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RETURNING SPL **NORTH RODEO** AT HOLLYWOOD.

QUALITY ROAD OUT OF DERBY

Edward Evans's homebred **Quality Road** (Elusive Quality) will miss Saturday's GI Kentucky Derby due to a quarter crack in his right front hoof. Trainer Jimmy Jerkens had hoped to work the colt yesterday morning at Belmont Park, but the hoof had not responded well enough to treatment to go ahead with the breeze. "It's not terribly bad, but it's not right," Jerkens reported. "He's really sensitive on the quarter." Quality Road developed a different quarter crack after winning the Mar. 28 GI Florida Derby and suffered this latest setback late last week. "It's unfortunate," Evans said. "The Preakness and Belmont are possibilities." Hoof specialist Ian McKinlay, who has been treating Quality Road, anticipates a quick recovery. "If this thing calms right down, he'll be back on track," McKinlay said.

Friesan Fires Bullet

Friesan Fire (A.P. Indy) blazed a bullet five furlongs at Churchill Downs yesterday in :57.80 with jockey Gabriel Saez in the irons. That time was just off the pre-Derby drill of fellow Larry Jones trainee Hard Spun (Danzig), who went the same distance in :57.60 the Monday before his runner-up effort in the 2007 Derby. "A fifth of a second off," Jones said with a laugh. "That's good. People would have said I worked him too fast."



Friesan Fire Horsephotos

Off since winning the Mar. 14 GII Louisiana Derby, Friesan Fire worked in fractions of :11.20, :22.20, :33.60 and :45.20 and galloped out six furlongs in 1:14. "Gabe said he thought he went in about a minute," Jones said. "If I could have written the perfect script, I would have had him gallop out in 1:12, but he has been watching those tents every day [on the backside] and I wanted to put the blinkers on to keep him more focused."

Pioneerof the Nile on Track

Pioneerof the Nile (Empire Maker) tuned up for Saturday's Derby with a five-furlong work in 1:01. The Zayat Stables colorbearer cut out fractions of :11.80, :23.80, :36 and :48.60. He galloped out six furlongs in 1:13.40. "He went really nice," trainer Bob Baffert said after the work. "There was a lot of wind. He left the half-mile pole, went five-eighths and he galloped out pretty strong all the way around there. He was moving really well and looked comfortable over the track." The Derby will be Pioneerof the Nile's first start on conventional dirt, but Baffert is not concerned. "He's got a long stride as it is, but he really moves better over the dirt, I think," said Baffert. "His stride is just tremendous." Exercise rider Joe Steiner was also pleased with the work. "It was a comfortable, smooth move," Steiner said. "He just kind of coasted around there and we let him gallop out on his own. He felt perfect."



Pioneerof the Nile Horsephotos

DERBY DRILLS

CHURCHILL DOWNS

Advice (Chapel Royal), 4f, :47.20, 3/26
Chocolate Candy (Candy Ride {Arg}), 5f, :59.20, 2/26
Flying Private (Fusaichi Pegasus), 4f, :47.40, 4/26
Friesan Fire (A.P. Indy), 5f, :57.80, 1/26
Join in the Dance (Sky Mesa), 5f, 1:00.20, 5/26
Mine That Bird (Birdstone), 5f, 1:02.00, 19/26
Pioneerof The Nile (Empire Maker), 5f, 1:01.00, 11/26
Take the Points (Even the Score), 5f, 1:00.20, 5/26
Win Willy (Monarchos), 5f, 1:02.40, 20/26

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Pletcher Possibles Work

Three potential starters from the Todd Pletcher barn worked yesterday at Churchill Downs, and the conditioner said a decision on who would be entered for Saturday's Classic would be made today. **Join in the Dance** (Sky Mesa), second in the GIII Tampa Bay Derby, worked five furlongs in 1:00.20 under Hall of Fame rider Angel Cordero. "He's an enthusiastic work horse, so it was good to see him settle and work well today," Pletcher said of the colt, who entered the day at number 21 on the Derby eligible list. GII Coolmore Lexington S. winner **Advice** (Chapel Royal) worked four furlongs in :47.20 and galloped out five furlongs in 1:00. The colt's owner, WinStar Farm, is already set to be represented by **Hold Me Back** (Giant's Causeway) and **Mr. Hot Stuff** (Tiznow) in the Derby. **Take the Points** (Even the Score), working in company, went five furlongs in 1:00.20. The gray colt, runner-up in the GIII Sham S., is number 22 on the Derby earnings list. "I was happy to see the work by Take the Points," Pletcher said. "He picked up his workmate and went right on by. He looked good doing it." The Pletcher-trained **Dunkirk** (Unbridled's Song), runner-up in the GI Florida Derby, shipped in from Florida yesterday afternoon.

Candy on the Work Tab

Chocolate Candy (Candy Ride {Arg}) turned in a five-furlong work yesterday at Churchill in :59.20 under



Chocolate Candy Horsephotos

jockey Mike Smith. There was unfortunate drama during the workout when two horses collided near the finish line. "We both saw the horses down," Smith said. "Luckily, it happened over by the outer rail. He just looked that way for a second, but he turned back and kept on going. We both were able to focus and complete what we had to do."

Chocolate Candy, second in the GI Santa Anita Derby, worked in fractions of :12, :23.60, :35.60 and :47 and galloped out six furlongs in 1:12.80.

"We were lucky we got to finish the work," said trainer Jerry Hollendorfer. "So many things can happen. It is worrisome." Hollendorfer has had his share of bad luck on Derby week; his Event of the Year suffered a fractured knee during his final pre-Derby work in 1998 and two years later Globalize had to be scratched two days before the big race after getting kicked by a stable pony. The trainer is confident Chocolate Candy is ready to run a big race Saturday. "I think my horse has a chance to run well here," Hollendorfer said. "He can handle this track and now we know he can run well here. Handling the track is key and he's shown us he can."

Also Working

Robert Baker and William Mack's **Flying Private** (Fusaichi Pegasus), second in the GII Lane's End S., worked four furlongs yesterday at Churchill in :47.40. "He went well," said jockey Robby Albarado, aboard for the drill. "It was just a maintenance work with company. [Trainer] Wayne [Lukas] wanted to get a good finish, and that's what we got." ... Also working yesterday, **Mine That Bird** (Birdstone), Canada's champion juvenile last season, went five furlongs in 1:02 under jockey Calvin Borel, cutting out fractions of :13, :25.40, :37.40 and :49.80. "Things went super," trainer Chip Woolley said after the work. "I'm really happy with my horse. It's pretty much exactly what I wanted--he started slower and finished up super-strong. He came back to the barn really playing. That's as good as you are ever going to see him feeling." ... GIII Rebel S. winner **Win Willy** (Monarchos) went five furlongs yesterday in 1:02.40. With exercise rider Eli Lopez up, the colt recorded splits of :13.20, :25.60 and :37.80 and galloped out six furlongs in 1:15.60. "He looked good, went along nice and smooth," commented trainer Mac Robertson. "It looked like he finished strong, which is what I wanted to see." ... **Hold Me Back** (Giant's Causeway) worked Sunday morning, but the GI Toyota Blue Grass S. runner-up was back on the track Monday to gallop a mile. "He doesn't like to walk," trainer Bill Mott explained. "He'd rather train. He's full of energy and gets anxious. He wants to get out and do a little something." The WinStar Farm runner went five furlongs Sunday in 1:01.60.

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RACHEL ALEXANDRA SIZZLES

Rachel Alexandra (Medaglia d'Oro) was forced to walk the shedrow for 30 minutes while a training accident closed the track, but once on track the star filly proved worth the wait, turning in a bullet four furlongs drill in :46.40. Clockers caught the multiple graded stakes winner in fractions of :11.60, :23.20, :34.80. The dark bay galloped out five furlongs in :58.40 and six furlongs in 1:10.60 in preparation for Friday's GI Kentucky Oaks. "I thought she went too fast, but [jockey] Calvin [Borel] swears she does that ever time," said trainer Hal Wiggins. "That is what she did at Oaklawn Park before the [GII] Fantasy; she worked in :47 and three, but that's just the way she is. I am glad to have one that can go that fast."



Rachel Alexandra Horsephotos

Also working for the Oaks, GII Fair Grounds Oaks runner-up **Flying Spur** (Giant's Causeway) went four furlongs in :48.40 and galloped out five furlongs in 1:01.80. "It looked nice," trainer Bill Mott said. Flying Spur's work was also delayed by the accident, in which a loose horse ran into another horse in the stretch. "We had a long wait before we worked, but she handled it well," said Mott.

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FIVE-DAY RACE WEEK FOR DEL MAR Del Mar will switch to a five-day race week for its 2009 season, dropping most Monday cards and shifting some of the races scheduled from that day to other programs. The oceanside track will race on Labor Day Monday, Sept. 7. Plans for the change have been in the work for months, with final approval received Friday when the California Horse Racing Board voted to okay the plan to reduce the track's meet from 43 days to 37. "We're adapting to circumstances," explained Del Mar Thoroughbred Club President and General Manager Joe Harper. "There's a pinch on everyone due to the economy; there's a pinch on the number of racehorses available in the state. Racing folks have been talking about racing less and presenting a better product because of it for some time now. We're not going to talk about it anymore at Del Mar. We're going to do it." The track will add races to its cards on Wednesday, Friday and Sunday. The Del Mar meet runs from July 22 through Sept. 9.

