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SQUARE EDDIE OUT OF DERBY

Square Eddie (Smart Strike), who was sidelined by a sore shin earlier this spring, is showing signs that there



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may be a recurrence of the injury, and trainer Doug O'Neill and owner J. Paul Reddam have decided to bypass Saturday's GI Kentucky Derby. Winner of last year's GI Lane's End Breeders' Futurity and runner-up in the GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile, Square Eddie suffered a saucer

fracture in his left front shin in mid-February while in training. He returned in time to make the Apr. 18 GI Coolmore Lexington at Keeneland, where he put in a bold move on the turn before tiring a bit to finish third. Connections decided that the effort merited a trip to Churchill Downs for the Derby. Square Eddie worked four furlongs in :50 1/5 at Churchill Sunday. "We thought he'd come out of his work in good shape," O'Neill said, "but then Monday we felt some heat in his left front shin. We called Dr. [Mark] Cheney and took some X-rays. The X-rays didn't show anything, but that heat is there and Dr. Cheney said it might be best not to take any chances--that we were probably looking at a sign of possible problems. In the end, we decided to err on the side of caution. Mr. Reddam said, 'Do what's in the best interests of Eddie,' and that's what we've done." The chestnut will ship back to California at the beginning of next week. As for what's next, O'Neill added, "We're just on chill mode with him now. There's no real plan from here; we'll let him tell us how he's doing and when we can start back with him."

Triple Threats cont. p2

ALEXANDRA THE GREAT

The connections of her rivals are likely wishing she'd opted to run Saturday instead of Friday, but **Rachel Alexandra** (Medaglia d'Oro) will take her chances in the GI Kentucky Oaks. The dark bay was installed as the 3-5 morning-line chalk. "You hear a lot about fillies taking on the boys in the [Kentucky] Derby, and this filly is probably that caliber," said Kiaran McLaughlin, who will send out Oaks hopeful **Justwhistledixie** (Dixie Union). "We're going to have our work cut out for us, but if we have our best day and she doesn't, who knows?"

KENTUCKY OAKS-GI, \$500,000, 3yo, f, 1 1/8m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	ODDS
1	Tweeter	Unbridled's Song	Mena	30-1
	<i>O/B-Marylou Whitney Stables (Ky)</i>			
2	Be Fair	Exchange Rate	Bejarano	15-1
	<i>O-Westrock Stables; B-Milan Kosanovich (Fl)</i>			
3	Stone Legacy	Birdstone	Desormeaux	30-1
	<i>O/B-Marylou Whitney Stables (Ky)</i>			
4	Gabby's Golden Gal	Medaglia d'Oro	Espinoza	10-1
	<i>O/B-Arnold Zetcher (Ky)</i>			
5	Justwhistledixie	Dixie Union	Leparoux	5-2
	<i>O-West Point Thoroughbreds; B-Hermitage Farm (Ky)</i>			
6	Rachel Alexandra	Medaglia d'Oro	Borel	3-5
	<i>O-L & M Partners; B-Dolphus Morrison (Ky)</i>			
7	Nan	High Yield	Nakatani	20-1
	<i>O-J Paul Reddam; B-De Savino Stable (Ky)</i>			
8	Flying Spur	Giant's Causeway	Gomez	8-1
	<i>O/B-Mike Rutherford (Ky)</i>			

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I Want Revenge Cruises In Bullet Breeze...

GI Wood Memorial S. winner **I Want Revenge** (Stephen Got Even) had his final prep for the GI Kentucky Derby Tuesday morning, going a half-mile in a bullet :47 2/5 under jockey Joe Talamo. The colt clipped off fractions of :11.40, :23.20 and :35.40 and galloped out five-eighths in 1:00.80. "We got a great race track today, and we got to let him do what he normally does," trainer Jeff Mullins said. "I think we accomplished what we wanted to do. We just wanted to see him moving forward and into the work and happy. He worked this morning like he normally does."

With 'Eddie' Out, Atomic Rain Moves In...

Just a day removed from the draw for Kentucky Derby 135, it looked as if George and Lori Hall's **Atomic Rain** (Smart Strike) would be spending the first Saturday in May tucked away in his stall at trainer Kelly Breen's base at Monmouth Park. But the late defection of another son of Smart Strike, J. Paul Reddam's Square Eddie, cleared the way for Atomic Rain, and now the Halls will likely have two starters in the Derby, the other being GI Wood Memorial S. runner-up **West Side Bernie** (Bernstein).



West Side Bernie Horsephotos

Within minutes of hearing about Square Eddie's scratch, Breen had arranged for Atomic Rain to be put on a van at Monmouth in New Jersey and had him headed for Churchill Downs. "They left Monmouth at 12:30 p.m., and it's about a 13-hour trip," Breen said. "So they should get here about two in the morning." Atomic Rain ran fourth behind his stable-mate and I Want Revenge (Stephen Got Even) in the Wood and hasn't won since breaking his maiden at Monmouth last June. He was runner-up to Old Fashioned (Unbridled's Song) in the GII Remsen S. at Aqueduct last November. This season, he was second, beaten a neck, in an allowance race at Gulfstream Park, ran seventh in the GIII Sam F. Davis S. at Tampa Bay, then was third in another Gulfstream allowance before his latest in the Wood. Breen said that Joe Bravo, who has been aboard Atomic Rain his past two starts, will have the mount in the Derby. Bravo had his first and only previous Derby mount in 2005, when he finished 16th aboard the rabbit Spanish Chestnut (Horse Chestnut {SAf}). West Side Bernie enjoyed a mile-and-a-half gallop in the early morning hours yesterday at Churchill. "We thought we'd beat the weather," Breen explained. This will be Breen's first Kentucky Derby, but his rider for West Side Bernie, Stewart Elliott, won the race aboard Smarty Jones (Elusive Quality) in 2004.

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Likely Three for Pletcher With Advice in, 'Points' Out...

Trainer Todd Pletcher will probably send out three starters in Saturday's Derby. Yesterday, Pletcher confirmed that WinStar Farm's GII Coolmore Lexington S. winner **Advice** (Chapel Royal), whose connections had been on the fence, would indeed go in the "Run for the Roses," while Starlight Partner's **Take the Points** (Even the Score), fourth in the GI Santa Anita Derby, would skip the race and be pointed toward the GI Preakness S. May 16. "Around noon today Mr. Wolf [Starlight principal Jack Wolf], and I had a discussion in which we weighed all the factors," Pletcher said. "When we looked at it from all angles, we decided the best way to go with Take the Points was the Preakness. That race gives him two extra weeks, a shorter distance [mile and three-sixteenths] to work with and a track where we think his tactical style will work to his best advantage. In the end, we just thought it was the right choice." Pletcher's other two Derby runners are the well-regarded **Dunkirk** (Unbridled's Song) and **Join in the Dance** (Sky Mesa). Edgar Prado will ride Dunkirk, Rene Douglas will be on Advice and Chris DeCarlo will partner Join in the Dance. Dunkirk, the \$3.7-million yearling, flew in from Florida yesterday morning to bed down in Pletcher's Barn 38.

Triple Threats cont. p3



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Team Godolphin Out To Prove Sixth Time Lucky...

