of a course-and-distance conditions event Mar. 21 and claimed a first black-type score in this. Positioned in a stalking second for the most part, she was coaxed to the front soon after turning for home and came under a late drive to repel the vain bid of Cool and Composed.



**LE VASE D'ARGENT**-Listed, €52,000, Toulouse, 4-24, 4yo/up, 1 1/4mT, 2:02.66, gd/sf.

1--**WILLYWELL (FR)**, 123, h, 7, **Jimble (Fr)--Basilissa (Fr)**, by **Gay Minstrel (Fr)**. O-Henri & Jean-Pierre Gauvin; B-Henri Gauvin; T-Jean-Pierre Gauvin; J-Ioritz Mendizabal; €26,000. Lifetime Record: GSP-Fr, 39 starts, 9 wins, 16 places, €239,205.

2--**Young Tiger (Fr)**, 123, g, 8, **Tiger Hill (Ire)--Youngolina (Ire)**, by **Tremolino**. €10,400.

3--**Ticoz**, 127, c, 4, **Cozzene--Transition Time**, by **Dynaformer**. (\$75,000 yrl '06 KEESEP). €7,800. Margins: 1HF, 3, NK. Odds: 7.10, 1.70, 6.40.

Also Ran: **Mores Wells (GB)**, \***Mundybash (GB)**, **Prince Apollo (GB)**, **Cinq Cinq (Fr)**, **Karouk (Fr)**, **Tardrou (Fr)**. Scratched: **Maroni (Fr)**.

\***Mundybash (Diktat {GB})** finished fourth, but was demoted to fifth.

Willywell failed to find the winner's circle in nine starts after garnering the 2007 Listed Prix Lyphard at Deauville, including a second in this last year, but halted the streak with a confidence-boosting score at Moulins last time Apr. 5. Settled in a midfield sixth until taking closer order rounding the home turn, he led approaching the final furlong and kept on well in the latter stages to exact revenge on last year's conqueror Young Tiger.

## ★ ITALY ★

### Wednesday's Results:

**Milan, 15.55, Mdn**, €16,200, 3yo, f, 1 1/4mT, 2:10.60, hy.

+ **SECRET DE VIE (GB) (f, 3, Fantastic Light--Grey Way {GSW-Ity, GSP-US, \$173,449}, by Cozzene)** was settled towards the back of the pack early before being asked to make up ground on the clear leader Game Player (Ity) (Gold Sphinx) on the home turn. Looming alongside that rival approaching the final furlong, the 15-1 shot drew away in a matter of strides to record a commanding seven-length success. The homebred is a half-sister to Distant Way (Distant View), Hwt. Older Horse-Ity at 9.5-11f, MG1SW-Ity, \$1,229,954. Lifetime Record: 1 start, 1 win, €7,650.

O/B-Grundy Bloodstock Ltd; T-Bruno Grizzetti.

## BREEDERS' EDITION AMERICA

### ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

4th-**WOX**, \$57,480, Opt. Clm. (\$80,000-\$77,500), NW3X, 3yo/up, 6 1/2f (AWT), 1:16, ft.

**APPROVAL RATING (h, 5, Lemon Drop Kid--Classic Approval {MSP, \$109,429}, by With Approval)** Lifetime Record: SW & GSP, 12-4-1-2, \$234,451. O-Peter Redekop B C Ltd. B-Milton & Beth Hendry & W S Farish (FL). T-Terry Jordan. \*\$110,000 yrl '05 KEESEP; \$65,000 HRA '08 KEENOV. \*\*1/2 to Gulch Approval (Gulch), MGSW & GISP, \$593,004.

2nd-**AQU**, \$44,000, NW1X, (S), 3yo/up, f/m, 1m, 1:36 3/5, ft.

**AMPART RIDGE (f, 3, Cactus Ridge--Struckbylightning, by Cryptoclearance)** Lifetime Record: 5-2-1-2, \$55,000. O-Richard Troncone Jr & Richard Troncone Sr (NY). T-Gary C Contessa.

2nd-**EVD**, \$32,000, 4-23, NW3L, (S), 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:11 1/5, ft.