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UPCOMING MAJOR NORTH AMERICAN STAKES

Date	Race	Track
Apr. 29	GIII Westchester H.	BEL
Apr. 30	GIII Kentucky Juvenile S.	CD
May 1	G1 Kentucky Oaks	CD
	GII Louisville Distaff BC	CD
	GIII Alysheba S.	CD
	GIII American Turf S.	CD
	GIII Aegon Turf Sprint S.	CD

Tuesday, Chantilly, France, post time: 3:25 p.m.
PRIX ALLEZ FRANCE-G3, €80,000, 4yo/up, f/m,
1 1/4mT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER	WT
1	4	Goose Bay (Ger)	Groom Dancer	F Head	128
2	2	Shemima (GB)	Dalakhani (Ire)	de Royer-Dupre	126
3	10	Albisola (Ire)	Montjeu (Ire)	Rob Collet	126
4	6	Rainbow Dancing (GB)	Rainbow Quest	van Zuylen	121
5	8	Salve Germania (Ire)	Peintre Celebre	Hickst	121
6	7	Diyakalanie (Fr)	Ashkalani (Ire)	de Nicolay	121
7	9	Stella di Quattro (GB)	Best of the Bests (Ire)	Ostmann	121
8	3	Tres Rapide (Ire)	Anabaa Blue (GB)	Pantall	121
9	1	Tubular Bells	Kingmambo	Pantall	119
10	5	Danse Grecque	Hold That Tiger	Lellouche	119

Thursday, Churchill Downs

KENTUCKY JUVENILE S.-GIII, \$100,000, 2yo, 5f

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	WT
1	Aegean	Northern Afleet	Trujillo	117
2	Jealous Again	Trippi	Douglas	117
3	Kitty in the Bag	Wildcat Heir	Talamo	117
4	Western Smoke	Smoke Glacken	Hernandez Jr	120
5	Kinsolving	Posse	S Bridgmohan	117
6	Heavenville	Offlee Wild	Albarado	120
7	Mission Impazible	Unbridled's Song	Velazquez	120
8	Seattle Court	Consolidator	Borel	118
9	Gator Prowl	Roar of the Tiger	Joyce	117

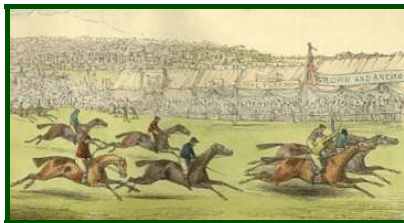
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Tamazirte	DANEHILL DANCER	1st	Prix de la Grotte-Gr.3
Wajir	DANEHILL DANCER	1st	Prix Maurice Caillault-L.R.
Feels All Right	DANEHILL DANCER	1st	Prix de Suresnes-L.R.
Contest	DANEHILL DANCER	1st	Prix de Servanne-L.R.
Walkingonthemoon	FOOTSTEPSINTHESAND	1st	Maiden at Newbury (first time out)
Dress Rehearsal	GALILEO	1st	Orchid Stakes-Gr.3
Oh Goodness Me	GALILEO	1st	Park Express Stakes-Gr.3
Fiulin	GALILEO	1st	Further Flight Stakes-L.R.
Alandi	GALILEO	1st	Vintage Crop Stakes-L.R.
Above Average	HIGH CHAPARRAL	1st	Sandown Classic Trial-Gr.3
Magadan	HIGH CHAPARRAL	1st	Prix Lord Seymour-L.R.
Redwood	HIGH CHAPARRAL	1st	Feilden Stakes-L.R.
Fame And Glory	MONTJEU	1st	Ballysax Stakes-Gr.3
Court Canibal	MONTJEU	1st	Prix Exbury-Gr.3
Wealdmore Wave	ORATORIO	1st	Maiden at Navan
Collection	PEINTRE CELEBRE	1st	Hong Kong Derby-Gr.1
Trincot	PEINTRE CELEBRE	1st	Prix d'Harcourt-Gr.2
Diamondrella	ROCK OF GIBRALTAR	1st	Giant's Causeway Stakes-L.R.
Fast Rock	ROCK OF GIBRALTAR	1st	Hatsufuji Stakes-L.R.

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Classic Corner

Ouqba Added to Guineas List

Trainer Barry Hills yesterday supplemented **Ouqba (GB)** (Red Ransom) into the G1 stanjames.com 2000 Guineas at Newmarket. Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum's impressive Listed European Free H. over seven furlongs of the track Apr. 15 was the sole addition to the £400,000 Classic, for which 24 remained at yesterday's five-day stage. The owner's Racing Manager Angus Gold said, "Barry Hills originally felt that the horse wasn't up to winning the 2000 Guineas, so he wasn't given an entry, and there was always a question mark about his stamina. But he won the European Free Handicap in good style and he had plenty of racing last year, so he's experienced. Richard Hills rode him the other day and feels that he will stay the trip. It's hard to tell with the form because quite a few horses haven't run this season, but at this moment, it looks a very open race. I think that Sheikh Hamdan felt that he would like another string to his bow, and I think that Ouqba could easily be in the frame on Saturday."

The remainder of the field is headed by Poilin Good's G3 Craven S. winner **Delegator (GB)** (Dansili {GB}), whose participation is subject to ground conditions, according to trainer Brian Meehan. The Apr. 16 course-and-distance trial scorer could yet be rerouted to Longchamp for the following Sunday's G1 Poule d'Essai des Poulains if underfoot conditions are considered too fast at Newmarket. "Delegator has continued to work very well since the Craven, and we were delighted with his last piece of work this morning," Meehan said yesterday. "However, we do have a real concern about fast ground at Newmarket. It is pointless risking him if it is too quick when we have the option of Longchamp and easier ground waiting for him next week."

There is some rain forecast this week, and we will keep an eye on things. If it does not materialise to any great extent, we will walk the course to see how things look before making a decision."

Aidan O'Brien is responsible for five potential runners, headed by **Mastercraftsman (Ire)** (Danehill Dancer {Ire}), but **Rip van Winkle (Ire)** (Galileo {Ire}) remains a question mark after it was revealed yesterday that he had suffered a setback. "Rip Van Winkle pulled up sore this morning, and when we took the shoe off one of his front legs, we found a stone bruise," O'Brien told *Racing Post*. "We think that he is going to be fine and that he will be able to run on Saturday, but we will have to wait and see how he is over the next few days before making a final decision." O'Brien's **Set Sail (Ire)** (Danehill Dancer {Ire}) and **Westphalia (Ire)** (Danehill Dancer {Ire}) will likely head to France, while Jim Bolger has a duo in last year's G1 Dewhurst S. hero **Intense Focus** (Giant's Causeway) and Goff Million runner-up **Gan Amhras (Ire)** (Galileo {Ire}). John Oxx is set to boost the Irish representation with His Highness the Aga Khan's G2 Futurity S. winner **Arazan (Ire)** (Anabaa) and Christophe Tsui's G2 Beresford S. scorer **Sea the Stars (Ire)** (Cape Cross {GB}), with the proviso that the ground is not too quick for the former. Sir Michael Stoute has declared Cheveley Park Stud's G3 Horris Hill S. winner **Evasive (GB)** (Elusive Quality). Others include the Dewhurst second, third and fourth, respectively, **Lord Shanakill** (Speightstown), **Finjaan (GB)** (Royal Applause {GB}) and **Shaweel (GB)** (Dansili {GB}). The latter is one of two declared by Godolphin alongside the G3 Somerville Tattersall S. winner **Ashram (Ire)** (Indian Haven {GB}). As expected, Freddy Head has withdrawn Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum's G1 Prix Jean-Luc Lagardere winner **Naaqoos (GB)** (Oasis Dream {GB}), the most notable scratching at this stage.

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(Classic Corner cont.)

Rainbow View on Track

George Strawbridge made concrete his earlier stated intentions regarding his star fillies **Rainbow View** (Dynaformer) and **Fantasia (GB)** (Sadler's Wells) by withdrawing the latter from Sunday's G1 stanjames.com 1000 Guineas at Newmarket. Having committed to the following Sunday's G1 Poule d'Essai des Pouliches at Longchamp with the Luca Cumanitrained G3 Nell Gwyn S. winner Fantasia, Strawbridge is left with Rainbow View to carry the weight of expectations to post for the £400,000 Classic, which will have a maximum of 20 fillies in the line-up. Trainer John Gosden yesterday reported the unbeaten G1 Fillies' Mile heroine firmly on course. "Rainbow View worked this morning and worked very well," Gosden told *PA Sport*. "She worked particularly well, and I am very happy with her."

Ballydoyle have a sole declaration in the Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies Turf runner-up **Heart Shaped** (Storm Cat), while Jim Bolger has left in the trio of the G3 Swordlestown Sprint S. and G3 Albany S. scorer **Cuis Ghaire (Ire)** (Galileo {Ire}), G3 Round Tower S. and G3 Leopardstown 1000 Guineas Trial winner **Maoineach** (Congaree) and the G3 Park Express S. scorer **Oh Goodness Me (GB)** (Galileo {Ire}).

Derek Willis and Rae Guest's G1 Cheveley Park Stud S. heroine **Serious Attitude (Ire)** (Mtoto {GB}) and the G1 Moyglare Stud S. first and second **Again (Ire)** (Danehill Dancer {Ire}) and **Shimah** (Storm Cat) are other notables, with Lady Bamford's G3 Fred Darling S. fourth **Sariska (GB)** (Pivotal {GB}) the most significant scratching.

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TEXAS MILE S.-GIII, \$300,000, LSX, 4-25, 3yo/up, 1m, 1:36 4/5, ft.

1--**JONESBORO, 118, h, 7, by Sefapiano**

1st Dam: Mom's Command, by Top Command

2nd Dam: Star Mommy, by Pia Star

3rd Dam: Momamamu, by Mount Marcy

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When Jonesboro caught King Dan to take the GIII Texas Mile three days ago, this tough seven-year-old pushed his career earnings past the \$1-million mark. But at the same time his story acted as a reminder that well-qualified elderly mares are sometimes capable of surprising their owners.

It would be hard to find a mare with better qualifications than Jonesboro's dam Mom's Command. Though good enough to rank among the top 12 two-year-old fillies of 1984, when she numbered the GI Selima S. among her victories, it was as a three-year-old that this free-running chesnut revealed her star quality. In the process she earned a reputation in some quarters as the most exciting three-year-old filly since Genuine Risk.