The Godolphin colors have made an appearance in five Kentucky Derbies to date without success, but trainer Saeed bin Suroor believes Sheikh Mohammed has his best chance to take the roses with the 2009



Desert Party Horsephotos

duo of **Desert Party** (Streey Cry {Ire}) and **Regal Ransom** (Distorted Humor). "When they were in Dubai they improved all the time, but since the last race they look much better than ever," bin Suroor said. "We come here with some confidence. We're looking to see our horses run a big race." Regal Ransom hit the wire a half-length to the good of his stablemate in the Mar. 28 G2 UAE Derby last time out, but bin Suroor expects a stronger performance from Desert Party this time. "Desert Party, who

is always happy and does everything you ask him in a professional way, wasn't really happy when I saddled him for the [UAE Derby]," he explained. "He was really quiet before the race. I thought that wasn't his day. I checked him for two days after the race and he was very quiet, but later it seemed that he was coming back to form. Now he's really a different animal." Godolphin's best finish in the first leg of the Triple Crown came in their first attempt, when China Visit (Red Ransom) was sixth in 2000. "This is the hardest race in the world, and the best race in the world, a mile and a quarter for three-year-olds," bin Suroor said "You need a special horse--tough, class, speed, everything in one horse." But he added, "It looks to me that our horses are doing much, much better than ever."



TDN Quote du Jour

Nineteen-year-old jockey Joe Talamo, who will be riding in the Kentucky Derby for the first time, on the advice he has received from veteran riders:

"I've talked to a few guys--Gary Stevens, Robby Albarado, Jerry Bailey--that's just to name a few. They've all pretty much given me the same advice: Don't cry when 'My Old Kentucky Home' comes on."

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INDIAN BLESSING OUT OF HUMANA DISTAFF

Two-time champion **Indian Blessing** (Indian Charlie) will not be entered in Saturday's GI Humana Distaff S. at Churchill Downs. Trainer Bob Baffert decided to skip the race after watching the four-year-old filly work a half-mile in :48.20 under the Twin Spires Tuesday morning. Observing that the Eclipse-winning sprinter "didn't have the energy," Baffert also told *Daily Racing Form*, "She worked fine, but I don't think she's ready for it. I don't think the energy is there." First or second in every one of her 13 career starts, Indian Blessing was runner-up in the Breeders' Cup F/M Sprint at Santa Anita in October, but came back to cap off the award-winning campaign with a victory in the Dec. 27 GI La Brea S. She has made one start this term, finishing second after a gutsy effort in the Mar. 28 G1 Dubai Golden Shaheen.



Sarah K Andrew



☆ RESULTS ☆

Tuesday, Chantilly, France

PRIX ALLEZ FRANCE-G3, €80,000, Chantilly, 4-28, 4yo/up, f/m, 1 1/4mT, 2:06.20, sf.

1--**SHEMIMA (GB)**, 126, f, 4, by Dalakhani (Ire)

1st Dam: Shemaka (Ire) (G1SW-Fr, \$349,594), by Nishapour (Fr)

2nd Dam: Shashna (Ire), by Blakeney (GB)

3rd Dam: Shamim (GB), by Le Haar (Fr)

O-H H The Aga Khan; B-H H The Aga Khan's Studs SC; T-Alain de Royer-Dupre; J-Christophe Soumillon; €40,000. Lifetime Record: 7 starts, 3 wins, 3 places, €150,100. *3/4 to Shemaya (Ire) (Darshaan {GB}), SW-Fr; and 1/2 to Shemala (Ire) (Danehill), SW-Fr.

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Werk Nick Rating: A + +.

2--**Tres Rapide (Ire)**, 121, f, 4, Anabaa Blue (GB)--Tres Ravi (Ger), by Monsun (Ger). O-Horst Rapp;

B-Chevotel de la Hauquerie; T-Henri-Alex Pantall; €16,000.

3--**Albisola (Ire)**, 126, f, 4, [Montjeu \(Ire\)](#)--Mahalia (Ire), by Danehill. O-G A Oldham; B-Citadel Stud Establishment; T-Robert Collet; €12,000.

Margins: SNK, 1HF, HD. Odds: 5.70, 19.00, 8.50.

Also Ran: Salve Germania (Ire), Dance Grecque, Goose Bay (Ger), Rainbow Dancing (GB), Diyakalanie (Fr), Stella di Quattro (GB), Tubular Bells.

Shemima, a homebred daughter of the Aga Khan's 1993 G1 Prix de Diane heroine Shemaka, was the runner-up in the Aug. 14 G3 Prix Minerve at Deauville. The grey filly broke her stakes duck in the G3 Prix de Lutèce at Longchamp Sept. 5 before posting a second in the G2 Prix Chaudenay back there last time Oct. 4. Settled in midfield through the early stages of this seasonal return, she eased into contention approaching the final quarter mile and kept on strongly under a drive to bag a second pattern-race win. "She again proved just how good a sire Dalakhani is, and I was not worried about her coming back to this shorter trip," remarked conditioner Alain de Royer-Dupre. "She has speed and quality, and should now follow the program for older fillies, which means she will come back in the G2 Prix Corrida [at Saint-Cloud May 28]." Click for the [Racing Post chart](#).

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Wednesday, Belmont Park, post time: 4:45 p.m. EDT

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

PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER	ODDS
1	Tale of Ekati	Tale of the Cat	Tagg	9-2
2	Cave's Valley	Stephen Got Even	Trombetta	15-1
3	Wicked B. Havior	Unbridled's Song	Tagg	8-1
4	Spin Master	Distorted Humor	S Klesaris	15-1
5	Discreet Treasure	El Prado (Ire)	Hough	8-1
6	Per Incanto	Street Cry (Ire)	McLaughlin	8-1
7	Bribon (Fr)	Mark of Esteem (Ire)	Ribaudo	7-2
8	Wishful Tomcat	Tactical Cat	Dutrow Jr	12-1
9	Formidable	Sky Mesa	H Jerkens	3-1
10	Mor Chances	American Chance	Dutrow Jr	12-1

Wednesday, Ascot, Britain, post time: 3:55 p.m.

WOODCOTE STUD SAGARO S.-G3, £65,000, 4yo/up, 2mT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER	WT
1	2	Baddam (GB)	Mujahid	I Williams	127
2	3	Macorville	Diesis (GB)	G Moore	127
3	1	Tungsten Strike	Smart Strike	Perrett	127
4	6	Young Mick (GB)	King's Theatre (Ire)	Margarson	127
5	5	Patkai (Ire)	Indian Ridge (Ire)	Stoute	123
6	4	Mischief Making	Lemon Drop Kid	E Dunlop	120

The **brisnet.com** 'Race of the Day' is the **GIII WESTCHESTER H.** at Belmont Park
For pps and a complete race analysis, click [here](#).