**TRYSTING (f, 3, Alke--Saddle Up, by Mountain Cat)** Lifetime Record: 5-3-0-1, \$74,420. O-Troy Collins & Nathan Granger. B-Brett Brinkman & Kay Thomas (LA). T-Patrick Mouton. \*\$13,000 yrl '07 LOUOCT.

8th-**EVD**, \$32,000, 4-23, NW2X, (S), 3yo/up, 1m, 1:38, ft.

**SILENT PIPE (g, 3, Kimberlite Pipe--Silent Witness {MSP, \$161,831}, by Yukon)** Lifetime Record: MSP, 11-3-2-2, \$117,797. O-Daniel A Lynch & Merrill R Scherer. B-Brehon Farm (LA). T-Sturges J Ducoing.

8th-**PIM**, \$30,000, NW1X, 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16m (off turf), 1:45 4/5, ft.

**LISTENTOTHEWINDBLO (f, 3, Partner's Hero--Star Kell, by Star de Naska)** Lifetime Record: 6-2-2-0, \$48,814. O/B-R Larry Johnson (VA). T-Michael J Trombetta. \*Full to What Time It Is, MSP, \$157,220.

8th-**HAW**, \$28,000, NW1X, (S), 3yo/up, 1 1/16mT, 1:50 2/5, yl.

**KEEP THE CHIEF (g, 4, Vision and Verse--Wild Note, by Wild Again)** Lifetime Record: 9-2-0-1, \$38,378. O-Arbaway Farm, Carson Springs Farm, Mark Goldstick, et al. B-Barry Janks & Scott Goldsher (IL). T-Christine K Janks.

7th-**LSX**, \$27,000, 4-23, NW3L, 3&4yo, 6f, 1:09 4/5, ft.

**RANGER DANGER (g, 3, Dove Hunt--Dangerous Thing, by The Prime Minister)** Lifetime Record: 4-3-0-1, \$35,790. O/B-John Tavormina & Joe A McDermott (TX). T-James S Schultz.

8th-**LSX**, \$27,000, 4-23, Opt. Clm. (\$30,000), NW2X, 4yo/up, 6f, 1:10 1/5, ft.

**SAADA (c, 4, Thunder Gulch--Wicked Mama {SW & GSP, \$132,113}, by Devil's Bag)** Lifetime Record: GSP, 15-4-1-2, \$139,743. O-Zayat Stables LLC. B-Overbrook Farm (KY). T-Steven M Asmussen. \*\$20,000 yrl '06 KEESEP.

5th-**HAW**, \$26,000, NW1X, 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:11 1/5, ft.

**BREATHTAKINGBREEZE (f, 3, Shore Breeze--Venasauer, by Smokester)** Lifetime Record: 11-5-2-1, \$73,860. O-Eagle Valley Farm. B-John F Haran (KY). T-Frank J Kirby. \*\$21,000 yrl '07 KEESEP. Breeders' Edition cont.



**8th-CRC, \$25,000, NW1X, 3yo, 6f, 1:11 3/5, ft.**  
**PRINCE JOSHUA (g, 3, First Tour--Allendar, by Prince Alydar)** Lifetime Record: 13-3-2-2, \$57,079. O/B-Rose Family Stables Ltd (FL). T-Barry R Rose. \*1/2 to Alisa's Hope (Suave Prospect), SW, \$140,417.

**4th-TUP, \$23,000, 3yo, f, 6 1/2f, 1:17, ft.**  
**BEAUTIFUL HOLIDAY (f, 3, Harlan's Holiday--Beautiful, by Rahy)** Lifetime Record: SW, 4-3-0-0, \$37,740. O-Patti & Hal J Earnhardt III. B-Phyllis & Adrian Partain & White Fox Farm (KY). T-Dan L McFarlane. \*\$36,000 wIngl '06 KEENOV; \$180,000 yrl '07 KEESEP.

**6th-FLX, \$22,200, NW1BX, (S), 3yo/up, 1m40y, 1:44, ft.**  
**FLY THE NORTH WIND (h, 5, Vicar--Elmira Gulch {SP}, by Gulch)** Lifetime Record: 28-4-7-4, \$139,404. O-Laura Topping. B-South Gate & Denlea Park LLC (NY). T-M Anthony Ferraro. \*\$11,000 yrl '05 KEEJAN. \*\*1/2 to Fort Drum (Wiseman's Ferry), SW, \$136,455.

**ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:**

+ **Proud Monkey**, g, 3, Aptitude--Wild Girl, by Wild Rush. KEE, 4-24, (C), 1 1/16m (AWT), 1:44 4/5. B-Michael Jawl (KY).

**Five Star Era**, c, 3, Five Star Day--Orient Pearl, by Manila. PEN, 4-23, 6f, 1:11 4/5. B-David E Hager II (KY). \*\$72,000 yrl '07 KEESEP; \$85,000 2yo '08 FTMMAY.

**Certified Copy**, c, 3, Promissory--Ancira, by Finest Hour. EVD, 4-23, 5 1/2f, 1:04 4/5. B-Jerry R Adkins (LA).

**Mindemoya**, f, 3, Smoke Glacken--Queen of the Ice (SW, \$155,868), by Alwuhush. WOX, 4-24, 5 1/2f (AWT), 1:04 1/5. B-Don Amos & Suzanne T Simard (ON). \*\$62,000 yrl '07 KEESEP. \*\*1/2 to Carysfort Light (Red Bullet), SP, \$123,794.

**Southbound Again**, g, 4, Carson City--L'Addition, by Private Account. WOX, 4-24, 6f (AWT), 1:10. B-Herminio S Esguera (KY). \*\$15,000 yrl '06 FTKOCT; \$50,000 yrl '06 KEEJAN.

★ WINNERS BY U. S. SIRE ★

**IN AUSTRALASIA:**

**Modonna (Aus)**, f, 2, More Than Ready--Donnadane (Aus), by Danehill. Warwick Farm (Sydney), 4-15, Mdn, 2yo, 5 1/2fT. B-Stratheden Stud Pty Ltd.

**Quietzer (Aus)**, f, 2, More Than Ready--Calm Smytzer (NZ), by Zabeel (NZ). Moonee Valley (Melbourne), 4-13, Hcp, 2yo, f, 5fT. B-Emily Krstina (Aust) Pty Ltd.

**#Readyor (Aus)**, f, 2, More Than Ready--Satyric (Aus), by Danehill. Randwick (Sydney), 4-13, Keith Mackay H.-Listed, 2yo, f, 6fT, A\$66,000 to winner. B-Invermein Pty Ltd.

**Royal Striker (NZ)**, g, 3, Van Nistelrooy--Royal Show (NZ), by Deputy Governor. Moonee Valley (Melbourne), 4-13, Hcp, 3yo, 1mT. B-J W Campin.

**Speed Dubai (Aus)**, g, 4, E Dubai--Papeete (GB), by Arazi. Warwick Farm (Sydney), 4-15, Hcp, 4yo/up, f/m, 1 1/2mT. B-O P Tait & Mrs S S Nivison.

**Togni (Aus)**, g, 4, Giant's Causeway--Florilegio (Aus), by Danehill. Canterbury (Sydney), 4-22, Hcp, 4yo/up, 7f 165ydsT. B-Orange Grove Thoroughbreds.

**Patronyme (Aus)**, f, 4, More Than Ready--Descendant (Aus), by Zeditave (Aus). Warwick Farm (Sydney), 4-15, Hcp, 3yo/up, 5 1/2fT. B-P P Rohan.

**Pit Lane (NZ)**, c, 4, Van Nistelrooy--Disco Girl (Aus), by Marauding (Aus). Eagle Farm (Brisbane), 4-18, Hcp, 3yo/up, 6 1/2fT. B-Mrs J M Wanless.

**IN ARGENTINA:**

**Dona Terca (Arg)**, f, 4, Indygo Shiner--Dona Alteza (Arg), by Roy. La Plata, 4-23, Hcp, 7f, 1:22.86. Lifetime Record: 17-10-1-3. O-Stud Parapokos; B-Haras San Benito; T-Juan Carlos Viviani.

**BREEDERS' EDITION  
EUROPE**

**HANDICAP RESULTS:**

**BRITAIN, Sandown Park, 14.35**, 4-24, £18,000, 3yo, 5f 6ydsT, 1:00.28, gd.

**MASTER OF DISGUISE (GB) (c, 3, Kyllachy {GB}--St James's Antigua {Ire}, by Law Society)** Lifetime Record: 4-2-1-0, £15,856. O-Courtenay Club; B-T R Lock; T-Clive Cox. \*16,000gns yrl '07 TATOCT.