Owned and bred by Peter Fuller and ridden by Fuller's daughter Abigail, Mom's Command became a great favorite with New York racegoers, partly because of the tremendous enthusiasm she invariably showed for the sport.

A victory in the Comely S. acted as an ideal preparation for the one-mile Acorn S., the first leg of the New York Racing Association's Filly Triple Crown. She won the Acorn without being seriously challenged, prompting a writer in the *Thoroughbred Record* to comment that:

"Somewhere along the line, someone must have convinced Mom's Command that this is how you win a race: take the bit, run as hard as you can until your legs start to wobble, and do not look back. Pay no attention to the rider who is trying to tell you to save something for the end; by then, you will be so far in front that nobody will catch you."

The writer expressed doubts about her ability to employ these tactics successfully as the distances of the Triple Tiara races lengthened, and trainer Ned Allard conceded that, "We'll have to see if there is something we can do to get this filly to relax." **Cont. p8**

Sefapiano	Fappiano	Mr. Prospector	Raise a Native		
		Killaloe	Gold Digger		
	Sefa's Beauty	Lt. Stevens	Dr. Fager		
		Delightful Vie	Grand Splendor		
Mom's Command Ch. 3yo Filly, MGISW 15Fls, 11 Wnrs, 1GSW	Top Command	Bold Ruler	Nantallah		
		Polly Girl	Rough Shod II		
	Star Mommy 23-2-3-4, \$17,550 14Fls, 1Ch, 1GSW 1SP	Pia Star	Barbs Delight	Vietato	
			Momamamu 14Fls, 1SW	Nasrullah	
				Miss Disco	Prince Bio (Fr)
				Olympia	Bella Paola (Fr)
		Inquisitive	Mount Marcy		
			Recess		

2 to go into the notebook!

Already in 2009...

Gio Ponti (4, c) won Frank E. Kilroe Mile H.-G1

Alpha Kitten (3, f) won Santa Ynez S.-G2

TALE OF THE CAT

**PROVEN GRADE 1 SIRE
BY STORM CAT**

Thursday - China (2, c) won by 6³/₄ lengths over 4¹/₂ f. at Keeneland on debut for Todd Pletcher.

Sunday - Cat Moves (3, f) won by 8¹/₄ lengths over 6f. at Aqueduct on debut for Ned Evans & Anthony Dutrow.



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Her young rider admitted that, "There's only so much hold I can take. I try to talk to her and tell her 'Easy, Mom,' but she just wants to run."

In the Mother Goose, over an extra furlong, Mom's Command built a lead of 10 lengths in the opening half mile and then held on to win by three lengths.

"We've been galloping her two and a half miles a day trying to get her to rate," Allard explained, before adding, "She's tall and long to boot, and she's really built to go a distance of ground. I also think going around two turns will be a help, because when a horse goes around a turn it has to change leads and take a breather."

Even so, stepping up to a mile and a half in the CCA Oaks threatened to be too much for Mom's Command, especially when she went through the opening quarter in :22.8. Once again, though, Mom's Command built up a substantial lead and gamely struggled home more than two lengths clear to become the sixth winner of the Filly Triple Crown.

The winning sequence came to an end when Mom's Command dropped back to seven furlongs in the Test S., where she finished second to none other than Lady's Secret. However, Allard admitted that he was regarding the Test as a paid workout for Mom's Command, whose main target was the Alabama S. nine days later. The strategy worked well, as Mom's Command again wired the field in the Alabama, to score by four lengths and effectively secure the divisional championship.

Unfortunately, she wasn't nominated to the Breeders' Cup, and the Alabama proved to be the final start for the spectacular filly, who won seven of her nine sophomore starts and finished second in the other two.

I was tempted to say that Mom's Command outran her pedigree in becoming a champion, as she was a daughter of Top Command. This son of Bold Ruler, out of a daughter of the brilliant French filly Bella Paola, returned to his native USA in 1974, having failed to win any of his eight starts in France. However, he then began to fulfil the promise of his bloodlines, notably becoming a Grade I winner in the Oak Tree Invitational over a mile and a half on turf.

Top Command made his stud debut as a six-year-old in 1977 at a fee of \$7,500 in Florida and died 10 years later. He also sired the Haskell Invitational winner Five Star Flight and the smart Spanish Drums.

The truth is that Mom's Command comes from a very good female line, her third dam Recess also appearing in the bottom lines of such as Johar, Nobiz Like Shobiz, Badge of Silver, Bag of Tunes, Good Manners and Cor-morant.

In the circumstances, it is hard to explain why Mom's Command achieved so little with her foals by such as Danzig, Mr. Prospector, Alydar, Chief's Crown, Easy Goer and French Deputy. None of her first 12 foals earned black type and there must have been an air of desperation when Sefapiano was selected as her mate in 2001, when Mom's Command was 19.

Sefapiano had been standing in Michigan, having won only a maiden at Turfway Park and an allowance at Churchill Downs during a brief career. His Michigan crops were small, but they produced an eye-catching proportion of stakes horses and, with the likes of Unbridled, Quiet American and Cryptoclearance advertising the merits of Fappiano's stallion sons, Sefapiano earned a transfer to Kentucky in 1999. This son of the million-dollar earner Sefa's Beauty justified the move by siring a handful of graded winners before being moved on to Louisiana.

But why should Sefapiano succeed where the likes of Mr. Prospector, Alydar and Easy Goer effectively failed --especially when Mom's Command was 20 when she foaled Jonesboro?

I'm inclined to think that this is just one of those quirks that make Thoroughbred breeding so endlessly fascinating, but it is worth adding that combining sons of Fappiano with Bold Ruler line mares has produced quite a few other graded winners, headed by Bernardini's dam Cara Rafaela.

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DOREMIFASOLLATIDO

Winner of 2008 GII Matron S.

(f, 3, [Bernstein](#)--Consider It Done, by Green Dancer)
 O-Susan Moore & M and M Thoroughbred Partners;
 B-Edward Messina (NY); T-James Jerkens
 Last Start: Oct. 24 GI BC Juvenile Fillies (10th)

Doremifasollatido improved on a runner-up effort in the Aug. 13 GII Adirondack S. at Saratoga to take the GII Matron S. by two lengths at Belmont last Sept. 13, but the Jimmy Jerkens trainee has not been seen on the racetrack since running 10th in the Oct. 24 GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies.

"She had a small chip in her ankle that was taken out," explained Jerkens. "She came back good and everything is good so far. I think she'll be ok."

The filly returned to training with a pair of works at the Vinery training center in Florida before heading East. Her latest drill was a four-furlong move over Belmont's training track in :49 4/5 Apr. 24.

Jerkens's biggest problem with Doremifasollatido is where the sophomore filly should make her comeback.

"We're just trying to figure out when her first start is going to be," the trainer confirmed. "We've got to come up with something soon, but some races are too soon and some are too far away. We've really got to search."

In trying to narrow down the options, Jerkens admitted the ideal race would "probably be seven furlongs" and added, "An allowance, would be OK--although the Moores [owners John and Susan] don't usually like to do that. They usually like to go right to stakes, but I don't know if there will be anything around at the time she's ready to go."

LATEST WORKS: Apr. 24: Bel (tr), 4f, :49.4 (34/49) ○ Apr. 17: Bel (tr), 4f, :50.1 (29/35) ○ Mar. 27: Vin, 3f, :38.2 (3/3) ○ Mar. 7: 3f, :38.4 (1/3)



KING OF THE ROXY

**Winner of the 2006 GII Futurity S. &
2007 GII Hutcheson S.**

(h, 5, [Littleexpectations](#)--Marrakesh, by Bold Forbes)
 O-Team Valor Int'l; B-D Kopatz (OH); T-T Pletcher
 Last Start: Apr. 28 ('08) GI GI Carter H. (6th)

King of the Roxy showed promise at two, graduating in his second start at Hollywood in July of 2006 before finishing second to the talented but ill-fated Chace City in the GII Saratoga Special BC. Victorious in the GII Futurity S. at Belmont later that fall, the bay closed out the season with a lackluster eighth in the GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile at Churchill in November.

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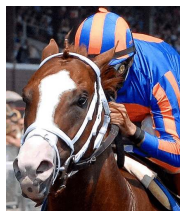
In five starts at three, the Team Valor representative scored in the GII Hutcheson S. and added runner-up finishes in the GI Santa Anita Derby and Delaware's GIII Barbaro S. With only a pair of starts under his belt last term, the colt was fourth in Fair Grounds' Duncan F. Kenner S. and was sidelined following a sixth-place finish in the Apr. 5 GI Carter H.

"King of the Roxy developed a problem with a front pastern last year and missed most of the season," explained Team Valor International owner Barry Irwin. "He was turned out for several months at Margaux Farm, where eventually he returned to soundness. He spent 30 days swimming and 30 days jogging at KESMARC in Versailles, Kentucky, and will be sent back to Todd Pletcher at Churchill Downs two days after the Kentucky Derby [May 2]."

While looking forward to his return, Irwin indicated that he is cautiously optimistic with regards to the five-year-old's 2009 campaign.

"The problem he has may reoccur, so we will keep a close eye on him," Irwin added. "In the event he is uncomfortable, we will retire him to stud."

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 indicate first-time starters, an (S) will be used for state-bred races.



MUNNINGS

2nd in 2008 GI Champagne S. & 3rd in GI Hopeful S.

(c, 3, [Speightstown](#)--La Comete, by Holy Bull)
 O-Michael Tabor, Derrick Smith & Mrs. John Magnier; B-Dan Tayloe & Glencrest Farm (KY); T-Todd Pletcher
 Last Start: Oct. 24 GI BC Juv. (10th)

Third behind subsequent juvenile champion finalist Vineyard Haven (Lido Palace {Chi}) in Saratoga's GI Hopeful S., Munnings was runner-up behind that rival in the GI Champagne S. at Belmont Oct. 4. The \$1.7-million FTFEB juvenile failed to fire when 10th in his most recent start in the GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile at Santa Anita, and was subsequently given some time off. Returned to light training with trainer Todd Pletcher's South Florida string over the winter, the chestnut has been working steadily toward his 2009 reappearance.