Friday, Churchill Downs

LOUISVILLE S.-GII, \$350,000, 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	WT
1	Swift Temper	Giant's Causeway	Gomez	120
2	Zenyatta	Street Cry (Ire)	Smith	124
3	Miss Isella	Silver Charm	Borel	122
4	One Caroline	Unbridled's Song	Prado	122
5	Unforgotten	Northern Afleet	Albarado	118
6	Modification	Vindication	Nakatani	118
7	French Kiss	Hussonet	Johnson	118
8	Unbridled Belle	Broken Vow	Velazquez	118

Friday, Churchill Downs

ALYSHEBA S.-GIII, \$150,000, 3yo/up, 1 1/16m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	WT
1	Macho Again	Macho Uno	Albarado	124
2	Ready Set	Touch Gold	Leparoux	118
3	Mambo in Seattle	Kingmambo	Bridgmohan	118
4	Cool Coal Man	Mineshaft	Velazquez	118
5	Bullsbay	Tiznow	Rose	118
6	Star Guitar	Quiet American	Lanerier	122
7	Shift in Power	Monarchos	Court	118
8	Dr. Pleasure	Thunder Gulch	Prado	118
9	Prom Shoes	Include	Desormeaux	122
10	Informed	Tiznow	Gomez	118

Friday, Churchill Downs

AMERICAN TURF S.-GIII, \$150,000, 3yo, 1 1/16mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	WT
1	Stormalory	Storm Cat	Leparoux	123
2	Jack Spratt	Candy Ride (Arg)	Coa	121
3	Battle of Hastings (GB)	Royal Applause (GB)	T Baze	121
4	Bruce N Autumn	Lemon Drop Kid	Desormeaux	117
5	Skipadate	Skip Away	Bridgmohan	117
6	Bittel Road	Stormy Atlantic	Gomez	123
7	Turfiste	Military	Theriot	117
8	Bunker Hill	Trippi	Smith	117
9	Orthodox	Pulpit	Court	117
10	Pointing Home	Point Given	Borel	117

Friday, Churchill Downs

AEGON TURF SPRINT S.-GIII, \$100,000, 3yo/up, 5fT


PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	WT
1	Chitoz	Forest Wildcat	T Baze	118
2	Smart Enough	Horse Chestnut (SAf)	Rose	118
3	Hewitts	Concerto	Desormeaux	118
4	Captivating Cat	Storm Cat	Velazquez	118
5	Due Date	El Prado (Ire)	Bridgmohan	118
6	Chamberlain Bridge	War Chant	Gomez	121
7	Cannonball	Catienus	Trujillo	118
8	Accredit	E Dubai	Leparoux	118
9	Jazz Nation	City Zip	Albarado	118



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**FROM THE DESK
OF...**

Bill Oppenheim



GUINEAS PICTURE: OUT OF FOCUS

The American racing public may think there is only one race that matters on the first Saturday in May, but racing professionals know different. The G1 Kentucky Derby isn't even the first three-year-old Classic run that day: that distinction belongs to the G1 English 2000 Guineas, for three-year-old colts over a mile at Newmarket, scheduled to go off at 10:10 a.m. EDT. This will be its 201st renewal, which of course makes it somewhat older than the Kentucky Derby as well.

Like the Kentucky Derby, the English 2000 waxes and wanes as far as the class of the crop goes. Sometimes, as this year, the Kentucky Derby seems a better renewal than in other years. The same happens with Europe's three-year-old milers, and the Guineas races sort them out--the English 2000 and 1000 this weekend; the French equivalents Sunday, May 10; and the Irish equivalents later this month. The issue of Europe's top three-year-old milers is then settled at Royal Ascot, with the G1 St. James's Palace S. for colts and the G1 Coronation S. for fillies. I keep telling them they should change the names to the European 2000 Guineas and the European 1000 Guineas, respectively, but so far my suggestion seems to be falling on deaf ears.

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2000 GUINEAS - 3yo, colts, 1 mile, Newmarket, Saturday, May 2
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<u>NAME</u>	<u>SIRE</u>	<u>TRAINER</u>	<u>Best 7f+ RPR</u>	<u>Betfair ODDS</u>	<u>Last 2008 Race</u>	<u>2009 Form</u>
Delegator	Dansili	B. Meehan	114	4-1	5th G1 Dewhurst S.	1st G3 Craven S.
Mastercraftsman	Danehill Dancer	A.P. O'Brien, Ire	118	9-2	4th G1 Lagardere	
Rip Van Winkle	Galileo	A.P. O'Brien, Ire	114	11-2	7th G1 Dewhurst S.	
Evasive	Elusive Quality	Sir M. Stoute	108	10-1	1st G3 Horris Hill S.	
Arazan	Anabaa	J. Oxx, Ire	115	12-1	3rd G1 National S.	
Intense Focus	Giant's Causeway	J.S. Bolger, Ire	118	20-1	1st G1 Dewhurst S.	2nd G3 Leap Gns Trl
Cityscape	Selkirk	R. Charlton	112	21-1	2nd G2 Royal Lodge S.	2nd G3 Greenham S.
Sea the Stars	Cape Cross	J. Oxx, Ire	112	25-1	1st G2 Beresford S.	
Lord Shanakill	Speightstown	K. Burke	118	27-1	2nd G1 Dewhurst S.	
Finjaan	Royal Applause	M.P. Tregoning	118	28-1	3rd G1 Dewhurst S.	
Ashram	Indian Haven	S. bin Suroor	113	35-1	6th G1 Dewhurst S.	

POULE D'ESSAI DES POULAINS - 3yo colts, 1600m., Longchamp, Sunday, May 10

Leading Contenders

Silver Frost	Verglas	Y. de Nicolay	113		3rd G1 Cr Int'l	1st G3 Fontainebleu
Naqoos	Oasis Dream	F. Head	119		1st G1 Lagardare	2nd L Pr Djebel
Westphalia	Danehill Dancer	A.P. O'Brien, Ire	112		2nd BC Juv Turf	2nd G3 Fontainebleu
Le Havre	Noverre	J.-C. Rouget	116		7th G1 Cr Int'l	1st L Pr Djebel
Vocalised	Vindication	J.S. Bolger, Ire	108		Mdn wnr 7f Leap	1st G3 Greenham S.



Oppenheim cont.

I guess they want to keep that 'royal' connection, as it is Royal Ascot.

A respected handicapping principle dictates that any time you see seven horses finish within two lengths of each other in a Group 1 race, it can't have been that good a Group 1. The G1 Dewhurst S., run over seven furlongs at Newmarket in mid-October, often determines Europe's two-year-old championship. But last year's winner, Intense Focus (Giant's Causeway), was fresh from running third to Naaqoos (GB) (Oasis Dream {GB}) in France's G1 Jean-Luc Lagardere (with dual Group 1 winner and hot favorite Mastercraftsman {Ire} {Danehill Dancer (Ire)} fourth), and had six other horses finish within two lengths of him. Naaqoos and Mastercraftsman, who went to France having won the G1 Phoenix S. and the G1 National S., were rated among the top five two-year-olds in Europe at year's end, behind Crowded House (GB) (Rainbow Quest), who slaughtered his field in the G1 Racing Post Trophy and has been the 2009 G1 Epsom Derby favorite ever since. Timeform rated Intense Focus three pounds behind Mastercraftsman, and seven pounds behind Crowded House.

It looks like six of the seven horses who finished within two lengths of each other in the Dewhurst will line up for Saturday's G1 English 2000 Guineas, the first Classic of the European season. Ironically, the horses that finished fifth and seventh in the Dewhurst now head the Guineas market (as of yesterday), along with the Lagadere fourth, while the first three finishers in the Dewhurst were trading on Betfair yesterday at 20-1 or higher. How, you may ask, can that be? I will explain.

It's quite a convoluted picture, so much so that it reminds me of the 2005 GI Kentucky Derby, when Giacomo, at 50-1, beat Closing Argument, at 70-1, with 9-2 shot Afleet Alex, who went on to win the two other legs of the Triple Crown, a closing third. The exacta that day paid almost \$5,000 for \$1, the trifecta paid over \$66,000, and the superfecta (29-1 shot Don't Get Mad fourth) paid over \$432,000 for \$1. They don't run the superfecta here, and there wouldn't be \$66,000 in the trifecta pool, but it wouldn't surprise me to see a 'boxcar' (as in, you'll need a boxcar to take the money home) exacta next Saturday in the 2000 Guineas. It looks that up in the air.