**BRITAIN, Sandown Park, 16.20**, 4-24, £12,000, 3yo, 10f 7ydsT, 2:11.00, gd.

**AQWAAL (IRE) (c, 3, Red Ransom--Mubkera {Ire} {MSP-Eng}, by Nashwan)** Lifetime Record: 4-2-0-1, £12,329. O-Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum; B-Shadwell Estate Company Limited; T-Ed Dunlop.

**CONDITIONS RESULTS:**

**ITALY, Milan, 14.40**, 4-22, €22,500, 3yo, 6fT, 1:13.40, hy.

**AIR RANSOM (ITY) (c, 3, Blu Air Force {Ire}--Blu Ransom {Ire}, by Fasliyev)** Lifetime Record: 9-3-2-3, €47,175. O-Scuderia Incolinx; B-Azienda Agricola Luciani Loreto; T-Vittorio Caruso.

**FRANCE, Nancy, 12.35**, 4-23, €18,000, 3yo, 1950mT, 2:04.62, gd.

**AUENWUNDER (GER) (f, 3, Seattle Dancer--Aruba {Ger} {SP-Ger}, by Big Shuffle)** Lifetime Record: 4 starts, 2 wins, 0 places, €16,000. O/B-Gestut Auenquelle; T-Miroslav Rulec. \*1/2 to Arucas (Ger) (Lomitas {GB}), SW-Ger.



**ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:**

**Tarrsille (Ire)**, g, 3, **Dansili (GB)**--Tara Gold (Ire), by Royal Academy. Dundalk, Ireland, 4-24, Mdn, 3yo, 6f (AWT). B-P Murray & Eugene Blaney.

+ **Love Bugs (Ire)**, c, 3, **Hawk Wing**--L'Idée Geniale (Ire) (SW-Ity), by Barathea (Ire). Milan, Italy, 4-22, Mdn, 3yo, c/g, 1 1/4mT. B-Scuderia Ri Ma Srl.

**Marinous (Fr)**, c, 3, **Numerous**--Marende (Fr), by Panoramic (GB). Chantilly, France, 4-23, Cond, 3yo, 1 3/8mT. B-D Elias de Proenca, J Elias de Proenca & Mille V Elias de Proenca. \*€70,000 yrl '07 DEAAUG. \*\*1/2 to Maurend (Fr) (Green Tune), GSW-Fr, \$388,766.

**Leahurst (Ire)**, g, 3, **Verglas (Ire)**--Badee'a (Ire), by Marju (Ire). Wolverhampton, Britain, 4-24, Mdn, 3yo, 7f 32yds (AWT). B-D & B Egan. \*95,000gns yrl '07 TATOCT. \*\*1/2 to Dunelight (Ire) (Desert Sun {GB}), MSW & MGSP-Eng, SP-Ire, \$383,685.

**Miss Glitters (Ire)**, f, 4, **Chevalier (Ire)**--Geht Schnell (Ire), by Fairy King. Southwell, Britain, 4-23, Mdn, 3-4yo, 7f (AWT). B-Roger and Henry O'Callaghan. \*€60,000 yrl '06 GOFORB. \*\*1/2 to Inzar's Best (Ire) (Inzar), SW-Ger, GSP-Fr; Ruby Rocket (Ire) (Indian Rocket {GB}), MSW & MGSP-Eng, \$208,418; and Alexander Alliance (Ire) (Danetime {Ire}), SW-Ire.

**Ludwigshafen (Ire)**, m, 5, **Cape Cross (Ire)**--Cape Clear (GB), by Slip Anchor (GB). Dundalk, Ireland, 4-24, Mdn, 4yo/up, 1m (AWT). B-E Tynan.

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**IN AUSTRALASIA:**

#**Choistar (Aus)**, c, 2, **Choisir (Aus)**--Sveldte (Aus), by Star Watch (Aus). Randwick (Sydney), 4-13, Fernhill H.-Listed, 2yo, 1mT, A\$66,000 to winner. B-Bowness Stud, H M North & J W North.