"He's doing well right now," confirmed Pletcher. "So far so good. Hopefully, he's going to go in allowance race Derby week at Churchill Downs."

The chestnut was well beaten in his only start over a synthetic surface, and Pletcher appears inclined to keep the colt on the dirt for the moment.

"We're leaning to it right now," he said. "It didn't seem like he handled [Pro-Ride] all that great in the Breeders' Cup, so most likely we'll run him at Churchill and go to New York from there."

The colt disappointed when making his first start over a mile on Breeders' Cup day, but Pletcher remained positive that the Kentucky-bred could handle a route.

"I think he'll get a mile or a mile and a sixteenth, and we'll see how it's going then, but I feel like he'll stretch out to maybe a mile and an eighth," added Pletcher. "We'll probably just focus on middle-distance races with him."

LATEST WORKS: Apr. 25: PMM, 5f, 1:01.1 (2/4) ○ Apr. 19: PMM, 5f, 1:02.3 (6/10) ○ Apr. 12: PMM, 5f, 1:01.4 (5/12) ○ Apr. 5: 4f, :50.3 (14/19)



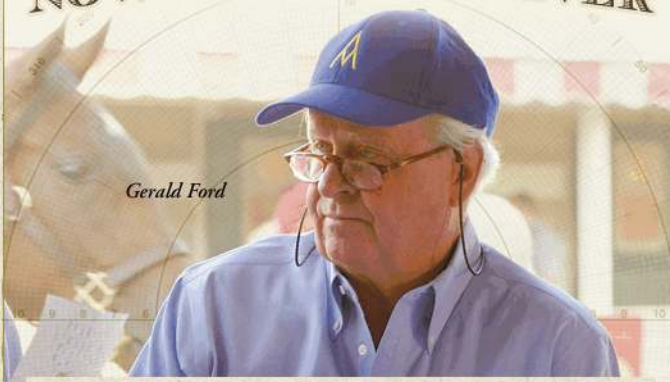
PURE CLAN

2008 GI American Oaks Winner
 (f, 4, [Pure Prize](#)--Gather the Clan {Ire},
 by General Assembly)

O-IEAH Stables, Lewis Lakin & Pegasus Holdings;
 B-A Lakin & Sons Inc (KY); T-Robert E Holthus
 Last Start: Oct. 24 GI BC F/M Turf (10th)

Perfect in four starts at two--a pair of introductory scores on grass, followed by wins in the GIII Pocahontas S. and GII Golden Rod S. on dirt--Pure Clan handled herself with aplomb at three in 2008. The chestnut ran third to champion Proud Spell in the GI Kentucky Oaks before heading back to the lawn. She collected the GIII Regret S. at Churchill, then added the GI American Oaks at Hollywood. Second by a half-length in the GI Garden City BC S. at Belmont, she turned in her only unplaced effort when 10th against her elders in the GI Breeders' Cup F/M Turf at Santa Anita Oct. 24.

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A thorough examination turned up nothing to explain the performance.

"We X-rayed her and did everything, so we just sent her home," reported trainer Bob Holthus. "We turned her out for 90 days at [breeder and co-owner] Mr. Lakin's farm--Lakland Farm--in Lexington, Kentucky. We've taken our time getting her back and ready."

The half-sister to MGSW Greater Good (Intidab) got back on the worktab at Oaklawn in April, and has posted two more drills since under the Twin Spires, where she's scheduled to make her 2009 debut.

"She breezed [Saturday] morning in :48 4/5 with a nice hold on her, and cooled out good," said Holthus. "She's progressing--we hope to have her ready by June. There's a stakes here at Churchill [GIII Early Times Mint Julep H. June 6]--we just hope she makes it back by then."

Given her past versatility, Holthus hasn't ruled out putting Pure Clan back on the main track.

"We'll probably will keep her on [the turf], although she's working well on the dirt," he acknowledged. "It's a possibility--there's a chance that the dirt mares might be easier to beat than the grass mares. There are some pretty good grass mares out there this year."

LATEST WORKS: Apr. 25: CD, 4f, :48.80 (8/46) ○ Apr. 18: CD, 4f, :47 2/5 (1/31) ○ Apr. 7: OP, 3f, :36 (3/11)

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EARLY START AT FAIR GROUNDS IN 2009 Fair Grounds will get off to its earliest start in track history when it opens its 2009-2010 season after the Louisiana State Racing Commission on Monday approved a request from the New Orleans track to run an 85-day meet. The historic track's 138th season will run from Nov. 6 through Mar. 28. The schedule includes a shift to Friday-through-Monday racing for the final three months of the season. "The additional week of racing allows us to open our season on the same weekend as the Breeders' Cup World Championships," explained Fair Grounds Vice President and General Manager of Racing Eric Halstrom. "By spreading out our schedule, we will also reduce the number of five-day racing weeks, which should enable us to enhance our day-to-day product."

• ON THE WORKTAB •

CALDER

Big Drama (Montbrook), 6f, 1:12.60, 1/1

CHURCHILL DOWNS

Just Jenda (Dixie Union), 4f, :48.00, 5/26

Kodiak Kowboy (Posse), 5f, :59.80, 3/26

Rachel Alexandra (Medaglia d'Oro), 4f, :46.40, •1/26

DELAWARE PARK

Maren's Meadow (Meadowlake), 3f, :39.80, 14/18

On the Menu (Canadian Frontier), 3f, :35.00, •1/18

KEENELAND

Ocean Colors (Orientate), 4f, :51.40, 7/12

Visit (GB) (Oasis Dream {GB}), 5f, 1:00.60, 2/13

HOLLYWOOD PARK

Life Is Sweet (Storm Cat), 4f, :50.00, 22/34

Rail Trip (Jump Start), 7f, 1:27.40

Tiago (Pleasant Tap), 5f, 1:04.60, 21/21

PAYSON PARK

Rutherie (Pulpit), 5f, :51.00, 3/7

Silver Tree (Hennessy), 5f, :51, 3/7

SANTA ANITA

Izarra (Distorted Humor), 6f, 1:13.00, 2/10

Queen of the Catsle (Tale of the Cat), 5f, 1:03.40, 30/34

Stream Cat (Black Minnaloushe), 1m, 1:44.80, 1/1

Ventana (Toccet), 5f, :59.80, 6/34

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★ EAST ★

Yesterday's Result:

8th-PHA, \$41,150, Alw, NW1X, 3yo/up, f/m, 1m, 1:37 3/5, ft.

YES SHE'S A LADY (f, 3, [Yes It's True](#)--Wonder Lady, by Deputy Minister) lost her jockey in her debut at Aqueduct Dec. 7, then was a well-beaten fifth in another inner track maiden Dec. 28. Stretched to two turns at the Big A Feb. 22 next out, the chestnut led every step to graduate by 4 1/2 lengths. She was hampered down to 3-5 to repeat the dose here. Allowed to set soft fractions of :25.10 and :48.41, the New York invader ran away in the stretch under a hold to prevail by 7 3/4 lengths over Omo (Include). Lifetime Record: 4-2-0-0, \$52,290.

O-Alan Briggs. B-Silverleaf Farms Inc (KY). T-Todd A Pletcher.

★ CENTRAL ★

Oaklawn Auction to Benefit American Cancer Society:

Oaklawn Park's Relay for Life teams are sponsoring a live and silent auction Saturday as part of the Arkansas track's traditional Kentucky Derby festivities. Proceeds from the auction will benefit the American Cancer Society. The auction features art and other racing-related items. This year's silent auction begins when doors open at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday and will continue until 10 minutes after the completion of the live auction, which tentatively takes place from 3:30-4 p.m. The highlight art piece of the live auction will be a portrait of champion Zenyatta by local artist Lauren Wood. Also in the live auction will be a trip for two to the 2009 Breeders' Cup at Santa Anita. Items in the silent auction include a Hot Springs weekend vacation package and an evening of fine dining at the home of announcer Terry Wallace on the eve of this year's Breeders' Cup.

STAKES CLOSINGS

TODAY, TUESDAY, APRIL 28:

06-07 a \$2,130,000 *Yasuda Kinen-G1, Tok, 3yo/up, 1600mT (0)*

TOMORROW, APRIL 29:

05-02 \$500,000 *Woodford Reserve Turf Classic-I, CD, 3yo/up, 9fT (25000s)*

05-09 \$150,000 *Mervyn Leroy H-II, Hol, 3yo/up, 8.5f (AWT) (150)*

05-10 \$100,000a *Railbird-III, Hol, 3yo, f, 7f (AWT) (100)*

05-18 \$150,000 *Vigil-III, Wo, 4yo/up, 7f (AWT) (150)*

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Central report cont.

Memorial Service for Alysheba Wednesday:

The Kentucky Horse Park will hold a memorial for Kentucky Derby winner Alysheba on Wednesday at 3:30 p.m. The ceremony will take place at the Hall of Champions. Named Horse of the Year in 1988, Alysheba had spent the last nine years at stud in Saudi Arabia and was returned to the U.S. to take up retirement at the Horse Park late last year. He was euthanized in March following an accident. There will be no charge for admission after 3 p.m. Wednesday.

in sharper focus.

Five winners by five different freshman sires in the span of 18 days? Even owner Bill Heiligbrodt had to admit the odds were slim.

"If you told me we could do that, I'd tell you it's impossible," he admitted.

But that's exactly what Heiligbrodt Racing Stable has done in April. Of that quintet, all five were their sire's first winner, and four were their sire's first starter. The stable has also been represented by three additional juvenile winners earlier this month.

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Heiligbrodt, who lives in Houston with his wife Corinne, says he doesn't necessarily try to breed or buy precocious horses, but does admit he places an emphasis on speed.