The picture was even more complicated, as of yesterday, by the report that Rip Van Winkle (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}), the Dewhurst seventh and Guineas favorite on Monday, had suffered a stone bruise. Initial reports were that the O'Brien team still expected to make the race with him, but he immediately drifted out to third favorite, behind Dewhurst fifth and this month's impressive G3 Craven S. winner Delegator (GB) (Dansili {GB}), and Rip Van Winkle's stablemate, Mastercraftsman.

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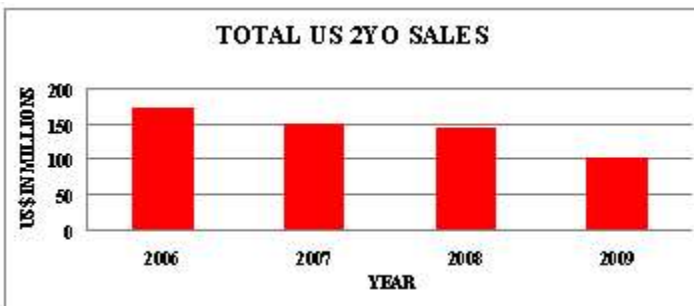
Weekly Sales Ticker

by Bill Oppenheim

"U.S. Treasury Secretary Tim Geithner hinted last week that he could see a light at the end of the tunnel, and I think we in the horse business can confirm that. The two-year-old market all year has been holding losses at 30 percent or under. OBS last week sold about half (809) of the 1,586 two-year-olds sold at all the sales we've covered so far this year. The clearance rate from the catalogue was up by 2.3 percent, the gross was down 11 percent, and the average down by 15 percent. Things are improving."
 — Bill Oppenheim



YEAR	CAT	RING	SOLD	%S/C	\$ SALES	AVE
2009	1,389	1,052	809	58.2%	\$20,194,300	\$24,962
2008	1,381	1,066	772	55.9%	\$22,578,000	\$29,246
2007	1,399	1,080	786	56.2%	\$22,698,400	\$28,878
2006	1,246	976	756	60.7%	\$24,565,500	\$32,494



YEAR	CAT	RING	SOLD	%S/C	GROSS	AVE
2009	3,031	2,206	1,323	43.6%	\$99,646,000	\$75,318
2008	3,104	2,354	1,378	44.4%	\$142,549,500	\$103,447
2007	3,334	2,543	1,449	43.5%	\$149,824,600	\$103,399
2006	3,132	2,408	1,441	46.0%	\$172,437,600	\$119,665

Data compiled by Brianne Stanley



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The support for Delegator is understandable, and Mastercraftsman was still rated the second best two-year-old in Europe last year in spite of his Lagardere flop. But Rip Van Winkle was fixing to blow by both of them in the market until this hiccup. A Galileo colt out of a Stravinsky mare (Sadler's Wells over Nureyev--they were 3/4-brothers), bought for €170,000 at the Italian SGA yearling sale, Rip Van Winkle broke his maiden over seven furlongs at the Curragh toward the end of June, then won the G3 Tyros S., same distance and track, over the good filly Cuis Ghaire (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}) four weeks later.

He then didn't appear again until the Dewhurst, almost three months later. He ran like he was rusty, and Johnny Murtagh wasn't hard on him when he saw he wasn't going to win. Fast forward to 2009, and the vibes are that he's been showing a little bit more than Mastercraftsman at home. If he makes the race, expect Murtagh to pick Rip Van Winkle, though he'd be the first to remind you that in the 2002 edition of the G1 2000 Guineas, then-stable jockey Mick Kinane chose Hawk Wing over Rock of Gibraltar (Ire), and Murtagh won the race on Rock of Gibraltar. The vibes are also that Rip Van Winkle might go considerably further than a mile.

Mastercraftsman would be first string in almost any yard in Europe (and may yet be Coolmore's first string, if 'Rip' doesn't make the race). Had he not blotted his copybook with that fourth in the Lagardere won by Naaqos, Phoenix and National winner Mastercraftsman might have gone into winter quarters the number one two-year-old in Europe. The National is always a key race--the best two-year-old race in Ireland most years--so if you forgave him the flop in France, he would just about be the horse to beat.

With the question marks over the Ballydoyle pair as far as what will run with which jockey up, Dewhurst fifth Delegator has regained favoritism, at least temporarily. Having done a well-publicized sparkling piece of work on the Manton gallops, the Brian Meehan trainee went off at 4-6 and buried a group of wannabees in the Craven S. at Newmarket two weeks ago. But his speed rating wasn't devastating--a Racing Post Rating (RPR) of 114, which translates (by my reckoning) to about a Beyer 102. But it is only four points behind the highest pre-Guineas RPRs of 118--about a Beyer 106, reinforcing the contention that this so far looks an average crop of European three-year-old miling colts.

There are a couple of interesting notes about Delegator's pedigree: first of all, he's by Dansili, from his penultimate "cheap" (£12,500) crop.

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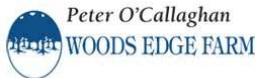
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This horse has consistently sired very good-to-top horses, all out of mares bred on a £12,500 stud fee or less. Delegator's dam is an unraced full sister to the mudlark Tomba (GB) (Efisio {GB}), who, trained by Meehan, won the 1998 G1 Prix de la Foret in a bog. She's also a half-sister to G1 Prix du Jockey-Club winner Holding Court (GB) (Hernando {Fr}). So Delegator is likely to benefit from a little give in the ground, and Meehan was even quoted earlier this week as saying he might reroute Delegator to France if the ground comes up too firm at Newmarket.

The reason why the Dewhurst 1-2-3 are all at 20-1 or higher in the Guineas betting is primarily that all three look exposed: the three made 22 starts among them at two. The feeling is that less exposed horses, like Rip Van Winkle and Delegator, will improve past them at three. Plus, Intense Focus managed to get himself beaten first time out this year, by the Irish 2000 Guineas candidate Recharge (Ire) (Cape Cross {Ire}) in the G3 Leopardstown 2000 Guineas Trial late last month. Dewhurst second and third Lord Shanakill (from Speightstown's first crop) and Finjaan (GB) (Royal Applause {GB}) were both stepping up from sprinting in the seven-furlong Dewhurst; Lord Shanakill had won the six-furlong G2 Mill Reef S. in his previous start.

Fourth favorite for the English 2000 at the moment is Evasive (Elusive Quality), winner of the G3 Horris Hill S. at Newbury last term, though he has had injury scares himself. The other main British contenders consist of Cityscape (GB) (Selkirk), second in the G2 Royal Lodge S. last year and second to G1 Poule d'Essai des Poulains contender Vocalised (Vindication) in the G3 Greenham S. a couple of weekends ago; Lord Shanakill and Finjaan, mentioned above; and the Godolphin acquisition Ashram (Ire), from the first crop by dual Guineas winner Indian Haven (GB). Ashram won the G3 Somerville Tattersalls' S. last year, then was sixth in the Dewhurst. All of these bar Evasive are 20-1 or higher.

Three other notable Irish horses are entered, though all three might be scratched. Trainer John Oxx wants some rain for Arazan (Ire) (Anabaa), a half-brother to the top-class Azamour (Ire) (Night Shift) who ran third to Mastercraftsman in the National on heavy ground last year, but he doesn't want rain for Sea the Stars (Ire), a half-brother by Cape Cross to Galileo, no less. He won the G2 Beresford S. last year, and might want further.

Jim Bolger, trainer of Intense Focus and Vocalized, is also taking a look with Gan Amhras (Ire) (Galileo), who he hinted last month might well be his top G1 Epsom Derby prospect. It's all very up in the air, which is why I wouldn't be surprised to see a shock result.