**Poison Ivy (Aus)**, f, 2, **Danehill Dancer (Ire)**--Boston Tea Party, by Boston Harbor. Morphettville (Adelaide), 4-18, Hcp, 2yo, 7 1/2fT. B-G R Daws.

**Regality (NZ)**, g, 2, **Hawkeye (Ire)**--Regency (NZ), by Kaapstad (NZ). Eilerslie (Auckland), 4-13, Mdn, 2yo, 6fT. B-Karaka Group Ltd & T J McKee.

**One Lickety Split (Aus)**, c, 2, **Medecis (GB)**--Blind Panic (Aus), by Bite the Bullet. Eagle Farm (Brisbane), 4-18, Hcp, 2yo, 6fT. B-C Clark.

**Gibraltar Moon (Aus)**, f, 2, **Rock of Gibraltar (Ire)**--Undercover (Aus), by Covetous (Aus). Morphettville (Adelaide), 4-18, Hcp, 2yo, 5 1/2fT. B-Mrs D Quackenbush.

**Racing Mak (Aus)**, g, 2, **Tobougg (Ire)**--Florins (Aus), by Zemindar (NZ). Ascot (Perth), 4-15, Cond, 2yo, 6fT. B-Miss V A Cayley, John Clack, Oriental Racing & Matthew Prichard.

**Bulimba (Aus)**, f, 3, **Danehill Dancer (Ire)**--Carry the Star (NZ), by Star of Luskin (Aus). Canterbury (Sydney), 4-22, Hcp, 3yo, 7f 165ydsT. B-Dr R G Lloyd.

**Royal Excess (Aus)**, f, 3, **Exceed and Excel (Aus)**--Royal Tiara (NZ), by Blanco. Sandown (Melbourne), 4-15, Hcp, 3yo, f, 1 5/16mT. B-Rothwell Park.

**Comet Watch (Aus)**, c, 3, **Galileo (Ire)**--Superb Melody (Aus), by Unbridled's Song. Warwick Farm (Sydney), 4-15, Hcp, 3yo/up, 6 1/2fT. B-M W O'Keefe & M Lochtenberg.

**Saint Minerva (Aus)**, f, 3, **Galileo (Ire)**--Amicable (Aus), by Last Tycoon (Ire). Doomben (Brisbane), 4-22, Mdn, 3yo/up, f/m, 6fT. B-Gainsborough Lodge.

**Admirals Honour (Aus)**, g, 3, **Honours List (Ire)**--Pipe the Side (NZ), by Western Symphony. Randwick (Sydney), 4-13, Hcp, 3yo/up, 7fT. B-P A Hutcheson.

**Flete Manor (Aus)**, f, 3, **Noverre**--Louanna (Aus), by Broad Reach (NZ). Warwick Farm (Sydney), 4-15, Hcp, 3yo, f, 5 1/2fT. B-A Newman.

#**Moulin Lady (Aus)**, f, 3, **Reset (Aus)**--Laoub, by Red Ransom. Eagle Farm (Brisbane), 4-18, Princess S.-Listed, 3yo, f, 1mT, A\$64,000 to winner. B-Darley Australia Pty Ltd.

**Rebel Raider (Aus)**, c, 3, **Reset (Aus)**--Picholine (Aus), by Dehere. Morphettville (Adelaide), 4-18, Chairman's S.-Listed, 3yo, 1 1/4mT, A\$44,555 to winner. B-Toorak Park Stud Pty Ltd. \*G1SW-Aus.

**Rock Rules (NZ)**, g, 3, **Viking Ruler (Aus)**--Petrock (NZ), by Bigstone (Ire). Eilerslie (Auckland), 4-13, Mdn, 3yo/up, 1 3/8mT. B-C J & Mrs J L Grace.

**Patina (Aus)**, f, 4, **Anabaa**--Saddler's Silk (Aus), by Barathea (Ire). Sandown (Melbourne), 4-15, Hcp, 4yo/up, f/m, 6fT. B-Woodlands Stud.

**Prima Nova (Aus)**, f, 4, **Danehill Dancer (Ire)**--Bonanova (NZ), by Star Way (GB). Randwick (Sydney), 4-18, J R A Plate-Listed, 3yo/up, 1 1/4mT, A\$66,000 to winner. B-Tyreel Thoroughbreds.