"Generally speaking--and I've been doing this for 20 years--we've had a lot of nice two-year-olds," he said. "We tend to believe that you need to race horses early, when they're ready. We have a program designed to get horses to the racetrack and, in many cases, they get to the racetrack early."

The freshman fest began at Keeneland Apr. 9 when Heavenville, a homebred son of Offlee Wild (Wild Again), graduated by 4 1/2 lengths in his debut. Heiligbrodt purchased Heavenville's stakes-winning dam, Seeking Heaven (Petionville), for \$25,000 at the 2003 FTKFEB sale. Heavenville and fellow Heiligbrodt colorbearer Kinsolving (Posse) are expected to compete in Thursday's GIII Kentucky Juvenile at Churchill Downs.

"Darley [who stands the stallion] picked out some mares for me that they wanted to have bred to Offlee Wild," Heiligbrodt offered. "And they picked some of my better two-year-old producers, so I have some more coming from Darley as well. I think Darley wanted to see if they could get a horse that could win early [for Offlee Wild]."

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WHO'S HOT? TDN PROGENY PP COUNTS
Sophomore Sires, Past 6 Months

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Sire	Total Listings	Unique Progeny	SWnrs SWins	Stakes Horses	GSWnrs GSWins	Graded Stakes Horses	Winners Wins	G1-G2SWnrs G1-G2SWins
Medaglia d'Oro	41	25	5 8	9	1 3	4	21 32	1 3
Lion Heart	39	28	2 2	7	1 1	3	24 32	0 0
Candy Ride (Arg)	37	21	5 10	7	3 5	4	20 28	2 2
Speightstown	37	26	4 6	7	1 1	1	25 31	0 0
Chapel Royal	24	21	2 2	3	1 1	1	20 23	1 1
Cuvee	21	14	1 1	5	0 0	0	14 16	0 0
Tapit	21	14	5 6	7	3 4	5	13 17	2 3
Friends Lake	18	12	2 2	4	0 0	0	11 15	0 0
One Cool Cat	15	14	0 0	1	0 0	1	13 13	0 0
Omega Code	14	8	1 1	1	0 0	0	8 12	0 0

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In Sharper Focus cont.

Next came debut winner Malawi, who prevailed by four lengths at Keeneland Apr. 10 despite bearing out in the stretch. The homebred filly the result of a mating between two horses who won stakes under the Heiligbrodt colors, Bwana Charlie (Indian Charlie) and Malady (Gilded Time). Heiligbrodt now owns Bwana Charlie, who stands at Journeyman Stud, in partnership with Becky Thomas and Dennis Narlinger.

That triumvirate also own Hill 'n' Dale stallion Closing Argument (Successful Appeal), who was represented by his first winner when Midst took a Keeneland maiden by 4 1/4 lengths Apr. 24 in her second start. She was a \$40,000 OBSOCT weanling purchase for Heiligbrodt Racing Stable.

"I owned a piece in Closing Argument, but I didn't have that piece during that breeding season," Heiligbrodt explained. "This one I bought. Next year, I'll have my own Closing Argument, which I'm very much looking forward to."

Heiligbrodt believes those three sires will have many more winners in 2009.

"I really think the three by first-year sires that I won with at Keeneland are really nice horses," he said. "I don't know which one is the best. I have more Bwana Charlies than any of the others, and I think we're going to see some of them win. Those three first-year sires are as good as I've seen in a long time."

The freshman action for Heiligbrodt then shifted to Lone Star Park in Grand Prairie, Texas. First-time starter Ms. Golden West, owned by Heiligbrodt in partnership with her breeder Keith Asmussen, scored by four lengths in a state-bred race Apr. 25 to become Intimidator's first winner. The son of Gone West, who sold for \$2.1 million as a yearling, stands at Asmussen Horse Center in Texas.

Heiligbrodt first noticed Ms. Golden West when she RNA'd for \$20,000 as a juvenile at the TEXMAR sale.

"There were two [juveniles by Intimidator] at the sale," he recalled. "Both were gorgeous and very, very fast. [Keith Asmussen] didn't sell [Ms. Golden West]; I called him and asked if I could buy her, but he would only sell me half. We've been partners on this type of horse before."

Completing the streak was Solid Lunar, who overcame a rough start to win by 3/4 of a length at Lone Star Apr. 26 in his first debut. The daughter of Darley stallion Consolidator (Storm Cat) is the only juvenile of the quintet that wasn't the first starter for her sire.

Solid Lunar is a daughter of Heiligbrodt stakes-winning homebred Lunar Gal (Yes It's True), a half sister to MGSW Lunarpal (Successful Appeal) and a full to SW Lunarlady. Heiligbrodt sold their dam for \$1.6 million at the 2007 KEENOV Sale.

Heiligbrodt, who likes two-year-old racing because it gives him "a higher percentage chance to win," noted how the five freshman sires stand for prices between \$1,500 and \$15,000.

"I think [the relatively low stud fees say] a lot for that price range of horse and for American racing," he offered. "These horses are at the level where anybody can breed to them. Racing is open to everyone. This isn't a \$300,000 stud fee. These are the type of horse you can win with and get your money back." -J.F.

★ WEST ★

Saturday Night's Result:

9th-EMD, \$20,000, Alw, NW1\$3M, 4yo/up, f/m, 5 1/2f, 1:03, ft.

ELUSIVE HORIZON (f, 4, [Elusive Quality](#)--Exogenetic, by Unbridled's Song), a dominant allowance winner June 15, led every step to take the Washington Lottery H. by 6 1/4 lengths July 20 in her route and stakes debut. The chestnut employed similar tactics when taking the Washington Oaks by 1 3/4 lengths Aug. 16 in her final start of 2008. Cutting back to one turn here, the 3-1 third choice needed help from the stewards to keep the streak alive. The homebred, taken off the pace this time, was second under the wire by 1 3/4 lengths after chasing home Clair Annette (Beau Genius). The unofficial winner was disqualified and placed sixth for interfering with other runners at the start and at the eighth pole, however, and Elusive Horizon inherited the top spot. Judicature (Tribunal) was placed second. Lifetime Record: MSW, 9-5-1-0, \$126,965. O-Northwest Farms LLC. B-Northwest Farms (KY). T-Doris Harwood.

★ INDUSTRY INFO ★

Preakness Week Festivities on HRTV, ESPN360.com:

Horse Racing Television and ESPN will team up to provide 10 1/2 hours of on-air and on-line coverage of Preakness week. HRTV will simulcast events on ESPN360.com for exclusive on-line coverage in the U.S. Coverage will begin May 13 as HRTV will produce and host a 30-minute broadcast of the Preakness post position draw beginning at 5 p.m. ET. Friday coverage will take place from 1-6 p.m, while Saturday's broadcast of the Preakness undercard will run from 11:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Two original HRTV shows will air during the week. "Across the Board" and "Pursuit of the Crown, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton" will originate from Pimlico. "HRTV is very proud to take on a larger role in covering the events surrounding this year's Preakness S.," said HRTV executive producer Amy Zimmerman. "This will mark HRTV's seventh consecutive year of on-site coverage, and we are pleased to expand our audience through Pimlico's partnership with ESPN360.com."



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The Horse Racing Radio Network will offer 14 1/2 hours of live coverage from Churchill Downs during Kentucky Derby week. HRRN will air the Derby Countdown Show live from Louisville from 8 a.m. through 10 a.m. ET on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. HRRN will also offer live coverage of the GI Kentucky Oaks on Friday beginning at 3:30 p.m. Saturday will feature the Equine Forum at 8 a.m. and live coverage of the Derby undercard stakes from 1-5 p.m. Coverage can be accessed at www.horseracingradio.net.

IFHA and RMTC Officials Meet:

The International Federation of Horse Racing Authorities Advisory Council on Prohibited Substances and representatives of the Racing Medication and Testing Consortium met in Lexington last week in conjunction with the 75th annual convention of the Association of Racing Commissioners International, according to a press release from the RMTC. The meeting, sponsored by The Jockey Club, included experts from Australia, England, France, Hong Kong, Ireland and the United States and were used to discuss the development of common definitions of prohibited substances and therapeutic medications, implementation of international screening limits, and strategies to achieve international harmonization of drug testing rules and regulations. The meeting was chaired by Dr. Ed Houghton, chair of the IFHA Advisory Council on Prohibited Substances. Dr. Scot Waterman, the RMTC's executive director, updated members on the RMTC's drug testing initiative and committee members offered recommendations regarding development and certification of laboratories. Dr. Rick Arthur, the California Horse Racing Board's equine medical director and the U.S. representative on the IFHA Advisory Council, offered a review of the differences in the use of therapeutic medication in the U.S. and major racing nations around the world. "The opportunity for international cooperation in horse racing has never been better," Arthur said. "Neither furosemide nor non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs are permitted under international rules; but otherwise our differences are largely semantic and appear solvable. On a very positive note, we agreed to cooperate on a number of drug detection studies underway for therapeutic medications in the U.S., Europe, Africa and Australia to maximize scarce resources." The RMTC consists of 25 racing industry stakeholders and organizations that represent Thoroughbred, Standardbred, American Quarter Horse and Arabian racing.



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Homestretch to Air On PBS:

Homestretch, a documentary examining the mutual rehabilitation of retired thoroughbred racehorses and prison inmates, will air on PBS stations nationwide through the end of May. The documentary takes a look at the eight correctional facilities across the country where Thoroughbred Retirement Foundation programs are pairing rescued thoroughbreds with jail-hardened men. The transformations in both the horses and prisoners challenge stereotypes and offer hopes of redemption. Homestretch has been called, "a deeply affecting cinematic experience," "an extraordinary documentary," and "a moving piece, through and through." Airdates for your local PBS station may be found by clicking [here](#). More information on the documentary is available at www.homestretchthemovie.com.