BRIS Speed Ratings

Top Weekly Stakes Races

Horse	Sire	Race	BRIS Speed
Acting Zippy	City Zip	Vincent A. Moscarelli Memorial S.	106
Grazen	Benchmark	NTRA S.	104
Mr. Fantasy	E Dubai	Withers S.-G3	103
Stonehouse	Chester House	Milwaukee Avenue H.	102
Wishful Tomcat	Tactical Cat	Kings Point H.	102
Motovato	Proud Citizen	Sumter S.	101
Wesley	El Prado (Ire)	Miami Mile H.-G3	101
Kays and Jays	Macho Uno	Richland Hills S.	100
Nicks	Salt Lake	Governor's Lady H.	99
Hotlantic	Stormy Atlantic	Irving Distaff S.	98
Liberian Freighter	Bertrando	Tiznow S.	98
Mr Napper Tandy (GB)	Bahamian Bounty	San Francisco Mile S.-G2	98
Bearcatt	Tapit	Woodstock S.	97
Disfunction	Vying Victor	Jacques Cartier S.	97
Jonesboro	Sefapiano	Texas Mile S.-G3	97
Unusual Smoke	Unusual Heat	TVG Khaled S.	97
Waveline	Stravinsky	B. Thoughtful S.	97
Hidden Character	Hidden City	Sandra Hall Grand Canyon H.	96
Home's the Best	Western Playboy	Peach of It H.	96
Hull	Holy Bull	Derby Trial S.-G3	96
Budge Man	Fusaichi Pegasus	Bosselman/Gus Fonner S.	95
Madeo	Mizzen Mast	Inglewood H.-G3	95
Spice Route (GB)	King's Best	Fifth Third Elkhorn S.-G1C	95
Tribal Justice	Tribal Rule	Grey Memo S.	95

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The first fillies' Classic, Sunday's G1 English 1000 Guineas, looks more straightforward. George Strawbridge's homebred Rainbow View (Dynaformer) was unbeaten in four starts at two, including a win over Fantasia (GB) (Sadler's Wells) in the G1 Fillies' Mile at Ascot last September, running an RPR of 117--nearly as fast as the Dewhurst (118). Bought privately by Mr. Strawbridge over the winter, Fantasia came out and routed the field for the G3 Nell Gwyn S, at Newmarket earlier this month by seven lengths (RPR 114), after which it was announced she would contest the G1 Poule d'Essai des Pouliches May 10, while Rainbow View, 7-5 on Betfair yesterday, will target the English 1000.

The only horse seriously backed against her is another unbeaten filly, last year's six-furlong G1 Cheveley Park S. winner Serious Attitude (Ire), from what must be just about the last crop by Mtoto (GB); she was 6-1. The Bolger-trained Cuis Ghaire was at 11-1, and last year's G2 Rockfel S. and this year's G3 Fred Darling S. winner Lahaleeb (Ire), by the obscure but pretty decent Mark of Esteem (Ire) horse Redback (GB) (third to Rock of Gibraltar and Hawk Wing in the 2002 G1 English 2000 Guineas), was at 14-1.

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TODAY'S INSIGHTS

2:13p HRTV 4th-CD, \$48K, Msw, 2yo, 4.5f
SOUNDMAN ([Songandaprayer](#)), purchased by Scott Ford's Westrock stables for \$240,000 at the FTFEB sale, debuts for trainer D. Wayne Lukas. Fresh off a useful three-furlong work in :36 3/5 over this track Apr. 25, the son of stakes-placed Class Choice (Peaks and Valleys) gets Lasix for his first appearance. Heiligbrodt Racing's **Buckwild** ([Successful Appeal](#)) makes his bow for Dale Romans, who has kicked off the Churchill meet the right way with 75 percent of runners hitting the board since the meet began. Solid in morning works, the bay gets the services of Julien Leparoux, who led the jockey's standings at the recently concluded Keeneland meeting. [brisnet.com PPs](#)

3:43p HRTV 7th-CD, \$50K, Alw, 3yo/up, 1 1/16mT
Team Valor International's **KINSELLA** ([Mr. Greeley](#)) kicked off his career the right way with a come-from-behind score at Gulfstream Mar. 14. Showing good speed during his a.m. works for trainer Todd Pletcher--who scores with an impressive 23 percent of horses from second-time starters--the \$2.2-million FTSAUG yearling purchase gets the services of Julien Leparoux. **Miro** ([Fusaichi Pegasus](#)) got off the mark in his third lifetime try--an 8 1/2-furlong event on the Polytrack at Keeneland Apr. 4. Out of \$1.5-million KEEJUL yearling purchase and SW Sluice (Seeking the Gold), the colt is a half to GSW Mushka (Empire Maker). Kent Desormeaux gets the mount. **Seaspeak** ([Mizzen Mast](#)), winner of Keeneland's GIII Bryan Station S. last October, rounded out the season--and his tenure with trainer Alex Clarkson--with a second in his latest start in the GIII Commonwealth Turf here Nov. 9. The four-year-old makes his start for Ralph Nicks. [brisnet.com PPs](#)

Eastern Daylight Time

 **NORTH AMERICA** 

HOLLYWOOD CANCELS THURSDAY Due to a shortage of horses in Southern California, racing at Hollywood Park had to be canceled for Thursday. The track delayed Thursday's draw for two days, but finally had to call off the program when they could not field enough entries. Hollywood Vice President Eual Wyatt Jr. told *Daily Racing Form*, "The factors are that we could not fill a representative card; we didn't have a choice." Only 60 horses were entered for Wednesday's eight races and, according to *DRF*, the average field size for opening week of the meet was 7.27, down from 8.25 during last year's spring/summer stand. There were 75 entries, including seven also-eligibles, for Friday's program. Looking to address the problem, Hollywood could go to a four-day race week, or could have smaller cards five days a week. "We're going to sit down and take a look at it, and make decisions that need to be made," Wyatt told *DRF*. "What the future brings, I do not know."

MRC WITHDRAWS THOROUGHBRED SIGNALS FROM ROSECROFT The Maryland Racing Commission voted yesterday to cut off the simulcast signals from Thoroughbred tracks to Rosecroft Raceway, effective midnight tonight. According to a Maryland Jockey Club press release, since Jan. 1, 2009, the harness track has built up a debt of \$2 million to the Maryland Thoroughbred industry, and has indicated it will not pay what it owes. The parties seeking compensation are the MJC, Maryland Thoroughbred Horsemen's Association and Maryland Horse Breeders Association. Maryland is in the third year of a 15-year cross-breed agreement under which Rosecroft agreed to pay \$5.9 million to the Thoroughbred industry in return for the right to offer the simulcast signals from Thoroughbred tracks.

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Yesterday Results:

9th-DEL, \$45,200, Alw, NW1X, 3yo, 1m, 1:39, ft.
POINT LOOKOUT (c, 3, **Medaglia d'Oro--Potomac Bend** {GSW, \$149,345}, by Polish Numbers) was favored in his career bow at Oaklawn and showed some early speed, but faded in the stretch to be sixth behind Summer Bird (Birdstone), who went on to finish third in the GII Arkansas Derby. Well-supported last time out over that track Apr. 10, the \$150,000 FTMOCT yearling got the job done on the front end and was backed down to 4-5 favoritism to repeat this time. Point Lookout broke awkwardly, but recovered quickly to take a narrow advantage through pedestrian early splits of :24.92, :48.73 and 1:13.17. Asked to accelerate leaving the final turn, the dark bay drew clear with little encouragement to score by 6 3/4 lengths over Zooger (Hold That Tiger). [Video, sponsored by Taylor Made](#). Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-0, \$51,450.
 O-Fox Hill Farms, Inc. B-Bowman & Higgins Stable, Thomas Sutton & A W Dutrow (MD). T-J Larry Jones.