**Megatic (Aus)**, c, 4, **Danetime (Ire)**--Mega Role (Aus), by Old Spice (Aus). Ascot (Perth), 4-18, Grandstand Cup-Listed, 3yo/up, 7fT, A\$48,750 to winner. B-L & Mrs B D Sauzier. \*G1SW-Aus.

**Costa In The Glen (Aus)**, g, 4, **Encosta de Lago (Aus)**--Bratenahl (Aus), by Bletchingly (Aus). Sandown (Melbourne), 4-22, Cond, 3yo/up, c/g, 7fT. B-T S & Mrs D M Dennis.

**Nuclear Force (Aus)**, f, 4, **Encosta de Lago (Aus)**--Nuclear Dance (Aus), by Geiger Counter. Sandown (Melbourne), 4-22, Hcp, 3yo/up, f/m, 5fT. B-G Campbell & Pomona Pty Ltd.

**Shadow Cabinet (Ire)**, g, 4, **Noverre**--Shadow Roll (Ire), by Mark of Esteem (Ire). Warwick Farm (Sydney), 4-15, Hcp, 3yo/up, 1mT. B-Darley.

**Tin Goose (NZ)**, f, 4, **Pentire (GB)**--Tiger Moth (NZ), by Sky Chase (NZ). Eilerslie (Auckland), 4-13, Hcp, 3yo/up, 1 3/8mT. B-Dr J L Sprague.

**Music Review (GB)**, f, 4, **Singspiel (Ire)**--Vivid Concert (Ire), by Chief Singer (Ire). Randwick (Sydney), 4-18, Hcp, 3yo/up, 1mT. B-Darley.

**Donna Rossa (Aus)**, f, 4, **Testa Rossa (Aus)**--Bionic Babe (Aus), by Geiger Counter. Sandown (Melbourne), 4-22, Hcp, 3yo/up, f/m, 7fT. B-P Fraser.



#Kroner (NZ), c, 4, Viking Ruler (Aus)--Monroe Magic (NZ), by Zabeel (NZ). Randwick (Sydney), 4-13, Big Hall Mark S.-Listed, 3yo/up, 6fT. B-Whakanui Stud Ltd.

Mister Tivoli (Aus), g, 5, Great Dane (Ire)--Anyone For Ballet (Aus), by Zoffany. Eagle Farm (Brisbane), 4-18, Hcp, 3yo/up, 1 5/16mT. B-J Hatton.

Keepthedreamalive (Aus), m, 5, Indian Danehill (Ire)--Blazing Fantasy (Aus), by Blazing Sword (Aus). Oakbank (South Australia), 4-13, Hcp, 3yo/up, 10f 165ydsT. B-P A & Mrs J G Jones.

Douraya (Fr), m, 5, Sendawar (Ire)--Daryaba (Ire), by Night Shift. Wyong (New South Australia), 4-16, Hcp, 3yo/up, 1 5/16mT. B-H H The Aga Khan's Studs SC.

Partiva (Aus), m, 6, Orpen--Satirical Miss (NZ), by Kaapstad (NZ). Moonee Valley (Melbourne), 4-13, Hcp, 4yo/up, f/m, 1mT. B-B Allen & R D Pack.

Cocinero (Aus), g, 7, Encosta de Lago (Aus)--Cantanela (Aus), by Zoffany. Flemington (Melbourne), 4-18, 3yo/up, Hcp, 7fT. B-M V Roach & J Pither.



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Foal born Mar. 19, a colt by Broken Vow.  
Will be bred back to Songandaprayer.  
Owned by Blue Heaven Farm.  
Boarded at Taylor Made.  
Accomplishments: MSW of \$246,889.

**HOW 'BOUT NO**, 6, Precise End--Dither, by Housebuster  
Foal born Mar. 20, a colt by Smoke Glacken.  
Will be bred back to Value Plus.  
Owned by JMJ Racing Stables.  
Boarded at Taylor Made.  
Accomplishments: SW of \$112,733.

**ARABIS**, 10, Deputy Minister--Aishah, by Alydar  
Foal born Mar. 23, a colt by Unbridled's Song.  
Will be bred back to Tiznow.  
Owned by Aaron & Marie Jones.  
Boarded at Taylor Made.  
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