★ AMERICAN-BRED WINNERS ★

IN FRANCE:

Silent Shoda, f, 2, [Johannesburg](#). See "France."

IN BRITAIN:

Good Buy Dubai, g, 3, **Essence of Dubai**--Sofisticada, by Northern Jove. Windsor, Britain, 4-27, Hcp, 3yo, 11f 135ydsT. B-Harold J Plumley. *\$35,000 yrl '07 OBSAUG. **1/2 to Color of Smoke (American Standard), MSW, \$194,401.

Three Strings, g, 6, **Stravinsky**--Just Cause (Ire), by Law Society. Southwell, Britain, 4-27, Hcp, 4yo/up, 1 3/8m (AWT). B-Gaucht Ltd. *€10,000 yrl '04 GOFORB. **Jural (GB) (Kris {GB}), GSW-Ire, SW & G1SP-Eng, GSP-Ger, \$128,634; With Reason (Nashwan), MGSW-Eng, \$238,426.

Tamagin, g, 6, **Stravinsky**--Luia, by Forty Niner. Newcastle, Britain, 4-27, Hcp, 4yo/up, 6fT. B-Stonehaven Farm LLC. *\$65,000 yrl '04 KEESEP; 45,000gns 2yo '05 TATAPR; 11,000gns HIT '07 DONLIN.

IN JAPAN:

Amour Malheureux, c, 3, [Montjeu \(Ire\)](#)--Elbaaha, by Arazi. Fukushima, 4-25, Takizakura Sho, 8.5f. Lifetime Record: 7-2-1-1, \$205,876. O-Hidetoshi Yamamoto; B-Sean Mulryan; T-Kazuo Fujisawa. *1/2 to Electrocutist (Red Ransom), Hwt Older Horse-Ity at 11-14f & 9.5-11f, Hwt Older Horse-UAE at 9.5-11f, G1SW-Eng, Ity & UAE, \$5,499,194; Grigorieva (Ire) (Woodman), SW & GSP-Fr, \$105,568. **\$2,700,000 wnlg '06 KEENOV.

Danon Ascot, c, 3, [Thunder Gulch](#)--Harbor Springs (SW, \$123,033), by Vice Regent. Oi, 4-23, Fortunate Hanamizuki Tokubetsu, 6f. Lifetime Record: 8-1-3-2, \$111,031. O-Danox Inc.; B-Overbrook Farm; T-Hideyuki Mori. *1/2 to Boston Harbor (Capote), Ch. 2yo Colt, GISW, \$1,934,605; Cloudburst (Storm Cat), SW. **\$460,000 yrl '07 KEESEP.



American-bred Winners in Japan cont.

Blue Danehill, c, 4, **Danehill Dancer (Ire)**--Mackie (GSW & GISP, \$163,326), by Summer Squall. Tokyo, 4-25, Tachikawa Tokubetsu, 7fT. Lifetime Record: 10-3-1-1, \$387,216. O-Blue Management; B-Britton House Stud Ltd; T-Yukihiko Kato. * 1/2 to Mr. Mellon (Red Ransom), GSW, \$278,580; Beaucette (Mr. Prospector), SP, \$113,324; Seeking the Best (Ire) (Seeking The Gold), GSW-Jpn, \$1,801,469; Danebury Hill (GB) (Danehill), GSP-Eng. **82,000gns 2yo '07 TATAPR.

Tiger Mask, h, 5, **Kingmambo**--Krisada (GSW, \$267,980), by Kris S. Tokyo, 4-26, Plate Race, 8f, Lifetime Record: 7-2-1-0, \$176,907. O-Hidetoshi Yamamoto; B-Stonerside Stable; T-Kazuo Fujisawa.

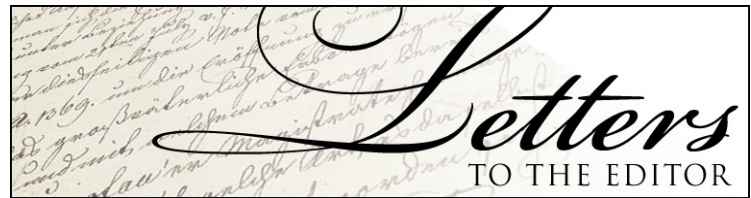
IN BRAZIL:

Remember Carina, f, 3, **Grand Slam**--Verinha (Ch. 2yo Filly-Brz, G1SW-Brz, SW & GSP-US, \$144,541-US), by Baronius (Brz). Cidade Jardim, 4-26, Cond, 10fT, 2:01.71. Lifetime Record: 7-2-0-2, R4,300. O-Stud TNT; B-R D Hubbard (KY); T-Leandro Guignoni. *\$80,000 yrl '07 KEESEP. ** 1/2 to Cool Conductor (Stravinsky), MGSW, \$641,395.

IN PERU:

Fourier, c, 3, **Flutter**--Wonders To Come, by Deputy Minister. Hipodromo de Monterrico, 4-26, Cond, 7f, 1:25 4/5. Lifetime Record: 6-2-1-0, S5,000. O-Stud Marcial; B-David E. Hager II (KY); T-Luis Quimper. *\$33,000 yrl '07 KEESEP; \$9,000 yrl '07 KEEJAN.

Yamil Junior, c, 4, **Ritcher Scale**--Bayou Blues, by Cure the Blues. Monterrico, 4-26, Clasico Augusto Maggiolo Cavenecia H., 7.5fT, 1:27.80. Lifetime Record: Ch. Miler, MSW & MGSP-Per, 19-7-3-2, S10,000. O-Stud Miami; B-Richard Kaster & Nathan Fox (KY); T-Juan Suarez. *\$2,700 yrl '06 KEESEP. ** Middle distance specialist Yamil Junior made a triumphant turf debut in this event. He recorded four stakes victories in 2008 en route to earning honors as Peru's 2007-08 champion miler.



One of my favorite sayings is, "When you hear hoof beats, look for horses, not zebras." In almost every publication pertaining to our industry, the number one concern is what to do with the dying fan base at our racetracks, the handle, attendance VLT, OTW, ADW, etc. Not that these concerns are not real problems, I just don't think they need to be so exotic. My suggestion is not a new one, just another look at it. It certainly won't fix all of the internal problems, but it might help the operation have a better chance at a successful survival.

In time of trouble, and in time of tragedy, in a time when you are seeking comfort, who do you run to? Family.

Tampa, Florida, recently hosted Super Bowl XLIII and did a beautiful job of making a difficult task look easy. It was probably one of the best Super Bowl games ever played, but what I enjoyed watching--besides the game, half time shows and commercials--was a show called the "NFL Experience," a week-long promotion that aired on both ESPN and our local news station. They had fans, everyday folks like you and me, interacting with NFL activities, like throwing a football through tires and kicking field goals. Some of them were competitive, but most of the folks looked like ordinary family people having fun. It didn't seem to matter much if they knew how to play the game or not, they were just out there having fun together.

The other day I took my 12-year-old son to the 51st running of the Daytona 500. We took off from the farm about 7:00 a.m. and on our way to the race my son said, "You know Dad, I don't know much about NASCAR."

To be honest, I didn't either, but I said "Well, it's like the Kentucky Derby for stock cars, and I'm sure we're gonna have fun!" And fun we had. I think the only thing we didn't do was drive 'em. We parked, unloaded with cooler in hand, a couple of subs and snacks, a pair of head phones, two ponchos (chance of rain), and after a brisk 45-minute walk, we were in the gate.

I soon learned that they had a "NASCAR Experience" located in the infield simply called the "Fan Zone." I also discovered that if you bought a special ticket package, the "Fan Zone" was included. Unfortunately, my ticket didn't have that feature, but that wasn't going to stop us. You could buy a pass for 90 bucks, so we got two. I wasn't going to say, "Okay son, let's go to our seats and sit for three hours before the race." We took a trolley ride and bang! We were in the "Zone" and we had a blast!

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Letters to the Editor cont.

Much like the paddock area at the racetrack, the back of each garage in the "Zone" horseshoes around the outside of the "Zone." The backside of every garage had a big plate-glass window where fans could watch each race team get their car ready. There was even an opening at the bottom of the window to get autographs if you were lucky. We weren't. We got there too late and the cars had already been moved, but I did get two lug nuts from a guy who was cleaning up Mark Martin's garage. Cool, huh? Besides that, they had a rock band, food court, beer, lemonade, ice cream, bungee jumping, a rock climbing wall, and fun people serving you. What a great experience.

With the greatest day in horse racing fast approaching on the first Saturday in May, wouldn't it be great to have a "Fan Zone" at Churchill Downs, or any track for that matter? We need "feel good" stuff with nice, happy people running the events. Build a couple stalls and have a couple of retired race horses with a groom. Show different parts of the horse and maybe have one tacked up with a jockey standing there. Get a big screen TV and show some great past Derby history. Have someone demonstrating how to bet, so newcomers are more comfortable doing this for the first time. Maybe invest in a simulator like the ones in the jock's room that the kids could ride with a big screen in front of them like they were in the race. And why not clean up some used horse shoes to give out, or have autographed posters from a jockey or trainer?

The Daytona 500 was won by Matt Kenseth; he got the lead for 15 seconds and had 48 laps to go when the race was called for rain. Were we disappointed? Maybe, only because our driver, Dale Earnhardt Jr., didn't win. But so what? Eight hours earlier we didn't even have a horse in the race. We do now and have the hat and shirt to prove it!

Walking 45 minutes back to our truck, in the rain, ponchos draped over our bodies, head phones still on my son's head, he looked up at me and said, "Thanks Dad."

The Thoroughbred industry has always been rich in family tradition, with generation upon generation of horsemen and women. Family matters all the time, especially in these times.