8th-DEL, \$38,700, Msw, 3yo, 6f, 1:10 3/5, ft.
OHIO STATE (c, 3, **Distorted Humor--Buckeye Search** {SW & GSP, \$296,274}, by Meadowlake), fourth in his latest start at Oaklawn Apr. 1, was sent off the 9-5 choice to get the job done here. Fastest out of the blocks, the half to Angel On Watch (Pulpit), GSP, \$140,274, remained comfortably clear late to score by 1 3/4 lengths over Wise Point (Point Given). Lifetime Record: 4-1-0-1, \$29,780.
 O/B-R S Evans (KY). T-Timothy F Ritchey.

☆ TRACK OPENING ☆

BELMONT PARK - Elmont, NY
Opens: Wednesday, Apr. 29
Closes: Sunday, July 26
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Ogden Phipps H.-June 13 • \$300,000 GI
Mother Goose S.-June 27 • \$400,000 GII
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July 4 • \$300,000 GI Prioress S.-July 4 •
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★ CENTRAL ★

Monday Night's Results:

5th-PRM, \$31,630, Msw, (S), 3,4,5yo, f/m, 5 1/2f, 1:05 3/5, my.
+ MASKING (f, 3, Kyle's Our Man--Jenny Darlin, by **Saratoga Six**), sent off the 8-5 choice, took command early, extended her advantage at every call and cruised home a 5 1/4-length winner. The filly was a \$4,500 IOWAUG yearling purchase. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$19,110.
 O-Hargens Racing Stable LLC. B-Donald C Hansen (IA). T-Robert C Hargens.

★ INDUSTRY INFO ★

Tom Durkin To Appear on "Today" Show:

New York Racing Association track announcer Tom Durkin, the voice of the GI Kentucky Derby and GI Kentucky Oaks, will appear on NBC's "Today" show this morning at approximately 10:30 a.m. EDT. Durkin is scheduled to moderate a trivia contest with Kathie Lee Gifford and Hoda Kotb during the fourth hour of the program.

★ SO. CALIFORNIA ★

Southern California Casino To Offer Horse Racing:

The California Horse Racing Board has given the go-ahead to Commerce Casino, near downtown Los Angeles, to offer wagering on horse racing. Commerce becomes the first of what could be as many as 45 mini-satellites for horse racing in the state. Rod Blonien, who represents the casino, told the CHRFB that remodeling is underway which will make room for nine tables, with four seats per table, and 10 self-service betting terminals for racing fans. The horse racing section is expected to open in two to four weeks. Commerce Club will have exclusive rights to a mini-satellite facility in the L.A. County area for six months, which, according to Blonien, will give it the best chance to succeed.

CHRFB Will Consider Synthetic Track Waivers:

The California Horse Racing Board, during its regular monthly meeting last Friday at Hollywood Park, stated that they would, in the future, be willing to waive the requirement that California tracks racing four weeks or more install synthetic tracks. The CHRFB showed flexibility regarding this requirement with Bay Meadows. While all four of the major tracks in California have already installed synthetic surfaces, the CHRFB said Friday it would consider requests to switch back to conventional dirt, or might waive the requirement if one of the fair tracks that does not currently race for four weeks should decide to expand its racing dates.



★ AMERICAN-BRED WINNERS ★

IN BRITAIN:

Volochkova, f, 3, **War Chant**--Ballerina Princess, by Mr. Prospector. Lingfield, 4-28, Hcp, 3yo, f, 7f (AWT). B-Robert N Clay & Fair Way Equine LLC. *1/2 to Pico Teneriffe (Red Ransom), MGSW & MGISP, \$583,648; Capote's Prospect (Capote), SW, \$132,237; and Salmon Ladder (Bering {GB}), GSW-GB & GSP-Ity, \$301,888.

IN ARGENTINA:

+ **Leandrinha**, f, 3, **Bernstein**--Lenarue, by Gone West. Palermo, 4-28, Mdn, 5f, :54.99. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, P30,000. O-Stud Rubio B; B-Robert Benjamin Berger (KY); T-Juan Carlos Etchechoury Jr. *\$35,000 yrl '07 KEESEP.

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EUROSILVER (Unbridled's Song), Dromoland, \$13K, 143/0/0 2-HOL, Msw, 4 1/2f, +Sterling Outlook, \$270K KEE SEP yrl
ROMAN RULER (Fusaichi Pegasus), Hill 'n' Dale, \$30K, 155/0/0 2-HOL, Msw, 4 1/2f, +Roman Counsel, \$37K BAR OCT yrl
SINGLETARY (Sultry Song), Cardiff, \$5K, 40/0/0 6-GG, Msw, 2f, +Devil Singletary, \$11K NCA SEP yrl, 15-1

First/Second-crop starters to watch: Wed., Apr. 29

Sire (Sire's Sire), Farm, 2005 Fee, #foals of racing age/Winners/SW Race #-track, race type, distance, runner, odds (if available)
PEACE RULES (Jules), Vinery, \$15K, 187/37/2 4-CD, Msw, 4 1/2f, +Crown Ruler, \$25K OBS AUG yrl, 7-2
ROARING FEVER (Storm Cat), Questroyal, \$5K, 100/11/1 4-CD, Msw, 4 1/2f, +Elsarorarin, \$10K EAS SEP yrl, 8-1

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CHURCHILL DOWNS

I Want Revenge (Stephen Got Even), 4f, :47.20, 1/49
Indian Blessing (Indian Blessing), 4f, :48.20, 9/49
Sok Sok (Trippi), 4f, :51.60, 39/49

PAYSON PARK

Gio Ponti (Tale of the Cat), 3f, :38.00, 3/6



★ BRITAIN ★

BREEZE-UP BROADCAST

For the third year running, Thursday's pre-sale 'breeze' for Tattersalls' Guineas Breeze-Up sale will be shown live on Racing UK from 9:00 a.m. In addition to the live broadcast, buyers will also be able to view video recordings of each breeze on www.tattersalls.com shortly after the end of the breeze. The video files will be in .mpeg format and will be viewable using the vast majority of video software, including Windows Media Player and Real Player.

Yesterday's Results:

EBF LANSDOWN FILLIES' S.-Listed, £40,000, Bath, 4-28, 3yo/up, f/m, 5f 11ydsT, 1:01.41, gd.
1--**LOOK BUSY (IRE)**, 126, f, 4, **Danetime (Ire)**--**Unfortunate (GB)**, by **Komaite**. (€7,500 yrl '06 GOFORB). O-A Underwood; B-Tom & Hazel Russell; T-Alan Berry; J-Slade O'Hara; £22,708. Lifetime Record: GSW-Ire, 25-9-5-3, £195,663.
2--**Crimson Fern (Ire)**, 126, m, 5, **Titus Livius (Fr)**--**Crimada (Ire)**, by **Mukaddamah**. (€12,000 yrl '05 GOFDEC). £8,608.
3--**Siren's Gift (GB)**, 126, m, 5, **Cadeaux Genereux (GB)**--**Blue Siren (GB)**, by **Bluebird**. £4,308.
Margins: NO, HD, 1HF. Odds: 7-1, 6-1, 9-2.
Also Ran: **Angus Newz (GB)**, **Bahamian Babe (GB)**, **Pusey Street Lady (GB)**, **Gentle Guru (GB)**, **La Sylvia (Ire)**, **Manzila (Fr)**, **Starlit Sands (GB)**, **Lucky Leigh (GB)**, **Pretty Bonnie (GB)**, **Speed Song (GB)**, **Carcinetto (Ire)**, **Raggle Taggle (Ire)**, **Blades Princess (GB)**.
Scratched: **Kate the Great (GB)**.

Look Busy, possessed of an excellent strike rate in this type of event, lined up for this seasonal return off a fourth in the Sept. 20 G3 Dubai Duty Free World Trophy at Newbury. Sitting midfield early, she was asked to close at halfway, and a couple of smacks of the persuader in the final eighth galvanised her to take control 20 yards from the line and claim the spoils in a three-way photo. [Video, courtesy attheraces.com](http://www.attheraces.com).

STAKES CLOSINGS

TODAY, WEDNESDAY, 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)

THURSDAY, APRIL 30:

05-09 \$400,000 **Lone Star Derby-III, LS**, 3yo, 8.5f (0)





British report cont.

Nottingham, 17.35, Mdn, £5,000, 2yo, 5f 13ydsT, 1:02.35, gd/sf.
RED AVALANCHE (IRE) (c, 2, Verglas {Ire}--Maura's Guest {Ire}, by Be My Guest), let go at 11-4 coming back off a conditions second at this track Apr. 8, took immediate control of this affair. Shaken up with 1 1/2 furlongs remaining, the grey colt surged clear before gearing down late to score by four lengths from Military Call (GB) (Royal Applause {GB}). A €26,000 GOFNOV weanling and €45,000 GOFMIL yearling, Red Avalanche is a half-brother to Rainbows for All (Ire) (Rainbows for Life), GSW-Ire; and Ray of Sunshine (Ire) (Rainbows for Life), GSP-US. Lifetime Record: 3-1-1-0, £4,731.
 O-P de Camaret; B-Mrs M Purcell; T-Paul Cole.

Bath, 15.20, Mdn, £4,000, 3yo, 10f 46ydsT, 2:12.07, gd.
ROSIKA (GB) (f, 3, Sakhee--Blush Rambler {Ire}, by Blushing Groom {Fr}), third in a seven-furlong Wolverhampton maiden Nov. 12, stalked the pace in second from the outset of this second go. Punched to the front 2 1/2 furlongs from home, the 2-1 second favorite was all out to hold the fast-finishing Dreamwalk (Ire) (Bahri) by a head. The winner is a half-sister to Rambling Rose (GB) (Cadeaux Genereux {GB}), SW & MGSP-GB, GSP-Fr, \$104,662, who later found fame as the dam of MG1SW Notnowcato (GB) (Inchinor {GB}). [Video, courtesy attheraces.com.](#) Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-1, £2,993.
 O-Sir Evelyn de Rothschild; B-Southcourt Stud; T-Sir Michael Stoute.

Bath, 14.10, Mdn, £3,500, 2yo, 5f 11ydsT, 1:02.31, gd.
 + **RAINE'S CROSS (GB) (c, 2, Cape Cross {Ire}--Branston Jewel {Ire} {GSP-Fr}, by Prince Sabo {GB}),** the heavily backed 9-2 second choice, was niggled at to maintain his early pitch in the second rank. Asked for a bit more at the halfway point, the bay colt made the lead before the eighth pole and quickened clear to score readily by 4 1/2 lengths from Avonvalley (GB) (Avonbridge {GB}). Raine's Cross, a 5,000gns TATDEC weanling and 12,500gns DONSEP yearling, is a half-brother to Falcon Hill (GB) (Polar Falcon), MSW-GB, \$101,469. [Video, courtesy attheraces.com.](#) Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, £2,267.
 O-David Holden; B-Richard C J Manning; T-Peter Winkworth.

Wednesday, Ascot, post time: 4:30 p.m.

CLEANEVENT PAVILION S.-Listed, £40,000, 3yo, 6fT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER	WT
1	5	Elnawin (GB)	Elnadim	Hannon	128
2	8	Magic Cat (GB)	One Cool Cat	Burke	126
3	3	Total Gallery (Ire)	Namid (GB)	S Moore	126
4	6	Damien (Ire)	Namid (GB)	B Hills	123
5	1	Enderby Spirit (Gr)	Invincible Spirit (Ire)	Smart	123
6	4	Five Star Junior	Five Star Day	Stubbs	123
7	9	Jobe	Johannesburg	K Ryan	123
8	7	Marine Boy (Ire)	On e Cool Cat	Dascombe	123
9	2	Nasri (GB)	Kyllachy (GB)	Meehan	123
10	10	Kerrys Requiem (Ire)	King's Best	Channon	118

★ FRANCE ★

Yesterday's Results:

PRIX SIGY-Listed, €55,000, Chantilly, 4-28, 3yo, 6fT, 1:14.30, sf.
 1--**#AIBOA (IRE), 123, f, 3, by King Charlemagne**
 1st Dam: Spirit of Hope (Ire), by Danehill Dancer (Ire)
 2nd Dam: Heavenly Blessed (Ire), by Monseigneur
 3rd Dam: Lady of Man (GB), by So Blessed (GB)
 (€13,000 yrl '07 ZRASEP). O-Alvaro Urbano-Roldan; B-Nicola Cullen; T-Luis Urbano Grajales; J-Christophe Soumillon; €27,500. Lifetime Record: GSP-Fr, 8 starts, 5 wins, 3 places, €102,300.
 2--**Chausson Dore (Ire), 120, f, 3, Hawk Wing--Don't Worry Me (Ire), by Dancing Dissident.** (€230,000 yrl '07 DEAAUG). €11,000.
 3--**Doriana (Fr), 123, f, 3, Kendor (Fr)--Urgence (Fr), by Snurge (Ire).** €8,250.
 Margins: 1HF, HD, 2. Odds: 1.40, 9.00, 4.20.
 Also Ran: Good Bye My Friend (Fr), Bluster (Fr), Estoril City (Fr), Adrar (Fr).

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14.10 Bath (Mdn) Raine's Cross (GB) (Cape Cross {Ire}) strikes at first asking.
Lansdown Fillies' S. (Bath) Look Busy (Ire) (Danetime {Ire}) notches another stakes success.

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Three-for-four in Spain, Aiboa ran third in the G3 Prix Miesque at Maisons-Laffitte Nov. 4, then returned across the Pyrenees to finish second at Seville in her penultimate start Dec. 14. She lined up here off a conditions score back at Maisons-Laffitte Apr. 6. Stalking the lead from flagfall, the chestnut filly easily asserted superiority under mild encouragement in the closing stages to earn a first stakes rosette. "In Spain, they wanted her to run in the local [1000] Guineas, but I explained she doesn't belong to Spain, and especially not over a mile," revealed winning trainer Luis Urbano Grajales. "At least today she earned genuine black type, and did it very well. She still has much to learn and must settle better in her races. I think it's too early to tackle older horses, so we shall take time to decide where she'll run next, but it could very well be in England."

Lyon-Parilly, 14.10, Cond, €33,000, 3yo, c/g, 1 3/8mT, 2:19.85, sf.

ILE DE RE (FR) (c, 3, Linamix {Fr}--Ile Mamou {Ire}, by Ela-Mana-Mou {Ire}), a half-brother to Inesperado (Fr) (Zayyani {Ire}), MGSW-US & SW-Fr, \$696,055, came into this contest off a fourth in a similar event at Longchamp Apr. 5. The €45,000 DEAAUG yearling raced in midfield early. Nudged into the lead 1 1/2 furlongs from home, the grey colt stormed clear under hand riding to win by six lengths from Diyadin (Fr) (Xaar {GB}) as the 13-10 favorite. Lifetime Record: 3 starts, 2 wins, 1 place, €31,900. O-Michael Watt; B-Mme Renate Moser & H H The Aga Khan's Studs SC; T-Freddy Head.