When you hear hoof beats, look for fans, not just gamblers.--*Bobby Jones, BryLynn Farm, Reddick, FL.*

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

TETON FOREST (Forestry), Spendthrift, \$5K, 103/6/0
 3-PRM, Msw, 5 1/2f, +B Choozy, 4-1

★ **EUROPE** ★


★ **BRITAIN** ★

Yesterday's Results:

Windsor, 17.25, Mdn, £4,000, 2yo, f, 5f 10ydsT, 1:01.14, gd.

AZIF (GB) (f, 2, Where or When {Ire}--Dance Away {GB}, by Pivotal {GB}), a creditable fifth in a Newmarket maiden on debut Apr. 16, was sent off at 8-1 this time. Settled a little better than midfield initially, the 1,000gns TATDEC foal and 5,000gns TATOCT yearling was pushed along after halfway, hit the front before the eighth pole and was ridden out to score by a short head from Diamond Laura (GB) (Lucky Story). Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, £2,730.
 O-J Ballamy, Y Mullin, R Edwards, Aggbag Ltd; B-Cheveley Park Stud; T-Gay Kelleway.

Windsor, 19.25, Mdn, £4,000, 3yo, 10f 7ydsT, 2:12.11, gd/sf.
 + **NAMIBIAN ORATOR (IRE) (c, 3, Cape Cross {Ire}--Drama Class {Ire} {SP-Eng}, by Caerleon)**, a half to Scottish Stage (Ire) (Selkirk), SW & GSP-Eng, G1SP-Ire, \$205,552, sat in mid-division off the modest early fractions before being asked to close at the three-furlong marker. Taking over at the eighth pole, the 9-2 joint second favorite responded to a sympathetic ride to score by a neck from Outrageous Request (GB) (Rainbow Quest). Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, £2,730.
 O/B-Ballymacoll Stud; T-Sir Michael Stoute.



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★ FRANCE ★

Tuesday, Chantilly, post time: 2:55 p.m.

PRIX SIGY-Listed, €55,000, 3yo, 6fT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER
1	4	Good Bye My Friend (Fr)	Kendor (Fr)	Clement
2	1	Estoril City (Fr)	Elusive City	Rouget
3	3	Bluster (Fr)	Indian Rocket (GB)	Rob Collet
4	2	Doriana (Fr)	Kendor (Fr)	de Royer-Dupre
5	5	Adrar (Fr)	Marchand de Sable	Rod Collet
6	7	Aiboa (Ire)	King Charlemagne	Urbano Grajales
7	6	Chausson Dore (Ire)	Hawk Wing	de Royer-Dupre

All carry 123 pounds bar Chausson Dore, 120.

Yesterday's Results:

Maisons-Laffitte, 14.50, Mdn, €24,000, 2yo, 5fT, :59.40, gd.

SILENT SHODA (f, 2, [Johannesburg](#)--Silencieuse, by Kingmambo), a debut fifth at Saint-Cloud Apr. 13, raced on the front after an alert exit in this second go. Ridden to seize outright control inside the final quarter mile, the 6-5 pick kept on well under urging in the closing stages to best Ultime Chope (Fr) (Panis) by 1 1/2 lengths. Lifetime Record: 2 starts, 1 win, 1 place, €13,200.

O-Ecurie Monastic; B-Finsbury Bloodstock; T-Yves de Nicolay.

Maisons-Laffitte, 14.20, Mdn, €24,000, 3yo, c/g, 1 1/2mT, 2:36.40, gd.

MOJAVE MOON (GB) (c, 3, [Singspiel {Ire}](#)--Moon Cactus {GB} {GSW-Eng, G1SP-Fr, \$242,326}, by Kris {GB}), runner-up at Saint-Cloud last time Mar. 29, raced in third after an awkward break here. Pushed along for his bid with 350 meters remaining, the 6-4 favorite swung out inside the final furlong to deny Canall (Ger) (Black Sam Bellamy {Ire}) by a neck. The winner is a half to Moonshell (Sadler's Wells), G1SW-Eng, \$274,662; Ocean of Storms (Ire) (Arazi), SW & MGSP-Fr, \$137,307; and Doyen (Ire) (Sadler's Wells), Hwt Older Horse-Eng at 11-14f, G1SW-Eng, GSW-Fr, \$1,302,823. Lifetime Record: 3 starts, 1 win, 1 place, €16,800.

O-Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum; B-Darley; T-Andre Fabre.

★ EUROPEAN-BRED WINNERS ★

IN JAPAN:

Cats In Boots (Ire), c, 4, [Choisir \(Aus\)](#)--Eurostorm (MSW-Ire, MSP-US, \$114,862), by Storm Bird. Kyoto, 4-26, Plate Race, 9f. Lifetime Record: 8-2-2-0, \$213,402. O-Hidetoshi Yamamoto; B-Stonethorn Stud Farms Ltd; T-Yasutoshi Ikee. *1/2 to Man of Mystery (Diesis {GB}), SP-Eng, \$138,222. **62,000gns wnlg '05 TATDEC.

Red Shooter (Ire), c, 4, [Red Ransom](#)--Aspiration, by Sadler's Wells. Tokyo, 4-26, Isawa Tokubetsu, 9fT. Lifetime Record: 4-3-0-1, \$353,918. O-Hidetoshi Yamamoto; B-Epona Bloodstock Ltd; T-Kazuo Fujisawa. *1/2 to Chivalrous (Ire) (Danehill), MGSP-Ire. **330,000gns yrl '06 TATOCT.

BREEDERS' EDITION

AMERICA

ALLOWANCE WINNERS:

9th-PHA, \$42,300, 3yo/up, f/m, 7f, 1:21 1/5, ft.

SUNDAY GEISHA (f, 4, [Sunday Break {Jpn}](#)--Above the Table {MSW, \$427,118}, by Never Tabled) Lifetime Record: 12-3-2-2, \$117,540. O/B-JMJ Racing Stables LLC (KY). T-Bruce N Levine.

8th-DEL, \$41,000, NW2X, 4yo/up, 6f, 1:09 4/5, ft.

MT. GLITTERMORE (c, 4, [Orientate](#)--Spanish Glitter {MSW & GSP, \$450,600}, by Glitterman) Lifetime Record: 12-3-4-2, \$118,870. O-Ted Hoover. B-Fred Kissling (KY). T-Randy Nunley. *\$250,000 yrl '06 FTSAUG; \$35,000 2yo '07 FTMJUL.

6th-HAW, \$30,000, NW2X, (S), 3yo/up, 1m70y (off turf), 1:42 3/5, ft.

RACING BRAN (g, 4, [Awesome Again](#)--Believe Big Bran {MSP, \$133,050}, by I Can't Believe) Lifetime Record: 13-3-2-3, \$80,665. O/B-William Stirtz. T-Scott Becker.

3rd-HAW, \$27,144, NW1X, 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16m (off turf), 1:46 2/5, ft.

ELLE TISH SLEW (f, 4, [Eltish](#)--Bertranslew, by Bertrando) Lifetime Record: SP, 14-2-3-2, \$73,493. O-Majestic Farms LLC. B-Live Oak Stud (FL). T-Richard R Scherer.

8th-FLX, \$22,000, NW13MX, 3yo/up, 4 1/2f, :52 3/5, ft.

HUBBARD (g, 4, [Alphabet Soup](#)--Rhubarb Red {SW}, by Carson City) Lifetime Record: 12-5-2-2, \$70,494. O/B-Waterfalls Stable (KY). T-Marialice Coffey.

9th-MNR, \$22,400, 4-27, NW1X, 3yo/up, f/m, 1m, 1:39 1/5, ft.

SHES AN ASSET (m, 6, [Cape Town](#)--Lady Zotti {SW}, by Manzotti) Lifetime Record: 22-10-4-3, \$111,488. O/T-Larry R Reed. B-M & M Stables Ltd (TX). *\$15,000 yrl '04 KEESEP.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Lilith's Dream, f, 3, [Freud](#)--Forli's Honor, by Honor Grades. FLX, 4-27, (S), 4.5f, :53 3/5. B-J Hoey (NY).

Heyhearmeroar, g, 4, [Sea of Secrets](#)--Grand Tiara, by Roar. MNR, 4-26, 1m70y, 1:46 1/5. B-Paul W Krystock (KY). *\$5,200 yrl '06 KEESEP.



★ WINNERS BY U.S. SIRE ★

IN JAPAN:

Danon Meister (Jpn), c, 3, **Gone West**--Mountain Angel (Ch. Older Mare-Can, SW & MGSP-Can, \$556,698, by Mt. Livermore. Tokyo, 4-26, Novice Race, 6.5f. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$58,763. O-Danox Inc.; B-Shadai Farm; T-Yukihiko Kato.

BREEDERS' EDITION
EUROPE

CONDITIONS RESULTS:

ITALY, Milan, 16.10, 4-26, €31,500, 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/4mT, 2:11.50, hy.

WEST ACT (GB) (f, 4, Act One {GB}--West One {GB}, by Gone West) Lifetime Record: 10-3-2-0, €40,205. O-Moreno Meiohas; B-Dunchurch Lodge Stud Co; T-Valeria Toccolini. *8,000gns wnlg '05 TATDEC.

ITALY, Rome, 14.50, 4-26, €22,500, 3yo, c/g, 1mT, 1:38.90, gd.

ROYAL FORCE (ITY) (c, 3, Blu Air Force {Ire}--Royale Review {Fr}, by Octagonal {NZ}) Lifetime Record: 12-6-2-1, €55,165. O-Millennium Horses SRL; B-Azienda Agricola Loreto Luciani; T-Armando Renzoni.

ITALY, Rome, 15.55, 4-26, €22,500, 4yo/up, 7 1/2fT, 1:33.50, gd.

SALISBURGO (ITY) (h, 6, Big Shuffle--Exy Girl {Ire} {SP-Ity}, by Alzao) Lifetime Record: MSW-Ity, 36-9-7-5, €154,853. O-Pietro Monachino & Silvio Agelli; B-Azienda Agricola Ste. Ma. SRL; T-Antonino Cascio.