★ **WINNER BY EURO SIRE** ★

IN ARGENTINA:

True Passion (Arg), f, 2, Orpen--Tolerada (Arg), by Fitzcarraldo (Arg). Palermo, 4-27, Mdn, 7f, 1:23.04. Lifetime Record: 3-1-1-0. O/B-Haras Orilla del Monte (Arg); T-Carlos Daniel Etchechoury.



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ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

9th-CDX, \$52,055, NW2X, 3yo/up, 1mT, 1:36 2/5, gd.
VALTRUS (h, 5, Lemon Drop Kid--Miss Valiant, by Valiant Nature) Lifetime Record: 19-5-3-4, \$172,310. O-Joseph W Sutton. B-Dr Laszlo Makk & Joseph W Sutton (KY). T-Eddie Kenneally.

4th-PRM, \$32,921, 4-27, NW1X, (S), 3yo/up, f/m, 5 1/2f, 1:04 4/5, my.

SAKAKAWEA (f, 3, Rossini--Sarouka, by Beau's Eagle) Lifetime Record: 5-2-2-0, \$53,090. O-Black Oak Farm. B-Buckboard Stable (IA). T-Ray E Tracy Jr. *1/2 to Des Moines (Evansville Slew), SW, \$191,000.

8th-PRM, \$32,921, 4-27, NW1X, (S), 3yo/up, f/m, 5 1/2f, 1:05 4/5, my.

CHEESE A BAY (f, 4, Wild Gold--Cheese Grits, by Silver Ghost) Lifetime Record: 9-2-2-2, \$59,853. O/B-Mamas Thoroughbreds (IA). T-Greg Zielinski.

6th-IND, \$28,000, 4-27, NW3L, (S), 3yo/up, f/m, 5 1/2f, 1:05 3/5, ft.

NIGHTLY RITUAL (f, 3, Crown Ambassador--Knight Rose, by Knight) Lifetime Record: SW, 6-3-2-0, \$128,500. O-Fred D McCrary. B-Swifty Farms, Inc (IN). T-Joseph D Davis. *\$14,500 yrl '07 KEESEP; \$50,000 2yo '08 INDAUG.

8th-IND, \$24,000, 4-27, NW3L, 3yo/up, 6f, 1:11, ft.
I'VE HEARD IT ALL (c, 4, Harlan's Holiday--Trumpeting Chelle, by Matty G) Lifetime Record: 19-3-3-2, \$74,233. O-I've Heard It All Partnership. B-Rosemont Farm LLC (KY). T-David E Paulus. *\$18,000 yrl '06 KEESEP.

8th-FLX, \$21,700, NW1BX, (S), 3yo/up, f/m, 5f, 1:00, my.

RETURN TO KARAKORUM (f, 4, Say Florida Sandy--Return to Me, by Polish Numbers) Lifetime Record: 15-4-3-1, \$63,178. O-Sheila R Englehart. B-Tea Party Stable Inc (NY). T-Chris J Englehart. *\$9,000 yrl '06 FTKOCT.

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ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Say Halo Sandy, c, 3, **Say Florida Sandy**--Ballado Hill, by Saint Ballado. FLX, 4-28, (S), 4 1/2f, :53 3/5. B-Albert Hanley (NY).

Hayley's Victory, c, 3, **Victory Gallop**--Never Out (GSW, \$144,813), by Take Me Out. PHA, 4-28, (C), 6f, 1:10 3/5. B-John D Roven (KY). *\$28,000 2yo '08 OBSJUN.

She's in the Money, f, 4, **Burbank**--Judja North, by Fabre Bluff. WRD, 4-27, (S), 6f, 1:13 1/5. B-Edward F Wisdom (OK).

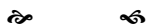
Set Point, f, 4, **Langfuhr**--Royal Box, by A.P. Indy. CDX, 4-28, (C), 1m, 1:38. B-W. S. Farish, James Elkins & W Temple Webber Jr. (KY).

+ **Nayborhood Affair**, f, 4, **Miracle Heights**--Sweet Fantastic (MSW), by Yankee Fan. WRD, 4-27, 5 1/2f, 1:05 1/5. B-Tressa A. O'Neill (NE).

Marian B, f, 4, **Smokin Mel**--Three Two One, by Polish Numbers. FLX, 4-28, 5f, 1:01 1/5. B-Adam Howard Wachtel (NY).

Lipstick Lady, f, 4, **Successful Appeal**--Red Zeal, by Unreal Zeal. HAW, 4-27, (S), 1 1/16m (off turf), 1:47 1/5. B-Moses Yanez (IL). *1/2 to Miss Outrageous (Outflanker), MSW, \$153,860.

Guys Hill, g, 5, **Golden Dodger**--Hill and Gully, by Total Assets. WRD, 4-27, (S), 5 1/2f, 1:05 1/5. B-Edward D Coughlin (OK).



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FAIR HILL

Nicanor (Dynaformer), 5f, 1:01.40, 1/3

SANTA ANITA

Valbenny (Ire) (Val Royal {Fr}), 4f, :48.60, 14/27

Magnum (Arg) (El Compinche {Arg}), 4f, :48.60, 1/1

Dixie Chatter (Dixie Union), 5f, 1:00.20, 2/16

**BREEDERS' EDITION
EUROPE**

CONDITIONS RESULTS:

FRANCE, Chantilly, 16.25, 4-28, €26,000, 4yo, 1mT, 1:38.40, sf.

ROCKETTE (FR) (f, 4, Ange Gabriel {Fr}--Racoon {Fr}, by Be My Guest) Lifetime Record: 15 starts, 4 wins, 8 places, €70,650. O/B-Mme Antonia Devin; T-Yves de Nicolay.

FRANCE, Lyon-Parilly, 17.15, 4-28, €24,000, 4yo/up, 1 3/8mT, 2:21.72, sf.

SAKZA (IRE) (f, 4, Sakhee--Miss Sazanica {Fr}, by Zafonic) Lifetime Record: SP-Fr, 5 starts, 3 wins, 2 places, €36,900. O-Ralph Meahjohn; B-H H The Aga Khan's Studs SC; T-Mikel Delzangles. *€57,000 HIT '08 ARQDEC.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Conti di Luna (Fr), f, 3, **Anabaa Blue (GB)**--Continental Kid (Ire), by Exit to Nowhere. Lyon-Parilly, France, 4-28, Cond, 3yo, f, 1 3/8mT. B-Adolf Renk.

Sandor (GB), g, 3, **Fantastic Light**--Crystal Star (GB) (SW & GSP-GB), by Mark of Esteem (Ire). Lingfield, Britain, 4-28, Mdn, 3yo, 1m (AWT). B-Southcourt Stud. *26,000gns yrl '07 TATOCT. **1/2 to Crystal Capella (GB) (Cape Cross {Ire}), GSP-GB, \$227,097.

Gilt Edge Girl (GB), f, 3, **Monsieur Bond (Ire)**--Tahara (Ire), by Caerleon. Nottingham, Britain, 4-28, Mdn, 3-4yo, f, 5f 13ydsT. B-Whitsbury Manor Stud. *17,000gns yrl '07 DONAUG. **1/2 to Godfrey Street (GB) (Compton Place {GB}), GSW-GB, \$166,498.

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