ITALY, Milan, 14.30, 4-26, €19,800, 3yo, 1 1/4mT, 1:57.10, hy.

MR KINTYRE (ITY) (c, 3, Mull of Kintyre--Achorde {Fr}, by Slip Anchor {GB}) Lifetime Record: 4-2-0-0, €18,122. O/B-Gaetano Drago; T-Sebastiano Cannavo.

FRANCE, Saint Malo, 17.00, 4-26, €15,000, 3yo, 1 1/8mT, 1:50.25, gd/sf.

ROYAL MARCHAND (FR) (f, 3, Marchand de Sable--Shaft of Light {Fr}, by Cardoun {Fr}) Lifetime Record: 4 starts, 2 wins, 0 places, €12,000. O/B-Haras de Bernesq; T-Cyriaque Diard.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

+ **Peaceful Rama (Fr)**, f, 2, **Diktat (GB)**--Peaceful Paradise (GB) (SW-Eng & GSP-Fr), by Turtle Island (Ire). Lyon-Parilly, France, 4-26, Mdn, unraced 2yo, 5fT. B-Jean-Claude Seroul.

+ **Ride The River (Fr)**, c, 2, **High Yield**--Church Mixa (Fr), by Linamix (Fr). Nantes, France, 4-26, Mdn, unraced 2yo, c/g, 5 1/2fT. B-Haras de la Gisloterie. *€30,000 yrl '08 ARQOCT.

Kithyra (Spa), f, 2, **Keltos (Fr)**--Fast Flower (Fr), by Lesotho. Dax, France, 4-26, Mdn, 2yo, f, 5 1/2fT. B-n/a.

Benalup (Ire), c, 3, **Anabaa**--Arazena, by Woodman. Strasbourg, France, 4-26, Cond, 3yo, 11f 165ydsT. B-Darpat SL.

Desportes (Fr), c, 3, **Bahhare**--Dora Leigh (Ity), by Suave Dancer. Rome, Italy, 4-26, Mdn, 3yo, 1 1/4mT. B-C.I.T.A.I. SPA.

Balaythous (Fr), c, 3, **Bahhare**--Silirisa (Fr), by Sillery. Lyon-Parilly, France, 4-26, Cond, 3yo, 1 3/8mT. B-Mathieu de Watrigant. *€30,000 yrl '07 DEAOCT.

Sanjii Danon (Ger), c, 3, **Big Shuffle**--Serpina (Ire), by Grand Lodge. Cologne, Germany, 4-26, Mdn, 3yo, 1mT. B-Newsells Park Stud Ltd. *€26,000 yrl '07 BBAAUG.

Gilded Age (GB), g, 3, **Cape Cross (Ire)**--Sweet Folly (Ire) (GSW-Fr), by Singspiel (Ire). Newcastle, Britain, 4-27, Mdn, 3-4yo, 12f 93ydsT. B-Darley.

According (GB), c, 3, **Dalakhani (Ire)**--Amaryllis (Ire), by Sadler's Wells. Saint Malo, France, 4-26, Mdn, 3yo, 12f 65ydsT. B-George Strawbridge. *1/2 to Day or Night (GB) (Daylami {Ire}), G1SP-Fr.

Dasola (Ity), f, 3, **Daro Sopran (Ger)**--Sopran Lalo (Ity), by Love The Groom. Milan, Italy, 4-26, Mdn, 3yo, 6fT. B-Leonardo Ciampoli.

+ **Mariyara (Fr)**, f, 3, **Daylami (Ire)**--Marque Royale (GB) (SW-Fr), by Royal Academy. Lisieux, France, 4-26, Mdn, 3yo, f, 1 5/8mT. B-H H The Aga Khan's Studs SC. *1/2 to Marquix (GB) (Linamix {Fr}), SW-Fr, \$156,974.

Raffisio (Ity), c, 3, **Efisio (GB)**--Rabadan (Ire), by Warning (GB). Rome, Italy, 4-26, Mdn, 3yo, 1mT. B-Azienda Agricola Francesca.

All the Nines (Ire), f, 3, **Elusive City**--Sagaing (GB), by Machiavellian. Southwell, Britain, 4-27, Mdn, 3-5yo, 6f (AWT). B-Deerpark Stud. *€6,500 yrl '07 GOFMIL.

Belle Syrienne (Ger), f, 3, **Golan (Ire)**--Bela-M (Ire) (SW & GSP-Ger, GSP-Fr), by Ela-Mana-Mou (Ire). Cologne, Germany, 4-26, Mdn, 3yo, 9f 55ydsT. B-Dr Rolf Wilhelms. *€36,000 yrl '07 BBAAUG. **1/2 to Brisk Breeze (Ger) (Monsun {Ger}), SW & GSP-Eng, \$121,828.

+ **Kahya Ville (Fr)**, f, 3, **Kahyasi (Ire)**--Steel Ville (Fr), by Shining Steel (GB). Nantes, France, 4-26, Mdn, unraced 3yo, 1 1/2mT. B-Serge Boucheron.

Irish Queen (Fr), f, 3, **Speedmaster (Ger)**--Intention (Ger), by Nebos (Ger). Maisons-Laffitte, France, 4-27, Mdn, 3yo, f, 1 1/2mT. B-Chevotel de la Hauquerie.

+ **Ultima Thule (Fr)**, f, 3, **Starborough (GB)**--Distant Lover (GB) (GSP-Ire), by Distant Relative (Ire). Moulins, France, 4-26, Cond, 3yo, 1mT. B-Stall Eos.



Eddie Maple

Accomplishment: Maple, who collected a pair of GI Belmont Stakes in his 34 years of riding, was recently elected to the National Museum of Racing's Hall of Fame. Maple won 4,398 races before retiring in 1998.

Birthdate: Nov. 8, 1948

Birthplace: Port Angeles, WA

Family: Wife Kate, sons Iver, 33, and Edward, 36, and two granddaughters, Lilly and Madden

Principal business: General manager at the Rose Hill Plantation Equestrian Boarding and Teaching Center in Bluffton, SC

Greatest achievements? Making the Hall of Fame, for one. You know how those things pile up through the years--to win 1,000 races, I thought, 'wow, what a milestone.' Then to win 2,000. Then \$50 million in purses, then winning the Belmont S. But just being someone that people still wanted to ride; having the capabilities to make a niche for myself in my lifetime.

Of the jockeys out there now, who do you admire? I don't know a lot of them, but I'd have to say Richard Migliore and Mike Smith. They were just good, good riders, and they continue to win races. Longevity means a lot to me. Personally, they were good guys, too. They didn't fluctuate much; they just stayed steady.

All-time favorite mount? The horse closest to my heart is Crandall [a foal of 1990 by Bet Twice]. She was bred by my wife and Craig Perret. We had leased her to Buck and Lucy Close for her racing days, and now we have her back and ride her for pleasure. It was just fun to be able to ride her and win a few races on her, and it's fun that she's still a part of our lives.

Most fascinating backstretch character you met? There were so many, but when I first came onto the track, there was an old groom at Cleveland, Ohio named Lockjaw. I think he worked for Sonny Hine; Sonny was there when I still had the bug. The reason they called him Lockjaw was because he never shut up. He just had so many stories, and I used to go to his barn at nighttime just to listen to them. That was about 45 years ago.



How has racing changed since you first got involved? It used to be slower-paced. The way of life was much more calm, and that's the way the whole racetrack environment was. It was a slow-moving circle that provided a lot of energy to the general public. Now, it seems that it's turned into more a gambling tool, and I think we've lost some of the sportsmanship that was involved years ago.

If you could change one thing about the sport, what would it be?

I would cut back on the back breeding and concentrate more on quality over quantity. That would cut back on the population and the discarding of Thoroughbreds that we've seen in the past 10 years. Ferdinand is an obvious example, but there are so many more you could name who run until they are nine or 10 and, when they can't run at all anymore, are just discarded. Instead of having a piece of farm where we can just turn 'em out, we send them to the killers.

Favorite racetrack? Belmont Park. It was big and different and was always safe. For the mile-and-an-eighth, one-turn races, I felt it was very intriguing. I felt like you had to be a better rider to win there. The three-quarter-mile races were more like a half-mile, because you had the turn coming up so quickly. You had to be a smarter rider to ride there and do well.

What do your days at Rose Hill entail? Rose Hill is a public boarding outfit, and we also give lessons. We have six horses that belong to our company--plus Crandall is seven--and board 28 mares. I get up at 5:30 and make some coffee and watch the weather. The weather's a very important part of our operation, especially during hurricane season. I roll into the barn around 6:30, and I've got three really good guys with me. With 35 horses, there's always something going on. There are a lot of great people here. They threw me a party Sunday for the Hall of Fame thing. We had a group trail ride, and when we got back there were balloons all over the place and the champagne was popping. It was pretty cool.

Do you still ride quite a bit? Yeah, I ride a couple every day. I occasionally teach a lesson, but we have some very capable dressage and hunter/jumper teachers.

If you could have dinner with one historical figure, who would it be? If I hadn't already had dinner with him, I'd probably say Lester Piggott. I've had dinner with [Ron] Turcotte, otherwise I'd say him. So I'd say John F. Kennedy. My father took me when we were very young to Youngstown, Ohio when he was running for president. He was like a god, or my folks thought that he was. Maybe it was because we were all Catholics, I don't know.

Favorite vacation spot? Nassau in the Bahamas.

Favorite food? Stone crabs.

Favorite musician? The [Rolling] Stones. I've seen 'em four times. I never did get to see them when they were young, but we saw them when I was in New York, twice at the Garden and twice at the Meadowlands.

Favorite sports teams? Cleveland Browns and the Cleveland Cavaliers, and in baseball the Yankees and the Mets. My one son loves the Mets, and the other is a diehard Yankees fan. Being a jockey, I just like to see a good competition.

Pets? We have two Corgis. One's a rescue, the other we got from a breeder in Maryland. They're great dogs--very lovable.

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